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WORSHIP SERVICES

September 4, 2011, 10:00 A.M.

Service at First UU by Worship Committee; Service at the All-Church Retreat – led by Rev. Eric Meter

September 11, 2011, 9:15 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

Rev. Mark Belletini

“The Same Stream of Life”

*Water Ceremony: Remember to gather your vial of water for the Water Ceremony. Please let Mark know by email ONE place you have brought water from, and what direction the source is from Columbus: North, South, East, West.
Commissioning of Teachers.*

Note: Two Services at (9:15am and 11:00am) until the fourth Sunday in May)

September 18, 2011

Rev. Mark Belletini

“Hospitality as a Mission”

JAM Offering; First Day of Sunday School; Autumnal Equinox Song #73; Installing the Board and Leadership

► "Getting to Know UU" meets Sunday mornings in Slowter Lounge, following each service. Anyone interested in learning more about Unitarian Universalism and about the First UU Church of Columbus is welcome.

Wednesday, August 31, 2011

- 8:00a UU Food Co-op (contact mary.boyd-brown@cvm.osu.edu)
- 6:30p Life Stories
- 7:30p Women's Spirituality

Thursday, September 1, 2011

- 9:30a Improvisational Dance
- 7:30p Chalice Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 2, 2011

- 12:00p Cooking for Faith Mission
- 6:30p First Friday Potluck
- 7:30p Community Leaders Forum

Saturday, September 3, 2011

- 8:30a Zen Meditation

Sunday, September 4, 2011

- 10:00a Worship Service, All-ages Sunday School
- 11:30a Getting to Know UU; Youth Group
- 1:00p Committee on Shared Ministry

Monday, September 5, 2011

- 7:00p UU Dance Fellowship

Tuesday, September 6, 2011

- 9:30p Archives Organizing
- 1:00p Cancer Support (to join, contact se.schofield@hotmail)
- 7:00p Caring Committee
- 7:00p Justice Action Ministry; Zen Meditation
- 7:35p Worship Committee

Wednesday, September 7, 2011

- 1:00p Archives Organizing
- 5:00p Campfire Girls and Boys
- 6:00p Workshop Leaders
- 6:30p Life Stories
- 7:30p Women's Spirituality

Thursday, September 8, 2011

- 9:30a Improvisational Dance
- 7:00p Building & Grounds; RE Council
- 7:00p Expressive Collage
- 7:30p Chalice Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 9, 2011

- 7:30p All Soles Contra Dance

Saturday, September 10, 2011

- 8:30a Zen Meditation
- 9:00a Wellspring Workshop
- 9:30a Memorial Garden Workday
- 11:00a Improvisational Dance II
- 11:00a Parents of Infants & Toddlers
- 1:00p White House Immigration Roundtable
- 4:30p Bidwell Memorial Service

Sunday, September 11, 2011

- 8:45a Breakfast
- 9:15a & 11:00a Worship Service
- 10:30a Getting to Know UU
- 12:30p Sunday Forum
- 12:15a Getting to Know UU
- 12:45p Teacher Orientation
- 1:00p OWL Parent Orientation
- 1:00p Enlightened Hippogriffs; Green Team

Monday, September 12, 2011

- 7:00p Program Council; Executive Committee
- 7:00p Gay Straight Alliance; UU Dance Fellowship
- 7:00p Adult Enrichment Programs Committee

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

- 9:30a Archives Organizing; Newsletter Folding
- 1:00p Cancer Support Group (see September 6)
- 7:00p Social Committee; Feminism 3.0
- 7:00p UU Bible School; Zen Meditation
- 7:00p Governance Documents; UU Animal Ministry
- 7:30p Men's Spirituality

Wednesday, September 14, 2011

- 1:00p Archives Documents
- 6:30p Life Stories
- 7:00p Small Group Ministry Steering Team
- 7:00p Memoir Writing Group
- 7:30p Personnel Committee; Yoga
- 7:30p Women's Spirituality

FOCUUS (ages 18-35) meets Mondays at OSU, 7:30p
ESOL meets MWF at 9:30a

The Discoverer - Next issue - Sunday, September 11
Deadline: 1:00p - Hard copy in yellow folder
6:00p - e-mail articles to olwfire@yahoo.com

LINKS

While I've heard folks say that the church slows down in summer, that must be when Mark, Jolinda and I aren't around. I've certainly never caught either of them twiddling their thumbs, and August in every church I've served has always seemed like a Olympic caliber dash.

