

The Discoverer

First Unitarian Universalist Church of Columbus, November 21 – December 5, 2012

MARKINGS

Rev. Mark Belletini, Senior Minister

The huge pipes and deep holes down Weisheimer Street will leave our entrance area a bit raggedy for a while, but hopefully, “Lake Weisheimer,” which forms in the front parking lot every time we have rain, will be only a memory. The work has gone surprisingly swiftly, perhaps because of the most excellent weather we have been having recently. I’ve only been wearing jackets at night these last few days.

The paper I gave at the Ohio River Study Group went well, and I think that Eric will agree that our time there is always rich, moving, intellectually provocative, and restorative. My paper was called *The Cosmic Theology of Carl Sagan*, and I included in it the story of my experience under the stars at Pt. Pelee that I presented in a recent sermon. I have to say this...I have some very smart and educated colleagues.

I have house guests staying with me for a month or so, as they look for an apartment. Both had been living at home with their folks, but insurmountable difficulties came up, so I offered them my spare room in the interim. They’re both hilarious together, witty as two professional dead-pan comedians, and crack me up, so it’s a good thing. My son and his partner are coming down from Cleveland for Thanksgiving, and I have about fifteen more coming at one time or another during the afternoon, which is also a very good thing. I will start the process Monday, making the traditional *tortellini in brodo* representative of my mother who died a year ago Thanksgiving, and the cranberry *mostarda*, a kind of Italian chutney, and the Zuppa Inglese, a kind of Italian trifle. Serving as the *paterfamilias* for so many far away, or even estranged, from their families, is one of my more intemperate joys.

I will see you soon. If you read this online before Thanksgiving, may your holiday be as wonderful as I hope mine will be while I am writing this.



(see *THE INNER FLAME* on page 5)

Guest At Your Table (GAYT): We’ve run out of GAYT boxes and have ordered more. You can find more about the program at <http://www.uusc.org/guest>. See Jolinda Stephens' column for more detailed information.

CHURCH NEWS

First UU’s Annual

Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner

Thursday, November 22. Dinner will be served at 2pm; setup will be at 1:30pm. When cooking



turkeys on site allow time needed to be done by 1:30pm. We need people to set up and clean up after dinner. Social Committee will provide turkey and vegan turkey.

New and exciting this year: we’ll have a talent show, for all ages, after dinner! We’ll also have a **gratitude tree**. We all have many things to be thankful for.

Please contact Jeanni Ray at jeanniray@gmail.com or 614-985-6176 by Monday, November 19, to let her know what dish you’ll bring, the number of people in your party, and whether you can help set up or clean up.

From the Leadership Development Committee

Last May the participants of our Art of Developing Meaningful Conversation event were promised that their thoughts and ideas would be shared with the appropriate people. This Fall your Leadership Development Committee is following through. The Committee identified five themes in response to questions asking how the church nourishes and what else is needed. Those themes were connection, community, safety, depth and transformation. Members of the Leadership Development Committee will be sharing the themes, along with more specific information, with representatives of the Board of Trustees, Strategic Planning, Committee on Shared Ministry, Adult Enrichment, Covenant Groups, Wellspring and Program Council.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, January 26, 2013, as the Art of Developing Meaningful Conversation explores what it takes for congregation and congregants to live our mission. This is the agenda that had been originally planned for November 3, but was unfortunately cancelled at the last minute due to circumstances our hosts could not overcome. We look forward to seeing you then.

LINKS

Rev. Eric Meter, Associate Minister

Can it really be true that the election was two weeks ago now? It feels like months ago, while it was still summer the day before yesterday.

I'd like to say that my sense of temporal disruption (see how fancy words cover for angst) is due only to the psychological effect of the anxiety I felt regarding the election being released once the results came in. But I suspect that the truth lies in what I've heard so often from folks senior to me, that time passes more quickly the older we become. Ugh.

What is clear as day, however, is that those who are renewing the fight against women's rights are not resting. In fact, it looks to me that they've taken a look at the election results and determined that if they ever want to see Roe v. Wade repealed, they need to do it now. They are going to bring all the tools at their disposal to this effort and they mean to leave their legacy fulfilled.

If you love women, this is not a time to sit quietly on the sidelines. This is a time to stand back up and let your voice be heard.

