First Unitarian-Universalist Church
December 17, 2017
“On Chanukah”
Reverend Dr. Stephen Butler Murray

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* #116 I’m on My Way
Stand Up Now and Clap (see insert)

WELCOME Worship Leader, Lyndy Johnston

CENTERING
Prelude
Calling to Worship
Kindling the Flame
Opening Hymn* #223 Rock of Ages
Choir Anthem 1st UU Detroit Choir

DEEPENING
Silent Meditation
Invocation
Musical Meditation
Reading
Response #123 Spirit of Life (please sing along)
Message

RETURNING
Offering
Closing Hymn* #221 Light One Candle
Recessional

Congregation may exit to the Social Hall for the coffee, cookies, and conversation
(* indicates times to stand in body or spirit)

Today’s Music

Prelude: S’Vivon
Traditional Hebrew Song/ arr. Robert Schultz

Sevivon or S’vivon is the Hebrew word for “dreidel”, and “dreidel” is the Yiddish word for a spinning top.

Choir Anthem: Chanukah Catch
Stephen Richards

Musical Meditation: We Are Lights
Stephen Schwartz (2001)

A lamp that kept on burning, a miracle they say
But the world has kept on turning. Are there miracles today?
Everyone who lights the candles has a bit of ancient spark
We are miracles lighting up the dark.

Offertory: Freedom, Merriment, and Joy
arr. Howard Rosner

Recessional: I Have a Little Dreidel
S. E. Goldfarb and Mikhl Gelbart

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The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, Minister
Todd Ballou, Music Director
Nancy Shattuck, Office Administrator
Omar Davis, Social Hour Coordinator
Julia Cuneo, Child Care Provider

Today’s Greeters: Dave Vailliencourt Glenn Maxwell

Hearing Assistance devices and Large Print Hymnals are available from any of our Greeters.

Please visit us at www.1stuu.org; email the church secretary, Nancy, at officeadmin@1stuu.org; or give us a call at (313) 833-9107.
FLOWER DONATIONS: Marsha Bruhn donates today’s flowers to celebrate having her family here for her 80th birthday and Christmas!

COFFEE HOUR: Today we’ll enjoy coffee, cookies, and conversation in the Social Hall. Please join us.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: There will be a “Visitors’ Table” and a “Sermon Discussion Table” every Sunday during Coffee Hour. The “Visitors’ Table” welcomes anyone who would like to know more about our church and our congregation. Please stop by. We’d like to get to know you better!

THANK YOU to the folks who helped clean and decorate the sanctuary: Tim Bailey and his crew, Maysel Brooks, Art Gabhart, Sharlene Gage, Glenn Maxwell, Susan Morgan, Kathe Stevens, Dan Wiest.

DECEMBER VESPERS CANCELLED: Considering everybody’s busy holiday schedules, we’ve decided to skip vespers in December. We’ll start a new year of community poetry on the 4th Wednesday in January (the 24th).

TODAY, 12/17: 11:00AM - On Chanukah
The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, Minister
In the midst of Chanukah, we will reflect on this Jewish tradition and the history of why Jews celebrate these eight nights.

12/24: 7:00PM - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
(no worship on Sunday morning)
The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, Minister with Todd Ballou
Join us for our annual candlelight Christmas Eve service.

12/31: 11:00AM - New Year’s Resolutions
The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, Minister
On the cusp of the movement from one year to the next, we often are asked to come up with resolutions for how we will live differently. What do we promise ourselves? Why do we want to change?

1/7: 11:00AM - Secret Society of Twisted Storytellers
Satori Shakoor
Satori Shakoor is Executive Director of The Society for the re-Institutionalization of Storytelling and a host of The Secret Society of Twisted Storytellers. She has received international acclaim as a singer with “Parliament/Funkadelic” and is one of “The Brides of Funkenstein.” Ms. Shakoor will share her storytelling and musical talents with the congregation.