



## Upcoming Sermon Schedule ...

### March 4th — “Holi”

*The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, Minister*

Holi is an ancient Hindu religious festival, known as the festival of colors or the festival of love. Holi is said to signify the victory of good over evil, and the arrival of spring. Today, we will explore this ancient holiday celebrated around the world.

### March 11th — “Remembering Viola Gregg Liuzzo”

*The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, Minister*

During this Women's History Month, we remember one of our own, Viola Gregg Liuzzo (1925-1965), a member of this church who was the only white woman martyred during the Civil Rights Movement.

This sermon will focus on her life and legacy.

### March 18th — “On St. Patrick”

*The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, Minister*

On St. Patrick's Day, we are used to wearing green, imbibing green-colored drinks, and celebrating all things Irish. But who was St. Patrick? Why do we continue to celebrate this fifth century missionary and bishop?

### March 25th — “On Unitarian Women Through History”

*Danny Rebb, Guest Speaker*

During our Centennial celebration, we tapped into much of UU Detroit's history. However, we have yet to take a look at the Unitarian and Universalist women who bolstered our church's social justice programs as members of the First Congregational Unitarian Society of Detroit and The Church of Our Father, Universalist. Danny Rebb will share his research on the heroines who worked in prison reform, suffrage, child welfare, health care, education, peace, and temperance. These women not only served our church but held significant positions in the Detroit community, such as president of the Girls' Protective League; Chairperson of the Reform Board, Detroit House of Corrections; Chairperson of the Child Welfare Committee of the Detroit League of Women's Clubs; Director of the Protestant Children's Home, and others.



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## About Us ...

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.



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.



We are a proud member of the Cass Corridor Commons.

We are a UUA-recognized Welcoming Congregation.



We believe Black Lives Matter — and proclaim it on our sign.

### FIRST UNITARIAN- UNIVERSALIST CHURCH ORGANIZATIONAL CHART 2017-2018

#### OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT  
*Dan Hale*

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*Omar Davis*

WORSHIP SERVICE EVERY  
SUNDAY AT 11:00 AM



## About Us ... cont'd

We affirm and promote **seven Principles**. We believe in

**T**he inherent worth and dignity of every person;

**J**ustice, equity and compassion in human relations;

**A**cceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our Congregations;

**A** free and responsible search for truth and meaning;

**T**he right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our Congregations and in society at large;

**T**he goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;

**R**espect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

We live out these Principles within a "living tradition" drawn from sources as diverse as science, poetry and literature, scripture, and personal experience.

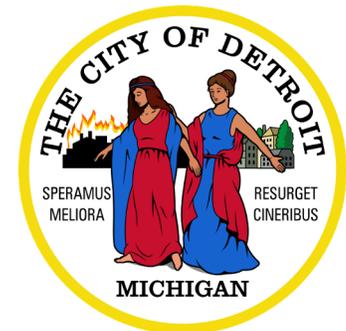
The Principles are not dogma or doctrine, but rather a guide for those of us who choose to join and participate in Unitarian Universalist religious communities.

Detroit has been home to Universalists and Unitarians since 1835. UU Detroit's history of fighting for civil liberties in the world and advocating for Detroit is long and strong. Radical thinkers who worshipped, spoke, met, and/or organized at the corner of Cass & Forest include ground-breaking African-Americans; civil rights radicals and martyrs; icons of the women's and workers' rights movements; LGBTQ forerunners; enlightened politicians; environmental activists; progressive educators; immigration reformists; promoters of, and martyrs for, peace; and authors, musicians, and poets.

Our advocacy continues in the 21st century.

### UU DETROIT'S VISION STATEMENT:

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



### UU DETROIT'S MISSION STATEMENT:

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

**UU DETROIT IS A MEMBER OF THE Unitarian-Universalist Association of Congregations** — [www.uua.org](http://www.uua.org) — in the **MidAmerica Region** — [www.midamericauua.org](http://www.midamericauua.org).



## News and Announcements ... cont'd

**Julie Brock  
ordination and  
festivities —  
Sunday, April 22,  
3:30 PM**



You are invited to join the **First Unitarian-Universalist Church of Detroit** and **Community Unitarian Universalists in Brighton** as we co-ordain **Julie Brock** in the UU Detroit Sanctuary at 4605 Cass in Detroit on Sunday, **April 22 @3:30 PM**. A catered reception will follow.

