

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Greater Canton  
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 Sunday Services at 10:30am



March 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>4</b> Rev. Beth Marshall YRE - Classes Merge 6 – 8p Worship Committee 12-1:30	<b>5</b> Board Mtg 6:30 – 8p NA Mtg 7 – 9p	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> NA Mtg 7 – 9p	<b>8</b> Int'l. Women's Day	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> Daylight Saving Begins Deb Kotte Chaney, CLM YRE – Social Justice Project Help Team 12-12:30 Social Service Committee 12-1:30	<b>12</b> NA Mtg 7 – 9p	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> NA Mtg 7 – 9p	<b>15</b> Newsletter Submission Date	<b>16</b> Family Game/Movie Night & Potluck 5:30 – 7:30	<b>17</b> Saint Patrick's Day
<b>18</b> Kris & Jeff Kiko-Cozy YRE - Intergenerational	<b>19</b> NA Mtg 7 – 9p	<b>20</b> Spring Begins (Northern Hemisphere)	<b>21</b> NA Mtg 7 – 9p	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> Jane Biehl YRE – Quiet Activities	<b>26</b> NA Mtg 7 – 9p	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> NA Mtg 7 – 9p	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Good Friday	<b>31</b>

## Sunday Services and YRE

**March 4** – Building on Hope Rev. Beth Marshall

In challenging times, what do we hang onto? We hang onto hope itself.

**Hospitality** – Olenick Family

**YRE** - Classes for teens.

**March 11** – Deb Kotte, CLM

**Hospitality** – DuBois Family

**YRE** – There will be a social justice project today for all classes.

**March 18** – Kris and Jeff Kiko-Cozy with Dances of Universal Peace.

Celebrate Spring with a prayer, a green spirit, and joy in your heart. Dances of Universal Peace led by Kris & Jeff Kiko-Cozy. No experience necessary. Appropriate for all ages and abilities.

**Hospitality** – Bobby Walters

**YRE** – Intergenerational participation in the dances

**March 25** – Here to Bump and Bump to Hear Jane Biehl

Jane has a service hearing ear dog named Sita. They have been together for 10 years. They have done programs all over the country and are now doing one for UUCGC. Jane is also an 8 year cancer survivor. She will tell how Sita has been at her side for her entire journey both with cancer and in great times too! She will also describe her hearing loss and how that has impacted her life.

**Hospitality** – Dianne Digianantonio

**YRE** – Quiet activities at the back of the sanctuary.

## Merge Sunday, March 4th, 6 – 8p

Our shared youth group, Merge, will be on Sunday evening, March 4th from 6 – 8p at the Zion UCC in North Canton. The topic this evening will be bullying and teen suicide. **Zion UCC, 415 South Main Street, North Canton.**

## Family Game/Movie Night & Potluck

March's Game night is on March 16<sup>th</sup> from 5:30p to 7:30p. As always, there will be a toddler play area, games for kids of all ages and a kid movie on the big screen. Bring your favorite covered dish and enjoy getting to know families in the community around chatter and board games. Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Greater Canton, 2585 Easton St., Canton, Ohio 44721



## March Board Meeting

The UUCGC Board will be meeting on Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 8:30p. All members and friends are invited to attend.



## UU's Care for Each Other

It's time to take a fresh look at how our "Help Team" work to provide support for members and friends during difficult times in their lives. We have a healthy tradition of sending cards to folks dealing with illness or loss, and providing meals and transportation when needed.

If you would like to be part of the "Help Team", plan to stay after the service on Sunday, March 11, for a short meeting from 12-12:30p or contact Dianne Digianantonio at 330-232-5899.





## A Message from Rev. Beth

Once upon a time, there was a congregation who wanted nothing more than to grow in faith and to serve its community. This particular congregation had many retired schoolteachers who were members, people

who knew how to teach children to read, master the basics of math and understand the mysteries of science and art.

Down the hill from the church, there was a small school, and the congregation thought it might be a logical place to serve, putting all those retired teachers to work doing what they did best – teaching children.

So, after much discussion, the leaders of the congregation set up a meeting with the school principle, to offer their tutoring services. The principle listened patiently, while the church leaders explained, in great detail, all that they could offer to the children. When the leaders finished speaking, the principle was silent for a moment, gathering her thoughts. The church leaders were not prepared for her answer. "I deeply appreciate your offer to supply tutors for our children. But, quite honestly, we aren't in need of more tutors. I am very sorry." The church leaders sat in stunned silence, not knowing how to respond. After a few moments of silence, one of the church leaders asked simply, "What is it you do need?" The principle smiled, inhaled deeply, and answered tentatively, "Well", she said, "we've recently lost our janitor to budget cuts and the toilets must be cleaned." To their credit, the church leaders looked at each other and, without missing a beat, responded, "Where do we begin?"

