



Upcoming Sermon Schedule ...

May 6th — “Faith and Humanism”

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, Minister

Our church is a community of believers and seekers of all kinds, religious and nonreligious. This sermon will explore some of the dimensions of religious humanism and expressions of humanism that help to bring full bloom to the understanding of who we are as individuals and society when we live most fully into our humanity.

May 13th — “Women Creating the Future of Peace”

Colleen Mills, Guest Speaker

Can you feel the excitement of peace surging in the world? Do you believe that peace is not only possible, but necessary for the future of our world and our planet? Let's open our hearts and minds to bring forth that power of peace as we create a world that works for all of humanity. Women and children have been rising up, speaking out, and are determined to be heard. Let's all come together in the name of peace!

May 20th — “On Pentecost”

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, Minister

Throughout the world today, churches of the Christian traditions celebrate a singular holiday called Pentecost. This is the one date in the liturgical calendar that ministers wear red, there is a special interest in fire, and suddenly a lot of talk about the Holy Spirit. Why might Unitarian Universalists be especially connected to this Christian holiday?

May 27th — “Dare to Struggle, Dare to Win”

Yusef Bunchy Shakur, Guest Speaker

My journey of redemption, hope, triumph, and transformation from Zone 8 gang life to Father, freedom fighter, community activist, and grass-roots advocate.

SUNDAY MAY 20 – ANNUAL MEETING:

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation of the First Unitarian-Universalist Church of Detroit has been called for Sunday, **May 20, 2018, 12:30 PM**, in the **Sanctuary**.
Details on [page 5](#).



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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

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WORSHIP SERVICE EVERY
SUNDAY AT 11:00 AM



About Us ... cont'd

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

The inherent worth and dignity of every person;

Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;

Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our Congregations;

A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;

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

The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;

Respect 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 — in the **MidAmerica Region** — www.midamericauua.org.



News & Announcements ...

Women Walking Woodward for Peace

Mother's Day - May 13



Gather at UU Detroit 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 in the Sanctuary, followed by a potluck in the Parlor, of UU Detroit Church.

Because we will be enjoying our potluck in the Parlor rather than the large social hall, please consider bringing finger foods.

More information at <https://www.facebook.com/events/145623742798995/>.

Extreme Energy Summit

May 18-21

Extreme Energy Extraction
Collaborative

May 18-21 will see the [8th Extreme Energy Extraction Summit](#) at the **Cass Corridor Commons**. The Extreme Energy Extraction Collaborative (E3C) is a grassroots, frontline community-led initiative to create a space in which those fighting extreme energy extraction can develop relationships and a

shared framework across issues, making its local work stronger and collective voice larger.

EMEAC is on the host committee, which also includes Michigan EJ Coalition, Soulardarity, the Ecology Center, and local organizers with Global Alliance for Incinerator Alternatives, Climate Justice Alliance, and Sierra Club.

Allied Media Conference & BLUU

June 14-17



The [Allied Media Conference](#) is held every summer in Detroit. The conference brings together a vibrant and diverse community of people using media to incite change: filmmakers, radio producers, technologists, youth organizers, writers, entrepreneurs, musicians, dancers, and artists. We define "media" as anything you use to communicate with the world. You are a media-maker! explores social justice media strategies for a more just, creative and collaborative world. AMC is scheduled for **June 14-17**, on the campus of Wayne State University and other locations, including the **Cass Corridor Commons**. The conference, in its 20th year, has grown to 2500 participants.

This year [Black Lives of UU](#) is bringing black UUs from all over country to AMC to get additional organizing skills as a team to push BLUU's work forward.

See [page 6](#) for more information about UU Detroit's support of BLUU's cohort at AMC.



Committee and Member News ...

UU Detroit thank yous ...

To all my friends at UU Detroit who came to honor my son Steve and to support me and my family and our loss of him:

This is the kind of deep, personal connection that has meant so much to me since joining the church in the 1960s. Moments like these will keep me always connected to First Unitarian Universalist Church of Detroit. Thank you so much.

— Lee Thume

To everyone who made the ceremony of the sixth woman to be ordained in our sanctuary an extraordinary success: THANK YOU!

We enjoyed celebratory words, festive decorations, joyful music, a delicious meal, and comradery. Most importantly, all of you participated in an honored UU tradition, for **YOU**, UU Detroit — with the Community Unitarian Universalists in Brighton — **ordained Julie Brock**.

The ordination was recorded and a [link](#) is on our website under "Events." One of our members may split up the recording by speaker, so check back later for easier listening. We will also be adding photos as they come in. My heart is full of appreciation and love.

