



# OBERLIN UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

## This Week @ OUUF March 26 - April 2

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 3/26	Monday 3/27	Tuesday 3/28	Wednesday 3/29
<b>11:00am</b> Sunday Service <b>11:00am</b> Children's Church (at OUUF)	<b>7:00-9:00</b> OUUF Men's Group	<b>2:00-3:00</b> UU Kendal Monthly Gathering	
Thursday 3/30	Friday 3/31	Saturday 4/1	Sunday 4/2
<b>10:30-11:30am</b> Morning Meditation (via Zoom) <b>7:00-8:00</b> Evening Meditation (via Zoom)			<b>11:00am</b> Sunday Service <b>11:00am</b> Children's Church (at OUUF)

## This Week's Services

**March 26**

*The Power of Vulnerability*  
Service led by Mary Grigolia

As we honor World Water Day (March 22), we reflect that all life is vulnerable - open to one another, interdependent, interwoven, constantly needing to adapt, to learn, to evolve, together. Our spiritual and political task is to overcome aversion to vulnerability so we might use its collective power to benefit planet and people.

>>[Download the Order of Service](#)<<

Join by computer:

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## Next Week's Service

**April 2**

*A Palm Sunday Reflection on Good Friday  
Service led by members of the What What Jesus Do Covenant Group, Helen Kopp,  
and Dave Burwasser*

Unitarian Universalism, notoriously, is a church that celebrates Easter Sunday but not Good Friday. Palm Sunday, the Oberlin-Olmsted What Would Jesus Do Discussion Group, in collaboration with Dave Burwasser and Helen Kopp, will address that, with a special appearance by a guest from 1st Century Judea. Come join the fun!

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## Religious Exploration

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

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## Joys and Concerns - March 19

**Candle for Racial Justice** lit in recognition of our covenant to affirm and promote building a diverse multicultural Beloved Community by our actions that dismantle racism and other systemic oppressions in ourselves and our institutions.

**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.

**Candle and 30 seconds of silence** for the well-being of Mother Earth.

### Joys, Concerns, and Appreciations

**John:** Concern for the 6,000 Ukrainian children relocated to Russia.

**Marvin:** Joy to have a place to come on Sunday morning and appreciation for the dedicated members who help create our wonderful services. And concern for the loss of supplemental food programs.

**Bobbie:** Appreciation for prayer. Was running out of needed medicine, not yet delivered, turned to prayer, and it was delivered the next day. And continued appreciation for our Fellowship's

welcome to her as a sister.

**Dave:** Joy that Lisette is healing but latest x-rays show 9th rib still has a trace of fracture. Not ready to return to services yet.

**Nancy:** Joy to be back in Oberlin and at the Fellowship. She and her daughter (and cat) traveled from Beijing to LA where her daughter is looking for work.

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## Fellowship Nametag Refresh

Some of our newer members of the fellowship may not have a name tag, and some long time members may have misplaced their nametags. To make sure everyone has an available nametag, and to include which pronouns people wish to be identified by, we've created a quick and easy survey to fill out to update our records. It's very easy, only three questions, and takes less than a minute to complete. Please fill it out when you have a moment. It can be viewed through [this link](#).

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## OOU-tside the Fellowship

### Revising the Seven Principles

Last week, we had a great service led by Drew Frantz, where there was a look at the possible revision of the Seven Principles being led by a commission that was formed. Those online didn't really get a great look at the overall report that we had access to at the discussion table, and we didn't have many printed copies. I thought I'd provide a link to the full report in digital format for those that are interested. You can download their [full 26-page report here](#).

### Oberlin Green Group Vegetarian Potluck Earth Day Gathering - April 21, 2023

This is a "heads-up" to mark in your calendar for 5:30 p.m. Friday evening, April 21, "Oberlin Green Group Vegetarian Potluck Gathering at First Church UCC." The First Church Green Team will again host the gathering. Please let Ryan know if you are wishing to attend by sending an email to [office@ouuf.org](mailto:office@ouuf.org), so that we can give an estimate to organizers to set up the hall to accommodate everyone.



# EarthFest 2023

West Shore Unitarian Universalist Church  
Saturday, April 29, 2023 | 10:00am - 4:00pm

## What is EarthFest and How Can I Help?

West Shore Unitarian Universalist Church is offering a community event in support of environmental justice and sustainability. On April 29, 2023, we will celebrate community groups and businesses who are implementing sustainable practices.

Our goal is to **EDUCATE**, **CONNECT** and **INSPIRE** the community by highlighting the work being done locally to address environmental inequity and bring greater sustainability to our neighborhoods. WSUUC aims to call attention to local environmental injustice issues and the pollution mitigation efforts happening here in our community and to demonstrate how we can best support this work to bring greater environmental equity to the Greater Cleveland area.

We hope EarthFest becomes an annual or biennial event for all to celebrate. The Fest will be held on the **SATURDAY AFTER ARBOR DAY**, which always falls on the last Friday of April. We invite vendors who are environmentally responsible, nonprofits whose main emphasis is the environment, and public entities such as libraries, science centers and schools to participate. This is an opportunity for all to become informed about the issues, connect with groups or individuals that work and care for the Earth's ecosystems, and perhaps start new projects or cultivate habits that are earth-friendly.

A portion of the proceeds from this event will support a composting project designed by neighborhood children at Kentucky Garden Kids' Garden on Franklin Avenue in Cleveland, which is part of the Urban Hope outreach center. With this project, Kentucky Gardeners hope to provide children with the tools and knowledge to establish a workable composting system for their garden and to then share their skills with others at Kentucky Garden, building a healthy, sustainable community.

Application forms and information sheets are provided for you to look over and decide at what level you wish to become involved. Event sponsorships are available as well as opportunities for businesses to promote products and services, and spaces for non-profit environmental groups and governmental agencies to share information about the work they are doing.

Please look over our materials and plan to participate at the level that you feel the most comfortable even if it's just attending this year's EarthFest and sharing the experience with your family and friends.

**SEE YOU SATURDAY, APRIL 29!**

The EarthFest Steering Committee  
Suzanne Rusnak | Karen Kircher | Linda New

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## Our Mission

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