



Upcoming Sermon Schedule ...

June 3rd — “The Harmony of the Spheres: Music and Spirituality”

Dr. Michael Nealon, Guest Speaker

According to most scientists, our universe had its origin in a musical moment — a big bang. In what ways have we used music to understand the world around us? the cosmos? our personal and social relationships with God and with one another? How might we think about our spiritual journeys as music moments or compositions?

June 10th — “Reconciling Poverty, Economic Development and Gentrification in Detroit ”

Kevin Ketels, Guest Speaker

How can we balance the competing interests of a city in which many residents have little practical access to opportunity within the context of substantial, yet uneven economic investment? Detroit is a city whose history is rich with contrast in both invention and oppression. While the national narrative speaks kindly to our recent efforts, the benefits are as elusive as ever for those outside downtown and midtown. The obstacles are significant, but the goal is achievable with community planning and public/private investments that build bridges for the marginalized to free themselves from poverty.

June 17th — “How the Underground Railroad Changed America ”

Evelyn Millstein, Guest Speaker

In honor of Juneteenth, Evelyn Millstein will speak on The Underground Railroad as one of the most remarkable movements in American history. The first and only bi-racial movement led by African Americans, it was also the greatest mass civil disobedience movement America ever experienced. It began with the passage of the U.S. Constitution in 1778 and continued non-stop for over 70 years until 1861, when the Civil War began; the Underground Railroad in the South became a military branch of the Union army and thus helped end slavery. Millstein will offer her books for sale after the service.

June 24th — “The Longest Day ”

The Rev. Stephen Butler Murray, Minister

Close on the heels of the Summer Solstice, I will explore how this observance has affected religion and culture. The Summer Solstice is a pre-Christian holiday and has been celebrated throughout Europe and many parts of the world, a moment of the annual cycle since Neolithic times.



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About Us ...

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.



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.



We are a proud member of the Cass Corridor Commons.

We are a UUA-recognized Welcoming Congregation.



We believe Black Lives Matter — and proclaim it on our sign.

FIRST UNITARIAN- UNIVERSALIST CHURCH ORGANIZATIONAL CHART 2017-2018

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SOCIAL HOUR COORDINATOR
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WORSHIP SERVICE EVERY
SUNDAY AT 11:00 AM



About Us ... cont'd

We affirm and promote **seven Principles**. We believe in

- 1) the inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- 2) justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- 3) acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our Congregations;
- 4) a free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- 5) the right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our Congregations and in society at large;
- 6) the goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
- 7) respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

We live out these Principles within a "living tradition" drawn from sources as diverse as science, poetry and literature, scripture, and personal experience.

The Principles are not dogma or doctrine, but rather a guide for those of us who choose to join and participate in Unitarian Universalist religious communities.

Detroit has been home to Universalists and Unitarians since 1835. UU Detroit's history of fighting for civil liberties in the world and advocating for Detroit is long and strong. Radical thinkers who worshipped, spoke, met, and/or organized at the corner of Cass & Forest include ground-breaking African-Americans; civil rights radicals and martyrs; icons of the women's and workers' rights movements; LGBTQ forerunners; enlightened politicians; environmental activists; progressive educators; immigration reformists; promoters of, and martyrs for, peace; and authors, musicians, and poets.

Our advocacy continues in the 21st century.

UU DETROIT'S VISION STATEMENT:

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



UU DETROIT'S MISSION STATEMENT:

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

UU DETROIT IS A MEMBER OF THE Unitarian-Universalist Association of Congregations — www.uua.org — in the **MidAmerica Region** — www.midamericauua.org.



Announcements ...

Allied Media Conference & BLUU

June 14-17

The [Allied Media Conference](#) is held every summer in Detroit. The conference brings together a vibrant and diverse community of people using media to incite change: filmmakers, radio producers, technologists, youth organizers, writers, entrepreneurs, musicians, dancers, and artists. "Media" is defined as anything you use to communicate with the world. You are a media-maker! explores social justice media strategies for a more just, creative and collaborative world. AMC is scheduled for **June 14-17**, on the campus of Wayne State University and other locations, including the **Cass Corridor Commons**. The conference, in its 20th year, has grown to 2500 participants.



This year [Black Lives of UU](#) is bringing black UUs from all over country to AMC to get additional organizing skills as a team to push BLUU's work forward.

See [page 6](#) for more information about UU Detroit's support of BLUU's cohort at AMC.

