

FIRST UNITARIAN-UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF DETROIT NEWSLETTER



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NOVEMBER 2015

Upcoming Sermon Schedule

November 1st – "OK, Wasn't Halloween Just Grand?"

Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray

Halloween is one of the most beloved holidays of the year, in part because we celebrate while intentionally taking on an identity that is not our own.

Looking at different ways of celebrating Halloween, we also will look at what this holiday has meant in Detroit.

November 8 – "Remembering All Souls"

Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray

Earlier this week, on November 2nd, is the traditional observation of "All Souls' Day," and observance of those who have passed. While All Souls' Day was first instituted at the monastery in Cluny in 993 CE and quickly spread throughout the Christian world, people held festivals for the dead long before Christianity. We will examine some of the ways people have honored the dead across time and cultures.

November 15 – "The world on autopilot: To whom do we trust the future?"

Robert Johnson

Who decides which way our future heads? Who do we trust to pick our path? Or are we merely letting fortune and short term considerations decide our path? And what are the ramifications of doing so?

November 22 – "My Journey in See Minor"

Lee Thume

We'll take a musical journey together. Lee Thume is one of five children, four of whom were born legally blind, during the Depression, of a legally blind-piano tuner. Lee will share with us how she worked at problem solving after getting her major in music.

November 29 – "Thankings and Beginnings"

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.

Upcoming Special Congregational Meeting

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 2 of the By-Laws of the First Unitarian-Universalist Church of Detroit, a **special congregational meeting** shall be held on Sunday, **December 13, 2015**, at **1:00 PM** in the Sanctuary, for the purpose of **voting 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.

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**Worship Services held
every Sunday at
11:00 a.m.**

Letter from your Minister...

Letter from your Interim Minister, Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray:

Autumn came late to Michigan this year. Up to the end of last week, my family and I still swam in our pool, the leaves remaining green and in the trees, whereas last year we were desperate to close up the pool for the season because so many leaves of brown and yellow and red had fallen into its depths. But now the weather has turned, the cold mornings welcoming the brew of hot coffee to warm our hands as we wake into the dark.

I love this time of year, with the cocoon of sweaters and the crackle of fireplaces helping to relieve the loss of the summertime fun. We play in the newly downed leaves, carve pumpkins with our children, and prepare ourselves for the cacophony of holidays in this season, both sacred and secular. Halloween brings ghouls and goblins to our door, sated by sugary sweets. Thanksgiving is a spectacular feat in Detroit, with our parade being the second largest in America, after the Macy's Thanksgiving Parade in New York City. And then the full swing of the December holidays of Hannukah and Christmas and Kwanzaa, and Diwali and the Winter Solstice as well. The light in the world grows less and less in December, welcoming the snows which carpet the earth, until the darkness reaches its zenith, and then a return to growth and life.

This is all a reminder of the constancy of change, this simple fact that when we are bold enough to step outside of the comfortable boundaries of our own backgrounds, our own expectations and our own prejudices, our own fears, we are able to encounter a rich, enticing, multichromatic world in which we are no longer the prisoners of our own imagination, but the astonished inheritors of the entire spectrum of what it means to be human, beautifully human, flawed and imperfect, but still glimmering with the image of God in which we were made, each and every one of us. When we stay in one place our whole lives, we do not challenge ourselves to realize that the world is a whole lot bigger, more diverse, always tending toward change, than we ever give it credit for, perhaps even more than we want to believe.

People react differently to encountering something new, something unexpected. Some folks embrace the opportunity to experience the unknown while others are scared, intimidated, shun what is outside their norm, their day to day way of living in the world. And we all get into that place sometimes, that place where we shut down and shut out, when the world is too much, too big, and we prefer the company that we keep, thank you very much, the people who look like us, dress like us, pray like us. We are terrified by the prospect of connection that might rock our world and shatter that misperception that we had it all together, that we know all that we need to know.

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Letter from your Minister cont'd...

