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OBERLIN UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

This Week @ OUUF March 31 - April 7

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 3/31	Monday 4/1	Tuesday 4/2	Wednesday 4/3
<p>11:00am Sunday Service (Hybrid)</p>	<p>7:00-9:00 OUUF Men's Group (via Zoom)</p>	<p>1:00-2:30 Meditations for Living & Dying Well (at Kendal) 7:00-8:00 Worship Team (via Zoom)</p>	
Thursday 4/4	Friday 4/5	Saturday 4/6	Sunday 4/7
<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 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!

>>[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

April 7

*TED Talk: Interdependence
Service lead by the Ted Talk Team*

Details will be presented in the Chalice being sent out 3/31.

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 24

Candle for Racial Justice, in recognition of the W.K. Kellogg Foundation's Truth, Racial Healing & Transformation efforts. In 2016, working with 176 community leaders from throughout the U.S., the foundation launched this comprehensive, national community-based process to plan for and bring about transformational and sustainable change, and to address the historic and contemporary effects of racism.

Candle for World Peace & Democracy, followed by 30 sec. of silence, in recognition of the continuing conflicts in Ukraine, Gaza, Israel, Palestine, and beyond, realizing the need to honor the complexity of these wars and the worldwide need for transformation to end them.

Candle for Climate Justice, followed by 30 sec. of silence, in recognition of the March 22 annual United Nations Observance of World Water Day which raises awareness of the 2.2 billion people living without access to safe water and urges us to take action to tackle the global water crisis.

Joys, Concerns & Appreciations

Don: Appreciation and Joy that Rev. Gregory Stewart will lead our Fellowship. I fell in love with Rev. Mary the beginning of the millennium, and that love has deepened and evolved over the years of her spiritual leadership. For me, no one can take her place. However, since nothing lasts forever, and someone must follow her, I congratulate the Ministerial Search Team (Stephanie Gibson, Cindy Frantz, Jeff Witmer, Katie Cross and Peggy Malone) and the Board on their selection of an exceptionally well-qualified candidate whose skill set is a remarkable match with our congregational needs.

The concern I had felt regarding the next chapter in the evolution of our OASIS OF LOVING ENGAGEMENT has been replaced with great excitement and enthusiasm for the future as I read Rev. Stewart's impressive 20-page credentialing document.

If you're like me and don't like being at the screen long enough to appreciate his experience and preparation, I have placed my hard copy, which you are welcome to borrow in order to more fully share in my enthusiasm, on the discussion table.

Bobbie: Shout of joy to the great creator above to wake up alive and be able to come to the service and share our love. Happy to hear brother Johnny's phone message, making the sound of cutting cheese, that indicates he's feeling better.

Katie: Shares Don's appreciation for Rev. Gregory Stewart's skill set and excited about the transition ahead of us.

Terri: Feeling helpless that she can't do more to ease the pain her daughter Angela is suffering after pulling her back out at work.

David: Appreciation for the Search Team's hard work. He too is looking forward to our transition and thinks Rev. Greg will work out just fine. He notes that Russians are standing in long lines to donate blood for the victims of the terrorist attack in the Crocus City Hall venue.

Helen: As a Catholic, prayed for the conversion of Russians. Now must pray for the conversion of terrorists who know no national boundaries. Sharing that Johnny is undergoing surgery Thursday "to resolve a plumbing issue."

Polly: Peggy's trip to cancer center in Canton where support systems are in place gave her lift.

Mary: Happy to see Peggy on Zoom this morning.

Marge: Joy to see 25-year old grandson Ethan, an Ashland University graduate and teacher at Crestview High School, sing in a 50th year celebration of a Barbershop Choir as well as in one of the choir's quartets.

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

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!

355 E. Lorain St.
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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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