

# FIRST UNITARIAN-UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF DETROIT NEWSLETTER

  
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## Upcoming Sermon Schedule ...

### June 4th — “The Michigan Roundtable”

*Steve Spreitzer*

One of the consequences of our hyper-segregated and hetero-patriarchal upbringing is we are all at risk of becoming relationally delayed at best, with ignorance and apathy, the opposite of Beloved Community. Our journey to be whole and spiritually complete goes through “the other,” the very people from whom we have likely been estranged. In the last ten years, Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion has moved even more strongly to equity and equality. I am honored that my personal destiny has drawn parallel to the journey of the organization I have been tasked to servant lead.

### June 11th — “Anticipating Summer”

*The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray*

The turn of the seasons is upon us, as are all sorts of transitions in our personal and work lives. Today, I will examine how the summertime months mark our lives.

### June 18th — “On Father’s Day”

*The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray*

Each year, our culture appoints a day in which we are to celebrate our parents. On this Father’s Day, we consider the role that our fathers play and have played in our lives.

### June 25th — “Hail to the Sun God! (He is a fun God)”

*Amber K and Azrael Aryn K*

Amber K and Azrael Aryn K are Wiccan priestesses from New Mexico.

### SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, **September 9**, 2017

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## About Us ...

**UU DETROIT IS A MEMBER OF THE UNITARIAN-  
UNIVERSALIST ASSOCIATION OF CONGREGATIONS —  
[WWW.UUA.ORG](http://WWW.UUA.ORG) — IN THE MIDAMERICA REGION —  
[WWW.MIDAMERICAUUA.ORG](http://WWW.MIDAMERICAUUA.ORG)**

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 **Cass and Forest** for over a century ... our Universalist and Unitarian **roots in Detroit** go back over **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 2016–2017

### OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT  
*Kathe Stevens*

VICE PRESIDENT  
*Dan Wiest*

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT  
*Marsha Bruhn*

BOARD SECRETARY  
*Danny Rebb*

TREASURER  
*Bob Lauer*

**TRUSTEES-AT-LARGE:**  
*Dan Hale*  
*Sydney Schaaf*  
*Nathan Strickland, Jr.*  
*Dave Vaillencourt*

### STAFF:

MINISTER  
*The Rev. Dr. Stephen  
Butler Murray*

MUSIC DIRECTOR  
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*Alexis Mitchell*

CHILD CARE PROVIDER  
*Julia Cuneo*

ACTING SOCIAL HOUR  
COORDINATOR  
*Omar Davis*

**WORSHIP SERVICE EVERY  
SUNDAY AT 11:00 AM**



## Letter from the Board President ...

Greetings to the UU Detroit community!

I know these words have been written by many others before me, but I cannot believe two years have passed since I was first elected as your board president. What an honor and a privilege it has been to serve you. I'll be turning over the gavel on July 1; your new board president, **Dan Hale**, is a great choice. I look forward to working with new trustees **Maysel Brooks**, **Joel Fortgang**, **Dan Secrest**, and — moving from VP to a trustee position — **Dan Wiest**. Congratulations to all!

Let's send a big "thank you" to **Sydney Schaaf**, **Dave Vaillencourt**, and **Marsha Bruhn**, who are all going off the board. Sydney and Dave served for two years as trustee-at-large. Marsha was appointed to fill an open trustee position in 2012, was eventually elected president, and has served for five years. I appreciate their leadership and have learned a lot from them.

I'm sure everyone who moves over one seat from the President to Immediate Past President feels that they could have done more. I'm no exception, but I believe we've accomplished a lot together. Our biggest accomplishment is remaining together, worshiping together, celebrating together, and growing. We are a warm and welcoming community. Visitors come back, again and again, and our membership is increasing exponentially because newcomers feel like they belong, that we care. Because we do.

Our centennial year in our sanctuary ended in April 2017. You and UU Detroit leadership have worked very hard for the last decade to ensure that we would be able to celebrate that milestone. My goal for the future of UU Detroit is that we continue to work with East Michigan Environmental Action Council to remain in the buildings we have lovingly maintained for the past 101 years. I cherish Todd Ballou regaling us with his musicianship, especially the Motown medley on our Skinner organ. I treasure Sunday mornings in our historic sanctuary, with the Newcomb windows glowing behind us. I value the truth spoken from our pulpit — especially Rev. Murray's exuberance and leadership.

