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Upcoming Sermon Schedule

June 5th — "Prejudice and Difference"

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray One of the ways that we often fail as individuals and as a society is by adhering to prejudices, some of which we are conscious of, and others that live insidiously deep. We will talk about how we address those issues and how to confront the biases that we hold.

June 12th — "Moral Imagination"

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray A favorite way to teach ethics is through the subject of "moral imagination," by which one studies literary characters in order to come to understand the dynamics of the choices made by the characters. Stepping out of your own shoes and into the shoes of another can promote understanding and empathy.

June 19th — "Creating Ritual and Relevancy Out of the Past"

Diarra McKinney

An educator and performance artist in love with the cultural traditions of Africa and the African Diaspora, Diarra McKinney is a storyteller, singer, and percussionist. She specializes as a producer of edutainment programs, field archivist, and outreach librarian. Ms. McKinney will present an interactive encounter with history on our Juneteenth Sunday celebration.

June 26th — "Breaking Good"

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray Two years ago, one of television's most popular shows, "Breaking Bad," went off the air. Its central character, Walter White, on a descent into evil, is a fascinating study of human ambition and self-delusion over the course of its five seasons. We will examine what "Breaking Bad" might teach us about how to live well in a world that sometimes pulls us toward the worst sides of our natures.



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About Us ...

UU DETROIT IS A MEMBER OF THE UNITARIAN-UNIVERSALIST ASSOCIATION OF CONGREGATIONS – <u>WWW.UUA.ORG</u> – IN THE MIDAMERICA REGION – <u>WWW.MIDAMERICAUUA.ORG</u>

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.



The symbol of our faith is a Flaming Chalice.

We affirm and promote seven Principles.

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 Forest and Cass for a century ... our Universalist and Unitarian roots in Detroit go back 185 years.



Our Vision

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

Our Mission

First Unitarian-Universalist Church strives to be an expanding transformative community whose mission is to liberate truth, radiate kindness, and love courageously.



We are a proud member of the Cass Corridor Commons.

We are a UUA-recognized Welcoming Congregation.



First Unitarian -Universalist Church Organizational Chart 2015–2016

OFFICERS:

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President Kathe Stevens

VICE PRESIDENT Matt Friedrichs

Immediate Past President Marsha Bruhn

> BOARD SECRETARY Danny Rebb

> > Treasurer Dan Wiest

TRUSTEES-AT-LARGE:

Joel Batterman Sydney Schaaf Dave Vailliencourt

STAFF:

Interim Minister The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray

> Music Director Todd Ballou

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR Alexis Mitchell

Social Hour Coordinator Alyssa Bond

WORSHIP SERVICE EVERY SUNDAY AT 11:00 AM



Letter from the President ...

Greetings to the UU Detroit community!

Thank you to all voting members who were able to be with us at the May 15th Annual Congregational Meeting. I boasted that choosing our "brand name" would be fun, and it was. It's important we send a consistent message — and so "UU Detroit" we shall be. We're the only UU church in the city proper, and with the choice of UU Detroit we're shouting out to the world that we're <u>Unitarian Universalists in the city of Detroit</u>, a really important part of our identity.

Congratulations to all the newly-elected: Board members, **Dan Hale** and **Nathan Strickland**, Jr.; Vice-President, **Dan Wiest**; 2016 Nominating Committee, **Marsha Bruhn**, **Matt Friedrichs**, **Chloe Lundine**, **Mary Lou Malone** and **Regina Weiss**; 2016 General Assembly delegates, **Robert Johnson**, **Danny Rebb** and myself; and 2017 Regional Assembly delegates, **Glenn Maxwell**, Danny Rebb, and myself. And thank you for your service to our faith community.

Dan Wiest, who has been our Treasurer for years, will now serve in the VP position. Losing Dan as Treasurer was made palatable because recently-retired accountant **Bob Lauer** agreed to assume the Treasurer position. Bob already serves on the Finance Committee as nominal co-Treasurer so the shift will be smooth. We're fortunate to retain Dan's continued leadership on the Board and Finance Committee. I appreciate both of you!

We approved a 2016-17 budget that is a masterwork by the Finance Committee. We're investing money back into our Church Trust; funded our search for a settled minister; increased the amount of our dues to the Unitarian Universalist Association and MidAmerica Region; funded budgets for leadership training and for important committee work (see page 8 for news about Social Justice Committee events); are a few thousand dollars away from paying off all our long-term debt; AND our budget is in the black! Next time you see them, give the finance folks a pat on the back for their stewardship: **Sharlene Gage**, Bob Lauer, Glenn Maxwell, and Dan Wiest.

