

FIRST UNITARIAN-UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF DETROIT NEWSLETTER



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FEBRUARY EDITION

Upcoming Sermon Schedule

February 1:
Rev. Roger Mohr,
“**Human Becoming.**”

It is always possible to become more fully human. Indeed, human being may well evolve beyond humanity – or at least, beyond human being as we now know it.

February 8:
Rev. Roger Mohr,
“**Social Hedonism.**”

Hedonism is the idea that the purpose of life is to maximize our own pleasure. But human beings very often prefer shared pleasures, Ubuntu. What if we built a world in which joy was the goal?

February 15:
Rev. Roger Mohr,
“**The Graceful Life.**”

Sometimes it seems like life moves from disaster to disaster. Yet we may be able to find grace among the ruins.

March 1:
Rev. Roger Mohr,
“**The Ragged March of Progress.**”

Sometimes it seems that things are getting worse. But it is easy to make the argument that things are getting better, even when it seems like we are falling.

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...

It's the beginning of a new year, and my thoughts have turned to how we are structuring ourselves to do the work of this church. With the adoption of a plan of work for this year, and under the leadership of the Planning Committee, we are putting in place a foundation for an anticipated future as to what Rev. Mohr calls a "mid-size" church. There was a point at which I wondered what we were doing with all these committees. What did we expect them to accomplish? Did we have the capacity to fill them? Can we meet their expectations and those of our membership?

To these questions I can only say "Yes, we need them!" How can we move forward without the visionary Planning Committee to provide the organizational direction and oversight to ensure implementation of the plan? How do we continue to ensure financial accountability, fundraising and oversight without Finance, Canvass and Development Committees? When it comes to nurturing our members, reaching out to visitors, spreading a message of a church welcoming to all, aren't we glad that we have committed Welcoming Task Force and Membership Committees? And that we are reinforcing these commitments in plans to establish a Caring Committee to meet the needs of individual members of the congregation and a Committee on Ministry to support the minister and the ministry to the congregation?

What would be our Sunday services without the dedication of the Worship Committee and the way in which the music, readings, and message are woven each week into a meaningful whole? Aren't we glad that our Buildings and Grounds Committee has worked closely with the Child Care Committee to prepare the Bride's Room for pre-school child care, and that a number of our members have volunteered and are undergoing the State-mandated process as approved child care providers? And, although not yet formed, consider the need to establish a committee to ensure an enjoyable social hour that follows each Sunday service.

Not enough committees? Communication is on-going. Nominating does its job once a year. Social Justice, Vespers, and Young Adults are on-going programs, in addition to the monthly Introduction to UU and the bi-monthly Getting Involved. This is not busy work. I can't think of a single one of these committees and/or programs that doesn't add to each of our experiences as a member of First Church and the UU community. The word here is "community". You can come and just experience a church service, or you can get involved.

Among the next steps is an orientation for committee chairs by the end of February or early March, and the development of job descriptions for each of the committees. I'm looking forward to an exciting year!

Warm winter wishes,
Marsha Bruhn
Marsha Bruhn

The Rev's Room

By the time this newsletter goes to print, it will be nearly mid-winter. In many northern European traditions, this is a profoundly important time of the year. In Neo-Pagan practice, many observe this day as "Imbolc," which means "in the belly," the gestation period before the birthing season in the spring. It feels like things are in motion for First Church, as though this is a period of gestation for our ministry together. Certainly, I am aware that my own ministry and vision has been changing over this winter, perhaps over the summer and fall, as well. Some gestation periods are longer than others, of course.

This summer, I was pushing hard toward a social justice ministry. However, I found the emotional demands on both the church and myself to be unsustainable. It seemed like a good idea, and we were under quite a bit of pressure from outside the church to move in that direction. But as we found our way together this year, that focus on social justice seemed to actually create more tension and drama than we could manage, as a community.

