



OBERLIN UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

This Week @ OUUF April 30 - May 7

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 4/30	Monday 5/1	Tuesday 5/2	Wednesday 5/3
<p>11:00am Sunday Service (hybrid)</p> <p>11:00am Children's Church (at OUUF)</p>	<p>7:00-9:00 OUUF Men's Group</p>	<p>1:00-3:00 Sources Covenant Group (at OUUF)</p> <p>7:00-8:30 Sources Covenant Group (via Zoom)</p>	<p>6:30-7:30 Getting the Word Out (via Zoom)</p>
Thursday 5/4	Friday 5/5	Saturday 5/6	Sunday 5/7
<p>10:30-11:30am Morning Meditation (via Zoom)</p> <p>1:30-2:30 Wisdom Dreams (via Zoom)</p> <p>7:00-8:00 Evening Meditation (via Zoom)</p>			<p>11:00am Sunday Service (hybrid)</p> <p>11:00am Children's Church (at OUUF)</p>

This Week's Services

April 30

Gratitude: The Science, The Experience
Service led by Lynda Garvin, Zellda Zelley, Jen Bierman, and Emily Williams

Gratitude is a familiar and simple concept, yet the gifts inherent in a particular situation are not always immediately apparent. It's about pausing to notice good things, to look for them, and to appreciate what we often take for granted. We will be sharing our personal experiences with gratitude, as well as looking at the science of gratitude, and the many benefits of a gratitude practice.

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

Next Week's Service

May 7

TED Talk: Do schools kill creativity?

Service led by Jeff Witmer, Meridith Sender, & Ryan Mincey

We will have a service surrounding creativity, culminating in a TED Talk where Sir Ken Robinson makes an entertaining and profoundly moving case for creating an education system that nurtures (rather than undermines) creativity. There will be a discussion table about the TED talk.

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 Story for All Ages. The children will then join us again for an egg hunt about 10 minutes before the end of the service.

Joys and Concerns - April 23

Candle for Racial Justice lit in recognition of Kwame Alexander, award-winning poet, author, and poet-in-residence at NPR, who often writes for young adult readers. Our Story for All Ages on Sunday was his picture book, *An American Story*. It tells the story of American slavery through the voice of a teacher struggling to help her students understand its harrowing history. The book shows how to talk about this history so children can understand it.

Candle for Climate Justice lit as a reminder that as we focus on the urgency of dealing with climate change, we must not look away from the social and spiritual reality we are facing as our world changes.

Candle for Peace in Ukraine lit in recognition that we need to acknowledge that our support for Ukraine in this unjust conflict is an effort to protect democracy for all of us.

Joys, Concerns, and Appreciations

Mary: Concern for neighbor on her floor who is in the hospital. She's hoping that he can be as

healthy as he can be.

Bobbie: Grateful as a disabled veteran to be receiving psychiatric help for past childhood sexual abuse. And for making more progress in therapy due to the love and support we offer her.

Don: Celebrating with Melissa the sixth month anniversary of her sobriety.

David: Grateful for his improving abilities after the stroke. Math returned after three months so he could do his taxes. But music took longer.

Jo: Joy to receive a B&B reservation for Commencement weekend. Reminded us that we need more B&B hosts. And recommended an eye-opening book, *The Second: Race and Guns in a Fatally Unequal America*, in which historian Carol Anderson argues that white fear of armed African-Americans has often shaped legislation around the right to bear arms.

Melissa: Concern for family members who have gambling addictions.

Simon: Sending love to all his people and his grandmother.

Helen: Joy to have spent time in Bowling Green, KY, visiting family that she hadn't seen since pre-pandemic. Sorrow that she didn't realize how close she was to Nashville!

Ann: Joy to be spending her last week in rehab and feeling more comfortable. And grateful to family who are providing support for Alan and to Sarah King who brought her spring flowers

Jan: Grateful that recent trip and the resulting fall just left her a bit battered. Luckily nothing is broken.

L.D.: Presented a fragrant Spring bouquet, for which he was grateful for whomever brought them in.

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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Revising the Seven Principles

Last month, 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](#). This appears to be a vote that is happening during General Assembly, so please make sure you are well informed.

The Weekly Update email is published every Thursday/Friday. Send announcements, advice, concerns, and corrections for the Weekly Update to communications@ouuf.org by the Wednesday before publication. Thanks!

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Services every Sunday at 11:00am
All Are Welcome!

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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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