# FIRST UNITARIAN-UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF DETROIT NEWSLETTER



## Upcoming Sermon Schedule ...

#### January 7th — "Listening, A Revolutionary Act"

Satori Shakoor, Guest Speaker
Listening, at its highest level, is the possibility of love. We welcome back to our pulpit Satori Shakoor, Executive Director of The Society for the re-Institutionalization of Storytelling and a host of The Secret Society of Twisted Storytellers. She has received international acclaim as a singer with "Parliament/Funkadelic" and is one of "The Brides of Funkenstein." Ms. Shakoor, who previously honored our pulpit in February of 2015 and 2016, will share her storytelling and



musical talents with the congregation.

### January 14th — "The Legacy of King"

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, Minister
This year, as we commemorate the 50th anniversary of the death of
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., we will assess the legacy of King's ministry
of reconciliation and racial justice today.

#### January 21st — "World Religion Day"

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, Minister
World Religion Day promotes interfaith understanding and harmony
by encouraging believers from different faiths to acknowledge,
understand, and accept the differences and similarities between
the world's many religions. World Religion Day was first proclaimed
by the Baha'i faith in 1950.

### January 28th — "Planting and Life"

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, Minister
In the Jewish calendar, January 31st will be the holiday Tu B'shebat, which celebrates tree plantings and making the land more vibrant and healthy. We recognize tree planting and land restoration projects which improve the viability of the land, and the resources that the land then provides back to the people.



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## About Us ...

UU Detroit is a member of the **UNITARIAN-UNIVERSALIST ASSOCIATION OF CONGREGATIONS** — <u>www.uua.org</u> — in the **MIDAMERICA REGION** — <u>www.MIDAMERICAUUA.ORG</u>.

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**.

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The symbol of our faith is a Flaming Chalice.

We affirm and promote seven Principles.

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

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



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

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



We are a proud member of the Cass Corridor Commons.



We are a <u>UUA-recognized</u> Welcoming Congregation



Black Lives Matter to Unitarian Universalists.

First Unitarian-Universalist Church Organizational Chart 2017—2018

#### **OFFICERS:**

President Dan Hale

VICE PRESIDENT Nathan Strickland, Jr.

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT Kathe Stevens

BOARD SECRETARY
To Be Appointed

TREASURER Bob Lauer

#### TRUSTEES-AT-LARGE:

Maysel Brooks Joel Fortgang Dan Secrest Dan Wiest

#### **STAFF:**

MINISTER
The Rev. Dr. Stephen
Butler Murray

Music Director Todd Ballou

Office Administrator
Nancy Shattuck

CHILD CARE PROVIDER

Julia Cuneo

SOCIAL HOUR COORDINATOR

Omar Davis

WORSHIP SERVICE EVERY SUNDAY AT 11:00 AM



## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS ...

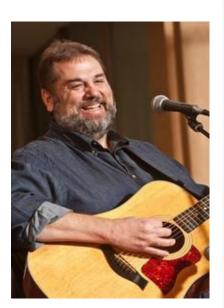
## LIVING WILL WORKSHOP with our own Sherry D. Wells

Join us on **January 21, 2018 @ 12:45 pm** after church in the Parlor for a **Living Will Workshop**. We can be each other's witnesses and "get 'er done!" It includes a checklist of options to inform the person you choose as Patient Advocate, to deal with the doctors when you are unable to do so. Determine which two people you'd want to appoint — they need to accept that honor on a form I'll give you.

Contact Sherry A. Wells, JD — 248-219-8477 — <a href="mailto:sherry-sherwells@tm.net">sherwells@tm.net</a>.

**DUE TO THE** Congregational Discussion of Music Program which takes place the same Sunday (January 21st), Sherry will offer the Living Will Workshop again, at a date in the near future. Watch for announcements in an upcoming weekly email digest and newsletter!

Pictured:: Matt Watroba Photo: mattwatroba.net/bio



### MATT WATROBA BENEFIT CONCERT

#### for hurricane victims in Puerto Rico

February 7th — 7:00 p.m. — Beacon UU, 4230 Livernois Rd., Troy MI 48098

<u>Beacon UU</u> in Troy will be hosting a benefit concert and community sing staring 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'!