However, our mission calls for us to be an urban center for social justice AND spiritual renewal. This fall and winter I have increasingly shifted my attention toward our spiritual lives as the focus of our ministry together. I am changing, I can feel it, recognize it in myself. That can be a painful process, and, at times, it has been almost disabling for me this winter. I've done my share of heavy lifting this year, and it has changed me. The challenge is always to move with reasonable grace through those changes. But of course that is easier said than done.

For the church, we are actually transitioning from being a small church to being a mid-size congregation, which happens at about 150 members. At present we are just a bit over 100. But over the next year or two, if we continue to grow at current rates, we should be making that transition. Your board is aware of that transition as well, and is planning for that eventuality. What does that mean? Well, it means a shift in the way the church functions as an organization, a bit more formal, more structure, more focus on communications. And that will mean that your leadership must also behave differently.

However, this does not change: I love this church, appreciate your many gifts, and recognize your heart. I have about two more years on my developmental ministry agreement, but one never knows how these things will play out, either way. I am changing, and part of that is discerning whether or not to plan on staying after my contract is completed. Who knows? But in any case, know that I see First Church as a success. You have a future!

Namaste.
Rev. Mohr



Membership News

Important Upcoming Membership Dates

Introduction to First Church

Most Unitarian-Universalists self-select to become members. We all have taken different spiritual roads to become members. There is not a formal conversion process to becoming a member. Membership is voluntary and does not require renouncing other religious affiliations or practices.

To learn more, please plan to attend one of the upcoming "Introduction to First Church" on February 1 or March 1, 2015, at 12:30 pm in Memorial Hall.

Getting Involved

Learn about the established and new activities at First Church. We invite old and new friends to learn more on January 25 and March 22, 2015, at 12:30 pm, in Memorial Hall.

February Membership Anniversaries

1973-Margaret Beck
1996-Larry Hutchinson
and Gloria Williams
2009-Julie Brock

Welcome to Our New Member

January 2015
Nathan Strickland

We welcome them to our Church family.

Becoming a Member of Unitarian Universalist Church West is an Important and Intentional Act

We believe what you draw from your Church experience increases and deepens based on what you put in. While your level of engagement will vary over time based on life circumstances we encourage you to consider these membership aspirations. We hope you find these activities inspiring and worth striving for.

Participate regularly in congregational life, for example, attending Sunday Services, voting, and keeping up with what's happening in our Church – you build community and grow spiritually with like-minded people.

Participate in programs each year for yourself such as Spiritual Growth, Vespers and the Church Choir– you have an opportunity to nurture yourself spiritually and to benefit from fellowship.

Participate in the Social Justice or Welcoming Committee– you can live out your principles and make a positive impact in our wider community

Serve the church with your time and energy - you share the ministry so that our religious community will be here when you or others need it.

Financially support the church –your financial support enables us to maintain the facilities, compensate staff, and create ministry programs to spread our values and ideals

Feel free to share your experience of our Church with others – you may reach others who are looking for a spiritual home.



Membership News

Radical Hospitality Continues to be Practiced

Thank you to the best ushers and gushers of any and all UU churches in January 2015.

Tim Bailey
Paul Chislett
Colin Gillis
Dan Hale
Anita Jones
Carolyn Ludwig
Bill McKnight
Edie McKnight
Glenn Maxwell
Bob Neale
Aletha Oberdier
Felice Rizzo
Kathe Stevens
Corine Streicher
Dan Wiest
Jody Wise

Upcoming Membership Book Signing Dates

February 8, 2015 and March 8, 2015

2015-2016 Canvass Campaign to Start

“Give with a Loving Heart, Love with a Giving Hand”

The 2015-2016 canvass campaign will be starting in March 2015. We will be conducting Canvass Meetings at member's homes. The campaign will be covering the July 1, 2015-June 30, 2016 fiscal year.

The Membership Committee is Looking for Members

Are you interested in rolling up your sleeves and helping the Membership Committee by planning activities and developing marketing tools?
Please see Joan Smykowski.

Gushers and Ushers, if you're uncertain about your volunteering date or would like to volunteer, please visit <http://www.1stuu.org/Worship/worship.php>

From the Welcoming Task Force...

