



Upcoming Sermon Schedule ...

October 7th — “Loving the Least of These”

Carolyn Walker, Guest Speaker

A partnership of writing and mothering proved to be a godsend for Carolyn Walker, who began her career as a columnist shortly before her daughter Jennifer was born in 1977. Jennifer came into the world with a rare developmental disability that mystified even doctors, called Rubinstein-Taybi Syndrome. From the moment of her daughter's birth Walker found herself floundering in a new world, a secret, silent world, trying to understand what had happened. She soon learned through the power of writing about Jennifer that she could give a voice to the disabled and those who care for them. This was not a gift to be wasted. Walker's column eventually grew into the book *Every Least Sparrow*, a mother and daughter odyssey, a mother and daughter love story.

Walker's memoir will be available for sale during coffee hour. She will be happy to sign books.

October 14th — “King's Chapel”

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, Minister

King's Chapel, the 4th oldest church in Boston, is somehow both the original Anglican church in Boston AND the first Unitarian church in the United States. To this day, they use a unique prayer book that is based in the liturgy of the Church of England, but steeped in Unitarian theology. This historical sermon will look at an odd and wonderful church in the history of American Unitarianism, still a vibrant place to visit and worship at today!

October 21st — “Thoreau”

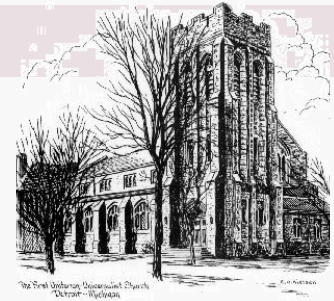
The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, Minister

Today, we will do a deep dive into Henry David Thoreau, whose writings on natural history and philosophy deeply shaped the humanist and Unitarian Universalist movements. We will discuss his views on civil disobedience, the Walden years, and transcendentalism. O yes, and I'll reveal the secret story behind my one and only visit to Walden Pond!

October 28th — “Our Universalist Roots and Branches”

Rev. Kalen Fristad, Guest Speaker

Rev. Fristad will be speaking on universalism as it relates to John Murray and Thomas Potter, the American colonies, and from then to the present. In this sermon, he will expand upon his “Universalism: Past, Present and Powerful” sermon given at UU Detroit on 4/19/18.



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Announcements & Member News ...

Dally in the Alley Recap

Dally in the Alley on September 8th was, as usual, a lot of fun and a truly Cass Corridorian event. By the way, artists and musicians (disguised as caretakers) who lived on the third



floor of the McAdow House in the late '70s were among the organizers of Dally. More history at <http://www.hourdetroit.com/Hour-Detroit/September-2017/Viva-La-Resistance/>.

Our tent was set up on Forest between Cass and Second — right up the block from the church. A few folks who saw our banner stopped by to say they were seeking a spiritual home and we were glad to tell them that we were so close by!

Some UU Detroiters who stopped by were **Katherine & Dave Vaillencourt** and **Nancy Owen Nelson & Roger Ziegler**. **Art Gabhart** and **Kathe Stevens** helped staff the table, chat with Dallyers, and pass out brochures and information. A great big UU Detroit thank you to **Dan Wiest** for organizing!

Water Ceremony, Press Conference & “A Day Without Water”

Thank you for your continued support and interest in standing with the people of Detroit in the struggle for water affordability. If you have not yet signed the Faith Leaders Declaration against water shut-offs and to implement a water affordability plan in the city of Detroit and would like to be a part of this historic declaration, please add your name and contact information to the growing list [here](#).

For those who have signed the declaration and committed to being present at the press conference (public event) on Thursday, **October 4th**, details are:

~ 9:30 Prayers and Water Ceremony: On the Riverfront at Hart Plaza

~ 10:30 Press Conference: Spirit of Detroit Statue at the Coleman A. Young Building

On **October 10th**, you're invited to join communities around the world participate in "A Day Without Water." Included [here](#) are ways in which you can participate.

