

The *Discoverer*

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First Unitarian Universalist Church of Columbus
93 W. Weisheimer Road, Columbus Ohio 43214

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Our Mission Statement

We are here:

To learn and practice true hospitality

To revere the reasoning mind and the generous heart

To claim our diversity as a source of our strength, and

To relinquish the safety of our unexamined privilege for
the freedom to engage in transforming justice.

RISK

Rev. Jennifer Brooks, Interim Senior Minister

As I've traveled around the United States, visiting and serving Unitarian Universalist congregations, there's one thing I've noticed that troubles me: how invisible our values are.

Many of our buildings are set back from the road, sometimes with only a sign to signal their presence in the neighborhood. Usually, it bears the name of the congregation. Usually, that name includes "Unitarian," or "Universalist," or both. Usually, the name includes the word "congregation" or, sometimes, "church." Sometimes there's a tagline, like the one on our sign on Weisheimer: "All Are Welcome."



But almost uniformly, these signs don't make visible to passersby the values we cherish. There's often nothing to indicate anything about our covenant-based, values-centered invitation to create a life with meaning and purpose. In a sense, our exterior signs and signals say: "You decide who we are."

The absence of information about our UU values means that passersby bring their own assumptions to the question of who we are. If the word "church" is on the sign, experience with other forms of "church" informs people's conclusions about what happens inside. In essence, we allow random impressions of "church" in America to become the meaning people receive from our signs.

I'm curious. Is that what we intend? What we want?

Why allow our buildings and signs to convey so little information about our open, welcoming, values-based faith? Why don't we signal the love beyond belief that welcomes newcomers and has saved so many lives with its message of hope? Why don't we signal our conviction that love moves us to create community, work for justice, and engage diversity—both inside and outside our walls?

Are we afraid to take the risk?

This month, when our worship theme is "Risk," we embark upon small-group "Banner Conversations" to consider what, if any, values we might display on the outside of our building. Join the conversation.

~ Rev. Jennifer

LINKS

Rev. Eric Meter, Associate Minister

Hearing the word “risk” often brings back the memory of the first, and only, time I jumped out of a plane. I’ve lived a great deal since that day over twenty years ago, and my understanding of risk has matured a bit since then, but I’d be lying if I said that day didn’t make a lasting imprint on me.

As much as I remember the thrill and the silence of seeing the world with nothing under my feet but air and a curious circling hawk, what I think back to the most took place inside the plane before any of us jumped.

The plane was a small one, with the insides gutted except for the pilot's seat. It could take four “jumpers” up at a time. We arranged ourselves in order of who would jump first, second... I was second, so I was directed to sit behind the pilot's seat facing backward. This was fine with me. I was facing my friend Bill, who would jump third, and the guy would jump fourth. Looking to my left, I could see the guy who would jump first. But as the plane picked up speed and started to rise, instead of being pitched back, I was pitched forward and suddenly I was very glad it had been hours since lunch. Bill must have seen how quickly I turned green, because he reached out and took my hand.



We held on to each other until the first guy had vanished out the small door of the plane and it was my turn to do the same. Bill had my back. That’s what I remember as much as anything else that day, and I remain grateful to him.

I think back to that day now, when I need to remind myself of the risky steps I’ve taken. The memory helps me remember what I’ve lived through and gives me some courage to take up new challenges and risks. But almost always, there have been others with me, supporting me along the way. Yes, I’ve been fortunate. But that’s what communities are for, to help us all take the risks necessary to lead meaningful, vital lives.

As the poet David Whyte puts it: “We are here essentially to risk ourselves in the world. We are meant to hazard ourselves for the right thing, for the right woman or the right man, for a son or a daughter, for the right work or for a gift given against all the odds.”

And when those within any given community have found themselves supported to take the necessary, challenging risk, what then of the community itself? A community of those who have learned that extraordinary possibilities are more achievable than they first believed? What then?

I can’t wait to find out.

~ Rev. Eric

Please send articles for the April issue of the newsletter by Sunday, March 26, to office@firstuucolumbus.org.