In my last column I offered a plug for Sunday's James Luther Adams Forum lecture. A week before the talk our speaker, Dr. Jared Farley of the University of Ohio – Zanesville had to step back because of a health concern. Thankfully the Rev. Kim Beach, who was to offer a response to Farley, stepped in at the last moment. During the question and answer period following his talk, Beach mentioned that Adams, a beloved teacher to several generations of ministers, cared for consequences more than conscience, meaning that he grew to understand that results mattered more than our intentions. As a young man, Adams traveled twice to pre-War Germany. He saw the rise of oppressive rule first hand.

Let me say it again, if you are a woman or if you simply love them, this is not a time to sit quietly on the sidelines. This is a time to stand up and let your voice be heard.

May we stand together on the side of love,

Eric

International Convocation of Unitarian and Universalist women The time has come to bring concerns of women, globally, into our churches and into our social justice work. With this impetus, the International Convocation of Unitarian and Universalist Women was formed in 2009. Its second convocation, drawing 600 women from 13 countries, took place last month in Marosvasarhely, Transylvania. The women, working in small groups, determined their priorities to help “keep balance in a changing world.” They chose to focus on education, health care, preventing domestic violence, political empowerment, and also on building action plans to address these on a grassroots level. It is likely that a representative from your Partner Church in Bölön was there. To find out how you can help, please contact Barbara K. Beach, president, at barbarakresbeach@gmail.com, or at 540-958-5317. For more information, go to the website, www.issuw.com.

CHURCH NEWS (continued from page 1)

Funeral Consumers Alliance of Central Ohio, a non-profit organization serving the area since 1953, will present its monthly informational meeting Monday evening, November 26, 7:00 pm in Room 8 at First UU. This organization was started at the church as the “Memorial Society” by some very “forward looking” people and continues to help our members and the general public. We are a non-profit, non-denominational organization and we provide information about end of life issues including discussion of funerals and cremations, “green” burials, as well as information on the information and documents needed at the time of death. Open and free to the public. Come and learn how to save thousands of dollars when purchasing end of life services. Get the information you need! Free literature will be available. Feel free to bring friends and neighbors. Even if you have already made your plans, your participation can spread vital information to the community at large. Call Phyllis Byard at 614-846-2747 for more information. Help us and help yourself.

Senior Gathering and Lunch, 11am Thursday, November 29. A short program will be presented by Gwyn Stetler, one of our members, who serves with the non-profit Homeport. Creating low income tax credit housing in Central Ohio, it has a commitment to service-enriched housing. Gwyn will share reflections on a recent sojourn with residents to a national community leadership institute. Learn how their efforts at relationship-building focused on housing stability can be connected to UU principles. Call Carole Wilhelm, 614-889-1182, for reservations by November 26.

From the Green Team: First UU is starting a journey to achieve certification as a "Green Sanctuary" under UUA criteria. The Board of Trustees has designated the church's Green Team as coordinator of this effort. All church members and organizations will be invited to participate, and the Green Team is looking for YOUR ideas and hands as we move toward a sustainable church operation. For more information on, check out the UUA's Green Sanctuary Program at:

<http://www.uua.org/environment/sanctuary/index.shtml>.

To become part of this effort, contact Tom Baillieul, Green Team Chair, tbailleul@gmail.com, 614-447-1223.

Book Bites will meet in Slowter Lounge December 18, from 7 to 9 pm. Kathleen Boston, 262-4025.

Parents of Infants and Toddlers The next meeting is on Saturday, December 8, from 11am to 1pm. Contact Nancy Powlick for more information. lpowlick@columbus.rr.com.



UU Animal Ministry meets every second Tuesday of the month, at 7pm, Room 8. The next meeting will be held December 11.

Women's Spirituality meets Wednesdays, 7:30 – 9pm.
November 21 We Are Thankful for These Things
November 28 Talking It Over
November's theme is "gratitude." Contact Jeanni Ray, 614-985-6176, jeanniray@gmail.com.

Entertainment Books Now's the time to get your 2012-2013 Entertainment Book. It's full of discounts for local restaurants, Columbus Ballet, Columbus Chamber Music group, Capital University and Ohio State University sporting events, Cincinnati Reds, retail stores, fast food places, and more. The cost is \$30, of which \$6 goes to First UU's Coming of Age youth group for their activities. Questions? Call Karin Erickson at 834-3988.