Julie grew up at UU Detroit and is the Consulting Minister at CUUB. She will be the sixth woman ordained in UU Detroit's Sanctuary!

The Rev. Dr. Dorsey O. Blake, Presiding Minister of The Church for The Fellowship of All Peoples in San Francisco, CA, will preach the sermon.

CUUB and UU Detroit are looking forward to welcoming Dr. Blake, other participants, and guests to a warm and meaningful ceremony with good food to follow!

Free child care will be provided. Vegan dinner options will be available. Additional parking has been reserved.

After the reception, Julie and her husband, UU Detroit member **Joel Batterman**, invite you to join them at their new home in Detroit for a housewarming party. Print directions will be available at the reception.

**Please go to [juliebrockordination.eventbrite.com](http://juliebrockordination.eventbrite.com) for all details and to RSVP.**

There are separate "tickets" for the catered reception, child care, the Forest Parking Lot, and the housewarming party.

We'll appreciate hearing from you to know how much food to order for the reception, how many of you will need child care, if you need to reserve a spot in the Forest Parking Lot adjacent to the Sanctuary, and if you will be going to the housewarming party.

Detailed information is at [juliebrockordination.eventbrite.com](http://juliebrockordination.eventbrite.com).

We're looking forward to seeing all of you at the celebration!



## News and Announcements ... cont'd



### WWWP — Women Walking Woodward for Peace 2018

**Mother's Day - May 13**

Gather at 1st UU Church/Cass Corridor Commons, 4605 Cass at Forest in Detroit

**8:00 AM** – walk south to Grand Circus Park

Return to 1st UU by **11:00 AM**

(3 mile loop)

Signs & Banners provided

Immediately following the walk you are invited to attend a special service and potluck at 1st UU Church.

WWWP Mission: "Our mission is to revisit and reinvent the early Mother's day theme of peaceful conflict resolution at home and abroad. We draw our inspiration from Julia Ward Howe's Mother's day declaration and as such this event is to be created by women, organized by women and focused toward women. We want to start an annual Mother's Day event that will draw media coverage, cultural diversity and perpetuate the Peace movement.

This will not be an anti-war march. We will provide signs and banners to walkers. The walk will be undertaken in the spirit of peace, unity and transformation. All are welcome who come in PEACE. We must be vocal and visible and send affirmation to our politicians and all Metro Detroit citizens that drawing down the military is supported and desirable.

We affirm that we will not support raising our children to kill other mother's children!"

For information, see the WWWP Facebook event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/145623742798995/> or contact **Ruby Jones**, [RaceDancer@hotmail.com](mailto:RaceDancer@hotmail.com).



## Committee and Member News ...



### Interactive Meeting

On February 11, members of the Board of Trustees and members of the Congregation gathered for an interactive meeting in the Social Hall after the service.

**Dan Hale**, President of the Board of Trustees, opened by explaining the purpose of the meeting was to exchange information. Dan thanked everyone for coming in inclement weather and introduced the other Board members who were present: **Bob Lauer**, **Kathe Stevens**, **Dan Secrest**, **Nathan Strickland, Jr.**, and **Dan Wiest**, as well as **Rev. Murray**.

Dan noted that there are issues that the Congregation is interested in and which the Board wants to communicate — and the Board needs to know issues that it may not be aware of but which the Congregation could help the Board to understand. **Future interactive meetings will be scheduled quarterly throughout the year.**

Dan summarized Board activities since July: two Board trustees resigned for personal reasons; **Deanna McGraw** and **Sharon Mills** were appointed to serve as Trustees-at-Large in their place; Board meeting dates, times, and location have moved to the third Sunday of each month in the Parlor after the service; the open position of Board Secretary is being filled by parceling out some duties but a Board Secretary will be appointed to handle the rest; our finances are doing well and we're ahead of budget, not by a huge amount but noteworthy.

There's no new information about our use of the Sanctuary but the buildings remain open and EMEAC has plans for paid programming. The What Now? Committee (a subcommittee of the Board) continues to investigate possibilities should we have to move, as well as options to stay even if we have a different landlord.

It's not known if EMEAC has halted plans to sell the buildings, but the last word was that EMEAC

believed they could manage to stay. We have a right of first refusal and have not gotten any notice of a potential sale.

**Tim Bailey** — and **Joel Batterman**, working with the Young Adult Group — are looking at ways to fund improved flooring, lighting, and the ramp. The Sanctuary windows are leaking badly; Tim is investigating some sort of stopgap repair. The Young Adults wish to reach out to Commons members to collaborate; a suggestion was made to incorporate EMEAC's community potlucks.