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GROWING AS WE GO

Rev. Lane Campbell, Minister of Religious Exploration

Ordinary Everyday Risk

I have to admit that risking is not something I come to easily. I have often admired people willing to take a leap of faith, willing to step into things previously unknown. But that is not me. You will not find me jumping off cliffs into a deep pool of ocean. You will not find me running into a burning building. Sometimes, it's just hard to try new foods or to get into a social group where I have not previously been.



A part of the reason I am risk-averse is fear. There are times when I hold back, stay silent, disengage because the fear is so deeply felt. Fear of making a mistake, fear of people not liking me, fear of what I do not know, fear that what I believe will happen, will actually happen. There was a time in my life when I lived like this all the time. It took deep healing work to get out of that place.

Part of the problem in considering risk is that I think of the big ones. I think of those folks who go bungee jumping or sky diving. I think of people who constantly travel alone to places they have never been. These are big risks! And risk doesn't have to look like that in our everyday lives. In fact, it often doesn't.

Where I find risk in my life is risking to be honest with the people I love. There are times when the honesty may mean saying something I think they won't like. Risk can look like reaching out to someone who you didn't previously have a friendship with, even when it may come to pass that you won't like this person, or they might not like you. Risk can be admitting that you don't understand something in front of others. It could be showing up to that action or that protest for the first time, even though you don't feel like an expert, and you don't know anyone there.

In this way, it is possible for me to embrace risk. In the everyday ordinariness of risk, I am able to do it.

Without risking, we don't grow.

Growth comes from challenging ourselves to learn new things. Growth comes from risking to try something different, even if it may not succeed. Growth is in the honesty and the reaching out. Growth is risky.

May we all have the capacity to embrace risk, however we are able, to grow beyond our wildest imaginings.

~ Lane

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Ginnie Vogts, Board Chair

Mid-Year Meeting Summary

The mid-year meeting held on Sunday, February 5, was attended by about 100 members and was informative and well-received. Members of the Board, Transition and Coordinating Teams, Finance, Search and JAM, as well as Rev. Jennifer and Rev. Lane offered an integrated and inspiring look at the work that has been underway during our second year of transition.

If you were hearing rumors of a new mission and vision statement, rest assured that you will be hearing more about the proposed wording in upcoming listening sessions. Your Board has unanimously voted to sign the congregation on to the UUA/UUSC Declaration of Conscience. There was so much more, including the exciting work being done with communities of color through our justice projects. This congregation is strong and vibrant.

The slides, including a financial review, and a report from the meeting are available at www.firstuucolumbus.org. If you have questions contact Ginnie Vogts at gvogts43@gmail.com.

SEARCH TEAM

Larry Drake

As most of you realize, noting the recent lack of specific news from the Search Committee, we have entered the private phase of our deliberations. We, however, are so excited about our work, we want to share some of that feeling with you in hopes you will feel the same.

The final goal of our search is to present to the congregation one outstanding candidate to be our senior minister. If all goes as planned, and to this point, the process has been running like a Swiss watch (right on time, that is, for those who might not be old enough to remember that the finest watches used to come from Switzerland), we will present a candidate in the middle of April. You, the congregation, will then have the first week of May to get to know the candidate – meet them in person, hear them preach twice, and get to know them in team and committee settings. Then the congregation votes whether or not to accept the candidate, and, if the candidate accepts us in mutual love, we will have a new settled senior minister.

The Search Committee hopes you are gathering the same sense of optimism we have in this wonderful process. By the time we present a candidate to you, and we have every reason to believe this will happen, we will have spent several months of concentrated activity preparing for the big moment. We will have narrowed a list of over twenty wonderful ministers down to the best few. We will have video-interviewed the best of them online, we will have narrowed down to a short list of the best of the best for pre-candidating. We will have gotten to know each pre-candidate personally: researched their previous positions, interviewed them in great depth, heard them preach in person, matched their strengths to the needs of our congregation, eaten with them, and showed them our church and the Columbus community.

Then we will pick the best of the best of the best, the right choice, to present to you.

We hope you are as excited as we are. We wish we could share more, but confidentiality is a critical part of the process. We promise to keep working with energy and joy as we enter the home stretch of this great search.

