



Upcoming Sermon Schedule ...

September 2nd — “Water Ceremony”

Steve Curtin and Mary Lou Malone, Guest Speakers

The Water Communion, also sometimes called Water Ceremony, was first used at a Unitarian Universalist worship service in the 1980s.

Many UU congregations now hold a Water Communion once a year, often at the beginning of the new church year (September).

Members bring to the service a small amount of water from a place that is special to them. During the appointed time in the service, people one by one pour their water together into a large bowl. As the water is added, the person who brought it tells why this water is special to them. The combined water is symbolic of our shared faith coming from many different sources. It is often then blessed by the congregation, and sometimes is later boiled and used as the congregation's “holy water” in child dedication ceremonies and similar events.

September 9th — “Celebrating Aretha Franklin”

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, Minister

We will spend a morning in music and word celebrating the life and legacy of the legendary singer Aretha Franklin, a proud daughter of Detroit.

September 16th — “Becoming a Compassionate Leader – A Multicultural Journey”

Jela Ellefson, Guest Speaker

Jela Ellefson will connect her message to our 2nd principle — “justice, equity and compassion in human relations.” She will speak about how her personal journey starting with upbringing in Communist Eastern Europe took her via Los Angeles to Detroit and how along the way she found her own leadership strength build on compassion. She found success at the intersection of compassion and humility.

September 23rd — “The Free Pulpit”

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, Minister

In Unitarian Universalism, we often speak about the importance of maintaining a “free pulpit.” What exactly is meant by a free pulpit, and how does that tradition extend to our pulpit today?

September 30th — “Remember Who You Are”

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, Minister

Whether we are watching The Lion King or a staging of Hamlet, the theme of remembering who we are in the midst of life's changes is a profound part of moving forward in a morally fulfilling and affirmative way.



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Announcements ...



Join Us for a Tour of the Skinner Organ

After our church service, at **12:30pm** on **September 9th**, UU Detroit Music Director **Todd Ballou** will lead a 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. If there is a high level of participation, or specialized interest, a second tour will be announced in October.

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

Introduction to UU Workshop

Sally Borden will be facilitating the **Introduction to UU** workshop on **September 23rd** at **12:30pm**, in the Parlor. The next time an Intro to UU workshop will be offered is December 18, 2018.

Dally in the Alley

Join us as UU Detroit will have a table at the **Dally in the Alley** for the umpteenth year on Saturday, **September 8th**, from **11:00am to 6:00pm**.

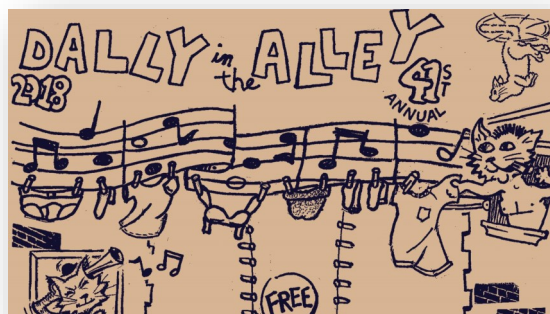
Not only do we let the neighborhood know that we're still around, we can promote our brand as the "Church of the Modern Thinker" (that's what the sign out front says anyway).

As a side benefit, one of the best ways to people watch at the Dally is to camp in one spot and watch the crowd go by. Friends of the church old and new, frequent visitors, and those not seen lately have been known to stop by and chat. People who have passed by our building but not stopped in will pick up a brochure.

Share the table with another UU and get to know them better. Check out the other booths during a break. In other words: Dally!

For more info or to sign up, contact **Dan Wiest** at dfwiest@comcast.net.

More specific details about Dally are at <https://www.facebook.com/events/326200224608975/>.





Member News ...

We'd like to share more **news about our members**. If you wish to announce a celebration — or a loss — or have any other news to share with your church community, email newsletter@1stuu.org. If you don't have access to email, please call 313-833-9107 and leave a message. All submissions are subject to the approval of, and editing by, the Newsletter Editor. The newsletter deadline is the **20th of each month**. Let's share our news!