We continue to plan and implement series of educational programs with the goal of voting to renew First Church's Welcoming Congregation status at the May 2015 annual meeting.

Task Force co-leader, Kathe Stevens participated with members from several other churches in a UUA Learning Circle teleconference on December 16 led by Carey McDonald, Outreach Director. The conference focused how we introduce the UU aspect of our outreach once we invite people in or make contacts. The conversation centered on websites, since they are often the first portal for public information. The topic will be continued and refined in the January Learning Circle to include the questions: what are the words we say, what information are we putting in people's hands?

The January 14 Vespers service featured a wide variety of LGBTQ poetry and music by k.d. lang. It was publicized to both the congregation and the wider community as a consciousness-raising event. 16 people attended all or part of the service.

The congregation-wide common book read/discussion on January 25 will be led by Irene Brisson and Danny Rebb on Audre Lorde's essay, "There is No Hierarchy of Oppressions," from *Dangerous Liaisons: Blacks, Gays, and the Struggle for Equality* and essays by Rev. Michael Tino, "Saved by Love," and Rowan McDowell Thompson, "Love May Not Be Concerned," as well as "A Note on Language" and the "Glossary" from *Coming Out in Faith: Voices of LGBTQ Unitarian Universalists*. Nearly 1/3 of the congregation is signed up to participate.

A February congregational and LGBTQ oral history panel discussion and a special LGBTQ-themed worship service on March 29 are also in the works.

The Task Force has carefully considered how to build relationships and partnerships. What do we want and need from these relationships? Further programming of an educational nature. What do we have to offer? A spiritual home, the pulpit, and supporting/attending their events. We don't want to rest on our renewal after we obtain it; we really want to be a Welcoming Congregation!

Members of the Task Force – Al Acker, Lencha Acker, Irene Brisson, Trey Greene, Mary Lou Malone, Deanna McGraw, Sharon Mills, Danny Rebb, Joan Smykowski, and Kathe Stevens – are happy to provide details. Look for us in social hour. We've got the rainbow tags on our name badges!



Church Announcements and Events

1st UU Board Meetings

Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month.

February 11	Whole Foods Community Room	7:00 - 9:00 pm
March 11	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.

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.

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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.

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.

Young Adults Activities

The first UU Young Adults group participates in two 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.

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!

Getting Involved In Social Justice

The Michigan Unitarian Universalist Social Justice Network (MUUSJN) is a statewide network of people from 27 UU congregations and fellowships who work together for justice. It informs UUs about justice issues and we can do about them. Go to its website at www.ujustice.org to sign up to receive action alerts or to become a member. Visit its Facebook page at www.facebook.com/MMUSJN.

The Director of MUUSJU is Randy Block and he can be contacted at 248-549-5170. You can also talk with our very own Mary Lou Malone who is on the Board of MUUSJN.

Movie Night

The Curiously Odd Movie Night continues in 2015. Set aside Friday the 13th twice. February 13th and March 13th.

Church Announcements and Events

Thanks from Sing Out Detroit

We recently received this note:

Please extend Sing Out Detroit's deepest thanks to First UU of Detroit for including us in your Welcoming Program Service on Dec. 14th. We were honored to sing with your chorus and add our voices to your beautiful celebration of inclusion and welcoming.

Thanks again and all best wishes in the New Year!

Laura Varga, on behalf of the Sing Out Detroit Board and entire Chorus.



Your Friendly Membership Committee plans to begin recognizing the Good Eggs in our congregation. You know who they are. Or maybe you don't. They're folks just like you who are busy behind the scenes, making sure things run smoothly. Or they show up on Sunday with whatever we need to worship together, or on Saturday for clean-up, or ... you get the idea. Watch for a shout-out to our Good Eggs, soon!

Child Care Coming--

We hope to begin providing child care during each church service starting in January. A great group of 1st UUser'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.