We are gearing up for the next year of our Covenant and Wellspring Groups. The Coming of Age teaching team is getting its hands on a new curriculum. The Pastoral Team continues its efforts with skill and grace. And I am thrilled to report that our chaplain, Dick Dawson, is recovering well from his recent surgery. The next installment of the congregation's grief group, the Healing Journey, will start up in the last half of next month. (Look for more specific information on page 3.)

In fact, there is so much activity that I'm reminded of something my colleague Howard Dana (who spoke at our District Assembly last fall) once told me: "Sometimes Unitarian Universalists remind me of people who are just learning how to ice skate. Adults, especially, who are learning how to skate, often move their feet frantically in order to stay upright. But after a while, a skater learns the rhythm of push and glide. You push off with your foot and then you glide. Effort and reward. If all you do is push, you don't get anywhere faster and you find yourself worn out in short order. Those who learn to trust the process, experience both the joy of useful exertion and also of the grace that comes from gliding. We don't have to work ourselves into a frenzy all the time. Push and glide, that's the secret."

So, for all of us, myself included, let's keep the possibility of those moments of glide in mind.

Lastly, thanks to Rick Kritzer and everyone else who chipped in for the birthday present of a certificate for a hot air balloon ride. It's a perfect, and perfectly unexpected, gift. Taking a ride in a big balloon is something I've wanted to do for years. Thank you all. in peace,



Rev. Eric Meter

CHURCH NEWS

SUNDAY BREAKFAST Join us for cooking or eating Sunday breakfast, or for both. Eggs, bacon, tater tots, apples, oatmeal, coffee, and orange juice will be served starting at 8:45am **beginning September 11**. A requested donation of \$2 for adults, \$1 for children, under 12. FREE for first time visitors.

If feeding people is your thing, please contact Debra (debra.boyd@gmail.com) so she can help you find a spot on the cooking team which arrives at 8:00am to prepare the breakfast. Most team members cook one Sunday a month. We're also looking for someone who can shop every other week or so for the necessary groceries. You will be reimbursed for food, but not time or mileage.

HEALING JOURNEY Are you experiencing grief due to the loss of a family member or other loved one, a job loss, or the pain of another unwelcome life transition? If so, The Healing Journey may be for you. Together we share our stories, and learn how much we have in common with others who also know the experience of loss. The group will meet from 7:30 to 9pm on Thursday nights from September 22 through October 27. For further information and to register, please call Rev. Eric at 267-4946 x23.

WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY *Wednesdays at 7:30pm.* Contact Jeanni Ray at 985-6176; jeanniray@gmail.com.

BOOKBITES **September 20, 7 - 9pm** in Slowter Lounge. Returning to *Round the World* reading, the new topic is *Russia*. -- Kathleen Boston 262-4025.

GARDEN CLUB The final "plant share" for this year will be held on Sunday, September 11 after both services. – Chris Hardin

LIFE STORIES Would you like to have your life history recorded on film? First UU Life Stories, which started as a way for seniors to record their life stories for posterity, is now open to adults aged 50 and up. First UU Youth Ellie Hall and her mother Gail Hall will film you talking about your life. A copy of this recording will also be archived at First UU. For details: call Gail Hall, 326-0344 or email her at: mintjuleps@gailsporch.com to set up a date for the recording. The recordings should last for about 30 minutes. They can be done on an individual basis or with a group of friends or family members.

THE BUUKSTORE will be closed on September 4. It returns to its every Sunday schedule on September 11.

