

FIRST UNITARIAN-UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF DETROIT NEWSLETTER


MAY
2017
EDITION

Upcoming Sermon Schedule ...

May 7th — “On White Supremacy”

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray

In response to recent events in the life of the national denomination of the Unitarian Universalist Association, our church will talk about the issues of white supremacy within the church and denomination settings. We will join a movement of over 500 American UUA churches that plan to address this topic in a two-week period.

May 14th — “Mothering Peace”

Halima Cassells, Michelle Martinez, and Lydia Wylie-Kellerman

Three local mothers, a writer, an artist and a radical disciple; all activists. They will share their individual musings on what it means, what it looks like, and what it takes to model peace in this world.

May 21st — “The Baltimore Sermon”

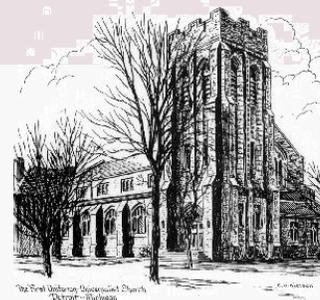
The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray

One of the most important moments in the development of Unitarian Universalist history was William Ellery Channing's "Baltimore Sermon," which gave a powerful defense of Unitarian thought and practice, in opposition to the rising Christian orthodoxy of his day. We will explore this definitive moment in UUA history. Unlike Channing's "Baltimore sermon," this one will not be an hour and a half long.

May 28th — “The Serenity Prayer”

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray

Following up on last month's sermon on Reinhold Niebuhr's 13 years as a pastor in Detroit, this month we will examine one of the ways that mainstream culture often examines him, as the author of "The Serenity Prayer," which has been taken on as an important element of Alcoholics Anonymous and other recovery group meetings.



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About Us ...

**UU DETROIT IS A MEMBER OF THE UNITARIAN-
UNIVERSALIST ASSOCIATION OF CONGREGATIONS —
WWW.UUA.ORG — IN THE MIDAMERICA REGION —
WWW.MIDAMERICA.UUA.ORG**

We are creating **spirituality** and **community** beyond boundaries, working for more **justice** and more **love** in our own lives and in the world; we practice **radical hospitality**.



The symbol of our faith is a **Flaming Chalice**. 

We affirm and promote **seven Principles**.

We **welcome** you as **individual people**, embracing differences of sexual orientation, gender and its expression, religious background, marital status, family structure, age, mental and physical health and ability, racial and cultural identity or background, and educational and socioeconomic status.

We have been at the corner of **Cass and Forest** for over a century ... our Universalist and Unitarian **roots in Detroit** go back over **185 years**.



Our Vision

First Unitarian-Universalist Church is an urban center in **Detroit** for spiritual renewal and social justice.

Our Mission

First Unitarian-Universalist Church strives to be an expanding **transformative** community whose mission is to **liberate** truth, **radiate** kindness, and **love** courageously.



We are a proud **member** of the **Cass Corridor Commons**.



We are a [UUA-recognized](#) **Welcoming Congregation**



FIRST UNITARIAN- UNIVERSALIST CHURCH ORGANIZATIONAL CHART 2016–2017

OFFICERS:

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SOCIAL HOUR COORDINATOR
Omar Davis (temporary)

**WORSHIP SERVICE EVERY
SUNDAY AT 11:00 AM**



Letter from the Board President ...

Greetings to the UU Detroit community!

So much goes on behind the scenes to make our Sunday services inspiring, thoughtful — and fun. The Worship Committee meets once a month to agree on worship coordinators and come up with speakers when Rev. Murray is not in the pulpit. That committee, ably led by **Nancy Owen Nelson**, is continually busy, connecting with proposed speakers and organizing dates.

Each week **Mark Schwing** arranges letters and numbers on the corner sign where busy commuters and WSU students can see the Sunday sermon title and Music Director **Todd Ballou** emails his complementary music selections for the upcoming week's service.