MUUSJN and many other member organizations of the Detroit Peoples Water Board, ask you to stand with us.

MUUSJN Special Projects Coordinator

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Tour of the Skinner Organ

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND! After the church service at **12:30pm** on **November 4**, **Todd Ballou** will lead another casual discussion and demonstration of the Skinner Organ. The program is free, and you are encouraged to bring friends and family. The discussion will begin at the console, with a demonstration of all the knobs and buttons, and the discussion will follow comments and questions of the participants from there. If there is interest, the tour can include a visit to the organ blower in the basement, the main organ chamber, and/ or the echo organ in the church tower.



The organ offers a wealth of interesting history and facts, so it is not unusual for the discussion to continue for an hour. Children are welcomed too, but they should be supervised.

Questions or comments can be sent to **Todd** at musicdirector@1stuu.org.



Announcements & Member News ... *cont'd*

#FreeSiwatu

UU Detroit **Sherry Wells** recently organized a letter-writing campaign and offered a birthday card to sign for Siwatu-Salama Ra, a mother and community leader in Detroit, and an organizer for East Michigan Environmental Action Council, who is in prison and separated from her children and family. You may read more about Siwatu at her [Facebook page](#) or [website](#). Recently, Sarah Cwiek and Michigan Radio [shared Siwatu's story](#).



"We have been told by prison advocates that letters are taking about 5 weeks to arrive." So our letters, and the birthday card we rushed to send in time, were delayed. — **Sherry A Wells**

Indigenous Peoples' Day

Honor [Indigenous Peoples' Day](#) on **October 8** and **change the national narrative around Columbus Day and the larger history of Indigenous people** with important titles from the [UUA Bookstore](#), including a brand new book for children!

["An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States"](#) by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz

["All the Real Indians Died Off"](#) And 20 Other Myths About Native Americans by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz and Dina Gilio-Whitaker

["We Are Grateful: Otsaliheliga"](#) by Traci Sorell and illustrated by Frané Lessac

GLAAD #SpiritDay

[GLAAD #Spirit Day](#) takes place on **October 18** this year and will inspire millions of people around the world to wear purple or 'go purple' online to support LGBTQ youth in a united stand against bullying.

GLAAD's Spirit Day started in 2010 by high school student Brittany McMillan in response to numerous young LGBTQ lives lost to suicide, Spirit Day now draws the participation of celebrities, schools, faith institutions, national landmarks, corporations, media outlets, sports leagues, and advocates around the world, all joining together to stand against bullying and support LGBTQ youth.



October Potluck Date Change

When the Social Hall is rented to another group on Sundays, we move our social hour to the Parlor. This lovely but smaller space doesn't accommodate potlucks as well.

So, since, Economic Justice Alliance of Michigan (EJAM) will hold a training session in the Social Hall on October 14, **our October potluck has been rescheduled** from October 14 to **October 21**. We'll serve your delicious dishes on the 21st instead! See you then!

New Member Event

The Membership Committee is delighted to announce that we'll be offering a new member event on in the Parlor on Sunday, **October 28** — either a breakfast or a brunch — with **Rev. Murray**, UU Detroit board president **Dan Hale**, and membership committee co-chairs **Deanna McGraw** and **Kathe Stevens**.

Members who have joined in the last year will be getting a personal invitation soon.



Welcome
Glad you're here!



Announcements & Member News ... *cont'd*



Welcome, New Members!

On September 9 we welcomed three new members to our faith community: **Katie Hege**, **Dan Horrigan**, and **Susan Matthews**. We're so glad you signed the book to become official members of UU Detroit. We'll look forward to seeing you at the new member event on **October 28!**

UU Detroit Worship Survey

Hello UU Detroit members and friends! As part of our **ongoing website update**, we're asking for your help. On one of our pages, we'd like to describe our worship in just a few words. But we want to make sure that, as much as they can, they reflect the **real experiences** we have as a community. So if you have a minute and have not already done so, please help us to spread the word about our Sunday services! Click on the form link, here: [FILL OUT FORM](#)

Pottery Exhibit

Joan Smykowski is incoming President of the *Detroit Society of Women Painters and Sculptors* (DSWPS). DSWPS' upcoming show, "The Midland Show," continues through October 6 at the **Annex Gallery**, 333 Midland, Highland Park, MI, 48203. <https://www.dswps.org/upcoming-shows/>.

