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OBERLIN UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

This Week @ OUUF January 7 - January 14

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 1/7	Monday 1/8	Tuesday 1/9	Wednesday 1/10
11:00am Sunday Service (hybrid)	7:00-9:00 OUUF Men's Group (via Zoom)	2:00-3:00 Lift Your Spirit (at Kendal) 7:00-8:30 Board Meeting (hybrid)	11:00am-Noon Pastoral Check-In (via Phone) 2:30-4:30 Living with Change Covenant Group (at OUUF)
Thursday 1/11	Friday 1/12	Saturday 1/13	Sunday 1/14
10:30am-11:30am Deeping Circles Meditation (via Zoom) 7:00-8:00 Evening Meditation (via Zoom)	7:00-9:00 Game Night (at OUUF)		11:00am Sunday Service (hybrid)

This Week's Services

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.

>>[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 14

Liberating Love & Compassionate Communication

Exploring spiritual community as an oasis, a practice ground, for growing our hearts, evolving our relationships and our work in the world. Service led by Zellda Zelle and Rev. Mary.

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 31

Candle for Racial Justice, in recognition of Ralph J. Bunche, who had an important role in the founding of the United Nations, serving in various roles including as acting UN mediator on Palestine. He received the 1950 Nobel Peace Prize for his late-1940s mediation in Israel and is

the first Black Nobel laureate. His work with the UN and U.S. government was continually informed by his belief in the power of negotiation and diplomacy over battle. A civil rights activist, he served on the Board of the NAACP for 20 years. He had an Oberlin College connection, too, serving as a trustee.

Candle for Climate Justice, followed by a brief moment of silence, recognizing this continuing worldwide challenge.

Candle for World Peace, followed by a brief moment of silence, recognizing all those living in areas torn by conflict -- Israelis, Palestinians, Ukrainians, and more worldwide.

Joys, Concerns & Appreciations

Ryan: Perhaps a joy that he was home when all his light bulbs exploded and he lost power for a day due to a cable situation, so he was present and was able to cut power as needed. But regrets that he was unable to carry out some of his OUUF duties for Sunday and felt unprepared.

Dave: Sorrow that his sister's husband has died.

Helen: Sorrow that the friend who she knew had cancer had passed away. She didn't know and didn't have a chance to say goodbye. May go to grave site later to do that. She is concerned now about her 89-year-old aunt.

Marvin: This year would have been his 63rd with late wife. Resolving to do something about hearing this year.

Bobbie: Thankful to the Great Spirit to be coming to share the sisterly and brotherly love offered by our beloved community. And to be celebrating 34 years of sobriety from drugs and alcohol.

Ann: Glad to be at the Fellowship in-person today instead of on Zoom. And delighted to have seen her daughter and grandchildren, including the new grandbaby. But Alan had a severe reaction to a Covid shot and ended up in the ER. So he is now back in rehab at Wesleyan Village. But it was wonderful to have family support for the crisis in Ann Arbor.

Marge: Joy to spend time with family this year. Her five kids were delighted to receive the five afghans she had made -- one for each of them. Grandkids received scarves. Spent Christmas Eve at one daughter's, Christmas Day at another's.

Barbara: On Zoom today because she didn't have a ride to church. But had joyful holiday times with the family. Will miss Clara when she leaves in a few days.

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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Services every Sunday at 11:00am
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

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