



## Upcoming Sermon Schedule ...

### **July 1st — "What the World Needs Now"**

*Barbara L. Jones, Guest Speaker*

Barbara L. Jones will share stories from her journey as an educator, parent and conflict resolution specialist. She is the Program Director for the Ralph Bunche Summer Institute.

### **July 8th — "This is America"**

*Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, Minister*

The recent, haunting music video by Childish Gambino/Donald Glover, "This is America," is a visual, multifaceted sculpture of reflections on American identity(ies) today. As we live in a time when the doctrines of American exceptionalism, especially moral exceptionalism, seem most thin, who are we and what do we do as Americans living in this incarnation of the United States today?

### **July 15th — "Student Activism from Greensboro to Parkland"**

*Francis Shor, Guest Speaker*

On February 1, 1960, four college students sat in at a segregated restaurant in Greensboro, NC. This action quickly spread to other places throughout the South and unleashed a decade of student activism. Almost six decades later, high school students in Parkland, Florida, reeling from the murder and maiming of their classmates, galvanized a national movement led by young students to demand an end to gun violence. This talk will highlight some of the key moments of student activism in the 1960s and compare and contrast it with the student activists organizing around the "March for Our Lives."

### **July 22nd — "Summertime"**

*The Rev. Stephen Butler Murray, Minister*

In 1991, the song that dominated the airwaves was "Summertime" by DJ Jazzy Jeff and The Fresh Prince. This was Will Smith's contemporary meditation on "Summer Madness" by Kool & the Gang. Fast forward 27 years, and what does Summertime mean to us now? How might the lyrics of someone bathed in the blasting fire hydrants of Philadelphia mean to a city where water is turned off, where there is no respite from the heat? How do we deal with Summer Madness?

### **July 29th — "Exploring the Wisdom of Mary Oliver"**

*Tonya Wells, Guest Speaker*

Mary Oliver is an American poet whose work reflects a deep communion with the natural world. Her poetry is beautifully simple, concise and accessible, and has been included in Unitarian Universalist worship for decades because the messages in her poems align so closely with UU principles. Tonya Wells, Worship Chair, Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church will delve into the wisdom of Ms. Oliver's poetry and share ways the poetry inspires her to live her life more intentionally.



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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 believe in

- 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.

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

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

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

Our advocacy continues in the 21st century.

### UU DETROIT'S VISION STATEMENT:

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



### UU DETROIT'S MISSION STATEMENT:

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

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



## Announcements ...



### Hotter Than July

In its 23rd year, **Hotter Than July** — organized by LGBT Detroit — is the second oldest Black LGBT Pride event in the world.

UU Detroit and the Social Justice Committee will be **staffing a table at Palmer Park on Saturday, July 28.**

More information about Hotter than July events at Hotter than July.

For questions or to volunteer to help at our table, contact **Nathan Strickland, Jr.**, at nathanstrickland91@gmail.com. See you there!

### 2018-2019 Canvass Campaign

Have you completed your **2018-19 pledge form**? Pledges are the lifeblood of this church. If you haven't filled out and turned in a pledge form, please see **Sharon Mills** in coffee hour. Sharon will have pledge forms available and be able to answer your questions or refer you to someone who can.

Alternatively, you may download a **pledge form** from our website at <http://www.1stuu.org/Finance/pledge.php>. At this page you will also be able to view the canvass brochure for this year and the UUA's fair giving guide.

**If you have turned in our 2018-19 pledge form, we thank you enthusiastically!**

### NEW! Order of Service Cover

We're introducing something new! Your weekly Order of Service now has a **cover sheet**. The cover sheet has information about our church that doesn't change; it will be **reused** each week.

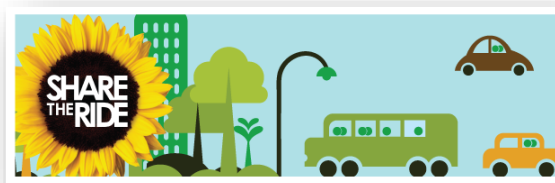
The weekly content that does change — sermon topics, music, etc. — will be an **insert**.