Poor People's Campaign

Over the past two years, the [Poor People's Campaign](#): A National Call for Moral Revival has reached out to communities in more than 30 states across this nation. The Poor People's Campaign is uniting tens of thousands of people across the country to challenge the evils of systemic racism, poverty, the war economy,



ecological devastation and the nation's distorted morality.

Dates for direct action in our state capitol in Lansing are:

Monday, **June 4**: Week 4 theme — *Ecological Devastation, Clean Air, Clean Water, and Healthcare for All*

Monday, **June 11**: Week 5 theme — *Right to Live, Jobs, Income, Right to Organize, and Housing*

Monday, **June 18**: Week 6 theme — *A New and Unsettling Force Rising Up*

If you need a ride from Detroit to Lansing for any of the Michigan Poor People's Campaign events in Lansing, please sign at this [link](#). You will be contacted with more information and to confirm your ride. NOTE: Each ADULT rider must register individually AND will be asked to make a small donation for their transportation (\$5-10).

The bus will depart from Metropolitan United Methodist Church, 8000 Woodward (at Chandler) in Detroit — 1/4 mile north of Grand Blvd, near the last QLine stop. The church parking guard will direct you to the lot.

Ride Shares to Church on Sunday

If you or someone you know could use a **ride to church on Sunday**, please contact the office with your location. Your availability will be published among our community to find a driver open to sharing a ride. Please contact the church office at 313-833-9107 or email office@lstuu.org.





Participate ...

What are some ways to participate in our church life?

Do you know we have an easy way to sign up for volunteer activities in our faith community? We have links on our website under the Worship Committee page to sign up to be a greeter, moderate the visitor table, lead worship, and donate flowers:

[Greeter Signup Sheet](#)

[Visitor Table Signup Sheet](#)

[Worship Leader Signup Sheet](#)

[Flower Donation Signup Sheet](#)

Follow your passion! Be the first to greet our Sunday morning visitors or help explain who we are at the Visitor Table. Be a visible presence as we worship together. Or, if you're more inclined to introspection and quiet, donate the flowers for our Sunday service. There are so many ways to participate!

See *Membership*, [page 7](#), and Sundays @UU Detroit, [page 11](#), for more information.



Who do we support?

Members of our congregation are involved in many organizations that promote justice, equity, and compassion — and some fun, too. You'll find us advocating for social justice all the time, everywhere.

Some organizations in which UU Detroit members are actively involved are:

Amnesty International: <https://www.amnestyusa.org/event/aiusa-group-78-detroit/2017-06-12/>

Black Lives UU: <https://www.uua.org/offices/organizations/blacklivesuu>

Citizens for Peace: <http://www.citizens4peace.com/>

Detroit Community of Drummers: <https://www.meetup.com/Detroit-Drumming-Circle-Meetup/>

Gray Panthers of Metro Detroit: www.graypanthersmetrodetroit.org

LGBT Detroit: <https://www.lgbtdetroit.org/>

Michigan Unitarian Universalist Social Justice Network: <http://www.uujustice.org/>

Michigan Coalition for Human Rights: <http://www.mchr.org/>

Michigan United: <http://www.miunited.org/>

Motor City Freedom Riders: <https://motorcityfreedomriders.org/>

Peace Action of Michigan: <https://www.peaceactionmich.org/>

Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival: <https://www.poorpeoplescampaign.org/>

Siena Literacy Center: <http://www.sienaliteracy.org/>

Sierra Club-Michigan Chapter: <https://www.sierraclub.org/michigan>

Women Walking for Peace: <https://www.facebook.com/womenwalkingwoodwardforpeace/>



Participate ... cont'd

Social Justice opportunities:

MOTOR CITY PRIDE PARADE

The **Motor City Pride Festival** takes place at Hart Plaza in downtown Detroit on June 9th and 10th. Events will include a [parade](#) and a candlelight vigil. The Social Justice Committee invites UU Detroit members and friends to **march in the parade** under the church banner on **June 10**.



BLACK LIVES OF UU / ALLIED MEDIA CONFERENCE

Black Lives of UU will bring a cohort to the **Allied Media Conference**, scheduled for **June 14-17**, at the **Cass Corridor Commons**. AMC explores social justice media strategies for a more just, creative and collaborative world. The Social Justice Committee would like to support the BLUU cohort with both home hospitality options and with a "Share the Plate" to specifically offer BLUU support for registration and other costs. See [Announcements, page 4](#), for more information about the AMC.



