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## What are we planning in 2018-2019?

### Religious Education

We're exploring the implementation of a religious education program, for both adults and children. We don't have many children, you say? To paraphrase the movie, *Field of Dreams*: "If you build it, they will come." As we get more and more visitors, we wish to be able to offer religious education to children, and to their parents.

### Anti-Racism Training

An *ad hoc* committee is researching curriculum to begin an anti-racism education program. Initial plans are for an in-depth training seminar hosted by us, with outreach to other UU congregations.

### BLUU @ AMC

There will be a Black Lives of UU cohort at the 2018 Allied Media Conference. We hope to support BLUU with home hospitality and with a share-the-plate collection for members of the cohort.

### Pride Festivals

We are anticipating participation in the *Motor City Pride* parade and LGBT Detroit's *Hotter Than July* activities.

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## First Unitarian- Universalist Church of Detroit

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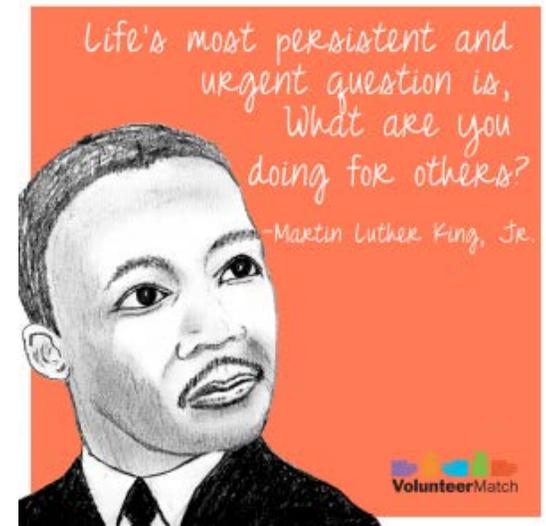
### VISION:

We are an urban center in Detroit for spiritual renewal and social justice.

### MISSION:

We strive to be an expanding transformative community whose mission is to liberate the truth, radiate kindness, and love courageously.

## Celebrating Sunday Mornings!



2018-2019 Canvass  
Campaign  
First Unitarian-Universalist  
Church of Detroit

We couldn't do it  
without YOU, and YOU,  
and ALL of YOU!

In our 2018-2019 pledge year,  
we're celebrating our Sunday  
mornings.

### How do we get to Sunday morning?

What topic will inspire? Who will deliver this important message? What music will enhance it? Volunteers meet regularly to find the best way to engage and promote our vision and mission.

A volunteer posts the upcoming week's sermon title on our sign at Cass & Forest. Sermon topics, and other church news, are found in our newsletter.

Volunteers make sure the building isn't too cold or too hot. They shovel and salt in the winter, landscape in the summer, and organize spring and fall cleanups.

Volunteers are found making repairs, tracking and ordering supplies, sitting in the nursery so parents may refresh their spirit without interruption, picking up and returning homebound members, running committees, and so much more.

We couldn't celebrate Sunday mornings without the volunteers who organize our Sanctuary before each service. The choir practices, candles are lit, water is

fetches, hymn numbers are put up, flowers are set out, pews are tidied, care cards are lined up for signing, guest speakers are welcomed, and visitors are greeted.

It's all reversed after the service, when everything is put away for the next Sunday and we gather to enjoy coffee hour (organized by volunteers).

Last, but not least, "volunteering" to join us in the pews to hear the sermon, and creating community in coffee hour, is an important part of **celebrating Sunday mornings!**

## Celebrating Sunday Mornings!

When you need a break,  
where do you turn?

UU Detroit.

Why? Because you feel valued. You believe in justice, equity and compassion. You understand the importance of spiritual growth. You are in a responsible search for truth and meaning. You practice and believe in the democratic process. You want a world community with peace, liberty, and justice. You understand the interdependent web of life.

### How do we do it?

**YOU, and YOU, and ALL of YOU!**

"Happiness is not something readymade. It comes from your own actions." — Dalai Lama

"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart." — Elizabeth Andrews, Habitat for Humanity Team Leader

"Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on Earth." — Muhammad Ali, Professional Boxer and Activist

"Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in." — Unknown

Voluntarily paying your pledge is an important part of celebrating Sunday mornings. *Thank you!*

Your yearly pledge is the financial backbone of our congregation. With your support, we can keep celebrating Sunday mornings, and the rest of the week, too.

Increasing your pledge by 5% will help us pay for our projected 2018-2019 programs. *Thank you!*