The moral of the story being, that despite our best intentions, the ways we want to serve our communities may not be what is

needed most. To be successful, we may need to be willing to put aside our own agendas and expectations, and listen to what the greatest needs really are. We may be surprised and challenged, and in that challenge, find ways to truly serve. And, it may mean cleaning toilets.

And that is okay.

Rev. Beth

## Community Outreach

Male personal hygiene items are needed for men as they are released from prison and start their journey of return to the community. We are continuing our support of the Community Restoration Center of Stark County with a collection in March. See the list on the bulletin board for more information.



### UUCGC Board

**President** Lauri Molnar

**Vice President** Kathie Courtney

**Secretary** Jon Kicken

**Treasurer** Dianne Digianantonio

**At Large** Diane B

**At Large** Bob Dubois

**At Large** Melissa Reahm

**Minister** Rev. Beth Marshall

**Commissioned Lay Minister** Deb Kotte

**Director Religious Education** Marti Livingstone

**Music Director** Brittini Roach, M.A



## A Message from the President

Doing good can be subjective. What is good to one person may not be good to another. And, I am reminded of this daily when hearing the news. As a church community, do we gather to nurture the good in each other? Are we doing good by making coffee, teaching our children, writing letters to our leaders? How do we balance the good we do for church, community and family?

Maybe trusting that we at the UUCGC are providing the space for people to gather, learn and find their own good is enough. Finding your good if you're a true UU, is up to you, but this is a lot harder than it sounds.

For me, being good includes the following:

**Time:** *Time for my husband, children, extended family which all live out of town, and friends.*

**Focus:** *Going to a weekly toga class forces my active mind to become calm.*

**Passion:** *Speaking up about a cause I care about including, children, women and people with disabilities.*

**Community:** *Group gatherings stimulate my intellect and challenge my beliefs.*

**Service:** *Service is saying kind words, being present at tough times, serving coffee if needed, speaking up for injustices, saying nothing sometimes, not judging, being a cheerleader, and patience.*

My hope is that the UUCGC will help you also find your good!

Lauri Molnar, UUCGC President

## Looking Ahead

April 1<sup>st</sup> – Merge 6 – 8p

April 8<sup>th</sup> - Board of Trustees Meeting 12p – 2p

April 20<sup>th</sup> – Game/Movie & Potluck Night 5:30p – 7:30p



## UUCGC Spring Book Club

Last summer we participated in book club and a book donation drive. This spring, Kathie Courtney would like to continue this theme with another book. She has several different recommendations for books along with where to find them on the



net. If you have an interest and a preference for a book, please contact Kathie at [kathie@4th.com](mailto:kathie@4th.com), or just talk to her at church. Let's see if we can move into a new level of understanding of racial injustice in our times.

## Practicing the Electric Piano



Maybe someday these Super Sweeties will play a duet for the whole congregation. Right now, I think they need a little more practice on the piano, but they do well making music together!!! *Photo Credit: Adrienne Bastas*

Thank you, Lauri M., for loaning us your considerable talents, we are very lucky to have you.



## Guests in the House



Figure 1 Rev. Blackwell & The Men in her Life

On February 4<sup>th</sup>, we were honored to have Rev. Antoinette Brown Blackwell in our space. As portrayed

by our own Rev. Beth Marshall, Rev. Blackwell, a 19<sup>th</sup> century UU minister, came alive!

With help from Scott Courtney, who brought life to all of Rev.



Figure 2 Rev. Beth as Rev. Nettie

Blackwell's male detractors, as well as supporters, we were given a history lesson like none other! You both made the service unforgettable!



Figure 3 Scott Courtney

Scott did a wonderful job bringing to life the obstacles that women in the 19<sup>th</sup> century faced when trying to move into "A Man's Position".

There was standing room only at the back of the church. The better to take it all in, right folks?



Photo Credit: Kathie Courtney

## Merge News



Karen Abel Jepsen has spoken on the topic of teen suicide prevention at a regional gathering for UCC youth leaders on Thursday, February 15 in Summit County. She will also be part of a panel addressing this important issue at the March 4th meeting of the Merge Youth group in North Canton at Zion UCC.

## Social Service Chair

We are still looking for someone to chair the Social Service Committee. 2018 looks like it has enormous potential and opportunity for the UUCGC to become involved in making our world a better place. Be involved with our new direction by volunteering!



## Worship Committee Meeting

Are you interested in participating in helping our speakers make their services go without a hitch? Then we need you! Come join us on Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, after service to learn how to be a Worship Associate and put in your suggestions on how to make our services better! I have some ideas, but I would love to hear what you think we can/should do in the years to come. Let me know what you want for lunch!!