— Kathe Stevens

Delegates for our annual assemblies

The Nominating Committee is looking for three [General Assembly](#) delegates and three [Regional Assembly](#) delegates. **GA** is June 20-24, 2018, in Kansas City, MO. GA delegates may participate and vote via live streaming. **RA** is April 5-7, 2019, in St. Louis, MO. RA delegates must attend in person; there is no off-site option. Participating in our annual assemblies is a great experience! If you're interested or for more information, send an email to officeadmin@1stuu.org.



What are some ways to participate in our church life?

Do you know we have an easy way to sign up for volunteer activities in our faith community? We have links on our website under the Worship Committee page to sign up to be a greeter, moderate the visitor table, lead worship, and donate flowers:

[Greeter Signup Sheet](#)

[Visitor Table Signup Sheet](#)

[Worship Leader Signup Sheet](#)

[Flower Donation Signup Sheet](#)

Follow your passion! Be the first to greet our Sunday morning visitors or help explain who we are at the Visitor Table. Be a visible presence as we worship together. Or, if you're more inclined to introspection and quiet, donate the flowers for our Sunday service. There are so many ways to participate!

UU Detroit members are involved in:

Michigan Unitarian Universalist Social Justice Network (**MUUSJN**): <http://www.uujustice.org/>

Black Lives UU: <https://www.uua.org/offices/organizations/blacklivesuu>

Michigan Coalition for Human Rights: <http://www.mchr.org/>

Citizens for Peace: <http://www.citizens4peace.com/>

Gray Panthers of Metro Detroit: www.graypanthersmetrodetroit.org

Peace Action of Michigan: <https://www.peaceactionmich.org/>

Detroit Community of Drummers: <https://www.meetup.com/Detroit-Drumming-Circle-Meetup/>



Committee and Member News ... cont'd

Annual Meeting

Pursuant to Bylaws Article IV, Section 2(A), the Annual Meeting of the Congregation of the First Unitarian-Universalist Church of Detroit has been called for Sunday, **May 20**, 2018, at **12:30 PM**, in the **Sanctuary**. The voting membership will elect a President, Vice-President, delegates for General and Regional Assemblies, and a Nominating Committee, all to serve in the 2018-19 fiscal year. The voting membership will also approve a budget for the next fiscal year, receive committee reports, and consider an amendment to the bylaws to change the quorum requirements for board meetings.

If you are a committee chair or program lead, please submit a **report listing your committee or group's accomplishments for the 2017-18 fiscal year and provide goals for the next (2018-19)**. Send your report to kathestevens@gmail.com by May 7 so they may be compiled, posted on our website, and a few printed for the May 20th annual meeting.

Social Justice opportunities:

ROMANOWSKI PARK

Happy Spring! With the natural world around us slowly — far too slowly for some of us — awakening from its winter rest, it's the perfect time to get out and do something to show our deep respect for the interdependent web of existence.

To that end, the **Social Justice Committee** is looking for a few volunteers to join with American Indian Health and Family Services, Birmingham Unitarian Church, and others to help beautify [Romanowski Park](#) in Southwest Detroit on Saturday, **May 19** from **9:00 AM-noon**.

Plan to meet at the park, located at 4795 Lonyo Street, Detroit (one block south of Michigan Avenue). Contact **Martha Bogner** at martha.bogner@1stuu.org if you're interested.

BLACK LIVES OF UU / ALLIED MEDIA CONFERENCE

Black Lives of UU will bring a cohort to the **Allied Media Conference**, scheduled for **June 14-17**, at the **Cass Corridor Commons**. AMC explores social justice media strategies for a more just, creative and collaborative world. The Social Justice Committee would like to support the BLUU cohort with both home hospitality options and with a "Share the Plate" to specifically offer BLUU support for registration and other costs. See [page 4](#) for more information about the AMC.

MOTOR CITY PRIDE PARADE

The **Motor City Pride Festival** takes place at Hart Plaza in downtown Detroit on June 9th and 10th. Events will include a [parade](#) and a candlelight vigil. The Social Justice Committee invites UU Detroit members and friends to **march in the parade** under the church banner on **June 10**.

HOTTER THAN JULY

In its 23rd year, **Hotter Than July**, scheduled for **July 24-29**, is the second oldest Black LGBT Pride event in the world. It is organized by [LGBT Detroit](#). The Social Justice Committee will be **staffing a table at the event**.

More information about these events at:

[Allied Media Conference](#)

[Black Lives of UU](#)

[Motor City Pride](#)

[Hotter than July](#)

If you have questions, contact **Nate Strickland, Jr.**, committee chair, at vicepresident@1stuu.org. See you there!





Committee and Member News ... cont'd

Interim Board Secretary

Our office administrator, **Nancy Shattuck**, has agreed to take on new duties and will act as the interim Secretary to the Board. Thank you, Nancy!