PFLAG Author Visit and Dessert Fundraiser, Sunday, December 9, 2-4pm. Alexis Wilson will discuss her book, *Not So Black and White*. \$10 donation. For a \$30 donation, you can receive a signed copy of her book. Call Barbara Byrd, 614-262-9070, for more information

Elevator speech

"My religion is Unitarian Universalism. We believe in a beloved community of faith, where we are all free to follow our own spiritual paths. We embrace diversity and inclusiveness. We are not ruled by a religious creed. We believe in the worth and dignity of all persons and that all persons are saved. In the world at large, we stand for social justice." —Chas Williams

OHIO MEADVILLE DISTRICT

Have you heard about the Ohio Meadville District's Chalice Lighter's program?

It is an opportunity to support UU congregations, in our district or cluster, who want to make a larger impact in their community by improvements in their physical building, hiring staff, or extending the reach of the UU message in their community. An OMD Chalice Lighter is an *individual* who pledges to respond with a minimum of a \$10 contribution when the call comes. There is a maximum of four "calls" per year. The commitment for each year is \$40. First UU was the recipient of a grant last year to start the OSU Campus Ministry Program.

The current call is to help congregations whose buildings were damaged by Hurricane Sandy, or whose congregations are reaching out to help those most affected. The UU Congregation of Greater Canton alone sustained about \$30,000 in damage. Several congregations in the UU Metro NY District were affected, but many of these are now operating as shelters, to provide for their members' needs.

Please consider becoming a Chalice Lighter. The District website is www.ohiomeadville.org/challight. Or contact Rev. Kathleen Fowler, kathleenclarkfowler@gmail.com

Central East Regional Group Relief Fund benefits congregations, their members and their communities in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy. To make a donation, go to www.cerguua.org. To learn more, go to the Facebook page; the link is on the CERG website.

District Assembly 2013 Join us for *Out of Bounds: Moving Beyond Our Boundaries* April 26-27, at the Ramada Inn in Jamestown, NY. Our keynote speaker will be the Rev. Peter Morales, President of the UUA. This will be a joint assembly with the St. Lawrence District and will open up opportunities to network and learn from an even broader group of leaders.

Interested in District Leadership? At the next District Assembly, the Nominating Committee will nominate people for Treasurer, Secretary, and Trustee at Large, as well as three to serve on the Nominating Committee. Contact L.D. Moore, Chair Nominating Committee Chair, nominating@ohiomeadville.org, 440-774-2739.

Looking for District Events and Webinars? Visit www.ohiomeadville.org/events. Webinars can be found on the CERG website along with all CERG events at www.cerguua.org.

FIRST UU MUSIC

Tony McDonald, Music Director

Youth Talent Show Congratulations to all the kids who performed at the Youth Talent Show, November 10. It was a terrific show and everyone did a great job, from the “seasoned veterans” who have played previously (and who keep getting better and better) to some excellent new performers we have not seen before. It was one of the largest crowds we have had at a talent show, and it raised over \$260 for the Youth Heritage Trip to Transylvania.

Holiday Concert Mark your calendars now for the annual Choirs Holiday Concert on Sunday, December 16, at 4:00 pm. As usual, all the choirs will perform a variety of seasonal music. Spirit of Life will sing fun music like *Waltz for an Open Sleigh* by Dan Davison and *Carol* by Frank K. DeWald, and Chalice Choir will present two *Christmas Cantatas*, one by Marc Antoine Charpentier and one by Daniel Pinkham (a perennial favorite), both utilizing small instrumental ensembles. We’ll hear from the youth choirs as well. And, according to tradition, there will be the great reception afterwards. It is always a full house, so make your plans now.

JUSTICE ACTION MINISTRY (JAM)

Election Day heroes Gena Shelton, from Ohio Votes, sends thanks to the 15 members of First UU who volunteered to be poll monitors on Election Day. She said, “They were a large percentage of our volunteers. I want to point out the work of the dedicated folks who spent nearly all day at the Ohio Union where many students were confused that all Ohio State students did not vote at the Ohio Union. We were able to dispatch a team of volunteers who spent from approximately noon to 7:45 speaking with each student who wanted to vote and verifying their correct polling location.”

Care and Share Timebank A new group interested in improving conversational Spanish skills has been formed, named Hispanohablantes Aspirantes. This has been approved as an Adult Enrichment Program offering of the church, so it will also be open to church members and friends. We are currently meeting at the church on Thursday mornings at 11 am. Contact Alice Faryna, 614-560-1732, alicyna@yahoo.com, for information.

