

FIRST UNITARIAN-UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF DETROIT NEWSLETTER



OUR MISSION: LIBERATE TRUTH - RADIATE KINDNESS - LOVE COURAGEOUSLY

OCTOBER EDITION

Upcoming Sermon Schedule

October 5

Rev. Roger Mohr

"Cultivating Peace."

In our world, there seems to be a continuous roar of issues and information, usually presented as a crisis. It is no wonder if we are anxious and unhappy. We need to create a zone of quiet and rest for ourselves.

October 12

Rev. Roger Mohr

"As the Wars Come Home."

After a decade of war overseas, it seems that we are doing less and less to manage the repercussions here.

October 19

Rev. Roger Mohr

"Cain and Abel: Racial Violence at the Urban Boundaries."

As the incidents of inter-racial violence proliferate, it is important to step back and understand the class tensions that fuel them.

October 26

Rev. Richard Peacock,

"Move the Money."

The war horse is a vain hope for victory; however, Pentagon spending is huge. Is that why Americans aren't getting what we need? Can Pentagon spending become smarter and smaller? What can peace activists do? Rich, a retired Methodist minister, is now with Peace Action of Michigan and Peace Voter.

November 2

Rev. Roger Mohr

"Pro-Choice Is Pro Life."

Women's rights are under attack from the right, with not only abortion but contraception in jeopardy. Our tradition demands that we defend women's right to decide.

FIRST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH ORGANIZATIONAL CHART 2014-2015

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**Worship Services held
every Sunday
at 11:00 a.m.**



Letter from the President...

I recently confided to a church member that, except for one time when I marched against the Vietnam War, I have never been an activist. The subject arose because of the strong feelings generated by the water shut-offs. Some of our members called for the church, and our minister, to sign petitions, take a stand on water as a human right, speak out for the disenfranchised. I wavered when the matter was brought to the board. There was more than one side to the issue; I didn't feel I had all the facts. I wasn't hearing a push from other board members or from the congregation. Later, I wondered if I had been too complacent, or was I just overwhelmed with a lot of other pressures to not get more involved?

So I was surprised to find, while cleaning out my basement from the recent flood, a paper I presented in 1971 at a public hearing on Staten Island about pending legislation to develop a master plan for the southern end of Staten Island—a “new town in town”. As a member of the non-profit Staten Island Citizens Planning Committee, I was there to present our assessment of the bill and, most importantly, its impact on current residents. I said that it had been three years since the Master Plan was published but that “its recommendations fail to solve even current problems much less provide solutions for the future.” I talked about mistrust of the city's motivations, of a carte blanche invitation to corporations to add 3000 acres of landfill, of long-term ecological effects, of the need for residents to be represented on the proposed board of directors, for public review of the specific development plan. And I noted the danger that “we will become complacent, feeling the development is out of our hands.”

I don't consider myself complacent; I call myself a neighborhood activist, now that I'm retired. I work on code enforcement and fighting blight in my community; I'm raising money to fund improvements to our 75-year old Community House. I help to address neighborhood stability as a board member of the Grandmont Rosedale Development Corporation and the Detroit Land Bank Authority. And I'm active in this church—chairing the Board of Trustees, helping to negotiate a lease on the Prentis parking lot, clarifying our relationship with the Commons, addressing member concerns, collaborating on our future.

With all of this, I'm tempted to leave social action to others. That's why I give to groups that lobby for the environment, women's rights, legalized abortion, voting rights, equal opportunity, affordable housing. I'm looking to our Outreach Committee with its Social Justice component to lobby us out of any perceived complacency and make sure we stay involved with the pressing issues of our day.

Warm regards,
Marsha Bruhn

The Rev's Room

As we move into autumn, I am grateful for the return to the rhythms and pace of our normal church year. This was a pretty tense summer, but I have started to identify that as normal here in Detroit. Of course I have only really been here for two or three summers so far, but I have noticed how drained I have felt as we finish our summer “break” and return to business as usual. I normally plan to run hard from Labor Day to Memorial Day, through the annual congregational meeting, and then collapse into summer, exhausted and ready for a rest. This year, that period of rest never materialized, and I was forced to flail my way through the summer at far less than my best.