Melissa Reahm ([chezmelissa@yahoo.com](mailto:chezmelissa@yahoo.com))

## Social Service Committee Meeting

On March 11<sup>th</sup>, after church, there will be a committee meeting for the UUCGC's upcoming staging of Rod Lang's radio play, 'Birdy'. (Look for more on this wonderful play, written and directed by a leader in the Stark County Community Theater scene.) The committee will be looking for volunteers to help with ticket sales, marketing and a bake sale for the play itself. The committee will also discuss future possibilities for projects!! Really hope to see you so we can all make a difference!



## Stewardship Corner



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### Fair Share Changes from the UUA

We received great news from our national Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) regarding how our dues or Fair Share contributions will be calculated starting in 2019.

Previously, the UUA asked all congregations for support by paying a designated amount for each member. Although it was intended to be a Fair Share amount for each congregation, the unintended consequence was that smaller congregations tended to minimize their membership rolls.

Starting in 2019, the UUA will change the calculation to a formula largely based on each congregation's budget the previous year. For all congregations in 2019, the annual contribution will be within 10% of their 2018 contribution. Going forward, this new plan will not penalize growth in congregational membership by increasing the expected contribution.



A prayer to each of you from Lauri Molnar:  
I ask that, through all this day and always, help everyone in our church community be glad to go about doing good.  
Amen

Many, many thanks to those who volunteer to provide snacks for our fellowship time. If you are unable to provide snacks on your day, please notify Dianne Digianantonio at 330.232.5899 or diannedigi@gmail.com



## Giving Even After You Are Gone

Have You Considered Designating UUCGC as a Beneficiary in your Will?

Writing your will to designate gifts to organizations and people you love is an important part of your legacy. For your family, your written will can reduce stress and alleviate controversy because your loved ones will know your wishes.



Likewise, as you think about your legacy, there are many ways of supporting UUCGC, particularly through a designated donation through the Stark Community Foundation (SCF).

Several years ago, Arlene Bartlow made a generous bequest to UUCGC in her will. The board voted to use a small portion of the funds for urgent building improvements, then invested the vast majority of the bequest into a fund managed by SCF.

This arrangement allows UUCGC to receive a portion of the yearly interest to supplement our budget, while allowing the investment to continue to grow sustainably.

Regardless of the amount, anyone can donate to the UUCGC through SCF. In the next few months, we will provide more information about how you can support UUCGC by contributing to our account at SCF in ways you might not have thought of – gift in your will, annuities, stocks/mutual funds and more.

Look for an informative display on our gathering area or visit [starkcf.org](http://starkcf.org)

# UNITE TO END RACISM

FROM THE UUJO: April 3 – 5, 2018



**ACT NOW:** Unite to End Racism is both a rally and a call to action, organized by the National Council of Churches with partners: The National African American Clergy Network, Conference of

National Black Churches, Sojourners, Franciscan Action Network, Churches Uniting in Christ, and Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, and its member communions.

The Ohio Council of Churches incites you to join us in a transformational journey, beginning this April.

- ✚ Awaken to the truth that racism is evil and hurts us all
- ✚ Confront racism through truth-telling and action to right the wrong
- ✚ Transform the hearts, minds and behaviors of people and institutions

We are sponsoring bus departures from four cities to events taking place in Washington DC on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the assassination of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

**COST:** \$75/person plus incidentals. You may want to bring a sling chair.

**UNITE TO END RACISM RALLY:** Busses will depart from Columbus, Cincinnati, Cleveland and Toledo on April 3<sup>rd</sup> to travel overnight to Washington DC. On April 4<sup>th</sup>, we will join people from around the nation for an Interfaith Service of

Prayer and Preparation at the Lincoln Memorial and a Rally on the National Mall. At the end of the day, buses will return, driving overnight to arrive back to their home cities.

## SCHEDULE:

- ✚ Columbus: Leave approximately 10:00 pm on April 3<sup>rd</sup> to return at approximately 1am on April 5<sup>th</sup>.
- ✚ Cincinnati Leave approximately 8:30 pm on April 3<sup>rd</sup> to return at approximately 3am on April 5<sup>th</sup>.
- ✚ Cleveland: Leave approximately 11pm on April 3<sup>rd</sup> to return at approximately 12:30am on April 5<sup>th</sup>.
- ✚ Toledo: Leave approximately 9:30pm April 3<sup>rd</sup> to return at approximately 3am on April 5<sup>th</sup>.