If you have any questions you may contact Margaret Feldhus at: <a href="mailto:feldhus9394@gmail.com">feldhus9394@gmail.com</a>.

## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS ... cont'd

## DOING OUR OWN WORK: AN ANTI-RACISM SEMINAR FOR WHITE PEOPLE



## Allies for change

www.alliesforchange.org

At this time in our nation, we are witnessing an alarming resurgence of white supremacy and state sanctioned violence. It is imperative that those of us who are white do the deep work required to claim and embody an anti-racist identity, understand the privilege we carry, and interrupt racism where we live, work, study, and volunteer. Doing Our Own Work helps white people move through places where we often get stuck, so that we can step up with courage, clarity, humility, and compassion to participate in movements led by people of color and help move other white people to greater anti-racist awareness and action.

If you are a white person who is ready to dive deep and come up stronger for the work of racial justice, join us!

Dates: Feb. 23 & 24, March 16 & 17, and April 13 & 14. Attendance at all sessions required.

**Time**: Fridays, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm; Saturdays, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm.

**Location**: First Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Ann Arbor MI. Barrier-free facility.

**Cost**: \$475. Includes program, resource materials, snacks, and beverages for all six days. Scholarships and/or time payment plan available. We are committed to making this seminar financially accessible for all who wish to participate.

**Facilitators**: Dessa Cosma (UU Detroit member and social activist) and Melanie S. Morrison (author, speaker, anti-oppression educator).

Information and registration: <a href="http://alliesforchange.org/doow-ann-arbor.html">http://alliesforchange.org/doow-ann-arbor.html</a>

Contact: melaniemorrison@alliesforchange.org

#### REGISTER EARLY BECAUSE ENROLLMENT IS LIMITED TO 20 PARTICIPANTS!!



## Committee and Member News ...

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

A BIG SHOUT to **Elizabeth & Scott Lehto**, **Martha Bogner**, and **Arne & Lyndi Johnston**, all of whom recently signed our Membership Book. Congratulations on joining UU Detroit. We look forward to continuing in community with you and getting to know you. Welcome Elizabeth, Scott, Martha, Arne, Lyndi, and, of course, Gus (Lyndi & Arne's son!

## THANK YOU TO OUR HOLIDAY DECORATORS

THANK YOU to the folks who helped clean and decorate the sanctuary for the holidays: Tim Bailey and his crew, Maysel Brooks, Arthur Gabhart, Sharlene Gage, Glenn Maxwell, Susan Matthews, Kathe Stevens, and Dan Wiest.

A special thanks to Dan Wiest for organizing and ordering the tree and roping.

Susan Matthews is our ribbon and greens expert. Thanks to Susan, the church has beautiful greens and bows on the chancel steps, on the pews, and in the narthex ... well, just about everywhere! Next time you see Susan, please tell how much you enjoy the festive decorations.

Watch the Order of Service for an announcement about clean-up — YOU can be a Holiday Un-decorator! Or ask Dan Wiest about details: <a href="mailto:dfwiest@comcast.net">dfwiest@comcast.net</a>.

## THANK YOU FOR AN OUTSTANDING CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE!

Thank you to **Todd Ballou**, to the members of our choir who were in town and able to get out in the snowstorm — **Linda Darga**, **Gwen Foss**,

Yvanne Hamm, John Sargent, Dan Secrest, Lee Thume — and to Rev. Murray: the Christmas Eve service was outstanding! The music thrilled and we appreciated that Rev. Murray gave his best while still recuperating from the flu and with a 4.5-hour drive to Buffalo ahead of him (which turned into an 8-hour drive because of the snowstorm).



Susan Matthews and **Joan Smykowski** added a special glow by sprucing up our historic candelabras!

And the ubiquitous Dan Wiest, Tim Bailey, and Glenn Maxwell handled lighting as the service progressed and made sure the social hour was full of coffee and cookies.

## THANK YOU TO THE "COMFORT CREW"

**Tim Bailey, Dan Wiest**, and **Glenn Maxwell** can be found at the church on Saturdays and early on Sunday morning, making sure the temperatures are regulated and we're safe.