Great BIG HURRAH for Volunteers

As we all know, our church runs smoothly because of the many volunteers.

One volunteer who has been under the radar is **Dave Vaillencourt**. What does he do? Well, let me tell you. He is one of our Greeters but wait, there is more. Dave also mows the grass outside the Commons each week. (He also donated the lawn mower.)

And then what about **Mark Schwing**? Another volunteer under the radar. Every Tuesday Mark comes to the mansion, unlocks the elevator and pulls out the letter box for the corner sign. He takes down the previous week's information and puts up the information for the new sermon and speaker.

Both under the radar but very important to the functioning of UU Detroit. — submitted by **Glenn Maxwell**

Student Advocacy Center Detroit, Story Soiree

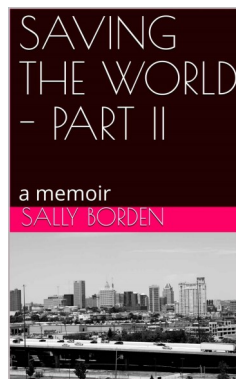
An invite from **Jillian Fortgang**: Join me on Friday, **October 12** at this important and fun community event at the historic **Kresge Mansion**, 74 Arden Park, Detroit, MI, 48202. Tickets are available at:



<https://storysoiree2018.brownpapertickets.com/>

Saving the World

Sally Borden is pleased to announce that her ebook has been published on Amazon.com. It is titled *Saving the World—Part II*, and can be purchased for \$4.99 via [Kindle ebooks](#). It is a



memoir of my fifty-four years as a social worker working with children in psychiatric and substance abuse settings. Please note since this is the first time I have published an ebook, so there are some spacing problems, but the text is readable and I hope you enjoy the book.



Board and Committee News ...

Board of Trustees

Board meetings are held the third Sunday of each month, **12:30pm to 2:30pm**, in the Parlor.

The next board meeting will be held on **October 21st**.

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.

Care Committee

Help us to minister to each other. If you or someone you know is ill, in need of a pastoral call, or other assistance, please let the Care Committee know by contacting its chair, **Nancy Owen Nelson**, at nelnan@aol.com to provide a network for communication and support.



Care Committee member **Sally Borden** supplies cards for us to sign on Sunday mornings. Have you signed a card or two (or more) when leaving a service? If you'd like to get one, too — or if you know someone who could use a hello, a get well, a congratulation, or a condolence — send the info to **Sally Borden** at sally233@sbcglobal.net.

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.

Glenn Maxwell reminds us that there are still lots of greeter openings available for the rest of the year. YOU ARE APPRECIATED! Please look at your calendar and email detroitglenn@gmail.com or go online to our [Greeter Signup Sheet](#) on our website — 1stuu.org — at the *Worship Committee* tab under "Worship." You may also call Glenn at 248-219-5873. And remember there is COFFEE in the NARTHEX to help kick off your greeting.

Thanks to all of you for your interest in keeping our radical hospitality thriving!

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.

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, or join us on the **third Wednesday** of each month from **7:00-8:00pm** in the Social Hall. The next meeting is **October 17th**.

Worship Committee

The next Worship Committee meeting is Sunday, **October 14th** at **12:40pm** in the Chancel. For more information contact **Nancy Owen Nelson** at nelnan@aol.com.





Participate ...

What are some ways to participate in our church life?

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!**

[Greeter Signup Sheet](#)

[Visitor Table Signup Sheet](#)

[Flower Donation Signup Sheet](#)

Monthly “Share the Plate” Sunday

When Hurricane Florence arrived in the Carolinas, thousands of coastal residents were under mandatory evacuation orders as the region braced for potentially catastrophic damage. Our Share the Plate recipient for September 16th was the UUA Disaster Relief Fund so the UUA can provide financial assistance to UU congregations impacted by this and other natural disasters.