Church Announcements and Events

My MLK Day, 2015

Sherry A. Wells

Did the word “picnic” originate from “pick a nigger” to lynch, as I thought I learned that day at Martin Luther King, Jr. Senior High School? No, it did not. It goes back to rhyming French and German words, “piquer nique,” meaning to pick something worthless.

Snopes states: “As Richard R. Jones noted in *Black Voice News*, *there's a very real downside to spouting hoax definitions...It makes those doing the protesting look ignorant...doing the racists' work for them by making themselves appear to be too foolish to crack open a dictionary.*”

At the MLK High School, I did learn about the fifth girl in the church bombing that killed 4 grade school girls. Sarah Mae Collins lost her sister and an eye when debris fell on the five, who were in a basement restroom. Her other eye still carries glass shards.

The school's morning began with a tour, which simulated a march, through hallways lined with information--too much to read all as they kept us moving. One listed lynchings in each state from 1882 to 1968 and whether whites or blacks were the victims. Southern states had lynched 100s of people, by far more of them black--Mississippi the most with 539. (Michigan's 8 were 7 white, 1 black.) [Google for the list.]

I noticed one poster with a photo of Viola Liuzzo, then a member of our congregation, who was shot and killed while driving black marchers. I didn't catch any mention of U.U. Rev. James Reeb, who also was killed while there for civil rights. I told at least two people about the UU connections, where I attend church and that such activities are part of UU-ism.

Then hundreds of us marched about 3 miles on the streets around the school. The morning finished with a program that included performances by students and awards to activist adults.

That afternoon, the Wright African-American museum showed a brief *The King Among Us* video and then *Al Helm (The Dream)*, a 2011 documentary of a black choir, which went to Palestine with a play using King's words. The group was stunned to see and hear about incidents that related our 1960s to current day Palestine. In fact, on the day of the 43rd anniversary of King's assassination, the owner of a theater in which they performed was shot and killed. His coffin being carried in the streets tied in with the “coffin” carried in the play.

The Israeli “settlements” looked like completed housing developments. One Palestinian was hammering down the interior walls of his family home, which had been ordered destroyed for Israelis to take over the land. If he had not done it himself, they would raze the building and charge him hugely to do so.

Black History Month is days away from this newsletter. www.thewright.org for what you won't want to miss. See you there!



Church Announcements and Events

Social Justice Committee – The Social Justice Committee meets every fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:00 P.M. If you have any questions, please contact Joel Batterman or Mary Lou Malone.

1. Marriage Equality in Michigan

The U. S. Supreme Court has agreed to hear Michigan's case on same sex marriage and will decide whether gay couples have the right to marry. In November the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati upheld Michigan's and three other states' bans on same sex marriage. This decision reversed an earlier ruling by U. S. district judge Bernard Friedman which declared Michigan's ban on same sex marriage unconstitutional.

In November Michigan's Attorney General asked the Supreme Court to affirm the state's ban on same sex marriage. A decision could come down as early as June of this year.

2. Water Shut Offs in Detroit : Accessibility

One of the major issues generated by the 2014 water shut off crisis in Detroit dealt with accessibility. Many customers who were homebound or physically disabled found it impossible to stand in long lines or to appear in person to make arrangements to pay past due bills. In response to many complaints and in keeping with the spirit of his new "Water and Sewerage Department 10 -Point Plan," Mayor Duggan and DWSD agreed to allow delinquent customers to call in to make payment arrangements over the phone. However, the Mayor and DWSD, without notice or explanation, later rescinded this accommodation and are now requiring that all customers, including the homebound and the physically disabled, must come to a service center in person to make arrangements on delinquent bills. As of now accessibility is still a barrier for many of the elderly and disabled attempting to pay past due bills or enroll in an "affordability" plan and, along with other water concerns, remains a contentious issue between DWSD and many of the people of Detroit.

3. Social Justice Survey

The Social Justice Committee distributed a survey (October 12, 2014 – November 23, 2014) to determine our congregation's interests and priorities regarding social justice issues. The following results were tabulated from the 80 responses received both online and in person during social hour.

