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OBERLIN UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

This Week @ OUUF April 9 - April 16

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 4/9	Monday 4/10	Tuesday 4/11	Wednesday 4/12
<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>2:00-3:00 Poetry Group (via Zoom)</p> <p>7:00 Board Meeting (hybrid)</p>	<p>11:00am-12:00 Pastoral Check-In (via phone)</p> <p>3:00-5:00 Living with Change Covenant Group (at OUUF)</p>
Thursday 4/13	Friday 4/14	Saturday 4/15	Sunday 4/16
<p>10:30-11:30am Morning Meditation (via Zoom)</p> <p>7:00-8:00 Evening Meditation (via Zoom)</p>	<p>2:30-3:30 Membership Team (via Zoom)</p>		<p>11:00am Sunday Service (hybrid)</p> <p>11:00am Children's Church (at OUUF)</p>

This Week's Services

April 9

*Easter Celebrates Resistance and Resurrection
Service led by Rev. Mary Grigolia & Zellda Zellej*

New life comes through all of us, if we don't resist it: New ideas, new ways of seeing ourselves or each other, new ways to create justice. Jesus died for speaking the truth to power - the ultimate resistance. What will we do with our power, our love for life?

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

Next Week's Service

April 16

*The Spiritual Work of Facing the Climate Crisis with Hope and Action
Service led by Cindy Frantz*

The climate crisis confronts us with deep existential fears but also untold possibilities. This service will explore coming to grips with both those realities and responding with effective action. Service led by Cindy Frantz, who is an environmental psychologist and long-time member of this congregation.

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 2

Candle for Racial Justice lit in recognition of our work toward building a diverse multicultural Beloved Community and our commitment to dismantling racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions.

Candle lit and 30 seconds of silence for an end to the unjust conflict in Ukraine.

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

Joys, Concerns, and Appreciations

John: Concern for the efforts to suppress the history that our country was built on the backs of enslaved people and shame for those who would withhold that history from our children.

Lisette: Joy to return to the fellowship at last with healed ribs. And thanks especially to Katie Cross who brought groceries every week.

Cindy: Appreciation for the message in the story for all ages. She had been disturbed recently to hear a coach say that her team had won "because she was obedient to Jesus."

Katie: Suggested that perhaps the coach could have said that because she was obedient to Jesus, she had done her best and the team won.

Barbara: Joy that the SEPA Guatemala Dinner fundraiser last night was a great success. The annual dinner had been on hiatus since 2020 because of the pandemic.

Carol: Joy to have returned home from California to Oberlin and our Fellowship.

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](#).

OUU-tside the Fellowship

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.

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, 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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