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WORSHIP SERVICES

February Monthly Theme: Love

February 8, 2009 - 9:00 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

Rev. Mark Belletini

"Loving Enemies"

February 15, 2009 - 9:00 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

Rev. Mark Belletini

"Loving the World: A Religious Practice"

Teacher Thanksgiving; Naming Ceremony for Liam Halsey Classen at 11:00A.M. service.

February 22, 2009 - 9:00 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

Rev. Mark Belletini

"Loving Animals"

► **Getting to Know UU** meets Sunday mornings in Slowter Lounge after each Worship Service.

MID-YEAR MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Sunday, February 8, 1-3 p.m., in the Worship Center.

All members are strongly encouraged to attend. