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OBERLIN UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

This Week @ OUUF January 21 - January 28

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 1/21	Monday 1/22	Tuesday 1/23	Wednesday 1/24
11:00am Sunday Service (hybrid)	7:00-9:00 OUUF Men's Group (via Zoom)	2:00-3:00 Resilience: A Conversation with our Community (at Kendal)	11:00am-Noon Pastoral Counseling (via Phone) 2:30-4:30 Living With Change Covenant Group (at OUUF) 7:00-8:30 What Would Jesus Do? Covenant Group (via Zoom)
Thursday 1/25	Friday 1/26	Saturday 1/27	Sunday 1/28
10:30am-11:30am Deeping Circles Meditation 7:00-8:00 Evening Meditation			11:00am Sunday Service (hybrid)

(via Zoom)

This Week's Services

January 21

Ted Talk: Leadership is Love: The Power of Human Connections
Service led Jeff Witmer & Meridith Sender

Love can be present in many forms, one of which is leadership. Dr. Mark Rittenberg talks about how human connections bring forth love in his talk "Leadership is Love: The Power of Human Connections."

>>[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 28

Evolving MLK's Vision
Service led by Rev. Mary Grigolia

Dr. King shared a vision of non-violent transformation, for all of society to live into the dream and aspirations of democracy. Where are we as Americans, as UU's, in living into that dream? Where are we evolving? Where are we threatened with devolving? What calls to us to grow our hearts (and minds) and be of service?

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 - January 14

Candle for Racial Justice, in recognition of Suncara Jackson and the historically Black community of Royal who are fighting to preserve this Florida community that was founded by emancipated Black citizens. The Southern Poverty Law Center is providing legal representation, policy guidance, and communications support to uplift the community's efforts to preserve its history and land.

Candle for Peace and Democracy in Ukraine, Gaza, Palestine, Israel, Africa, and Beyond, followed by a brief moment of silence, recognizing the need to honor the horrors and complexity of these worldwide wars and to not look away but grow more resilient and stay open to love.

Candle for Climate Justice, followed by a brief moment of silence, recognizing that the effects of climate change are punishing the world's poorest people and we must bring all our resources to the effort to meet this challenge.

Joys, Concerns & Appreciations

Bobbie: Concern that favorite little brother Johnny fell at home, breaking his hip and pelvis. Asks for our prayers for his healing.

David: Appreciation that a Trumbull County Grand Jury declined to indict Brittany Watts, a 34-year-old Black woman from Warren who had been charged with felony abuse of a corpse following her miscarriage of a nonviable fetus in September. The grand jury decided that there was not enough evidence to support the indictment against Watts, issuing a "no-bill" in her case

Don: Concern submitted by Don: In her book *Oath and Honor* Liz Cheney warns America is sleepwalking into a dictatorship. This week Rachel Maddow said part of the reason the United States delayed engagement in World War II was that a significant percentage of the population preferred to enter the war on the side of the totalitarians. Hitler's rise to power was preceded by the German Parliament becoming immobilized and unable to conduct business due to intense conflict, including shouting and fistfights, which dysfunction provided Hitler an excuse for dissolving the Parliament. This week Michelle Obama said she is terrified about the election. Having a great deal of respect for her wisdom and judgment, including politics, I now too am terrified about the election. One of the things which scares me most, in this country with its football mentality: Which man presents as more energetic, vigorous and potent, Pres. Biden or Trump? Our current events discussion group was formed in 2020, out of angst regarding the presidential election. As a group, we believe there's a difference between waiting and keeping vigil. "Anxious, impatient waiting is just waiting. But waiting with purpose, hope, and love is vigilant waiting." We warmly invite you to join us in our vigilant waiting to enhance our understanding of current events and provide emotional support to one another in community, responding to them with vigor. Please join us this third Friday from 7:00 to 8:30pm on Zoom.

John: Appreciation for the Southern Poverty Law Center and suggestion that we support it and the tremendous work it does.

Jo: Appreciation of daughter Molly's leadership in Commit to Democracy, which was founded as a grassroots organization of community activists in the San Francisco Bay area with a deep commitment to American democracy, the rule of law, and the rights and freedom of all Americans. It has expanded to a national member base of 11K volunteers.

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.

The Weekly Update email is published every Friday/Saturday. Send announcements, advice, concerns, and corrections for the Weekly Update to 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

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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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