Today's Music

Today we welcome back guest musician, Neill Eisenstein!

First Unitarian-Universalist Church
Reverend Roger Mohr, Minister
Todd Ballou, Music Director

Today’s Ushers: Kathe Stevens Julie Brock
Today’s Greeters: Sherry A. Wells Dale Compton

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, Alexis, at info@1stuu.org; or give us a call at (313) 833-9107.

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* #208 Everytime I Feel the Spirit
#23 Bring Many Names v. 1-4
#162 Gonna Lay Down My Sword and Shield
Welcome – Worship Leader

CENTERING
Prelude
Calling To Worship
Kindling the Flame
Opening Hymn* #1 May Nothing Evil Cross this Door

DEEPENING
Silent Meditation
Invocation
Musical Meditation
Reading
Message

RETURNING
Offering
Closing Hymn* #159 This is My Song
Recessional

All are invited to the Social Hall for coffee, cookies, conversation. (* indicates times to stand in body or spirit)
Announcements and Events – December 28, 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.

Vespers Wednesday
Vespers runs from 6:00 - 7:00pm on the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

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 borrow a book or Kindle, please see Kathe Stevens or Irene Brisson during coffee hour to sign up to participate in the discussion by January 4th so we know how to plan the event. Watch the order of service or ask any Task Force member which excerpts we have chosen to read. We will begin discussing the book excerpts after church on January 25th.

Congression-wide Book Read
We invite you to join us in reading excerpts from two very informative, interesting books: Dangerous Liaisons: Blacks, Gays, and the Struggle for Equality and Coming Out in Faith: Voices of LGBTQ Unitarian Universalists. We have a few copies to lend, as well. Let Kathe Stevens know if you would like to borrow a book or Kindle.

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.

Activities In and Outside the Church

1/4 11:00 a.m. Sermon, “A Resolution of Joy.” As we begin the New Year, it is a time for resolutions. As we make commitments to recreate our realities, let’s make a resolution to live more joyfully this year.
12:30 p.m. Intro to 1st UU

1/7 Wed., 7:00 p.m Singing Circle with Gwen

1/11 11:00 a.m. Sermon, “An Evolutionary Culture.” It seems that contemporary culture tends to be too much about defending our learned practices and preferences. But perhaps an evolutionary culture is about creating adaptive practices and preferences.
12:30 p.m. Intro to 1st UU

1/14 Wed., 6:00 p.m Vespers Wednesday. Vespers in the parlor will feature a wide variety of LGBTQ poetry from famous poets as well as contemporary authors including teens.
7:00 p.m Board Meeting
7:00 p.m Singing Circle with Gwen

1/18 NEW MEMBER SUNDAY
11:00 a.m. Sermon, “Relational Ethics.” Ultimately, one might argue that ethics is about love. But it does require an understanding of power to love with awareness.
12:30 p.m. Potluck
12:30 p.m. Music Program Meeting. Meet with Music Director Todd Ballou, to discuss the music program. This will be an opportunity to share any feedback or suggestions you may have.

1/19 Mon., 7:30 p.m Amnesty International

1/25 11:00 a.m. Sermon, “Anger.” Service by Matt Friedrichs with reflections on a night in Ferguson and St. Louis.