There were announcements about the piano in the Social Hall (it's fixed!); greeters (sign up to be one and get free coffee!); the Vespers program (4th Wednesday of every month in a new location, Henry Ford Village); our networking program (business cards displayed 2nd Sunday of every month); and free public access to WSU Lot 70 on weekends (more info below). There were a couple of suggestions: encouragement for more people to bring potluck dishes; hold an open house with EMEAC.

Dan welcomed feedback on any issues — his email is [president@lstuu.org](mailto:president@lstuu.org). He ended the meeting by thanking those who participated, noting that he is constantly surprised and humbled by members of the Congregation since the Church is not run by the efforts of the Board alone.

### Parking Option



Wayne State University's lot 70 is available for free public parking on weekends, including Sunday morning. [WSU Lot 70](#) is at 4441 Cass, on the SW corner of Cass and Prentis; enter through the gate off Cass in the middle of the block. On weekends the gate will be open to allow free public access.



## Committee and Member News ... cont'd

### Give a Hearty Welcome to our NEW MEMBERS!

**Suzanne Baker** and **Gerhard Krabbe** signed our Membership Book on February 4. We're so glad you've joined us. We welcome you "officially" to our community and look forward to getting to know you better.



### Membership Committee

**Deanna McGraw** and **Kathe Stevens** have agreed to co-chair the Membership Committee. Look for them in the Social Hour. They welcome your ideas on attracting new members and helping them get involved in our community, as well as activities to benefit all members — new and old.

**Sally Borden** conducts quarterly "Intro to UU Detroit" sessions. **Glenn Maxwell** organizes our Greeters. **Maysel Brooks** and **Sharon Mills** round out the committee. Thanks to all of you for your interest in keeping our radical hospitality thriving!

The Membership Committee is looking for "Visitor Table" facilitators and "Sermon Table" moderators during Social Hour. [See page 9](#) for more details on membership.

See any committee member for information on joining our Church. We welcome you! You can also visit our [Membership page](#) on the UU Detroit website.

### Care Committee

Help us to minister to each other. If you or someone you know is ill, 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](mailto:nelan@aol.com) to provide a network for communication and support.

Care Committee member **Sally Borden** supplies cards for us to sign on Sunday mornings. Have you

signed a card or two (or more) when leaving a service? If you'd like to get one, too — or if you know someone who could use a hello, a get well, a congratulation, or a condolence — send the info to **Sally Borden** at [sally233@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sally233@sbcglobal.net).

### Communications Committee

**VISION:** UU Detroit will be a healthy and active community, featuring efficient, respectful, interesting, and consistent electronic communication throughout the week. Electronic communication will support our face-to-face gatherings, and vice versa. We will be a caring community with well-coordinated means of keeping people without computers and smartphones in the loop. Smaller groups will prosper within our larger community, with many using niche communication technologies, yet also staying connected with the mother ship. With regard to the larger community, we will be accessible and well organized in collaborating on larger goals and in sharing experiences and ideas.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Visit our web page: [Communications Committee](#).

**TO VOLUNTEER:** Speak to chair, **Dan Secrest**, at 313-580-7082 or email [communications@1stuu.org](mailto:communications@1stuu.org).

### Worship Committee

The Worship Committee is such a well-oiled machine that it is now meeting only bi-monthly. The next meeting is on Sunday, **March 11 at 12:30 PM** in the Parlor. Bring your ideas for sermons. Check the Worship section of our [website](#) for more information about our Committee.

### Social Justice Committee

If you're interested in helping to drive social justice in our Congregation, please contact Social Justice Committee chair **Nathan Strickland, Jr.**, at [vicePresident@1stuu.org](mailto:vicePresident@1stuu.org), or join us on the **third Wednesday** of each month from **7:00-8:00 PM** in the Social Hall. The next meeting is **March 21**.



## Committee and Member News ... cont'd



### Sing! Sing! Sing!

Would you like to lift our services with your voice? Contact our Music Director, **Todd Ballou**, at [musicdirector@1stuu.org](mailto:musicdirector@1stuu.org), to join the Choir or to learn more. **Practice is at 9:00 AM** the first three Sundays of the month and there are occasional special performances.

### UU Detroit Greeters

We have a great team of Greeters.  
You know that.  
They are the best huggers.  
And that is a fact.