Thank you again and again. It's so important to have committed members to carry on the business side of our spiritual life.

And organize picnics ... I'm grateful to Joel Batterman, Dessa Cosma, Matt Friedrichs, Chloe Lundine, Aletha Oberdier, and Regina Weiss of the Young Adults Group for another successful UU Regional Picnic on Belle Isle, on the shore of the Lake Okonoka, on Saturday, May 21. At our third annual gathering, over 30 UUs from the Birmingham, Detroit, Farmington and Southfield churches enjoyed meeting and greeting each other. We joined together in a shelter accessible to our members with mobility issues to grill and consume



many pounds of hot dogs (some vegan, of course), along with vegetable kabobs and morels (thanks, Chloe), balanced the dogs with salads and side dishes and desserts, drank water from a container filled from a faucet (rather than using plastic bottles), watched a youngster enthralled with Matt's frog-whispering, danced and chanted around a maypole, and planted wildflowers.

I often relate events in our Church to one of our principles. This time I'll focus instead on our mission statement: "First Unitarian-Universalist Church is an urban center in Detroit for spiritual renewal and social justice." And a community of commitment balanced by fun! **best** ... **Kathe**

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How Did the Movement Come to Have Such a Long Name ?

In North America, Unitarianism and Universalism developed separately. Universalist congregations began to establish in the 1770s. Other congregations, many established earlier, began to take the Unitarian name in the 1820s. Over the decades the two groups converged in their liberal emphasis and style. In 1961, the groups merged to become the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA).

When Did the Unitarians and Universalist Merge in Detroit?

In 1932, the process began in Detroit. The City of Detroit widened Woodward Avenue, truncating the fronts of buildings on the east side of Woodward, including the First Unitarian Church, which lost one-third of its facade, rendering the sanctuary too small for the congregation. At the same time, the Universalist's Church of Our Father lost its minister. Since the two congregations were reliaious liberals, it made sense for the two to join forces, at least temporarily. The congregations voted to meet in the Universalists church building and hear sermons by the Unitarian minister for one year. In June 1934, a legal agreement binding the two bodies was adopted.

To learn more, please join us at the next "Intro to UU Detroit" on Sunday, June 5, 2016 at 12:30 PM in the Church Narthex.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Liberate the Truth | Radiate Kindness | Love Courageously

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 and places. We believe that personal experience, conscience, and reason should be the final authorities in religion. In the end religious authority lies not in a book, person, or institution, but in ourselves. We put religious insights to the test of our hearts and minds. Unitarian Universalist beliefs are consistent with **seven Principles** that Unitarian Universalist congregations have agreed to affirm. These are:

- 1. The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- 2. Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- 3. Acceptance of one another and encouragement of spiritual growth;
- 4. A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- 5. The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process;
- 6. The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
- 7. Respect for the interdependent web of all existence in which we are a part.

To learn more about Unitarian Universalism at the First Unitarian-Universalist Church of Detroit, please attend an upcoming "Intro to UU Detroit" class on a first Sunday of the month, at 12:30 PM in the Church Narthex. Please pick a Sunday that fits your schedule. Upcoming dates are: June 5th, or July 3rd, or August 7th.

For more information, about becoming a member please contact Regina Weiss at <u>regina.a.weiss@gmail.com</u>.



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Three Ways to Volunteer as an Usher or a Greeter

It's as easy as 1-2-3!

- 1. Let Glenn Maxwell know during Social Hour, or
- 2. Sign up in the Church Narthex, on the bulletin board, or
- 3. Visit our website, and sign up on our <u>Greeter Signup Sheet</u>.

Any way you choose, it's the correct way. Don't wait! Sign up today.

More info: Glenn Maxwell <u>detroitglenn@gmail.com</u>

Committee Fair, July 10, 2016 After the Service

Volunteering is a Part of Being in the UU Detroit Congregation

As we continue to grow, volunteers are needed to ensure the quality and success of our committees, groups and events. Committees are a great way to meet new people, share your skills, and develop new interests.

Our next Committee Fair will be Sunday, July 10, during Social Hour. Committee chairs, group leaders, and event planners are encouraged to have a fun, interactive display to promote your group. Members and friends are encouraged to sign up.

