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OBERLIN UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

This Week @ OUUF January 29 - February 5

Join us for an upcoming event!

Browse this weeks event calendar to keep up to date on our various events. We offer something for everyone. Unless otherwise specified, events are on Zoom and times are P.M.

Sunday 1/29	Monday 1/30	Tuesday 1/31	Wednesday 2/1
11:00am Sunday Service 11:00am Children's Church (at OUUF)	7:00-9:00 OUUF Men's Group	12:00pm-1:00pm Reading Marginalized Writers Book Club	6:30-8:00 Getting The Word Out
Thursday 2/2	Friday 2/3	Saturday 2/4	Sunday 2/5
10:30-11:30am Morning Meditation via Zoom 1:00-2:30 Wisdom Dreams 7:00-8:00 Evening Meditation via Zoom			11:00am Sunday Service 11:00am Children's Church (at OUUF)

This Week's Services

January 29

*TED Talk: The secret to creating the beloved community
Service led by Jeff Witmer, Meridith Sender, & Ryan Mincey*

"To practice being a neighbor is the ultimate expression of love." This is one of the many things Doug Shipman says in his talk "The secret to creating the beloved community." The theme for the month of February is Love, and we are getting a head start on that with the January 29 service since January has five Sundays, and the first Sunday in February is a special service.

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Next Week's Service

February 5

Jim Scott Service and Concert

We are honored to have guest singer/song-writer Jim Scott! His much loved "Gather the Spirit" and a number of others are included in the two most recent UU hymnbooks. In concerts and Sunday services, Jim speaks with passion on ecology, justice and peace. His lyrical poetry and stories are calls to action, full of hope and gentle wit. Though Jim is often brought in as the "speaker," his services are always very musical. As song-leader he lifts joyous participation from congregations.

Religious Exploration

Children's Church will be meeting in the sanctuary at the Oberlin Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, before moving to the RE Room after the offeratory.

Joys and Concerns - January 22

Candle for Racial Justice was lit in recognition of Mary Lumpkin, a formerly enslaved woman who helped turn a slave jail into a freedman's school that became Virginia Union University, one of the first historically black colleges and universities in the United States.

Candle for Peace in Ukraine to extend warmth and light to the people of Ukraine in a winter made colder and darker than Nature would impose. We offer compassion especially to those who

have lost loved ones, those separated from loved ones in foreign lands, and those who suffer additionally under Russian occupation. May the New Year bring an end to warfare.

Joys, Concerns, and Appreciations

Johnny: Lit the candle for peace in Ukraine, explaining that though he is antiwar, he feels we must support Ukraine by sending weapons.

Dave: Celebrating his success in a continuing website discussion about how the press doesn't get religion, explaining that there's a difference between the unchurched and the irreligious.

Bobbie: Celebrating that we're feeling cozy on this cold morning because we are here together.

Barbara: Joy that daughter Clara was here (with her little bird) and has returned safely to the eastern shore of Maryland. But Barb misses both of them.

Marge: Joy that her two daughters are visiting. But concern for the reason: she's having hernia surgery tomorrow. Keep her in our thoughts.

Anne: Reflecting on Mary Lumpkin's connection to the first HBCU, she noted that her parents met at Hampton Institute, an HBCU founded in 1868 (now Hampton University), and expressed gratitude to her family for its contribution to all she is today.

Katie: Appreciated the performance by the Oberlin Orchestra, Gospel Choir, Musical Union, and College Choir at Carnegie Hall on January 20. It featured the oratorio *The Ordering of Moses* by Oberlin alumnus R. Nathaniel Dett, the first Black double major graduate of Oberlin Conservatory in 1908. In 1913 he began to teach at Hampton Institute and in 1926 became the first black director of music there. He remained at Hampton until 1932.

OUU-tside the Fellowship

Oberlin Community Services: Rural Response Network

Oberlin and Wellington Survey

One of our community partners is currently requesting help with a survey. This questionnaire asks your opinion about alcohol and/or drug problems (substance use disorders), mental health, and barriers people might face in knowing if, how, and where to get help.

It is completely voluntary and anonymous and intended for people 18 or older who live or work in Wellington, Oberlin, and surrounding areas. This information will be used by The LCADA Way and the Rural Response Network consortium to help prevention/education, outreach, linkage, treatment, and recovery support efforts. [The survey can be found here.](#)

Souper Bowl of Caring February 12

Tackle Hunger: Home of the Souper Bowl of Caring is uniting all communities to Tackle Hunger using their programs such as the Tackle Hunger Map, the Tackle Hunger Challenge, and the annual Souper Bowl of Caring event.[1] Tackle Hunger uses a digital platform to support food charities and encourage communities to raise funds and food donations for local food charities across the nation.

Started in 1990 at Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in Columbia, South Carolina, Tackle Hunger has branched out to include schools, businesses and congregations of all faiths. Together, they have raised more than \$170 million in monetary and food donations. In 2020, thousands of groups collected over \$10.6 million of food and contributions.

Members of the fellowship can leave a check or put money in the offering on February 12th, designated "Souperbowl" and donations will be dropped off to Marty Buck, with Oberlin Area Cooperative Ministries to forward to the parent organization.

Cheers: An Evening of Wine Tasting **February 18, 7:30pm**

Join OUUF member and Winemaker John Levenberg for a night of fine wine and company in support of the Oberlin UU Fellowship! Tickets are \$45 in advance, \$50 at the door. The event will include a wine pull and an art sale.

Register here: https://oberlin.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9za8a69goIWd61E

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Our Mission

The Oberlin Unitarian Universalist Fellowship is a welcoming, caring community that promotes religious freedom, encourages spiritual and

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personal growth, and works for a peaceful, just, and sustainable world.

Our Covenant

We the members and friends of the Oberlin Unitarian Universalist Fellowship covenant to live together in our quest for truth, love, social justice, and environmental responsibility. In this spirit of caring fellowship, we offer our combined gifts and resources.



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