If you join our team  
You will be happy for sure  
Every Sunday before service  
You get coffee that's pure.

With a smile and your welcome  
Our congregation will grow.  
Because you are the support  
That nourishes the visitors galore.

To join this team  
It is easy as pie.  
Just call Glenn Maxwell  
And then say "Hi."

248-219-5873 anytime.  
See you on Sunday and that will be fine.

### Vespers

**Every month on the fourth Wednesday**, from **6:00-7:00 PM**, one of our poetry mavens reads a selection of seasonally and spiritually appropriate poetry, with music to match. Occasionally there is a special guest speaker.

March Vespers will be held on **March 28** at [Henry Ford Village](#), 15101 Ford Rd, Dearborn, MI, entrance off Greenfield. See our website: <http://1stuu.org/Worship/Vespers/Vespers.php>

### Singing Circle

Singing Circle is open to all. Although scheduled for **every Wednesday at 7:00 PM** in the Social Hall, it

is best to **CONFIRM AHEAD OF TIME** with **Gwen Foss** at [bookdoctorgwen@gmail.com](mailto:bookdoctorgwen@gmail.com).

### Young Adults Activities

Visit the UU Detroit Young Adults Group Facebook page to learn about activities, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/young1stuu/>.

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### Board of Trustees — new meeting day/time/location

At the February Board meeting, your Board of Trustees agreed that, to encourage participation and to make meetings more accessible, **Board meetings will be held on Sunday afternoons**, after the service, in the Parlor.

A tentative schedule of third Sundays was agreed, although immediate future dates will be discussed at the **March 18th** board meeting so that the new Board members may have some input.

All are welcome at Board meetings. If you have an item you wish to have included on the agenda for discussion at the meeting, please contact **Dan Hale**, Board President, at [President@1stuu.org](mailto:President@1stuu.org).

### Welcome to our new Board members!

Your Board is delighted to announce that **Deanna McGraw** and **Sharon Mills** will join the Board as Trustees-at-Large. Thank you for agreeing to serve! We look forward to our first meeting with you — and many more!



## Sundays @UU Detroit ...

### Visitor & Sermon Tables

The Membership Committee is hosting a “Visitor Table” during Social Hour. **Look for the “Visitor Table” sign.**

Want to talk about the Sunday sermon, what it meant to you and how to apply what you heard to your life in the week ahead — or just explore an idea you had while listening? Then **head to the “Sermon Table”** in Social Hour after the service.

Please consider training to be a **Sermon Table moderator** or a **Visitor Table facilitator**. Contact any member of the Membership Committee for more details or email **Deanna McGraw** to sign up — [deanna.mcgraw@sbcglobal.net](mailto:deanna.mcgraw@sbcglobal.net).



### Sermon Topics

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](mailto:worship@1stuu.org).

### “Intro to UU Detroit”

Are you new to the Church, or just interested in learning more about our Church and tradition? “Intro to UU Detroit,” held quarterly, offers introductory information on what the Church is about, and it can be 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!

Upcoming dates are **June 10, September 9, and December 16**. Feel free to contact **Sally Borden** at [sally233@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sally233@sbcglobal.net) for more information.

### We Invite You to Join Us!

If you've been visiting and enjoyed meeting folks at the Visitor Table or discussing the sermons at the Sermon Table — or maybe you just like the potlucks — **why not join our Church?** We welcome you to come forward as a new member on a Sunday morning, present yourself to the community, and sign the membership book. While this is an important ceremony, honoring those who have chosen to identify themselves with our values, our tradition, and our community, you may also simply sign the book privately and let us announce you to our community via this newsletter.

Let any member of the Membership Committee know you're interested so we may welcome you! Or send an email to our Office Administrator, **Nancy Shattuck**, [officeadmin@1stuu.org](mailto:officeadmin@1stuu.org). Nancy will forward your request to the appropriate person.

### Second Sundays: Potluck

Time to break out your best recipe on the second Sunday of each month 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 that day – 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. **Ruby Jones** ([racedancer@hotmail.com](mailto:racedancer@hotmail.com)) has more details.



## Sundays ...cont'd



### 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 or the printed copy on the radiator at the exit door, or send an email to [webmaster@1stuu.org](mailto:webmaster@1stuu.org)!

### 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. Volunteers are needed and urged to help with child care; our policies require two adults in the room at all times. See Child Care Committee Co-Chairs, **Sally Borden** or **Richard Hillier**, for details.