Hence, as we move into the fall, I am tired, and being much more careful of my pace. I am making a focus of gaining resources and support so that I am better prepared to face the demands of our work together. Detroit is a very different ministry, with unique challenges and rhythms. That is generally true of all congregations, in some sense. Let's just say that I find ministry in our city, and our region, to entail more situational differences than I have experienced in my prior ministry.

That said, I am very pleased and excited about our progress as a congregation. We are learning how to succeed together, to carry out our basic functions, to grow in this environment, and to develop a new sense of mission and vision for ourselves and our movement in the region. We are doing some stretching, some learning, some evolution together. Think of it as a sort of congregational yoga – every new pose and level offers its own discomforts and tensions as the price of more advanced practice. But that advancing practice is one of the great joys of gathering in community together. We have work to do together, supporting one another in our individual and collective spiritual development.

To that end, I am working with the Board to take steps to prepare and strengthen our church for further evolution. We are developing a Strategic Plan to create concrete objectives to guide our decision making and actions, as a congregation over the next calendar year. We are also engaging the UUA beta-testing of a program around issues of identity and direction. There is also a possibility that we may engage at a regional level through a new leadership program the UUA has been offering. We are engaging our symbiotic organizational partners in creating more productive and mutually beneficial relationships. And for my part, I am actively seeking coaching and guidance on how to best lead this truly unique and remarkable spiritual community.

Know that your leadership is engaged, excited, and active for the continued success of this congregation. First Church, I am proud of our work together!

Namaste.

Rev. Mohr



Development Committee News

Your Development Committee – enthusiastic and very much appreciative of your help.

The **Discovering UU're Midtown scavenger hUUnt** held during Dally in the Alley on September 6 was a fantastic success. The nine teams who participated had tons of fun solving clues, and we introduced hUUnters to local businesses – and some of those businesses appreciated the attention and interacted with hUUnters who entered their store seeking to solve clues. (We heard that some of the business owners helped hUUnters solve clues, but that's OK. We didn't have a rule on that.) The three winning teams appreciated the \$300 in prizes which were donated from local businesses.

Many thanks to *Marilyn Mitchell* and *Joan Smykowski* for developing the clues and to *Joan* for pounding the pavement to solicit donations from local businesses. A **big thank you** goes to *Beth Bailey* for setting up the Goose Chase app and then monitoring all three heats of the hUUnt. *Beth* and *Tim Bailey* also persuaded local businesses to donate gift certificates and merchandise. Both *Joan* and *Beth* spent all day greeting teams and handing out prizes. **Volunteers** who helped on the day of the event are also **very much appreciated**: *Tim Bailey, Regina Hollingshead, Marilyn Mitchell, Glenn Maxwell* and *Dave Valliencourt*. A **special shout-out** goes to *Dan Secrest*, who posted Scavenger Hunt information on our website.

The intrepid **Prentis parking lot** attendants, *Dale Adcock, Tim Bailey, Gwen Foss, Richard Hillier, Glenn Maxwell* and *Marilyn Mitchell*, monitored the lot from 9:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. **Thank you** to all of you for your vigilance!

Another **big thank you** goes to *Dan Wiest*, who arranged for and set up a **First UU table at Dally in the Alley**. Folks who staffed the table and spread the news about our faith are much **appreciated**: *Aletha Oberdier, Margaret Beck, Art Gabhart, Robert Johnson, Kathleen Jacobs Johnson, Carolyn Ludwig, Richard Hillier* and *Joel Batterman*. **Thanks** to the efforts of *Dan* and *Joan Smykowski*, **masseuses** soothed tired Dalliers at the First UU table again this year; they've offered to give massages at coffee hour or some other event for free.