MUSIC PROGRAM

Tony McDonald, Music Director

The **All-Church Talent Show** will be on **Saturday, March 18, at 7:30pm** in the Worship Center. As always, we look forward to seeing and hearing all types of talented church members of all ages. Friends of members can perform too. We often have music, both vocal and instrumental, and poetry readings, but we also welcome dance, comedy, juggling, or anything else. It's been a full, varied and fun evening for the past several years and I am sure it will be again this March 18. If you are interested in performing, please contact me at: musicdirector@firstuucolumbus.org.

April will have a lot of musical activity, starting with folk singer **David Roth on Saturday, April 1** (and that's no joke), at **7:30pm**. David, who performs all over the country, and especially at UU churches, and who has written songs for many other groups such as Peter, Paul and Mary and the Kingston Trio, as well as himself, has been called "poignant to improbable, holistic to hilarious" and always "very entertaining."

On Sunday, **April 9, at 3pm** we will enjoy a **recital** by our own operatic soprano **Lara Colby Knight**. Lara, a professionally trained vocalist who has frequently sung for our church services, will present a varied program of works for soprano, her first such recital at First UU.

The month will conclude with a **Festival of High School Choral Groups on Sunday, April 30, at 5pm**. Choirs and show choirs from Central Crossing High School, directed by Brandon Moss, and from Whitehall High School, directed by Ann Johnson, will be performing.

Look for more details on all these events as we get closer.

SAFETY PLAN TASK FORCE

Greg Denby

Safety Plan Task Force Workshop
Are You Ready? Congregational Preparedness
Saturday, March 18, 2017
9:30am – 11am

Crisis is a reality in congregations. Winter storms, property damage, fires, burglary are just some of the events that can affect our programs and congregations. Are you ready to respond? This workshop is designed to give church leadership the tools needed to be ready. We will assess the congregation's readiness in terms of facilities and policies. Together we will begin to put strategies in place to strengthen your ability to respond.

Workshop leader:

Rev. Julie Taylor specializes in critical incident response, trauma, and disaster spiritual care. Julie serves as a board president and responder with the Unitarian Universalist Trauma Response Ministry. During the 9/11 recovery, Julie was a chaplain at St. Paul's Chapel at the World Trade Center site, and has continued to respond to local and national crises including floods, building collapses, fatal shootings and airline disasters. The former executive director of Disaster Chaplaincy Services, Julie is an approved instructor for the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation. Julie has contributed chapters to the following books: *Disaster Spiritual Care: Practical Clergy Responses to Community, Regional and National Tragedy*, *Creating Spiritual & Psychological Resilience: Integrating Care in Disaster Relief Work*, and *Mass Fatalities: Managing the Community Response*, all dealing with the subject of spiritual care and crisis.

SCHOOL FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

Amy Rudawsky, Co-Director

What do we know about risk taking for preschoolers?

This is what we know...risk taking and risk assessment is a vital role in a person's growth and development in life. Stepping outside your comfort zone to that sweet spot of, "where the magic happens."



For an adult, it might look like taking on a physical challenge of stepping up to a barbell to try and lift a heavier weight, asking someone out on a date, giving a speech to a large crowd, or sharing a viewpoint that may not be popular.

For a preschooler, it may look like climbing a tree. The child senses what it feels like to hold on to a branch with their hands as they feel around to place their foot and decipher which branch is sturdy enough to support their body. Putting hands into a sensory table to experience an unknown sensation and determine if that's a feeling they like or dislike, asking a classmate to sit next to them at lunch, offering an idea at a circle time in front of the large group, attempting to write one's name, or using a saw at the workbench are other ways a preschooler may experience risk taking.

More recently, our society has become more risk averse. Parents, teachers, caregivers fear children will be hurt or uncomfortable. Society has even labeled some of us as "helicopter parents." By being risk averse, we miss that "sweet spot of where the magic happens." We miss the opportunity for growth and we deprive kids of risk assessment. This risk assessment helps them match their skills with the demands of the environment. If children do not have the practice of risk assessing, they will look to others to decide what's safe (peers and adults). Children need to become competent in their skills with the opportunity to take age appropriate risks. Taking a risk or a chance means that they might make a mistake. The more opportunities for risk and mistakes gives children confidence about taking chances and helps them rebound and learn flexibility when things don't work out exactly the first time.