There will be a couple of **receptacles** in which to put your OOS cover. Please look for them on the **radiator** as you exit the sanctuary and in the **narthex** and leave your cover sheet in one or the other so we may use the covers again.

If, like many people, you like to **keep the weekly information** (we see you taking notes during the sermon!), you may certainly continue to do so, or it may be left in one of the receptacles to be recycled.

### Ride Shares to Church on Sunday

If you or someone you know could use a **ride to church on Sunday**, please contact the office with your location. Your availability will be published among our community to find a driver open to sharing a ride. Please contact the church office at 313-833-9107 or email officeadmin@1stuu.org.





## Participate ...

### 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, and donate flowers:

[Greeter Signup Sheet](#)

[Visitor Table 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. Or, if you're more inclined to introspection and quiet, donate the flowers for our Sunday service. There are so many ways to participate!

See more info in this newsletter at *Membership*, p 6, and Sundays @UU Detroit, p 8.



### Organizations UU Detroiters support

Members of our congregation are involved in many organizations that promote justice, equity, and compassion — and some fun, too. You'll find us advocating for social justice all the time, everywhere.

Some organizations in which UU Detroit members are actively involved:

**Amnesty International:** <https://www.amnestyusa.org/event/aiusa-group-78-detroit/2017-06-12/>

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

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

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

**Gray Panthers of Metro Detroit:** [www.graypanthersmetrodetroit.org](http://www.graypanthersmetrodetroit.org)

**LGBT Detroit:** <https://www.lgbtdetroit.org/>

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

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

**Michigan United:** <http://www.miunited.org/>

**Motor City Freedom Riders:** <https://motorcityfreedomriders.org/>

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

**Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival:** <https://www.poorpeoplescampaign.org/>

**Siena Literacy Center:** <http://www.sienaliteracy.org/>

**Sierra Club-Michigan Chapter:** <https://www.sierraclub.org/michigan>

**Women Walking for Peace:** <https://www.facebook.com/womenwalkingwoodwardforpeace/>





## Membership ...

### 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, and **Sharon Mills** rounds out the committee. Thanks to all of you for your interest in keeping our radical hospitality thriving!

See *Sundays @UU Detroit*, [p 8](#), 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.

### “Visitor Table” facilitators “Sermon Table” moderators

The Membership Committee is looking for “Visitor Table” facilitators and “Sermon Table” moderators during Social Hour.

The *Visitor Table facilitator* welcomes visitors and establishes an initial connection with potential members visiting UU Detroit during our post-service Coffee Hour.

The *Sermon Table moderator* provides an opportunity to discuss the sermon of the day during Coffee Hour.

You may sign up to facilitate the Visitor Table at our [Visitor Table Signup Sheet](#) on our website.

For more details you may read up on our [Visitor and Sermon Table Guidelines](#) which are linked on the Visitor Table Signup Sheet!

**Still have questions?** Feel free to contact:

Deanna McGraw  
586-202-5241  
[deannamcgraw@sbcglobal.net](mailto:deannamcgraw@sbcglobal.net)

~or~

Sharon Mills  
313-690-4540  
[techhater1@gmail.com](mailto:techhater1@gmail.com)

### UU Detroit Greeters

Our Sunday morning Greeters show all who enter our Church that they are truly welcome. Would you like to be the first to say “good morning!” hand out Orders of Service, and welcome visitors and members? (You also get the first crack at **Tim Bailey’s coffee**, which is offered in the Narthex on Sunday mornings.)

**We have simplified the greeting process.** If you’ve greeted before, c’mon down on Sunday morning and do it again. If you haven’t yet been a greeter, sign up for a church activity that is fun and doesn’t require a lot of time. Go to our [Greeter Signup Sheet](#) on our website — 1stuu.org — at the *Worship Committee* tab under “Worship.”

**Glenn Maxwell** is happy to answer your questions. Call him at 248-219-5873 or send an email to [detroitglenn@gmail.com](mailto:detroitglenn@gmail.com).



## Board and Committees ...

### Board of Trustees Meetings

Board meetings are held the third Sunday of each month, **12:30 PM to 2:30 PM**, in the Parlor. The next board meeting will be held on **July 15th**. The next board meeting date is **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](mailto:President@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](mailto:communications@1stuu.org).