### 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 found in the pew racks 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. Announcements about meetings are more appropriate for Social Hour.



## Building Use ...

In order to secure the future of our Congregation, in 2011 UU Detroit issued a Request for Proposals to invite organizations to take over ownership of the buildings; we focused on those that would work to promote social justice in the community, in line with our mission. After vetting of candidates, the Congregation voted to donate the properties to the **East Michigan Environmental Action Council** with an agreement that we may worship in the Sanctuary in perpetuity.

[EMEAC](#) assumed operation of the facility in [August 2011](#). The tenants are organized as the [Cass Corridor Commons](#), a multi-use nonprofit space and community hub of which we are a member.

The warranty deed transferring the properties from UU Detroit to EMEAC gives us the right to use the Sanctuary, the restrooms, and the Forest parking lot for vespers, weddings, memorial services, and Sunday services. An additional agreement allows use of the facilities on Sunday afternoons and Wednesday evenings. **To reserve a room on Sunday or Wednesday evening**, contact [newsletter@1stuu.org](mailto:newsletter@1stuu.org); **to use the building during our non-delegated days/hours**, contact Dee Collins at [dee@emeac.org](mailto:dee@emeac.org) or 313-556-1702. Dee, who is EMEAC's Finance Manager, will be able to quote rates.

## Community Activities ...

### 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](mailto:dfwiest@comcast.net) for more information.

### EMEAC and CCC

You can find out what's going on with **East Michigan Environmental Action Council** (EMEAC), the owner of our building and manager of the **Cass Corridor Commons** (CCC), by clicking on the [Latest News](#) tab at [www.emeac.org](http://www.emeac.org). UU Detroit is part of the [Cass Corridor Commons](#). The Commons' [Facebook page](#) has up-to-date information.



## Communicating ...

### Let's Stay in Touch!

**Website:** Our webmaster, **Dan Secrest**, keeps our website updated with weekly sermon and worship information as well as posting minutes from monthly Board meetings and adding new information periodically. To stay up-to-date, visit [www.1stuu.org](http://www.1stuu.org). You may contact Dan at [webmaster@1stuu.org](mailto:webmaster@1stuu.org).

**Email listserv:** To receive newsletters, announcements, and other news via email, send an email to: [1stuu+subscribe@1stuu.org](mailto:1stuu+subscribe@1stuu.org).

**Weekly email digest:** Anita "Ruby" Jones compiles Church-related announcements into a weekly email digest, which she sends each Friday via our email listserv, so the announcements will be fresh in our minds for Sunday activities and discussion. Send your announcements to [announcements@1stuu.org](mailto:announcements@1stuu.org).

**Social media** is a great way to get out — or to find out — information about UU Detroit. **Facebook pages** are designed to be the official profiles for entities, such as our Church, **Facebook groups** are the place for small group communication and for people to share their common interests. UU Detroit utilizes both.

- Please go to our Facebook **page** and **like** it: <https://www.facebook.com/1stUUDetroit/>.
- And join our Facebook **group**! Go to: [www.facebook.com/groups/firstUUDetroit](http://www.facebook.com/groups/firstUUDetroit) and click on 

**Our office administrator, Nancy Shattuck**, can put you in touch with other staff or Church members. Email [officeadmin@1stuu.org](mailto:officeadmin@1stuu.org), Nancy will forward your request or question to the appropriate person on the next Sunday she is in the office. You may also **call** 313-833-9107 — voice mails are checked several times a week.

**Our minister**, The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, may be reached at [minister@1stuu.org](mailto:minister@1stuu.org).

### Share our Facebook Posts and Events!

UU Detroit events are created on our [Facebook page](#) and shared to our [Facebook group](#). These include sermons, Vespers, membership activities, and other events. When you see a Facebook event or post about Church activities, Please **LIKE** and **SHARE** on your own newsfeed! Help get the word out about what's going on at UU Detroit.



### Check the Church Calendar!

UU Detroit has use of the Sanctuary for vespers, weddings, and memorial services, for Sunday services, and use of the facilities on Sunday afternoons and Wednesday evenings. **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, reserve a room by sending a detailed email to [newsletter@1stuu.org](mailto:newsletter@1stuu.org). We will get your room scheduled and get information about your event into the newsletter.

