**February 2021 Sunday Worship Services Zoom Link**

<https://zoom.us/j/94822183499?pwd=ZVhkMHZWSnR1bTI5czZWRk1zdFFmQT09>

Meeting ID: 948 2218 3499 Passcode: fuusm2323

By Phone 1-929 205 6099 US (New York) 1-301 715 8592 US (Germantown)

Same Meeting ID (as above): 948 2218 3499 Different Passcode: 772050

(10:30) Gathering & Greeting (11am) Welcome Slide

**THIS SUNDAY  Feb. 14, 2021**

***Side with Love -*** *A Day for FUUSM Sweethearts*

11am Service is pre-recorded & on Zoom-NOT Live @ FUUSM.

**Feb. 14     *Side With Love*** UUA Sunday Service  (**5pm** with FUUSM)

What if to "side with love" meant making bold, faith-full choices?  What if it were even a little bit scary?

This worship service brings together worship leaders and musicians from across the country to offer hopeful, moving, challenging reminders about what we, as Unitarian Universalists, are called to do, and BE, in the world. Learn more- [https://sidewithlove.org/30-days-of-love-2021-sunday-worship](https://sidewithlove.org/30-days-of-love-2021-sunday-worship?fbclid=IwAR33lXpYBWJzDGQ-GFtO9Tw0cV6uvY50nImwNv-tQF_rFk0JVlqAPEAU3Sk)

Streaming **Sunday, Feb. 14** at 10am ET & **5pm ET** on Facebook and the UUA's YouTube channel.

\*You can also use the FUUSM Main Sunday Link to view portions of this service together, and have time to process and react afterward, or watch it on your own at a more convenient time.   I strongly encourage you to access the amazing, informative and inspiring resources from throughout the **30 Days of Love**

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**SAFETY FIRST**

Due to rising risks of COVID spread, please be aware of changes to our schedule of activities.

**Area COVID Vaccination Information**

Many of our folk have started getting vaccinated, but the work to get “shots in the arms” continues,

the rates of infection are still high, and variants of the virus are spreading. Please recall our covenant to respect those who have different perspectives and may make different choices.

**Ohio** For the latest information on COVID-19, visit [coronavirus.ohio.gov](https://gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%25252525253A%25252525252F%25252525252Fcoronavirus.ohio.gov%25252525252F&data=02%25252525257C01%25252525257Cjoanne.viviano%252525252540odh.ohio.gov%25252525257C46acaa0233794628a48f08d7c46e15ac%25252525257C50f8fcc494d84f0784eb36ed57c7c8a2%25252525257C0%25252525257C0%25252525257C637193849399234833&sdata=mAuSsJg9KHHuoZUpOvko9OEH%25252525252BAjq%25252525252BJJZO0DsUw0OYl0%25252525253D&reserved=0).

Call the Ohio Department of Health hotline at 1-833-4-ASK-ODH.

Marietta Belpre Health Dept.    Call **1-866-395-1588** to make an appointment.

(less helpful)  **Washington County Health Dept.  740) 374-2782** [washingtongov.org](http://washingtongov.org)

**Buckeye Hills Regional Council** 740-374-9436   INFO@BUCKEYEHILLS.ORG

Kara Wright helped me make an appointment   **740) 376-1036**

**West Virginia**

If you are a WV resident in need of information or have questions you may call **833-734-0965.**

ALL West Virginian residents, of any age, can pre-register  **[www.vaccinate.wv.gov](https://dhhr.wv.gov/COVID-19/Pages/Vaccine.aspx).**

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**FUUSM Office**   Access to the FUUSM Office is limited at this time for safety purposes.  Masks are required.   Please call before you come to the Office (740) 373-1238) and sign in and out each time you enter any of the buildings.  Use the FUUSM Building Entry Log (bright red folder) in the Office, Sanctuary & Social Hall.  If you have announcements for the weekly update you can e-mail fuusm@suddenlinkmail.com

**NEW Office Hours**: Chris Keller (M. W. Thurs. & Fri. 10:00am - 1:00pm).

Rev. Kathryn Hawbaker (937) 470-4151 (mobile).

