First Unitarian Universalist Society of Marietta

**Sunday February 21, 2021**

Our main FUUSM Zoom Link is the one we use for Sunday Services

(and other meetings & gatherings).

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

Meeting ID: 948 2218 3499 Passcode: fuusm2323

The Sunday Service is also streamed live to Facebook, and you can find it there later as a video.

Our Mission- **To nurture a diverse community,**

**devoted to spiritual growth and freedom of thought for the benefit of all.**

*Black Liberation Theology*

Ms. Monica Jones

**Prelude** *A Song of Praise*  Charles F. Little Jr. Randall Kidder, Pianist

**Welcome** Rev. Kathryn Hawbaker

Acknowledging Native Lands

**Chalice Lighting** *The Legacy of Caring* **-** Thandeka

**Our Pledge Drive Update** Karen Binkley, Pledge Team

**Music**  *Wade in de Water* -Voices From the Earth

**Reflection** *Black Liberation Theology is my spiritual foundation* Monica Jones, Assoc. Dean of Students and Chief Diversity Officer at Marietta College.

**Music** *We’ve Got the Power*  -South African

**Benediction**

**Extinguish the Chalice**

**Joys & Sorrows** (in large group or in Breakout Rooms)

**Transition Music** *Same Train* -Voices From the Earth

Breakout Rooms (Zoom & Sanctuary)

**What vulnerabilities and truths are you willing to confront**

**to be a better version of yourself? How are you growing and transforming?**

Tech Team: Mike Bailey & Rev. Kat Hawbaker Greeters: Adeline Bailey & Nina Redd;

Nursery Attendant, Today- Laura Cejka is available for young people (10:30am-12:30pm)

**TODAY 12:30** Green Sanctuary Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83615181647?pwd=SzBxcTliYWN1MjRRRXZweTNGZFB4QT09](https://webmail.suddenlink.net/do/redirect?url=https%253A%252F%252Fus02web.zoom.us%252Fj%252F83615181647%253Fpwd%253DSzBxcTliYWN1MjRRRXZweTNGZFB4QT09&hmac=119e4e1bcc13bbca21efe90900676728)

Meeting ID: 836 1518 1647 Passcode: green1

**Anti-Racism & Black Liberation Theology Resources**

**How am I Addressing White Supremacy?**

…Being in a learning and growth zone is a never-ending process, there’s not a

finite deadline or expiration date- in fact, this is just the beginning.

Jacqueline Woodson (Discussing Racism with Kids) *It’s up to us to decide*

*whose narrative we will not only choose to see, but choose to believe.*

**Stamped from the Beginning:**

The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America by Ibram X. Kendi (2016)

Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party (MFDP) Vice Chair, Fannie Lou Hamer-

*If the Freedom Democratic Party is not seated now, I question America.*

*Is this America? The land of the free and the home of the brave?*

Cleveland Sellers, SNCC After Atlantic City (Democratic Convention)

… *our struggle was not for civil rights, but for liberation.*

**Black Liberation Theology**

Definition of liberation theology. : a **religious movement** especially among Roman Catholic clergy in Latin America that combines political philosophy usually of a Marxist orientation with a theology of salvation as **liberation from injustice**. Gustavo Gutierrez

[James H. Cone](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_H._Cone) first addressed this theology after [Malcolm X](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Malcolm_X)'s proclamation in the 1950s against Christianity being taught as "a white man's religion".[5] According to black religion expert [Jonathan L. Walton](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jonathan_L._Walton):

 James Cone believed that the New Testament revealed Jesus as one who identified with those suffering under oppression, the socially marginalized and the cultural outcasts. And since the socially constructed categories of race in America (i.e., whiteness and blackness) had come to culturally signify dominance (whiteness) and oppression (blackness), from a theological perspective, Cone argued that Jesus reveals himself as black in order to disrupt and dismantle white oppression [Wikipedia]

**FUUSM Resources**

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## Congregational Covenant (excerpt)

 We, the members and friends of the First Unitarian Universalist Society

of Marietta, pledge to treat one another in accordance with the principles of

the Society’s Affirmation.

Our first obligation is to act with mutual respect in all of ourrelationships.

We will use clear, direct, honest, and loving communication in reaching congregational decisions and resolving conflict within the congregation.

[continued] The full text is found in the Policy & Procedures Manual @ [www.fuusm.org](http://www.fuusm.org)

**Conflict Resolution and Grievance Procedure**

Adopted by the Board of Trustees, April 9, 2003

1. All congregants and staff members are expected to endeavor to settle

differences and conflicts by use of clear, direct, honest and loving communication

with the parties concerned. The grievance procedure should be followed

in cases where such communication fails to bring satisfactory resolution.