Our congregation sent "**Blessings From Our House To Yours!**" for the building dedication service of the new Unitarian Universalist Association headquarters in Boston. **Thank you** to *Lencha Acker, Alena Acker, John Angry, Marsha Bruhn, Kathleen Jacobs Johnson, Robert Johnson, Glenn Maxwell, Emirene Mendoza, Rev. Roger Mohr, Faiz Muzumall, Aletha Oberdier* and *Jerry Williams*, who posed for a photo around the chancel flowers on September 7. A **special thank you** to *Lencha Acker*, who chose flowers that were the same colors as the new UUA logo. The photo will be included in an original music video to be played on October 4, 2014 at the dedication.



Development Committee News (continued)

The Governing Board recently approved our next fundraiser: **UU're Home**, a bed and breakfast directory for Unitarian Universalists and other religious liberals. Joan Smykowski has more details on UU're Home – look for it elsewhere in this newsletter.

Other fundraising events will be brainstormed at our meetings, which are held the fourth Wednesday of each month at the home of Kathe Stevens. Contact Kathe for details.

One of the goals that arose in our recent leadership retreat was to “strengthen and better define our organizational structure” and it was agreed that one area to address is “policies and procedures.” You’ll be seeing more about policies and procedures that have been and will be implemented by the Board, but the Development Committee got right to work to establish guidelines for church fundraisers. Your Governing Board recently approved a **Fundraising Policy** as well as an accompanying **Permission Form**. See below this article for the policy and permission form. These will also be available on our website. Please feel free to contact any member of the Development Committee if you have any questions about the policy.

Many thanks for helping to make First Church an Urban Center in Detroit for Spiritual Renewal and Social Justice AND great rollicking fun!

Your Committee: Matt Friedrichs, Marilyn Mitchell, Rev. Roger Mohr (*Ex Officio*), Joan Smykowski, Kathe Stevens (Chair)

Fundraising Policy and Procedures

[approved by the Governing Board on September 10, 2014]

Fundraisers are an important part of active church life. They provide opportunities for congregants to build relationships and to strengthen their commitment to the church. They also provide funds for the church as well as for approved charitable causes.

Any member or group of members of the First Unitarian-Universalist Church of Detroit (FUUD) may raise money to benefit the Church or a reputable charitable organization as long as they comply with the requirements set forth under this policy statement. For purposes of this policy statement, fundraising is any activity organized to solicit contributions from or sell goods or services to members of the congregation or the public.



Fundraising Policy and Procedures

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for approval of church fundraisers for any purpose, by any means, and at any location in order to ensure that our fundraising activities:

- are consistent with the Mission and Vision of the First Unitarian-Universalist Church of Detroit,
- are consistent with the Purposes and Principles of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA),
- are consistent with our not-for-profit status,
- focus our resources on the church's highest priorities and the approved church budget, and
- avoid overburdening the congregation with requests for money.

Scope

All church fundraising activities must be reviewed and approved under this policy.

A "church group" is a committee, club, group, task force, class, or other internal group of FUUD.

Any outside person/group requesting to raise funds at church or through church must have a church group as a sponsor for their fundraiser. The only exception is for children/youth selling items for scouts, school, or any other non-church activity (see Review Process below). All other outside fundraisers must have an internal FUUD sponsor.

Any monies raised may not financially benefit directly or indirectly any individual Church member. Any potential conflict of interest arising in connection with fundraising for use by an outside organization shall be subject to approval by the Governing Board of the Church.

Ad hoc fundraising among members of a committee to serve the mission of that committee (as long as the committee's primary purpose or function is not fundraising) falls under this scope.

Political fundraisers for individual candidates or parties are not permitted, but support for causes (such as support to promote, e.g., MOSES or Amnesty International) may be considered.

Performers and guest speakers who wish to sell CDs and other merchandise are covered by this policy.

Any costs and/or expenses that are incurred for fundraising must be substantially less than the anticipated funds to be raised.

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Activities that request contributions intended only to cover the expenses associated with that event (e.g., food, supplies, honorarium for a speaker, equipment rental) are not considered fundraising events. Such break-even activities do not have to be reviewed under this policy. However, if contributions are being split (part for expenses and part for the church or for an outside group), then this fundraising policy does apply, and the fundraiser needs approval.