Our September 16th “Share the Plate” recipient was the **UUA Disaster Relief Fund**. <https://giving.uua.org/disaster-aid>.

In addition to facilitating their own disaster recovery, congregations—and other UU entities—receiving disaster relief funds have discretion to provide financial assistance to their members, as well as to support local partner organizations serving the community at large.

This summer the UUA provided grants to congregations in California and Colorado affected by devastating wildfires. A Colorado congregation reported back:

“We are a very small congregation and this fire directly affected 30% of us, so it is so reassuring to know that during a disaster we can count on our larger association to help us and make sure everyone is safe and sound. Local firefighters were

very grateful that we could help take care of them as well as they saved many of our homes.

“It also meant a lot to us that we could in turn help local organizations that serve communities that are typically overlooked...undocumented people have no access to federal, state, or county funds so they must rely on donations. We made a real difference in their lives.”

Your donation now will allow the UUA to respond flexibly to this and new disaster situations as they arise.

The rules for the Share the Plate Sunday are as follows: Any funds received during the offertory that have no designation will be split 50/50 between our guest recipient and the church. Please mark in the memo area of your check or on the envelope as to how you want your donation to be allocated. Share the Plate donations do not count toward your pledge.

Feel free to share generously on our next “Share the Plate” Sunday collection!





Sundays @UU Detroit ...

Visitor & Sermon Tables

The Membership Committee is hosting a “Visitor Table” during Social Hour. **Look for the “Visitor Table” sign.**

Want to talk about the Sunday sermon, what it meant to you and how to apply what you heard to your life in the week ahead — or just explore an idea you had while listening? Then **head to the “Sermon Table”** in Social Hour after the service.

Please consider training to be a **Sermon Table moderator** or a **Visitor Table facilitator**. You can sign up here: [Visitor Table Signup](#) or contact **Deanna McGraw** at deanna.mcgraw@sbcglobal.net.



Sermon Topics

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

“Intro to UU Detroit”

Are you new to the Church, or just interested in learning more about our Church and tradition? “Intro to UU Detroit,” held quarterly, offers introductory information on what the Church is about. 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 **December 16th**. Feel free to contact **Sally Borden** at sally233@sbcglobal.net for more information.

We Invite You to Join Us!

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

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

Second Sundays: Potluck

Time to break out your best recipe on the second Sunday of each month and bring it to share with our UU Detroit community! As we add new members, it's a good time to share fellowship and nourishment with the people who nourish us, in return. Remember that everything must come and go that day – we have no refrigerator space to keep things beyond the immediate need. If you have dietary concerns (peanut allergies, and such), please do let us know, so that food can be labeled.



Second Sundays: Networking

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



Sundays ... *cont'd*



Chancel Flower Donations

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

Child Care

Child care is available during Sunday worship service with our child care provider, **Julia Cuneo**, in a bright, cheerful room. **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.

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 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.



Parking

There are two spots in the Forest lot near the ramp — marked "Pilates." Pilates classes are not scheduled on Sundays. **Parking is allowed in the Pilates spots on Sundays, only.** <http://www.1stuu.org/parking.php>.





Community @UU Detroit ...

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 **October 24th**. Join us in the Library at [Henry Ford Village](#), 15101 Ford Rd, [Dearborn](#), MI, entrance off Greenfield. **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>.

Last month, **Anita "Ruby" Jones** shared stories and poems from Anne Cameron's *Daughters of Copper Woman* along with American-Indian music. Barbara Anne Cameron (born August 20, 1938 in Nanaimo, British Columbia) is a Canadian novelist, poet, short story writer, and screenwriter. Cameron legally changed her name from her birth name, Barbara Cameron, to Cam Hubert and, later, from Cam Hubert to Anne Cameron. She has written under all these names. Much of her work is inspired by Northwest Coast First Nations' mythology and culture.