PHOTO DIRECTORIES ARE HERE! If you had your photo taken last fall, please pick up your copy (one per household) and cross your name off the list.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS will be available in September! Cost is \$30 with numerous coupons for restaurants, cultural centers, fast food stores, golf stores and other specialty stores. – Karin Erickson, 834-3988

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If you have a business card posted on the board located on the wall beyond the restrooms, please be aware that we will be taking down all cards from the card pockets on the last week of September. Starting October 1, you may post your cards again. Your new cards will be marked with the approximate date they are posted, and will be left on the business card board for 90 days from that date. If the board is not full, they will be left indefinitely. When the board is full, the first posted cards will be removed first. Please make sure your card includes an e-mail address and a phone number

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TIME BANK Do you sometimes need a car, but would rather not own one – and an expensive taxi is the only alternative? Did you rip your pants or dress and don't have the skills to fix them "invisibly"? Would you like to learn a language, but can't afford the lessons? Chances are someone in the "Care and Share Time Bank" a "service bartering" program of CICT can offer

you these and many other services in exchange for "Time Credits" that you can earn by offering services you have available in your "skill set." Go to: <http://community.timebanks.org/jointb.php?gid=510> and sign up to help build community and to help yourself and others!

FIRST FRIDAY Please join us for fun and fellowship! Potluck at 6:30pm, followed by programs for all ages, including a Community Leaders Forum at 7:30pm.

PARENTS OF INFANTS AND TODDLERS Mark your calendars for second Saturdays. The next meeting is on **September 10** from 11am to 1pm in Room 1. Bagels and drinks will be available. Contact Nancy Powlick for more information. lpowlick@columbus.rr.com, 451-4045

All Soles Contra Dance
Friday, Sept. 9 / Fellowship Hall
Teaching Session at 7:30
Dancing 8:00-10:30

All are welcome! Folk music and dancing at its finest, featuring warm, friendly people, great live band and contra dancing. No partner needed; all dances are prompted. Music by the Timbre Wolves, with caller Carol Fey. Dance costs \$7 (\$4 for ages 12-24); free childcare starts at 7:30. More about contra dance: <http://firstuucolumbus.org/AllSoles>

JUSTICE ACTION MINISTRY

ATHENS COUNTY REPORT Our friends at the Feed My Sheep food pantry in Athens County/Appalachia want to thank you for your help with the school supplies received by 175 children. However, we are still in need of 25 more backpacks and 50 pairs of children's socks and underwear, mixed sizes for boys and girls.

We are still collecting children's books so we can place two in each food box. The children and parents love them. The books help the children to practice their reading when they are at home.

Did you know that the first week of August was the beginning of the eighth year to help our neighbors in the Athens/Appalachia area. Reverend Ogburn says that they would not be able to make it without our help.

We are still collecting food. Some suggestions: peanut butter, dried pinto beans, spaghetti and sauce, and any fresh fruits and vegetables.

We are still collecting aluminum cans. These cans are sold, and the money is used to purchase food for those in need. Please bring beverage cans only, preferably rinsed.

I go to the pantry every Monday. I am always looking for volunteers! So far, in the last seven years, 68 youth

from our church have been down there, many of them many times. Seventy-seven adults from our church have been there, many on numerous occasions. This has been a valuable opportunity to meet directly with the rural poor in that area. Once witnessed, it is impossible to forget.

Please bring all donations to the Social Justice Table on Sundays. -- Jacques Angelino 888-8052.



One more success! Dr. Gene Harris, Superintendent, Columbus City Schools, has committed \$115-125,000 to the Project KEY anti-truancy program this year, **more** than the \$100,000 BREAD (Building Responsibility, Equality, and Dignity) asked for at its Nehemiah Action in May. This would not have happened without **you**. Your attendance at BREAD's Action in 2010 and 2011, combined with that of the other 53 BREAD member congregations, not only got her attention but also her cooperation. Give yourselves a pat on the back.

But work by BREAD's At-Risk Youth Committee is not done. Although out-of-school suspensions for truancy have been reduced by 70%, there shouldn't be any such suspensions. And BREAD's other committees continue to work on other problems selected by its member congregations in previous years. Plan to share in this democratic process by attending a BREAD Listening Session on September 18, 24, or 25, or October 2, 9, 16, or 19.

