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# OBERLIN UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

## This Week @ OUUF January 28 - February 4

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 1/28	Monday 1/29	Tuesday 1/30	Wednesday 1/31
<p><b>11:00am</b> Sunday Service (hybrid)</p>	<p><b>7:00-9:00</b> OUUF Men's Group (via Zoom)</p>		
Thursday 2/1	Friday 2/2	Saturday 2/3	Sunday 2/4
<p><b>10:30am-11:30am</b> Deeping Circles Meditation <b>1:30-2:30</b> Wisdom Dreams (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

**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?

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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#

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****February 4**

*TED Talk Sunday  
Service led by Jeff Witmer, Meridith Sender, & Ryan Mincey*

Join us as we watch a to be determined TED Talk with a discussion table afterwards, delving deeper into the theme of February which is Justice and Equity. TED talk details will be shared in the forthcoming Chalice newsletter.

**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 the opening song.

**Joys and Concerns - January 21**

**Candle for Racial Justice**, in recognition of the April 1967 sermon by Martin Luther King Jr. at the NYC Riverside Church condemning the Vietnam War, describing the war's deleterious effects on both America's poor and Vietnamese peasants and insisting that it was morally imperative for the United States to take radical steps to halt the war through nonviolent means.

**Candle for Climate Justice**, followed by a brief moment of silence, recognizing that the effects of climate change are making extreme weather more common.

**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.

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

**David:** Personal joy that a blood pressure medication was discontinued. Concern that State of Ohio is ignoring the will of the people who voted to legalize recreational marijuana.

**Bobbie:** Thankful to the Great Spirit to be here today to share the sisterly and brotherly love offered by our beloved community.

**Helen:** Concern for Johnny who broke pelvis, no surgery, now must wait for it to heal.

**Don:** Several joys to share. Granddaughter Sydney Allen's cheerleading team placed 1st in her division of 14 teams last week at the 2024 New Orleans Championship. They train very hard year round. She is an excellent student as well, and I'm very proud of her and all that she accomplishes. Fiancé Genalyne's 41st birthday was Tues., Jan. 16, and her son Yurie is 16 today. She is celebrating with her birthday present of a train ticket from Naples, Italy to Rome, where she will host a birthday dinner with a Filipino college classmate and her husband. The Filipino tradition is that the person having the birthday pays for the dinner. Son, Fellowship member David Leake, is enjoying his new position as the Data Base Administrator of the Bureau of Trust Funds Administration Indian Affairs, (whose mission is WE EXCEL, NATIVE AMERICAN PROSPERS) so much that he is buying a house with a swimming pool in Clearwater, Florida, where my daughter Andrea got married in a beautiful beach wedding in 2007. He is contemplating putting down roots there, and possibly remaining into eventual retirement, transitioning from a career path which has involved many position changes nationally and internationally. Previously, he had thought his retirement home might be in Spain, so I am thankful Florida is much closer.

**Marvin:** Joy that daughter has come up from North Carolina for a visit.

**Barbara:** Joy for Marge who is in Arizona for her granddaughter's baby shower with a crocheted baby blanket in hand.

## **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. The UUA has issued the final version of the proposal now.

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](#). The final version of the proposed amendment to Article II is found [here](#).

## **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.

## **SOUP-er Bowl**

Oberlin Friends and First Church in Oberlin are continuing their annual collection on Super Bowl Sunday as a "Souper Bowl" collection that is pooled from participating congregations in the Oberlin faith community under Oberlin Area Cooperative Ministries and distributed to the active food security and feeding groups in the area. In order to learn more about how funds will be used to address the crisis of hunger in our immediate area, you can go to [www.tacklehunger.org/our-programs](http://www.tacklehunger.org/our-programs).

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**

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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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