Hazards are different from risks and require a watchful eye and feedback from caregivers. Hazards are invisible risks that children can't see, like a broken tricycle or pieces of glass shards on a playground. It's our job as adults to assess for hazards.

As parents, educators, and society how can we support our preschoolers in taking risks? We can stop saying "Be Careful." Be careful is not a useful saying as it gives no information. Giving specific feedback is more useful. We can provide kids with opportunities in a safe space to explore risks by looking for hazards and staying close by. By remaining calm, we can show the kids that we trust their ability to problem solve and risk assess. If children succeed, they gain the confidence in mastery of their task. If they make a mistake, they gain information about what didn't work, and they gain the ability to try it again a different way.

So now is the time to get comfortable with being uncomfortable. It will lead us to growth: personal, societal, and family.

First UU Caring Team Presentation:

Fighting the New Misogyny

by Gail Ukockis, PhD

April 2, 12:45pm

Light lunch will be available.

I AM the storm: Women's issues author to speak at Caring Team Workshop

Rape threat against female bloggers. A major presidential candidate calling women “pigs” and even worse. Women being deprived of basic health care from Planned Parenthood because of anti-abortion politics. Female politicians facing mockery for being women. The pay gap getting worse as many women continue to be undervalued. Misogyny (hatred of women) is nothing new, of course. But in the past few years, antiwomen sentiments have erupted through the Internet, popular culture, right wing attacks, and the rejection of basic civility, now ridiculed as “political correctness.”

How does this new misogyny compare to past forms of misogyny? What could we learn from the suffragists and others who demanded to be treated as equals? What do the international feminist movements have to teach us?

One great motto from the Women's March was: “I do not fear the storm. I AM the storm!” Whether you attended or watched this event, you probably felt inspired to continue the conversation about equality for all.

What should we do next to fight misogyny? How can we keep the storm raging for women's rights?

The Caring Team invites all feminists (female, male, or non-binary) to our workshop Sunday, April 2. We are inviting both seasoned activists and young persons—and those who say, “I'm not a feminist but....”

The presentation is by Gail Ukockis, PhD, LSW, the author of the new textbook *Women's Issues for a New Generation: A Social Work Perspective* (Oxford University Press, 2016). She has presented on Fighting the New Misogyny, Fat-Shaming, Ageism, and other topics. Her email is ukockisgail@yahoo.com.

If childcare is needed, please contact Rochelle Lavens before March 24, 2017.

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CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

Office Volunteer Needed With this political climate, First UU has been getting many more visitors than usual! We're seeking a volunteer to enter visitor information into the database, assemble packets for membership classes, make copies of brochures, and do various other clerical tasks. Experience with word processing and spreadsheet software required. If interested, please contact Marian Garcia, 614-267-4946, ext. 21, marian@firstuucolumbus.org.

Grief Recovery Method Wednesdays, March 21 – May 23, 7-9pm. When you have experienced a significant loss in your life, someone may have suggested that you let go and move on. But how? Grief Recovery provides a clear way forward. Whether your loss is from the death of a loved one, divorce or the end of another significant relationship, the loss of a career, faith or health, this program may be just what you're looking for. \$40 fee, scholarships available. If you are interested, please contact either Rev. Eric Meter, ericm@firstuucolumbus.org, or Rev. Kathleen Fowler, kathleenclarkfowler@gmail.com. She and David Maywhoor will lead the class.

UUA Candidates Forum Learn more about the three amazing women running to be President of the Unitarian Universalist Association. April 1 from 9:30am to 1pm at North UU Congregation. Lunch is optional. Cost for lunch is \$8. Please note that all payments for lunch will be collected at the door in cash or check only. If you plan to bring children, contact Joan Van Becelaere jvanbecelaere@uua.org to discuss arrangements. (The children will be in the event space, but with their own table.) Please register ahead of time at <https://www.uua.org/central-east/programs/uu-presidential-candidates-forum-central-ohio>.