I'm also pragmatic; as your Immediate Past President I'll continue to act with the board to meet our fiduciary duty to find what is best for the congregation. Always.

As some of you know, I'm a Myers-Briggs-certified introvert. With your encouragement and love, I have been able to stand in front of the congregation feeling less awkward. You have allowed me to make mistakes bravely, knowing you were incapable of unkindness. I've been the beneficiary of your grace and thoughtfulness. Please know I appreciate every one of you.

best ... **Kathe**

## Save the Date! ...

A newly-constituted Installation Committee (**Dessa Cosma**, **Nancy Owen-Nelson**, and **Kathe Stevens**, with **the Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray** consulting) is planning a grand celebration to install Rev. Murray as our Settled Minister.

**SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, September 9, 2017, at 11:30 AM** in the UU Detroit sanctuary. The ceremony will be followed by a luncheon. Invitations will be mailed to members and friends as the date approaches.

Initial planning will be done by the committee; others will be involved as the plans progress.

— **Dessa Cosma**, Chair



## Going Forward!: 2017-2018 Canvass Campaign

### Why is Pledging So Important at UU Detroit?

Pledging is the financial backbone of UU Detroit.

By knowing our pledge amounts, we can plan, and create a financial safety net for the upcoming financial year.

### Is Pledging Expected of Members of UU Detroit?

Yes, there are requirements to being considered a member of UU Detroit: Signing the Membership Book, making a financial pledge, and/or making a financial donation of record.

### Is there anything more important than pledging?

Yes, paying the amount you pledged! You may pay your pledge yearly, monthly, or weekly.

**Thank you!**

**Thank you for your generous 2017-2018 pledges to UU Detroit. Your pledges will allow us to go forward, with confidence, as we make many decisions in the future.**

With your financial support, we can plan and go forward as a church family. Your pledge is vitally important to allow us to plan, strategize for positive outcomes that meet our Vision and Mission.

Our church has 59 pledging units (some units are couples/partners), the majority of pledgers increased their pledges for the upcoming year. We suggested an increase of at least 5%, and the majority of Church members donated more.

The new pledge amounts start July 1, 2017 until June 30, 2018. We look forward to receiving your new amount starting in July 2018.

Thank you!

— **Joan Smykowski**, ChairCanvass Committee

### Contributions may be:

- ◇ Mailed directly to First UU of Detroit, 4605 Cass Avenue, Detroit, MI 48201, or
- ◇ Given during the weekly service — if giving cash, place the amount in an envelope and write your name — or,
- ◇ Donated on line. Please visit [www.1stuu.org](http://www.1stuu.org), scroll down to "Giving" and click on "[Donate](#)."

### Remember!

*The new pledge amounts start July 1, 2017.*

*We understand life changes, please let Bob Lauer know if you have to change your pledge amount.*

*We still have bills, when you go out of town! Please donate on-line, or give your pledge amount before leaving.*



## Committee and Member News ...

### COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE:

It's good that we have a lot going on around the church these days! As we grow, we need to consider questions such as: How do we channel announcements so that we're not overly bombarded by people shouting during Coffee Hour, or overwhelming our email in-boxes?

**Anita "Ruby" Jones** will be our event coordinator. She'll compile the church-related announcements into a weekly email digest and send each Friday via the church email group, so the announcements will be fresh in our minds for Sunday activities and discussion. Send your announcements to [announcements@1stuu.org](mailto:announcements@1stuu.org).

See the Communications Committee [information page](#) for our UU Detroit email policy.

— **Dan Secrest**, Acting Chair

### MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Are you interested in becoming a member of UU Detroit? Have you loved us for a long time but not yet made the commitment? Or are you new to us, but know you're ready to take the plunge? Either way, we'd love to have you! If you're interested in becoming a member, please talk to me. We will be inviting new members to sign the book during the service on Sunday, **June 11**.

If you're still not sure, come to an "Intro to UU Detroit" class. The dates are **August 6** and **October 15**.

— **Dessa Cosma**, Chair

### SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

If you are interested in helping drive social justice in our congregation, please join the Social Justice Committee on the **first Wednesday** of each month from **7:00-8:00 PM** in the Parlor. The next meeting is **June 7**.

— **Nathan Strickland, Jr.**, Chair

### ANNUAL MEETING // ANNUAL REPORT

At the May 21 annual congregational meeting, we held elections and approved a budget for the 2017-18 fiscal year.

