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OBERLIN UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

This Week @ OUUF March 24 - March 31

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 3/24	Monday 3/25	Tuesday 3/26	Wednesday 3/27
<p>11:00am Sunday Service (Hybrid)</p>	<p>7:00-9:00 OUUF Men's Group (via Zoom)</p>	<p>2:00-3:00 Resilience: UU Kendal Gathering (at Kendal)</p>	<p>11:00am-Noon Pastoral Counseling/Check- In (via Phone) 2:30-4:30 Living with Change Covenant Group (at OUUF) 7:00-8:30 What Would Jesus Do? Covenant Group (at OUUF for rehearsal)</p>
Thursday 3/28	Friday 3/29	Saturday 3/30	Sunday 3/31
<p>10:30am-11:30am Deeping Circles Meditation</p>			<p>11:00am Sunday Service (hybrid)</p>

7:00-8:00 Evening Meditation (via Zoom)			
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This Week's Services

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."

>>[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 31

What is Our Easter Message?
Service led by the What Would Jesus Do? Covenant Group, David Burwasser, &
Helen Kopp

Easter Sunday is a sacred holy day for many Christian believers. It celebrates the bodily resurrection of Jesus and his ascension into heaven, but most Unitarian Universalists reject these beliefs about Jesus. Often UU's have celebrated Easter as the spring renewal of life.

But the historical roots of our founding religions, Unitarian and Universalist, came from Protestant Christianity. Both religions embraced the concept of universal love and ethical behaviors taught by Jesus, while separating from Christian doctrines such as the Trinity and hell.

A significant minority of UU's do identify as Christian UU's. Others relate to Buddhism, Judaism, Islam, or Humanism, or identify as Agnostic or Atheist. How can we integrate Jesus' teachings into our own evolving and inclusive spirituality, while welcoming members and visitors of all faiths?

This service will be presented by members of the Oberlin-Olmsted study group "What Would Jesus Do? In collaboration with Dave Burwasser and Helen Kopp, with a special appearance by a guest from 1st century Judea. Come join the fun!

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 17

Candle for Racial Justice, in recognition of Nathaniel Adams Coles who was born on March 17, 1919. As Nat King Cole, he gained fame as a jazz and pop vocalist, becoming the first African American performer to host a variety TV series in 1956. He dropped out of high school at 15 to pursue an almost three-decade music career that ended too soon with his death at 45 from lung cancer.

Candle for Climate Justice, followed by 30 sec. of silence, in recognition of our deep love for our home and the need to do what we know must be done.

Candle for World Peace & Democracy, followed by 30 sec. of silence, in recognition of the continuing conflicts in Ukraine, Gaza, Israel, Palestine, and beyond, lifting up love to sue for the end to these conflicts.

Joys, Concerns & Appreciations

Barbara: Testimonial that our Fellowship made an enormous difference in her life, citing her love of UU theology and her service as our CLL.

Bobbie: Shout of joy to the great creator above to wake up alive and be able to come to the service and share the sisterly and brotherly love of her new family. Celebrating 34th anniversary of sobriety from drugs and alcohol.

David: Appreciation that Senate majority leader Chuck Schumer called for Israel to hold a new election and for voters to oust the prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu. As America's highest-ranking Jewish elected official, he said he felt obligated to call for new leadership in Israel. Time to talk about a family issue for three generations.

Helen: Wearing green today as a sign of Spring, new beginnings, and hope. Grateful that Spring arrives on Tuesday but it's already begun because her daffodils are blooming. Gratitude for the one year anniversary of her niece Emily getting a kidney transplant, after they started failing due to medication from a prior heart transplant and the anti-rejection medication.

Marvin: Appreciation for secretaries in response to Barbara thinking of herself as a "lowly secretary" at OC. There are no lowly secretaries. He was married to one for 60 years and they are essential. And finds he must rethink Israel and the love for peace as he tries to get his head around the current situation.

Don: Further appreciation for secretaries and administrative assistants. Where would our Fellowship be without Ryan?

Ann: Appreciation for zoomed funeral service for Drew's mother. It was a beautiful service with love and sharing. Gratitude that kids were there and could share her life.

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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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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