Empty Bowls We raised over \$1900 for the Mid-Ohio Foodbank. A big thank you to everyone who donated delicious soup and who helped with setup, serving and cleanup. Special thanks to the 6th/7th grade Sunday school class who made brownies and biscuits, and sought donations in after Sunday service.



Discrimination Against Immigrants

will be BREAD’s new problem for research and action in 2013. Of the 700 people attending BREAD’s Annual Assembly (36 representing First UU), 610 Justice Ministry

Network members voted, including 29 from First UU (13–Discrimination Against Immigrants, 12–Violence, and 4–Mental Health).

BREAD (Building Responsibility, Equality, and Dignity, www.breadcolumbus.org) is First UU’s local interfaith social justice organization. It deals with major injustices suffered by people in central Ohio. BREAD will continue working on its ongoing issues: Healthcare (Emergency Room Diversion), the Land Bank, Keeping Kids in School, Restorative Justice, and Jobs.

Plan to attend BREAD’s Research Kick-off, Monday, December 3, 7:00pm, Congregation Tifereth Israel, 1354 E. Broad St., if you are interested in learning about and/or joining the Discrimination Against Immigrants Research Committee, or any of BREAD’s ongoing issue committees.

Thank you to Don and Carolyn Hippensteel, Linda Royalty, Wesley Thompson, and Chas and Susan Williams, for their recent financial investments in BREAD’s work, bringing the 2012 financial support of BREAD by First UU’s members and friends to \$10,890.

For additional information, take a copy of the new BREAD newsletter from the bulletin board in the window hallway and/or contact Alice Rathburn, First UU BREAD Team Captain, 895-2109 or alice37@insight.rr.com.



Fair Trade Table

The next fair trade sale will be Sunday, December 16. Fairly traded coffee, tea, chocolate, olive oil, almonds, and hand-made Indian wrapping paper will be on sale following both services in Fellowship Hall. Great for holiday gift baskets!

Please note we are in need of volunteers to keep this a once-monthly activity. To volunteer, please email Barbara Taylor (btaylor1787@gmail.com) or sign up at our table. Thank you for your support of fair trade!

Feed My Sheep Food Pantry News Our friends at the food pantry in Athens County send their thanks. The director, Rev. Ogburn, said they would have been able to help only half as many families without our help. They are serving about 300 families per month.

Thanks to all those who donated school supplies. In our first year, we helped 28 children, and this year, our ninth, we helped about 159.

We are now collecting turkeys and food boxes for Thanksgiving. Our goal is to help at least 150 families. Our first year, we helped 43 families.

After Thanksgiving, we'll be collecting for Christmas. This year's goal is to provide ham and fixings for at least 150 families. We'll also have a list of children to sponsor, for Christmas presents. If you know anyone, church members or not, who needs food or presents, please contact Jacques Angelino at 614-439-0245.

The food pantry always needs dried beans, peanut butter, stew, chunky soup, and canned meats. Also, we are still collecting aluminum beverage cans. Bring your donations to the Social Justice table in Fellowship Hall.

CARING CORNER

Congratulations to:

Carolyn Hippensteel, who celebrated her 80th birthday on November 9.

Chas Williams, who was recently selected by his peers for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2013 for his work in real estate law.

Casey Lange, whose Columbus Academy field hockey team won the State Championship on November 4. Casey is a senior captain and has been a varsity player for four years. She was named a Central Ohio Scholar-Athlete and Academic All-Ohio and received the Viking Award for outstanding team leadership. Casey was also named an AP Scholar with Honor for her performance on the Advanced Placement Examinations.

Best wishes to **Charity Fox**, who has completed five months of chemo therapy this week.

Caring thoughts to **Charlie Christian**, who is having surgery on his left elbow. He's left handed and will have only limited use of his left arm for at least six weeks.

Wishes for a speedy recovery to **Sherry Huston**, who underwent emergency retinal surgery on Tuesday and is recuperating at home.