These de facto members of our Buildings & Grounds committee keep an eye on the boiler in the winter to make sure we're warm. They shovel and salt so we can get into the church without slipping on ice or slogging through snow. In the summer they open windows and run fans to keep us as cool as possible. And have you noticed light bulbs have been replaced in the sanctuary chandeliers? That took some ladder climbing!

Next time you see them, please give them a big **THANK YOU!** 

And a big, bigger, biggest **THANK YOU** to Tim, Dan, Glenn, and **Arthur Gabhart** for their extraordinary efforts on Christmas Eve. While the rest of us were sipping egg nog and wrapping gifts, these four were at church by 5:30 PM, shoveling and salting the sidewalk on Cass and Forest around the sanctuary, the Forest parking lot, and the ramp and sidewalk leading to the Forest door.

**EDITION** 

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

### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS**

Board meetings are held from **7:00** - **9:00 PM**. on the second Thursday of each month at the Whole Foods Community Room. The dates of the next two meetings are **January 11** and **February 8**. All are welcome at Board meetings. Whole Foods Market is located at 115 Mack Ave (corner of John R), Detroit. If you have an item you wish to have included on the agenda for discussion at the meeting, please contact **Dan Hale**, Board President, at <a href="mailto:president@lstuu.org">president@lstuu.org</a>.



## THANK YOU, DANNY REBB!

### **GREETERS NEEDED!**

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 <a href="mailto:detroitglenn@gmail.com">detroitglenn@gmail.com</a>.

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 <u>Greeter Sign-Up</u> sheet on our website.

Our board secretary, Danny Rebb, is resigning due to personal interests. While Danny has remained a constant through his own serious illness and his mom's, including the loss of his mother last year, he has had the good fortune and talent to have his photography career ramp up and has enjoyed other good personal developments as well — resulting in an extremely busy schedule!

We are very happy for Danny and wish him well in all his pursuits.

The board will be reaching out to our congregation to ask for a volunteer to serve as secretary.

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, including working with the president to create an agenda, and records minutes for all meetings. The membership list is kept in Power Church, a program used by the church for its financial and membership records. There is a bit of UUA record-keeping as well. Details of the duties, which can be aligned to your skills, are on our website under Board Members and Committee Chairs.

If you'd like to become deeply 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 mentorship from former church secretaries and a group of committed folks with which to work.

Contact Dan Hale for details: president@1stuu.org.



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

### **WORSHIP COMMITTEE**

The Worship Committee meets next on Sunday, January 14th at 12:30 P.M. in the Parlor. Bring your ideas for sermons. Check the Worship section of our website for more information about our Committee.

### MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

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.

The Membership Committee is hosting a "Visitor Table" during Social Hour. You are invited to join with members of the committee — Sally Borden, Maysel Brooks, Joel Fortgang, Glenn Maxwell, Deanna McGraw, Sharon Mills, and Kathe Stevens — whether you are a visitor or want to meet visitors to our church. Look for the "Visitor Table" sign.

Dessa Cosma and Sally Borden are facilitating "Intro to UU Detroit" classes on **February 25**, **June 10**, **September 9**, and **December 16** in 2018.

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! Membership C o m m i t t e e c h a i r D e s s a C o s m a, dessacosma@gmail.com is available to schedule a date for you to sign our membership book. Or visit our Membership page on the UU Detroit website.

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.

#### 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 <a href="mailto:vicepresident@1stuu.org">vicepresident@1stuu.org</a>, or join us on the **third Wednesday** of each month from **7:00-8:00 PM** in the Social Hall.

#### CARE COMMITTEE

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

#### CANVASS CHAIR NEEDED!

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 will kick kicks off in Spring 2018. and end by June 2018.

Please consider being part of this important and fun imitative. No financial background needed: our intrepid Finance Committee will provide the number crunching; you will provide the enthusiasm and creativity.

Contact board president Dan Hale at <a href="mailto:president@1stuu.org">president@1stuu.org</a>.

#### 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 Communications Committee.

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



## Sundays & Wednesdays ...

WEDNESDAYS AT UU DETRO

## **Singing Circle**

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

## **Committee Meetings**

Many committee meetings are scheduled on Wednesday nights. Check for dates on our Church <u>calendar</u> or under Committee & Member News.

