



Upcoming Sermon Schedule

March 3rd — “Wonder Woman”

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, Minister

One of the most beloved characters of the DC Comics universe is Wonder Woman, an Amazon who comes to the "world of men" as both savior and hero. In 2017, the movie *Wonder Woman* threw wide open the door to women as the leading heroic figure in fantasy movies.

March 10th — “Women and the American Presidency”

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, Minister

This year, a record number of women are running for the presidency of the United States. Today's sermon will focus on this phenomenon in American politics and what has brought us to this moment when women are determined to lead the country.

March 17th — “A Conversation with Jane Addams”

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This dialogical sermon was first offered in 2002 at the Neighborhood Unitarian Universalist Church in Pasadena, California by the Rev. Dr. Lee Barker, now President of Meadville Lombard Theological School in Chicago. Inspired by the biography of Jane Addams by Jean Bethke Elshtain, Rev. Barker wanted a way to tell the important work Jane Addams did with Chicago's immigrant population and the nation's peace movement without sounding like a history lecture. This is a re-enactment of that dialogical sermon.

March 24th — “Higher, Further, Faster”

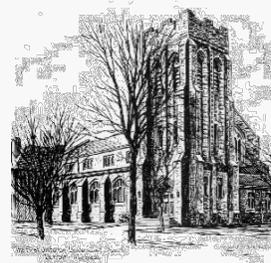
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In recent weeks, the highest grossing movie without question will have been *Captain Marvel*. It is the story of an ace fighter pilot who encounters an alien and thereby is introduced to a wider universe than she could have imagined before. Carol Danvers' story asks the question what it means to be human and what it means to be a woman in a context where humanity is no longer normal.

March 31st — “On Dorothea Dix”

Sally Borden, Guest Speaker

Dorothea Dix, a strong Unitarian woman, survived a traumatic childhood and suffered mental illness herself. But out of this trauma, she managed to get governments in every state in the U. S. during the mid-1800s to open at least one mental hospital to provide treatment, relieve suffering and stop the jailing of the mentally ill. Have we now gone backward?



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Our congregation-wide focus is
[Immigration](#)

We are a [Welcoming Congregation](#)

We believe [Black Lives Matter](#)

We stand in solidarity with [Muslim communities](#)

We are a Member of the [Unitarian-Universalist Association of Congregations](#) — in the [MidAmerica Region](#)

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

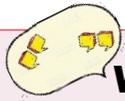
Mission: First Unitarian-Universalist Church strives to be an expanding transformative community whose mission is to liberate truth, radiate kindness, and love courageously.

Minister: The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray

Music Director: Todd Ballou

Board President: Dan Hale

Unitarian Universalist congregations affirm and promote [seven Principles](#).



Words to live by

It's Women's History Month. Here are the words to a song, [Alice Was Her Name](#), written by Ruth Jacobs after Alice Herz self-immolated in 1965 to protest arms buildup and the Vietnam war.

*This was a woman who wanted freedom from war
There's the story, there is no more
With her body all in flames
She hoped to throw light on mankind's shame
To lead the way to life
And Alice was her name.*

*She came from Germany, her native land
Had seen the marching, the military band
Had seen what seemed like scattered seeds
And knew what happens when silent lips won't speak.*

*She yearned to come to this land of hope
Prepared to work, and not to grope
Knowing her purpose, and losing no time
But it seemed a thought much too sublime
To call for peace before they thought it time.*

*Well she did all she possibly could
Wrote letters, made speeches, all of it good
But it was not good enough, she saw
She'd worked much more and tried much more
What could she do that she'd not done before.*

*To this woman of eighty-two years
Came an answer of hope, and not of fear
Hope for mankind, for peace on earth
For life with dignity of man's worth
And in her death she prayed for freedom's birth.*

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Announcements

Show your support with a yard or window sign

With the xenophobia that literally shut down our government earlier this year, we must be clear that we are not onboard. One way to do that is through a yard or window sign supporting our neighbors from other countries.

You can get a free sign that says in English, Spanish, and Arabic "No Matter Where You are From, we're glad you're our Neighbor." Our very own **State Rep. Stephanie Chang** has lots of these signs to give away. You can pick them up at her Service Center (1927 Rosa Parks Blvd, Detroit, MI 48216) Monday-Friday between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM. If it's not possible for you to get there, let **Dessa Cosma** know and she can help by bringing you one to church sometime soon. Thanks!



Member News

Visitors welcome!

Mary Lou Malone is in comfortable temporary quarters at Genesis House, 29140 Murray Crescent Dr, Southfield, MI 48076, where she's busy knitting and reading. Visitors are very welcome to help unravel yarn and other mysteries of life, but call first at **248-854-7523**, which is the house phone for Genesis. The staff there will hand the phone over to Mary Lou and you can plan your visit! If you're housebound yourself and would welcome a long chat, you can call Mary Lou on her cellphone: 313-213-5538. Mary Lou also welcomes cards or emails!