Beginning July 1, we'll welcome **Dan Hale** as our Board of Trustees President and **Nathan Strickland, Jr.**, as Vice President. Four new Trustees-at-Large were elected: **Maysel Brooks**, **Joel Fortgang**, **Dan Secrest**, and **Dan Wiest**. Our "Dan-centric" congregation now has four on the board, since **Danny Rebb** will continue his appointment as Secretary. **Bob Lauer** continues his appointment as Treasurer. Dan Hale, **Matt Friedrichs**, and **Kathe Stevens** were elected as delegates to General Assembly, being held June 21-26 in New Orleans, LA. **Marsha Bruhn**, **Jillian Fortgang**, **Matt Friedrichs**, **Mary Lou Malone**, and **Regina Weiss** will comprise the Nominating Committee for this next fiscal year. Thanks for supporting UU Detroit with your leadership!

The final approved budget is available on page 11 of our 2016-17 Annual Report, on our website at <http://www.1stuu.org/Governance/2017AnnualReport.pdf>. The approved budget listed income of \$113,677 — with pledges as of May 21st of \$87,057 — and expenses of \$116,960, a shortfall of \$3,283. New pledges that came in after the meeting brought our pledge total to \$90,095, changing the shortfall to \$245. As we went to press, more pledges were coming in. Thanks for supporting UU Detroit with your pledges!

### 4TH ANNUAL REGIONAL UU PICNIC

Over 50 UUs from the **Detroit**, **Birmingham**, **Beacon**, and **Brighton** churches picnicked on Belle Isle on Saturday, May 27, in a day full of food and fun. Many thanks to the organizers, especially **Dessa Cosma**, and to all who donated provisions, shared a dish, grilled, set up, and cleaned up, with a big shout-out to **Steve Curtin** for drumming us through the maypole dance, and to all who posted photos in our [Facebook group](#)!



## Announcements and Events ...



### A NOTE FROM OUR OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR:

Hello All,

As many of you know, I have recently graduated from Wayne State University with a Bachelor's in Social Work. It has been a long journey complete with the support of family, friends, and YOU. Thank you for each and every kind word or gesture.

I will be continuing my education this summer in pursuit of my Master's of Social Work. In so doing, I will be spending the next year focusing on my education and pursuing my degree.

My time at UU Detroit has been meaningful throughout these last 2 1/2 years. Wish me luck!

— Alexis

### GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Please let your newly-elected delegates to [UUA General Assembly](#) — **Dan Hale**, **Matt Friedrichs**, and **Kathe Stevens** — know if you have an opinion on your pick from among the three candidates seeking election as president of the Unitarian Universalist Association. If you wish to hear the candidates discuss their platforms, [watch the forum](#) featuring the Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray, the Rev. Alison Miller, and the Rev. Jeanne Pupke. Dan, Matt, Kathe, and **Rev. Murray** will be at GA in New Orleans LA from June 21-26. Rev. Murray is presenting a workshop on the topic of "Diversity as Strength for Unity."

### REV. MURRAY TELLIN' IT LIKE IT IS

A letter published on May 6, 2017, in the *Chicago Tribune*, entitled "[How Trump's executive order hurts religious freedom](#)," was cosigned by our own **Rev. Murray**. The letter asserts that Trump's "order fundamentally misunderstands the principles of religious freedom."

### NEWS FROM THE UUA

[A very detailed timeline](#) of the UUA hiring controversy has been compiled by Allies for Racial Equality. It includes resources and links.

The UUA Board of Trustees "Task Force on Re-Imagining Covenant" has issued its [latest report](#), which recommends an ecclesiastical conference in addition to general assembly business sessions .

As a follow up to the Teach In on White Supremacy, [Black Lives of UU](#) are encouraging people who participated to fill out [a survey](#). UU Detroit's White Supremacy Teach-In was May 7, 2017 — over 500 congregations have participated in the teach-ins.

Our denominational magazine, the [UU World](#), is always a good read and you may enjoy its May 22, 2017 article on White Supremacy [teach-ins around the country](#), which were without precedent "in that it was organized simply by three religious educators and just captured the imagination of our movement," according to interim co-president, Rev. William Sinkford.

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## Announcements and Events ... cont'd

### POINTS OF PRIDE

I have been reading *An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States*, by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz, published by Beacon Press, 2014, as part of its ReVisioning American History series. Beacon Press, as many of us know, is "under the auspices" of the UUA.