HOTTER THAN JULY

In its 23rd year, **Hotter Than July**, scheduled for **July 24-29**, is the second oldest Black LGBT Pride event in the world. It is organized by [LGBT Detroit](#). The Social Justice Committee will be **staffing a table at the event**.

More information about these events at:

[Allied Media Conference](#)

[Black Lives of UU](#)

[Motor City Pride](#)

[Hotter than July](#)

If you have questions, contact **Nate Strickland, Jr.**, committee chair, at vicepresident@1stuu.org. See you there!





Membership ...



Welcome our newest member!

Meg Baker signed our membership book on May 27. Please give Meg an enthusiastic UU Detroit welcome. Thank you, Meg, for joining our faith community. We're so glad to have you with us.

Membership Committee

The Membership Committee welcomes your ideas on attracting new members and helping them get involved in our community, as well as activities to benefit all members — new and old.

Deanna McGraw and **Kathe Stevens** co-chair the Membership Committee. **Sally Borden** conducts quarterly "Intro to UU Detroit" sessions. **Glenn Maxwell** organizes our Greeters, and **Sharon Mills** rounds out the committee. Thanks to all of you for your interest in keeping our radical hospitality thriving!

See *Sundays @UU Detroit* on [page 11](#) for more details on membership.

See any committee member for information on joining our Church. We welcome you! You can also visit our [Membership page](#) on the UU Detroit website.

"Visitor Table" facilitators "Sermon Table" moderators

The Membership Committee is looking for "Visitor Table" facilitators and "Sermon Table" moderators during Social Hour.

The *Visitor Table* facilitator welcomes visitors and establishes an initial connection with potential members visiting UU Detroit during our post-service Coffee Hour.

The *Sermon Table* moderator provides an opportunity to discuss the sermon of the day during Coffee Hour.

You may sign up to facilitate the Visitor Table at our [Visitor Table Signup Sheet](#) on our website.

For more details you may read up on our [Visitor and Sermon Table Guidelines](#) which are linked on the Visitor Table Signup Sheet!

Still have questions? Feel free to contact:

Deanna McGraw

586-202-5241

deannamcgraw@sbcglobal.net

~or~

Sharon Mills

313-690-4540

techhater1@gmail.com

UU Detroit Greeters

Our Sunday morning Greeters show all who enter our Church that they are truly welcome. Would you like to be the first to say "good morning!," hand out Orders of Service, and welcome visitors and members? (You also get the first crack at **Tim Bailey's coffee**, which is offered in the Narthex on Sunday mornings.)

We have simplified the greeting process. If you've greeted before, c'mon down on Sunday morning and do it again. If you haven't yet been a greeter, sign up for a church activity that is fun and doesn't require a lot of time. Go to our [Greeter Signup Sheet](#) on our website — 1stuu.org — at the *Worship Committee* tab under "Worship."

Glenn Maxwell is happy to answer your questions. Call him at 248-219-5873 or send an email to detroitglenn@gmail.com.



Committees ...

Social Justice Committee

If you're interested in helping to drive social justice in our Congregation, please contact Social Justice Committee chair **Nathan Strickland, Jr.**, at vicepresident@1stuu.org, or join us on the **third Wednesday** of each month from **7:00-8:00 PM** in the Social Hall. The next meeting is **June 20th**.

See [page 4](#) and [page 6](#) for information about upcoming social justice projects.

Care Committee

Help us to minister to each other. If you or someone you know is ill, in need of a pastoral call, or other assistance, please let the Care Committee know by contacting its chair, **Nancy Owen Nelson**, at nelan@aol.com to provide a network for communication and support.

Care Committee member **Sally Borden** supplies cards for us to sign on Sunday mornings. Have you signed a card or two (or more) when leaving a service? If you'd like to get one, too — or if you know someone who could use a hello, a get well, a congratulation, or a condolence — send the info to **Sally Borden** at sally233@sbcglobal.net.



Communications Committee

VISION: UU Detroit will be a healthy and active community, featuring efficient, respectful, interesting, and consistent electronic communication throughout the week. Electronic communication will support our face-to-face gatherings, and vice versa. We will be a caring community with well-coordinated means of keeping people without computers and smartphones in the loop. Smaller groups will prosper within our larger community, with many using niche communication technologies, yet also staying connected with the mother ship. With regard to the larger community, we will be accessible and well organized in collaborating on larger goals and in sharing experiences and ideas.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Visit our web page: [Communications Committee](#).