Ongoing and annual fundraisers (such as the Canvass Campaign) are covered by this policy. Once approved, these fundraisers do not need to come back for approval each year.

Review Process

All fundraising activities must be approved in advance by the Governing Board. A congregant must submit a request **in writing** on behalf of any group seeking to engage in fundraising activity, using the approved Fundraising and Event Information Form, well in advance of the fundraiser, and **no later than the first of the month three months prior to the event**, to allow time for Board approval as well as subsequent publicity. The request should be submitted first **to the Development Committee** to vet for appropriateness, feasibility and practicality (see Criteria, below), and to ensure that the requested activity has enough support to be implemented. Once approved by the Development Committee, the request will be submitted to the Governing Board for final approval.

The request, submitted via the approved Fundraising and Event Information Form, must include the following:

- Who is this fundraiser benefitting? If for an outside group, is that group designated as a 501c3 non-profit? If it is for an outside group, how will profits be shared (see Sharing Net Profits below)?
- What are you going to do to raise the money? To be successful, events must be thoughtfully and efficiently planned. Do you have the resources to follow through?
- How much money do you expect to raise?
- What are the fundraiser dates and times?
- Is it a one-day event? If not, does the activity take place over more than one day?
- What rooms or other resources are needed?
- Have you checked the timing and logistics of the fundraiser with other scheduled activities at the church?
- Will there be a congregation-wide direct solicitation (as in the Canvass Campaign);
- A proposed budget for the fundraiser.



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Criteria

The Governing Board will consider fundraiser requests in light of the following criteria:

- coordination with other events on the church and building calendar,
- consistency with our not-for-profit status,
- consistency with our Mission and Vision and UUA Principles and Purposes,
- consistency with the church's priorities and approved church budget,
- likelihood of success, and
- timeliness of the request.

Children/youth selling items for scouts, school, or any other non-church activity: These fundraising requests are often less formal (even verbal) and go to the Development Committee to check for conflicts on the church calendar. If approved by the Development Committee, children/youth may set aside a table at social hour and allow people to approach them if interested. No monetary contribution to the church is required.

Sharing Net Proceeds

The following guidelines are to be used for sharing the net proceeds of fundraisers:

- The profit shall be paid to the general operating fund.
- If pre-approved by the Governing Board, a percentage of the profit may go to a specific fundraising goal (i.e., sound equipment, organ repair).
- If pre-approved by the Board, 10% of the profit will be disbursed to the Church Trust.

Beneficiary

Fundraisers are limited to the following beneficiaries: The church general operating fund or the Church Trust, or non-profits that hold an IRS section 501c3 certification. If an exception is made for an outside group that is not a 501c3 but has a clearly humanitarian objective consistent with the church's mission, the fundraising group is responsible for clearly communicating with donors that their donations may not be tax-deductible.

Please submit this form to the Development Committee for all church events, whether for fundraising or not, so we may ensure that there are no conflicts and that all necessary parties are notified. The Development Committee will obtain approval for the fundraiser/event with the Board at the next board meeting after submission, and notify you immediately afterwards. **THE BUDGET PORTION OF THIS FORM IS REQUIRED TO BE FILLED OUT**, however, if you are organizing a non-fundraising event (e.g., visit, tour) in which money is not involved you may answer N/A/E (not applicable to this event).

Name of Contact Person/Organizer:	
Email Address:	
Phone Number (cell preferred):	
Event Title:	
Who is this event for? If a fundraiser, and for an outside group, is that group designated as a 501 (c)(3) non-profit? If it is for an outside group, how will profits be shared? (see "Sharing Net Profits" in FUUD <i>Fundraising Policy</i> .)	
How do you expect to raise the money? To be successful, events must be thoughtfully and efficiently planned. Do you have the resources to follow through?	
How much money do you expect to raise?	
Date(s) and time(s) of event:	
Location: do you intend to raise enough money (either through budgeting or fundraising) to cover EMEAC facility rental or will you find an outside location?	
Have you checked the timing and logistics of the fundraiser with other scheduled activities at the church? Check with EMEAC first, then the First UU Office Administrator.	
Will there be a congregation-wide direct solicitation (<i>i.e.</i> , the Canvass Campaign or a Capital Campaign)?	
How many attendees do you expect?	
How many are needed to staff the event?	
Brief description of any other information that will be helpful:	

