Today's Music

Today we welcome back our guest musician, Hannah Waterstone.

Prelude: Over the River and Through the Woods

Traditional

Musical Meditation: *In the Key of Gratitude*

Hannah Waterstone

Offertory: *Come Ye Thankful People, Come*

George Elvey

Recessional: Sleigh Ride

Leroy Andersen

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Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, Interim Minister Todd Ballou, Music Director Alexis Mitchell, Office Administrator Alyssa Bond, Social Hour Coordinator

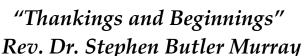
Today's Ushers: Jerry Williams Anita Jones

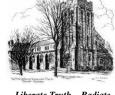
Today's Greeters: Sherry A Wells Deanna McGraw **Hearing Assistance** devices are available from any of our ushers.

Large Print Hymnals are available from the **Greeters** in the back of the church.

Please visit us at www.1stuu.org; email the church secretary, Alexis, at info@1stuu.org; or give us a call at (313) 833-9107.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

ENTERING

Lighting of Candles

Singing Together #21 For the Beauty of the Earth

#355 We Lift Our Hearts in Thanks #365 Enter, Rejoice, and Come In

WELCOME - Dan Secrest, Worship Leader

CENTERING

Prelude

Calling To Worship

Kindling the Flame

Opening Hymn* #349 We Gather Together

DEEPENING

Silent Meditation

Invocation

Musical Meditation

Reading Message

RETURNING

Offering

Closing Hymn* #224 Let Christmas Come

Benediction

All are invited to the Social Hall for coffee, cookies, conversation. (* indicates times to stand in body or spirit)

Announcements and Events - November 29, 2015

Book Sale

Several different UU-related books will be available for sale after church for the immediate future. Books are \$5 or a donation, and funds will go to the Centennial Fund. Contact Nancy Owen Nelson with questions at nelnan@aol.com

December Vespers Cancelled

Considering everybody's busy holiday schedules (including the "Vesperator's") we've decided to skip this month. We'll start the New Year on the 4th Wednesday in January. Look for details soon. Al Acker

Membership Committee Meeting

December 2nd, 6:00 pm, there will be a Membership Committee Meeting at the Church. The specific place in the Church will be determined on the date of the meeting.

Special Congregational Meeting

There will be a special congregational meeting on Sunday, 12/13/15, at 1:00 PM in the Sanctuary, to vote on a slate to fill a Settled Minister Search Committee. An update to the budget will be presented at the meeting as well as the roll-out of the 2016 Strategic Plan. No vote is required on either the budget or the plan.

Membership Book Signing

The next Membership Book signing will be Sunday, **December 13th**, at the end of the Service, for all new and returning members of First UU. Potential members do not have to attend the "Intro to First UU" session to become members. Please contact Regina Weiss to ensure the Membership Committee has the correct personal information.

Membership Committee Announcements

January 2016-The Membership Committee will be kicking-off the "100-4-100" Campaign. More details to follow.

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EMEAC's Winter Blast Fundraiser

Please consider contributing to EMEAC's "Winter Blast Fundraiser" to support building operations this winter. The fundraiser will run through **January 31**, 2016: 100 Days – \$100 Dollars – 100 Donors. All donations are tax deductible. Donate your \$100 online at www.emeac.org or send donations to EMEAC, 4605 Cass Avenue, Detroit, MI 48201

Sunday Sermons and Activities

12/6 11:00 a.m. Sermon, "Entering Hannukah"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray

Our Jewish friends are about to enter one of the most popular, if least important, of the Jewish holidays: Hannukah. What is this holiday, and how has it come to take on such prominence when it is, in fact, a minor holiday. What might message of Hannukah mean for those who appreciate the wisdom of Judaism from outside of its traditions?

Intro to First UU

Learn how to become a member of First Church, by attending the Intro to First UU session Sunday, **December 6th**, in the Church House. All those who are interested in finding out more information about Unitarian-Universalism are encouraged to attend.