

FIRST UNITARIAN-UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF DETROIT NEWSLETTER



OUR MISSION: LIBERATE TRUTH - RADIATE KINDNESS - LOVE COURAGEOUSLY

NOVEMBER EDITION

Upcoming Sermon Schedule

November 2

Rev. Roger Mohr

"Pro-Choice Is Pro Life."

Women's rights are under attack from the right, with not only abortion but contraception in jeopardy. Our tradition demands that we defend women's right to decide.

November 9

Keith Owens

"Detroit Musings ~ Part 1 of 3"

Keith Owens is an author, journalist and musician who cares deeply about Detroit.

November 16

Rev. Roger Mohr

"Blessing the Beloved."

One of the gifts of spiritual practice is the ability to greet the world with an open and loving heart. However, it DOES require practice.

November 23

Perma Detroit

"Detroit Musings ~ Part 2 of 3"

Kate Devlin, aka Perma Detroit, heads Spirit Farm and Faith Farm & is an activist for community gardens and teaching locals to grow their own food.

November 30

Shea Howell

"Detroit Musings ~ Part 3 of 3"

Shea Howell is a Detroit activist, author & columnist, writing a column for the Grace Lee Boggs newsletter; she works closely with Grace Lee Boggs and was active in First UU's "Detroit Summer" program.

December 7

Rev. Roger Mohr

"Crisis and Commercials."

It seems that we are confronted with increasing levels of urgency and hysteria every day. But why?

FIRST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH ORGANIZATIONAL CHART 2014-2015

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Worship Services held
every Sunday
at 11:00 a.m.



Letter from the President...

As we move towards Thanksgiving and the holidays, a lot of the efforts of the last few months are coming together. I expect to have a lot to report on in the next newsletter but will briefly summarize some of those here. First, there's the beta testing and the two very successful workshops attended by a dedicated group of members led by Al Acker, Deanna McGraw and Kathe Stevens. You will be hearing shortly about plans for First UU as a "Welcoming Congregation". Then there's the follow-up to the Leadership Retreat, that, under the guidance of Deanna McGraw, is leading to a strategic plan that will guide the work of the congregation over the next twelve months. I see a lot of committees in our future! A third focus has been preparation of the "bride's room" to welcome infants and pre-schoolers after the first of the year. It has involved a massive cleanout and is now ready for scraping and painting (and childcare volunteers!). A fourth is the leasing of a portion of the Prentis lot to a couple of neighboring businesses. Once the lease is signed, we can look forward to a greatly upgraded lot for the future (and a steady income). A fifth involves collaborative planning with EMEAC and Midtown Detroit, Inc. for Noel Night. The building should be brimming with activity on December 6, culminating in a repeat performance by Thornetta Davis and our own "Uncommon Grounds Café".

To facilitate communication, we expect to have a short congregational meeting in December to update the congregation on progress in meeting our financial obligations, in particular. In spite of a growing membership, we continue to be challenged by unmet obligations that have carried over into this current fiscal year (and were shared with you at the annual meeting in May). The word from Bob Lauer, our incoming Treasurer, is that we still have to cut back, maybe even forego an office administrator for the remainder of the year after Tamara leaves for her internship in January. Not a pleasant thought, but a realistic one. I've found this to be a challenging presidency, but I couldn't think of a better group of people to be sharing this journey with me.

Marsha Bruhn

The Rev's Room

As we move through the autumn, I must admit that I am ready to turn inward for a while. The holidays are upon us again, of course. But along with the fellowship of holiday gatherings, the holiday season offers us the opportunity to take some time to regroup and reconsider our commitments and priorities. As we offer time to one another, it is important that we also take some time for ourselves.

November is a beautiful month, as the weather turns colder, the skies are often gray, and the nights grow longer. It is atmospheric, perhaps even melancholy. There is a reason why it is traditional to consider this to be the time when we remember our beloved who have passed away, and when we consider the relationship between this world and whatever comes next. This is the season of ingathering and preparation for the trials of winter. It is wise that we honor this time with both celebration and meditation.

