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OBERLIN UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

This Week @ OUUF March 17 - March 24

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 3/17	Monday 3/18	Tuesday 3/19	Wednesday 3/20
11:00am Sunday Service (Hybrid)	7:00-9:00 OUUF Men's Group (via Zoom)		2:00-3:00 Poetry Group (via Zoom)
Thursday 3/21	Friday 3/22	Saturday 3/23	Sunday 3/24
10:30am-11:30am Deeping Circles Meditation 4:00-5:00 Adult Program Team (via Zoom) 7:00-8:00 Evening Meditation (via Zoom)			11:00am Sunday Service (hybrid)

This Week's Services

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?

>>[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 24***Keeping Faith With Life, 2: Coming Fully Alive
Service led by Mary Grigolia*

In our relationship(s) with Life, what does Life need from us? Howard Thurman might respond: "Do not ask what the world needs from you. Notice what brings you fully alive, and do that. Because what the world always needs are people who have come fully alive."

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 10

Candle for Racial Justice, in recognition of Harriet Tubman, who died on March 10, 1913. She was born into slavery in 1822, escaped, made 13 missions to rescue about 70 enslaved people, served as an armed scout and spy for the Union Army during the Civil War, and in her later years was an activist in the struggle for women's suffrage.

Candle for World Peace & Democracy, followed by 30 sec. of silence, in recognition of the continuing conflicts in Ukraine, Gaza, Israel, Palestine, and beyond.

Candle for Climate Justice, followed by 30 sec. of silence, in recognition of our need to make a commitment now to do what we know must be done.

Joys, Concerns & Appreciations

Mary: Concern for Katie who has a viral form of pink eye.

Tina: Sadness at the death yesterday of Kay Scott, CEO and President of Planned Parenthood Southeast from 1980 to 2012. She oversaw the merging of Planned Parenthood of Georgia with Alabama and Mississippi.

Bobbie: Shout of joy to the great creator above to wake up alive and be able to come to the service today and share our sisterly and brotherly love. Brother Johnny left a phone message making the sound of cutting cheese, which is reminiscent of their childhood "conversations" and indicated he's feeling better.

David: Appreciation that President in State of the Union proposed to end the long practice of testing medicines and medical procedures primarily on men, excluding women.

Don: Appreciation for President's State of the Union message. Proud to be an American.

Gerlind: Shared that Ran Taylor is now at Oberlin's Welcome Nursing Home. He seems to be settling in and appreciates being in a room in the new wing. He would love to have visitors. She feels a great burden has been lifted from her shoulders now that Ran is in a warm and caring place.

Polly: Concern that Kendal friend Maxine Houck is in the hospital in Elyria with a stroke -- she hopes it is a mild one.

Ann: Celebrating family. And joy that her granddaughter from England will have an internship at the Baseball Heritage Museum in Cleveland.

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.

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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