First Unitarian Universalist Church of Detroit

Social Justice Issues Survey

Report: January 2015

Introduction:

In an effort to determine our congregation's interests and priorities regarding social justice issues, the Social Justice Committee asked all congregants to complete a survey detailing the level of importance they place on a wide range of issues. The Social Justice Committee also included an opportunity for respondents to write-in their own issues of greatest importance, and what organizations they currently support. These are the results of that survey.

(Please see page 5 for a blank copy of the paper survey as distributed, please visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2DTBXQ7> to view the online/electronic version of the survey)

Collection Methods Summary:

In person distribution:

- Passed out paper copies of survey following the service on October 12, 2014. Collected copies that same day.
- Provided paper copies of survey as requested from October 12 – November 23rd.
- Included with November 2014 Newsletter

Online distribution:

- Emailed to 1stuu@1stuu.org on 10/6/2014, 10/13/2014, and 10/15/2014
- Posted to First Unitarian Universalist Church of Detroit Facebook page 10/13/2014

Response Summary:

Online Responses Received: 34

Paper Responses Received: 46

Total Responses Received: 80

Responses not prioritized (unable to count towards results): 2

Total Valid Responses Collected: 78

Respondents expressed an interest in joining the Social Justice Committee: 16

Compiled Results Sumamry

1. Please indicate how important the following issues are to you:

(The issues listed are presented in alphabetical order):

Social Justice Issue	# Rated Most Important	# Rated Very Important	# Rated Somewhat Important	# Rated Low Importance	# Rated Not Important
Environmental Issues	29	26	12	8	0
Immigration Issues	6	38	20	9	2
LGBTQIA Rights	27	29	18	2	0
Minimum Wage/Paid Sick Leave	34	29	9	2	0
Net Neutrality	7	25	12	13	12
Prison Reform	6	27	14	14	14
Racism	50	18	10	3	0
Reproductive Rights	25	27	18	4	0
Transportation Equity	15	30	21	7	0
Urban Sustainable Development	20	27	17	9	1
Voter Rights	41	18	14	3	0
Water Issues	31	25	14	3	1

Compiled Results Sumamry

What is YOUR “hot button” issue?

Please note: some answers to this question overlapped with social justice already included. Those answers have been added into the appropriate counts for social justice issues.

- National alliance for the mentally ill.
- Law enforcement killing unarmed black men.
- Stop spending money for weapons (especially nuclear weapons).
- Over consumerism.
- Racism, school reform.
- Privatization of public education.
- White America turning its back on civil rights.
- Adult literacy.
- Environmental issues, global warming, extinction of species.
- Racism and the resurgence of hatred against minorities.
- Men over 60 not getting their full retirement.
- Health care access.
- Economic and political inequality.
- Campaign finance reform.
- Small is beautiful – local autonomy, local, human-based economies – all of the above are contained in the problem of organizing huge numbers of humans.
- Federal abolishment of the death penalty
- Mental Health Issues

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

Organization	Number of Congregants indicated support
American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)	10
First UU Detroit	5
Metropolitan Organizing Strategy Enabling Strength (MOSES)	4
Peace Action	4
National Action Network (NAN)	3
Siena Literacy	3
National Wildlife Org.	2
Michigan United	2
Neighborhood Civic Association	2
Affirmations	1
Americans United for the Separation of Church and State	1
Amnesty International	1
Arbor Day Foundation	1
Architecture for Humanity	1

