

2017 | Summer Services

Murray Unitarian Universalist Church
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June 25

Summer Solstice | Don Michaels

In this service, we'll celebrate the first day of summer by looking at some rituals associated with this longest day of the year, what the day meant to our ancestors and whether it means something different for us today.



July 2

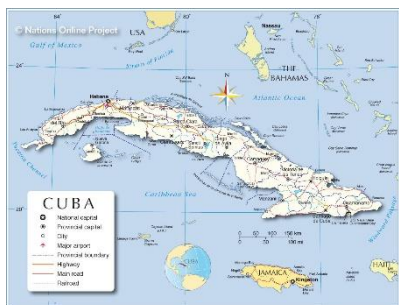
An American Musical Journey | Ruth Debrot

Music reflects a great deal about the origins of our country and the immigrants who settled here in search of a better life. Traditional American music is a confluence of the shared and varied African, European, and Native American influences that make up the musical ethos of the United States; specifically those sounds that merged from folk, country, bluegrass, blues, rhythm and blues, rock and roll, jazz, and other external influences. Come celebrate!

July 9

Murray History Around You | Rachel Killion

Every time you sit in the sanctuary you are surrounded by over 140 years of Murray history. We'll take a closer look at the architectural elements, memorabilia, and stories that have shaped Murray into the church you see today.



July 16

People to People in Cuba | Monica Staaf

Periodic travel bans and a trade embargo by the U.S. Government made this tropical island off-limits to most Americans until recently. Decades after the Cuban Revolution, Cuba is a country in transition. Is Cuba a mecca for music and dance, a socialist paradise, a country of strong family ties, a tourist destination, or a repressor of free speech? A recent traveler to Cuba will share her experiences and conversations with Cuban people.



July 23
Let's Go Fly A Kite | David Laferriere

We will probably be the first people to fly miniature kites in Murray UU Church. These miniature kites are made for the great indoors so we won't have to worry about wind or rain. Miniature kite plans can be emailed so you can make and decorate your own miniature kite and bring it to the service. I will also bring some miniature kites for others to fly.

August 6
Resistance | David Calusdian

There are countless times in history when people of faith have stood up for their beliefs and resisted oppressive or opposing political regimes – even when faced with dire consequences for their actions. UUs are certainly no exception and have taken sometimes unpopular stands to live their social action convictions. In a time of divisiveness and political turmoil in Washington and throughout the country, what does “resistance” mean? And how do we stay true to our core UU values in today's political climate?



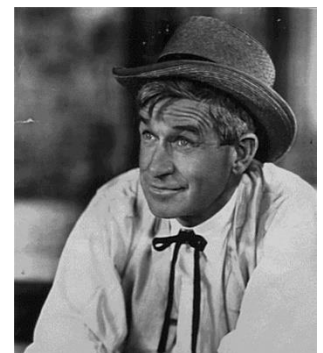
August 13
Faces of Forgiveness |
Richard Plumb

*Who needs it? What is it really?
Where does it fit in the human experience? Why is it so
important?
How do we get there?*

These are the questions Richard and Janet Plumb will explore in their *Summer Service* on Sunday August 13th, 2017. They will present their perspective of forgiveness through personal experiences, *Lessons from The Course in Miracles*, Simon Wiesenthal's *The Sunflower* and others.

August 20
What Would Will Rogers Do? |
Len Yutkins

Service description to come.





August 27
Service TBD | Rev. Gretchen Weis
Service description to come.

September 3
Building Interfaith Bridges | Caleigh Grogan

In such a polarized country it can seem impossible to make progress and produce change in line with our UU principles. I believe interfaith work is one way we can begin to overcome this feeling. There are people of different faiths who share our passion for justice, and building bridges across faith boundaries allows us to harness more energy to use for progressive transformation.



Please Note:

Light refreshments will be available in the John Murray room immediately following the service. There will not be child care or coffee available.

We look forward to seeing you!

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