Membership Committee

The Membership Committee welcomes 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.

Deanna McGraw and **Kathe Stevens** co-chair the Membership Committee. **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 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.

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.

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, **May 13 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.

Welcome to our newest members!



Michelle and **Daniel Phillips** signed our membership book on April 15. Please give them a huge UU Detroit welcome. Thank you, Michelle and Daniel, for joining our faith community. We're so glad to have you with us.



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, 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.

Vespers will be held on **May 23rd** 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.

Young Adults Activities

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

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, or join us on the **third Wednesday** of each month from **7:00-8:00 PM** in the Social Hall. The next meeting is **May 16**. See page 5 for information about the committee's upcoming projects.

Board of Trustees

Board meetings are held the third Sunday of each month, 12:30 PM to 2:30 PM, in the Parlor. However, due to the scheduling of the May 20 annual congregational meeting, this month's meeting of your Board will be on Sunday, **May 6th**.

Future board meeting dates are **June 17**, **July 15**, and **August 19**.

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.



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**. You can sign up here: [Visitor Table Signup](#) or contact **Deanna McGraw** at 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.

“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 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. 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) 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!

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; **to use the building during our non-delegated days/hours**, contact Dee Collins at 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. The next meeting is **May 21st**. Contact **Dan Wiest** at 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. 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. You may contact Dan at webmaster@1stuu.org.

Email listserv: To receive newsletters, announcements, and other news via email, send an email to: 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.

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 and click on 

Our office administrator, Nancy Shattuck, can put you in touch with other staff or Church members. Email 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.

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. 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. 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: **POLICIES & PROCEDURES**

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 featured policy and procedures this month are ... policies & procedures!

The **policy statement** explains that written, Board-approved policies and procedures are necessary to guide the work of all members. All are expected to abide by these policies and procedures.

A Policies and Procedures Manual gives us a platform to organize, plan and communicate. When UU Detroit had a full-time minister with office hours, plus a full time office administrator, church members had a focal spot to obtain information about events, committees, meetings, contact information, etc. We now rely mostly on volunteers to manage and communicate organizational information.

The procedures explain timing, and potential need for, review; how to effect review; and how to implement and distribute any necessary additions or revisions.

The last procedure notes that any Church member, at any time, may request a new policy or a revision. Unitarian Universalist churches operate on [congregational polity](#). Congregational polity gives church members the right — and responsibility — to direct our elected officers in the course of their duties. UU Detroit is only as healthy as the participation of its members.



"We can't call an ambulance. He doesn't allow personal calls on company time."



UU Detroit Birthdays ...

Sending good wishes to UU Detroiters celebrating birthdays!

- 5/5 Mary Lou Malone
- 5/8 Jerry Mitchell
- 5/16 Todd Ballou
- 5/18 Vercina Hollis
- 5/29 Valerie Lauer

Enjoy your special day!



Calendar ...

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

Commons events are in italics

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

Wednesday, May 2

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

Sunday, May 6

8:00am: BUILDING EQUITY AND ALIGNMENT FOR IMPACT (BEA) COMMITTEE MEETING — PARLOR

9:00am: Choir Practice — Chancel

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

12:30pm: UU Detroit Board meeting — Sanctuary

Wednesday, May 9

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

Sunday, May 13 — Mother's Day

8:00am: Women Walking Woodward for Peace — gather at the Commons

9:00am: EJAM TRAINING IN THE SOCIAL HALL — COFFEE HOUR WILL BE IN THE PARLOR

9:00am: Choir Practice — Chancel

11:00am: Worship Service "Women Creating the Future of Peace" (Colleen Mills, Guest Speaker)

12:00pm: Potluck — Parlor FINGER FOODS, PLEASE

Wednesday, May 16

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

7:00pm: Social Justice Committee meeting — Parlor

Friday, May 18 — *EXTREME ENERGY SUMMIT @ THE COMMONS*

Saturday, May 19 — *EXTREME ENERGY SUMMIT @ THE COMMONS*

Sunday, May 20 — *EXTREME ENERGY SUMMIT @ THE COMMONS*

9:00am: Choir Practice — Chancel

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

12:30pm: UU Detroit Annual Congregational Meeting — Sanctuary

Monday, May 21

7:30pm: Amnesty International — Parlor

Wednesday, May 23

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

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

Sunday, May 27

11:00am: Worship Service "Dare to Struggle, Dare to Win" (Yusef Bunchy Shakur, Guest Speaker) — Sanctuary

Monday, May 28 — Memorial Day

Wednesday, May 30

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



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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 by **12:00 PM Thursday**.

Newsletter Deadline

Sunday, May 20th

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

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