Our most recent investors in BREAD's work were Sandy Aska, Karen and Dick Dawson, Alice and Ron Rathburn, Evelyn and Thomas Stephens, Susan and Fred Vierow, and Jean Werts. They are among the 43 First UU family units who are helping to make a difference by writing checks to BREAD totaling \$7,540.

BREAD's investment drive will end soon; so please make out your generous, tax-deductible check to BREAD (**not** First UU) and send/take it to the church in an envelope marked BREAD. If you work for an organization that will match charitable donations, please make arrangements with it and notify Alice Rathburn (alice37@insight.rr.com, 895-2109 or 563-0536) of the plan. BREAD is a 501(c)(3) tax-deductible corporation, tax ID number 31-1467082. For additional information, go to www.breadcolumbus.org or contact Alice or another First UU BREAD Team member.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS Along with the Franklin County Consortium for Good Government, we will be hosting an **Issues Forum** at the church on Thursday, October 6, 2011. The informal "meet and greet" will start at 6:30pm and the forum begins at 7:00pm. WOSU's Ann Fisher will be the moderator.

There will be some interesting issues on the November 8 ballot.

Help is needed for refreshments and other tasks. Please call Cathy Elkins, 267-5884, to volunteer. Thanks.

► **TASTE JAM!** Your help is needed. Give just two hours of your time. Assist in cooking for Faith Mission. Come to the church at noon till 2 pm on **Friday, September 16**. Half of the regular group is on vacation and your participation will be greatly appreciated. All skill levels welcome. Contact Susan Vierow at First UU office (267-4946) or e-mail office@firstuucolumbus.org.

Cooking for Faith Mission on the first and third Friday of each month has been a part of our Justice Action Ministry (formerly called Social Action) for many years. Those at the mission really enjoy and appreciate a “home” cooked meal of chicken, mashed potatoes and green beans – with cake for dessert. Hope you can join us on September 16. Thanks.

BACKPACKS AND SOCKS! Over 5,000 migrants have died along the Mexico-US border since 1998! “No More Deaths” (No Más Muertes), is a ministry, now sponsored by the UU Church of Tucson, AZ, with the goal to provide water, food, and medical assistance to migrants walking through the Arizona desert. It makes no judgment regarding why they are there – just seeks to save lives and reduce suffering.

Last call for used backpacks to be shipped to Tucson, Arizona. Backpacks are used by volunteers to carry the supplies. There is a great need also for heavy socks to bring relief to many who arrive barefoot or with serious blistering. Please bring to the church office.

The Phoenix General Assembly next year will focus on the injustice and cruelty of our nation’s immigration policies. The Ohio-Meadville District has launched a program to help youth and young adults wishing to attend, but lacking necessary resources to be there. The **Phoenix Witness Project** seeks pledges from members of congregations to support OMD’s commitment to full participation in this “Justice Assembly.” Please pick up a form from the church office and make your pledge (that will be requested in two installments).

Steve Palm-Houser is coordinating First UU’s Immigration projects and programs.
steve.palmhouser@gmail.com or (614) 397-3051].

MORE ON IMMIGRATION Give the Obama Administration your thoughts on our immigration system September 10 at 1 pm. This spring the President issued a call for White House Immigration Roundtables across the country. We expect participation from around Columbus and we'll capture the ideas in writing and send them to the White House. Please attend to listen, speak

and support others as they share their stories. Contact Steve Palm-Houser, steve.palmhouser@gmail.com.

I AM YOUTH Better Together - Path to Peace & Justice: Faith, Service and Unity, 9/11

Commemoration The Interfaith Action Movement for Youth (I AM Youth, formerly CIFY) encourages middle- and high-school youth and their families to attend an interfaith 9/11 commemoration on Sunday, September 11 from 6-8pm at Tifereth Israel (1354 East Broad St.). The event, sponsored by First UU’s JAM, features Rev. Tim Ahrens of the First Congregational Church, recognition of community leaders, a youth poetry slam and music as well as refreshments. People of all faith backgrounds as well as people of conscience are encouraged to come! Information about I AM Youth: <http://iamyouth.net/> Questions: Susan Roscigno 888-8707 or susanroscigno@gmail.com

CARING CORNER

Happy Birthday to **Rev. Eric Meter** who celebrated his birthday August 29.