TO VOLUNTEER: Speak to chair, **Dan Secrest**, at 313-580-7082 or email communications@1stuu.org.

Young Adults

Visit the UU Detroit Young Adults Group Facebook page to learn about activities, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/young1stuu/>.



Singing and Such ...



Sing! Sing! Sing!

Would you like to lift our services with your voice? Contact our Music Director, **Todd Ballou**, at musicdirector@lstuu.org, to join the Choir or to learn more. **Practice is at 9:00 AM** the first three Sundays of the month and there are occasional special performances.

Singing Circle

Singing Circle is open to all. Although scheduled for **every Wednesday at 7:00 PM** in the Social Hall, it is best to **CONFIRM AHEAD OF TIME** with **Gwen Foss** at bookdoctorgwen@gmail.com.

Vespers

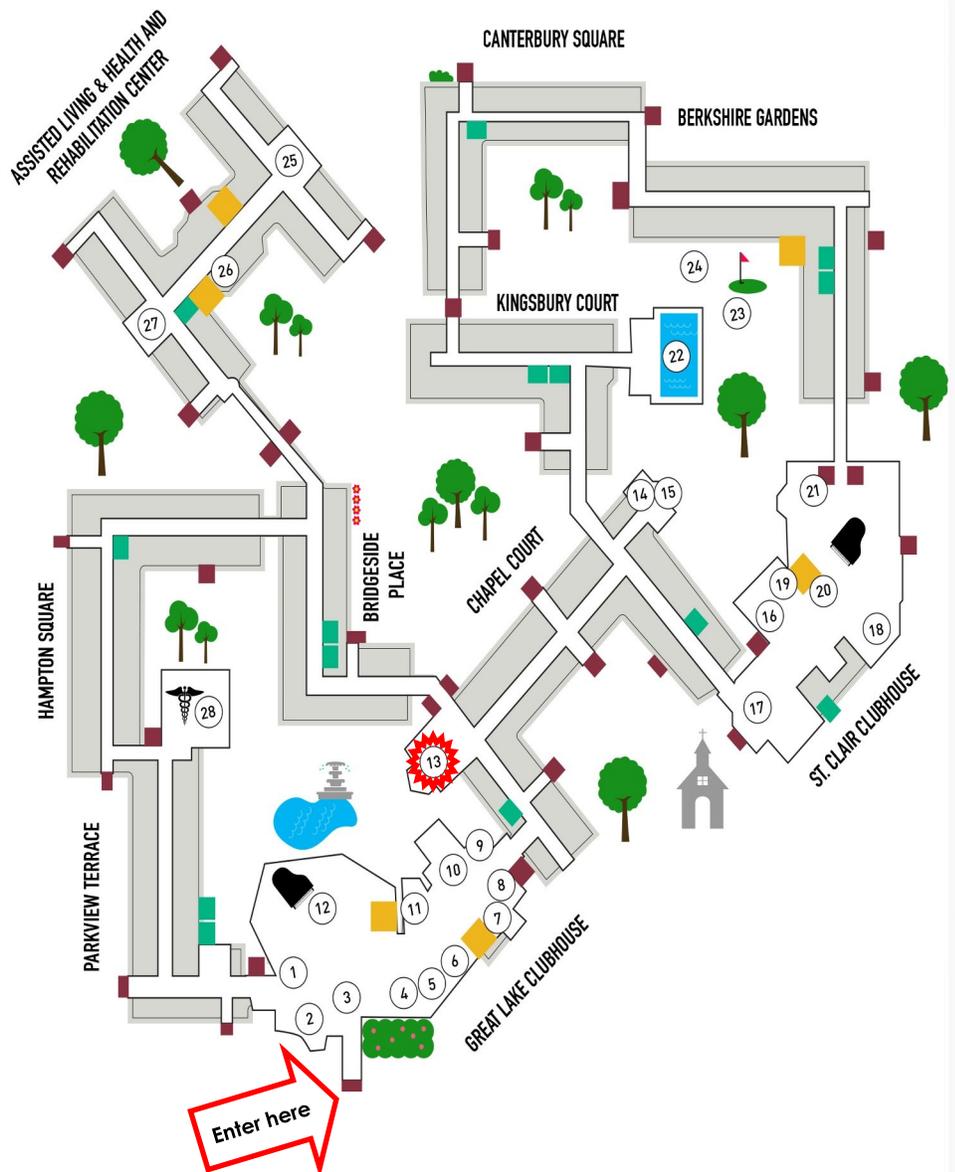
Every month on the fourth **Wednesday**, from **6:00-7:00 PM**, one of our poetry mavens reads a selection of seasonally and spiritually appropriate poetry, with music to match. Occasionally there is a special guest speaker.

