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WORSHIP SERVICES

April Theme: Restoration

April 15, 2012, 9:15 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

Rev. Eric Meter

“Gifts and Obligations”

JAM offering

April 22, 2012, 9:15 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

Rev. Mark Belletini

“Restoring Trust in Experience”

April 29, 2012, 9:15 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

**A celebration, designed and led by First UU Youth
with Tony McDonald, First UU Music Director**

► Hearing assisted devices, large print hymnals, and a few copies (in large print) of the Sunday readings and sermon are available at the rear of the Worship Center. Copies of CDs of our worship services will become available again for sale at the bookstore. Audio and text of recent services can also be found on the church website.

► **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, April 11, 2012

- 8:00a UU Food Co-op
- 1:00p Archives Organizing
- 6:30p The Artist's Way
- 7:00p Lively Writing; Personnel Committee
- 7:00p Small Group Ministry Steering Team
- 7:00p Memoir Writing
- 7:30p Men's Spirituality
- 7:30p Women's Spirituality; Yoga

Thursday, April 12, 2012

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

Friday, April 13, 2012

- 4:00p Self Defense for Girls
- 6:30p Film & Forum: Koch Brothers Exposed
- 7:30p All Soles Contra Dance

Saturday, April 14, 2012

- 8:30a Zen Meditation
- 9:00a Path to Membership
- 9:45a Zen Meditation Orientation
- 10:00a Red Cross Blood Drive
- 11:00a Easy Movement; Parents of Infants & Toddlers

Sunday, April 15, 2012

- 8:30a Leadership Development Committee
- 8:45a Breakfast
- 9:15 & 11:00a Worship Service
- 10:30a & 12:15p Getting to Know UU
- 12:30p BREAD Choir Lunch; Strategic Planning
- 12:45p Garden Club
- 1:00p Wellspring; BREAD Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 1:00p Committee on Shared Ministry; Youth Group
- 6:00p Care & Share Time Bank Potluck
- 6:00p Menu for the Future

Monday, April 16, 2012

- 7:00p UU Dance; Grandchildren/Grandparents
- 7:00p BREAD Rally at Congregation Tifereth Israel,
1354 E Broad St.)

Tuesday, April 17, 2012

- 9:30a Archives Organizing
- 6:30p Peace Pals Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00p Rising Voices Choir; Stewardship Committee
- 7:00p Zen Meditation; Book Bites
- 7:30p Finance Committee
- 7:45p Spirit of Life Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, April 18, 2012

- 5:00p Campfire Girls and Boys
- 6:30p The Artist's Way
- 7:00p Gay Straight Alliance; Membership Team
- 7:30p Men's Spirituality
- 7:30p Women's Spirituality; Yoga
- 8:00p Alta Gracia Documentary

Thursday, April 19, 2012

- 9:30a Improvisational Dance
- 6:00p Multicultural Families
- 7:00p Getting the Most from Your Digital Camera
- 7:00p Communications Committee
- 7:30p Chalice Choir Rehearsal

Friday, April 20, 2012

- 12:00p Cooking for Faith Mission
- 4:00p Self Defense for Girls
- 5:30p Board Retreat
- 7:00p Film: *The Economics of Happiness*

Saturday, April 21, 2012

- 8:30a Zen Meditation
- 9:00a Board Retreat
- 11:00a Sound Team
- 7:30p *Backbone* Concert (Folk Band)

Sunday, April 22, 2012

- 8:45a Breakfast
- 9:15a & 11:00a Worship Service
- 10:30a & 12:15p Getting to Know UU
- 1:00p UU Visual Artists
- 1:30p Wellspring
- 2:00p PFLAG
- 4:00p Community Drumming Circle
- 6:00p Menu for the Future
- 6:00p Bridge Group (call 499-2434)

Monday, April 23, 2012

- 6:30p Justice Action Ministry (JAM) Meeting
- 7:00p Funeral Consumers Alliance
- 7:00p UU Dance Fellowship

Tuesday, April 24, 2012

- 9:30a Archives Organizing; Newsletter Folding
- 1:00p Cancer Support Group
- 6:30p Peace Pals Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00p Rising Voices Choir; Goddesses in Training
- 7:00p Being an Atheist or Agnostic
- 7:00p Zen Meditation
- 7:00p Wellspring
- 7:45p Spirit of Life Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, April 25, 2012