“We wish to announce the marriage of our daughter, sister and aunt, **Sandy McNabb** to her long time love and partner, Betsy Godwin. They were married at the Des Moines, Iowa UU church on August 12 and celebrated with Funnel Cakes at the Iowa State Fair! Sandy grew up at First UU Columbus and she and Betsy and their daughter, Georgia are members of the UU Church in Evanston, Illinois. – The McNabbs”

Congratulations to **Will and Shuan'te Jones Smith**, who were married on August 15.

Congratulations to **Helene Roussi** who was awarded a second degree Black Belt in Mixed Martial Arts after passing a two-day test; to **Chris Hardin** who has accepted a position with Luna Burger as a production assistant; to **Barry Keenan** on the publication of his new book for non-specialists, *Neo-Confucious Self-Cultivation* and to **Jim Hodnett**, who is retiring from his position as psychologist and clinical services coordinator at OSU's Counseling and Consultation Service (last day September 1).

Caring thoughts go out to **Laurie Brown** and her family. Laurie's mother is facing a difficult struggle with cancer.

Ben Stetler, son of Gwyn and Gary, is now in Boston to begin his Ph.D. studies at Harvard. We wish him and all persons on the east coast well as they ride out the projected storm.

Our condolences to the **family of Bill Simons**, who died on August 26 after suffering a brain hemorrhage.



FROM THE ARCHIVES

A letter from a former minister on the dedication of the First Unitarian Church in the fall of 1961, somewhat edited for space considerations:

Mrs. Edward Slowter
Dedication Committee
First Unitarian Church

Dear Mrs. Slowter:

Although I am not at as far a distance as you thought when you wrote a letter to me in Hawaii, I am still far enough away that it would be impossible for me to attend the dedication of the new church building next week.

I should like to take this opportunity to join with the congregation of the Columbus church in feeling a sense of achievement and satisfaction. I know the labor and effort that this formal dedication will ceremonialize to some degree at least, and the people of Columbus are to be congratulated on this significant achievement for liberal religion.

I must confess that it is hard for me to think of the Columbus Unitarian Church outside of the old building at 175 West Eleventh, and hope very much that in the not-too-distant future I can see this new building which, from all accounts, seems to be so wonderfully planned.

Sincerely, Sidney A. Peterman, Minister, The First Unitarian Church, San Jose. California.

-- LindaThompson, Historian

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Connecting...

This year there are several more opportunities for connecting as families with other families and with other adults at First UU. I want to highlight the new but let's not forget the old. There is the group for families with infants and toddlers gathered by Nancy Powlick (lpowlick@columbus.rr.com) each second Saturday at 11 am. And there is First Friday, Goddesses in Training, as well as the InterGen Camping Group (Debra Boyd, debra.boyd@gmail.com). Let's not forget the Peace Pals and Rising Voices, our children and youth choirs (musicdirector@firstuucolumbus.org); or High School Justice Trip (contact me); or our thriving youth groups for Middle School and High School youth (Heather Pierson, roy_pierson@ameritech.net) or District Youth Conferences.

Two groups added last year were the Camp Fire Girls and Boys (for elementary school age, Mary McMichael-Liston, mlteam@kw.com) and Inter-Faith Youth (now I AM Youth, cifygroup@gmail.com<cifygroup@gmail.com) which connects our teens with Islamic, Protestant and Jewish youth across the city to do important projects and get to know one another better.

And now.....drum roll...*presenting the Multi-cultural Families Group and the Enlightened Hippogriffs, the Columbus chapter of the Harry Potter Alliance:*

Multi-cultural Families. First UU has a history of a similar group and, after a lot of talk, Ka Wa Berman (ka_wa_berman@yahoo.com) has stepped forward to re-form the group. She issues the invitation to all families, both our growing number of bi- and multi-cultural families, and our mono-cultural families. All families are invited to share and learn about different cultures through social gathering, workshops, and community activities. The emphasis will be on helping children acquire basic skills of tolerance and inclusion, and offering a support system for parents.