### We welcome your feedback!

Your **Newsletter Editors welcome feedback**. Really. We encourage you to send your critiques, comments, ideas, suggestions, compliments, and complaints to [newsletter@1stuu.org](mailto:newsletter@1stuu.org). Please do let us know what you think.





## Policies and Procedures ...

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

Featured P&P of the month: **Official Church Records**

In June 2016, your Board of Trustees approved a [Policies and Procedures Manual](#).

The need for a manual became apparent from 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. Click on any title in the manual's Table of Contents to go directly to a policy.

Since implementing the P&P in June 2016, we've featured a summary of a P&P every month in the newsletter so you may have a chance to know how UU Detroit operates!

The church records **policy** reads "Official Church records shall be maintained by the Board of Trustees, appropriate committees, and staff in a timely manner which corresponds with the fiscal year, program year, and calendar year in accordance with the obligations required by each."



The **procedures** define what are official records: the membership book; the database of members, visitors, and financial contributions; Board minutes; financial statements; the constitution, by-laws, and articles of incorporation; materials prepared by instruction from the Board.

The procedures also give guidance to the Office Administrator on maintaining paper and electronic files.

All personnel files and confidential documents/correspondence are maintained in a locked file drawer accessed exclusively by the Board President, Vice President and Secretary.

Our historical church records are housed at the [Bentley Historical Library](#) at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

## UU Detroit Birthdays ...



### Sending good wishes to UU Detroiters celebrating birthdays!

March 4 — Cynthia ZurSchmiede

March 7 — Janet Thompson

March 11 — Carmen Malis King

March 19 — Joel Batterman, Linda Darga

March 29 — Lencha Acker

March 31 — Janice Berry

**Enjoy your special day!**



## Calendar ...

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

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

### Sunday, March 4

9:00am: Choir Practice — Chancel

11:00am: Worship Service "Holi" (The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, Minister) — Sanctuary

### Wednesday, March 7

7:00pm: Singing Circle (CONFIRM with [bookdoctorgwen@gmail.com](mailto:bookdoctorgwen@gmail.com)) — Social Hall

### Sunday, March 11 — Daylight Saving Time starts

9:00am: Choir Practice — Chancel

11:00am: Worship Service "Remembering Viola Gregg Liuzzo" (The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, Minister) — Sanctuary

12:00pm: Potluck — Social Hall

12:30pm: Worship Committee meeting — Parlor

### Wednesday, March 14

7:00pm: Singing Circle (CONFIRM with [bookdoctorgwen@gmail.com](mailto:bookdoctorgwen@gmail.com)) — Social Hall

### Sunday, March 18

9:00am: Choir Practice — Chancel

11:00am: Worship Service "On St. Patrick" (The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, Minister) — Sanctuary

12:30pm: UU Detroit Board meeting — Parlor

### Monday, March 19

7:30pm: Amnesty International — Parlor

### Wednesday, March 21

7:00pm: Singing Circle (CONFIRM with [bookdoctorgwen@gmail.com](mailto:bookdoctorgwen@gmail.com)) — Social Hall

7:00pm: Social Justice Committee meeting — Parlor

### Sunday, March 25

11:00am: Worship Service "On Unitarian Women Through History" (Danny Rebb, Guest Speaker) — Sanctuary

### Wednesday, March 28

6:00pm: Vespers — [Henry Ford Village](#), 15101 Ford Rd, Dearborn

7:00pm: Singing Circle (CONFIRM with [bookdoctorgwen@gmail.com](mailto:bookdoctorgwen@gmail.com)) — Social Hall



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Sermon topics are listed in the Order of Service each Sunday, posted on the bulletin Board in the Narthex, and may be found on the UU Detroit calendar at <http://www.1stuu.org/calendar.php>.



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## Deadlines & Staff Schedule ...

### 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 [officeadmin@1stuu.org](mailto:officeadmin@1stuu.org) by **12:00 PM Thursday**.

### Newsletter Deadline

**Wednesday, March 20th**

Next issue covers April 1 — April 30, 2018

No submissions accepted after the deadline — send items to [newsletter@1stuu.org](mailto:newsletter@1stuu.org).

### Staff Schedule

**Rev. Murray** preaches three Sundays a month and is available by appointment

Music Director **Todd Ballou** performs and directs the choir three or four Sundays a month

Office Administrator **Nancy Shattuck** works every Sunday from 8:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Child Care Provider **Julia Cuneo** works every Sunday from 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Social Hour Coordinator **Omar Davis** works every Sunday from 10:30 AM – 2:30 PM