On Sunday mornings, **Sally Borden** sets out cards on the radiators for us to sign so we may celebrate happy occasions and honor sad milestones in our community. **Alexis Mitchell** does a first draft of the Order of Service by pulling information from four sign-up sheets: flower donations, greeters, worship leaders, and speakers, as well as the document containing Todd's music selections. She goes through church emails to find announcements that have been submitted. Then she sends the draft to me. After I proofread (if there's a mistake, it's mine), I email the final version to Alexis to print and fold.

While Alexis and I are working on the Order of Service, the choir is rehearsing. After rehearsal, the final preparations for the Sunday service begin: filling water glasses for the speaker, the worship coordinator, and the worship leader; putting hymn numbers on the boards; reviewing the Order of Service for announcements; and generally setting the scene to start the chimes promptly at 11:00 AM.

Our friendly Greeters arrive at 10:30 AM to offer radical hospitality. **Glenn Maxwell** has usually arrived earlier to make sure guest badges are ready and to pick up waste from around the yard, while **Roger Zeigler** is often inside tidying the sanctuary. **Tim Bailey** is in the kitchen about that time brewing coffee and assisting **Omar Davis** (our temporary Social Hour Coordinator) in food preparation. **Dan Wiest** is doing what he does every Sunday morning ... whatever needs to be done. If we have a guest speaker, the worship coordinator extends a warm UU Detroit welcome and settles them in the chancel. Or Rev. Murray arrives with a blast of energy and optimism. What a community!

Like UU Detroit, our denomination is stepping up in community. You may have read in the [UU World](#) that "UUA President Peter Morales resigned on April 1, three months before the end of his tenure, in the face of a controversy over UUA hiring practices, which critics say systematically favor white UU ministers." Two other key staff also resigned. Also, like UU Detroit, the UUA is drawing from its leadership resources and its leaders are stepping up. On April 11, the UUA board appointed the Rev. Sofía Betancourt, the Rev. William G. Sinkford, and Leon Spencer to serve as co-presidents and [created a Presidential Transition Plan](#) "to frame the brief tenure of the Transition Team and help to shape Unitarian Universalism into the future."

It's no surprise that systemic racism exists in the uppermost reaches of power in our faith; racism is systemic in our nation's fabric. I'm glad that UUA leadership was able to listen to people of color and their allies and is attempting to make changes to begin to confront systemic racism. I'm proud of those who stood up and said, this isn't right, we can and should do better.

See pages [6](#) and [7](#) to learn about two white supremacy teach-ins. The first, an [April 29th teach-in](#), takes place at MidAmerica Regional Assembly. The second, a [May 7th teach-in](#), will be led here at UU Detroit by Rev. Murray. Speaking as a white person, we have a lot of work to do to change and support people of color. I believe in our community in Detroit and in the greater world. We can and will change.

best ... Kathe



Going Forward!: 2017-2018 Canvass Campaign

Why is Pledging So Important at UU Detroit?

Pledging is the financial backbone of UU Detroit. By knowing our pledge amounts, we can plan, and create a financial safety net for the upcoming financial year.

Is Pledging Expected of Members of UU Detroit?

Yes, there are requirements to being considered a member of UU Detroit: Signing the Membership Book, making a financial pledge, and/or making a financial donation of record.

Is there anything more important than pledging?

Yes, paying the amount you pledged! You may pay your pledge yearly, monthly, or weekly.

Thank you!

Thank you, for your generous 2017-2018 pledges to UU Detroit. Your pledges will allow us to go forward, with confidence, as we make many decisions in the future.

With your financial support, we can plan and go forward as a church family. Your pledge is vitally important to allow us to plan, strategize for positive outcomes that meet our Vision and Mission.

Our church has 59 pledging units (some units are couples/partners), the majority of pledgers increased their pledges for the upcoming year. We suggested an increase of at least 5%, and the majority of Church members donated more.

The new pledge amounts start July 1, 2017 until June 30, 2018. We look forward to receiving your new amount starting in July 2018.

Thank you!

Remember!