I encourage you, if you don't know it, to find a book, *Howard's End*, written by the wonderful British author E.M. Forster. And yes, yes, the movie version with Anthony Hopkins and Emma Thompson is excellent as well, but for goodness sake, put down the remote control and go find the book! And as you open it, and begin flipping through the pages, and no worries, no spoiler alert here, because they are the literally very first words that you will find, before the first chapter begins, there is a page that is blank except for only two words, two words which set the context for the entire rest of the book, which set the challenge for what humanity must do, must become, must achieve: Only connect. Those two simple words, "Only connect," are all that appear on that lone page, that simple charge to the reader. It comes up again later, and no, I won't ruin the whole book for you, but it comes up later, more fulsome this time, "Only connect! That was the whole of her sermon. Only connect the prose and the passion, and both will be exalted, and human love will be seen at its height. Live in fragments no longer. Only connect, and the beast and the monk, robbed of the isolation that is life to either, will die."

That is such an important idea, that when we live without connecting, we live merely in fragments. We do not live the full, flowering, thriving lives that we could. There is something bestial, there is something self-mortifying, life-denying, about turning down, refusing the opportunity to connect when the opportunity is there, right in front of you, and you do not take it because you are intimidated, you are scared, by what that connection might mean, how that connection will shape you, change you, transform you. We are frightened that by making the connection we will no longer be who we were before, and you know what, we are right. When we make connections, we cannot be who we were before. The innocence of isolation is sacrificed on the altar of opportunity when we encounter what we do not know, and we are made bigger, sturdier, worldly, increasingly compassionate, entirely more empathetic when we face the unknown, touch the unknown, caress the face of the unknown and trace our hands over the curves of the face and skin and hair and lips and eyes and nose of the unknown, and realize that the unknown is not the person to fear, but the fellow child of God. The unknown is the fellow child of God who grew up with different stories, who was taught a different way of valuing what she sees, comprehending what he hears. The unknown is the slightly shifted mirror image of ourselves, born into a different part of this vast world than the microcosm that we know.

Peace be with us all,
The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray

Letter from the President...

Letter from your Board President, Kathe Stevens:

Greetings to the First UU Detroit community!

At its October meeting, your Governing Board made decisions which will impact our future – the near future and looking out to 2017 and beyond.

The biggest news is that the board voted to begin the process to call a settled minister. This process will begin formally in January 2016 with the hope to call a settled minister for the summer of 2017. Meanwhile, the Board and the Nominating Committee will be considering names for potential candidates to serve on a Settled Minister Search Committee – an 18-month commitment and an extremely important one. If the Nominating Committee calls, please carefully consider giving your time and energy to this essential work for the future of our church. A vote will be taken to approve a slate of candidates at a special congregational meeting on December 13, 2015 (see the notice with details on the first page of this newsletter).

We're so glad to have Rev. Murray with us during our interim period. Rev. Murray's previous experience as an interim minister will help to guide us to see ourselves from a fresh perspective and assess what type of minister would be best to lead our congregation in the future. As wonderful as Rev. Murray is, I'm delighted the board has decided to start the process to call a full-time minister. I'm grateful to the board and other leaders in the congregation who continue to keep the church running smoothly. A full-time minister will push us beyond running smoothly to running with gusto!

The Board also approved a "Share the Plate" program for First UU. Last year, Joan Smykowski and I attended a UU Stewardship Conference on "Building a Culture of Generosity" at which we learned that many congregations share the plate on a regular basis, which increases their own plate contributions during that collection. If you'd like to read more on this topic, please go to <http://www.uuworld.org/articles/sharing-plate-increases-giving>. This seems like the ultimate win-win situation: we'll be contributing to the greater community while helping our own. The Worship, Social Justice and Finance committees will be working out the details.

In other news: Over 20 folks created objectives and action steps for our 2016 goals at the Congregational Planning meeting led by Deanna McGraw on Saturday, October 10. This congregation's involvement and enthusiasm in planning for the future is outstanding. The Planning Committee will input all the information into a formal document to be approved by the board and presented to the congregation as the *2016 Strategic Plan* at the December 13 congregational meeting. Heartfelt thanks to Deanna for lending her impressive skill set!

The third quarter report for this year's Strategic Plan is available on our website at <http://www.1stuu.org/Governance/GovernanceDetails.php>.

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Letter from the President cont'd..