### Young Adults

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 [nathanstrickland91@gmail.com](mailto:nathanstrickland91@gmail.com), or join us on the **third Wednesday** of each month from **7:00-8:00 PM** in the Social Hall. The next meeting is **July 18th**.

### Care Committee

Help us to minister to each other. If you or someone you know is ill, in need of a pastoral call, or other assistance, please let the Care Committee know by contacting its chair, **Nancy Owen Nelson**, at [nelnan@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto:sally233@sbcglobal.net).

**CARE COMMITTEE THANK YOU.** Many thanks to **Edie** and **Bill McKnight** for supplying all the stamps for the birthday, get well, and sympathy cards we mail out weekly. Also, thanks to all those who have donated cards over the months, especially **Roger Zeigler** and **Nancy Owen Nelson** for buying many of these cards.





# 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](mailto:deanna.mcgraw@sbcglobal.net). More info at *Membership, p. 6*.

## We Invite You to Join Us!

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

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



### Sermon Topics

The Worship Committee is always open to new ideas for speakers and for sermon topics, either in terms of texts and sources, or in terms of topics. If you have an **idea for a speaker or a sermon**, please do feel free to share it: [worship@1stuu.org](mailto:worship@1stuu.org).

### 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.



### “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. 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!

The next date is **September 9th**. Upcoming date is **December 16**. Feel free to contact **Sally Borden** at [sally233@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sally233@sbcglobal.net) for more information.

### Second Sundays: Networking

All congregants are invited to bring and share your personal business cards for distribution on the second Sunday of the month. Many of us would certainly like to be able to support businesses of fellow Church members and if you feel the same, here is an opportunity to do just that. **Ruby Jones** ([racedancer@hotmail.com](mailto:racedancer@hotmail.com)) has more details.





## Sundays ...cont'd



### Chancel Flower Donations

Our custom for providing flowers for each Sunday service is to have members and friends donate them in honor or memory of a person or event. The suggested donation of \$20 is negotiable if your situation requires. **Lencha Acker** purchases the flowers each Saturday at Eastern Market and brings them to Church. The donor takes the flowers home to enjoy and returns the vase later. If you would like to sign up to donate flowers, please use the [Flower Donation Signup Sheet](#) on our website or the printed copy on the radiator at the exit door, or send an email to [webmaster@1stuu.org](mailto:webmaster@1stuu.org)!

### Sing! Sing! Sing!

Would you like to lift our services with your voice? Contact our Music Director, **Todd Ballou**, at [musicdirector@1stuu.org](mailto:musicdirector@1stuu.org), to join the Choir or to learn more. **Practice is at 9:00 AM.** The Choir has

the summer off, but starting in September will be meeting on the first three Sundays of the month and there are occasional special performances.

### 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. We also have use of the facilities on Sunday afternoons and Wednesday evenings.

**To reserve a room on Sunday or Wednesday evening**, contact [newsletter@1stuu.org](mailto:newsletter@1stuu.org).

**To use the building during our non-delegated days/hours**, contact Dee Collins at [dee@emeac.org](mailto:dee@emeac.org) or 313-556-1702 x704. Dee, who is EMEAC's Finance Manager, will be able to quote rates.



## Community Activities ...

### 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 this month will be held on July 25th in the Library at Henry Ford Village, 15101 Ford Rd, Dearborn, MI, entrance off Greenfield, and feature **Elayne Sikelianos**.

Visitor parking is adjacent to the Great Lakes Clubhouse entrance. Do not park in a slot with a yellow dot on the concrete.

The church website has more information: <http://1stuu.org/Worship/Vespers/Vespers.php>.

### Singing Circle

Singing Circle is open to all. Although scheduled for every Wednesday at 7:00 PM in the Social Hall, it is best to **CONFIRM AHEAD OF TIME** with **Gwen Foss** at [bookdoctorgwen@gmail.com](mailto:bookdoctorgwen@gmail.com)

### 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 **July 16**. Contact **Dan Wiest** — [dfwiest@comcast.net](mailto:dfwiest@comcast.net) — for more information.

### EMEAC and CCC

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



## UU Detroit Birthdays ...

Sending good wishes to UU Detroiters celebrating birthdays!