For the church, I am aware that the heavy emphasis on social justice from this summer has been pretty demanding for us. Certainly I came into the fall feeling drained and more than a little battered. The pressure to respond to the demands of being the UU church at the center of what may be the most popular social justice venue in the US was a lot to bear this year. I think we are all ready for a bit of a break from that, at least for a little while.

Our mission is to be an urban center for spiritual renewal, as well as social justice. Indeed, spiritual renewal comes first. With that in mind, I am feeling a need to address some more inward questions and issues. If we are to care for the world, and for our community, we must first begin by caring for ourselves, and nurturing those resources within ourselves that make it possible for us to also care for others. Let's take some time in November to be mindful of the importance of compassion for ourselves and for one another. May we begin again, in love.

Namaste.

Rev. Mohr



Social Justice Issues Survey

This is a survey to determine our congregation's interests and priorities regarding social justice issues. Please indicate how important the following issues are to you: (4 = most important, 3 = very important, 2 = somewhat important, 1 = low importance, 0 = not important)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Immigration issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LGBTQIA Rights | <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum Wage/Paid Sick Leave |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Net neutrality | <input type="checkbox"/> Prison reform |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Racism | <input type="checkbox"/> Reproductive rights |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation equity | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban sustainable development |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Issues (shut-offs, control of resources, pollution, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Voter rights |

OR what is YOUR 'hot button' issue?

What organization(s) are you currently involved in, or actively support?

Would you like to join the 1st U-U Social Justice League? Yes No

If yes (please print clearly):

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email address: _____

Please respond before November 23rd by mailing this form to:

1st UU Church
Attn: Joel Batterman / Beth Bailey
4605 Cass Avenue
Detroit, MI 48201

This survey is also available online at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2DTBXQ7>

Development Committee News

Members of the **FUND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE** (Matt Friedrichs, Marilyn Mitchell, Rev. Roger Mohr, *Ex Officio*, Joan Smykowski and Kathe Stevens, Chair) met on September 24; we were joined by Linda Darga. We prepared goals and objectives which were then presented at a strategic planning retreat on October 4. We now have action items to complete, including a goal to attract new members and to draw a new chair from the new membership, although current Fund Development Committee member Matt Friedrichs is open to serving as the new chair. You may be contacted by a committee member wearing a recruiting hat. We'll keep you updated!

The next major fundraising focus is the **UU're Home B&B** program for UUs. We've also tentatively agreed to stage (pun intended) another **Hilberry** play fundraiser in April 2015. We're constantly challenging ourselves to come up with fundraising ideas that don't require renting space – e.g., the scavenger hunt, UU're Home, the Hilberry – because we have to balance potential profits against the cost of space rental. We'll look forward to hearing your ideas as well.

The Unitarian-Universalist Association sent an email advising that the “**Blessings From Our House To Yours!**” music video for the new UUA building dedication service has been completed. Unfortunately, the building dedication was cancelled but as soon as the video goes public as part of new dedication plans we'll be advised and I'll circulate the link via our newsletter.

Although not specifically a Fund Development Committee activity, I'll also report here that on September 20, Joan Smykowski and I attended a UU Stewardship Conference on “**Building a Culture of Generosity**” at the First Unitarian Church in Cincinnati, OH led by Dori Davenport Thexton, Congregational Life Consultant with the MidAmerica Region UUA. Besides First UU Detroit, there were six other congregations represented. We assessed the state of generosity in our congregations and how to build a congregational structure of generosity. We're proud to say the other congregations were excited about First UU's use of radical hospitality – gushers and ushers. We were viewed as super stars of hospitality and inclusiveness, especially since our membership numbers continue to increase. It was nice to share great things that are happening at First Church Detroit.

Respectfully submitted, *Kathe Stevens* – Chair



“Love Reaches Out: Aligning Identity and Signals for UUs”

At the invitation of the Unitarian-Universalist Association, a small group of First Church Detroit members, along with other churches around the country, have undergone a test of the UUA's new outreach and branding program. We've completed a series of workshops to explore our UU identity and answered the questions: who are we, what do we do, why do we do it? The group considered our image and involvement in the community and explored possibilities for a source of potential new members – a “niche” – to reach out to, using the UUA's new branding materials. The overwhelming choice of our group is the *Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgendered, Allies (LGBTQA) community*.

