

FIRST UNITARIAN-UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF DETROIT NEWSLETTER


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EDITION

Upcoming Sermon Schedule ...

February 4th — “Roots and Wings”

Guest Minister

Unitarian Universalism is a covenantal faith, not a creedal one. We will explore the origins of our covenantal faith and how we might live into the promises we make to one another today.

February 11th — “The Legacy of Howard Thurman”

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, Minister

During our recognition of Black History month, an important legacy to consider is that of Howard Thurman, former Dean of the Chapel at both Boston University and Howard University, and founding co-pastor of the Church for the Fellowship of All Peoples in San Francisco, the first intentionally inter-racial Church in the United States.

February 18th — “Mass Incarceration for Profit”

Abayomi Azikiwe, Guest Speaker

There has always been a monetary basis underlying the character of correctional institutions in the United States. From slavery, reconstruction, post-reconstruction to the privatization of prisons, the criminalization of African Americans and other oppressed peoples is clearly linked to the maintenance of the social *status quo*. Movements for social justice in 21st century America must embrace the struggle to reform law-enforcement, the courts and prisons by uprooting the racial and class character of the criminal justice hierarchy.

February 25th — “The Womanist Movement”

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, Minister

On this weekend that marks a transition from Black History Month to Women's History Month, I think it is important to mark the rise of the womanist movement, which differentiates the priorities of black women from those of the feminist movement, which tends to focus on the issues of white women.

!!! NEWSLETTER UPDATES !!!

Your newsletter has been reformatted and revised and content added. Let us know what you think at newsletter@1stuu.org



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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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SUNDAY AT 11:00 AM



About Us ... cont'd

We affirm and promote **seven Principles**.

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.

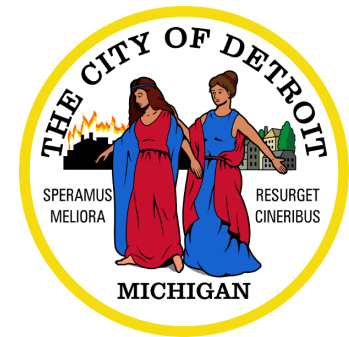
- 1 The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- 2 Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- 3 Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our Congregations;
- 4 A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- 5 The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our Congregations and in society at large;
- 6 The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
- 7 Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

Our history of social justice in the world and advocacy for Detroit is long and strong. Those who have worshipped, spoken, met, and/or organized at the corner of Cass & Forest include groundbreaking African-Americans, civil rights advocates and martyrs, LGBTQ forerunners, progressive politicians, icons of women's and workers' rights movements, social justice organizers, environmental activists, educators, feminists, authors, musicians, poets, and promoters of and martyrs for peace.

Our fight 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 and Announcements ...

BLACK HISTORY MONTH KICK-OFF: CELEBRATING BLACK CREATIVITY @ THE DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS — FEBRUARY 2

Andy Malone, who grew up at UU Detroit and is the son of **Mary Lou Malone**, will be one of the artists participating in the DIA's programming honoring the creative and social movements in Detroit's African American communities. Andy's interactive art and games will be on display **February 2 from 9:00 - 11:00 PM**. More info about the event at <https://www.facebook.com/events/124659561671056/>. Andy's website is <http://www.andymalone.com/>. Let's turn out to cheer on Andy!

MATT WATROBA BENEFIT CONCERT — FEBRUARY 7

for hurricane victims in Puerto Rico

@ Beacon UU, 4230 Livernois Rd., Troy MI

[Beacon UU](#) in Troy will be hosting a benefit concert and community sing starring Matt Watroba on Wednesday, **February 7th, @ 7:00 PM**. Many of you know Matt and know he has an infectious way of getting the audience to sing right along with him!

Please mark your calendar and join us as we raise donations for the victims of Hurricane's Irma and Maria in Puerto Rico. These two back to back hurricanes left Puerto Rico in the dark, without food and without medical help. After nearly 3 months just 50% of the power has been restored, with most of that going to hospitals, police, and fire departments. Most schools are still closed and those that are open are in unsafe buildings. Many parents are now sending their children to live with friends and relatives in Florida and other states so that they may attend school (a tragedy in itself).

We look forward to "packing the house"! Questions or more information, contact Margaret Feldhus at: feldhus9394@gmail.com.