7/4	Mildred Robinson
7/5	Ruth Seifert
7/7	Regina Weiss
7/12	Eddie McKnight
7/18	Walter Greene III



Enjoy your special day!



## Communicating ...

### Let's Stay in Touch!

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

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

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

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

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

+ Join Group

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

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

### Share our Facebook Posts and Events!

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



### Check the Church Calendar!

UU Detroit has use of the Sanctuary for vespers, weddings, and memorial services, for Sunday services, and use of the facilities on Sunday afternoons and Wednesday evenings. **Please be sure to check the Church calendar before you schedule an event.** You may access it online at <http://www.1stuu.org/calendar>. If the day looks free for your event, reserve a room by sending a detailed email to [newsletter@1stuu.org](mailto:newsletter@1stuu.org). We will get your room scheduled and get information about your event into the newsletter.

### We welcome your feedback!

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





## Policies and Procedures ...

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

Featured P&P of the month: **"Share the Plate"**

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, 1stuu.org, under "Organization." 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!

Our monthly "Share the Plate" Sunday collection has a long history. It was introduced at UU Detroit in 2016. The purpose of a "Share the Plate" collection is to raise awareness within the Congregation of social justice concerns in the region, in the nation, and around the world, and to give our members an opportunity to provide direct support to these social justice organizations.

Here's how it works: there's one single collection on "Share the Plate" Sundays. Unless a donation on "Share the Plate" Sunday is specifically designated as a regular UU Detroit pledge (e.g., a note in the memo line of a check; a notation on a collection envelope), 50% of the amount collected goes to the recipient organization and 50% to UU Detroit.

The policy includes procedures to nominate a social justice organization to be the recipient of our "Share the Plate" collection, as well as selection criteria.

Organizations should fit into the Social Justice Committee's general areas of interest, e.g., global poverty, homelessness and housing, environmental concerns, human rights, equality issues, and peace initiatives. Organizations should be of interest to UU Detroit members, and should provide a balance of local, national, and international areas of focus.

Initiatives sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist Association, including projects supported by the UU Service Committee, can also be considered, as well as initiatives supported by UU Detroit's members.

The policy states that a recipient organization will not receive "Share the Plate" collections more than once a year. It also provides for extraordinary events that may lead to special collections other than those designated. The recipient organization should be a 501c3 organization and in good standing in the community.

A common concern about "Share the Plate" is that it will decrease the amount of the funds collected for UU Detroit. Our Finance Committee is happy to report that plate collection amounts designated for UU Detroit on "Share the Plate" Sundays are not impacted. If you have any questions, please see our treasurer, **Bob Lauer**, or other members of the Finance Committee, **Dan Wiest** or **Sharlene Gage**.





## 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>

### Sunday, July 1

11:00 am: Worship Service "What the World Needs Now" (Barbara L. Jones, Guest Speaker) — Sanctuary

### Wednesday, July 4 — Independence Day

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

### Sunday, July 8

11:00am: Worship Service "This is America" (The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray)

12:00pm: Potluck — Social Hall

### Wednesday, July 11

7:00pm: Social Justice Committee — Parlor

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

### Sunday, July 15

11:00am: Worship Service "Student Activism from Greensboro to Parkland" (Fran Shor, Guest Speaker) — Sanctuary

12:30pm: UU Detroit Board meeting — Parlor

### Monday, July 16

7:30pm: Amnesty International — Parlor

### Wednesday, July 18

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

7:00pm: Social Justice Committee meeting — Parlor

### Sunday, July 22

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

### Saturday, July 28

10:00 am: Hotter than July table (Social Justice Committee) — Palmer Park

### Wednesday, July 25

6:00pm: Vespers — Library, Henry Ford Village, 15101 Ford Rd, Dearborn

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

### Sunday, July 29

11:00am: Worship Service "Exploring the Wisdom of Mary Oliver" (Tonya Wells, Guest Speaker) — Sanctuary



The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray





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## Deadlines & Staff Schedule ...

### Weekly Order of Service Deadline

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

### Newsletter Deadline

#### Friday, July 20th

Next issue covers August 1 — August 31, 2018

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

### Staff Schedule

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

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

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

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

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