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# OBERLIN UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

## This Week @ OUUF March 10 - March 17

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

## This Week's Services

**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?

>>[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

**March 17**

*Easter: Transformation Through Death of the Old Self*

*Service led by Ryan Mincey*

The Christian celebration of Easter includes the allegory of the transformation of Jesus to the prophesized Messiah through his death and resurrection. While many in our faith do not identify as a Christian, how can we use this allegory in our own life and changes in ourselves?

## 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 - March 3

**Candle for Racial Justice**, in recognition of Alexander Crummell, a Black American scholar and Episcopalian minister who was born on March 3, 1819. Denied admission to the General

Theological Seminary of the Episcopal church in 1839 because of his race, Crummell studied theology privately and became a minister in 1844. He went to Liberia as a missionary and spent the next 20 years there as a parish rector and professor of intellectual and moral science at Liberia College, returning to the U.S. in 1873. He was an outspoken advocate for the abolition of slavery, the removal of legal restrictions on Black Americans, and the support of voting rights. Late in his career, he wrote and lectured widely against the increasingly entrenched racism of post-Reconstruction America, appealing to educated Blacks to provide leadership.

**Candle for Climate Justice**, followed by 30 sec. of silence, recognizing this continuing worldwide challenge.

**Candle for World Peace & Democracy**, followed by 30 sec. of silence, calling on policymakers to act on Gaza and Ukraine.

### **Joys, Concerns & Appreciations**

**David:** Joy to see Bobbie back with us. And Joy that a long-asked question about how the ancient relative of humanity discovered in 1974 (and dubbed "Lucy") and other members of her species gave birth may have been answered. Seems newborns underwent a bit of tilting in the birth canal as they were born with one assumes the help of a midwife. Sheds light on how modern human childbirth evolved and made way for large brains. And new concern that he faces another surgery.

**Bobbie:** Shout out of joy to wake up alive and head for our service today to share the sisterly and brotherly love offered by our beloved community. No word from brothers for a week but expects everything will turn out OK.

**Katie S.:** Joy to be back at the Fellowship and to be warmly welcomed. Oberlin has been a welcome transition.

**Don:** Joy and Appreciation: Today is the 145th anniversary of the establishment of the U.S Department of the Interior, where I am proud my son, Fellowship member David Leake, is very happily employed as Data Base Administrator of the Indian Affairs Fund.

He forwarded a five-minute video to me, marking the occasion by documenting the many critically important, impressive, and inspiring projects the Department is accomplishing all around this glorious country using funds made available by legislation passed under the current administration.

Examples are the America the Beautiful Initiative, closing dangerous, polluting abandoned mines; cleaning up orphaned polluting wells; and in climate restoration and resilience preparation of natural resources for the impact of climate change. The Investing in America initiative is restoring ecosystems in 250 parks; restoring fish in the Columbia River on which Native Americans depend; more effective management of the Colorado River Basin on which 40 million people depend for water; and a massive natural power project in California.

These accomplishments, among many, many others, are tangible evidence of thousands of people working all around the country, for the betterment of all, which our leadership has made possible.

**Helen:** Concern for Peggy and everyone else dealing with catastrophes. And concern about the evidence of climate change like the reemergence of an ancient lake in Death Valley (Lake Manly) and the melting of France's largest glacier, Mer de Glace, near Mont Blanc. These dramatic changes are spawning "Last-Chance Tourism" which can cause more environmental damage.

**Gerlind:** Shared that Ran Taylor was released from Mercy Health-Lorain Hospital to Oberlin's Welcome Nursing Home. He had not wanted to go there but accepts that it is necessary. And

appreciates being in a room in the new wing with a quiet roommate. Continue to keep him in your hearts and send him best wishes.

## 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.

### Readings for Palestine

Daily 3-4 pm at the Arch in Tappan  
By Oberlin College group Oberlin Jews for Palestine  
Come and read aloud or listen to texts written by Palestinian authors. Learn in Community

## Allyship 101 Conference

Saturday, March 30 10am - 2pm

Avon Library

37485 Harvest Drive

Avon, OH 44011

Cost: Free - Registration is required

LGBTQ+ Lorain County is pleased to offer Allyship 101, a free half day conference designed for those who would like to learn about supportive allyship for the LGBTQ+ community, including LGBTQ+ youth. The presentation will also include information about current legislation affecting the LGBTQ+ community in Ohio.

Allyship 101 is an opportunity to learn about LGBTQ+ identities, gender identity and expression, and examine prejudice, assumptions, and privilege. It is a safe space to ask questions and get resources for further education.

While many of us want to promote LGBTQ+ inclusivity and serve as a participatory ally, we don't necessarily feel comfortable with the language, with our own level of understanding, and don't know where to go to learn more. This training is designed to deepen attendees' understanding of LGBTQ+ identities and issues faced by members of this marginalized community.

Attending the conference will help create deeper familiarity and comfort with vocabulary, inclusive practices, and privilege to help individuals identify ways to provide a more safe and inclusive space for their LGBTQ+ identified loved ones, children, parents, friends, family members, coworkers, and others we interact with in our day to day lives.

Lunch will be provided as well as time to connect with other attendees participating in the conference.

There is no cost to attend, but please consider donating what you can to support the mission of LGBTQ+ Lorain County! Advanced registration is required.

If you have questions about this training, please contact Megan Baechle, Executive Administrative Director, at [director@lgbtqloraincounty.org](mailto:director@lgbtqloraincounty.org).

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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.

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## 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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