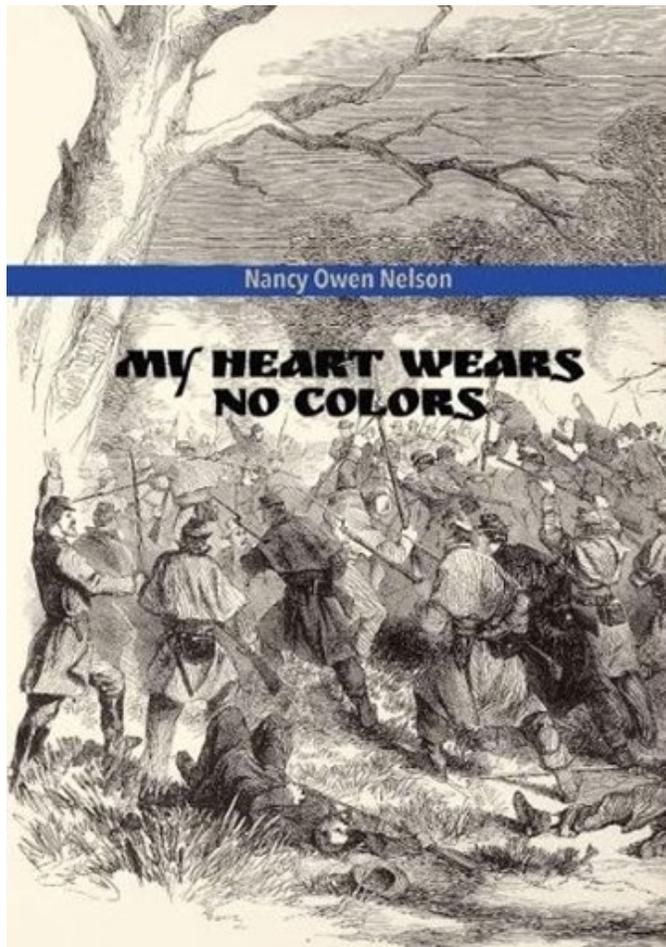
UU Detroit's got talent

Book Launch: "My Heart Wears No Colors"

UU Detroit's [Nancy Owen Nelson](#) will have a book launch of her poetry, "[My Heart Wears No Colors](#)," on **Saturday, March 23, 2:00 - 3:30 PM in the Parlor**. Poet Laureate of the Upper Peninsula, [Russell Thorburn](#), will play read from his poetry and play piano in accompaniment. **In order to**



plan for refreshments, RSVPs are **REQUIRED** to nelnan@aol.com. See you there!



Great BIG HURRAH for volunteers

Our church runs smoothly because of our many volunteers: We've talked about these two a couple of times already, but another thank you is due courtesy of the polar vortex: **Tim Bailey** has for the most part managed the boiler so that we're comfortable on Sunday mornings. Recently another issue arose with the boiler, but Tim came through again. He has a contact who is a real pro at boiler matters, and together they fixed the main problem (with a thumbs-up from EMEAC). We should be good for now while other possible repairs are evaluated. When thanking Tim, his response was that he couldn't do it without the continued support and assistance from **Glenn Maxwell**. THANK YOU!

Board & Committee News!

On February 10, a special congregational meeting was called for the purposes of amending our bylaws and then electing a nominating committee. The amendments to the bylaws, changing the requirements for the nominating committee, were passed. A big thank you to webmaster Dan Secrest, who has posted the [updated bylaws](#) to our website.

Four new nominating committee members were elected at the meeting: **Suzanne Baker, Sally Borden, Dave Vaillencourt,** and **Jody Wise**, with **Elizabeth Lehto** elected as an alternate. **Joel Batterman**, who was elected in May 2018, remains on the committee. Thank you to all of you for agreeing to serve your congregation!

Community



Herz documentary

On February 17 we had an extra dose of excitement (Sunday mornings are always exciting, right?) when director **Betsy Kalin** and her film crew were in the sanctuary to film "[Phoenix: The Life and Death of Alice Herz](#)" accompanied and assisted by **Diane Herz**, a cousin of longtime UU Detroit members Alice and Helga Herz.

Rev. Murray outdid himself [again] to deliver a spot-on sermon interweaving the Buddhist perspective on self-immolation, the connection between Thich Nhat Hanh and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Alice's sacrifice. A challenge well met!

Our amazing music director, **Todd Ballou**, directed our equally amazing choir in [Alice Was Her Name](#), a song written by Ruth Jacobs for Alice, which appears in Shingo Shibata's [Letters and Documents of Alice Herz](#).

Betsy and crew interviewed UU Detroiters **Sally Borden, Linda Darga, Bob Neale, Patricia Pilafian,** and **Sherry Wells**, who remembered Alice's daughter, member Helga.

Rev. Nancy Doughty was UU Detroit Director of Religious Education at the time of Alice Herz' immolation and death



in March 1965 and knew both Alice and Helga. She traveled to Detroit from her home in Traverse City to be interviewed. Rev. Doughty was able to provide particular insight into Alice's reasons.