But I doubt that is the only reason for the paragraph I quote below from page 200, which followed the author's quote from the New York Society of Friends (Quakers).

The Doctrine of Discovery, as one might guess, refers to the White Man entering upon land already occupied, claiming to have "discovered" it and declaring it a possession of his nation.

"The Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) resolution [in 2012] regarding this is particularly powerful and an excellent model. The UUA 'repudiate[s] the Doctrine of Discovery as a relic of colonialism, feudalism, and religious, cultural, and racial biases having no place in the modern day treatment of indigenous peoples.' The Unitarians resolved 'to expose the historical reality and impact of the Doctrine of Discovery and eliminate its presence in the contemporary policies, programs, theologies, and structures of Unitarian Universalism; and . . . invite indigenous partners to a process of Honor and Healing (often called Truth and Reconciliation).' They additionally encouraged 'other religious bodies to reject the use of the Doctrine of Discovery to dominate indigenous peoples' and resolved to collaborate with groups 'to propose a specific Congressional Resolution to repudiate this doctrine . . . and. . . call upon the United States to fully implement the standards of the U.N. Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in the U.S. law and policy without qualifications.'"

For the rest of the resolution, see: <http://www.uua.org/action/statements/doctrine-discovery>

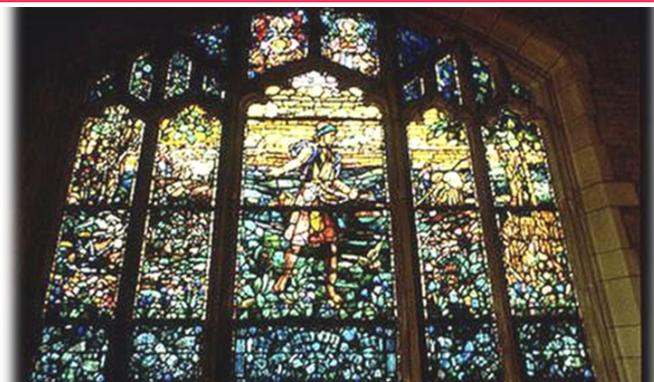
The book is a slow read, not only because of the mass of history that is "new," to me and likely you, too, but also because I could read about only a bit of the tragedies perpetrated on these people at a time before I began to feel physically ill.

On Friday, May 12, I was the fourth member of UU Detroit to join others on a Woodward corner to rally for mass transit and to protest the Q-line to nowhere. I was with Glenn Maxwell, Joel Batterman, and Matt Friedrichs. Joel and I were both on a Ferndale corner that evening. Please sign the petition at [detroitpeoplesplatform.org](http://detroitpeoplesplatform.org) or <http://bit.ly/2oBeThD> to "Give Us Back Our Street: Restore Bus Service on the Woodward (53) line to Woodward Avenue" and call your County Executive or Detroit Mayor for support putting regional transit back on the ballot in November 2018. (Or better yet, support regional transit without us having to petition them to do what best for the people they govern.)

— Sherry A. Wells

### VISITORS TO UU DETROIT IN JULY!

**Mary Newcomb** and her husband, **Jeri Putnam**, will be visiting the Detroit area between June 29 and July 4. Mary is the great-granddaughter of Cyrenius Adelbert Newcomb and Mary Eliza Haskell Newcomb, to whom [our stained glass window](#), "The Sower," is dedicated. Mary and Jeri plan to attend the UU Detroit service on Sunday, **July 2**.





## Policies and Procedures ...

### So, You've Been Wondering About UU Detroit's Policies and Procedures?

Featured policy and procedure of the month: *Conflict Resolution Policy*

In June 2016, your Board of Trustees approved a [Policies and Procedures Manual](#). The need for a manual became apparent from several different sources as diverse as the Planning Committee to our staff, from individual congregants to the Board itself. The P&P may be found on the first page of our website, [1stuu.org](http://1stuu.org). Click on any title in the Table of Contents in the manual to go directly to that policy.

We're going to feature a summary of a P&P every month in the newsletter so you may get to know how UU Detroit operates!

— **Planning Committee**

**POLICY STATEMENT:** "When unresolved conflict arises within any area of UU Detroit it must be managed in a kind and fair manner.