Our next step, pending congregational approval, is to apply for recertification as a UUA Welcoming Congregation. We believe that by participating in the training again, we can better prepare ourselves to develop a continuing program to attract and serve the LGBTQA community in the 21st century.

In planning our outreach effort, we'll be supported by consultants and materials from the UUA. If other beta-testers across the county have targeted a similar population, we'll be connected with those churches to explore ideas and results.

We will be submitting a survey to the UUA about our experiences and accomplishments so far. The UUA will use this feedback from us and other participating congregations throughout the process and expects to be able to offer more tools, resources and support for outreach by the spring of 2015. We are looking forward to welcoming new members to our church as a result of our efforts. We must finish by December 2014 so we're moving quickly! If you'd like to learn more, contact Al Acker, Deanna McGraw or Kathe Stevens.

At a recent Governing Board meeting the board reviewed civility procedures and conflict resolutions which were adopted in 2010. We appreciated the reminder and thought you might too. The "Civility and Conflict Resolution" document is on the following page

One of the goals that arose out of the 2014 leadership retreat was to “strengthen and better define our organizational structure” and it was agreed that one area to address is “policies and procedures.” So you'll be seeing more in the future about policies and procedures for First UU.

Thanks for your service and dedication. You're doing a great job liberating the truth, radiating kindness and loving courageously!

Respectfully,
Kathe Stevens, Governing Board Secretary

FIRST UNITARIAN-UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF DETROIT

POLICY AND PROCEDURES

Policy: CIVILITY AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION FOR ALL CHURCH MEETINGS.

[approved by the Governing Board on March 10, 2010]

First Unitarian-Universalist Church recognizes that to live out our principle of believing in the inherent worth and dignity of every person we must establish and adhere to meeting practices that allow all voices to be heard respectfully, to ensure that meetings have an orderly flow and that there are mechanisms in place to either lessen conflict or to deal with any conflict that arises during a meeting.

Conflict in meetings is manifested by loud, argumentative talking, not allowing persons to talk who have been recognized by the chair or the chair not allowing reasonable presentation of facts and opinions, and/or a making derogatory statements or comments about others.

PROCEDURES:

The Board of Trustees of the Church after due deliberation adopts a set of guidelines in order to promote respect for each other and order during meetings and subscribes to the following behaviors:

People will make “I” statements such as “I feel” and/or “I think”, rather than make comments or accusations about other's behaviors or possible motivations.

People will speak one at a time after being recognized by the chair and will stop speaking if requested by the chair.

It is incumbent upon each chair to allow each person present a reasonable period of time to present information or ideas or to designate an alternate venue for such presentation.

People will not shout at one another or be verbally abusive nor make derogatory or insulting statements about other people whether present or not.

Each person attending is entitled to their own thoughts and feelings which are to be respected by those present.

If an attendee is not able to adhere to these guidelines temporarily, he or she will be asked by the chair to leave the room for a short period of time in order to compose themselves.

If a chair is not able to adhere to these guidelines, the next senior person at the meeting will temporarily lead the meeting while the chair composes him or herself.

Any additional guidelines can be added if approved by the majority of those present.

After adoption of a set of behavioral guidelines, these guidelines will be made available for each church-sponsored meeting with the goal of encouraging compliance.



Planning For Our Future

[approved by the Governing Board on September 10, 2014]

Fundraisers are an important part of active church life. They provide opportunities for congregants to build relationships and to strengthen their commitment to the church. They also provide funds for the church as well as for approved charitable causes.

Any member or group of members of the First Unitarian-Universalist Church of Detroit (FUUD) may raise money to benefit the Church or a reputable charitable organization as long as they comply with the requirements set forth under this policy statement. For purposes of this policy statement, fund-raising is any activity organized to solicit contributions from or sell goods or services to members of the congregation or the public.

Since June of this year, the Board and other church leaders have been mapping out a strategic plan for our church. We have been looking at membership, spiritual needs, church administration, and new ways to do our UU work. Goals, objectives and action steps have been developed for the year 2015 and are in the final stages for Board approval in November. Our implementation plan includes built-in tracking of progress.