Contributions may be:

- ◇ Mailed directly to First UU of Detroit, 4605 Cass Avenue, Detroit, MI 48201, or
- ◇ Given during the weekly service — if giving cash, place the amount in an envelope and write your name — or,
- ◇ Donated on line. Please visit www.1stuu.org, scroll down to "Giving" and click on "[Donate](#)."

The new pledge amounts start July 1, 2017.

We understand life changes, please let Bob Lauer know if you have to change your pledge amount.

We still have bills, when you go out of town! Please donate on-line, or give your pledge amount before leaving.



Committee and Member News ...

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Dessa Cosma, chair of the Membership Committee, is rolling out some changes! The first is to offer our "Intro to UU Detroit" classes quarterly rather than monthly. We expect this will make the classes more dialogue friendly *i.e.*, classes will have more than one person participating. The dates are **May 14, August 6, and October 15.**

Welcome to new member **KEVIN WASKELIS**. Kevin has been attending services for a few months and we're delighted you have made the commitment to continue as a member. We're so glad to share the journey with you!

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

The Social Justice Committee is working to rebuild under new chair, **Nate Strickland, Jr.**, and is identifying some local issues to potentially focus on in the year ahead. These issues include: fair and affordable housing in Midtown, the State's plan to expand toxic waste dumping in Detroit, public transit, non-partisan redistricting, and water rights.

If you are interested in helping drive social justice in our congregation, please join us on the **first Wednesday** of each month from **7:00-8:00 PM** in the Parlor. The next meeting is **May 3.**

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: ANNUAL MEETING — MAY 21

The annual congregational meeting of the First Unitarian-Universalist Church of Detroit has been called for Sunday, **May 21, 2017, 12:30 PM**, in the Sanctuary. The Nominating Committee presents its proposed slate for the 2017-18 Fiscal Year.

Board Positions: Current terms expiring June 30, 2017 are those of Trustees Dan Hale, Sydney Schaaf, and David Vaillencourt, as well as Kathe Stevens, current President; Dan Wiest, current Vice President; and Marsha Bruhn, Immediate Past President. Appointees Danny Rebb, Secretary, and Bob Lauer, Treasurer, are expected to remain on the board. The Nominating Committee is proposing the following Board officers and trustees for the 2017-18 fiscal year, to be voted on at the Annual Congregational Meeting on May 21.

<u>Position</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Comments</u>
President	Dan Hale	2018	One-year term
Vice President	Nathan Strickland, Jr.	2018	One-year term
Trustee-at-Large	Dan Wiest	2018	Filling second year of Nate Strickland's position
Trustee-at-Large	Maysel Brooks	2019	Two-year term
Trustee-at-Large	Joel Fortgang	2019	Two-year term
Trustee-at-Large	Dan Secrest	2019	Two-year term

General Assembly Delegates 2017 (3): Dan Hale, Matt Friedrichs, Kathe Stevens

MidAmerica Regional Assembly Delegates 2018 (3): No candidates recommended at this time, as Regional Assembly activities will be consolidated within General Assembly 2018, which takes place in our Midwest Region at Kansas City, MO. Nominating Committee is recommending that the congregation authorize the Board of Trustees to appoint candidates, if needed.

Nominating Committee (5 members, one-year term): Marsha Bruhn, Jillian Fortgang, Matt Friedrichs, Mary Lou Malone, Regina Weiss.

Respectfully submitted,
Marsha Bruhn, Matt Friedrichs, Mary Lou Malone, Regina Weiss



Committee and Member News ... cont'd

REGIONAL ASSEMBLY — April 28-30



Regional Assembly takes place in Oak Brook, IL, this year. **Glenn Maxwell** and **Kathe Stevens** are attending as delegates. Due to seismic events — some planned, some not — in our Unitarian Universalist Association, RA promises to be a full and informative event.

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On the afternoon of **April 28**, Glenn and Kathe will participate in a [Listening Circle](#), scheduled in response to the controversy over hiring practices at the Unitarian Universalist Association. The controversy has led to the resignation of UUA President Peter Morales and two other key staff. You may read a [summary](#) of news developments on these issues in the [UU World](#).