The Enlightened Hippogriffs a group for everyone of any age who is a Harry Potter fan, and, just as the kids of Dumbledore's Army wake the world up to Voldemort's return, work for equal rights of house elves and werewolves, and empower its members, the Harry Potter Alliance:

- ~ Alerts the world to the dangers of global warming, poverty, and genocide.
- ~ Works for equal rights regardless of race, gender, and sexuality.
- ~ Encourages members to hone the magic of their creativity in endeavoring to make the world a better place.

Join our army to make the world a safer, more magical place, and let your voice be heard! We are the central Ohio chapter of the Harry Potter Alliance and international organization. **Meets every second Sunday beginning September 11 at 12:15pm.** Invite your neighbors and friends. (Lynne Bieber, lynnebieber@gmail.com)
-- Jolinda Stephens, Director of Religious Education, 267-4946, ext 28, dre@firstuucolumbus.org. Office hours: Mon-Thurs, 1 to 6 pm. Follow on Twitter: [jolindajoyce](https://twitter.com/jolindajoyce).

Religious Education Program

Register Your Children for Sunday School <http://bit.ly/l6UYRv>. Pamphlets for 2011-12 Sunday School, activities, sexuality education and youth CONs are at the Sunday School Table. **Classes begin September 18.**

We still have a few openings for teaching teams

At 11 am you can work with a team to present UUA created curriculum called *Wonderful Welcome* for preschoolers. It helps our young ones feel that First UU and Unitarian Universalism are their communities, the extension of their homes, and helps them learn how to be welcoming to others.

At 9:15 there is an opportunity to bond with a teaching team for our most beloved curriculum for Kindergarteners, Experiencing the Web of Life. Every week you lead the children outside to their special place as they experience the cycles of nature directly. Death, a major psychological and spiritual developmental task for this age, is presented within the framework of these natural cycles, as well as through the great children's book, *Charlotte's Web*.

NO EXPERIENCE IS NEEDED. Providing friendship and an example for young children are the only criteria. To volunteer, **Call the DRE, Jolinda Stephens, to volunteer - dre@firstuucolumbus.org.**

Our Whole Lives (OWL) Schedule We have values-based comprehensive sexuality education classes for every stage. These classes not only provides accurate, age-appropriate information about sex, their emphasis on critical thinking and relationship provide a vehicle for helping children and youth learn how to live out UU values in the everyday lives.

1st grade OWL – The 11 am class begins September 18. The 9:15 class begins January 8, 2012.

5th/6th grade OWL is offered at 9 am and begins January 8.

8th Grade OWL – Begins September 18 at 11am. Because of where 8th graders are in their social and physical development, they meet for the whole church year. It gives our youth-becoming-young adults a toolbox and the beginning tools to navigate the complex world they are facing. If you have a child entering 8th grade, and this sounds like a program you'd like to hear more about, please contact Cindy Dillard (cynthia.dillard6@gmail.com).

High School OWL – Begins September 18 at 11am and ends in January.

Use the Sunday School registration form <http://bit.ly/l6UYRv> to register. All require informed consent. Register now to get information about the mandatory parent information meetings. The classes are closed to new participants at the end of the first session.

Better together – Path to Peace and Justice Last year at this time our Racial Diversity Task Force led a citywide worship service that focused on interfaith unity. We hosted about 400 people of many faiths. (We had two more Unity services during the year, each drawing hundreds.)

This year the service of commemoration planning is taken up by I AM Youth. Don't miss this special event. For details, see page 5. Don't miss this special event for all ages.

PEACE CAMP WRAP-UP!