Regina Weiss of the Membership Committee organized a "Committee Fair" on Sunday, October 18. Representatives from committees were on hand to provide a friendly greeting and information about their committees. We'll be doing this again and I'll encourage you to stop by a table and learn how the work of the church is accomplished.

Our "Singing the Journey" fundraiser was a huge success. We purchased 100 new hymnal supplements, which have many of our favorite songs. Many thanks to the committee and especially to our Music Director, Todd Ballou, who was the instigator and organizer.

Irene Brisson and Nathan Strickland will act as co-presidents for a newly-established UUA Interweave chapter. Interweave describes itself as "queer UUs and friends, building up connections, breaking down oppressions." The first meeting will be on November 15 at 1:00 PM at the Bronx Bar. Thanks, Irene and Nathan!

As I've mentioned before, I've been reaching out to other UU board presidents to make connections with other UU churches in southeast Michigan. I've had a lovely lunch with the president and vice-president of Birmingham Unitarian Church and am communicating with the presidents of UU Church of Farmington and Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church to organize dates to meet. GPUC sent a flyer for its annual auction, which is its big fundraiser. In the spirit of what I hope will be even more regional cooperation, the flyer is included in this newsletter at page 14.

I'm proud that we're part of the Cass Corridor Commons. Our building, which has been a hub of activity for almost 100 years, continues to be filled with voices of the community. On October 30 and 31 the World African Martial Arts Conference will take place in the DBlair Theater, continuing on Sunday, November 1 from 9:00am to 3:00pm. On November 1 the Center for Community Based Enterprise (C2BE) will be in the Parlor from 2:30pm to 5:00pm. I know we'll offer our usual radical hospitality to WAMA and C2BE participants.

East Michigan Environmental Action Council is having a "Winter Blast Fundraiser" to support building operations this winter. Please see the flyer on page 13. If you can't manage the requested \$100, perhaps you could tap a few friends for a joint \$100 contribution. Please consider supporting these buildings where we gather in community to nurture our minds and souls.

best ... Kathe

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Liberate the truth | Radiate kindness | Love courageously

"Our family just joined a church."

"This may not sound like a radical statement — not here in America, arguably the churchiest nation in the world. But hearing these words from my own mouth feels about as natural as, "I've just joined the Marines."

Granted, the church in question is Unitarian Universalist, a relatively laid-back faith whose central tenet is that all religions have wisdom to offer, and that we must love one another — and recycle. But it's still a religious community, a culture I haven't been a part of for more than 15 years.

I want my children to see that a group of people can work together, give of their time and talents, and support each other through life's joys and sorrows not because they're family or even necessarily friends, but because they believe that it's an important part of being human.

I also want to expose them to good, old-fashioned community in a world where, increasingly, community happens only in virtual spaces. I'm a huge fan of blogs, Facebook and Twitter, but I don't think there will ever be a substitute for sharing the same physical space with a group of people — having conversations, making music together, offering each other a handshake, a smile, or a word of sympathy."

Jane Roper, April 25, 2010 for "Salon"

For more information about joining the First Unitarian-Universalist Church of Detroit, please attend the next "Introduction to First Church" session on November 1, 2015 at 12:30 pm.

What We Believe

Unitarian-Universalism is a liberal religion born of the Jewish and Christian traditions. We keep our minds open to the religious questions people have struggled with in all times.

- We believe that personal experience, conscience, and reason should be the final authorities in religion.
- We uphold the free search for truth.
- We believe that religious wisdom is ever changing.
- We affirm the worth of all women and men.
- We seek to act as a moral force in the world, believing that ethical living is the supreme witness of religion.

To learn more about First Church, please plan on attending an "Intro to First UU" session on November 1 or December 6, 2015 at 12:30 pm. The session is usually held in the "mansion." For more information please contact Regina Weiss at regina.a.weiss@gmail.com.



Interested in Becoming a Member of First Church?

If you feel you have found your church home and would like to become a member, please be aware that you do not have to renounce any beliefs or practices or learn a secret handshake.

To become a member of First Church you must:

- Sign the Membership Book (the second Sunday of each month after the service.)
- Make a financial contribution of record and/or
- Make a yearly pledge, which you promise to pay during the upcoming year.