## **Vespers**

Every month on the fourth Wednesday, 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.) 6:00 - 7:00 PM. See our website for more information:

http://lstuu.org/Worship/vespers/vespers.php

## Sundays at UU Detroit Child Care

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## "Intro to UU Detroit"

Are you new to the Church, or just interested in learning more about our Church and tradition? The "Intro to UU Detroit" class offers introductory information on what the Church is all about, and it is an important step toward becoming a member. There are two objectives: one is to share information on the Unitarian Universalist tradition as a whole, and a second goal is to focus specifically on the history and traditions of UU Detroit. Please do attend: we are proud of who we are, and we want you to be proud to be with us! 2018 classes are scheduled for February 25, June 10, September 9, and December 16. Contact Dessa Cosma, dessacosma@amail.com, for more information.

## **Welcoming New Members**

Do you wish to come forward as a new member, present yourself to the community, and sign the membership book? This is an important ceremony honoring those who have chosen to identify themselves with our values, our tradition, and our community. Let Membership Committee Chair, **Dessa Cosma**, know you're interested so we may welcome you! <a href="mailto:dessacosma@gmail.com">dessacosma@gmail.com</a>.

## **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** (<u>racedancer@hotmail.com</u>) 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 backs of the pews, and place the card in the offering basket during the collection. Milestones and visitor names will be passed to the Minister for sharing as part of our closing circle. Please note that announcements about meetings are more appropriate for coffee hour.

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.





## Communicating and Organizing ...

## Let's Stay in Touch!

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 <a href="www.1stuu.org">www.1stuu.org</a>. You may contact Dan at webmaster@1stuu.org.

Anita "Ruby" Jones compiles church-related announcements into a weekly email digest, which she sends each Friday via the church email group, so the announcements will be fresh in our minds for Sunday activities and discussion. Send your announcements to announcements@1stuu.ora.

To sign up to receive Ruby's digest, newsletters, and other announcements via the church email group, send an email to: <a href="mailto:1stuu+subscribe@1stuu.org">1stuu+subscribe@1stuu.org</a>.

Social media is a great way to get out news about our church:. Like our Facebook page <a href="https://www.facebook.com/1stUUDetroit/">https://www.facebook.com/1stUUDetroit/</a>.

And keep updated by joining our Facebook Group: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/firstUUdetroit">www.facebook.com/groups/firstUUdetroit</a> — click on

+ Join Group

To contact our office administrator, Nancy Shattuck, send an email to <u>officeadmin@1stuu.org</u>. Voice mails on the office phone — (313) 833-9107 — are checked often.

## **Young Adults Activities**

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

#### Share our Facebook Posts!

Facebook events are created on our <u>Facebook</u> <u>page</u> and shared to our <u>Facebook group</u>. These include sermons, Vespers, membership activities, and other events. When you see a Facebook event about church activities, PLEASE <u>LIKE IT</u> and <u>SHARE IT</u> on your own newsfeed! Help get the word out about what's going on at UU Detroit.

## Check the Church Calendar!

There are so many interesting things going on at UU Detroit! Please be sure to check the church calendar before you schedule an event. You may access it online at <a href="http://www.1stuu.org/calendar">http://www.1stuu.org/calendar</a>. If the day looks free for your event, you may reserve a room by sending an email to <a href="mailto:newsletter@1stuu.org">newsletter@1stuu.org</a>. 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.

## **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



<u>Donation Signup Sheet</u> on our website, see our Office Administrator, **Nancy Shattuck**, after the service, or send an email to <u>webmaster@lstuu.org!</u>

## **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 <a href="mailto:dfwiest@comcast.net">dfwiest@comcast.net</a> for more information or go to the AIUSA 78 <a href="mailto:website">website</a>.

## **EMEAC** and CCC

East Michigan Environmental Action Council (EMEAC) officially assumed responsibility for the operation of the facility in <u>August 2011</u>. The tenants are organized as the <u>Cass Corridor Commons</u>, of which we are a member.



## Policies and Procedures ...

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

Featured policy and procedures of the month: Marketing & Public Relations

In June 2016, your Board of Trustees approved a <u>Policies and Procedures Manual</u>. 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, 1stuu.org. Click on any title in the Table of Contents in the manual to go directly to that policy.

We feature a summary of a P&P every month in the newsletter so you may have a chance to know how UU Detroit operates!