- The proposed goals include:
- Increase membership by 15% annually
- Expand our vision and mission to reach 100 people (non church members) by December 2015
- Improve organizational support to mission having at least 6 new or improved management tools
- Raise \$3000 through fund development activities by December 31, 2015

Once the final plan is approved we hope to engage the entire congregation in moving forward together. We hope that each of the members and friends will step up to join the effort. More information and ways to get involved will be available in early December.

Planning Committee

Deanna McGraw

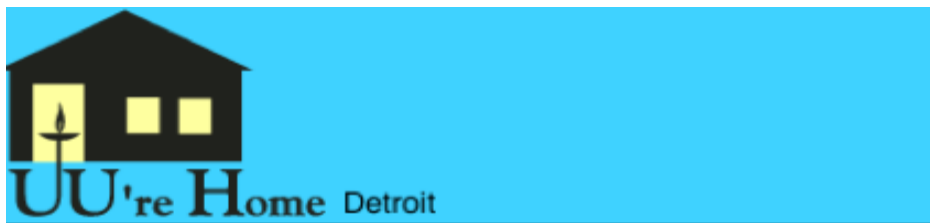
Kathe Stevens

Danny Rebb

Joan Smykowski

UU're Home

UU're Home is a bed and breakfast for Unitarian Universalists and other religious liberals. We want to make Detroit a destination in 2015.



We bid you Welcome.

We do not ask what you believe,
or
Expect you to think the way we
do,
But only that you try to live a
Kindly, helpful life, with the
dignity
Proper to a human being.

Welcome, all who believe that
religion
Is wider than any sect and
deeper
Than any set of opinions, and all
Who might find in all our
friendship
Strength and encouragement for
daily living.

The Unitarian Church
Dublin, Ireland

To learn more, please attend the next "Getting Involved" session. Additional information meetings are planned. Please read the Order of Service for dates.

UU're Home is a new program for First Church. We are asking Church members to open their homes, as a Bed and Breakfast to visitors to the Detroit area in 2015. As ambassadors for our community, we hope to showcase our hospitality and raise money for the Church. With so much happening in Southeastern Michigan, especially in the City of Detroit, the Board of Trustees and Fund Development Committee, believe that many Unitarian Universalists and religious liberals would utilize UU're Home.

We see an outstanding fundraising opportunity for First Church. The Fund Development Committee believes that participating in UU're Home will allow be a positive financial resource and social experience for the Church.

There is an application process to complete before your home/apartment/condo can be considered. Unfortunately, your home may not be a match due to the following concerns: safety, insurance requirements or cleanliness.

Our Church listing will be posted at a website called: <http://uurehome.com>. To get access to the list of homes, individuals must become a member of UU're Home for \$10 for one year. The Church must pay \$20 per year to be listed. We do not get a percentage of the listing fee.

The amount charge for staying your home, is a donation to First UU. We will not be sharing our fees with UU're Home.



Membership News

Helping to Make the Next Generation of First Church Members

Non-Cash Gifts and Gifts of Special Assets

Many individuals today have large qualified retirement plans such as an IRA, 401(k), or Keogh plan. These assets have been growing tax-free for years. Once the owner begins to receive payments from the qualified plans, the distributions are taxed. At death, the assets remaining in these plans are also included in the owner's taxable estate. A retirement plan may be an excellent source of funds for making a gift to the First Unitarian-Universalist Church of Detroit.

If you name someone other than your spouse as the beneficiary of your retirement plan at your death, the assets may be subject to both income and estate taxes. Your heirs may be left with less than 25 cents on the dollar from your plan. If these plans are left to charity, however, the full amount will generally be received and used according to your wishes. The full amount is still included in your taxable estate but is fully deductible as a charitable gift. Other assets can then be left to family members that would not generate income taxes.

Flaming Chalice: Symbol of Unitarian Universalism

A flame within a chalice (a cup with a stem and foot) is a primary symbol of the Unitarian Universalist faith tradition. Many of our congregations kindle a flaming chalice in gatherings and worships and feature the chalice symbol prominently.