- 1:00p Archives Organizing
- 6:30p The Artist's Way
- 7:00p Lively Writing
- 7:30p Men's Spirituality
- 7:30p Women's Spirituality; Yoga

COVENANT GROUPS - Rev. Meter, 267-4946 ext.23
FOCUUS (ages 18-35) meets Tuesdays at OSU, 7:30p
ESOL meets MWF at 9:30a (F: Conversation Class)

The Discoverer - Next issue - Sunday, April 22
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6:00p - e-mail articles to olwfire@yahoo.com

LINKS

Rev. Eric Meter, Associate Minister

Ah, Springtime! The season heralds the return of baseball, the iniquity of hay fever, looming high school graduations, the pressure to lose a few pounds (or more) before summer and dreams of long moonlit summer evenings. This is also the time of year, at least around congregations like ours, in which folks take stock of where they are, bring classes to a close and start planning ahead for the program year to come.

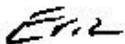
In the next few weeks our Coming of Age group (9th graders) will go on their Spring Retreat to the Hocking Hills. Shortly after that, members of our two Wellspring groups will lead our worship services on May 13. Shortly afterward, on June 3, the COA youth will have their own worship service and end of the year celebration. And then a few weeks later, Jolinda and I, accompanied by Ben Iten, will take four of our youth to our denomination's Justice General Assembly in Phoenix, Arizona. This will wrap up another full and very rich spring.

Of course, between now and then, there are lots of other things going on as well. April seems to be movie month around here: we'll be screening Will Delphia's documentary on the April 18; a group is gathering an outing to see the movie *Bully*. And look for details elsewhere in this issue for other screenings offered by our Adult Enrichment Program (AEP) this month.

A few additional words about *Wellspring*. As you may remember, *Wellspring* is a program for adults (those who have spent a year or more in one of our Covenant Groups). In short, *Wellspring* is Coming of Age for adults – an intensive program of study, reflection and intentional spiritual practice and accountability. The goal is to help folks deepen their understanding of themselves as people of faith.

This is the second year we've offered the program, and we formally open our registration for groups next year with our worship service in May. Starting next fall, we will be offering groups for first time participants and we will also be a pilot site for a second generation Wellspring group of those who have been through the first year of the program before. So while registration will open next month, this would be an ideal time to be in touch with me with any questions you may have about what Wellspring might mean for you

in peace,



CHURCH NEWS

HIGHLIGHTS of the March 2012 Board Meeting

Tim Hooks announced that the pledging rate for Board members is 100%. The Treasurer's Report noted that pledges for the current year are short to budget by over \$10,000. The collection rate is at 105%, however.

The Board approved more delegates to General Assembly, in addition to the four youth delegates, approved in February: Mark Merchant, Florence Jain, Sandy Coen, Ben Iten and Bill Keating. **Note that there is still room for more delegates.** Contact a member of the Board if you would like to serve as one.

We discussed the possibility of having a Capital Campaign in the next few years; whether to speak with a consultant about how to begin talking with the congregation as to the desirability of this; and what the hoped-for outcomes would be.

We discussed the four open meetings that were held to discuss the proposed Constitutional changes, resulting in more changes. The newest version will be posted for the congregation to review, The changes will be voted on at the **Annual Meeting, June 10.**

Thanks to Brian Hagemann, our Administrator, First UU will have an ad in the upcoming Lavender Listings, published by *Stonewall Columbus* to list local resources for the LGBTQ community.

Next meeting will be our retreat, *Friday, April 20, and Saturday April 21*; rather than our regular meeting time.
-- Gina Phillips, Board Secretary

EARTH DAY ELECTRONICS & APPLIANCE RECYCLING: Saturday, April 21, 8:30am - 2pm, Fellowship Hall. Once again First UU is having an e-waste recycling day! Last year we collected three truckloads of electronics, gadgets, computers and more for recycling. For Earth Day this year, and to celebrate spring, we ask you to look around your house, basement, garage and neighbors' yards and bring us your electronic junk. We will take computers, stereos, tape decks, laptops, speakers, battery powered toys, clock radios, telephones, cell phones (we donate to Choices' DV program), cables, networking equipment, old batteries and small appliances. **WORKING OR NOT!** (Basically if it plugged in or used batteries, we'll take it!)
SPECIAL NOTICE: This year there is a \$10 FEE for recycling CRTs (tube TVs or computer monitors).
Everything else is recycled free. For more information contact Brian Hagemann, brianh@firstuucolumbus.org

MEANINGFUL CONVERSATION The Leadership Development Committee invites the congregation to a special event on the evening of **Saturday, May 19, 5-9pm**. The event will be offered to introduce the church to the **Art of Developing Meaningful Conversations** (ADMC); to help members of the congregation *connect to their purpose, engage with community, and thrive*; and to transform the way we work together by honoring our diverse gifts. Come and enjoy food, wine and meaningful conversation. Whether you've been deeply involved with the church for years, or haven't yet found your niche, this evening promises a place for you to engage in meaningful conversation. For more information, see <http://www.firstuucolumbus.org/our-community/admc-conversations>.