THE INNER FLAME

from Rev Mark Belletini, Senior Minister

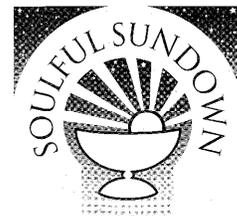
from *Leaves of Grass* by Walt Whitman, 1855

I am the poet of reality.
I say the earth is not an echo,
But that all things seen are real.
The witness and albic dawn of things equally real.
I have split the earth and the hard coal and rocks
And the solid bed of the sea.
And went down to reconnoitre (sic) there a long time
and bring back a report,
And I understand that those are dense, every one
And what they seem to the child they are
And that the world is not a joke,
Nor any part of it sham.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Ben Iten, Campus Chaplain

FOCUUS, First UU's **campus ministry group**, meets every Sunday at 7pm at University Baptist Church, 50 W. Lane Ave, near OSU. Contact Chaplain Ben Iten, theitens@gmail.com, 329-2915, for information.



Soulful Sundown

Sunday, November 25, 5:30pm.

Join us for a dynamic, interactive, contemporary service in the Worship Center. Drinks and snacks will follow.

Contact Ben Iten, theitens@gmail.com, 614-329-2915, with questions.

AUCTION CORNER

Danya Furda, Auction Chair



Winter Fantasy: Unfreeze Your Assets. The auction will be **Saturday, February 16, 5:30 – 9:30 pm.**

There are some changes to the evening format. The silent auction will be from 5:30 – 7 pm, and the live auction from 7:15 – 8pm, before dinner and socializing from 8 – 9:30pm. Childcare is available for the entire evening.

A new feature—advance online bidding! Ever wanted to bid at the auction but couldn't attend and had no one to bid for you? Or perhaps you arrived late, or socialized for too long to look at all the bid sheets? Now you can bid online on anything in the catalog until noon the day before the auction. You will even be sent an email when you have been out-bid.

It's time to begin to think about auction donations. Wouldn't it be fun to host a themed dinner? Or offer a valuable service such as child care or pet sitting? Have a lovely antique that needs to go to make room for others? Our website is now open for donations, or you can fill out a donation form at the auction table in Fellowship Hall after Sunday service.

We'll have gift certificates available at the auction table, as well. This allows the receiver to purchase a dinner, event or item that they might not have otherwise bought. A perfect gift for the holidays—and they never expire!

To join the committee or volunteer, contact Danya Furda, dfurda@gmail.com, 614-471-3786. The auction website is <http://firstuucolumbus.org/auction>.

After this auction, the next one will be Saturday, November 16, 2013, for the 2013-2014 fiscal year. (Please save this date and schedule your February 16, 2013 auction dinners or events before November 16.) This means that we will have two auctions in 2013, although each falls in a different fiscal year.

KROGER REWARDS for FINANCIAL SUPPORT – Self Registration

There is an easy way for you to provide additional financial support to the congregation at no cost to you. Kroger will make a contribution to the congregation based on your purchases. You retain all your credits, points, fuel perks, etc., but in addition, Kroger will send a check once a quarter to the congregation. -- Thank you, Stewardship Committee.

To register:

1. Go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com
2. If you are a new online customer, click on CREATE AN ACCOUNT in upper right hand corner.
3. Sign up for a *Kroger Rewards Account* by entering your **email address**, creating a password, agreeing to the terms and conditions, clicking on favorite store, entering plus card number and your last name and zip code.

You will then get a message to check your email inbox. Go to your email to check it.

1. Click on the link within the body of the email. That takes you to a Kroger page again.
2. On that Kroger page, Click on *My Account* in upper right hand corner.
3. Click on *Community Rewards* information towards the bottom of the page
4. Enter **80395** or *First Unitarian Universalist Columbus* as the organization number
5. At some point you were asked to choose your favorite Kroger store. When you shop there, the Church's name will appear at the bottom of your receipt indicating you have named the Church as the recipient. You can change the recipient from time to time if you want to "share" with another group but you can't have two registered at the same time. If you shop at a different Kroger store the Church's name may not appear, but the credit will still be there.

TIP: Your card number should begin with a 2 or 4. You will need to use all 12 numbers on the card just under the bar code. If it doesn't begin with 2 or 4, you'll need to update your card (see next tip).

TIP: If you have changed ANY of your profile information since you got your card, you'll need to update it (including email, phone, etc). Call Kroger at 800-576-4377 to update. You will need to do that before you try to register for the Community Rewards Program online. If, after updating, you try to register online and are unsuccessful, give me a call and I'll try to help. Call me (Phyllis Byard) at 614-846-2747. (I'm not available from 3:00 to 5:00 daily.)

Later, when you are shopping — you must swipe your registered Kroger Plus card or use the phone number that is related to your account when shopping for the monetary rewards to be directed to the Church.

