

Today's Music

- Prelude:** *Prelude in G# minor, op 32, No 12.*
Sergei Rachmaninoff
- Musical Meditation:** *Andante Cantabile* from Symphony #5
Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky
- Offertory:** *Toccata for the Piano*
Aram Khatchaturian
- Recessional:** *March* from Four Rondos op. 60 no.1
Dmitri Kabalevsky

First Unitarian-Universalist Church

Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, Interim Minister

Todd Ballou, Music Director

Today's Ushers: Regina Weiss Anita Jones

Today's Greeters: Sydney Schaaf Ruth Seifert

Hearing Assistance devices are available from any of our ushers.

Please visit us at www.1stuu.org; email the church secretary, Alexis, at info@1stuu.org; or give us a call at (313) 833-9107.

First Unitarian-Universalist Church

September 27, 2015

"Friendships with the Religious Other."

Rev. Stephen Murray



*Liberate Truth ~ Radiate
Kindness ~ Love
Courageously*

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

ORDER OF SERVICE

ENTERING

Lighting of Candles

Singing Together* *#131 Love Will Guide Us*

#346 Come, Sing a Song With Me

Stand Up Now and Clap (see insert)

Welcome – Dan Secrest, Worship Leader

CENTERING

Prelude

Calling To Worship

Kindling the Flame

Opening Hymn* *#311 Let It Be a Dance*

DEEPENING

Silent Meditation

Invocation

Musical Meditation

Reading

Message

RETURNING

Offering

Closing Hymn* *#343 A Firemist and a Planet*

Benediction

All are invited to the Social Hall for coffee, cookies, conversation.

(* indicates times to stand in body or spirit)

Announcements and Events – September 27, 2015

1st UU Church initiates “Singing the Journey” Project in September!

We will begin our fundraising efforts to purchase our hymnal supplement “Singing the Journey.” These books will be marked in honor of this building’s centennial in 2016.

At coffee hour, during September and October, you will have the opportunity to purchase hymnal dedications for \$20 each. In addition we are offering reduced dedications for \$10 for those who need it, while also soliciting sponsor donations of \$5 to cover the cost of the reduced donations for those who are able. Our fundraising effort will culminate in a music concert and sing-a-long to celebrate our new repertoire of songs.

Vespers

Vespers September 30th will be in the parlor/Memorial Hall at 6pm, as usual, featuring short poems by a wide variety of female and male poets, young and old, culled from a couple of regular internet sources. We’ll also enjoy some music and discussion. It’s meant to be a mellow respite in the middle of your busy week...so come, relax and enjoy. Al Acker

Chancel Flower Donations

Today’s flowers are given by Joan S., in celebration of Beth Bailey’s birthday.

Newsletters Available

Please pick up a copy of First UU’s October’s newsletter after the service during Social Hour. All copies that are left behind will be mailed out later this week.

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Registration is still open for the “Developing Your Leadership Workshop”

Organizations are only as strong as the people who lead and manage them, whether you are a church, a nonprofit organization or a for-profit company. There is nothing more critical to an organization’s success than the development of its leaders: especially today as churches are continually challenged to identify strategies that help improve organizational stability.

Leaders are needed at all levels of churches. Your Planning Committee is pleased to announce a two hour workshop on leadership development to be held on **Sunday October 4 at 12:30** at church.

The workshop will be limited to the first 15 church members who register to attend. OPENINGS ARE STILL AVAILABLE, please **register** to attend by emailing deanna.mcgraw@sbcglobal.net or call Deanna at 586-202-5241.

2015 Congregational Planning Meeting Invitation

The Board is pleased to announce that there will be a congregational planning meeting open to all church members on October 10. This planning meeting will be an opportunity for you to help shape our activities and allocate our volunteer resources for 2016. Your voice is needed to continue the growth of our church and our faith. Please plan to attend.

The meeting will be held on **October 10**, 2015 from 9:30 am to noon. The planning meeting will be held at Grandmont Rosedale Development Corp. main office - 19800 Grand River (just east of Evergreen, north side of street, at Bretton Drive). There is parking behind the building, on the street, and in the Auto Zone parking lot next to the office.

In order to plan for space and refreshments, you must register to attend by October 4, 2015. You may email your attendance to Deanna.mcgraw@sbcglobal.net, call Deanna at 586-202-5241, or sign-up with Deanna at coffee hour starting August 30, 2016.

Sunday Sermons and Activities

Sunday Morning Coffee Hour

All are welcome to join us after the service in the Memorial Hall for Social Hour. Please remember that your donations to Social Hour make our hospitality possible.

- 10/4 11:00 a.m. Sermon**, “World Communion Sunday for a Church that Doesn’t “Do” Communion.”
Speaker: Rev. Dr. Stephen Murray
All around the world today, churches are celebrating World Communion Sunday, a religious observance that UU’s don’t really do. But just because we are not participating with bread and wine (or grape juice!) doesn’t mean that there isn’t something spiritually of interest going on out there in the world. What does communion mean to all of these churches in their cacophony of theologies, and what significance does this spiritual practice have for UU churches?

Intro to First UU: Sunday, October 4th, 12:30pm, Memorial Hall

All guests and those interested in learning more about First Unitarian-Universalist Church of Detroit are invited to attend following coffee hour.

- 10/11 11:00 a.m. Sermon**, “Coming Out and Breathing In.”
Speaker: Rev. Dr. Stephen Murray
On a weekend where Columbus and anti-Columbus statements usually take the headlines, it is important instead to mark National Coming Out Day. While our faith community has done so much positive work to embrace and uplift the LGBTQ community in the Detroit area, it is impossible to recognize that this is not a minority community, and that recognizing one’s identity often involves a conscious break or rupture with the majority culture. “Coming out” isn’t just a metaphor, but is life and death, joy and pain.

New Member Sunday: Sunday, October 11th

If you are interested in joining our congregation, please see Regina Weiss (regina.a.weiss@gmail.com)

Sing-along: Stand Up Now and Clap **Anita “Ruby” Jones**

Stand up now and clap (3X), Clap along! Clap along!

Harvest time is here (3X), oh yeah, yeah! oh yeah, yeah!

Red & Yellow leaves (3X), falling down! falling down!

Everybody clap (3X), Clap along! Clap along!