ALL SOLES CONTRA DANCE Friday, April 13: briefing session at 7:30 for **all new dancers**; evening contra dance, 8:00 to 10:30pm. Live music by Pocketful O'Gimmick, with caller Frank Buschelmann of Cincinnati leading the program. Cost is \$7; \$4 for age 12-24; under 12 free. Childcare (for those too young to join the dancing) is offered by an SYC teacher in a nearby playroom; homebaked snacks are brought by dancers for the shared-snack table; please bring your own refillable water bottle; dress in lightweight clothing with clean shoes that "slip a bit" on the wooden floor.

You are also invited to a "house concert" at our home just north of First UU church on April 22. All of the donations/gate price (\$8 per person) go to the performers, a talented local Sea Shanty group called the "Hard Tackers." Andy and I will feed you soups and chili; we are inviting snacks and beverages to share.

More info and links about contra dance are at: firstuucolumbus.org/AllSoles or call Kate Power at 614-430-9027 or email her at kate@powerkate.com

CALLING ALL MEMBER ARTISTS The annual **All Members Art Show** is coming up April 29-June 30. The title is *What's New in the UU Art World*. Take-in is Sunday, April 29-10:30-12:30. Artist Reception is Sunday, June 3, 12:00pm – 1:30pm. Plan to enter-all media, your more recent works. This show is for adults (High School Seniors and up). You may enter two pieces, framed and ready to hang (with a wire hanger). Please email titles, media, dimensions and prices to Deb Baillieu: debbsyc@yahoo.com. Pieces will be photographed for the church website unless you decline.

WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY Wednesdays, 7:30pm

April 11 - Poetry and Spirituality - Lori Jones
April 18 - My Favorite Female Poet - Jeanni and all
April 25 - Talking Circle - All

We celebrate National Poetry Month.
-- Jeanni Ray, 985-6176 or jeanniray@gmail.com

FORKS OVER KNIVES This film examines the profound claim that most, if not all, of the degenerative diseases that afflict us (diabetes, heart disease, cancer, and stroke) can be controlled, or even reversed, by rejecting animal-based and processed foods. **Monday, April 30 at 7:00pm**. Please join us. – Elaine Fujimura

BOOKBITES Next meeting: **April 17, 7-9pm** in Slower Lounge. The topic is *Poets/Poetry Around the World*, in honor of Poetry Month.
-- Kathleen Boston, 262-40225

ORIGINAL CHOIR CLOSING The music written for the closing sung by the Chalice Choir on April 1 was composed by Linda Halleran, First UU Church member who has sung in our choir for approximately 20 years. It will be sung most Sundays in April. The text is from an ancient Gaelic blessing, "Deep Peace."

ALL CHURCH WORK DAY Saturday, May 5. We will provide a **free breakfast** at 8:30 with work beginning at 9 and continuing until about noon. Sign up will be held on several Sundays later in April. Help keep our church and grounds beautiful. Contact Dave Richter, drichter@sciotangy.com, or Brian Hagemann, brianh@firstuucolumbus.org.

JUSTICE ACTION MINISTRY

SUMMER LUNCHEES FOR KIDS Each summer the Clintonville-Beechwood Community Resources Center, which our church supports, enlists area churches to serve lunch to children who are eligible for free lunches during the school year. Members of our church served last year, and we will be serving again this year, for one week, June 11-15, at Broadmeadows Apts, a subsidized housing complex on North High St. If you are interested in helping out for a couple of hours on one or more of those days, please contact Marge Lynd at lynd.l@osu.edu or 614-262-2730.