This is the 12th session of Peace Camp at First UU," I proudly announced a few weeks ago. When talking about programs, citing numbers does give a great sense of accomplishment. For instance, this year we had 24 campers in the first session, 27 campers in the second session, with a total from both sessions of 26 newcomers first joining us to learn peaceful practices. We had three tribe leaders entirely new to the program (thanks to Diana del Bianco, Gretel Young and Donna Greenman), with one tribe leader graduating from being a helper over the years (my daughter, Audrey Dowling). We also had three new youth helpers (thanks to Cecilia Philips and Grant Frambes), with special acknowledgment of Gianna Collins. Gianna was a participant in the very first session of Peace Camp in July 2005, and has been a Peacemaker (almost) every year, and then this year graduated to becoming a helper. This is quite a legacy we have begun to grow, both among our children, but also trickling up through our youth, and even our elders.

Maintenance and growth of participation is certainly important in any vital program, but growth of vision and outreach are also valuable. As we continued the legacy of Peace Camp this year, we made a substantive change in what we do by

adding on a component of hands-on community building. Every year, we've walked with peace through nature, creativity, music, contemplation, games, conflict-resolution and village-building. But it has always been within the walls of First UU (ok, maybe not when we go creeking...) This year, coordinated with the Roscigno family, Peace Camp participants were able to put their time, energy and fees to work, making lunches for the homeless. Children ages 5-12 made almost 400 lunches, that were delivered to Open Shelter (whose staff/volunteers both were surprised and pleased that children used some of their summer camp time in this fashion). All the while, as the campers were making the lunches, they remarked (without prompting) "This is fun!" How little effort it sometimes takes to bring a peaceful gesture out into the world.

-- Cindy Dillard, Peace Camp Director

Adult Enrichment

Mark Your Calendar for Immigration As a Moral Issue Six Thursday evenings at 6 pm, starting October 13 Pick up takeout, brown bag it, or stave off hunger with the nibbles, and explore both the factual and moral sides of immigration.

Markings

Over the Labor Day holiday I will make a quick trip to see my mother, who is once again in decline mentally, my sister says. She is packing for China, and claims there is a train out in the garden of her nursing home.

Rev. Eric will lead worship at the Retreat. The Worship Committee will be leading the last 10 AM Celebration of the year here. The water ceremony Intergen Celebration which resumes the 9:15 and 11am format, coincides with the tenth anniversary of the loss of so many lives on 9/11. My experience has been that when the sun slants its light in the exact same angle as on the day when a disaster happens, the body remembers many of the feelings afresh. It's like an emotional tattoo. Be aware of your feelings that day, and let them flow through you.

I remember my friend Jimmy walking into my place...he has a key...and shouting, "O my God, someone is blowing up New York!" He put the TV on. I was still sleeping, but woke up at once, and before I even looked at Jimmy, I looked at the TV and saw one of the towers collapsing into a pile of dust. Believe me, such a sight leaves scars on the soul, especially when you are not even very well defended for the day yet. Later in the day, I had to pick up Kelly Flood, my friend from Kentucky, since her flight was cancelled from Pittsburgh back to Lexington, so she hitched a ride and came to Columbus, where her husband Neil met her to take her home. I remember it was the most beautiful day weather-wise...a powder blue sky, balmy breezes. In any case, be mindful of how your own memories are flowing on that day, and offer yourself spaciousness to feel them.

Ciao until the 11th.



Rev. Mark Belletini

Inner Flame - *Søren Kierkegaard Journals, 1842*

The more you forget, the greater the number of changes which your life will see. The more you remember, the more divine your life becomes.

Rev. Mark Belletini, Senior Minister
Rev. Eric Meter, Associate Minister
Rev. Carol Brody, Minister Emerita
Rev. Wendy Fish, Minister Emerita
Dick Dawson, Chaplain
Jolinda Stephens, Director of Religious Education
Deb McGuire, Staff Secretary/RE Assistant
Tony McDonald, Music Director
Brandon Moss, Chalice Choir Director
Cheridy Keller, Choir Director
Nathan Hamm, Pianist

Marian Garcia, Office Administrator
Stephanie Rottmayer, SYC Director
Joe Voltolini, Bookkeeper
Don Hippensteel, Events Coordinator
Naoko Kobayashi, Facilities Assistant
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