DATE SUBMITTED:	
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SEE NEXT PAGE FOR REQUIRED BUDGET INFORMATION

Budget information required:***Income Sources (list each separately and total)***

Sponsors	
Grants	
Individual contributions	
In-Kind contributions	
Other	
Other	
Other	
TOTAL:	

Expenses (list each separately and total)

Room rental	
Staff costs	
Printing and copying	
Postage	
Fees	
Advertising	
Other	
Other	
Other	
TOTAL:	

TOTAL ESTIMATED INCOME MINUS EXPENSES:

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FOLLOW-UP (TO BE FILLED OUT AND SUBMITTED TO THE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE FOLLOWING FINAL COM-

What were the total expenses and total profit?	
Date all money and check requests for expenses	
What worked, what didn't work, and what could be	

UU're Home

The International Program is Offered in 3 countries, has 145 hosts, 37 states participate in 118 cities.

The Benefits of Being a Host

- Hosts gain new friends from other places.
- Hosts raise money to help support First Church

The Benefits of Being a Traveler

- Travelers meet hosts who share many of their interests, concerns and values.
- Travelers enjoy comfortable quarters at affordable prices and have the opportunity of obtaining answers to questions about the area they are visiting.

We hope to start the program January 2015.

More details to follow about upcoming information meetings.

Open Your Home to Area Visitors

UU're Home is a new program for First Church. We are asking Church members to open their homes, as a Bed and Breakfast to visitors in the Detroit area. As ambassadors for our community, we hope to showcase our hospitality and raise money for the Church.

However, there is an application process to be completed before your home/apartment/condo can be listed. Your residency will be inspected for safety, insurance requirements and cleanliness. There will be upcoming informational meetings to answer all your questions.

Our Church listing will be posted at a website called: <http://uurehome.com>. To get access to the list of homes, individuals must become a member of UU're Home for \$10 for one year. The Church must pay \$20/year to be listed. We do not get a percentage of the listing fee.

The amount charge for staying in the homes, is a donation to First UU. We will not have to share our fees with UU're Home or the UUA.

Questions You May Have

Do hosts have to take guests? Pets? Children? Smokers?

No, we understand your schedule changes, you have allergies or patience issues. This is totally voluntary.

Please keep in mind we are a Welcoming Congregation. We will not be discriminating based on UU principles, Michigan or United States laws.

Will I need home insurance?

Yes, you must have home insurance and will be required to make a copy of your home insurance policy to be considered.



Membership News

Helping to Make the Next Generation of First Church Members

Making a Gift by Will

Making a gift by will is easy. After speaking to your legal consultant, name the First Unitarian-Universalist Church of Detroit to receive a gift from you through your Last Will and Testament.

Please let us know that you have included a gift to the Association in your estate plans. Your example may encourage others to join suit and provide for the future of our liberal religion.

October Membership Anniversaries

1973 - Sally Borden

1995 - Nancy Hutchinson

1996 - Robert and Valerie Lauer

1997 - Mark Schwing

2012 - Don Chicklas

Thank you for being part of our community.

Sources of Our Living Tradition

Throughout history, we have moved to the rhythms of mystery and wonder, prophecy, wisdom, teachings from ancient and modern sources, and nature herself. Worshipping at First Church you may hear a reading or perspective shared from any one of these sources from which our living tradition is drawn:

- Direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renewal of the spirit and an openness to the forces which create and uphold life;
- Words and deeds of prophetic women and men which challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love;
- Wisdom from the world's religions which inspires us in our ethical and spiritual life;
- Jewish and Christian teachings which call us to respond to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves;
- Humanist teachings which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science, and warn us against idolatries of the mind and spirit;
- Spiritual teachings of earth-centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature.