Photography News

Danny Rebb continues his well-deserved recognition as a fine art photographer!



Danny was selected to be a participating photographer in the *Fenkell: Unknown Treasures Photo Exhibit* to be held at **Andy Gallery**, located at **3000 Fenkell St, Detroit, MI, 48238**. The **Opening Reception** is Thursday, **September 13th** from **6:30-9pm** and the exhibit runs for two weeks. <https://www.facebook.com/events/254702928490283/>

Danny's image, "Detroit Skyline – no. viii" was selected to be included in the **Scarab Club's Paperworks Exhibition** juried by Lynne Avadenka. The exhibit runs from September 12 – October 13. The **Opening Reception** is on Friday, **September 14th** from **5-8pm** and the **Gallery Talk** is on Thursday, **September 20th** at **6:00pm**. The Scarab Club is located at **217 Farnsworth St, Detroit, MI, 48202**. <http://scarabclub.org/paperworks-exhibition-lynne-avadenka-juror/>

Another of Danny's images, "Belle Isle in Bloom" was selected to be included in **Focus: Hope's** exhibition *Detroit's Past, Present and Future*, a juried exhibition featuring 27 Detroit area photographers and their unique perspective on the city juried and curated by professional photographers Ralph Jones, Gordon Rodwan, and S. Kay Young. This event will be held one day only, on Saturday, **September 15th** from **12-11pm** at **14150 Woodrow Wilson St, Detroit, MI, 48238**. <https://www.focushope.edu/focusondetroit/exhibitions/>.

Anniversary Congratulations

Katherine and Dave Vaillencourt celebrated 30 years of marriage on **August 20**. We send our congratulations!



Pottery Exhibits

Joan Smykowski is part of the *Eastside Mud Slingers* at the Sunday Market, in Shed 3, at Eastern Market. The Eastside Mud Slingers — a group of 5 Pewabic Pottery students — is at the Market **every Sunday**, from **10am-4pm** until **September 30th**. At the same time, in Shed 5, there is an event every week: <https://www.easternmarket.org/markets/events/sunday-street-market-2>.

Joan is also the incoming President of the *Detroit Society of Women Painters and Sculptors* (DSWPS). DSWPS' upcoming show is "The Midland Show," September 28-October 6, 2018. The show is at the **Annex Gallery, 333 Midland, Highland Park, MI, 48203**. The **Opening Reception** is Friday, **September 28th** from **5:00-10:00pm**. <https://www.dswps.org/upcoming-shows/>.





Board & Committee News ...

Quarterly Interactive Board/ Congregational Meeting

UU Detroit had its second **Quarterly Interactive Board and Congregational Meeting** on **August 19**.

Board President **Dan Hale** opened our meeting by explaining the purpose of the meeting as an opportunity to communicate information to the congregation and hear back from the congregation about concerns or requests for more information.

CHILD CARE/RE: The new childcare room off the kitchen is two times as big as the room we have been using. Tim Bailey and Glenn Maxwell cleaned the room after working out usage details with EMEAC. The Board is enthused about working with the Worship Committee on the possibility of adding RE for young adults.

BUILDING: Dan Hale and Bob Lauer have been named as UU Detroit representatives to EMEAC's board. EMEAC has been awarded a \$100,000 City of Detroit block grant for building repairs and improvements. Under the terms of the grant costs are paid up front and then EMEAC will have to apply for reimbursement from the City. EMEAC applied for a low interest loan to cover the upfront costs. To secure the loan EMEAC must have a specified amount of money in its bank account. EMEAC has reached out to UU Detroit for participation. Any help provided to EMEAC also helps us. Some responses to the Q&A:

- we don't know what projects would be included under the \$100,000 grant
- there is no "to do" list for the building, including making it green; repairs are a priority
- there is no plan in place other than a request from EMEAC to UU Detroit for financial help

FINANCIAL UPDATE: Bob Lauer provided a brief update on church finances. As long as we remain in the building, we're going to do well financially. Our fortunes are paired with those of EMEAC. There is about \$260,000 in the trust per Bill McKnight,

trustee. Pledges are at \$88,700. Bob thanked the congregation for its generosity.