Pictured: Matt Watroba
Photo: mattwatroba.net/bio



EMEAC EVENT — FEBRUARY 11

EMEAC is hosting a Commons event on Sunday, **February 11**, beginning at **3:00 PM**. Posting a friendly reminder to not linger in Social Hour that day so that we may respectfully share our common space.

Julie Brock Ordination April 22

Former UU Detroit **Julie Brock** will be ordained in our Sanctuary on **Sunday, April 22 @3:30 PM**. A catered reception will follow. Julie grew up at UU Detroit and will be the sixth woman ordained in our Sanctuary!

The Rev. Dr. Dorsey O. Blake, Presiding Minister of The Church for The Fellowship of All Peoples, will preach the sermon. Dr. Blake is continuing the legacy of Howard Thurman, about whom you'll hear more at our February 11th service!

Julie is the Consulting Minister at Community Unitarian Universalist Church in Brighton, MI and we will be co-ordaining Julie with CUUB. UU Detroit Committee members are **Dessa Cosma, Colleen Dolan-Greene & Kathe Stevens** — CUUB Committee members are Liz Firek, Sue Kelly, Bill Martin & Robin Rogers-Reef.

We're looking forward to welcoming Dr. Blake, other participants and guests, and members of CUUB to our Sanctuary to continue our tradition of honoring women, in a warm and meaningful ceremony with good food to follow! (Of course.)



Committee and Member News ...

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

Rebecca Cooke & Russ Loraine signed our Membership Book on January 14. We're so glad you've officially joined us! Welcome to our community. We look forward to getting to know you better.



Board of Trustees Meetings

Board meetings are held from **7:00 - 9:00 PM** on the second Thursday of each month. **PLEASE NOTE** the meetings are being **relocated** from the Whole Foods Community Room to the Parlor starting with the **February 8**, 2018 meeting and continuing with the **March 8** meeting and thereafter.

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.

Get Involved With Church Governance

Would you like to become involved in the governance of our Church? There's no better way than to serve on the Board. Consider volunteering as Board Secretary. You'll have a group of committed and seasoned folks with which to work.

Our bylaws Article VII, §3, state that the Secretary "shall keep accurate records of all meetings of the Church and Board of Trustees; give notice of meetings; maintain a list of all Members; and have custody of all records, including the list of Voting Members."

In practice, the Board Secretary assembles and distributes the packets for monthly Board meetings and the annual Congregational meeting, works with the President to create an agenda, and records minutes for all meetings.

All duties can be aligned to your time constraints, talents, interests, and wishes. **Contact Board President Dan Hale for details:** President@1stuu.org.

Appreciation for Outgoing Board Members

Maysel Brooks and **Joel Fortgang** are resigning their Board Trustee positions for personal reasons. Your service to our Congregation is appreciated. The Board of Trustees is grateful that you were able to participate in governing at UU Detroit. **We'll miss your contributions ... and YOU.**

Thank you, Mark Schwing!

Every week, in rain or snow or sleet or hail — or temperatures in the teens — **Mark Schwing** posts the upcoming sermon title on the sign at the corner of Cass and Forest so we may promote our Sunday services. Mark, a talented local artist, maneuvers letters and numbers in a limited space and somehow makes it work every week. **We thank you for helping us to reach out to the larger community.**



Committee and Member News ... cont'd

Membership Committee

Meet your Membership Committee: **Sally Borden** conducts the "Intro to UU Detroit" classes; **Glenn Maxwell** organizes our Greeters; **Maysel Brooks, Joel Fortgang, Deanna McGraw, Sharon Mills,** and **Kathe Stevens** 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. More info on [page 9](#).

Sally Borden is facilitating an "Intro to UU Detroit" class on **February 25** in the Parlor. More info on [page 9](#).

See any committee member for information on joining our Church; more info on [page 10](#). We welcome you! 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 nelan@aol.com to provide a network for communication and support. Care Committee member **Sally Borden** puts out cards for us to sign on Sunday mornings.

Have you signed a birthday card or two (or more) on the radiator 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** via officeadmin@1stuu.org.

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, **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.

Put the "Drive" In Our Pledge Drive

Would you like to be part of our annual Canvass Campaign? The Canvass Campaign, a/k/a our pledge drive, is our biggest fundraiser of the year. We present information to our Congregation about our accomplishments and our goals and ask for support for the next pledge year. The Canvass Campaign for our 2018-2019 pledge year kicks off in the Spring of 2018 and ends by June 2018.