Available by appointment, but not Tuesdays (Day Off) or Thur. (Study & Service)

**Nursery Attendants (10:30am-12:30pm)**

**February** 14th – Church Closed Feb. 21st – Laura Cejka Feb. 28th – Lela Erb

**March**  7th – Deborah March 14th – Deborah March 21st – Laura March 28th - Lela

**Looking for Volunteers -** to help prepare meals for the *Warming House* that has opened for the homeless in the parsonage beside the First Congregation Church on Front St.  It is open now from 12 to 5.  We need help in preparing and serving lunch (around 1:30).  At this time we are probably only serving around 10 to 15 people at the most.  We are scheduled to serve lunch from February 22-28. (there are 4 churches taking turns providing meals)  Contact Beth Lepore if you can help with this. 740 525 1423 or shimplepore@suddenlink.net Thank you! Beth

**Next Week at F.U.U.S.M.**

**Mon. Feb. 15** Office Closed (President’s Day)

**Tues. Feb. 16**  Office Closed (Rev. Hawbaker also takes Tuesdays off)

**Wed. Feb. 17**    (12-1pm) Midweek Midday Meditation (Zoom & Parlor)
Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/98911407403?pwd=UlRqTzlzZ2ZLalZkVDZTTVZZdTgwQT09>

Men’s Group 7PM (zoom) using the FUUSM link.

**Saturday, Feb. 20** (Curbside Pick-Up Only) 11a-1pm- Free Community Meal at the

First Unitarian Universalist Society of Marietta. 3rd & Putnam

AngelsPlusOne - Charlie & Dennis Lumbatis, with support of Waterview Pointe Skilled Nursing Facility & FUUSM kitchen are providing a warm delicious Ham & beans with cornbread meal.

Free to the community.     Help share the news. Social distancing and masks are required

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The next service that will be in-person in the Sanctuary as well as on Zoom will be **Next Sunday.**

**Sun. Feb. 21   *Black Liberation Theology*** with special guest Monica Jones, from Marietta College.

11am- Zoom and Facebook **“Black Liberation Theology is the foundation of my spiritual identity.”**

 Speaker: Monica Jones, Assoc.Dean of Students and Chief Diversity Officer at Mtta.College.

"Growing in Southeastern Ohio there were two constants in my life: The (Black) Church and The (Black) Family. As a child, I never questioned my Blackness or my Christianity but life has a way of testing every aspect of who I believed myself to be in the most difficult times. The evolution of my spiritual journey continues to expose my vulnerabilities, my truths and my transformation. How are you growing and transforming? - Monica Jones

**Monthly In-person Service**, (12 pm in the Sanctuary *A Conversation on Black Liberation Theology.* Following the Zoom presentation, this in-person service will offer an experiential element that will include discussion and embodied prayer.

**\*See Safe Use Guidelines below**

***• Green Sanctuary Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m. on Zoom***

**You're Invited! Sunday, Feb. 21st at 11a.m. EST. via Zoom**

Author Dan Millman - author of *"Way of the Peaceful Warrior: A Book that Changes Lives"*, will give an exclusive short talk, followed by a Q&A session at New River UU Fellowship Sunday Service, 11am on Zoom. Preregistration required: <https://rb.gy/vyf9kh> This live presentation is not available after the event.

Here is a link to their Facebook Event: https://www.facebook.com/events/1049941898837253

**Looking Ahead**

**Thursday, February 25 (**7 PM) via ZOOM **Board of Trust Governors Meeting**

Reminder: Any member of the Society and/or Donor to the Trusts may attend to provide oral or written comments for consideration at the meeting.

Submitted by Linda Lawton on behalf of the Board of Trust Governors

**FUUSM Annual Meeting:**

**• Tentative Date - Sunday, April 25, 2021 • Back up - Sunday, May 2, 2021**

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**\*Current FUUSM Guidelines for Building Use** - Safety Committee Taskforce on COVID-19

1. Maintain 6 ft. distancing, “take turns” entering, exiting, & taking seats to allow spacing with a maximum of 15 people.

2. Use facemasks that cover nose and mouth and prevent respiratory droplets and aerosols from escaping.

3. Wash hands/hand sanitizer upon entering building.

4. No Food or Beverages in the building– you can’t eat/drink with a facemask on. Please bring your own water bottles.

5. All attendees sign in and provide information requested (For confidentiality, the group leader/facilitator can hold the attendance list.)