For more information, please plan to attend one of the "Intro to First Church" sessions on November 1, 2015 or December 6, 2015 at 12:30 pm.

We look forward to your questions and concerns.

Volunteer Fair a Huge Success

Thank you, to Regina Weiss for organizing the Volunteer Fair on Sunday, October 18th, during Social Hour. If you have any questions, please contact the leader(s) of the groups you're interested in assisting.

- **Building and Grounds**-Tim Bailey at tbailey44444@yahoo.com
- **Caring**-Nancy Owen Nelson at nelnan@aol.com
- **Child Care**-Richard Hillier at richardhillier@att.net
- **Church Choir**-Todd Ballou at trballou@comcast.net
- **Communication**-Dan Secrest at danielsecrest@gmail.com
- **Development**-Matt Friedrichs at friedrichs.matt@gmail.com
- **Finance**-Dan Wiest at dfwiest@comcast.net
- **Interweave [NEW!]**-Irene Brisson at irene.brisson@gmail.com
- **Singing Circle**-Gwen Foss at bookdoctorgwen@gmail.com
- **Social Hour**-Dan Weist at dfweist@comcast.net
- **Social Justice**-Joel Batterman at joelbatterman@gmail.com
- **Strategic Planning**-Deanna McGraw at deanna.mcgraw@sbcglobal.net
- **Ushering or Greeting**-Glenn Maxwell at detroitglenn@gmail.com
- **Vespers**-Al Acker at ackera@hotmail.com
- **Worship**-Kathleen Johnson at lilbunniest@gmail.com
- **Young Adults**-Aletha Oberdier at alethafaye@gmail.com

Did you know free child care is available during church services? See Richard Hillier for more information.

Did you know we are officially a "Welcoming Congregation" for LGBTQ members of our community. See Irene Brisson for more information.

Thank you, to the Ushers and Greeters who make First Church a welcoming place to visitors and members. We thank you for your continual radical hospitality. Please contact Glenn Maxwell to volunteer at detroitglenn@gmail.com.

Dan Wiest's Tribute to Grace Lee Boggs

On Sunday, October 11, Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray read this essay by First UU congregant Dan Wiest. I thought it was important to share with those who weren't fortunate enough to be present that day to hear Dan's tribute to Grace Lee Boggs and her connection with First Unitarian-Universalist Church of Detroit:

"Grace"

Most of you have heard, read or seen testimonials for Grace Lee Boggs, who passed on this last Monday [October 5]. You're probably aware that she was involved with the Black Power movement, workers' rights, urban gardens, education reform, Detroit Summer, (r)Evolution, feminism; that she wrote "Living for Change" and "The Next American Revolution"—the list goes on.

But did you know of her connections with First UU? Did you know that Detroit Summer, perhaps Grace and Jimmy's most enduring legacy, was originally based here and stayed until about 2005? Did you know that the memorial service for her husband, Jimmy Boggs was held in this Sanctuary? Of the times that Ruby Dee, Ossie Davis and Danny Glover would walk our halls because of her?

Did you know of the regular book discussions that were held here where Grace first started her drive for changing yourself to change the world? Books that challenged; books that inspired; books that outraged. Science Fiction books by Octavia Butler and Ursula Le Guin to show parallels; books by Walter Mosley to give a view of what happens on the other side of the tracks; books that reflected how much of our society was morphing into the mindset of a fast-food culture; books on education to show what was possible for Detroit schools; books by J.K. Rowling so that we could include youths in our discussions; books by hip-hop artists to try to keep up with the times. The common threads were of books that could foster connections and promote transformation.

Grace was often suspicious of the preachers in Detroit because she felt their egos got in the way of accomplishing more for the community. But an affinity was shared between Grace and First UU. Events for the Left in Detroit often alternated between the Boggs Center on Field Street and here at the corner of Cass and Forest. Included were a lot of individuals, groups and ideas that shared that orbit which would include the founders of the Women's Coffeeshouse, Avalon Bakery, the Coalition Against Police Brutality, Horizons in Poetry, the Cass Food Co-op, East Michigan Environmental Action Council and others.

