First Unitarian-Universalist Church
December 4, 2016
“The Heidelberg Project”
Tyree Guyton

First Unitarian-Universalist Church is an urban center for spiritual renewal and social justice in Detroit

ORDER OF SERVICE

ENTERING
Lighting of Candles
Singing Together* #346 Come, Sing a Song With me
#235 Deck the Hall
#1024 When the Spirit Says Do

WELCOME
Sally Borden, Worship Leader

CENTERING
Prelude
Calling To Worship
Kindling the Flame
Opening Hymn* #344 A Promise Through the Ages Rings

DEEPENING
Silent Meditation
Invocation
Musical Meditation
Reading
Message

RETURNING
Offering
Opening Hymn* #22 Dear Weaver of Our Lives’ Design
Benediction

Congregation may exit to the Social Hall for coffee, cookies, and conversation
(* indicates times to stand in body or spirit)
Announcements and Events – December 4, 2016

CHANCEL FLOWER DONATIONS
Today’s flowers are given by Nathan Strickland.

CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY COPY
If you would like a printed copy of the results of our 2016 congregational survey, see Sharon Mills or Nate Strickland, Jr. of the Ministerial Search Committee during coffee hour today.

HOUSEKEEPING ON SUNDAYS
Dear UU Detroiters: 1) do not touch the thermostat in the sanctuary, for any reason. If you have any questions, please see any UU Detroit board member. Please respect the sign asking us not to touch the thermostat. 2) If you remain in the social hall after our social hour coordinator leaves, please wash your own cups and dishes before you leave. There are often cups and/or plates in the kitchen on Monday mornings. Let’s honor the kitchen as if it were our own home (which it is).

POTLUCK, Sunday, December 11
Next Sunday, December 11, is our monthly potluck Sunday. Time to break out your best recipe and bring it to church to share with our UU Detroit community! Remember that everything must come and go the day of the event – we have no refrigerator space to keep things beyond the immediate need. Please label your dish for those with dietary concerns (peanut allergies and such).

NETWORKING
All congregants are invited to bring and share your personal business cards for distribution every second Sunday of the month (which is next Sunday, December 11). Many of us would certainly like to be able to support businesses of fellow church members and if you feel the same, here is an opportunity to do just that.

“INTRO TO UU DETROIT”
Join us today to learn more about UU Detroit! See Dessa Cosma or Sally Borden.

IMPORTANT DATE:
December 18 Congregational Meeting
Dear UU Detroiters, a congregational meeting is scheduled for Sunday, December 18 at 12:30 PM in the social hall. The board is offering amendments to our current bylaws. It is imperative that we have a quorum. Please plan to attend on December 18. Printed copies of the proposed amendments will be available in coffee hour. The proposed amendments have been emailed to all members.

Sunday Sermons and Events

12/11 11:00 a.m. Sermon, “Human Rights”
Speaker: Reverend Stephen Butler Murray
Recognizing the Human Rights Declaration, we celebrate this Sunday alongside Amnesty International.

12/18 11:00 a.m. Sermon, “Acceptance and Encouragement”
Speaker: Reverend Stephen Butler Murray
Continuing this sermon series over the course of several months, we are exploring and meditating upon the Seven Principles upon which the Unitarian Universalist Association bases its relationships. The Third Principle of the UUA is that of “Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations.”

12/24 11:00 a.m. Sermon, “Carol Service”
Speaker: Reverend Stephen Butler Murray
In the midst of the religious calendar and seasonal changes, we celebrate Christmas Eve, marking one of the most important holidays that spans both religious and secular symbolism. Please join for our annual candlelight Christmas Eve service. The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray will provide the Christmas message, and our music director, Todd Ballou, will play holiday music and organize the singing.

12/25 NO SERVICE