6. If attendee is not feeling well, they will not be allowed to enter the building.

7. One person in a bathroom at a time.

8. At the end of the meeting, clean/sanitize table surfaces, bathroom fixtures/handles, door knobs/handles, railing and other “touchable surfaces”. People/groups using the facility will provide their own cleaning and sanitizing materials.

9. Empty waste cans (including bathrooms) and place waste bags in trash bins next to RE/Office building.

10. Maximum length of meeting – 3 hours

***Side With Love* Resources & Readings**

Webinars, Samples, Sites & Podcasts I have learned from

**National Day of Mourning** (November 26, 2020) - Live from Plymouth, MA [YouTube]

**Rooting in Histories:  We Have Been Here Before** (impacts of the Medical Industrial Complex)

**Why generational pressure is the key to climate change  -** Dan Esty of Big Think

(Old white guy talking- CHALLENGE - find some young people (like Josie Jeffery) who are doing these things and let them speak for themselves!)

**Marley Dias, Author & Activist** on the trailblazer who inspired her -Do you know the name?

**This is Joy!**

-Resistance Revival Chorus  [Spotify]

**Black History Bootcamp & GirlTrek**

***Widening the Circle of Concern***   UUA Report - Commission on Institutional Change

The good news is that, once unconscious bias is acknowledged, the journey of dismantling it is productive and, for many people, freeing.  However, initial efforts can be unskillful and further distance, other, and humiliate those of our beloveds who are Black, Indigenous, people of color.

Here is an example shared as testimony:

*One of the people actually presented during the time for all ages and had our children stand up, which included children of color and an economically diverse group of folk, which the church does have.*

*And they did a “step up/ step back” exercise in front of the whole congregation. And so I’m standing there and wanting to immediately stop it because I knew what was coming. It was like watching a train wreck. And there was no consent. You know there was no safe space. And all my children were involved.*

Excerpt from on ***Holy Interruption*** Braver/Wiser

By [Julica Hermann de la Fuente](https://www.uua.org/offices/people/julica-hermann-de-la-fuente)

follow the link to read the whole article on WorshipWeb

February 3, 2021

“There’s no such thing as neutral education. Education either functions as an instrument to bring about conformity or freedom.” —Paulo Freire, Pedagogy of the Oppressed

One of the most humbling lessons of my anti-racism education career was when I witnessed a difficult and racist presentation in a Unitarian Universalist gathering, and I didn't think it was mine to interrupt.

In fact, there were over forty people in the room, and nobody thought it was theirs to interrupt.

I learned that day that if I am in the room, it’s my responsibility to interrupt when someone is being harmed, and to center their (or our) needs. It doesn't matter what my hierarchical position is in the system; I’m part of a covenantal community and when a covenant gets broken, it’s my responsibility to name that break, with kindness and the intention of healing, and to call us back into right relationship.

To throw a wrench into the agenda is one of the more destabilizing things that we can do in majority-White spaces, because white supremacy culture teaches us to be efficient, to stay on task, to aim for perfection. The alternative is being relational: instead of staying on task, we can pay attention to what just happened and what needs to be done in order to restore right relationship. We can center those who have been placed at the margins.

Excerpt from on ***There Is More Love Somewhere***

**Dr.** [**Glen Thomas Rideout**](https://www.uua.org/offices/people/glen-thomas-rideout)

follow the link to read the whole article on WorshipWeb

… She walked up to me and said, “Doctor Rideout!” Because she had enough grace to remind me of my title, she gave me the opportunity to resume my church face and posture. She held my hands as if we had known each other for the longest time. She looked into eyes and she said, “You know what? I always sing that song: *There is more love right here…. There is more love right here…. I’m gonna keep on ‘cause I found it… There is more love right here….* I don’t understand why it is that we don’t sing that here at GA. We’ve already found a community of love.”

I thanked her, and I explained that for those of us who live with the privilege of knowing love, it can be difficult to understand the perspective of one who lives without such a privilege.

I explained that it can be difficult to understand the lived experience of those who have trouble finding the evidence of love in their immediate vicinity; in their church; in their neighborhood; in their city; in their nation; even in their planet.