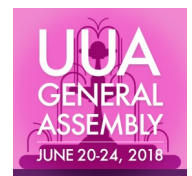
WORSHIP COMMITTEE RETREAT: Should we focus on one concentrated, unifying issue this year that really grabs our attention, uses our resources, and makes an impact for good within our community? This doesn't mean there aren't other issues that the church or individuals shouldn't be engaged in but is there one issue for our congregation to adopt to live out our history of a church of social and ethical concerns? The Worship Committee would find speakers for sermons on the chosen topic.

Thoughts and suggestions should be sent to president@1stuu.org or other members of the Board.

Suggested topics from the floor were: associate with a nonprofit agency; teach people to fish; provide a hypothetical topic for a 12-month period and ask how we would function within it; nuclear weapons; immigration; women's voices; LGBT community; pairing elders with youth; human trafficking; innovative education and skill building organizations; water shutoffs.

We have had speakers on almost every topic mentioned; the challenge is to move beyond the speaker and into action — and, if aligning with another group, to do it in a respectful, supportive way.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY: **Martha Bogner** introduced herself as a new Board member and first-time delegate to our denomination's annual conference, General Assembly, which was held in Kansas City this past June.



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Board & Committee News ... *cont'd*

... Quarterly Interactive Board/Congregational Meeting *cont'd*

Martha shared her experience both as a delegate and as a relatively new UU. One of her first experiences was a dinner for transgender/queer/nonbinary UUs where Martha had a chance to meet folks who, like her, were entering leadership positions. It felt great to see people in similar situations, using their voice to lead, which set the tone for the entire week, and gave her community within the GA community.

Martha highlighted UUA business she voted on. She was particularly excited about the bylaw amendment to add full youth representation to the national UUA board. Martha summarized other bylaw amendments, all of which may be seen at <https://www.uua.org/ga/off-site/2018/business>.

The Congregational Study/Action Issue (CSAI) selected by UU congregations for four years of study, reflection, and action is “undoing intersectional white supremacy.”

There were also three Actions of Immediate Witness (AIW): “A Moral Response to the March for Our Lives”, “End Israeli Detention of Palestinian Children”, and “Join the Poor People’s Campaign.” Each AIW comes with a specific call to congregations to take action — UU Detroit could draw inspiration from those.

Martha was excited to share information on the 2018 Ware lecture by Brittany Packnett, who gave a powerful speech on marginalized people.

CLOSE: The interactive meeting closed with thanks from **Dan Hale**, on behalf of the congregation, to **Martha Bogner** for her report, the **Worship Committee** for its work, **Tim Bailey** and **Glenn Maxwell** for building repairs and updates, outgoing EMEAC liaison **Lencha Acker** for her service, and the congregation for its participation.



Report from Finance Committee

The Church fiscal year which ended June 30, 2018 was financially very favorable. Pledged donations were just slightly lower than budget: a shortfall of less than 1%. This lower pledged amount was more than offset by non-pledged donations which were about \$1,050 higher than budgeted. With the parking lot rent and other on-going revenues, the Church on-going revenues were slightly above budget for the year.

Expenses continue to be under budget. At year end, June 30, expenses were a little more than \$11,000 under budget. The largest part of this was due to the continuing to have services in the church sanctuary. The money budgeted for rent of another location did not need to be spent. Installation celebration expense paid in this year was enough under budget that we were able to add the Brock ordination service and still stay under budget. In addition to this, Worship, Leadership, Canvass, and Membership committees finished the year with lower expenses than budgeted.

In summary, for our on-going activities, revenues were at budget and expenses were under budget, so we finished the fiscal year with a margin of safety from on-going activities alone of \$8,650. In addition to this we received a bequest from the estate of Jerry Williams which, after some expenses, amounted to \$39,725. This money has been placed with the Trust to earn income and can be used for future needs of the Church.



Board and Committee News ... *cont'd*

Board of Trustees Meetings

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 **September 16th**.