Let's continue to grow and look towards the future. If you have any questions, please contact Regina Weiss at <u>regina.a.weiss@gmail.com</u>.

Greeters and Ushers Corner

Thank you to the men and women who have volunteered as greeters and ushers for June 2016! Please make a point of saying "Hello" or "Good morning" to them on Sunday.

> Maysel Brooks Anita Jones Chloe Lundine Carolyn Lusch Aletha Oberdier Emma Velasquez Regina Weiss Sherry A. Wells Roger Zeigler

WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO TO BECOME A MEMBER?

- 1. Sign the Membership Book,
- 2. Make a financial pledge to the Church, and/or
- 3. Make a financial donation of record to the Church.

Please contact Regina Weiss for more information at <u>regina.a.weiss@gmail.com</u>

IMPORTANT UPCOMING MEMBERSHIP DATES

- "Intro to UU Detroit" sessions, after the service (choose one): June 5, or July 3, or August 7, at 12:30 PM, in the Church Narthex
- Membership Book signings, during the service just before the closing circle (choose one): June 12, or July 10, or August 14
- Committee Fair: July 10, after the service, in the Social Hall
- Membership Committee Meeting: Wed., June 8, 6:00 PM, in the Parlor



Standing Church Announcements and Events

UU DETROIT BOARD MEETINGS

Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month.

June 8	Whole Foods Community Room	7:00 - 9:00 PM
July 13	Whole Foods Community Room	7:00 - 9:00 PM

All are welcome at Board meetings. Whole Foods Market is located at 115 Mack Ave (corner of 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 <u>dfrebb@aol.com</u>.

VESPERS WEDNESDAYS

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

FIRST SUNDAYS: "INTRO TO UU DETROIT"

Are you new to the Church, or just interested in learning more about our Church and tradition? The "Intro to UU Detroit" class offers introductory information on 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 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!

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 SUNDAYS: POTLUCK

Time to break out your best recipe and bring it to Church 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 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.



WEDNESDAYS: SINGING CIRCLE

Wednesdays at 7:00 PM — Singing Circle at the Church. Open to all. Contact **Gwen Foss** at <u>bookdoctorgwen@gmail.com</u> for more details.

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.



Standing 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 UU Detroit on the 3rd Monday of every month at 7:30 PM in the Parlor. Contact **Dan Wiest** at <u>dfwiest@comcast.net</u> for more information.

YOUNG ADULTS ACTIVITIES

The UU Detroit Young Adults Group participates in two activities per month. To learn about upcoming Young Adults activities, visit us on Facebook at: <u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/young1stuu/</u> or contact **Aletha Oberdier** at <u>alethafaye@gmail.com</u> 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 use the <u>Flower Donation</u> <u>Signup Sheet</u> on our website, see our Office Administrator, **Alexis Mitchell**, after the service, or send an email to <u>webmaster@1stuu.org</u>!

CARE COMMITTEE

Help us to minister to each other. If you or someone you know is sick, in need of a pastoral call or other assistance, please let the Care Committee know by contacting its chair, **Nancy Owen Nelson** at <u>nelnan@aol.com</u> to provide a network for communication and support. Other members are **Sally Borden**, **Linda Darga**, **Edie McKnight**, and **Nathan Strickland**, Jr.

CHILD CARE

Child care is available during Sunday worship service in a bright, cheerful room in the back of the Church, off the Narthex. See **Sally Borden** or **Richard Hillier** for details.

Lost & Found

We have a Lost & Found box in the office on the shelf to your right as you enter the office. If you find something, please take it to the office and put it in the Lost & Found box. If you have lost something, please check the box. —**Greeter Team**

Special Church Announcements and Events

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE EVENTS-JUNE 19 AND 29

The Social Justice Committee has scheduled a **discussion of Ta-Nehisi Coates' book**, "Between the World and Me," for Juneteenth Sunday, June 19, following the service. Coates, often described as the James Baldwin of his generation, wrote the book to address contemporary racial realities in the form of a letter to his son, after the fashion of Baldwin's "The Fire Next Time." **Copies of the book** have been ordered through our neighborhood bookstore, **Source Booksellers** (4240 Cass), and are available for purchase there at a **10% discount**; just mention that you are a UU Detroit affiliate.