If this is the type of faith community that you self-identify with, please attend the next Introduction to First Church sessions. Our next sessions are October 5th and November 2, 2014 at 12:30 pm.

Welcome to Our New Members

We welcome the newest members of the First Unitarian-Universalist faith community.

Dan Hale

Jennifer Teed

Aletha Oberdier

Jody Wise

Membership News

Radical Hospitality Practiced at First Church During September 2014

Thank you to the hardest working ushers and greeters of any UU Church during September.

Margaret Beck
Brad Bierwirth
Irene Brisson
Marsha Bruhn
Carolyn Ludwig
Kevin McKinney
Glenn Maxwell
Bob Neal
Felice Rizzo
Kathe Stevens
Dave Vaillencourt
Dan Wiest

Important Upcoming Membership Dates

October 5, 2014, 12:30 pm - Introduction to First Church
October 15, 2014 - Membership Book Signing
October 26, 2014, 12:30 pm - Getting Involved Session
November 2, 2014, 12:30 pm - Introduction to First Church
November 9, 2014 - Membership Book Signing

Getting Involved

Sunday, October 26, 2014 - 12:30 p.m.

We all have gifts and talents for First Church to share. Learn how you can become involved and assist our community, while learning about various groups, activities or committees of the Church. All friends, members and group leaders are encouraged to attend. The next Getting Involved session will be Sunday, October 26, 2014 at 12:30

Welcome to the many visitors during August to First Church.

A. Antowich - Pontiac	B&B Baylis - Harrow, ONT
C. Floyd - Detroit	D. Howes - Highland Park
K. Katsma - Detroit	J. Lewis - Detroit
S. Sangoma - Detroit	A. Wheeler - Detroit
M. Zhang - Detroit	

We hope you'll visit again!

Greeters and Ushers

Forgot what date you signed up for? Would you like to see what dates for volunteering are open?

Please visit our website at:
<http://www.1stuu.org/Worship/worship.php>

Look for the link to Greeter Sign Up Sheet.

Membership Directories Still Available

Updated January 2014

There are still copies of the latest Membership Directory available for \$2/copy. To purchase a copy, please see Tamara in the Church office on Sunday.

Church Announcements and Events

1st UU Board Meetings

Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month.

October 8	Whole Foods Community Room	7:00 - 9:00 pm
November 12	Whole Foods Community Room	7:00 - 9:00 pm
December 10	Whole Foods Community Room	7:00 - 9:00 pm

All are welcome at board meetings. Whole Foods is located at 115 Mack Ave at John R, Detroit. If you have an item you wish to have included on the agenda for discussion at the meeting, please contact Kathe Stevens, Board Secretary at kathestevens@gmail.com

Vespers Wednesday

Vespers runs from 6:00 - 7:00pm on the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

FIRST Sundays: "Intro to First Church."

Are you new to the church, or just interested in learning more about our church and tradition? The New UU class is about offering introductory information about what the church is all about, and it is an important step toward becoming a member. There are two objectives: one is to share information on the UU tradition as a whole, and a second goal is to focus specifically on the history and traditions of the Detroit church. Please do attend: We are proud of who we are, and we want you to be proud to be with us!

SECOND Sunday: Welcoming New Members.

This is a normal service, but we also include a time to invite our new members to come forward, present themselves to the community, and sign the membership book. This is an important ceremony honoring those who have chosen to identify themselves with our values, our tradition, and our community. Make them feel welcome among us!

SECOND Sunday: Potluck.

Time to break out your best recipe and bring it to church – share your food with FUUD! As we begin to add new members, it is a good time to share fellowship and nourishment with the people who nourish us, in return. Remember that everything must come and go the day of the event – we have no refrigerator space to keep things beyond the immediate need. If you have dietary concerns (peanut allergies, and such), please do let us know, so that food can be labeled.



Church Announcements and Events

Singing Circle

Wednesdays at **7:00 pm** - Singing Circle at the church. Open to all. Contact Gwen Foss bookdoctorgwen@gmail.com for more details.