Eric Huffer, President of the [MidAmerica Region](#) of the UUA, talking about the difficulty of the past few weeks for many across the Unitarian Universalist community, says, “we have all struggled, as pain resulting from patterns of institutional racism and the impact of white supremacy within our Association has been laid bare, reflecting our failure to live up to our covenant, our values, and our commitment to creating the beloved community.” Eric goes on to say he believes we are at a watershed moment for our denomination. He explains the need for the Listening Circle as offering an opportunity to come together to start to listen, not looking to agree, but to understand and begin to see our way forward.

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The evening of **April 28**, Glenn and Kathe will participate in a [UUA Presidential Candidates forum](#) to have a chance to interact with the three candidates running for the office of president of the UUA, one of whom will be elected at General Assembly on June 24. The forum will be videotaped and available the week after RA at www.midamericauua.org/ra.

More candidate information and links to other forum videos are available through [Unitarian Universalist Women's Federation](#) and [UU World](#).

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On **April 29**, Kathe and Glenn will participate in a White Supremacy Teach-In. (On May 7, UU Detroit will also hold a teach-in, see [next page](#).) There are resources on the [MidAmerica Teach-In page](#). Questions for consideration are: 1) How do I feel about the phrase “Institutional White Supremacy?,” 2) What does Institutional White Supremacy cost me?, 3) Cornel West says that white people have “have got some work to do.” What is my work? What is our work as UUs?, 4) Where is/are your opportunity(ies) to resist?

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If you have questions or comments, send them to president@1stuu.org. Kathe and Glenn will do their best to report back authentically.



Committee and Member News ... cont'd

#UUWhiteSupremacyTeachIn

SUN APR 30 or SUN MAY 7



Everyone has to start somewhere, and it takes a commitment to disrupt business as usual.

BlackLivesUU.com/uuwhitesupremacyteachin

WHITE SUPREMACY TEACH-IN — May 7

In response to recent events in the life of the national denomination of the Unitarian Universalist Association, our church will talk about the issues of white supremacy within the church and denomination settings. We will join a movement of over 500 American UUA churches that plan to address this topic.

UU Detroit will hold its teach-in on **May 7**, Rev. Murray will lead us in a [Black Lives of UU](http://BlackLivesUU.com)-sponsored white supremacy teach-in. More information and resources are at <http://www.blacklivesuu.com/teachin/>.

To prepare for the teach-in, you may participate in a Q&A webinar scheduled for **April 27** at 8:00 PM EST. On the 27th, use your PC, laptop, or phone to login to a webinar at <https://zoom.us/j/762668177>. You may also participate by dialing 646-558-8656 or 408-638-0968 (both US toll calls). The meeting ID is **762 668 177**.

Feel free to reach out with questions, minister@1stuu.org or president@1stuu.org.

REPORT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The financial performance for the first nine months of the current Church fiscal year which ended March 31, 2017 continued to be very favorable. General donations including pledged and plate are slightly higher than budget. The amount is even better when adding in the unbudgeted contributions associated with the Joel Batterman/Julie Brock wedding in October. This event added over \$2,100 to the Church.

Expenses continue to be under budget. As of March 31, between expenses and payoff of prior period liabilities our expenditures are \$10,100 less than we expected; a favorable variance. We do expect a large insurance bill in the next month or two but that is budgeted.

At this point, we have spent less on Worship Committee, Leadership Committee, and Building Maintenance. While these conditions could change by year end we now know that total expenses for Minister Search Committee will be significantly less than planned.

At March 31, our financial statements are showing a margin of safety for the year of \$ 23,768. We expect that by June 30, 2017 that number will be reduced, depending on committee spending and possible other unplanned expenditures.

— Bob Lauer, Treasurer



Committee and Member News ... cont'd

SAVE THE DATE: UU Regional Spring Picnic — MAY 27

Hello Everyone,

It's that time of year! Mark your calendars for our [4th annual regional UU picnic](#), **May 27th**, 2017 from 11:30 AM - 2:30 PM on Belle Isle (at Woodside Shelter, on the south side of Belle Isle, on the shores of Lake Okonoda, just like last year. Woodside Shelter is ADA accessible).

