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# OBERLIN UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

**This Week @ OUUF**  
**December 31 - January 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 12/31	Monday 1/1	Tuesday 1/2	Wednesday 1/3
<b>11:00am</b> Sunday Service (hybrid)	<b>7:00-9:00</b> OUUF Men's Group (via Zoom)	<b>7:00-8:00</b> Oberlin Worship Team (via Zoom)	
Thursday 1/4	Friday 1/5	Saturday 1/6	Sunday 1/7
<b>10:30am-11:30am</b> Deeping Circles Meditation (via Zoom) <b>1:30-2:30</b> Wisdom Dreams (via Zoom) <b>7:00-8:00</b> Evening Meditation (via Zoom)			<b>11:00am</b> Sunday Service (hybrid)

## This Week's Services

**December 31**

*Remembrances: Yule Service  
Service led by David & Lisette Burwasser*

Minor Christmas customs of the British Isles give us a hint of how Yule was celebrated in much older days. Join us for a meditative journey to an earlier day, and share with us your stories of the Solstice holidays. All are welcome.

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

Join by computer:

<https://zoom.us/j/92624190519?pwd=SWdHL3Z6QkxGY1lTWXdqdVluYUVXQTO9>

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#

You are invited to remain online after services for 10 minutes to talk with friends. When the discussion table begins, you may choose to participate, or log off.

Our hope is that you will become increasingly engaged with the congregation, as well as continuing to be an online observer of it.

## Next Week's Service

**January 7**

*Don't Sleep Through The Revolution:  
The Liberating Love of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.  
Service Led by Ryan Mincey*

Join us as we depart slightly from the normal rotation of having a TED Talk on the first week of the month, as we explore the words and theme of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr's famous Ware Lecture titled "Don't Sleep Through the Revolution" and his message of liberation through love.

## 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 after our story for all ages.

## Joys and Concerns - December 24

Due to the service not being broadcast on Zoom, Joys and Concerns were not recorded for the weekly updates. They will resume normally next week.

## 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 Oberlin Ecumenical Carol-Sing

Sunday, December 17th.

3:30-3:45 P.M.

- All carolers are invited to meet at the flagpole on Tappan Square.
- Some congregations/groups may choose to carol in their own neighborhoods.

3:45-4:45 P.M.

- Those who have met at the flagpole will proceed to carol in Oberlin's downtown area.
- A route will have been established and song booklets provided for the flagpole group.
- Other congregations/groups will carol in their own neighborhoods.

5:00 P.M.

- Meeting place: All Carolers will meet in the Peace Community Church Sanctuary.

- Assistance: Parking lot assistance will be offered: Elevator lift assistance will be offered.
- Process: We will congregate in the sanctuary, join in singing Christmas Carols, and later share in conversation and in enjoying Christmas treats.
- Hymnals will be provided.
- Donation basket: We will place a donation basket in the foyer for those who wish to support Peace Community Church in covering some of the expenses of our gathering.
- Support for heart and voice: Song leaders and instrumentalists will support us as we join in song and will later guide us as we move into another space for conversation and Christmas treats.

We are anticipating that the organ, piano, recorder, dulcimer, flute, and perhaps additional instruments will accompany our singing during the inside gathering at Peace Church. Our best hope is that all of us will join with heart and voice in singing as we prepare for and celebrate the coming of Christ!!

The Weekly Update email is published every Friday/Saturday. Send announcements, advice, concerns, and corrections for the Weekly Update to [office@ouuf.org](mailto:office@ouuf.org) by the Wednesday before publication, with a clear subject line indication what you are sending. Thanks!

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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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