



Rev. Mandy Beal
Senior Minister

This month's worship theme is "Power and Oppression." I know I give a lot of airtime to power and oppression and I want to take this opportunity to clarify why. Unitarian Universalism has a future in this country, if we want it to. But we can't get there without taking a serious look at how systems of power and oppression operate in our congregations.

Our country is currently having a reckoning with systemic racism. This reckoning is uncomfortable for many people, but it is long overdue. As our nation grapples with a deeper understanding of the power dynamics between races, our Association asks itself many of the same questions. In recent years, the volume of racial rhetoric in Unitarian Universalist congregations and our national office has been turned up, both in amount and decibels. It has to do with some

(well-founded, in my opinion) allegations of racism in UUA hiring decisions and in church clergy and professional staff relationships. Those allegations coincided with the Movement for Black Lives. These two forces have made it impossible to keep putting off a frank discussion of race and UUism.

I know it's hard to talk about this. So many of us, especially longtime UUs, have fought hard for racial justice. Many of you were involved in the civil rights movement—some of you even marched in Selma. I know this. But the thinking and the issues around race have continued developing in the intervening decades and we need to keep current.

The conversations we need to have about race now don't mean that you failed or that you're being accused of malice. We have to deal with the disconnect between our aspirations of a multicultural world where all people are valued and the striking lack of racial diversity in our congregations. There's something going on here and we need to talk about it.

Here's the thing: If we believe in Unitarian Universalism, we need to pass it on to the younger generations. Those up-and-comers are already talking about systemic racism in many aspects of their lives. We need to join them in that discussion. I want us to be a part of that because I want us to remain relevant in the decades to come. It might be uncomfortable to talk about power and oppression in church, specifically as it relates to race, but it's what we're being called to do.

In the immortal words of all pre-teens everywhere: "All of the other kids are doing it, so why can't we?"

UUs are good at brave conversations. We're committed to justice. We care deeply. We can do this. Onward.



Abha Dearing

Co-Director of Music Ministry

Whenever I have to call a contractor, plumber, or someone else who does work on our house, I have to prepare myself. I sometimes start with main ideas noted down about whatever the issue is so that I can sound like I have some clue about the parts of the building that need attention. I have to get myself mentally prepared with a little pep talk. “I know stuff. I am not an idiot. The person I am calling is a human being, like me. They are not god.” I will often start the conversation extra cheerfully, telling the beginning of the story and expressing the details of the issue so that the repair professional on the other end of the line starts off liking me and then kindly explains (like I am a small child) what work needs to be done. I ask lots of questions and mostly feel powerless, ignorant, ill-equipped, and vulnerable.

When my kids behave disrespectfully, break house rules, or fail to take responsibility, I find it necessary to impose consequences so they are reminded to value

their commitments, their own integrity, and our relationship. I don't truly love taking away their phones or having a long, drawn-out discussion about all of my parenting flaws and how they need to improve at being a kid. But once in a while, if I am being truly honest, I get a little rush from exerting power over them, even if it is because I know they need some limits.

This month, we will be mulling over the concepts of power and oppression in our services. I have led a charmed life. Because of my education, race, birth location, and the family and societal structure around me, I have power. There have been many times in my life when a person in power attempted to oppress me, however small-scale. I have been indignant, angry, and self-righteous. In those moments, I have had the privilege of venting to others, fighting against that oppression, or accepting it, knowing that others feel the same frustration I do.

As a compassionate person, I am compelled to understand and empathize with others whose power has been ripped from them. UU tropes often include self-congratulation for being “woke” when in actuality, we are still blissfully ignorant of the deep pain of oppressed people. I have to start with myself. In a conflict, when I put myself in another's place, I can try to feel their sense of oppression, at least vicariously, and can modify my behavior so they feel heard and validated. My initial paralysis in the face of such oppression can evolve into regular and more pronounced acts of rebellion and ally-ship.

In my optimistic view, deeper dives into these small moments have the ability to affect the larger movements where power and oppression continue to exist. I wonder if I am brave enough to venture there.