UU Detroit's Young (at heart) Adults are happy to plan this outing, but we could use your help!

"How can I help?" you may be asking yourself. Great Question.

Here are 3 ways:

1. Of course, this is in part a potluck, so please bring a dish to share. Additionally, there are a few picnic essentials we'd like folks to sign up to bring. You can sign up to bring these things [here](#).

2. Volunteer for a set-up, cooking, or clean-up role the day of our picnic. You can sign up to do that [here](#).

3. And don't forget to invite your UU friends & family from around the area!

Cars will need a State Park Recreation Passport tag or a \$9 day pass to park on the Island. Info on the tag for park admission can be found here: [Michigan State Park Recreation Passport](#).

We look forward to a fun and relaxing picnic with you!

—Dessa Cosma & The YA Krewe





Announcements & Events ...

"Arise, then, women of this day! Arise all women who have hearts,
whether our baptism be that of water or of fears!"

Women Walking Woodward for Peace

Invites you to:

Mother's Day Peace Vigil 2017

Sunday, May 14, 2017

vig-il : a period of keeping awake during the time usually spent asleep,
especially to keep, watch or pray.

9AM – 10AM @ UU DETROIT (intersection of Forest and Cass)



This is an open invitation to:

Women in Black, The Raging Grannies, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Women of UU Detroit, and all other groups of Women and Mothers in Metro Detroit –

All ages and genders Welcome to attend – Bring signs & Banners

We will stand vigil for one hour then have a closing circle (10am-10:30am)

Please contact Anita Jones (racedancer@hotmail.com) if you want to offer a prayer, poem or song

Immediately following the vigil @ 11AM

You may choose to join UU Detroit's Sunday service:

"Mothering Peace"

featuring Halima Cassells, Michelle Martinez & Lydia Wylie-Kellerman



Policies and Procedures ...

So, You've Been Wondering About UU Detroit's Policies and Procedures?

Featured policy and procedure of the month: *Conflict of Interest Policy*

In June 2016, your Board of Trustees approved a [Policies and Procedures Manual](#). The need for a manual became apparent from several different sources as diverse as the Planning Committee to our staff, from individual congregants to the Board itself. The P&P may be found on the first page of our website, 1stuu.org. Click on any title in the Table of Contents in the manual to go directly to that policy.

We're going to feature a summary of a P&P every month in the newsletter so you may get to know how UU Detroit operates!

— **Planning Committee**

POLICY STATEMENT: "The members of the Board of Trustees, Officers, Minister, staff and others involved in the church will annually disclose possible conflicts of interest that may involve a personal interest that could influence them when making a decision for the organization. In all situations, the best interest of the church must come first."

RATIONALE OR BACKGROUND: "Each person is responsible to determine where and when a conflict may exist. The Board President and the Minister are available to review potential conflicts of interest."

In July of every fiscal year, the Board Secretary provides a copy of our Conflict of Interest form to all

Board Trustees, Officers, Minister, staff, and those with roles in the financial area so that any relationships or business activity that may constitute a financial conflict of interest may be disclosed. Potential conflicts are:

- *Owning stock or holding debt or other proprietary interests in any third party dealing with UU Detroit.*
- *Holding office, serving on the Board, participating in management or being otherwise employed or formerly employed by any third party dealing with UU Detroit.*
- *Receiving remuneration for services with respect to individual transactions involving UU Detroit.*
- *Using UU Detroit time, personnel, equipment, supplies or good will other than for approved UU Detroit activities, programs and purposes.*
- *Receiving personal gifts or loans from third parties dealing with UU Detroit. Receipt of any gift is disapproved except gifts of nominal value that could not be refused without discourtesy. No personal gift of money should ever be accepted.*

A procedure is outlined to handle any conflict which may arise, including a conflict of a personal nature, outside of the finance area.