Please consider being part of this important and fun endeavor. No financial background needed: our intrepid Finance Committee will provide the number crunching; you will provide the enthusiasm and creativity. You'll have plenty of support from the Board, the Finance Committee, and seasoned pledge drive volunteers who will be happy to help you.

Contact Board President **Dan Hale** at President@1stuu.org to volunteer or for more information.



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.

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.

UU Detroit Greeters

Want to be the first person to meet people coming to Church on Sunday mornings? Don't have time to make yourself a cup of coffee before heading to Church on Sunday mornings?

You can be on top of things AND solve your coffee problem by becoming a Greeter!

Tim Bailey is now providing coffee and fixings in the Narthex to rev up the Greeters for their service.

Besides wearing a friendly smile and handing out the Order of Service, there's just a few other things you need to do. **Glenn Maxwell** is happy to sign you up as a Greeter and fill you in. Feel free to catch him on Sunday morning or phone/text 248-219-5873 or send him an email at detroitglenn@gmail.com.

For all you who have been cheerfully greeting on a regular basis and don't need an introduction, please feel free to **volunteer** on the [Greeter Sign-Up](#) sheet on our website.

Thank you, Roger Zeigler!

Many thanks to **Roger Zeigler** for buying many of our birthday, get well, and condolence cards in recent months. **Your contribution is much appreciated.**

Join the Board of Trustees

As the general governing body of the Church, the Board of Trustees establishes policies for the governance of UU Detroit and conducts its business and financial affairs.

Would you like to become part of a team of committed Church members who volunteer so we may thrive and survive into the future? We have openings for two Board members. Duties are set out in our [bylaws](#), specifically at Article V, §1.

Our Board President, **Dan Hale**, will be glad to discuss this exciting possibility with you. **Contact Dan at:** President@1stuu.org. The Board meets on the **second Thursday of each month from 7:00-9:00 PM.**

Thank you, Sunday morning organizers

UU Detroit volunteers are always busy on Sunday mornings organizing our Sanctuary before each service. The Choir practices, candles are lit, water is fetched, hymn numbers are put up on the Boards, flowers are set out on the table, pews are tidied, cards are placed on the radiators to sign, and guest speakers are welcomed. We all reap the benefits of these pre-service efforts, which create community and enhance the spirituality of our services. **We appreciate all of you!**

Lead Our Radical Hospitality

Are you interested in being at the forefront of membership in our community? Do you enjoy organizing or do you prefer networking? Whatever your interest or talent, the Membership Committee will welcome your leadership as chair or co-chair. It's a great opportunity to get to know new people in the Church and have an influence on how we are seen in the community. Please contact any our Board President, **Dan Hale:** President@1stuu.org.



Committee and Member News ... cont'd

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 **February 21**.

On January 21, the Social Justice Committee organized a group to go to the Arab-American Museum's exhibit of "**THEM: Objects of Separation, Hate and Violence**," artifacts and images from the early 20th century to the present, which reflect and encourage separation, hate, and violence to expose the prevalence of stereotyping in our society and help visitors resist these messages. Seven UU Detroit members toured the exhibit and shared a meal after. We discussed our reactions and thoughts. **Thanks — especially to Nate Strickland, Jr. — for organizing.**

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.

February Vespers will be held on **February 28** at [Henry Ford Village](#) in Dearborn. Ruby Jones will be presenting poetry and music relevant to Black History Month. More details on the exact location within HFV, and on Ruby's presentation, will be circulated at a later date. Contact **Dan Secrest** at danielsecrest@gmail.com or 313-580-7082 with any questions or 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.

My UU Home Away From Home, Sherry A. Wells

Several times a year I drive to SE Georgia to work on my parents' "estate." In the next county over, in a university town, is the U. U. Fellowship of Statesboro (www.uustatesboro.org/). Outside their building waves an LGBT flag and more recently, a Black Lives Matter banner. Its "green" Order of Service is reused, but the office volunteer could see I was happy to keep one.

They begin with a Congregational Affirmation: "Love is the spirit of this fellowship, and service is its prayer. This is our great covenant: To dwell together in peace, to seek the truth in love, and to help one another."

They sing, "Rise up oh Flame" for the chalice lighting. Then there's Greeting One Another and Guests — our version is during the squircle. (Next time, I'll tell them about that!)