Steven Dearing
Co-Director of Music Ministry

The topic of power and oppression is one with which most of us can identify. As UUs, many of us have marched and protested the wrongs in our society. Protesting can be a powerful feeling, knowing we are out in numbers calling for change, but as members of a culture steeped in white privilege, I have a feeling that few of us have felt victimized by oppression.

As a young man I often said I was raised by my grandmothers, one of whom was a well-known activist. My paternal grandmother was the wife of a union leader, and it was understood that the “behind the scenes” labour meetings run by women were just as important as the intense, more-visible meetings run by men.

My grandmother protested everything from the high cost of baby food to the need for street lights to the Vietnam War. She was interviewed for documentaries in the US and Canada, and she was the leader of a delegation sent to Cuba to advocate for women’s rights. She taught all of her grandkids that being passive was not acceptable, and that we needed to

stand up for what is right.

As a long-haired teenager running around a mid-sized Canadian town where little crime happened, I knew I was an easy target for the police. I was pulled over for everything from having my music too loud to jaywalking to simply walking home in the early-morning hours.

I remember an incident at the age of 17 while attending a house party that was broken up by the cops. After leaving the party, a girl was freaking out that she left her purse behind in the mad rush to get out. I thought the right thing to do was to offer to walk her back to retrieve it, but when we arrived, we were confronted by the police. The cops didn’t care to hear our explanation, but proceeded to escort us and the other party stragglers into two police wagons separated by gender. When we arrived at the jail, the police made us all strip down in front of each other and bend over. I had never felt such humiliation in my life and I can still recall it today.

I attended graduate school in Detroit while living in Windsor, after which I served as an adjunct professor at the University of Windsor. I crossed the border 5-6 days a week for more than 25 years. I have dealt with being interrogated by border agents, pulled over, and having my belongings (including my handmade instrument) picked through and not put back in place. As a non-US citizen, I have been harassed by ICE officers many more times than I care to remember.

I know that these incidents don’t compare to what young black men and other people of color experience, but they have been enough to make me aware of what oppression feels like, teach my kids about it, and continue to speak up for what is right.



Nico Van Ostrand
Religious Education Coordinator

One of the things I love about Unitarian Universalist theology is that it requires UUs to examine and dismantle systems of oppression. My understanding of Unitarian Universalism does not allow me to be apathetic to the abuses of power and horrible oppression woven into daily American life. My identities don't allow apathy either, and perhaps that is part of why I found a home in Unitarian Universalism.

I also love how Unitarian Universalism is constantly evolving; we are a covenantal faith, and covenants are living documents that shift according to the needs of the community. While the core values of Unitarian Universalism remain the same, we shift and grow as our collective understanding of justice shifts and grows.

Lately I have been reflecting on this question: What would true social justice feel like for you?

I don't have a full answer to that question, but I'm finding it important to reflect on. This question requires me to dream of what true social justice would be like, and then to dare to imagine myself experiencing it. And then to wrestle with the complicated feelings I imagine holding—the peace and excitement, the wholeness, but also the uncertainty of change and the discomfort that comes with a new way of doing things.

True social justice in Unitarian Universalism will require change. Our denomination's history proves this. Our denomination's present proves this. Yet I fully believe that Unitarian Universalist theology is capable of that change; is in fact required to make that change because of the values that make up our faith.

BUC's children and youth have been learning about covenants—our shared understanding of how to be together—including how we add to our covenants, especially when it becomes clear that we as a community need an extra reminder to help us stay on track. When everything shifted to online programming, for example, we had to add things like “mute yourself if there are loud noises around you” for the first time. Additions don't always follow a breach in covenant, but always serve to remind us how to interact with one another in a way that is kind and just. We aspire, through our covenants, to avoid reinforcing power imbalances and systems of oppression.

Part of this conversation about covenants in RE includes learning about the 8th UU Principle, which was proposed to include a specific commitment to anti-racist and anti-oppression work. This is one of many ways Unitarian Universalists shift our faith towards equity and justice.

