

Today's Music

Prelude:	<i>Siyahamba: We Are Marching</i> Traditional South African Song
Musical Meditation:	<i>Good Morning Blues</i> Count Basie
Offertory:	<i>Satin Doll</i> Duke Ellington
Recessional:	<i>Digging for Dex</i> Count Basie

First Unitarian-Universalist Church

December 27, 2015

"Embracing Kwanzaa"

Anita "Ruby" Jones



*Liberate Truth ~ Radiate
Kindness ~ Love
Courageously*

**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

#1020 *Woyaya*

#1074 *Turn the World Around*

#95 *There is More Love*

WELCOME

Sally Borden, Worship Leader

CENTERING

Prelude

Calling To Worship

Kindling the Flame

Opening Hymn*

Untitled- Langston Hughes

#149 *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

DEEPENING

Silent Meditation

Invocation

Musical Meditation

Reading

Message

A Prayer for Kwanzaa, Addae Ama Kraba

The Nguzo Saba (The 7 Principles)

Words by Nina Simone, Tracy Chapman &

Nikki Giovanni Choreography and Dance by

Basira Norris

RETURNING

Offering

Closing Hymn*

Benediction

#147 *When All the Peoples on This Earth*

Ise Oluwa

First Unitarian-Universalist Church

Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, Interim Minister

Todd Ballou, Music Director

Alexis Mitchell, Office Administrator

Alyssa Bond, Social Hour Coordinator

Today's Ushers: Jerry Williams Anita Jones

Today's Greeters: Sherry A Wells Ruth Seifert

Hearing Assistance devices are available from any of our ushers.

Large Print Hymnals are available from the **Greeters** in the back of the church.

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

Announcements and Events – December 27, 2015

Embracing Kwanzaa - TODAY

Please come out and invite others to join us for a very unique and special celebration. After the service, during social hour, there will be a table representing the fourth day of Kwanzaa: Ujamaa (Cooperative Economics). I am calling on all congregants to bring and share your personal business cards for distribution on this day. 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.

EMEAC's Winter Blast Fundraiser

Please consider contributing to EMEAC's "Winter Blast Fundraiser" to support building operations this winter. The fundraiser will run through **January 31, 2016**: 100 Days – \$100 Dollars – 100 Donors. All donations are tax deductible. Donate your \$100 online at www.emeac.org or send donations to EMEAC, 4605 Cass Avenue, Detroit, MI 48201

Getting Involved Committee Fair

January 10th during Coffee Hour. New friends and members are invited to learn more about the programs, activities, and volunteer opportunities at First Church. All leaders of the Church are encouraged to attend. For more information, see Regina Weiss.

Chancel Flower Donations

Today's flowers are given by Anita Jones in celebration of Kwanzaa!

Free Movie and Discussion

Ethyl Rivera Co-Chair of Alliance to Halt Fermi 3 will present "The Future of Energy: Lateral Power to the People"
Sunday, January 10, 2016 - 1 P.M.-2:30 P.M.
1st UU Church Parlor. For questions call Carolyn Ludwig 248-545-0662

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Escalating Inequality: Let's Talk, 2016 Winter Speaker Series

Thursday, January 21, 2016, Chuck Collins

Thursday, February 18, 2016, Hon. Marilyn Kelly

Thursday, March 17, 2016, Peter J. Hammer

At Birmingham Unitarian Church sponsored by 1st UU and four other southeast Michigan UU churches. The fee is \$7 for each talk or \$15 for all three. For more information or to make reservations, see Mary Lou Malone or Sharon Mills at the Social Justice table during Coffee Hour.

Sunday Sermons and Activities

- 1/3 11:00 a.m. Sermon, "A New Year and A Century"**
Speaker: Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray
The First Unitarian Universalist Church of Detroit celebrates in 2016 a century of worshiping in this sanctuary through its roots in the Universalist tradition.
- 1/10 11:00 a.m. Sermon, "On Religious Extremism"**
Speaker: Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray
The news is full of stories concerning religious extremism in the world today, whether one is speaking about the international terrorism and military-styled conflict committed by Daesh/ISIL, or the domestic terrorism of a Christian-professing gunman opening fire at a Planned Parenthood or a major federal building or a school. It is important not merely to dismiss these actors as atypical offshoots of religion, stating categorically that such agents do not represent the religion from which they originate.
- 1/17 11:00 a.m. Sermon, "The Beloved Community"**
Speaker: Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray
Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Beloved Community is a global vision, in which all people can share in the wealth of the earth. In the Beloved Community, poverty, hunger and homelessness will not be tolerated because international standards of human decency will not allow it.

Responsive Reading:

Kwanzaa was created to introduce and reinforce seven basic values of African culture which contribute to building and strengthening family, community and culture among African American people as well as Africans worldwide. These values are called the Nguzo Saba or the Seven Principles. The Nguzo Saba stand at the heart of the origin and meaning of Kwanzaa which in Swahili means “first fruits”.

Umoja:

Unity stresses the importance of togetherness for the family and the community, which is reflected in the African saying, "I am We," or "I am because We are."

Kujichagulia: *Self-Determination* requires that we define our common interests and make decisions that are in the best interest of our family and community.

Ujima: *Collective Work and Responsibility* reminds us of our obligation to the past, present and future, and that we have a role to play in the community, society, and the world.

Ujamaa: *Cooperative economics* emphasizes our collective economic strength and encourages us to meet common needs through mutual support.

Nia: *Purpose* encourages us to look within ourselves and to set personal goals that are beneficial to the community.

Kuumba: *Creativity* makes use of our creative energies to build and maintain a strong and vibrant community.

Imani: *Faith* focuses on honoring the best of our traditions, draws upon the best in ourselves, and helps us strive for a higher level of life for humankind, by affirming our self-worth and confidence in our ability to succeed and triumph in righteous struggle.