## LET'S FINISH THE WORK!!

For more information, contact:

Rebecca J. Tollefson, Executive Director  
Ohio Council of Churches  
614-885-9590 ext 13  
[www.ohcouncilchs.org](http://www.ohcouncilchs.org)

To Register and for more information:

<https://ohcouncilchs.org/unite-to-end-racism-rally>

## Book Club Recommendations

From #BlackLivesMatter to Black Liberation by Keeanga-Yamahtta Taylor  
([https://www.amazon.com/dp/1608465624/\\_encoding=UTF8?coliid=I3MW5T1FPZUIZC&colid=TEJTASBEFVC5&psc=0](https://www.amazon.com/dp/1608465624/_encoding=UTF8?coliid=I3MW5T1FPZUIZC&colid=TEJTASBEFVC5&psc=0))

Golden Gulag: Prisons, Surplus, Crisis, and Opposition in Globalizing California by Rutyh Wilson Gilmore  
([https://www.amazon.com/dp/0520242017/\\_encoding=UTF8?coliid=I26BS7E8COR6I6&colid=TEJTASBEFVC5&psc=0](https://www.amazon.com/dp/0520242017/_encoding=UTF8?coliid=I26BS7E8COR6I6&colid=TEJTASBEFVC5&psc=0))

Writings on the Wall: Searching for a New Equality Behind Black and White by Kareen Abdul-Jabbar and Raymond Obstfeld  
([https://www.amazon.com/dp/B01EMDH2O2/\\_encoding=UTF8?coliid=I CQXQWVFBOW9P&colid=TEJTASBEFVC5&psc=0](https://www.amazon.com/dp/B01EMDH2O2/_encoding=UTF8?coliid=I CQXQWVFBOW9P&colid=TEJTASBEFVC5&psc=0))

Sister Citizen: Shame, Stereotypes, and Black Women in America by Melissa V. Harris-Perry  
([https://www.amazon.com/Sister-Citizen-Shame-Stereotypes-America-ebook/dp/B005HRE4BC/ref=mt\\_kindle?\\_encoding=UTF8&me=](https://www.amazon.com/Sister-Citizen-Shame-Stereotypes-America-ebook/dp/B005HRE4BC/ref=mt_kindle?_encoding=UTF8&me=))

Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates  
(<https://www.amazon.com/Between-World-Me-Ta-Nehisi-Coates-ebook/dp/B00SEFAIRI>)

They Can't Kill Us All: Ferguson, Baltimore, and a New Era in America's Racial Justice Movement by Wesley Lowery  
([https://www.amazon.com/They-Cant-Kill-All-Baltimore-ebook/dp/B01CO4AUA4/ref=tmm\\_kin\\_swatch\\_0?\\_encoding=UTF8&qid=&sr=](https://www.amazon.com/They-Cant-Kill-All-Baltimore-ebook/dp/B01CO4AUA4/ref=tmm_kin_swatch_0?_encoding=UTF8&qid=&sr=))

White Rage: The Unspoken Truth of Our Racial Divide by Carol Anderson Ph.D.  
([https://www.amazon.com/White-Rage-Unspoken-Racial-Divide-ebook/dp/B01D1RUOJU/ref=tmm\\_kin\\_swatch\\_0?\\_encoding=UTF8&qid=&sr=](https://www.amazon.com/White-Rage-Unspoken-Racial-Divide-ebook/dp/B01D1RUOJU/ref=tmm_kin_swatch_0?_encoding=UTF8&qid=&sr=))

Policing the Planet: Why the Policing Crisis Led to Black Lives Matter by Jordan T. Camp (Editor), Christina Heatherton (Editor)  
([https://www.amazon.com/Policing-Planet-Crisis-Black-Matter-ebook/dp/B013ZNI4BU/ref=tmm\\_kin\\_swatch\\_0?\\_encoding=UTF8&qid=1517931701&sr=8-1](https://www.amazon.com/Policing-Planet-Crisis-Black-Matter-ebook/dp/B013ZNI4BU/ref=tmm_kin_swatch_0?_encoding=UTF8&qid=1517931701&sr=8-1))

America At War With Itself by Henry A. Giroux  
([https://www.amazon.com/America-Itself-City-Lights-Media-ebook/dp/B01IMJT3N0/ref=tmm\\_kin\\_swatch\\_0?\\_encoding=UTF8&qid=&sr=](https://www.amazon.com/America-Itself-City-Lights-Media-ebook/dp/B01IMJT3N0/ref=tmm_kin_swatch_0?_encoding=UTF8&qid=&sr=))

Locked In: The True Causes of Mass Incarceration - and How to Achieve Real Reform by John Pfaff  
(<https://www.amazon.com/Locked-Causes-Incarceration-Achieve-Reform-ebook/dp/B01L6SLKK8>)

From the War on Poverty to the War on Crime: The Making of Mass Incarceration in America by Elizabeth Hinton  
(<https://www.amazon.com/War-Poverty-Crime-Incarceration-America/dp/0674737237>)