Last, but not least, you'll get to register ALL OVER AGAIN next April!!! (We'll remind you!)

Common Read Book Discussion Group on First Fridays Join us in reading Michelle Alexander's *The New Jim Crow*. We discuss a chapter a month, as a part of our First Friday event. (Optional potluck at 6:30.) The book takes on racial profiling, criminalization and mass incarceration of African Americans, and demonstrates that in the last few decades, America has created a new racial caste system through our criminal justice system. Register at <http://bit.ly/qdhKqH>.

Some of our Sunday School Leaders Are Shifting To OWL...and one got an exciting job in New York, and another is moving to another university for a semester. Whether you're new to Sunday School, or an experienced Sunday School pro, or a youth wanting something more in your church experience, join us in our life changing work. Time commitment is no more than twice per month. Volunteer at the Sunday School Table.

Need Coordinator to promote/organize Guest Chef Cooking Classes. Recent immigrants will teach us to make a meal from their home country, then we'll enjoy the meal together. Contact Jolinda Stephens, jolindas@firstuucolumbus.org.

Youth Group Advisors. The youth group needs advisers for both age groups, 6th through 8th grade, as well as 9th through 12th. Laugh, play, talk, supervise, guide, observe, mediate; in a nutshell this is an adviser's role. Each age group meets twice a month, which includes both service and recreational activities. Time commitment averages four to five hours per month. Co-training with youth is available. Sign up at the Sunday School Table.

MULTI-AGE AND ADULTS

Dance Your Way will meet on December 1 and 15, at 11:30am-12:30pm in Fellowship Hall. Join us for a class starting with warm-up, followed by some easy stretching, followed by dance and movement "your way" to a fun selection of music of all genres. There are no steps to learn! Contact: Barbara Taylor (btaylor1787@gmail.com).

Hispanohablantes Aspirantes – a Spanish conversation group has been organized for those interested in learning to speak and understand Spanish. Any level of proficiency is welcome. The group meets on Thursday mornings at 11 a.m. This group is accepting participants and is hosted by Alice Faryna and Michael Greenman. Please check at the office for the room assignment.

All SqUUAres, a six-week series of square dance workshops. Starts Thursday, January 17, 7:30-9:00 p.m. Led by caller Kate Power, and Andy Shewmon. Live music. No experience or partner needed, and each session stands alone. We'll be moving a lot, and learning about the rich heritage of square dancing in this country going back hundreds of years.

Taking Great Photos with Your Smartphone. Led by Thom Pegan. Thursdays April 11, 18 & 25, 6-8pm.

Being with Dying Based on Joan Halifax's book, *Being With Dying*, which is about working with the fact of mortality. Once a week for six weeks. Saturday 10:30 to 12:00. To be hosted by Jeanne Desy and Tom Tucker.

Art Journaling "The Artist's Way" Hosted by Deb Baillieul. Starts January 14, for six weeks, Mondays, 4 – 6 p.m. We will create a journal, trying different media and different techniques.

Paper Jewelry Hosted by Joanne Wiggins. Thursday, April 4,7 to 9 p.m. Supply list will be given to those who register. We will be making paper beads, necklaces, earrings, bracelets, brooch, etc.

Nature and the Human Spirit Brian Hagemann and Tom Baillieul – more information to come.

For more information stop by the Greeters Table near the front door and pick up our flyer, check out the church's Facebook and website pages, or visit us at our table in Fellowship Hall on Sundays. Registration for a class can be done either in person at our table or online through the church's website.

Do you have an idea for a class? Stop by our table and let us know about it.

If you would like to be a member of our team, please stop by the Adult Enrichment Programs table after Sunday services. We meet every second Monday at 7pm.

Rev. Mark Belletini, Senior Minister
Rev. Eric Meter, Associate Minister
Rev. Carol Brody, Minister Emerita
Rev. Wendy Fish, Minister Emerita
Rev. Kathleen Fowler, Minister Affiliated
Rev. Suzan McCrystal, Minister Affiliated
Dick Dawson, Chaplain
Ben Iten, Campus Chaplain

Jolinda Stephens, Director of Religious Education
Deb McGuire, RE Assistant/Staff Secretary
Jenifer Bojanowski, Lead Toddler Room Teacher
Stephanie Rottmayer, SYC Director
Tony McDonald, Music Director
Brandon Moss, Chalice Choir Director
Cheridy Keller, Choir Director
Nathan Hamm, Accompanist/Pianist