Hans Deutsch, an Austrian artist, first brought together the chalice and the flame as a Unitarian symbol during his work with the Unitarian Service Committee during World War II. To Deutsch, the image had connotations of sacrifice and love. Unitarian Universalists today have many different interpretations of the flaming chalice, including the light of reason, the warmth of community, and the flame of hope.

Our current official UUA logo debuted in 2014, offering a visual representation of a modern and dynamic faith. Unitarian Universalist congregations are free to use the UUA's logo in their congregational work, but they are not required to do so. Because of this, you may see many different styles of flaming chalices and other images used by Unitarian Universalist congregations.

If this is the type of community that you self-identify with, please attend the next [Introduction to First Church](#) session. Our next session will be Sunday, November 2, 2014 at 12:30 pm.

November Membership Anniversaries

1976 - Marsha Bruhn 1983 - Ivan Louis Cotman
1980 - Marilyn Mitchell 2012 - Paul Chislett
1981 - Mary Lou Malone

Thank you for being part of our community.

Membership News

Radical Hospitality Practiced at First Church During October 2014

Thank you, to the best ushers and greeters of any and all UU churches in October.

Dale Adcock
Irene Brisson
Marsha Bruhn
Dale Compton
Muhammad Faiz
Carolyn Ludwig
Sharon Mills
Marilyn Mitchell
Bob Neal
Felice Rizzo
Corinne Streicher
Dan Wiest
Jerry Williams

Radical hospitality. Radical means “out of the ordinary,” “revolutionary,” even. So what would it mean to receive someone—a stranger—with a presence that was not just polite, but to receive them with revolutionary generosity?

Marilyn J. Sewell

Important Upcoming Membership Dates

Newcomers are always welcome in Unitarian Universalist congregations. There is no formal conversion process, so becoming a Unitarian Universalist is simply a matter of self-identification. Membership is voluntary and does not require renouncing other religious affiliations or practices. Church membership represents a deeper connection with your faith community.

To help you discern whether or not the First Unitarian-Universalist Church of Detroit is right for you, we encourage you to attend a variety of services, join us for activities and attend our Introduction to First Church session, the first Sunday of the month at 12:30 pm.

November 2, 2014, 12:30 pm - Introduction to First Church

November 9, 2014 - Membership Book Signing

December 7, 2014, 12:30 pm - Introduction to First Church

December 14, 2014 - Membership Book Signing

Welcome to the many visitors during September to First Church.

K. Ellefson

K. Katsma

J. Kotula

We hope to see you again!

UUA Bookstore Catalog

The 2014 Winter/Spring 2014 UUA Bookstore catalog is a great resource for finding titles of interest from the UUA, Skinner House Books, Beacon Press and other publishers.

To have a copy sent to you, contact the bookstore staff at bookstore@uaa.org, providing your name and mailing address, or use the form found on the uaa.org website.

Girl Scout Sunday at First UU Detroit

The Girl Scouts is a women's leadership organization that provides girls of all ages the opportunity to practice and develop their leadership skills through community involvement. On September 28, First UU Detroit happily welcomed more than twenty-five Girl Scouts from across the region and their families to attend service and programming to learn about Unitarian-Universalism!

To start the day, the girl scouts attended Sunday service emphasizing the similarities between the Girl Scout Law and the Unitarian-Universalist principals. Kathleen Jacobs-Johnson pulled together Nancy Owen Nelson, Sharlene Gage, and Stephanie Chang to share their experiences and inspire the girls to become leaders in their own lives.

Following service, the Girl Scouts participated in programming where they had the opportunity to 'meet' famous Unitarian-Universalist women from history; Beatrix Potter (presented by Sherry Wells), Elizabeth Blackwell (presented by Corinne Streicher), and Susan B Anthony (presented by Beth Bailey). Each woman told her story, and discussed her experiences and how they connected to a line in the Girl Scout Law. The girls then created a craft which reminded them to live by that line of the law.

Please allow me to extend a huge THANK YOU to all of the wonderful people who were part of the program, and who helped make this event possible -- there are too many of you to name! It was wonderful to see so many of our members show their Girl Scout spirit, and to see the girls having a great time at our church.