The P&P ends by stating that the "decision of the Board on these matters will rest in its sole discretion and its concern must be the welfare of UU Detroit."

Your board of trustees takes very seriously its fiduciary duty to the "welfare of UU Detroit."





What We're Doing ...

Singing Circle

Singing Circle is held every Wednesday at **7:00 PM**; open to all. Contact **Gwen Foss** at bookdoctorgwen@gmail.com for more details.

WEDNESDAYS AT
UU DETROIT

Vespers

Vespers runs from **6:00 - 7:00 PM** on the fourth Wednesday of each month in the Parlor. See our website for more information: <http://1stuu.org/Worship/vespers/.vespers.php>.

The Worship Committee is always open to new ideas for speakers and for sermon topics, either in terms of texts and sources, or in terms of topics. If you have an **idea for a speaker or a sermon**, please do feel free to share it: worship@1stuu.org.

MESSAGE
TOPICS

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

If you have a milestone (joy or sorrow) to share or a visitor to introduce on Sunday, 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 as part of our closing circle. Please note that announcements about meetings are more appropriate for coffee hour.

BOARD MEETINGS

Board meetings are held from **7:00 - 9:00 PM** on the second Thursday of each month at the Whole Foods Community Room. The dates of the next two meetings are **May 11** and **June 8**. All are welcome at Board meetings. Whole Foods Market is located at 115 Mack Ave (corner of John R), Detroit. If you have an item you wish to have included on the agenda for discussion at the meeting, please contact **Danny Rebb**, Secretary to the Board, at secretary@1stuu.org.

Sundays at UU Detroit

"Intro to UU Detroit"

Are you new to the Church, or just interested in learning more about our Church and tradition? The "Intro to UU Detroit" class offers introductory information on 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 Unitarian Universalist tradition as a whole, and a second goal is to focus specifically on the history and traditions of UU Detroit. Please do attend: we are proud of who we are, and we want you to be proud to be with us! Classes are scheduled for **May 14**, **August 6**, and **October 15**.

Welcoming New Members

Do you wish to come forward as a new member, present yourself 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. Let Membership Committee Chair, **Dessa Cosma**, know you're interested so we may welcome you properly! dessacosma@gmail.com.

SECOND Sundays: Potluck

Time to break out your best recipe and bring it to share with our UU Detroit community! As we add new members, it's 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.



SECOND Sundays: Networking

All congregants are invited to bring and share your personal business cards for distribution on the second Sunday of the month. 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. Contact **Ruby Jones** (racedancer@hotmail.com) for more details.



What Else Is Going On? ...

Amnesty International

Amnesty International is a global movement of people fighting injustice and promoting human rights. Amnesty International meets at UU Detroit on the **3rd Monday** of every month at **7:30 PM** in the Parlor. Contact **Dan Wiest** at dfwiest@comcast.net for more information.

Care Committee

Help us to minister to each other. If you or someone you know is sick, in need of a pastoral call or other assistance, please let the Care Committee know by contacting its chair, **Nancy Owen Nelson**, at nelnan@aol.com to provide a network for communication and support. Other Care Committee members are **Sally Borden**, **Linda Darga**, **Edie McKnight**, and **Nathan Strickland, Jr.**

Child Care

Child care is available during Sunday worship service with our child care provider, **Julia Cuneo**, in a bright, cheerful room in the back of the Church, off the Narthex. See Child Care Committee Co-Chairs, **Sally Borden** or **Richard Hillier**, for details.

Young Adults Activities

Visit the UU Detroit Young Adults Group Facebook page to learn about activities, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/young1stuu/>, or contact **Aletha Oberdier** at alethafaye@gmail.com to join our Google Group.

Check the Church Calendar!

There are so many interesting things going on at UU Detroit! Please be sure to check the church calendar before you schedule an event. You may access it online at <http://www.1stuu.org/calendar>. If the day looks free for your event, you may reserve a room by sending an email to newsletter@1stuu.org. Either webmaster Dan Secrest, office administrator Alexis Mitchell, or newsletter editor Kathe Stevens will get your room scheduled and Alexis will get information about your event into the newsletter.