Phoenix is a winner the of Best Documentary Project at SEEFest 2017. Follow film production and get more info at <https://www.facebook.com/PhoenixAliceHerz>.

This statue sits in the center of [Alice Herz Platz](#), a park in Mahlsdorf, Germany dedicated to Alice and to peace.



UU Detroit birthdays!

3/7 Janet Thompson
 3/11 Carmen Malis-King
 3/13 Christi Curtin
 3/19 Joel Batterman
 3/19 Linda Darga
 3/29 Lencha Acker

Vespers

For the February 27th vespers, Amy Jackson and Wiladel Johnson presented *Gifts from the Ancestors* in honor of Black History Month.

The next monthly vespers is **March 27th** at [Henry Ford Village](#) at [15101 Ford Rd, Dearborn, MI](#), from 6:00-7:00 PM in the Library Reading Room, which is accessible from the Great Lakes entrance. The library is labeled 13 on this [campus map](#).

Denominational News



This is *old* news, but with our congregation's focus on **immigration**, this is a good time to remember that at General Assembly in 2006 — well over a decade ago — the Action of Immediate Witness was [SUPPORT IMMIGRANT JUSTICE](#) and was approved as follows:

“WHEREAS our Unitarian Universalist faith calls us to recognize that no one is “the stranger”;

WHEREAS we affirm and promote the inherent worth and dignity of every person; justice, equity, and compassion in human relations; the right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and society at large; and the goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all, we Unitarian Universalists support the rights of our brothers and sisters who are recent immigrants to the United States of America;

WHEREAS in the spring of 2006, hundreds of thousands of people were moved to march for the rights of immigrants;

WHEREAS many among us are immigrants and integral members of and contributors to our communities and our congregations;

WHEREAS local, state, and federal elected officials have recently tried to criminalize and demonize immigrants to the United States;

WHEREAS politicians increasingly use immigrants as scapegoats for this country's problems and strive to distract the public from the underlying issues of global and economic justice;



WHEREAS our broken immigration system allows exploitation of undocumented workers; and

WHEREAS children of immigrants working in the fields are not receiving legal protection accorded other child laborers.

THEREFORE be it resolved that the 2006 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association:

- Supports just and comprehensive immigration reform;
- Supports the creation of an accessible and timely process to obtain residency and citizenship;
- Supports equitable treatment of all workers;
- Supports access to government and its democratic processes and to health care, education, and police protection for all;
- Supports the Children's Act for Responsible Employment (the CARE Act), H.R. 3482, which addresses the inequities and harsh conditions faced by children in agriculture in the United States;*
- Opposes attempts at all levels of government to further criminalize or demonize immigrants and undocumented individuals and the people who give them humanitarian aid;
- Urges all Unitarian Universalist congregations and their members to continue providing services and fellowship to undocumented individuals even if legislation is passed that criminalizes these humanitarian acts;
- Opposes legislation by any governmental body that establishes any language as our "national language"; and
- Opposes the further militarization of United States borders."

*This bill was [never passed](#).

Church Life



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Dates and Deadlines



Events located off premises and non-church events are in italics

Potluck: Sun., **Mar. 10**, 12:00 PM — Social Hall

Board meeting: Sun., **Mar. 17**, 12:30-2:30 PM — Parlor (Dan Hale)

Amnesty International meeting: Mon., **Mar. 18**, 7:30-9:00 PM — Social Hall (*Dan Wiest*)

Social Justice Committee meeting: Sun. **Mar. 24**, 12:30-2:00 PM — Parlor (Dan Wiest)

Vespers: Wed., **Mar. 27**, 6:00-7:00 PM — Henry Ford Village, 15101 Ford Rd, Dearborn (*Dan Secrest*)

Weekly Sunday order of service deadline

Send your item/event to be included in our order of service to officeadmin@1stuu.org by **12:00 PM Thursday**

April newsletter deadline

Send items to newsletter@1stuu.org by Wednesday, **March 20** — the next issue covers April 1-30 — no submissions accepted after the deadline

THE SEVEN PRINCIPLES OF UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote:

The inherent worth and dignity of every person

Justice, equity, and compassion in human relations

Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations

A free and responsible search for truth and meaning

The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large

The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all

Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part

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Our history of fighting for civil liberties in the world and advocating for Detroit at home is long and strong. Our roots in Detroit go back over 185 years: Universalists first worshiped in Detroit in 1831, Unitarians in 1833. One hundred years later, an experimental union of the two congregations led to an official merger, preceding the national merger of the two denominations (in 1961) by 27 years.

Radical thinkers who worshipped, spoke, met, and organized within our congregations include ground-breaking African-Americans; civil rights crusaders and martyrs; progressive politicians; icons of women's movements; promoters of worker's rights; LGBTQ pioneers; peace activists and martyrs; environmental champions; immigration reformists; trailblazing authors, poets, educators, scientists, architects, and musicians.

Ordinary people seeking solace and a vision of how to put faith into action — from 19th century abolitionists to 20th century suffragettes to 21st century water warriors — we have lived out and continue to live out our Sixth Principle: *The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all.*



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