Brian Hagemann, Church Administrator
Marian Garcia, Office Manager
Joe Voltolini, Bookkeeper
Naoko Kobayashi, Facilities Assistant
Cathy Hausmann, Facilities Assistant
Don Hippensteel, Sexton
Beth Jewell, Chair, Board of Trustees

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CALENDAR November 21 – December 5, 2012

Wednesday, November 21

- 5:00pm Campfire Girls & Boys
- 7:00pm Exec Committee; Membership Team
- 7:00pm Gay Straight Alliance
- 7:30pm Women's Spirituality; Chalice Choir
- 7:30pm Men's Spirituality

Thursday, November 22 (office closed)

- 2:00pm Thanksgiving Dinner and Talent Show

Friday, November 23 (office closed)

Saturday, November 24

- 8:30am Zen Meditation

Sunday, November 25

- 9:15am & 11am Worship Service
- 10:30am & 12:15pm Getting to Know UU
- 4:00pm Community Drumming Circle
- 5:30pm Soulful Sundown Worship Service
- 6:00pm Bridge Group (call 499-2434)
- 7:00pm FOCUUS (OSU area)

Monday, November 26

- 7:00pm UU Dance Fellowship
- 7:00pm Funeral Consumers Alliance
- 7:00pm Justice Action Ministry
- 7:30pm Healing Journey

Tuesday, November 27

- 9:30am Archives Organizing
- 1:00pm Cancer Support Group
- 4:00pm Tae Kwon Do
- 6:30pm Peace Pals Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00pm Goddesses in Training; Zen Meditation
- 7:00pm Being an Atheist or Agnostic
- 7:00pm TED Talks and UU; Rising Voices
- 7:45pm Spirit of Life Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, November 28

- 1:00pm Archives Organizing
- 1:30pm Library Team
- 7:00pm Board of Trustees
- 7:30pm Women's Spirituality; Men's Spirituality

Thursday, November 29

- 9:30am Improvisational Dance
- 11:00am Senior Gathering
- 11:00am Hispanohablantes Aspirantes

- 4:00pm Tae Kwon Do
- 7:00pm Expressive Collage
- 7:30pm Chalice Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, December 1

- 8:30am Healthy Congregations; Zen Meditation
- 11:30am Dance Your Way
- 3:00pm 8th Grade OWL Retreat

Sunday, December 2

- 8:30am Leadership Development Committee
- 9:15am & 11am Worship Service
- 10:30am & 12:15pm Getting to Know UU
- 12:30pm Pastoral Team Meeting
- 12:30pm Strategic Planning
- 1:00pm Auction Committee; Youth Group
- 5:00pm Wellspring
- 6:30pm Young Adult Covenant Group
- 7:00pm FOCUUS (OSU area)

Monday, December 3

- 7:00pm UU Dance Fellowship
- 7:00pm BREAD Research Kick-off (offsite)
- 7:30pm Healing Journey

Tuesday, December 4

- 9:30am Archives Organizing; Newsletter Folding
- 4:00pm Tae Kwon Do
- 6:30pm Peace Pals Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00pm Caring Committee; RE Council
- 7:00pm Zen Meditation; Rising Voices
- 7:00pm TED Talks and UU
- 7:35pm Worship Committee
- 7:45pm Spirit of Life Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, December 5

- 1:00pm Archives Organizing
- 5:00pm Campfire Girls & Boys
- 7:00pm Membership Committee
- 7:00pm Building & Grounds Committee
- 7:30pm Women's Spirituality
- 7:30pm Men's Spirituality

Next newsletter deadline: Sunday, December 2.

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Theme for November: Democratic Practices

November 25, 2012, 9:15 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

Rev. Eric Meter

“Whoville USA”

Also, at 5:30 pm: **Soulful Sundown Service**. All are invited. (*See page 5.*) **Chaplain Ben Iten**

Theme for December: Peace in the Heart, in the World

December 2, 2012, 9:15 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

Rev. Mark Belletini

“Peace and Unrest?”

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

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“What Would World Peace Really Look Like?”

(*First day of Hanukkah is December 9.*)

December 16, 2012, 9:15 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

Rev. Mark Belletini

“Deadlines, Clarity and Peace”

► 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 for sale at the bookstore. Audio and text of recent services can also be found on the church website.