I've added the 8th Principle to my personal covenant, my personal understanding of my Unitarian Universalism—not because I wouldn't be passionate about anti-racism and anti-oppression without it, but because those things are so important to my understanding of faith that I can't imagine having a personal covenant that failed to center this Principle.

The Unitarian Universalist call to dismantle systems of oppression is fundamental to our faith. And it requires change that will feel disruptive because it is new. But my understanding of Unitarian Universalism tells me that the discomfort of uprooting systems of oppression will be worth it if it means bringing about the anti-racist and anti-oppressive Unitarian Universalism that I believe is possible.



Valerie Phillips
Administrator

There are many examples of power and oppression in our world on a big scale, but I find a good place to start is personal and small. Maybe that is where we can practice using our voices to help speak up for ourselves and others in those bigger struggles when they arise. In grade school, because of my physical height and size, I was often mistaken for being older than I actually was. There were times I could use this to my advantage, and there were times it was used against me.

I was in second grade and walking home with my friend. We were approached by some older boys who were teasing and taunting my friend. They pushed him down the hill by the school and ran off with his backpack. They opened it and threw all his folders and papers in the air. The two boys laughed and started walking away down the sidewalk. What they didn't expect was some girl behind them with vibrant language to question just exactly who they thought they were being mean to my friend that way! I threatened them with a hard swing of my orange-and-black backpack

should they ever approach my friend or anyone else smaller and younger than them again. My loud mouth, which often got me in trouble, along with my stature, helped my friend and potentially others that day.

Second grade was also the year I had one of the worst teachers in my life. She had singled me out, and I endured abuse by her throughout the year. I can only speculate why she chose me. It may have been that due to my larger, taller physical appearance, she expected me to act older because I looked older. It could have been that our family lived in poverty. My clothes were worn and outdated and didn't fit well. It could have been the political and religious non-beliefs of our family. Perhaps it was the way that I expressed myself loudly and happily with others, trying my best to fit in with my peers. That teacher was in a position of power, and she chose to help some and harm others.

I learned that we all have a power within ourselves. I was taught to use my power carefully. Use it for good, and not evil. Always use it to help, not hurt. Speak up for yourself, but also speak up for others who are being treated wrongly. It is how people choose to use their power that determines if it is harmful or hurtful, or if it can be the step toward changing the world for the better.



Marcia Mahood
Rental Coordinator

Several years ago, I read Isabel Wilkerson's book *The Warmth of Other Suns*, about the Great Migration. The author is a gifted storyteller, and her stories of the black migration from the southern states are powerful and have stuck with me over the years. It's an excellent book, and I was interested when I saw the author had a new book out. *Caste* is a story of how the social and class stratifications in our society are used to maintain power. Wilkerson travelled the world to look at caste in other countries, and then applied what she learned to the American situation. Her approach is not one I have seen before, and it is a fascinating read. She continues with her compelling storytelling, again using it to make her points. I haven't completed reading it, but highly recommend it as a way to deepen understanding of the inequities in our society, using the caste system as a

model. I know I still have lots to learn and understand when it comes to systemic racism, and this book is an outstanding contribution to the topic.



Joanne Copeland
Bookkeeper

I feel as though we have lived with power and oppression for the last five years. Not quite as extreme as some other countries, but enough to know that it could be possible and is possible in our country. Unfortunately there are many, many people and groups of people who live under oppression. They don't have the resources to live with a roof over their heads, transportation, food, health care, or a well-paying job, a livable wage. We are seeing it more and more and especially during this pandemic.

I'm hoping with the new administration in the White House, we can move forward to help those in need.



Sara Constantakis
Communications Coordinator

If you've had the pleasure (or pain) of taking a physics class, or if you are a savvy Google scholar, you may know of Newton's third law of motion: "For every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction." Simply put, this statement means that in every interaction, there is a pair of forces acting on the two objects. The size of the force on the first object equals the size of the force on the second object, and the direction of the force on the first object is opposite to the direction of the force on the second object.

Similarly, in every human interaction and relationship, there is power exerted. Once you get to thinking about it, you realize that almost every single aspect of human living involves a calculus of power. But unlike the force exerted on objects—which, under Newton's third law, is equal on each object—the power exerted by humans on each other during their interactions and in their relationships is almost never equal. In families, parents hold more power than children because society and nature

designate adults as responsible for the care of children. In the workplace, employers generally hold more power than workers because employers control the compensation. In the classroom, instructors generally hold more power than students because instructors give the grades. And in the United States, white people hold more power than people of color because this country was founded and cultivated on white supremacy.

Injustice and oppression occur when those with more power wield it to harm those with less power. Some harmful consequences resulting from power imbalances, such as systemic racism and sexism, are constant and play out on both macro and micro levels and over long periods of time. Here at the beginning of 2021, power imbalances are playing out in every crisis in our country: in the failures in managing the Covid pandemic, in the killing of black people by police, and in the racism, sexism, and homophobia present in many workplace settings.

As Unitarian Universalists, our values compel us to work to shift imbalances of power in our individual lives, our communities, and the larger world. The word "power" doesn't actually appear in any of our Seven Principles, but it's woven implicitly into the language of all of them.

So where do we begin? At the risk of sounding like a broken record... for me, it always starts with the First Principle. And what if that Principle could be the UU version of Newton's third law? Shifting power imbalances to stop oppression is the necessary work of affirming and promoting the inherent worth and dignity of every person. We can start with the First Principle to guide us in the work we have in front of us, the most immediate of which is reckoning with systemic racism. As Rev. Mandy said in her reflection this month, we're called to do this work. We're brave and we care. Let's answer the call.

From the Board

Power and oppression—very much a part of our world, our lives. I was reading *Black Elk Speaks*, looking for some words to share at a session on indigenous wisdom. Black Elk speaks about shooting arrows into whites, about taking scalps. Everything he did was precipitated by whites trying to kill his people and take their land. White power, white oppression.

When we ruminate on slavery, we observe the power of white people and the oppression routinely demonstrated by whites for centuries. In today's world, economic disparity raises its ugly head, and we see another example of power and oppression. Too many examples.

We study, we learn, we try to put into practice the world we strive to create. Will it happen in my lifetime, in my children's, or my grandchildren's? Leaders in our congregation have attended New Day Rising and other programs to expand our knowledge and increase our understanding. We have some dedicated folks at BUC who are providing us with lessons, trainings, and exposure to more of the wider world.

As we, your Board of Trustees, plan for the future, we will consider power and oppression and the role BUC will play in helping to dismantle racism within our walls and in the wider world. No easy task! Join us.

Yours in faith,

Donna Larkin Mohr

President, Board of Trustees



Vespers Service

Tuesday, March 2 | 7:00 pm | [Facebook Live](#)



Join Rev. Mandy on Tuesday, March 2 at 7:00 pm on Facebook Live for our monthly Vespers Service. This is a joyful, yet introspective evening service that centers gratitude for the day that has passed and welcomes the night that is beginning. The service will include candle lighting in remembrance of your beloved dead and any concerns in your heart. Names for candle lighting can be submitted via [this link](#) (also on our [website](#) under Worship Links), or shared in the comments on Facebook Live.

To view the service live, visit the [Birmingham Unitarian Church Facebook page](#) at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, March 2.

The video will also remain on our Facebook page for later viewing.

Stewardship Kick-Off Event

Stewardship Sunday, March 7 | Right after worship service



Join us right after service on Sunday, March 7 for our all-ages Stewardship kick-off! Join in an open mic sharing of what our BUC community means to you. It can be fun or serious, expressed with words, artwork, singing... your choice!

Adults may BYOM (Bring Your Own Mimosa)

Complete your pledge form while we celebrate. There will be prizes!

Help us “Celebrate Our Community” with your involvement on Stewardship Sunday and with

your financial support. Even though we may not be in the building or seeing each other in person, we know that our church community has been essential during these difficult times. Show your gratitude for everything wonderful about our Beloved Community by participating in the financial health of our congregation.