MOSES Public Meeting Oct. 5th, 3:30pm, Galilee Baptist Church, 5251 E. Outer Drive:

Join MOSES in addressing local, regional, and state wide issues with elected officials, gubernatorial candidates, and senatorial candidates at their annual public meeting on Sunday, Oct. 5th. Come and support better transportation, economic dignity, education for all, greater transparency and accountability, and healthy communities.

Child Care Coming--

Several stewart church members have been cleaning out the Bride's room at the back of the church so we can provide some child care for young church goers. It will soon be repainted and cleaned. If you're interested in helping with child care once or twice a month during the church service, please contact Sally Borden at sally233@sbcglobal.net or 313-533-1494. We will have two people help each Sunday and you do have to have a background clearance which the church will provide. Please call if you have any questions or suggestions.

Share Your Voice - a sermon seminar for anyone!

This eight session seminar is an opportunity to practice telling your story in a collaborative environment. Participants will develop a sermon which they may share with the congregation. The group meets the second and fourth Monday of the month at 7pm, beginning October 13. Space is limited and participants must commit to attend all eight sessions. Please contact Beth Bailey at elizabethbailey88@gmail.com with questions.

Photographs

First Unitarian-Universalist Church of Detroit occasionally takes photographs during services and other congregational events. These photos of members and other individuals are intended for use in various forms of church-related media. First Church obtains implied consent for this use of photos by advising in announcements or other congregational publications that photos may be used for First Church purposes. Members not wanting their images, or images of their children under the age of 18, so used may add their names to a list by notifying the church office manager, office@1stuu.org



Church Announcements and Events

Chancel Flower Donations

Our custom for providing flowers for each Sunday service is to have members and friends donate them in honor or memory of a person or event. The suggested donation of \$20 is negotiable if your situation requires. Lencha Acker purchases the flowers each Saturday at Eastern Market and brings them to church. The donor takes the flowers home to enjoy and returns the vase later. If you have any questions or would like to sign up, see Tamara after service or send her an email. Thank You!

Acknowledgements

If you have a milestone (joy or sorrow) to share or a visitor to introduce during a worship service, please write the message on one of the index cards which can be found in the backs of the pews, and place the card in the offering basket during the collection. Milestones and visitor names will be passed to the minister for sharing with the congregation as part of our closing circle.

Amnesty International

Amnesty International is a global movement of people fighting injustice and promoting human rights. Amnesty International meets at 1st UU on the third Monday of every month at 7:30 pm in the Parlor. Contact Dan Wiest for more information.

Young Adults Activities

The first UU Young Adults group participates in 2 activities per month. To learn find out about upcoming Young Adults activities, visit us on facebook at: [groups/young1stuu/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/young1stuu/) or contact Beth Bailey to be join our Google Group.

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
5 11:00am - "Cultivating Peace." Speaker - Rev. Mohr 12:30pm - Intro to First Church 3:30pm - MOSES Annual Public Meeting	6 Happy Birthday Robert Lauer!	7 Happy Birthday Nora Holt!	1 7:00pm - Singing Circle 8 6:00pm - Vespers 7:00pm - Board Meeting 7:00pm - Singing Circle	2 Happy Birthday Earl Harvey!	3 10 17 24 31	4 Happy Birthday Donna Walker! 11 18 Happy Birthday Judith Waterman!
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Church Announcements

Sunday Worship Service

The Worship Committee generally plans for Sunday worship service to run for about 1 hour. However, the Worship Committee does allow our speakers to take a few more minutes if needed to finish their point. So as a general guideline, please plan for Sunday worship services to end between 12:00 and 12:15pm.

Message Topics

Remember, Rev. Mohr is always open to new ideas for sermon topics, either in terms of texts and sources, or in terms of topics. If you have an idea for a sermon, please do feel free to share it.

Weekly Order of Service Deadline

Have an item/event to be included in our weekly Order of Service? We'll do our best to include it, although printed materials have significant space limitations. Send your information to office@1stuu.org by **12:00 pm Thursday**.

November Newsletter Deadline

Monday, October 20th

Next issue covers November 1 - November 30, 2014

No submissions accepted after the deadline.

Send items to office@1stuu.org