Some of you may not have been here in the days when the Cass Corridor was far from being held up as a beacon for the rebirth of Detroit. Grace was heavily involved in this area during that time to put the neighbor back in the hood long before it became a catch-phrase. As she was pushing for us to do more, Grace would often comment on the importance of First UU in its role in the local community as well as the city's future.

So now a large torch has been passed. Realize that the flame of our chalice has been and continues to be an important part of that torch. It is our turn to carry this flame as we aspire to liberate the truth, radiate kindness and to love courageously. So go in peace. Go with Grace.

Church Announcements and Events

1st UU Board Meetings

Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month.

November 11	Whole Foods Community Room	7:00 - 9:00 pm
December 9	Whole Foods Community Room	7:00 - 9:00 pm

All are welcome at board meetings. Whole Foods is located at 115 Mack Ave at John R, Detroit. If you have an item you wish to have included on the agenda for discussion at the meeting, please contact Danny Rebb, Board Secretary at dfrebb@aol.com.

Vespers Wednesday

Vespers runs from 6:00 - 7:00pm on the fourth Wednesday of each month.

FIRST Sundays: "Intro to First Church."

Are you new to the church, or just interested in learning more about our church and tradition? The New UU class is about offering introductory information about what the church is all about, and it is an important step toward becoming a member. There are two objectives: one is to share information on the UU tradition as a whole, and a second goal is to focus specifically on the history and traditions of the Detroit church. Please do attend: We are proud of who we are, and we want you to be proud to be with us!

SECOND Sundays: Welcoming New Members.

This is a regular service, but we also include a time to invite our new members to come forward, present themselves to the community, and sign the membership book. This is an important ceremony honoring those who have chosen to identify themselves with our values, our tradition, and our community. Make them feel welcome among us!

SECOND Sunday: Potluck.

Time to break out your best recipe and bring it to church – share your food with FUUD! As we begin to add new members, it is a good time to share fellowship and nourishment with the people who nourish us, in return. Remember that everything must come and go the day of the event – 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.

Singing Circle

Wednesdays at **7:00 pm** - Singing Circle at the church. Open to all. Contact Gwen Foss at bookdoctorgwen@gmail.com for more details.

Church Announcements and Events

Acknowledgements

If you have a milestone (joy or sorrow) to share or a visitor to introduce during a worship service, please write the message on one of the index cards which can be found in the backs of the pews, and place the card in the offering basket during the collection. Milestones and visitor names will be passed to the minister for sharing with the congregation as part of our closing circle.

Amnesty International

Amnesty International is a global movement of people fighting injustice and promoting human rights. Amnesty International meets at 1st UU on the third Monday of every month at 7:30 pm in the Parlor. Contact Dan Wiest at dfwiest@comcast.net for more information.

Young Adults Activities

The first UU Young Adults group participates in two activities per month. To learn find out about upcoming Young Adults activities, visit us on Facebook at: [groups/young1stuu/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/young1stuu/) or contact Aletha Oberdier at alethafaye@gmail.com to join our Google Group.

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 visit the signup sheet on our website at 1stuu.org/Worship/worship.php, see our Office Administrator, Alexis Mitchell, after the service, or send an email to webmaster@1stuu.org!

Care Committee

The Care Committee addresses pastoral cares of our church community. It is chaired by Nancy Owen Nelson. Other members are Sally Borden, Edie McKnight, and Nathan Strickland. Please contact Nancy Owen Nelson, nlnan@aol.com or call her at 313-914-3475, if you would like a member of our Care Committee to reach out to you in a time of need.

Child Care

Childcare is available during service in a bright, cheerful room in the back of the church, off the narthex. See Sally Borden or Richard Hillier for details.



Church Announcements and Events

THANK YOU!

First UU recently received a lovely letter and donation. As Dan Secrest said in circulating this via email, "Please take a look at the attached letter from Patrick and Robin Keeney which accompanied their generous donation. It will make you feel good, guaranteed." It is indeed inspiring that we welcome all people of all faiths, color, creeds and lifestyles.

Wednesday October 7, 2015

Mr. Secrest,

While my husband and I are not members of your congregation (baptized, confirmed, and married in the Methodist church) we did recently have the immense pleasure of using your church for our daughter's wedding. It was a beautiful day, a beautiful service, and a wonderfully beautiful church! There were many, many compliments on it all.