Thank you so much!

Beth



Church Announcements and Events

1st UU Board Meetings

Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month.

November 12	Whole Foods Community Room	7:00 - 9:00 pm
December 10	Whole Foods Community Room	7:00 - 9:00 pm
January 14	Whole Foods Community Room	7:00 - 9:00 pm

All are welcome at board meetings. Whole Foods is located at 115 Mack Ave at John R, Detroit. If you have an item you wish to have included on the agenda for discussion at the meeting, please contact Kathe Stevens, Board Secretary at kathestevens@gmail.com

Vespers Wednesday

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

FIRST Sundays: "Intro to First Church."

Are you new to the church, or just interested in learning more about our church and tradition? The New UU class is about offering introductory information about what the church is all about, and it is an important step toward becoming a member. There are two objectives: one is to share information on the UU tradition as a whole, and a second goal is to focus specifically on the history and traditions of the Detroit church. Please do attend: We are proud of who we are, and we want you to be proud to be with us!

SECOND Sunday: Welcoming New Members.

This is a normal service, but we also include a time to invite our new members to come forward, present themselves to the community, and sign the membership book. This is an important ceremony honoring those who have chosen to identify themselves with our values, our tradition, and our community. Make them feel welcome among us!

SECOND Sunday: Potluck.

Time to break out your best recipe and bring it to church – share your food with FUUD! As we begin to add new members, it is a good time to share fellowship and nourishment with the people who nourish us, in return. Remember that everything must come and go the day of the event – we have no refrigerator space to keep things beyond the immediate need. If you have dietary concerns (peanut allergies, and such), please do let us know, so that food can be labeled.

Church Announcements and Events

Singing Circle

Wednesdays at **7:00 pm** - Singing Circle at the church. Open to all. Contact Gwen Foss bookdoc-torgwen@gmail.com for more details.

Child Care Coming--

Several stalwart church members have been cleaning out the Bride's room at the back of the church so we can provide some child care for young church goers. It will soon be repainted and cleaned. If you're interested in helping with child care once or twice a month during the church service, please contact Richard Hillier at richardhillier@att.net. We will have two people help each Sunday and you do have to have a background clearance which the church will provide. Please call if you have any questions or suggestions.

Movie Night Fundraiser - Friday, November 14 at 7:30 pm

Please join Robert and Kathleen Johnson for the next Movie Night fundraiser for First UU Church on Friday November 14th at 7:30pm. The movie will be Little Big Soldier starring Jackie Chan. A charming period film wherein an older soldier captures and brings a young general in to collect a reward. Lots of Jackie Chan charm, but in a darker feudal film style. Very thought provoking, and highly recommended. Popcorn provided, but feel free to bring your own beverage.

Young Adults Potluck - Saturday November 15 at 4:30pm

Young adults - let's get together, enjoy some food, and talk plans for the coming year. Bring a friend, a dish to share, and your own beverage. Please keep our vegan and vegetarian members in mind when planning your dish. The potluck will be held at Beth Bailey's house, RSVP for address: elizabethbailey88@gmail.com.

Amnesty International

Amnesty International is a global movement of people fighting injustice and promoting human rights. Amnesty International meets at 1st UU on the third Monday of every month at 7:30 pm in the Parlor. Contact Dan Wiest for more information.

Photographs

First Unitarian-Universalist Church of Detroit occasionally takes photographs during services and other congregational events. These photos of members and other individuals are intended for use in various forms of church-related media. First Church obtains implied consent for this use of photos by advising in announcements or other congregational publications that photos may be used for First Church purposes. Members not wanting their images, or images of their children under the age of 18, so used may add their names to a list by notifying the church office manager, office@1stuu.org



Church Announcements and Events

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. Thank You!

Acknowledgements

If you have a milestone (joy or sorrow) to share or a visitor to introduce during a worship service, please write the message on one of the index cards which can be found in the backs of the pews, and place the card in the offering basket during the collection. Milestones and visitor names will be passed to the minister for sharing with the congregation as part of our closing circle.

