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OBERLIN UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

This Week @ OUUF February 25 - March 3

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 2/25 | Monday 2/26 | Tuesday 2/27 | Wednesday 2/28 |
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| <p>11:00am Sunday Service (hybrid)</p> | <p>7:00-9:00 OUUF Men's Group (via Zoom)</p> | | <p>11:00-Noon Pastoral Counseling/Check- In (via Phone) 2:30-4:30 Living With Change Covenant Group (@ OUUF) 7:00-8:30 What Would Jesus Do? Covenant Group (via Zoom)</p> |
| Thursday 2/29 | Friday 3/1 | Saturday 3/2 | Sunday 3/3 |

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| <p>10:30am-11:30am Deeping Circles Meditation 7:00-8:00 Evening Meditation (via Zoom)</p> | | | <p>11:00am Sunday Service (hybrid)</p> |
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This Week's Services

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.

>>[Download the Order of Service](#)<<

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

March 3

TED Talk: Why change is so scary — and how to unlock its potential
Service led by Ryan Mincey & Jeff Witmer

Unexpected change like an accident, an illness or a relationship that suddenly ends is inevitable - and disorienting. With a heartfelt and optimistic take on life's curveballs, cognitive scientist Maya Shankar shares how these challenging moments can inspire transformation, offering three questions to ask when facing uncertainty, so you can let go of rigidity and embrace change.

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 18

Candle for Racial Justice, in recognition of Martin Luther King Jr.'s efforts to overturn systemic segregation and racism across the southern United States with nonviolent direct action. In September 1960, he began giving speeches speaking of America as "a dream yet unfulfilled" and advising us that we must be sure that "our struggle is conducted on the highest level of dignity and discipline." Choose the way of nonviolence when taking direct action against oppression.

Candle for Peace & Democracy in Ukraine, Gaza, Israel, Palestine, and beyond, recognizing the unanswered questions around the sudden death of Alexei Navalny, Russian President Vladimir Putin's most formidable opponent, in prison on Feb. 16.

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

Bobbie: Joy to be alive and here with us today. Brother Johnny in Kentucky, now out of the hospital, left a phone message making the sound of cutting cheese, which is reminiscent of their childhood "conversations" and indicated he's feeling better.

David: Realizing he congratulated Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas too soon on the failure of the House Republican's impeachment efforts. Second impeachment vote was successful. Joy for the *Let's Get Real* video we saw recently where marijuana which is now legal in Ohio was not mentioned.

Don: Appreciation that Illinois Governor JB Pritzker signed a reproductive rights and gender affirming care omnibus bill that protects health care providers and their patients from legal attacks by neighboring states and expands health care access and options across the state of Illinois.

Helen: Lit a candle in recognition of those who have walked willingly into danger in support of their beliefs. Cited Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a German Lutheran pastor, theologian and anti-Nazi dissident, and Ida B. Wells-Barnett, the American journalist who led an anti-lynching crusade in the U.S. in the 1890s and was active in promoting justice for African Americans.

Jo: Appreciation for our well-organized Wine Tasting event.

Terri: Lit a personal candle.

Cindy: Long-time OUUF friend Drew Frantz's mother died last week. Sad to lose her, and Drew would appreciate hearing from us.

Gerlind: Concern for Ran Taylor who is at Mercy Health-Lorain Hospital with a cracked vertebra. He's very frail and worried about whether he can still live by himself. Please send him best wishes.

Ann: Although saddened by the death of Drew's mother, knows she was surrounded by her caring and loving family. Ann has appreciated the help and support of the children on both sides of the family that she and Alan have received.

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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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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