— Membership Team Events —

March Mixer and Game Night

Saturday, March 13 | 7:00 pm | Zoom

Our third Mid-Winter Mixer and Game Night is happening on Saturday, March 13 at 7:00 pm. Join us for a fun-filled evening of icebreakers and Bingo! We'll laugh and connect, then viciously compete for prizes. Hope to see all your shining faces there! Zoom access info is below and on the [calendar](#):



Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/91506384659?pwd=c2JReFN6Ni9MWWREWkQxZjNKaVh5dz09>

Meeting ID: 915 0638 4659

Passcode: 178521

Dial-in: 253-215-8782

Getting to Know Unitarian Universalism

March 14 and 28 | 12:00-1:30 pm | Zoom

March 14: “Getting to Know BUC - Part I: History of BUC”

March 28: “Getting to Know BUC - Part II: BUC Now...w/ Special Guests!”

Everyone is welcome to the last two classes in our current GTKUU series. Great for newcomers and/or those considering membership, this interactive, introspective, informative, and fun set of classes has been adapted to a virtual model this year. Great for anyone interested in learning more about their own beliefs as well as those of others in this faith, and this community. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Rob Davidson at kathy8082@gmail.com, but you can also just show up. Zoom access info is below and on the [calendar](#):

Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/96471646118?pwd=eC94SkZlFRxNDZ6WEZsNGd5dHh4UT09>

Meeting ID: 964 7164 6118

Passcode: 792033

Dial-in: 253-215-8782



Climate change marches on – regardless of pandemics or politics – and BUC's Environmental Action team is steadily working to provide educational presentations and action opportunities.

You're invited to learn more about how you can decrease your own carbon footprint, and hopefully have fun working on it with other BUCers.

Meeting #1: Thursday, March 11, 2021, 7:00 pm via Zoom

Meeting #2: Thursday, March 25, 2021, 7:00 pm via Zoom

(you can join this meeting even if you missed the first meeting)

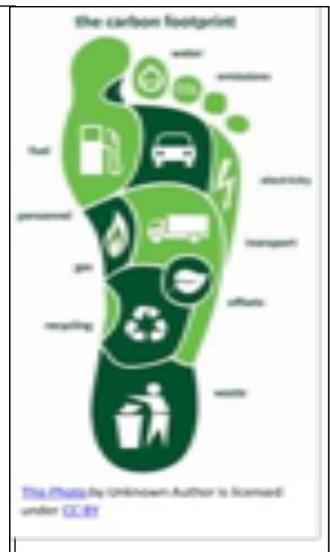
ACTION ITEM

Decrease our individual or family carbon footprints.

A carbon footprint is the total amount of greenhouse gases (including carbon dioxide and methane) generated by our actions.

Per the Nature Conservancy, the average carbon footprint per person in the United States is 16 tons, one of the highest rates in the world. Globally, the average is closer to 4 tons.

Lowering carbon footprints involves making small changes, like eating less meat and line-drying clothes.



WHAT TO DO - JOIN BUC MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

1. Calculate your carbon footprint with the family.
<https://www.nature.org/en-us/get-involved/how-to-help/carbon-footprint-calculator/>
The Nature Conservancy Carbon Footprint Calculator allows estimates or use of utility bills and travel records for more detail.
2. Review options to lower emissions. Suggestions are listed on the above website.
3. Join fellow BUCers on March 11 at 7pm via Zoom to share questions and your experience or to challenge each other to set goals.
3. Implement your choices and meet again on March 25 at 7pm to discuss your experiences, successes, and challenges.

If you have questions about this project or your carbon footprint, you may contact Mary Dunn at mid70bc@msn.com or Izzy Khapoya at ikhapoya@gmail.com.

Confronting Racism



Our Confronting Racism program has addressed topics such as the Black Lives Matter platform, the drivers and disproportionate impact of our country's steep rate of incarceration of people of color, and the effects of health-care disparity based on race. In each session, participants are prompted with suggestions for

“something to do right now” to confront these realities.