We also attended a service there during the summer and I found it to be a welcoming day with warm, friendly people. Since then I've learned more about your doctrine and I find it comforting to know that you welcome all people of all faiths, color, creeds, and life styles.

I hope that your congregants will accept this small token of our overall appreciation. I know that it is not much but I want you to understand how much we appreciate your works in the Detroit community.

With appreciation and sincere thanks,

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Keeney
Howell, Michigan

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Pride at First UU

I was sitting in the pews with my wife during the worship service listening to the lovely music Todd was playing for the collection when I noticed the visitor and note cards being quietly passed to the Worship Coordinator. A feeling of pride welled up in me for the job the Greeters are doing. Our Sunday service is a team effort and our whole team is doing a great job. Thank you one and all. – Glenn Maxwell

Curiously Odd Movie Night: November 20th 7:30pm

Movie: *Curse of the Golden Flower*

And you thought your family gatherings were tough? This story is an epic tale of Chinese royalty gathering to celebrate the festival of the chrysanthemum, but secrets and plots threaten to overturn everything. Simultaneously the most gorgeous and ugly film you will see this year. Contains martial arts and violence. At the home of Robert Johnson and Kathleen Jacobs Johnson. For details call 313-799-2667 or email lilbunniest@gmail.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, November 22nd. Please let us know if you are bringing a plate to pass. Dinner will be served at 4:00 PM. Cats and dog will be in attendance too. So allergies take heed. Contact info: Phone: 313-799-2667 Email: lilbunniest@gmail.com.

Committee Training

On Nov. 8th from 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM, after the service and the potluck, there will be a training on running a committee meeting and building a strong team in the Parlor led by Matt Friedrichs.



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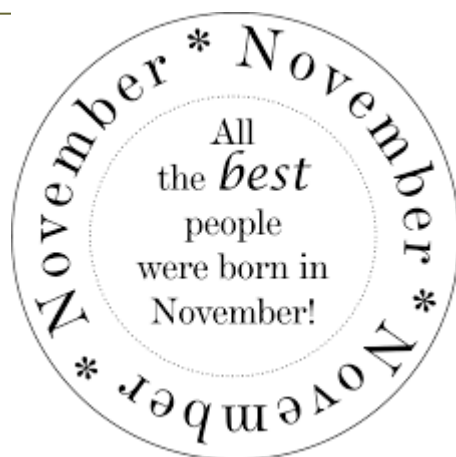
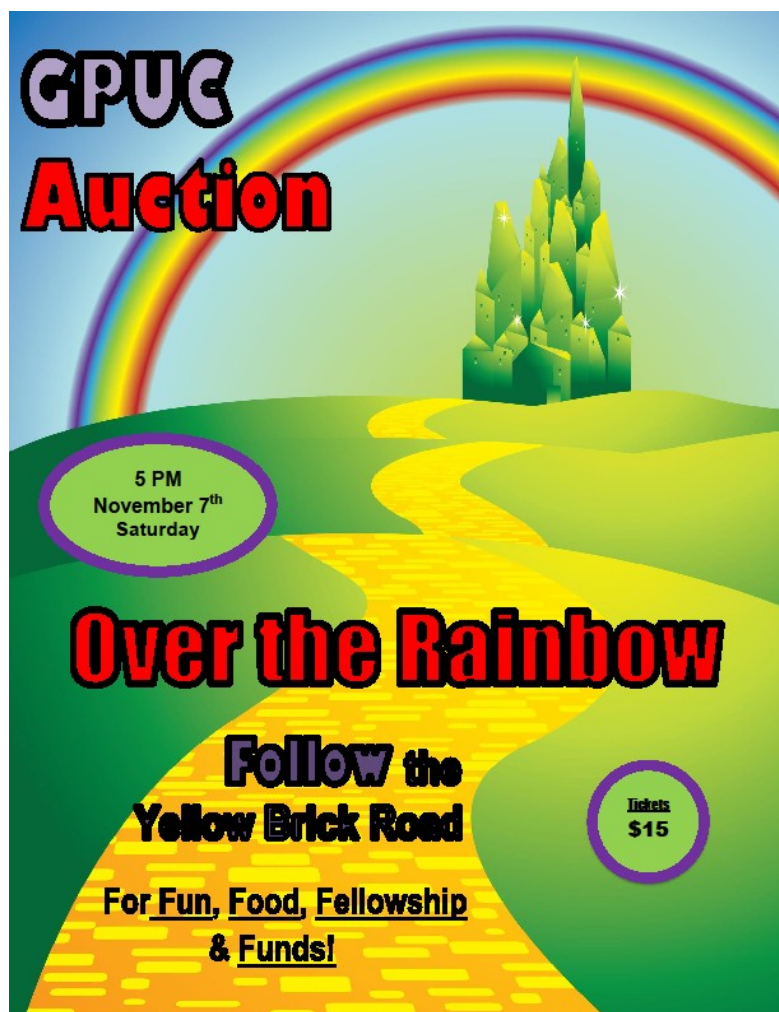
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On Saturday, November 7, at 5:00 PM, join our UU neighbor, Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, in fun, food and fellowship at its annual auction fundraiser, "Over the Rainbow." GPUC is at 17150 Maumee Ave in Grosse Pointe. Tickets are \$15.