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 would like to sign up to donate flowers, please use the [Flower Donation Signup Sheet](#) on our website, see our Office Administrator, **Alexis Mitchell**, after the service, or send an email to webmaster@1stuu.org!



Share our Facebook Posts!

Facebook events are being created on our [Facebook group](#) for sermons, Vespers, Membership activities, and other events. When you see a Facebook event about church activities, PLEASE SHARE IT on your newsfeed! Help get the word out about what's going on at UU Detroit.

Do You Want To Know About EMEAC Events?

You can find out what's going on with East Michigan Environmental Action Council, the owner of our building and manager of the Cass Corridor Commons, by clicking on the [Latest News](#) tab at www.emeac.org.

Cass Corridor Commons News

UU Detroit is part of the [Cass Corridor Commons](#), a multi-use nonprofit green space and community hub that embodies principles of shared space, environmental justice and social justice principles. The Commons' [Facebook page](#) has up-to-date information .



Calendar ...

All events take place at UU Detroit, 4605 Cass, unless otherwise indicated

View the UU Detroit calendar at <http://www.1stuu.org/calendar>

Wednesday, May 3 — International World Press Freedom Day

7:00 PM: *Singing Circle* — Social Hall

7:00 PM: *Social Justice Committee meeting* — Parlor

Thursday, May 4 — National Day of Prayer (U.S.)

Friday, May 5 — Cinco de Mayo (U.S.); Beltane (Pagan)

Sunday, May 7

9:00 AM: *Choir Practice* — Chancel

11:00 AM: *Worship Service* "On White Supremacy" (Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray) — Sanctuary

Wednesday, May 10 — Esbat: Full Flower Moon (Native American/Pagan)

7:00 PM: *Singing Circle* — Social Hall

7:00 PM: *Planning Committee meeting* — Parlor

Thursday, May 11

7:00 PM: *Board Meeting* — Whole Foods Market, 115 Mack Ave (corner of John R), Detroit

Sunday, May 14 — Mother's Day (U.S.)

9:00 AM: *Choir Practice* — Chancel

11:00 AM: *Worship Service* "Mothering Peace" (Halima Cassells, Michelle Martinez, and Lydia Wylie-Kellerman) — Sanctuary

12:00 PM: *Potluck* — Social Hall

12:30 PM: "Intro to UU Detroit" — Parlor

Monday, May 15 — International Day of Families

7:30 PM: *Amnesty International* — Parlor

Wednesday, May 17

7:00 PM: *Worship Committee meeting* — Parlor

7:00 PM: *Singing Circle* — Social Hall

Sunday, May 21

7:30 AM: *Generative Somatics training* — DBlair Theater

9:00 AM: *Choir Practice* — Chancel

11:00 AM: *EJAM training* — Social Hall

11:00 AM: *Worship Service* "The Baltimore Sermon" (Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray) — Sanctuary

12:30 PM: *Annual Congregational Meeting* — Sanctuary

Wednesday, May 24

6:00 PM: *Vespers* — Parlor

7:00 PM: *Singing Circle* — Social Hall

Saturday, May 27 — Ramadan starts (Muslim)

11:00 AM: *4th Annual UU Regional Picnic* — Woodside Shelter on Belle Isle



Sunday, May 28

11:00 AM: *Worship Service* "The Serenity Prayer" (Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray) — Sanctuary

Monday, May 29 — Memorial Day (U.S.)

Wednesday, May 31 — Shavuot (Jewish-U.S.)

7:00 PM: *Singing Circle* — Sanctuary



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Deadlines & Office Hours ...

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**.

Newsletter Deadline

Saturday, May 20th

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No submissions accepted after the deadline — send items to newsletter@1stuu.org.

Office Administrator Work Schedule

Alexis Mitchell works every Sunday and occasionally during the week, as needed. Her hours are generally:

First and third Sundays: 8:00 AM – 10:30 AM and 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM

Second, fourth and, if necessary, fifth Sundays: 8:30 AM – 2:00 PM