Development Committee Meeting

We meet on the fourth Wednesday of each month, locations to be determined. We welcome your participation; please contact Kathe Stevens, kathestevens@gmail.com, or 313-675-1553, to get details on meeting time and location.

Young Adults Activities

The first UU Young Adults group participates in 2 activities per month. To learn find out about upcoming Young Adults activities, visit us on Facebook at: [groups/young1stuu/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/young1stuu/) or contact Beth Bailey to be join our Google Group.

SAVE THE DATE: Noel Night is Coming!

The 42nd annual Noel Night will take place on Saturday, December 6th, from 5:00-10:00 p.m. in Detroit's Midtown District. Activities include horse-drawn carriage rides, holiday shopping, family craft activities and performances by over 200 area music, theatre, and dance groups, with special performances by: Reverend Billy & the Stop Shopping Choir, The Good Lovelies, The Rhythm Society Orchestra featuring Paul King, Tunde Olaniran, and Thornetta Davis.

The evening's festivities culminate with a community sing-along on Woodward Avenue led by the Salvation Army Band—a long-standing Noel Night tradition. Noel Night activities take place in Midtown Detroit, and free shuttle service is offered between participating venues. Convenient parking is available in area lots.

Joys / Concerns

Elayne's son-in-law, Laird Hunt's new book "Neverhome" has already been signed to be made into a movie by a Dublin-based company. The book tells the take of a young woman who disguises herself as a man to fight in the Civil War.

Amber Firman, Brianna Martin and Ryan Martin shared their excitement to have the opportunity to experience a visit to First Church with the Girl Scouts of Southeast Michigan.

Detroit's American Revolutionary, Grace Lee Boggs, has passed way.

A Memorial Service for Millie Foss (Gwen Foss' mother) was Saturday, October 11th at the UU Church of Farmington.

In memory of Alexis Prims life.

Hoping for a quick recovery for Mary Lou Malone after cataract surgery.

Please send positive thoughts to Yvonne Ham who is home from the hospital and still dealing with kidney stones.

Julie Brock has taken a one year residency as a chaplain at the Mayo Clinic. Send warm thoughts to her in Rochester , MN.

Robert Johnson's aunt Kay passed away on October 18th from stage four liver cancer.

Sherry A. Wells is the candidate of the Green Party for one of two State Board of Education positions.

NOVEMBER 2014

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
2 11:00am - "Pro-Choice is Pro Life." Speaker - Rev. Mohr 12:30pm - Intro to First Church Happy Birthday Mary Lee Ventzke!	3	4	5 7:00pm - Singing Circle	6	7	8
9 New Member Sunday 11:00am - "Detroit Musings ~ Part 1 of 3." Speaker - Keith Owens 12:30pm - Potluck Happy Birthday Stephen Young!	10 Happy Birthday Robert Johnson!	11	12 6:00pm - Vespers 7:00pm - Board Meeting 7:00pm - Singing Circle	13	14 7:30pm - Movie Night Fundraiser Happy Birthday Carole Hosey!	15 4:30pm - Young Adults Potluck
16 11:00am - "Blessing the Beloved." Speaker - Rev. Mohr	17 7:30pm - Amnesty International Meeting	18	19 7:00pm - Singing Circle Happy Birthday Sharon Mills!	20	21	22
23 11:00am - "Detroit Musings - Part 2 of 3." Speaker - Perma Detroit Happy Birthday Jerry Williams!	24	25 Happy Birthday Kathe Stevens!	26 7:00pm - Singing Circle 7:30pm - Development Committee Meeting	27	28	29
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us a call at (313) 833-9107.

Church Announcements

Message Topics

Remember, Rev. Mohr is always open to new ideas for sermon topics, either in terms of texts and sources, or in terms of topics. If you have an idea for a sermon, please do feel free to share it.

Weekly Order of Service Deadline

Have an item/event to be included in our weekly Order of Service? We'll do our best to include it, although printed materials have significant space limitations. Send your information to office@1stuu.org by **12:00 pm Thursday**.

December Newsletter Deadline

Thursday, November 20th

Next issue covers December 1 - December 31, 2014

No submissions accepted after the deadline.

Send items to office@1stuu.org