"POLICY STATEMENT: For our 'public face' to be consistent and effective, we need to establish graphic and marketing guidelines for conveying information about UU Detroit. Guidelines covering information to the general population, standard methods of branding, messaging, marketing, and press releases will be developed and followed by all members."

In 2016 when creating UU Detroit policies and procedures, our marketing and public relations efforts lacked clarity, consistency, processes, and user-friendliness. It was felt our congregation needed a branding effort to attract new members, promote our social justice activities, and improve our outreach efforts.

To address this, the board called for an *ad hoc* committee to create branding, messaging, and press release standards and outlets. A committee will form when necessary to create publicity for events, etc. The policy states that all marketing activities will be consistent with Unitarian Universalist principles.

External brochures or other marketing material must be approved by the *ad hoc* marketing committee chair or the Board President prior to release.

Staff responsible for internal communications, and the Newsletter Editor, are responsible to ensure that orders of service and the newsletter follow marketing guidelines and approved branding and graphic standards.

As part of our publicity efforts, a media contact list has been created and is available for use by the ad hoc committee or any other persons designated by the Board.

To begin consistent messaging, at the May 15, 2016 Annual Congregational Meeting, a list of the 19 different acronyms (!) found in various print and online resources of the church was presented to the congregation. After considerable discussion, it was decided to use "UU Detroit" going forward.

We don't know by what nicknames our forerunners, the First Congregational Unitarian Society — organized 1850 — or the Church of Our Father (Unitarian-Universalist) — organized 1879 — may have called themselves, but UU Detroit seems to provide important information for the 21st century: we're UUs in Detroit!





## Calendar ...

## All events take place at UU Detroit, 4605 Cass, unless otherwise indicated View the UU Detroit calendar at <a href="http://www.1stuu.org/calendar">http://www.1stuu.org/calendar</a>

**Monday, January 1** — New Year's Day

Wednesday, January 3

7:00 PM: Singing Circle — Social Hall

Sunday, January 7

9:00 AM: Choir Practice — Chancel

11:00 AM: Worship Service "Listening, A Revolutionary Act" (Satori Shakoor, Guest Speaker) — Sanctuary

Wednesday, January 10

7:00 PM: Singing Circle — Social Hall

Thursday, January 11

7:00 PM: Board Meeting — Whole Foods Community Room, 115 Mack Ave at John R, Detroit

Sunday, January 14

9:00 AM: Choir Practice — Chancel

11:00 AM: Worship Service "The Legacy of King" (The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, Minister) — Sanctuary

12:00 PM: Potluck — Social Hall

12:30 PM: Worship Committee meeting — Parlor

Monday, January 15

7:30 PM: Amnesty International — Parlor

**Tuesday, January 16** — Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Wednesday, January 17

7:00 PM: Singing Circle — Social Hall

7:00 PM: Social Justice Committee meeting
— Parlor

## Sunday, January 21

9:00 AM: Choir Practice — Chancel

11:00 AM: Worship Service "World Religion Day" (The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, Minister) — Sanctuary

12:30 PM: Congregational Discussion of Music Program — Sanctuary

12:45 PM: Living Will Workshop (Sherry Wells, J.D.) — Parlor

### Wednesday, January 24

6:00 PM: Vespers — Parlor

7:00 PM: Singing Circle — Social Hall

Sunday, January 28

11:00 AM: Worship Service "Planting and Life" (The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, Minister) — Sanctuary

#### Wednesday, January 31

7:00 PM: Singing Circle — Social Hall



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 <a href="http://www.1stuu.org/calendar.php">http://www.1stuu.org/calendar.php</a>.



**EDITION** 



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## First Unitarian-Universalist Church of Detroit

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## Deadlines & Office Hours ...

## **Weekly Order of Service Deadline**

Have an item/event to be included in our weekly Order of Service? We'll do our best to include it, although printed materials have significant space limitations. Send your information to <a href="mailto:officeadmin@1stuu.org">officeadmin@1stuu.org</a> by 12:00 PM Thursday.

#### **Newsletter Deadline**

#### Wednesday, January 20th

Next issue covers February 1 — January 28, 2018

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

#### Office Administrator Work Schedule

Nancy Shattuck works every Sunday from 8:30 AM – 1:30 PM.