Compiled Results Sumamry

Audobon Society	1
Black Lives Matter	1
Community Supported Agriculture (CSA)	1
Democractic Socialists of America	1
Detroit Federation of Teachers	1
Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA)	1
Doctors Without Borders	1
Drug Policy Alliance	1
East Michigan Environmental Action Council (EMEAC)	1
Esperanto USA in Michigan	1
Fair Taxation Committee of Windsor	1
Grandmont Rosedale Development Association	1
Green America	1
Keep Detroit Growing	1
Land Bank Authority Detroit	1
Lion's Club	1
Michigan Coalition for Human Rights	1
Multiple Sclerosis Foundation (MSF)	1
National Alliance for the Mentally Ill	1
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)	1
National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty	1
National Organization for Women (NOW)	1
National Rifle Association (NRA)	1
Nature Conservancy	1
Network in Solidarity with the People of Guatemala (NISGUA)	1
Parking Lot issue (lease)	1
People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA)	1
People's Waterboard	1
Planned Parenthood	1
Public Citizen	1
Public Interest Research Group in Michigan	1
Rotary	1
Ruth Ellis Center	1
Tons... what about the 1 st UU?? Partners? Actions?	1
Transportation Riders United	1
Trinity Health	1
UU Pen Pal Ministry	1
Various, no biggie	1
Waterkeeper Alliance	1
We the People of Detroit	1
Windsor District Labor Council	1
Windsor Workers Education Center	1
Women Walking Woodward for Peace	1
Women's Peace Initiative	1

Print Survey:

Joys / Concerns

It was a joy to attend First UU Detroit (from Ann Arbor) and hear Matt- and also to know that my younger son, Matt's cousin will start a new job this week with Mayor Duggin's office.

A legendary Detroit Blues singer has passed. Alberta Adams was 99, sang with Louis Jourdan and Count Basie, was mainstay of the Hastings Street, Black Bottom and Paradise Valley. Celebrate her life-info on the internet.

Janet Thompson, a former member, is recovering from a hip operation. If you would like to call her, she will be a little longer in Woodward Hills located near 16 Mile and Woodward. You can call her at (248)-593-7672.

I'm officially a Detroiter as of January 1, 2015! *Submitted by Brad Bierswirth*

Roger Zeigler is greatly improved after his knee replacement surgery. He is walking largely without assistance. He is making good progress with therapy. Thanks for all of your good wishes.

Submitted by Nancy Owen Nelson

Stan Aronson, who served as extension minister at First UU from 1985-1988, passed away on January 12, 2015 from liver and pancreatic cancer. Stan retired from the Stamford CT church and spent some of his retirement years in Las Cruces NM until moving to Sacramento CA in January 2009 to be closer to his family. Julie Brock and I visited Stan in February 2014 and happily reminisced about his time in Detroit. His home was filled with photos and mementos of First UU, including a quilt made by Second Story Church kids. Stan and I had many lively email exchanges; I'll miss our correspondence. *Submitted by Kathe Stevens*

Thank you Matt, for a rousing, moving homily. Thank you Hannah Waterstone for your beautiful music today. *Submitted by Nancy Owen Nelson*

My church, Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church's Social Action Team, was given a plaque from MOSES. I do not believe that it would have been possible without the support from our advisor, Matt Friedrichs. *Submitted by Corell Jones*

FEBRUARY 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 11:00am - "Human Becoming" Speaker - Rev. Mohr 12:30pm-Welcoming Task Force meeting 12:30pm - Intro to First Church	2 Happy Birthday Lee Gaddies!	3	4 7:00pm - Singing Circle	5	6	7 Happy Birthday Kathleen Johnson!
8 New Member Sunday 11:00am - "Social Hedonism" Speaker - Rev. Mohr 12:30pm - Potluck	9	10	11 6:00pm - Vespers 7:00pm - Board Meeting 7:00pm - Singing Circle	12	13	14 Happy Birthday Anne Neale!
15 11:00am - ""The Graceful Life." Speaker- Rev. Mohr	16 7:30pm - Amnesty International Meeting	17 Happy Birthday Erin Martinezi!	18 7:00pm - Singing Circle 7:00pm- Worship Committee Meeting Happy Birthday Al Acker!	19	20	21
22 11:00am - ""The Ragged March of Progress." Speaker- Rev. Mohr	23	24	25 6:00pm- Development Committee meeting 7:00pm - Singing Circle	26	27	28



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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**.

March Newsletter Deadline

Friday, February 20th

Next issue covers March 1 - March 31, 2015

No submissions accepted after the deadline.

Send items to office@1stuu.org