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.

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 **October 15th**. Contact **Dan Wiest** — 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.



Building Use

In [August 2011](#), EMEAC assumed operation of the buildings formerly owed by UU Detroit. The warranty deed transferring the properties gives the congregation the right to use the Sanctuary, the restrooms, and the Forest parking lot for vespers, weddings, memorial services, and Sunday services. We have use of the facilities on Sunday mornings and afternoons and Wednesday evenings.

To reserve a room during our allotted times on Sunday morning/afternoon or Wednesday evening, contact newsletter@1stuu.org.

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

UU Detroit Birthdays!

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| 10/2 | Earl Harvey |
| 10/4 | Dale Compton |
| 10/6 | Robert Lauer |
| 10/7 | Nora Holt |
| 10/7 | Daniel Peters |
| 10/14 | Anita Jones |
| 10/15 | Aletha Oberdier |
| 10/21 | Sherry Wells |
| 10/26 | Yvonne Ham |





Community ... *cont'd*


Let's Stay in Touch!

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

Email listserv: To receive newsletters, announcements, and other news via email, send an email to: 1stuu+subscribe@1stuu.org.

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

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

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

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

Our minister, The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, may be reached at minister@1stuu.org.

Share our Facebook Posts and Events!

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



Check the Church Calendar!

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

We welcome your feedback!

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





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 2018–2019

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Omar Davis

WORSHIP SERVICE EVERY

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.

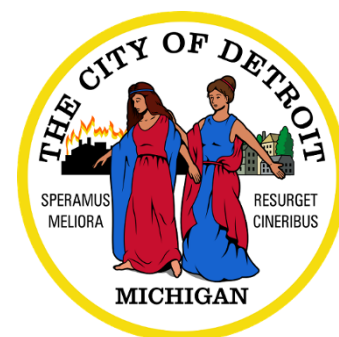
The Principles are not dogma or doctrine, but rather a guide for those of us who choose to join and participate in Unitarian Universalist religious communities.

Detroit has been home to Universalists and Unitarians since the early 1830s. [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; progressive politicians; environmental activists; immigration reformists; promoters of, and martyrs for, peace; and authors, educators, musicians, and poets.

Our advocacy continues in the 21st century.

UU DETROIT'S VISION STATEMENT:

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



UU DETROIT'S MISSION STATEMENT:

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

UU DETROIT IS A MEMBER OF THE Unitarian-Universalist Association of Congregations — www.uua.org — in the MidAmerica Region — www.midamericauua.org.



Calendar ...

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

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

Wednesday, October 3

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

Sunday, October 7

9:00am: Choir Practice — Chancel

11:00am: Worship Service "Loving the Least of These" (Caroline Walker, Guest Speaker) — Sanctuary

Wednesday, October 10

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

Saturday, October 13

9:30am: Leadership Retreat — Community Health Awareness Group, 1300 W Fort St, Detroit, MI 48226

Sunday, October 14

9:00am-5:00pm: EJAM training — Social Hall

9:00am: Choir Practice — Chancel

11:00am: Worship Service "King's Chapel" (The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, Minister) — Sanctuary

12:40pm: Worship Committee Meeting — Chancel

Monday, October 15

7:30pm: Amnesty International — Parlor

Wednesday, October 17

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

7:00pm: Social Justice Committee meeting — Parlor

Sunday, October 21

9:00am: Choir Practice — Chancel

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

12:00pm: Potluck — Parlor

12:30pm: UU Detroit Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 24

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

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

Sunday, October 28

9:30 am: TENTATIVE New Member Breakfast — Parlor

11:00am: Worship Service "Our Universalist Roots and Branches" (The Rev. Kalen Fristad, Guest Speaker) — Sanctuary

12:30pm: TENTATIVE New Member Brunch — Parlor

Wednesday, October 31 — Halloween

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



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Weekly Order of Service Deadline

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Newsletter Deadline

Saturday, October 20th

Next issue covers November 1 — November 30, 2018

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

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

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