Today's Music

Today's music is presented by Lee Thume. The sheet music has been distributed separately from the Order of Service. Please share with your neighbor in contribution to saving our Earth!

First Unitarian-Universalist Church

Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, Interim Minister Todd Ballou, Music Director Alexis Mitchell, Office Administrator Alyssa Bond, Social Hour Coordinator

Today's Ushers:Dan HaleJody WiseToday's Greeters:Emma VelasquezRuth SeifertHearing Assistancedevices are available from any of our ushers.

Large Print Hymnals are available from the **Greeters** in the back of the church.

Please visit us at <u>www.1stuu.org</u>; email the church secretary, Alexis, at <u>info@1stuu.org</u>; or give us a call at (313) 833-9107. First Unitarian-Universalist Church November 22, 2015 "My Journey in See Minor" Lee Thume



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

WELCOME - Marilyn Mitchell, Worship Leader

CENTERING Prelude Calling To Worship Kindling the Flame Opening Hymn* Say it with Music

DEEPENING Silent Meditation Invocation Musical Meditation Reading Message

RETURNING Offering Closing Hymn* Benediction

This is the Moment

All are invited to the Social Hall for coffee, cookies, conversation. (* indicates times to stand in body or spirit)

Book Sale

Several different UU-related books will be available for sale after church for the immediate future. Books are \$5 or a donation, and funds will go to the Centennial Fund. Contact Nancy Owen Nelson with questions at nelnan@aol.com

Thanksgiving Invite!

Robert and Kathleen Johnson are once again hosting a Thanksgiving day gathering at their house. Anyone interested in attending please RSVP by Sunday **Nov 22nd**. Please let us know if you are bringing a plate to pass. Dinner will be served at 4pm. Cats and dog will be in attendance too. So allergies take heed. Contact info: Phone: 313 799-2667 Email: lilbunniest@gmail.com

Membership Committee Announcements

Learn how to become a member of First Church, by attending the Sunday, **December 6th**, "Intro to First UU." The session will be held in the Church House, at 12:30 pm, after Coffee Hour. Please plan on learning more about our Church. The next Membership Book signing will be Sunday, **December 13th**, at the end of the Service. We hope if you have been attending as a Friend, that you will become a member before the end of the year. The Membership Committee is planning to reach 100 members, as we celebrate 100 years in this building. We need everyone's help to reach that obtainable goal. If you or have let your membership slip please make the commitment to becoming a member again. If you have any questions, please see Regina Weiss or Joan Smykowski.

Special Congregational Meeting

There will be a special congregational meeting on Sunday, **12/13/15**, at 1:00 PM in the Sanctuary, to vote on a slate to fill a Settled Minister Search Committee. An update to the budget will be presented at the meeting as well as the roll-out of the 2016 Strategic Plan. No vote is required on either the budget or the plan.

Chancel Flower Donations

Today's flowers are given by Colleen Dolan-Greene in celebration the anniversary of Mary Dunn and Jim Dolan's wedding in 1942!

EMEAC's Winter Blast Fundraiser

Please consider contributing to EMEAC's "Winter Blast Fundraiser" to support building operations this winter. The fundraiser will run through January 31, 2016: 100 Days – \$100 Dollars – 100 Donors. All donations are tax deductible. Donate your \$100 online at www.emeac.org or send donations to EMEAC, 4605 Cass Avenue, Detroit, MI 48201

Sunday Sermons and Activities

- 11/29 11:00 a.m. Sermon, "Thankings and Beginnings" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray Many of us are just on the other side of celebrating Thanksgiving, an utterly American holiday. What have we been thankful for in our lives, and how does being thankful open the doors for changes in how we live? This day marks the beginning of Advent, the Christian season before Christmas, and we will ask, as the "Christmas Season" of Santa and elves and brightly lit trees dominates our cultural consciousness, what Advent might mean for faith and for those who cannot help but observe.
- 12/6 11:00 a.m. Sermon, "Entering Hannukah"
 Speaker: Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray
 Our Jewish friends are about to enter one of the most popular, if least important, of the Jewish holidays: Hannukah. What is this holiday, and how has it come to take on such prominence when it is, in fact, a minor holiday. What might message of Hannukah mean for those who appreciate the wisdom of Judaism from outside of its traditions?