Watch for news about the March session to be communicated via weekly announcements. All BUCers are invited and encouraged to participate in this important work understanding the history, drivers, and impacts of systems of racism and white supremacy and how to build an equitable and loving community for all.

BUC Scholarships

For the 2020-21 academic year, four college students are beneficiaries of the BUC Goldsmith Scholarship, three of whom received a renewal award, and one new. The scholarship fund was founded with a gift from the estate of Stuart and Suzanne Goldsmith, who were early members of BUC. Administered through the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan, the program awards \$2,000 scholarships to Pontiac high-school graduates and is renewable for up to three additional years. Any BUC member or friend may donate to the fund at any time. Contact Mary Jo Ebert at maryjoebert@gmail.com for information.

MUUSJN Membership

Thank you to all who purchased a membership to support the work of the Michigan UU Social Justice Network (MUUSJN). BUC is a member congregation, and two BUCers, Mary Jo Ebert and Marti Szilagyi, represent the southeast Michigan region on its board. Visit www.uujustice.org to learn about this coalition's work and how to purchase a 2021 membership. You may also sign up to receive legislative alerts.

Calendar of Events

The events listed here can always be found on our [website](#) under [calendar](#). Events are also announced in the weekly email, Sunday service announcements, and our [BUC Community private Facebook group](#).

The [calendar](#) also lists Zoom information for committee and group meetings.

To join an event or meeting, simply click on the Zoom link. If you're not using a computer to access Zoom, you can dial into meetings with your phone by calling the number and entering the meeting ID and passcode.

Weekly Events

Worship Services

Sundays | 10:30 am

March theme:

Power and Oppression

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/196899450?pwd=RXJuNFpHdWMraENaZmFDWFVaSExqUT09>

dial-in: 253-215-8782

meeting ID: 196 899 450

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Sunday Discussion Group

Sundays | 3:00 pm

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dial-in: 253-215-8782

meeting ID: 965 0151 7735

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Living by Heart

1st Mondays of the month | 7:00 pm

<https://zoom.us/j/99983328991?pwd=N1cybVdKYXhWSE9PVEZDSVo3Y1VxQT09>

dial-in: 253-215-8782

meeting ID: 999 8332 8991

passcode: 569485

Remaining Mondays of the month | 1:30 pm

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dial-in: 253-215-8782

meeting ID: 921 0301 5538

passcode: 016260

March Events

Vespers Service

Tuesday, March 2 | 7:00 pm

Live on the

[Birmingham Unitarian Church](#)

[Facebook page](#)

How Green Can You Go? meeting 1

Thursday, March 11 | 7:00 pm

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meeting ID: 984 2091 8496

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Getting to Know UU session 3

Sunday, March 14 | 12:00 pm

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How Green Can You Go? meeting 2

Thursday, March 25 | 7:00 pm

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meeting ID: 951 8474 4673

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Issues and Ale

Friday, March 5 | 6:00 p.m.

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meeting ID: 985 2802 2881

passcode: 033788

Mixer and Game Night

Saturday, March 13 | 7:00 pm

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Humanists of BUC

Sunday, March 14 | 7:00 p.m.

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Featured speaker: Nico Van Ostrand, BUC's RE Coordinator, on religious education at BUC

Getting to Know UU session 4

Sunday, March 28 | 12:00 pm

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Coming up...

At the Corner of Race and Environment in Southeast Michigan

Saturday, April 10 | 10:00 am



Featured speakers:

State Senator Stephanie Chang, representing MI Senate District 1

Professor Shea Howell, co-founder of the James and Grace Lee Boggs Center and Professor of Communication at Oakland University

High asthma rates, toxic waste sites, poor water quality... such conditions are often found in communities of color and low-income neighborhoods. For decades, activists have worked to bring attention to the heightened environmental risks faced by these communities, with little effect. But that conversation is changing. Join us for a discussion about the intersection of race and environmental hazards and how a fusion of racial and environmental activism offers a way forward.

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