KOCH BROTHERS EXPOSED Friday, April 13, 6:30pm. This new film from Robert Greenwald, producer of *Outfoxed*, *Walmart - The High Cost of Low Price*, and *Rethink Afghanistan* will be released to theaters soon. Here's your chance to see it first...at First UU! Greenwald weaves together a series of short films examining the principals of Koch Industries, one of the nation's top polluters, infamous for their funding of think-tanks that aim to deregulate business and scale back government programs such as Social Security, Medicare and the new healthcare reform law. Q&A and refreshments follow. *Sponsored by Move to Amend – Central Ohio*, a committee of JAM. Contact: Michael Greenman, mgreenman@wowway.com or 439-4768.



BREAD (Building Responsibility, Equality, and Dignity) is First UU's local interfaith social justice organization.

First UU was one of eleven founding members of this 55-congregation community organization that has researched numerous community problems and successfully "encouraged" public officials to make positive change, e.g., affordable housing, payday lending, transportation to jobs, access to health care, alternatives to incarceration, truancy, etc.

BREAD asks for the attention and cooperation of public officials at its annual Nehemiah Action Meeting in front of hundreds (3,500-goal for May 7, 2012). The greater the attendance, the more cooperative our public officials become!

A member of First UU's BREAD Justice Ministry Network (below) may be contacting you soon to ask for your household's attendance this year. There will be childcare for children out of diapers up to age 8. We encourage older children to become a part of this exciting event, not only to be counted among the 3,500 expected but also be a part of democracy in action! We'll arrange rides for those who need them and will also have carpooling from First UU. The list of these Network members appears on page 9.

Questions: Contact Alice Rathburn, 895-2109, alice37@insight.rr.com or the BREAD Org., 220-9363.

KICK OFF EARTHDAY WEEKEND RIGHT by attending a screening of *The Economics of Happiness* on **Friday, April 20, 7pm.** in the Worship Center.

This new documentary is produced by the International Society for Ecology & Culture (ISEC) and is about the worldwide movement for economic localization. The film features a chorus of voices calling for systemic economic change, including Vandana Shiva, David Korten, Michael Shuman, Richard Heinberg, Rob Hopkins, Juliet Schor, Zac Goldsmith, Bill McKibben, and Samdhong Rinpoche, the Prime Minister of Tibet's government in exile. A discussion will follow immediately after the screening.

PERSONHOOD-AT-CONCEPTION PETITION

Thanks from all the women of Ohio (via our JAM Committee's Naral Pro-Choice Ohio Foundation and the

new Task Force on Women's Health Issues) to the 240 members and friends of our church who have signed the petition against any personhood-at-conception amendment to our state constitution, or any such bill that might crop up in our state legislature. If you haven't added your name, and want to, please contact Jane Larson (janelarson47@gmail.com). Thanks again.

CARING CORNER

We hold **Juanita McDade, Barbara Warner and John Dickinson** in our thoughts. Juanita is having gastric bypass surgery on April 26 at OSU Hospital; Barbara had back surgery on April 3. John had a heart attack. He is home now and ready to begin cardiac rehabilitation.

We send caring thoughts to **Chris Johnson and Demaris Walker**. Chris's father had triple bypass surgery on April 6. Demaris's stepfather had serious heart surgery this past week. (Demaris is the granddaughter of Cathy Elkins, and a student in our current Coming of Age class.)



The Caring Committee will be sponsoring a **Red Cross Blood Drive Saturday, April 14** in Fellowship Hall. 10 am to 3 pm. Coordinator: Christine Hardin, Caring Committee Chair, 707-8997.

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 7:30 to 9 pm on Thursdays, May 10 through June 14. Further information and to register, please call Rev. Eric at 267-4946 x23.

THANKS to the following folks who assisted with the memorial service and reception for Laurie von Endt, Karen Thimmes's sister, on April 1: Jo-E. Miller, Joan Shkolnik, Sue Pascual, Becky Wolff, Claire Bauza, Chris Hardin, Olwen Firestone, Chris Sullivan, Sue Vierow, Sarah Wurdlow, Karen Townsend, Vanda Hughes, and Linda Weigelt.

-- Tina Thonnings and Carole Wilhelm, co-coordinators



Some of us have, Some of us need! Are you empty nesters, or do you have an empty bedroom? Perhaps you're unemployed or under-employed and could use some extra income? Some of our members and friends in that same situation urgently need short-term housing. We've had five or six requests over the past year! Community in Challenging Times is matching up availability with need. CICT is all about being there for each other. If you are in either position, or know someone who is and might like to help, contact Deb McGuire at 614-571-4663 or HomesColumbus@gmail.com.