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.

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 **September 19th**.

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.

Young Adults

Visit the **UU Detroit Young Adults Group Facebook page** to learn about activities, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/young1stuu/>

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.





Board and Committee News ... *cont'd*

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

~or~

Sharon Mills

313-690-4540

techhater1@gmail.com

Greetings from Greeter Camp

It has been a 'Greetful' Summer with lots of you volunteering to be Greeters. Now it's a new Church Year and I'm glad to report that already Jody Wise, Dan Hale, Carmen Malis King, Toni Tront, Dan Wiest, and Joan Smykowski have signed up to greet in September. There are still some openings available and lots for the rest of the year. YOU ARE APPRECIATED!

Please look at your calendar and email me at detroitglenn@gmail.com or go online to our [Greeter Signup Sheet](#) on our website — 1stuu.org — at the *Worship Committee* tab under "Worship."

And remember there is COFFEE in the NARTHEX to help kick off your greeting.

Thank you,

Glenn Maxwell (248-219-5873)



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.

Monthly “Share the Plate” Sunday

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!

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. 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

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

Michigan Unitarian Universalist Social Justice Network (MUUSJN): <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/>



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. More info at *Membership*, [p. 6](#).



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 **September 9th**, followed by another session on **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!

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.



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.

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.

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.

Parking

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



Community ...

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 **September 26th** 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>.

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 **September 17th**. 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.



UU Detroit Birthdays ...



Sending good wishes to UU Detroiters celebrating birthdays!

- 9/2 Gwen Foss and Dave Williams
- 9/3 Gloria Williams
- 9/4 Danny Rebb
- 9/12 Richard Hillier
- 9/13 Toni Tront and Joan Smykowski
- 9/16 Arthur Gabhart
- 9/24 Stephanie Chang
- 9/25 Matt Friedrichs
- 9/27 Dessa Cosma
- 9/28 Sean Gray and Roger Zeigler

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. 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

+ Join Group

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.

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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>

Sunday, September 2

- 9:00am: Choir Practice — Chancel
- 11:00 am: Worship Service "Water Ceremony" (Steve Curtin and Mary Lou Malone, Guest Speakers) — Sanctuary
- 4:00pm: Wedding — Sanctuary [Wedding guests will be using the Forest parking lot. While we are usually out of the building well before 4:00, please take note if you had planned to stay longer this Sunday.]

Monday, September 3 — Labor Day

Wednesday, September 5

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

Sunday, September 9

- 9:00am: Choir Practice — Chancel
- 11:00am: Worship Service "Celebrating Aretha Franklin" (The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, Minister) — Sanctuary
- 12:00pm: Potluck — Parlor
- 12:30pm: Tour of the Skinner Organ — Sanctuary

Wednesday, September 12

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

Sunday, September 16

- 9:00am: EJAM training in Social Hall
- 9:00am: Choir Practice — Chancel
- 11:00am: Worship Service "Becoming a Compassionate Leader – A Multicultural Journey" (Jela Ellefson, Guest Speaker)
- 12:30pm: UU Board Meeting — Chancel

Monday, September 17

- 7:30pm: Amnesty International — Parlor

Wednesday, September 19

- 7:00pm: Singing Circle (CONFIRM with bookdoctorgwen@gmail.com) — Social Hall
- 7:00pm: Social Justice Committee meeting — Parlor

Sunday, September 23

- 11:00am: Worship Service "The Free Pulpit" (The Rev. Stephen Butler Murray, Minister) — Sanctuary
- 12:30pm: Intro to UU Detroit (Sally Borden & Dessa Cosma) — Parlor

Wednesday, September 26

- 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, September 30

- 11:00am: Worship Service "Remember Who You Are" (The Rev. Stephen Butler Murray, Minister) — Sanctuary
- 12:30pm: Membership Committee Meeting



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 by **12:00 PM Thursday**.

Newsletter Deadline

Thursday, September 20th

Next issue covers October 1 — October 31, 2018

No submissions accepted after the deadline — send items to 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

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