Vespers this month will be held on **June 27th** in the Library at [Henry Ford Village](#), 15101 Ford Rd, [Dearborn](#), MI, entrance off Greenfield.

The **Library is #13** on the map.

Visitor parking is adjacent to the Great Lakes Clubhouse entrance. Do not park in a slot with a yellow dot on the concrete.

The church website has more information: <http://lstuu.org/Worship/Vespers/Vespers.php>.





Board News ...

Board of Trustees Meetings

Board meetings are held the third Sunday of each month, **12:30 PM to 2:30 PM**, in the Parlor. The next board meeting will be held on **June 17th**. Future board meeting dates are **July 15** and **August 19**.

All are welcome at Board meetings. If you have an item you wish to have included on the agenda for discussion at the meeting, please contact **Dan Hale**, Board President, at President@1stuu.org.

UU Detroit Annual Meeting Summary

Our 2018 annual congregational meeting was held on May 20. The following slate was elected:

- President – **Dan Hale** (2nd one-year term)
- Vice President – **Dan Wiest** (1st one-year term)
- Trustee-at-Large – **Martha Bogner** (1st two-year term)
- Nominating Committee – **Marsha Bruhn, Mary Lou Malone, Arne Johnston, Joel Batterman, and Danny Rebb** (1-year terms)

- General Assembly Delegates 2018 – **Dan Hale, Nathan Strickland, Jr., Martha Bogner**
- MidAmerica Regional Assembly Delegate 2019 – **Nathan Strickland, Jr.**

A proposed budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019 was presented, and approved.

The Annual Report, which includes the approved 2018-19 budget and reports from committees on the 2017-18 fiscal year, is available on the 1stuu.org website.

The bylaws were amended to change the quorum from 5 to 4 at board meetings.

President **Dan Hale** presented an update on our status in the building, including thoughts on what the future might look like and where we might be located.

Thank you to everyone who turned out for this important meeting! You rocked the **5th Principle**, “the right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our Congregations and in society at large.”



Community Activities ...

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. The next meeting is **June 18th**. Contact **Dan Wiest** at dfwiest@comcast.net for more information.

EMEAC and CCC

You can find out what's going on with **East Michigan Environmental Action Council** (EMEAC), the owner of our building and manager of the **Cass Corridor Commons** (CCC), by clicking on the [Latest News](#) tab at www.emecac.org. UU Detroit is part of the [Cass Corridor Commons](#). The Commons' [Facebook page](#) has up-to-date information.



Sundays @UU Detroit ...

Visitor & Sermon Tables

The Membership Committee is hosting a “Visitor Table” during Social Hour. **Look for the “Visitor Table” sign.**

Want to talk about the Sunday sermon, what it meant to you and how to apply what you heard to your life in the week ahead — or just explore an idea you had while listening? Then **head to the “Sermon Table”** in Social Hour after the service.

Please consider training to be a **Sermon Table moderator** or a **Visitor Table facilitator**. You can sign up here: [Visitor Table Signup](#) or contact **Deanna McGraw** at deanna.mcgraw@sbcglobal.net. More info at *Membership, page 7*.



Sermon Topics

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.

“Intro to UU Detroit”

Are you new to the Church, or just interested in learning more about our Church and tradition? “Intro to UU Detroit,” held quarterly, offers introductory information on what the Church is about. 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!

The next date is **June 10th**. Upcoming dates are **September 9**, and **December 16**. Feel free to contact **Sally Borden** at sally233@sbcglobal.net for more information.

We Invite You to Join Us!

If you've been visiting and enjoyed meeting folks at the Visitor Table or discussing the sermons at the Sermon Table — or maybe you just like the potlucks — **why not join our Church?** We welcome you to come forward as a new member on a Sunday morning, present yourself to the community, and sign the membership book. While this is an important ceremony, honoring those who have chosen to identify themselves with our values, our tradition, and our community, you may also simply sign the book privately and let us announce you to our community via this newsletter.