WORDS ON MUSIC

Tony McDonald, First UU Music Director

The Indie folk political rock band **Backbone** will appear at the church on **Saturday, April 21 at 7:30 pm**. This feminist garage band from Cleveland writes its own songs, with a message that is like crossing *Cake* with the *Indigo Girls*. “Some of our individual songs have been compared to *Barenaked Ladies*, *Train*, *Weezer*, the *Decemberists*, and *Matchbox 20*,” says Christa Champion, guitarist with the band. “We hope to contain multitudes - with the inward intensity of Emily Dickinson and the outward expansiveness of Walt Whitman. The music is upbeat, edgy and literate, with smart and sassy songwriting that aspires to inspire.” Suggested donation is \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and seniors. Tickets at the door.

Also coming up is the **Youth Talent Show on Saturday, April 28 at 7:30 pm**. This will be the third year of this showcase for our talented First UU kids. We hope to have the same wide variety of talents on display as before, including performances of all types and genres of music, vocal and instrumental, plus poetry and dramatic readings and even some skits. Any young person interested in being a part of this year's show should contact me right away at the below address.

In addition, we are looking for young people, Middle School and High School age, to be a part of the **BREAD Youth Choir to sing for the Nehemiah Action BREAD meeting on Monday, May 7, 7:00 pm** at the Fairgrounds. The Nehemiah Action BREAD meeting is a chance to have a major impact on social justice city-wide, attended by over 3000 people with lots of media coverage. This year's theme is “jobs.” The Youth Choir, which will be about 100 young people from many different churches and congregations, will sing *Lean On Me* and *We Shall Overcome*, both from our hymnal. *We Shall Overcome* will be in several languages. I will be one of the directors.

Singers from First UU will have a meeting/rehearsal to go over the music on **Sunday, April 15 at 1:00pm** in the Worship Center. There will be pizza at 12:30pm for all participants. The rehearsal of the full choir, from all congregations, will be on **Monday, April 30 at 7:00pm** at Christ the King Church, 2777 E. Livingston. There will be car pooling for this and for the big meeting on May 7.

Any young people interested in the Talent Show or BREAD Choir, please contact me at: 614-327-8854 or musicdirector@firstuucolumbus.org; 614-327-8854.



FROM THE ARCHIVES

Linda Thompson, First UU Historian

The 40th Anniversary Celebration: Part III written by charter member Margaret Bausch, former First UU Historian, and presented at our 40th anniversary celebration in 1980)

It was during this time (1944) that our constitution was changed to making the governing body the Church Council. The Board of Trustees was changed to the Finance committee, which for legal purposes was elected to take care of church property, finances, and transfer of property. The Council was made up of the officers, chairmen of all elected business and program committees, Alliances and Youth groups

Outgrowing the facilities on Indianola, the people looked around for another location, and, in 1946, the property at 175 W. 11th Ave. was purchased. The house on the grounds was used for church school and meeting purposes. There was no place available for Sunday morning services. And this being war time, we needed a government permit to build even the simplest structure. Rabbi Kaplan and Hillel Foundation very graciously offered us the use of their chapel on Sunday morning and, for about a year, we used this plan, going between the two buildings every Sunday morning. When we left Hillel a lovely Chanukah Menorah was presented to the Hillel congregation by our group in appreciation at a joint service.

After much waiting, disappointments, etc., the permit was granted, and, on June 8, 1947, ground was broken for the new chapel and on November 17, 1947, the chapel, a concrete block structure, 30 by 40 feet, was completed and dedicated in an appropriate ceremony.

In the fall of 1948, Rev. Ricker resigned to accept the post of Regional Director of the Pacific Coast Conference of Unitarians. He has since been in Honolulu, Medford, Mass. and now back preaching in California.

In December 1947, Dr. John F. Hayward took over the ministry of the church, and was officially installed April 5, 1948. During Rev. Ricker's pastorate, the only platform in the church was an elevation in the middle of the south end of the chapel for the minister to stand on. This Dr. Hayward did not like and after discussion of the coldness and bareness of the chapel, the lack of warmth, the congregation decided to change it. In fact, some of Dr. Hayward's decision to accept hinged on putting some warmth and beauty into the service and arrangement. The platform was put across the east end, and the seating arrangement changed accordingly. Along the front railing six plaques were used: Sheaf of Wheat -

depicting agriculture, growing of food, the oldest art of mankind; Acanthus Leaf - heritage of Greece: her gift to the world of the art of reasoning and the ideal of a rational approach to life; Lotus Flower - heritage of India, her cultivation of mysticism and her discovery of God-consciousness both supplementing and transcending the life of reason; Yin and Yang - heritage of China: the eternal law embracing natural and moral law and exhibiting the feminine-masculine, passive-active polarity in all things; American Shield - heritage of America - ideal democratic law with its dynamic, evolving character, both supplementing and qualifying the static quality of the Chinese social vision; and Atomic Design - nature in all her strength and terror - modern science and its dangers and its blessings.