Taylor	Caroline	11/2
Ventzke	Mary Lee	11/2
Young	Stephen	11/9
Johnson	Robert	11/10
Hosey	Carole	11/14
Mills	Sharon	11/19
Williams	Jerry	11/23
Stevens	Kathe	11/25

**There will be cards to be signed on the first radiator on the right for birthdays.

Calendar: First Unitarian-Universalist Church of Detroit

Sun Nov 1, 2015 – Daylight Saving Time ends

9am Choir Practice
Where: Sanctuary

11am Worship Service: "OK, Wasn't Halloween Just Grand?" (Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray)
Where: Sanctuary

12:30pm Hymnal Committee
Where: Sanctuary (if possible)

12:30pm Introduction to First Church
Where: Narthex

12:30pm Planning Committee meeting
Where: Parlor

Wed Nov 4, 2015

6pm Social Justice Committee meeting
Where: Parlor

7pm Singing Circle
Where: Social Hall

Sun Nov 8, 2015

9am Choir Practice
Where: Sanctuary

11am Worship Service: "Remembering All Souls" (Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray)
Where: Sanctuary

11:45am New Member Sunday
Where: Sanctuary

1pm Leadership Workshop with Matt Friedrichs
Where: Parlor

Wed Nov 11, 2015 – Veterans Day

7pm Board Meeting
Where: Whole Foods Community Room, 115 Mack at John R in Detroit

7pm Singing Circle
Where: Social Hall

Sun Nov 15, 2015

9am Choir Practice
Where: Sanctuary

Sun Nov 15, 2015 (cont'd ...)

11am Worship Service: "The world on autopilot: To whom do we trust the future?" (Robert Johnson)
Where: Sanctuary

1pm Interweave meeting
Where: Bronx Bar, 4476 2nd Ave, Detroit

Mon Nov 16, 2015

7:30pm Amnesty International
Where: Parlor

Wed Nov 18, 2015

7pm Singing Circle
Where: Social Hall

7pm Worship Committee
Where: Parlor

Fri Nov 20, 2015 – Transgender Day of Remembrance

7:30pm Movie: *Curse of the Golden Flower*
Where: home of Robert and Kathleen Johnson.
Details: lilbunniest@gmail.com

Sun Nov 22, 2015

11am Worship Service: "My Journey in See Minor" (Lee Thume)
Where: Sanctuary

Wed Nov 25, 2015

6pm Vespers
Where: Parlor

7pm Singing Circle
Where: Social Hall

Thu Nov 26, 2015 – Thanksgiving Day

4pm Thanksgiving Dinner
Where: home of Robert and Kathleen Johnson.
RSVP by Sunday Nov 22 to lilbunniest@gmail.com if you are bringing a plate to pass. Cats and dog will be in attendance too so if you have allergies be aware .

Sun Nov 29, 2015

11am Worship Service: "Thankings and Beginnings" (Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray)
Where: Sanctuary



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Church Announcements

Message Topics

Remember, 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.

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 office@1stuu.org by **12:00 pm Thursday**.

December Newsletter Deadline

Friday, November 20th

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