Let any member of the Membership Committee know you're interested so we may welcome you! Or send an email to our Office Administrator, **Nancy Shattuck**, officeadmin@1stuu.org. Nancy will forward your request to the appropriate person.

Second Sundays: Potluck

Time to break out your best recipe on the second Sunday of each month 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 that day – 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. **Ruby Jones** (racedancer@hotmail.com) has more details.



Sundays ...cont'd



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 or the printed copy on the radiator at the exit door, or send an email to webmaster@1stuu.org!

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. Volunteers are needed and urged to help with child care; our policies require two adults in the room at all times. See Child Care Committee Co-Chairs, **Sally Borden** or **Richard Hillier**, for details.

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 found in the pew racks 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. Announcements about meetings are more appropriate for Social Hour.



Building Use ...

In order to secure the future of our Congregation, in 2011 UU Detroit issued a Request for Proposals to invite organizations to take over ownership of the buildings; we focused on those that would work to promote social justice in the community, in line with our mission. After vetting of candidates, the Congregation voted to donate the properties to the **East Michigan Environmental Action Council** with an agreement that we may worship in the Sanctuary in perpetuity.

[EMEAC](#) assumed operation of the facility in [August 2011](#). The tenants are organized as the [Cass Corridor Commons](#), a multi-use nonprofit space and community hub of which we are a member.

The warranty deed transferring the properties from UU Detroit to EMEAC gives us the right to use the Sanctuary, the restrooms, and the Forest parking lot for vespers, weddings, memorial services, and Sunday services. We also have use of the facilities on Sunday afternoons and Wednesday evenings.

To reserve a room on Sunday or Wednesday evening, contact newsletter@1stuu.org.

To use the building during our non-delegated days/hours, contact Dee Collins at dee@emeac.org or 313-556-1702 x704. Dee, who is EMEAC's Finance Manager, will be able to quote rates.



Communicating ...

Let's Stay in Touch!

Website: Our webmaster, **Dan Secrest**, keeps our website updated with weekly sermon and worship information as well as posting minutes from monthly Board meetings and adding new information periodically. To stay up-to-date, visit www.1stuu.org. You may contact Dan at webmaster@1stuu.org.

Email listserv: To receive newsletters, announcements, and other news via email, send an email to: 1stuu+subscribe@1stuu.org.

Weekly email digest: Anita "Ruby" Jones compiles Church-related announcements into a weekly email digest, which she sends each Friday via our email listserv, so the announcements will be fresh in our minds for Sunday activities and discussion. Send your announcements to announcements@1stuu.org.

Social media is a great way to get out — or to find out — information about UU Detroit. **Facebook pages** are designed to be the official profiles for entities, such as our Church, **Facebook groups** are the place for small group communication and for people to share their common interests. UU Detroit utilizes both.

- Please go to our Facebook **page** and **like** it: <https://www.facebook.com/1stUUDetroit/>.
- And join our Facebook **group**! Go to: www.facebook.com/groups/firstUUDetroit and click on 

Our office administrator, Nancy Shattuck, can put you in touch with other staff or Church members. Email officeadmin@1stuu.org, Nancy will forward your request or question to the appropriate person on the next Sunday she is in the office. You may also **call** 313-833-9107 — voice mails are checked several times a week.

Our minister, The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, may be reached at minister@1stuu.org.

Share our Facebook Posts and Events!

UU Detroit events are created on our [Facebook page](#) and shared to our [Facebook group](#). These include sermons, Vespers, membership activities, and other events. When you see a Facebook event or post about Church activities, Please **LIKE** and **SHARE** on your own newsfeed! Help get the word out about what's going on at UU Detroit.



Check the Church Calendar!

UU Detroit has use of the Sanctuary for vespers, weddings, and memorial services, for Sunday services, and use of the facilities on Sunday afternoons and Wednesday evenings. **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, reserve a room by sending a detailed email to newsletter@1stuu.org. We will get your room scheduled and get information about your event into the newsletter.

We welcome your feedback!

Your **Newsletter Editors welcome feedback**. Really. We encourage you to send your critiques, comments, ideas, suggestions, compliments, and complaints to newsletter@1stuu.org. Please do let us know what you think.





Policies and Procedures ...