On either side in front of the lectern and pulpit were two larger plaques: Table of the Law - symbol of the Jewish people, and: The Cross - symbol of the teachings and sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

*To be continued - with **The Flaming Chalice***

FAITH DEVELOPMENT FOR ALL AGES

Jolinda Stephens, Religious Education Director

Under the Surface

The killing in Sanford, FL has brought back a flood of memories for me. I spent my childhood years in Central Florida, not far from Sanford, although in a different county. The county I lived in was Lake County. The sheriff of Lake County continued as Sheriff for decades.

I remember Sheriff McCall. Because my father was the only minister in our small town, we got visits from time to time from him requesting financial help for people. Perhaps he had arrested a man with a wife and kids who needed help to survive without the man's income or a family had gotten stranded and needed help to get home. Do I need to add that those families were always white?

I remember him vividly because he wore a gun and guns scared me and because he stood in that classic lawman stance, the one that takes up as much room as possible, that looks like he could have that gun out and shooting if you so much as sneezed.

I had no idea that this man that I brought a glass of iced tea to many times was in charge when several African American suspects in rapes had ended up dead and when the African American section of a town just 5 miles away from me had police support removed long enough for a European American mob to come in and kill and decimate the area. I had no idea that there was compelling evidence that evidence was manufactured on his watch. I read much of this in a news magazine in the early 70s.

It shocked me to think that all of that was going on around me, perpetrated by a person I knew, and that I had not a clue. It called into question my sense of knowing my world, of being able to discern what is real from illusion. I'm telling you this not in an effort to persuade you that all of Central Florida is violently racist. I think, however, that many of us believe that, because we have an African American President, at least blatant and egregious racism has been eliminated. We want to believe that Zimmerman's actions are an anomaly or the case has been overhyped. My experience would suggest that it's not. The criminal justice system claims to act on our behalf to keep us safe. The *Stand Your Ground Law* makes that claim also. Don't we have a responsibility to make sure that those who claim to protect us are doing so in harmony with our values? May all be well, Jolinda

Religious Education Program News

Would you enjoy another Justice Sunday Outdoor Experience? I haven't scheduled another trip but we could arrange a trip to the Audubon Center between now and May 20. Please respond to the email if you'd like to participate.

Please sign up to help with Holi Holi is a very joyous, fun holiday, but our younger kids need some encouragement to get into the fun sometimes. They also need quieter options. Please sign up on Sunday, or contact me if you want to read stories, do face painting, watch Holi videos, draw pictures or help a group of Pre-K's participate in the colorful fun, smearing fingerpaint on themselves or dancing with flowers.

Elementary: The Next Harry Potter Justice Sunday... will focus on racism. The month of May's focus will be sexism. When we return to Hogwarts this month it will be to the Magical Pond where stereotypes dissolve. It will be available to adults too as they leave service



Looking ahead to summer As some of you know, Cindy Dillard, who has been a mainstay in RE for years, is moving to North Carolina. A few years ago she was a Coordinator of Religious Education. For years she both co-wrote and led all summer programming for children. The innovative Peace Camp was her baby, along with Rachel Baillieul. And, for years she has volunteered as the lead 8th Grade OWL facilitator. We're sure going to miss her, but I know that many of you who have worked with her in Summer Sundays and Peace Camp will step forward and provide the continuity we need to make a good transition.

We will continue with a paid coordinator for the summer Sunday School and a paid coordinator for Peace Camp. Those positions will likely be filled by two people rather than one. Peace Camp remains the first two weeks in August. The sliding fee scale of \$25 to \$50 per week remains. So **mark your calendars for Aug. 6 through 10 or Aug. 13 through 17** and watch for updates.