There's a Children's Story at the front before Religious Education. They form a bridge of their arms for the Children's Recessional to RE. Reading, Meditation, and for their invocation, they sing "Spirit of Life," as we do.

They close with the Chalice and "We extinguish this flame, but not the light of truth, the warmth of community, or the fire of commitment. These we carry in our hearts until we are together again." And Singing Our Benediction: "Go now in peace [2x]. May the Spirit of Love surround you everywhere, everywhere you may go."

And, of course, there's coffee and conversation. I am befriended by one or two new-to-me members each time. There's an "After-words" informal discussion. One was about the issue of Confederate memorials/honoring fallen soldiers after an historian gave a talk. I took notes and will summarize them for another newsletter. Very interesting to have a Southern perspective.



Sundays @UU Detroit ...

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.

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.

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.

“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 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! **2018 classes** are scheduled for **February 25, June 10, September 9,** and **December 16**. See **Sally Borden** for more information.

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. Contact **Ruby Jones** (racedancer@hotmail.com) for more 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 which can be 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. Please note that announcements about meetings are more appropriate for Social Hour.



Sundays ...cont'd

Become a Member!

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**, officeadmiin@lstuu.org. Nancy will forward your request to the appropriate person.

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, **Nancy Shattuck**, after the service, or send an email to webmaster@lstuu.org!



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.

UU Detroit has use of the Sanctuary for Sunday services, weddings, and memorial services and use of the facilities on Wednesday evenings. **To reserve a room on Sundays or Wednesdays**, contact newsletter@lstuu.org; **to use the building during our non-delegated days/hours**, contact Dee Collins, EMEAC Finance Manager, at 313-556-1702 or dee@emeac.org. Dee 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 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.

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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 IT** and **SHARE IT** on your own newsfeed! Help get the word out about what's going on at UU Detroit.



Check the Church Calendar!

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. Webmaster **Dan Secrest**, Office Administrator **Nancy Shattuck**, or Newsletter Editor **Kathe Stevens** 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: **Newsletter**

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 newsletter **policy** begins "The newsletter's purpose is to provide information to UU Detroit members and friends in a clear, concise manner that enhances and promotes the mission of the Church."

It goes on to state: "The newsletter is viewed as a part of a larger effort to communicate effectively to those within UU Detroit and to the larger metropolitan Detroit community regarding Detroit values in action. It is recognized that reasonably frequent communications are advisable, that communications in the newsletter should model behaviors we are seeking within our Church community, and that the newsletter should be prepared in such a way as to be inviting to new or potential members as well as interesting, informative, stimulating, and appreciative to those within the Church community."

The **procedures** cover production and content, guidelines for the Newsletter Editor and submitters, deadlines, and privacy.

Your Church newsletter is a great source of information about what's going on with the Church and its members. Feel free to submit articles about UU Detroit life, denominational affairs, important social justice events, etc. to newsletter@1stuu.org. All submissions are subject to approval or edits by the Newsletter Editor.

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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, February 4

9:00 AM: Choir Practice — Chancel
11:00 AM: Worship Service "Roots and Wings" (Guest Minister) — Sanctuary

Wednesday, February 7

7:00 PM: Singing Circle [confirm with bookdoctorgwen@gmail.com] — Social Hall

Thursday, February 8

7:00 PM: Board Meeting — Parlor

Sunday, February 11

9:00 AM: Choir Practice — Chancel
11:00 AM: Worship Service "The Legacy of Howard Thurman" (Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, Minister) — Sanctuary
12:00 PM: Potluck — Social Hall
3:00 PM: EMEAC event — Commons

Wednesday, February 14

7:00 PM: Singing Circle — Social Hall

Sunday, February 18

9:00 AM: Choir Practice — Chancel
11:00 AM: Worship Service "Mass Incarceration for Profit" (Abayomi Azikiwe, Guest Speaker) — Sanctuary

Monday, February 19

7:30 PM: Amnesty International — Parlor

Wednesday, February 21

7:00 PM: Singing Circle — Social Hall
7:00 PM: Social Justice Committee — Parlor

Sunday, February 25

11:00 AM: Worship Service "The Womanist Movement" (Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, Minister) — Sanctuary
12:30 PM: "Intro to UU Detroit" — Parlor

Wednesday, February 28

6:00 PM: Vespers — Henry Ford Village, 15101 Ford Rd, Dearborn
7:00 PM: Singing Circle — Social Hall



The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray

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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Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday, February 20th

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