The Committee continues its work on **affordable housing and inclusion** with a Town Hall meeting featuring Detroit City Councilwoman Raquel Castaneda-Lopez (District 6) as well as a member of Councilwoman Mary Sheffield's office (District 5) on Wednesday, June 29. Councilwomen Sheffield and Castaneda-Lopez represent the greater downtown area. The Town Hall will be at 6:00 PM in the Social Hall.

2016 GENERAL ASSEMBLY—JUNE 22-26

UU Detroit will have great representation at our national annual conference in Columbus, Ohio, this year. Because our Church census is now over 100, we're entitled to three delegates at regional and national assemblies. Our **2016 General Assembly delegates** are **Robert Johnson**, **Danny Rebb**, and **Kathe Stevens**. There are quite a few other UU Detroiters who are attending. If you want to do some **informal planning** for GA, let's meet in coffee hour on June 5 and 12 — just get up, ring the bell, and make an announcement!



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CONGRATULATIONS TO NATHAN D. STRICKLAND, JR.

Nathan Strickland, Jr. was honored recently with the President's Volunteer Service Award during the <u>BMe Leaders Award Ceremony</u> at The White House. BMe (Black Male Engagement) is a network of individuals who rebuild the communities around them. We're not sure how he does it all, but we're honored that Nathan has agreed to serve the UU Detroit community by joining our Board of Trustees. Nathan, with **Irene Brisson**, is a co-founder of UU Detroit's Interweave chapter.

WEDDING INVITATION—OCTOBER 15, 2016

Joel Batterman and Julie Brock are happy to announce that their wedding will take place on Saturday, October 15, 2016, at 2:00 PM in the UU Detroit sanctuary. The most important part of our ritual is that we share it with our community. **UU Detroit is an important part of our community**, and the place that brought us together. We would be delighted if any and all would come. This means you! Save the date! For details and to RSVP: <u>http://www.jbsquared-detroit.com/</u>. — Joel and Julie



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SOCIAL HOUR IN PARLOR—JUNE 5 AND JUNE 26

UU Detroit's coffee hour will be held in the Parlor on Sunday, June 5 and Sunday, June 26.

- -June 5: The Social Hall is rented for a baby shower, so we'll move to the Parlor for our coffee and conversation on June 5.
- -June 26: The Center for Progressive Leadership's monthly training will be in the Social Hall on June 26 so we'll gather in the Parlor for our coffee and conversation. All training dates are on the UU Detroit church <u>calendar</u>. Other dates are: July 24 and August 21.



THIRD ANNUAL UU REGIONAL PICNIC PHOTOS

Danny Rebb was standing by with his camera for our Third Annual UU Regional Picnic. You may see **Danny's photos** at our <u>Facebook Group page</u>. The maypole dance was not to be missed, and Danny didn't (with his camera, anyway).

THERE'S SO MUCH GOING ON AT UU DETROIT: CHECK THE CALENDAR FIRST!

Our growing and energized Congregation means there are many more meetings and events going on at UU Detroit on Sundays and on Wednesday evenings. By checking our Church calendar first, <u>http://www.1stuu.org/calendar.php</u>, you can see if the date on which you wish to hold your event is open. Then contact our Office Administrator, **Alexis Mitchell**, via email at <u>office@1stuu.org</u> or call 313-833-9107, to **get your event on the calendar**. Alexis will check with EMEAC's Dee Collins to make sure there are no conflicts and get your event calendared so you may invite all of us!

REMEMBER THE TRUST

The First Unitarian-Universalist Church Trust was established in 1964 by the merger of the First Unitarian Church Trust with the Annis Fund and the Woodward Fund. Initially, only the interest earned on the principal in the Trust was given to the Church. However, as membership declined while salaries and building maintenance continued to increase, the Church called on the Trust repeatedly to invade the principal to keep the doors open. As of July, 2008, \$223,816 of Trust principal had gone to the Church. Had it not been for the Trust, the Church would not have been able to celebrate the centennial of the sanctuary on April 16-17, 2016. We ask you to consider honoring the centennial by making a **special gift to the First Unitarian-Universalist Church Trust**. Feel free to contact me at 313-617-5989 to make a legacy gift. Thank you. — **Marilyn Mitchell**

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RESOLUTION ON MUSLIM SOLIDARITY

At its March 9 meeting your UU Detroit Board of Trustees voted unanimously to support a MidAmerica Regional Assembly Resolution on Muslim Solidarity. We were one of 11 congregations — from Kentucky, Michigan, and Ohio — to sign the Resolution.