Building on the strong base that Cindy created for Peace Camp we'll be expanding its scope beyond our community. We will invite in children and adults from nearby communities, and together we will explore the many cultures and people who make up Columbus and help the children gain experience and skills in working with peers for a peaceful Columbus that promotes equality. It will retain its great emphasis on creativity.

Summer Sunday School will continue the exploration of our 7th Principle and 6th Source with programming that takes many activities outdoors

Sunday School Schedule

April 15 - Regular classes.

April 21-23 - Coming of Age Spring Retreat

April 22 - Elementary Justice Sunday. Another trip to Hogwarts at both 9:15 and 11.

April 29, 9:15 & 11 - Youth-led Worship with all youth classes in worship.

April 29, 9:15 & 11 - Holi celebrated by all other groups.

Adult Enrichment Programs

Parents of Infants and Toddlers The next gathering is on Saturday, April 14, from 11Am to 1PM.

Contact--Nancy Powlick at lpowlick@columbus.rr.com

Intro to Paganism - April 12, 19, 26 Thursdays from 7-9pm. Sign up on line, or at the AEP table in Fellowship Hall. The class will give basics of paganism: who practices, basic beliefs, ritual and magic. The last class will include time for short rituals. Contact Michele Griffin, co founder and High Priestess of Church of Living Earth..

www.firstuucolumbus.org/adult-enrichment-class-registration-form.

Getting the Most From Your Digital Camera, *every other Thursday, beginning March 22*

Tom Pegan provides valuable guidance to help develop an understanding of the basics of digital photography so you will be able to take photographs you will be proud of. Sessions will cover digital photography basics; photographing places, people and pets; and how to process your photos on the computer for maximum effect. The final session will be a "gallery night" to showcase each participant's hard work.

-- Jolinda Stephens, Director of Religious Education,

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FILM RELEASE PARTY April 18, 8:30pm. There will be a showing of “Tejid@s Junt@s / Stitched Together: an Alta Gracia Documentary” (Will Delphia 2012) Discussions via internet with Will Delphia and representatives of Alta Gracia after the film. Will, a student at Hampshire College who grew up in this church, is an aspiring documentary filmmaker, and this film was independently produced as his senior thesis. Alta Gracia is a unique factory in the Dominican Republic where workers participate in a strong and independent Union, receive a living wage of more than three times the local minimum wage, and are afforded dignity and respect on the job. These workers cut and sew fabric into Tee Shirts, Hoodies, and other apparel destined for University and College bookstores bearing school names and logos. Alta Gracia is a fair alternative to the all-too-common unsafe working conditions, poverty wages, and strict, repressive work environments at other factories. Please join us. (To view an excerpt from the film, please see <http://vimeo.com/willdelphia/altagracia> or <http://www.sweatfree.org/altagracia>.)

SUMMER SERVICES First UU has a commitment to lay-led summer services, and the Worship Committee would like to invite you to consider being a part. **The Worship Committee is now soliciting proposals from anyone who would like to lead a service this summer**, including delivering the sermon. Proposals are due May 1. To obtain a proposal form, or for any questions, call Judith McDowell, 261-0043.



Just a reminder: If you are interested in any of the items/activities listed in the March 25 Discoverer, please contact Jo Anne at 268-1923 or joastclair@aol.com.

MARKINGS

Rev. Mark Belletini

Well, it looks like 14 folks are showing up for my Easter dinner this afternoon. So I won't make this long. I have plenty to prepare by 3:00pm.

But it has been such a good week. The communion flowed well; the seder went elegantly and deliciously; and the flower ceremony always brightens my life for days.

If some of you saw the play *Next Fall* that I mentioned in an earlier newsletter, and want to talk about your reactions and feelings, we could schedule a time sometime in the next month. I saw it twice, and found it rich and compassionate. Let me know...

On Monday I will stay on the couch all day to recover from such rich but exhausting activities. In the evening...taxes. Hoo boy!

blessings and what a great spring!



The Inner Light *These words are from Patrick Murfin, a UU blogger whose meditation book We Build Temples In The Heart (2004) is beloved by many. These are opening words for a service. I think they are insightful and right on point any day Unitarian Universalists show up at church.*

We gather as leaders, as servants.
We gather as ears, as voices.
We gather as memory, as hope.
We gather as family, as pilgrims.
We gather as faithful, as skeptics.
We gather as objects, as subjects.
We gather as wisdom, as folly.
We gather as action, as reflection.
We gather as many, as one.

As we are, we shall be.
As we serve, so shall we lead.