**PROCEDURES:** The conflict resolution process consists of three levels. When a conflict arises between groups or individual congregants, the process is to employ only as many levels as are needed to resolve the conflict. Throughout the process, all relevant persons, including members of the Board of Trustees, will be treated with respect and compassion. In some cases, the Board of Trustees may determine that a structured process is needed and invite affected parties to submit a request."

The procedures outline three levels of resolution:

- *Level 1. We Work It Out* — just like it sounds. Suggestions for how parties can resolve conflicts themselves are provided in an Appendix.
- *Level 2. We Need Help (Facilitator or Mediator Process)* — a confidential request for assistance may be submitted to the Board, which will review and recommend next steps. The Board may assign a mediator, coach, and/or facilitator depending on the recommended next steps.
- *Level 3. We Engage in a Process Through a Resolution Task Force* — this level references directly UU Detroit Bylaws Article VIII(2)(A)(vi), which states: "if an issue arises which is divisive within the congregation and cannot be resolved by the Board of Trustees, the Nominating Committee shall appoint a Resolution Task Force consisting of three members (two of whom shall have served previously as officers) to review, resolve and/or report their findings to the Congregation."

The procedure ensures confidentiality with spelled-out measures. It concludes with a statement on maintaining and upholding this policy and process.

We're a well-intentioned community and have not had to utilize this policy. But it's good to remind ourselves to use respect and compassion in all our interactions with each other.



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## What We're Doing ...

### Singing Circle

Singing Circle is held every Wednesday at **7:00 PM** in the Social Hall; open to all. **Gwen Foss** [bookdoctorgwen@gmail.com](mailto:bookdoctorgwen@gmail.com) for more details.

WEDNESDAYS AT  
UU DETROIT

### Vespers

Vespers runs from **6:00 - 7:00 PM** on the fourth Wednesday of each month in the Parlor. See our website for more information: <http://1stuu.org/Worship/vespers/.vespers.php>.

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](mailto:worship@1stuu.org).

MESSAGE  
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### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

If you have a milestone (joy or sorrow) to share or a visitor to introduce on Sunday, 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 as part of our closing circle. Please note that announcements about meetings are more appropriate for coffee hour.

### BOARD MEETINGS

Board meetings are held from **7:00 - 9:00 PM**, on the second Thursday of each month at the Whole Foods Community Room. The dates of the next two meetings are **June 8** and **July 13**. 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**, Secretary to the Board, at [secretary@1stuu.org](mailto:secretary@1stuu.org).

### Sundays at UU Detroit

#### "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! Classes are scheduled for **August 6** and **October 15**. See **Dessa Cosma** for more information.

#### Welcoming New Members

Do you wish to come forward as a new member, present yourself 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. Let Membership Committee Chair, **Dessa Cosma**, know you're interested so we may welcome you properly! [dessacosma@gmail.com](mailto:dessacosma@gmail.com).

#### SECOND Sundays: Potluck

Time to break out your best recipe and bring it 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.



#### SECOND Sundays: Networking

All congregants are invited to bring and share your personal business cards for distribution on the second Sunday of the month. Many of us would certainly like to be able to support businesses of fellow church members and if you feel the same, here is an opportunity to do just that. Contact **Ruby Jones** ([racedancer@hotmail.com](mailto:racedancer@hotmail.com)) for more details.



## What Else Is Going On? ...

### 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 [dfwiest@comcast.net](mailto:dfwiest@comcast.net) for more information.

### 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 [nelnan@aol.com](mailto:nelnan@aol.com) to provide a network for communication and support. Other Care Committee members are **Sally Borden**, **Linda Darga**, **Edie McKnight**, and **Nathan Strickland, Jr.**

### Child Care

Child care is available during Sunday worship service with our child care provider, **Julia Cuneo**, in a bright, cheerful room in the back of the Church, off the Narthex. See Child Care Committee Co-Chairs, **Sally Borden** or **Richard Hillier**, for details.

### Young Adults Activities

Visit the UU Detroit Young Adults Group Facebook page to learn about activities, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/young1stuu/>, or contact **Aletha Oberdier** at [alethafaye@gmail.com](mailto:alethafaye@gmail.com) to join our Google Group.

