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# OBERLIN UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

## This Week @ OUUF November 5 - November 12

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 11/5	Monday 11/6	Tuesday 11/7	Wednesday 11/8
<p><b>11:00am</b> Sunday Service (hybrid)</p>	<p><b>7:00-9:00</b> OUUF Men's Group (via Zoom)</p>	<p><b>7:00-8:00</b> Oberlin Worship Team (via Zoom)</p>	<p><b>11:00am-Noon</b> Pastoral Counseling (via Phone) <b>2:00-3:00</b> Oberlin Care Team (via Zoom) <b>2:30-4:30</b> Living with Change Covenant Group (at OUUF)</p>
Thursday 11/9	Friday 11/10	Saturday 11/11	Sunday 11/12
<p><b>10:30am-11:30am</b> Deeping Circles Meditation (via Zoom) <b>7:00-8:00</b> Evening Meditation (via Zoom)</p>			<p><b>11:00am</b> Sunday Service (hybrid)</p>

## This Week's Services

### November 5

*TED Talk: The Magical Power of Giving  
Service led by Jeff Witmer & Meridith Sender*

This service, we will watch a TED Talk where a mother (Lynne Dale) tells us how her daughter's legacy continues to grow through the power of giving. Please join us as we learn about the transformational power of generosity even in the most harrowing of circumstances.

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

Join by computer:

<https://zoom.us/j/92624190519?pwd=SWdHL3Z6QkxGY1lTWXdqdVluYUVXQT09>

Meeting ID: 926 2419 0519

Password: 134017

Join by smartphone by dialing: 929 436 2866, then entering the Meeting ID followed by the pound sign: 926 2419 0519#, (perhaps another pound sign: #), then when prompted the password followed by a pound sign, 134017#

## Next Week's Service

### November 12

*Upgrade Your Spiritual Operating System: The Good Samaritan vs. Constantine  
Service led by Rev. Mary Grigolia & Jeff Witmer*

**The Good Samaritan vs. Constantine** - the rise of Christianity's doctrines of the Holy Trinity, original sin and hierarchy, catalyzing the extension of the Roman Empire and the religious subjugation of its peoples, acting as a break on the evolution of consciousness and culture. Service presented by Rev. Mary & Jeff.

**3rd of 4 services** - The Non-Dual Jesus: Jesus wasn't a Christian; why the teachings of Jesus were downplayed by Christianity; with insights from integral (non-dual) spirituality. 2nd Sundays through December

Each service followed by an evening Zoom deep dive, 4th Tuesdays, 7-8 p.m. on Zoom:  
<https://zoom.us/my/keepingfaithwithlife> (November 28).

## Religious Exploration

Children's Religious exploration has resumed on Sunday mornings! We are excited to have the children rejoin us for the opening of our service, before moving to their space for their own time during our opening song.

## Joys and Concerns - October 29

**Candle for Racial Justice**, in recognition of the anniversary of the launching of the USNS Medgar Evers on Oct. 29, 2011, sponsored by Myrlie Evers-Williams, widow of the American civil rights activist who was assassinated in 1963. A WWII combat veteran, he was the NAACP's first field secretary in Mississippi and engaged in efforts to overturn segregation at the University of Mississippi, end the segregation of public facilities, and expand opportunities for African Americans including the enforcement of voting rights.

**Candle for Peace for the Ukrainians, Israelis, Palestinians, and worldwide**, followed by 30 sec. of silence, in reverence for an end to all unjust conflicts, refusing to surrender our humanity to outrage and grief over the loss of life and the brutality.

**Candle for Climate Justice**, followed by 30 sec. of silence, in reverence for Mother Earth, recognizing that we are approaching the point of no return in our ability to lessen the effect of climate change.

### **Joys, Concerns & Appreciations**

**John:** Shame for our inability to stop the bloodshed and atrocities that the Ukrainians, Israelis, and Palestinians are suffering now. According to the nonprofit Save the Children, more than 3,000 children have been reported killed in Gaza.  
Joy that OUUF friend Michael Casper Reitz and his wife are buying a home in Strongsville.

**Bobbie:** Thankful to the Great Spirit that this morning's tears are of joy for good health and for our beloved community here today.

**Helen:** Concern for our country with the election of an extremist White Christian Nationalist Speaker of the House of Representatives.

**Ryan:** Appreciation for Helen's help in setting up and cleaning up the Boo-U Halloween party on Wed., Oct. 25.

**Jo:** Recommending a 2020 book to help us understand the Israel-Hamas war, *The Hundred Years' War on Palestine: A History of Settler Colonialism and Resistance, 1917–2017*, by Rashid Ismail Khalidi, Palestinian-American historian of the Middle East and the Edward Said Professor of Modern Arab Studies at Columbia University.

**Katie S.:** Grateful for the family-themed Boo-U Halloween party that was held at the church from 5:00-8:00 pm on October 25. It was welcoming to families, and she invited some friends. Thanks to Bobbie and Helen for helping with the fun.

**David:** Continuing his recovery. And expressing delight at running into Ben Wisner, a long-time friend of OUUF. Dave says he seems to be running into those from the "old days" more frequently now.

## **OUU-tside & Inside the Fellowship**

### **Revising the Seven Principles**

The national UU community (the UUA) is revising Article II of the bylaws where we declare who we are - to each other and to the world. Currently, Article II is where we list the Seven Principles and the six Sources of UU'ism.

Over the last four years, the Article II Commission guiding the revision invited all UU's to participate. At General Assembly (GA) in June (2023), we considered the proposed revision and

accepted some of the many proposed amendments. The final vote will happen at next year's GA 2024.

The values of our beloved 7 Principles speak through the proposed revision, with Love explicitly at the center, at our center. Will we lose our 7 principle? No. We will continue to live from them as long as we choose. They are how UU's described themselves, ourselves, in 1985. We and our bylaws are evolving and how we describe ourselves is evolving, too. Together, we'll decide many ways to continue the 7 Principles. And we'll have an updated expression in the bylaws, holding us and calling us to Love.

To learn more, download the pre-GA [26-page report here](#). When the updated report from GA 2023 is available, we'll share it on our website.

## **Come Sing a Song With Us!**

OUUF Choir will come back into weekly existence this year!! Music Director Katie Cross is excited to begin weekly meetings on Fridays at 12:15pm in the sanctuary beginning August 18th. Anyone attending practices does not necessarily have to have sung in a choir before; several of us have lots of experience and will help you. If you love the music or companionship and want simply to listen, you are also welcome. The choir will prepare selections to share on approximately a once-a-month schedule. We will often just prepare hymns in unison or parts to bolster the congregational singing.

## ***Jesus for UUs: Jesus wasn't a Christian (and wouldn't be).***

Four services on the teachings of Jesus, obscured by Christianity, with insights from integral spirituality. (Sep 10, Oct 8, Nov 12, Dec 10) By Mary and Jeff.

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

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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.

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# 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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