

Today's Music

Prelude: *An Important Event from "Scenes from Childhood" op 15. No 6*
Robert Schumann

Musical Meditation: *Dreaming from "Scenes from Childhood" op. 15 No 7*
Robert Schumann

Offertory: *Etude #12 from Symphonic Etudes op. 13*
Robert Schumann

Recessional: *Curious Story*
Stephen Heller

First Unitarian-Universalist Church

Reverend Roger Mohr, Minister
Todd Ballou, Music Director

Flowers are donated by Jody Wise and Dan Hale in honor of Jody's late mother's birthday.

Today's Ushers: Glenn Maxwell Kathe Stevens

Today's Greeters: Sharon Mills Sally Borden

Hearing Assistance devices are available from any of our ushers. **CD recordings** of today's service will be available for \$5 from our sound technician in the Social Hall after the service.

Please visit us at www.1stuu.org; email the church secretary, Tamara, at info@1stuu.org; or give us a call at (313) 833-9107.

**First Unitarian-Universalist
Church**

December 7, 2014

Crisis and Commercials

Rev. Roger Mohr



*Liberate Truth ~ Radiate Kindness
Love Courageously*

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

OUR ORDINARY ORDER OF SERVICE

ENTERING

Lighting of Candles
Singing Together* #348 *Guide My Feet*
#244 *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*
#116 *I'm On My Way*

Welcome – Marilyn Mitchell, Worship Leader

CENTERING

Prelude
Calling To Worship
Kindling the Flame
Opening Hymn* #16 *Tis a Gift To Be Simple*

DEEPENING

Silent Meditation
Invocation
Musical Meditation
Reading #660 *To Live Deliberately*
Message

RETURNING

Offering
Closing Hymn* #90 *From all the Fret and Fever of the Day*
Recessional

All are invited to the Social Hall for coffee, cookies, conversation.

(* indicates times to stand in body or spirit)

Announcements and Events – December 7, 2014

Sunday Morning Coffee Hour

All are welcome to join us after the service in the Social Hall for Social Hour. Please remember that your donations to Social Hour make our hospitality possible.

No Vespers in December

Because I forgot to notify Tamara, the Order of Service and December newsletter indicated that there will be Vespers this month. Actually we are taking December off. So the next Vespers will be the 2nd Wednesday in January. Look for details soon. Al Acker

Milestones

If you have a milestone (joy or sorrow) to share, please write the message on an index card which you can find in the back of the pew in front of you, and place the card in the offering basket during the collection. If you are a visitor and did not get a chance to fill out one of our visitor forms on the way in, please write your name and contact information on one of these index cards and place it in the offering basket. Milestones and visitor names will be passed to the minister for sharing with the congregation as part of our closing circle.

Chancel Flower Donations

Our custom for providing flowers for each Sunday service is to have members and friends donate them in honor or memory of a person or event. The suggested donation of \$20 is negotiable if your situation requires. Lencha Acker purchases the flowers each Saturday at Eastern Market and brings them to church. The donor takes the flowers home to enjoy and returns the vase later. If you have any questions or would like to sign up, see Tamara after service or send her an email. 2015 dates are now available!

Volunteers Needed!

Volunteers are needed to clean and update the Church Office. A date has not been set, however, the Building and Grounds Committee is looking for hard working individuals that would like to assist. You do not have to be a member of the Building and Grounds Committee to help. Please see or contact Tim Bailey at tbailey44444@yahoo.com.

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Child Care Coming--

We hope to begin providing child care during each church service starting in January. A great group of 1st UUer's have volunteered to help with the care and we will have a short training session before we begin providing the care. Alayana O. works with Head Start and is a great resource for this undertaking.

If you have any of the following items to donate to our newly decorated child care room, please let Richard Hillier, Alayna O. or Sally Borden know, but DON'T BRING THEM TO CHURCH YET:

- small kids size table and chairs
- a low shelf for toys that kids can reach on their own
- Boppy pillow and an activity gym for infants
- small play kitchen set (is usually a hit with kids)
- any toys appropriate for ages eight months to four years (larger Legos, puzzles with two to six pieces, toy cars, trains, Fisher price Little People, balls, stuffed toys and dolls)

We think we have a rocking chair and a changing table.

It will be great to see even more young children coming to church.

Write for Rights Campaign

To help celebrate the Universal Declaration of Human Rights anniversary, the local Amnesty International group welcomes First UU to participate in our Write for Rights campaign during the social hour after the December 14 service. As we have done the last few years, there will be petitions to sign and letters to write on behalf of prisoners of conscience, torture victims, LGBT rights and other issues. We also hope to have visitors from Freedom House refugee center joining us and enjoying your hospitality as you shown in years past.

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