First Friday Potluck March 3. In Fellowship Hall. Potluck starts at 6:30pm. Kids' movie and board games for older kids/adults start at 7:30pm. For information, contact Laurie Brown, 614-246-0170

Bookbites will meet Tuesday, March 21, from 7 to 9pm in Slowter Lounge. Topic for reading TBA.
Kathleen Boston, 614-262-4025

Diversity Learning Circle 7–8:45pm, Wednesdays, April 12 – May 31 (by application and invitation). Are you open to engagement in multicultural settings with people different from yourself, but want to avoid the inevitable awkwardness that often accompanies showing up in a completely new context? Join our Diversity Learning Circle, developed in consultation with leaders from the Church for All People and Tamara Lebak, a certified Intercultural Competency Development Inventory (“IDI”) administrator and coach. Participants take the IDI, have a one-on-one session with Ms. Lebak (phone or Skype), and meet for eight weeks (six preparation sessions plus two two-hour volunteer sessions outside of class and two debriefing sessions at the regular class time). A fee of \$25 covers course materials. There is also a \$100 cost for test administration and interpretation of test results, but scholarship funds are available; First UU and the UUA will not let cost be a barrier. Please contact Rev. Eric Meter (ericm@firstuucolumbus.org) for more information and to apply.

The First UU Art Gallery is hosting Central Ohio fiber artist Jean Weismann with her work, "Looking Back Through Time." Jean paints and quilts her works in wonderful colors. This exhibit will be displayed until April 30, on which date there will be a reception at 12:45, where you can meet the artist.

Deb Baillieul debbsyc@yahoo.com.

Interfaith March for Peace and Justice Sunday, April 2, 2pm, downtown Columbus. Led by the Safe Alliance of Interfaith Leaders, to speak out against Islamophobia and other forms of expression that encourage division and hate. The march will start at Genoa Park (by COSI) and continue across the bridge, ending by the giant gavel adjacent to the Ohio Supreme Court Building on S. Front Street. In the face of the many acts of bigotry and hate that have occurred around the nation since the 2016 elections, we feel compelled to express our solidarity with the interfaith community, affirming its important and rightful place in the American experience. The march is sponsored by the Interfaith Association of Central Ohio (First UU is a member) and other faith and social justice organizations. Members of First UU's Board and Justice Action Ministry are assisting, and UUs are welcome to join us. For information and to add your energy to the plan, contact Michael Greenman ([614-898-5825](tel:614-898-5825) or mgreenmanoh@gmail.com).

JUSTICE ACTION MINISTRY

Steve Palm-Houser, Chair

BREAD (*Building Responsibility, Equality, and Dignity*, 614-220-9363, www.breadcolumbus.com, www.facebook.com/breadorganization)



is Central Ohio's congregation-based, multi-faith community organization that uses the power of organized people to hold local officials accountable for serious community problems. Through our work in BREAD, First UU has won numerous victories over the years on issues such as affordable housing, restorative justice, payday lending, and, most recently, expanded community mental health care.

Officials listen to BREAD because we are able to turn out thousands of people every year to our Nehemiah Action. First UU is committed to getting 350 people to this year's action on May 1. Would you like to help with this important work? Please come to our organizing meeting, even if you're just curious:

First UU's Justice Ministry Network
Organizing Meeting
Sunday, February 26, 2017
1:00-2:30pm (after the second service)
Light refreshments at 12:45

Updates on BREAD Campaigns

Municipal ID: The OneID Columbus coalition, established by BREAD and allies, has been working with Councilmember Michael Stinziano to start a municipal ID for all Columbus residents, including those who have difficulties obtaining other identification. At three listening sessions (including one at First UU), we heard about how municipal ID would benefit several communities: the undocumented, the homeless, human trafficking victims, the elderly, and more. The next step in this campaign is a community summit where city council members from New York, Baltimore, and Detroit will share how their municipal ID programs have worked with Columbus City Council members and other community leaders. You are encouraged to attend if possible. The summit will be at Congregation Tifereth Israel (1354 E. Broad St.) on Tuesday, March 7, from 10am–12 noon.