### Check the Church Calendar!

There are so many interesting things going on at UU Detroit! Please be sure to check the church calendar before you schedule an event. You may access it online at <http://www.1stuu.org/calendar>. If the day looks free for your event, you may reserve a room by sending an email to [newsletter@1stuu.org](mailto:newsletter@1stuu.org). Either webmaster Dan Secrest, office administrator Alexis Mitchell, or newsletter editor Kathe Stevens will get your room scheduled and Alexis will get information about your event into the newsletter.

### 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 [Flower Donation Signup Sheet](#) on our website, see our Office Administrator, **Alexis Mitchell**, after the service, or send an email to [webmaster@1stuu.org](mailto:webmaster@1stuu.org)!



### Share our Facebook Posts!

Facebook events are being created on our [Facebook group](#) and [page](#) for sermons, Vespers, Membership activities, and other events. When you see a Facebook event about church activities, PLEASE SHARE IT on your newsfeed! Help get the word out about what's going on at UU Detroit.

### Do You Want To Know About EMEAC Events?

You can find out what's going on with East Michigan Environmental Action Council, the owner of our building and manager of the Cass Corridor Commons, by clicking on the [Latest News](#) tab at [www.emecac.org](http://www.emecac.org).

### Cass Corridor Commons News

UU Detroit is part of the [Cass Corridor Commons](#), a multi-use nonprofit green space and community hub that embodies principles of shared space, environmental justice and social justice principles. The Commons' [Facebook page](#) has up-to-date information .



## Calendar ...

**All events take place at UU Detroit, 4605 Cass, unless otherwise indicated**

View the UU Detroit calendar at <http://www.1stuu.org/calendar>

### Sunday, June 4

Alexis' hours are 8:00AM-10:30AM & 1:30PM-3:30PM

8:40 AM: PTO Conference in Social Hall; Coffee Hour in Parlor

9:00 AM: Choir Practice — Chancel

11:00 AM: Worship Service "The Michigan Roundtable" (Steve Spreitzer) — Sanctuary

12:30 PM: Planning Committee meeting — Narthex

### Wednesday, June 7

7:00 PM: Singing Circle — Social Hall

7:00 PM: Social Justice Committee meeting — Parlor

### Thursday, June 8

7:00 PM: UU Detroit Board Meeting — Whole Foods Community Room, 115 Mack Ave at John R, Detroit

**Friday, June 9 — Esbat: Full Strawberry Moon (Native American/Pagan)**

### Sunday, June 11

Alexis' hours are 8:30AM-2:00PM

9:00 AM: Choir Practice — Chancel

11:00 AM: EJAM training in Social Hall — Coffee Hour in Parlor

11:00 AM: Worship Service "Anticipating Summer" (Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray) — Sanctuary

12:00 PM: Potluck — Parlor

### Wednesday, June 14

7:00 PM: Singing Circle — Social Hall

### Sunday, June 18 — Father's Day (U.S.) 2017

Alexis' hours are 8:00AM-10:30AM & 1:30PM-3:30PM

9:00 AM: Choir Practice — Chancel

11:00 AM: Worship Service "On Father's Day" (Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray) — Sanctuary

### Monday, June 19

7:30 PM: Amnesty International — Parlor

**Wednesday, June 21-Sunday, June 25 — General Assembly, New Orleans, LA**

**Wednesday, June 21 — Lailat al-Qadr (Muslim) 2017; Lammas/Lughnasadh (Pagan) 2017; Litha, the Summer Solstice (Pagan) 2017**

7:00 PM: Worship Committee — Parlor

7:00 PM: Singing Circle — Social Hall

### Sunday, June 25

Alexis' hours are 8:30AM-2:00PM

11:00 AM: Worship Service "Hail to the Sun God! (He is a fun God)" (Amber K and Azrael Aryn K) — Sanctuary

**Monday, June 26 — Eid al-Fitr: last day of Ramadan (Muslim) 2017**

### Wednesday, June 28

6:00 PM: Vespers — Parlor

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@1stuu.org](mailto:office@1stuu.org) by **12:00 PM Thursday**.

### Newsletter Deadline

**Tuesday, June 20th**

Next issue covers July 1 — July 31, 2017

No submissions accepted after the deadline — send items to [newsletter@1stuu.org](mailto:newsletter@1stuu.org).

### Office Administrator Work Schedule

**Alexis Mitchell** works every Sunday and occasionally during the week, as needed. Her hours are generally:

First and third Sundays: 8:00 AM – 10:30 AM and 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM

Second, fourth and, if necessary, fifth Sundays: 8:30 AM – 2:00 PM