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OBERLIN UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

This Week @ OUUF March 3 - March 10

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 3/3	Monday 3/4	Tuesday 3/5	Wednesday 3/6
<p>11:00am Sunday Service (hybrid)</p>	<p>7:00-9:00 OUUF Men's Group (via Zoom)</p>	<p>7:00-8:00 Oberlin Worship Team (via Zoom)</p>	<p>6:30-8:00 UUA Common Read Discussion Group: On Repentance and Repair (via Zoom)</p>
Thursday 3/7	Friday 3/8	Saturday 3/9	Sunday 3/10
<p>10:30am-11:30am Deeping Circles Meditation 1:30-2:30 Wisdom Dreams (via Zoom) 7:00-8:00 Evening Meditation (via Zoom)</p>			<p>11:00am Sunday Service (hybrid)</p>

This Week's Services

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.

>>[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 10

Transforming Easter
Service led by Rev. Mary Grigolia & Jeff Witmer

The Christian Easter narrative took generations to form, abandoning the covenanting community and teachings of radical love and moving to threats of eternal damnation as punishment for original sin. How does transformation reframe the narrative?

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 25

Candle for Racial Justice, in recognition of Rosa Parks who on Dec. 1, 1955, rejected the Montgomery, AL, bus driver's order to vacate a row of four seats in the "colored" section in favor of a white passenger. Among her many reasons for resisting: In 1943, the same bus driver had in effect ejected her from his bus because she had not entered the bus by the back door, leaving her standing in the rain. Later, she said, "People always say that I didn't give up my seat because I was tired, but that isn't true.... No, the only tired I was, was tired of giving in."

Candle for Peace & Democracy in Russia, Ukraine, Gaza, Israel, Palestine, throughout Africa and the Americas, and beyond, recognizing the need to honor the complexity of these worldwide wars.

Candle for Climate Justice, recognizing that we need to maintain a robust democracy to see beyond racial prejudice and unite to do what we need to do.

Joys, Concerns & Appreciations

David: Joy to discover that the MAGA Republicans do have a limit after all. Even they are running away from the Alabama Supreme Court ruling that frozen embryos should be considered children.

John: Appreciation for NYT's columnist Tom Friedman's continuing commentary on understanding the true nature of the Hamas-Israel War.

Don: Appreciation for Helen Kopp. In 2017, when I instigated a 12-step group we called Alcoholics Anonymous for Atheists and Agnostics, Helen and Johnny Mac accompanied me to the district AA meeting, and in spite of not being addicted themselves, almost never missed a meeting throughout the year and half life of the group, which Helen served very effectively as secretary. In 2020, when I was having trouble finding a rental in Oberlin, Helen and Johnny MAC invited me to stay with them until I found a place.

As co-convener of our current events discussion group, her remarkable breath and depth of knowledge on a very wide range of subjects is truly informative and impressive. She is an exceptional exemplar of living UU principles in all aspects of her life, from the caring for her clients, to her numerous acts of service in our congregation, and very active participation in many other organizations.

I'm sure you've noticed how the discussion table cloth and festive decorations change with the holidays and seasons (Christmas, Valentine's Day, and currently St. Patrick's Day) on Helen's initiative. As a Building & Grounds Committee member, I especially appreciate her care of our plants. And I frequently see her picking up trash in the garden and grounds. Our Membership Committee values her taking up the collection, and serving as greeter when I am unavailable. She is currently serving as an at-large member of our Board, and is one of the most frequent volunteers helping in the kitchen. I value highly the services I have led with Helen, and you will delight in her presentation on Easter Sunday this year.

Years ago Lionel Richie sang, "seems like one of the hardest things in life is to find a few good friends." She is our champion 20second hugger. I am very thankful for the friendship I have found with Helen!

Please join me in a round of applause honoring the gift of the presence of Helen to our Oasis of Loving Engagement!

Ryan: Concern that Bobbie is dealing today with the news that little brother Johnny in Kentucky is back in the hospital.

Katie: Appreciation of pianist Marge Adler who is part of the threads of her life, having played at her wedding reception. And grieving for her mother who passed away on February 14 and wondering what threads she is connecting.

Polly: Peggy is receiving chemo every other week for her pancreatic cancer and would appreciate texts or cards.

Helen: Appreciation of Don's tribute to her. And appreciation of the opportunity to help a Mexican woman at one of Jo's rental properties with her English as she help's Helen with her Spanish.

Gerlind: Concern for Ran Taylor who is at Mercy Health-Lorain Hospital with a repaired cracked vertebra but now also has Covid. Keep him in your hearts and send send him best wishes.

Mary: Shared that musician Hal Walker has put out an invitation to sit with him on Zoom at 4:00 pm on Saturday or at his home. Mary and Cindy plan to go his home.

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](#).

Oberlin Community Services - Job Opportunities & Needs

Their Food Programs Coordinator, Suzette Sanchez, has unfortunately had to resign due to health reasons. That means they have an immediate need to fill a key position there. The FPC runs the food pantry and related distribution programs. They are in search of a compassionate, detail-oriented, energetic candidates. Details and application email can be found at <https://www.oberlincommunityservices.org/food-programs-coordinator>

They are also accepting applications for an Office Coordinator. This person works closely with the Executive Director to run day-to-day operations, processes donations, keeps records, handles filing and mailing, schedules appointments, orders supplies, does food pantry intake, instructs volunteers, greets visitors, and answers phones. The role is much more than a clerk or receptionist — it is a senior staff position that supports co-workers through detailed planning, strategy, and collaboration. Details can be found here: <https://www.oberlincommunityservices.org/office-coordinator>

They also continue to need canned meats for the OCS pantry — they're flying off the shelves as fast as they come in. If you are looking for a way to help the community, please consider donating tuna, salmon, chicken, beef, Vienna sausages, ham, Spam, chili, or other canned meats at 500 E. Lorain St., Oberlin.

These are VERY good options for families because they are protein-rich, shelf-stable, and can be used in a LOT of recipes.

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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