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

Featured P&P of the month: **SEXUAL HARASSMENT**

In June 2016, your Board of Trustees approved a [Policies and Procedures Manual](#). The need for a manual became apparent from 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, under "Organization." Click on any title in the manual's Table of Contents to go directly to a policy.

Since implementing the P&P in June 2016, we've featured a summary of a P&P every month in the newsletter so you may have a chance to know how UU Detroit operates!

This policy states "UU Detroit will maintain a work and Church community which is free from sexual harassment. Sexual harassment violates state and federal law and will not be tolerated. Any individual (employee or Church member) in violation of this policy will be subject to informal or formal disciplinary action up to and including dismissal from employment or barred from Church membership."

Sexual harassment is defined as unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature.

All complaints are to be reported to the Board President or Minister, with an immediate investigation conducted. The Board is to be

notified and appropriate action is to be taken.

On [November 5, 2017](#), shortly after it was revealed that Harvey Weinstein, one of the most powerful producers in Hollywood, had long been using his power and influence to sexually harass and assault aspiring actresses, our minister reacted nimbly to deliver a [sermon](#) which asked: how do we move forward as a society in which so few men believe that they have acted inappropriately, while so many women have suffered the violation of such treatment?

This sermon was in response to the powerful movement of women which arose who themselves had experienced sexual harassment or assault simply stating, "Me Too." This was done both as an act of self-empowerment, but also to demonstrate to men just how many of the women that they know have lived through such abuse. The answer being that such experiences are almost universal. Many UU Detroit members support the #MeToo movement.



UU Detroit Birthdays ...



Sending good wishes to UU Detroiters celebrating birthdays!

- 6/4 Margaret Beck
- 6/5 Glenn Maxwell
- 6/12 Margaret Wilkie, Sandra Thottakath
- 6/14 Nancy Owen Nelson
- 6/16 Ann Harvey, Anarosa Mendoza-King
- 6/18 Joey Thomas
- 6/23 James Robinson
- 6/26 Carolyn Ludwig
- 6/29 Daniel Secrest, Tim Bailey

Enjoy your special day!



Calendar ...

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

Commons events are in italics

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

Sunday, June 3

9:00am: Choir Practice — Chancel

11:00am: Worship Service "The Harmony of the Spheres: Music and Spirituality" (Dr. Michael Nealon, Guest Speaker) — Sanctuary

Wednesday, June 6

7:00pm: Singing Circle (CONFIRM with bookdoctorgwen@gmail.com) — Social Hall

Saturday, June 9

12:00pm: Marge Maxwell Memorial Service — Sanctuary

Sunday, June 10

9:00am: Choir Practice — Chancel

11:00am: Worship Service "Reconciling Poverty, Economic Development and Gentrification in Detroit" (Kevin Ketels, Guest Speaker)

11:00am: Motor City Pride Parade — Hart Plaza, Downtown Detroit

12:00pm: Potluck — Social Hall

12:30pm: "Intro to UU Detroit" — Parlor

Wednesday, June 13

7:00pm: Singing Circle (CONFIRM with bookdoctorgwen@gmail.com) — Social Hall

Thursday, June 14-Sunday, June 17 — *ALLIED MEDIA CONFERENCE*

Sunday, June 17

 — FATHERS DAY

9:00am: Choir Practice — Chancel

11:00am: Worship Service "How the Underground Railroad Changed America" (Evelyn Millstein, Guest Speaker) — Sanctuary

12:30pm: UU Detroit Board meeting — Parlor

Monday, June 18

7:30pm: Amnesty International — Parlor

General Assembly 2018

June 20-24, Kansas City, MO

Wednesday, June 20

7:00pm: Singing Circle (CONFIRM with bookdoctorgwen@gmail.com) — Social Hall

7:00pm: Social Justice Committee meeting — Parlor

Sunday, June 24

11:00am: Worship Service "The Longest Day" (The Rev. Stephen Butler Murray, Minister) — Sanctuary

Wednesday, June 27

6:00pm: Vespers — [Library, Henry Ford Village](#), 15101 Ford Rd, Dearborn

7:00pm: Singing Circle (CONFIRM with bookdoctorgwen@gmail.com) — Social Hall



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Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday, June 20th

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No submissions accepted after the deadline — send items to newsletter@1stuu.org.

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Rev. Murray preaches three Sundays a month and is available by appointment

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Social Hour Coordinator **Omar Davis** works every Sunday from 10:30 AM – 2:30 PM