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# OBERLIN UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

## This Week @ OUUF February 11 - February 18

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<br>2/11   | Monday<br>2/12   | Tuesday<br>2/13  | Wednesday<br>2/14  |
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| <b>11:00am</b><br>Sunday Service<br>(hybrid)   | <b>7:00-9:00</b><br>OUUF Men's Group<br>(via Zoom)                   | <b>2:00-3:00</b><br>Lift Your Spirit<br>(at Kendal)<br><b>7:00-8:30</b><br>Board Meeting<br>(via Zoom) | <b>11:00am-Noon</b><br>Pastoral Check-In<br>(via Phone)<br><b>2:30-4:30</b><br>Living With Change<br>Covenant Group<br>(at OUUF) |
| Thursday<br>2/15   | Friday<br>2/16   | Saturday<br>2/17   | Sunday<br>2/18   |
| <b>10:30am-11:30am</b><br>Deeping Circles<br>Meditation<br><b>1:00-2:30</b><br>WISE Women<br>(via Zoom)<br><b>4:00-5:00</b><br>Adult Program<br>Team<br>(via Zoom)<br><b>7:00-8:00</b> | <b>7:00-9:00</b><br>Current Events<br>Discussion Group<br>(via Zoom) |  | <b>11:00am</b><br>Sunday Service<br>(hybrid)   |

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| Evening Meditation<br>(via Zoom) |  |  |  |
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## This Week's Services

**February 11**

*On Repentance and Repair*  
*Service led by Rev. Mary Grigolia & Zella Zelley*

All of us have caused harm. All of us have experienced harm. All of us have witnessed collective harm from racial, gender, class (and other) hierarchies of power and privilege. We will explore moving from justice and equity as ideals to the deep work and spiritual practice of repentance and repair.

>> [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

**February 18**

*Talking Across the Political Divide: Insights from Braver Angels*  
*Service led by Jeff Witmer & Cindy Frantz*

Why is it so hard to have conversations with those of differing political views? Why should we have those conversations anyway? Cindy Frantz and Jeff Witmer will share perspectives and experiences. Things aren't as bad as we may fear, but all of us have work to do.

## 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 - February 4

**Candle for Racial Justice**, lit as we listened to Joan Baez sing *Birmingham Sunday*, a song written by her brother-in-law Richard Fariña that she released in 1964. The melody is a traditional Scottish ballad. The haunting subject matter is the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church on Sept. 15, 1963, by members of the Ku Klux Klan that killed four girls and injured 22 others.

**Candle for Peace in Ukraine and Gaza**, recognizing that these wars could escalate and further involve us in them.

**Candle for Climate Justice**, recognizing that the effects of climate change are already evident.

### Joys, Concerns & Appreciations

**Stephanie:** A candle of sorrow for the UU Church of Kent community that is mourning the death on Jan. 29 of its beloved minister, the Reverend Steven Protzman. And a candle of disappointment that the Search Team's candidate for ministry at OUUF withdrew his application on Thursday because of recent family concerns. The team is no longer as close to finding a candidate as they thought they were.

**Helen:** Appreciation that the EPA filed a lawsuit against Republic Steel on Jan. 29 for "unpermitted discharge of pollutants" from both its Lorain and Canton plants that occurred between 2017 and 2023.

**Jeff:** Suggested that, as Bobbie tells us every Sunday, we should celebrate being alive and together today.

## 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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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 of caring fellowship, we offer our combined gifts and resources.

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