Payday Lending Reform: In 2008, BREAD played a significant role in winning legislation that capped payday loans from 391% to 28%. Since then, payday lenders have found loopholes, and today, Ohio is the worst state for exploitative lending practices, with rates nearing 600%! State Rep. Michael Ashford (D) plans to sponsor legislation modeled after legislation in Colorado that would address the loopholes and cap the interest rate. The BREAD Executive Committee decided to recommend BREAD's doing due diligence to understand more fully the details of the legislation and how it would impact people accessing these loans before officially backing the legislation. Stay tuned for the date, time, and location of a gathering to learn more.

Jobs & Economic Opportunity: Council member Elizabeth Brown has been working diligently on an ordinance to encourage companies to hire people with criminal records. We expect public hearings in the near future. Stay tuned to find out when we need to turn out to City Council.

For more information on BREAD, please contact Alice Rathburn (eulala1905@me.com, 614-895-2109 or 614-563-0536) Chris Johnson (chris@underspecified.com or 614-946-1287).



Feed My Sheep Food Pantry needs peanut butter, tampons, dog and cat food, diapers, and children's books. Sunday, March 26, is Sundries Sunday. Please bring toothpaste and toothbrushes, body wash, bath sets, shampoo, hair conditioner, and deodorant to our table in Fellowship Hall on Sunday morning. Ride-alongs and community service hours are available for adults and children at least five years old.

CARING CORNER

Congratulations to:

Paul Byard, who turned 85 on February 17.

Don Hippensteel, who celebrated his 89th birthday February 1.

Lalinee Thomas, who gave birth to her newest child, Jayla, on February 15. They are part of the Adopt-a-Family program, which our church is helping.

Rev. Suzan McCrystal, who celebrated her birthday in February.

A speedy recovery to:

Karen Thimmes, who is recuperating from knee replacement surgery she had on January 30.

Julie Reeves, who is recovering from hip replacement.

Caring thoughts to:

Kelly Blake's step sister, Sue Hutchison, who was diagnosed with bone marrow cancer.

Connie Hansen, who chosen not to continue cancer treatment because her cancer has metastasized. She will continue teaching for the First UU OWL program as long as possible.

Our sympathy to:

Lisa Daris, whose father, John Sapp, died after a lengthy illness on February 12.

Joan Matyskella, whose 90-year-old father, John Matyskella, died on February 14.

Friends and family of **Rev. Greg Martin**, minister of the Miami Valley UU Fellowship and board member of UU Justice Ohio, died unexpectedly of a heart attack February 1.

Sue Long, whose mother, **Jeanne Hammond**, died January 27, at The Forum. Jeanne was a longtime active member of First UU.

Linda Loesch, whose ex-husband (and grandfather to Aiza Maxwell and Cameron Loesch) Donald Loesch died Thursday, January 26, from pancreatic cancer.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Linda Thompson, Historian

The Archives Team will not be doing any research or filing while the Archives Closet is getting a facelift — or floor lift. The moldy carpet will be removed and tile flooring installed. So we ask for your help during our down days. We have questions and requests:

1) We would like the names of our members who went to the Women's March in Washington on January 21.

2) Rev. Eric asked that we follow up on a story that Phil Ochs, folk singer and activist, performed at a luncheon at First UU for a women's group in the 1960s (Columbus Dispatch). Phil attended Ohio State in journalism but dropped out to write and sing his political beliefs. Can anyone help us with this event?

3) Request: We are missing newsletters from the 1960s. Please check your files to see if you might have a few. We are slowly collecting issues but can use many more.

4) Request: We would appreciate any programs from concerts, performances or activities. Also committee minutes or reports.

We apologize for a typo in our recent article—we said that the newsletter in which Albert Schweitzer's letter was printed was in 1961; it should have been 1962. Betty Powell caught us on this.