The Resolution was presented and approved at Regional Assembly on April 30; **Kathe Stevens** and **Glenn Maxwell** attended Regional Assembly as delegates and joined in the vote to approve the Resolution.

The Resolution wasn't just a token of good will. **Rev. Kimi Riegel**, the minister at Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church, organized a meeting of MidAmerica Region board members, ministers,

imams, and other religious leaders on May 19 at NWUU. **Eric Huffer**, MidAmerica board presented board presented the Resolution to the Muslim leaders the presentation



was followed by a roundtable discussion on future interfaith community action.

A May 19 Detroit News article describes the intent of the meeting: "When Unitarian



Universalists approved a resolution recently to show solidarity with Muslims, they had more in mind than just words on paper. They wanted to send a message about fighting Islamophobia and resisting bigotry toward Muslims, so they organized a meeting with Metro Detroit Muslim religious leaders."



You can find the Detroit News article, "Unitarian Universalists show solidarity with Muslims," at:

http://www.detroitnews.com/story/news/ religion/2016/05/19/unitarian-universalistssolidarity-muslims/84639144/

A COPY OF THE SIGNED RESOLUTION IS ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN OUR NARTHEX.

We're proud to live out our 6th Principle, the goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all.





Calendar

All events take place at UU Detroit, 4605 Cass, unless otherwise indicated View calendar at <u>http://www.1stuu.org/calendar</u>

Wednesday, June 1

6:00 PM: Social Justice Committee—Parlor

7:00 PM: Singing Circle—Social Hall

Sunday, June 5

9:00 AM: Choir Practice—Chancel

- 11:00 AM: Worship Service "Prejudice and Difference" (The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray)—Sanctuary
- 12:30 PM: Introduction to First Church— Narthex
- 1:30 PM: Social Hall rented for a baby shower—Coffee Hour in the Parlor

Wednesday, June 8

6:00 PM: Membership Committee—Parlor

- 7:00 PM: Board Meeting—Whole Foods Market, Community Room, 115 Mack Ave at John R, Detroit
- 7:00 PM: Singing Circle—Social Hall

Sunday, June 12

9:00 AM: Choir Practice—Chancel

- 11:00 AM: Worship Service "Moral Imagination" (The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray)—Sanctuary
- 12:00 PM: New Member Sunday—Sanctuary

12:00 PM: Potluck—Social Hall

Wednesday, June 15

7:00 PM: Worship Committee—Parlor

7:00 PM: Singing Circle—Social Hall

Sunday, June 19

9:00 AM: Choir Practice—Chancel

- 11:00 AM: Worship Service ""Creating Ritual and Relevancy Out of the Past" (Diarra McKinney)—Sanctuary
- 12:30 PM: Book Discussion Ta-Nehisi Coates' "Between the World and Me"—Parlor

Monday, June 20

7:30 PM: Amnesty International—Parlor

Wednesday, June 22 – General Assembly 2016, Columbus, OH

6:00 PM: Vespers—Parlor

7:00 PM: Singing Circle—Social Hall

- Thursday, June 23 General Assembly 2016, Columbus, OH
- Friday, June 24 General Assembly 2016, Columbus, OH
- Saturday, June 25 General Assembly 2016, Columbus, OH
- Sunday, June 26 General Assembly 2016, Columbus, OH
- 9:00 AM: Center for Progressive Leadership training in the Social Hall —Coffee Hour in the Parlor
- 11:00 AM: Worship Service "Breaking Good" (The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray)—Sanctuary

Wednesday, June 29

6:00 PM: Town Hall meeting "Affordable Housing and Inclusion" with Detroit City Council representatives—Social Hall

7:00 PM: Singing Circle—Social Hall





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Deadlines & Office Hours

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@lstuu.org by **12:00 PM Thursday**.

JULY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Monday, June 20th Next issue covers July 1—July 31, 2016 No submissions accepted after the deadline—send items to <u>office@1stuu.org</u>

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR WORK SCHEDULE

Alexis Mitchell works every Sunday and occasionally during the week, as needed.

Her hours are generally:

8:00 AM-10:00 AM and 1:00 PM-3:00 PM on second and fourth Sundays

8:30 AM—1:00 PM on first, third and, if there is one, fifth Sundays