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OBERLIN UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

This Week @ OUUF February 18 - February 25

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 2/18	Monday 2/19	Tuesday 2/20	Wednesday 2/21
<p>11:00am Sunday Service (hybrid)</p>	<p>7:00-9:00 OUUF Men's Group (via Zoom)</p>		<p>2:00-3:00 Poetry Group (via Zoom)</p>
Thursday 2/22	Friday 2/23	Saturday 2/24	Sunday 2/25
<p>10:30am-11:30am Deeping Circles Meditation 7:00-8:00 Evening Meditation (via Zoom)</p>			<p>11:00am Sunday Service (hybrid)</p>

This Week's Services

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.

>>[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 25

Keeping Faith with Life, 1: We Are What We Are Dreaming
Service led by Mary Grigolia

What is 'keeping faith with life'? We'll explore it as (1) being an active partner in creation, (2) accepting life as it is, (3) learning from all we have done, and (4) allowing Life to dream through us - as individuals and as a spiritual community.

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 11

Candle for Racial Justice, in recognition of Toni Morrison and Audre Lorde, two extraordinary Black writers who share the birth date of February 18. Born in Lorain in 1931, Morrison was a Nobel laureate in literature whose best-selling works explored Black identity in America, in particular the often crushing experience of Black women. Born in New York City in 1934, Lorde was a self-described "black, lesbian, mother, warrior, poet," who dedicated both her life and her creative talent to confronting and addressing injustices of racism, sexism, classism, and homophobia.

Candle for Peace & Democracy in Ukraine, Gaza, Israel, Palestine, recognizing the continuing grief we feel, now for the 1.4 million Palestinians sheltering in Rafah, and the hope that diplomatic efforts can somehow succeed.

Candle for Climate Justice, recognizing that the effects of climate change are already evident and we must make a commitment to do what we know must be done.

Joys, Concerns & Appreciations

Katie Cross: Holding Katie and her family in our hearts during her 101-year-old mother's last days.

David: Recognizing the sacred space Bobbie creates every Sunday when she celebrates being alive and with our beloved community. We need to help Bobbie get here on Sundays. And congratulating Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas on the failure of the House Republican's impeachment efforts so far.

Don: Joy to mark 4 year anniversary Friday of engagement to fiancé Genalyne. She celebrated with a visit to a salon to have her hair done and a massage, and today she went on her second SNOW TOUR to have fun seeing and playing in the snow, making snow angels, etc. A Philippine citizen, she had never been in snow until she went on the tour last year, which was a delightful experience for her. She has been fascinated when I have shown her our snow on WhatsApp. Previously, I hadn't known Italy had snow anywhere on Italy.

Peggy: Joy that she was able to figure out Zoom and join us today. She has completed her first chemotherapy treatment for pancreatic cancer. She believes you need to enjoy the days that you have.

John: Thanks to Helen for her care during his recovery as he heals from his fall.

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](#).

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

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