CALENDAR

- Adult Programs: 1st Thursday, 7-9pm
- Archives Team: Tuesdays, 9:30am
- Atheists/Skeptics/Humanists: 4th Tuesday, 7pm
- Banner Discussion Circles: Wednesdays 3/8 & 3/15, 6:30; Sunday, 3/26, 12:30
- Book Discussion: *Between the World and Me*: Wednesdays 3/15, 3/22, 3/29, 5:30
- Bookbites: 3rd Tuesday, 7pm
- Board Executive Committee: 2nd Wednesday, 7pm
- Board of Trustees: 4th Wednesday, 7pm
- BREAD Team: 3rd Thursday, 7pm
- Bridge Group (call 614-499-2434): 4th Sunday, 6pm
- Building and Grounds: 1st Monday, 7pm
- Care and Share Time Bank: 3rd Sunday, 6:30pm
- Caring Team: 1st Tuesday, 7pm
- Chalice Choir: Thursdays, 7:30pm
- Contra Dance: 2nd Friday, 7:30pm
- Cooking for Faith Mission: 1st & 3rd Friday, 12pm
- Covenant Group Facilitators: 1st Wednesday, 6:30pm
- Creative Open Studio: Mondays, 3-5pm
- Discussion of Race: Wednesdays, 3/1 5:30pm; 3/15 6:30pm
- DOV Tae Kwon Do: Wednesdays, 6:30pm, and Sundays, 4pm
- Finance Committee: 3rd Tuesday, 6:30am
- First Friday Potluck: 6:30pm
- Getting to Know UU: Sundays, after each service
- Hispanohablantes: Saturdays, 10:45am
- Identity Conversations Circles: Saturday, 3/4 10am; Tuesday, 3/7 7pm; Thursday, 3/9, 7pm
- Improvisational Dance: Thursdays, 9:30am
- Indivisible Leadership: Saturdays, 3pm
- Intergenerational Book Group: 3rd Wednesday, 7pm
- Justice Action Ministry: 4th Monday, 7pm
- Library Team: 2nd Tuesday, 1:30pm
- Membership: 2nd Thursday, 6pm
- Memoir Group: 2nd Wednesday, 7pm
- Mindfulness Meditation, Thursdays, 6:30pm
- Move to Amend: 3rd Saturday, 12pm
- New Members Covenant Grp: 1st/3rd Sundays, 7pm
- Nominating Committee: 1st Sunday, 8:30am
- OWL for 6/7-Year-Olds: Saturdays, 1pm (until 3/11)
- Peace Pals Choir: Sundays, 10:25am
- PFLAG: 4th Sunday, 2pm
- RE Team: 3rd Wednesday, 6:30pm
- Rising Voices Choir: Tuesdays, 7pm
- Sacred Song Circle: Wednesdays, 6pm
- Spirit of Life Choir: Tuesdays, 8pm
- Stewardship: 3rd Tuesday, 7pm
- Sunday Breakfast: 8:45am
- Sunday Evening Covenant Group: 2nd & 4th Sundays, 7pm
- This Month in Science: 2nd Tuesday, 7pm
- UU Dance Fellowship: Mondays, 7pm
- Wednesday Women's Book Group: 4th Wednesday, 1pm. *Cat's Table* by Michael Ondaatje
- Welcoming Task Force: Sundays 3/5 1pm; 3/29, 7pm
- Worship Team: 1st Tuesday, 7:30pm. Interested? Contact Rev. Jennifer Brooks, 614-267-4946, ext. 22
- Young Adult Covenant Group: 1st & 3rd Sundays, 7pm
- Zen Meditation: Saturdays, 8:30am; Tuesdays, 7pm

Wednesday, March 1

5:30pm Discussion of Race

Saturday, March 4

9:00am Path to Membership; Navigating the Church into the 21st Century

Sunday, March 5

12:30pm Sunday School Orientation

Saturday, March 18

9:30am Workshop: *Congregational Preparedness - Are You Ready?*

10:00am Adaptive Leadership Workshop

7:30pm All-Church Talent Show

Saturday, March 25

9:30am UUJO: Restorative Justice and Mass Incarceration

Thursday, March 30

10:45am Senior Gathering

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UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES

March's Theme: *Risk*

Sunday, March 5, 9:15/11am

I Am Willing

Rev. Eric, with Noel Williams

Sunday, March 12, 9:15/11am

Why Not Just Scrap the Third Principle

Steve Abbott, First UU Member

Sunday, March 19, 9:15/11am

For Times When We Risk Boldly and Make Mistakes

Rev. Lane Campbell

Sunday, March 26, 9:15/11am

Off a Cliff

Rev. Jennifer Brooks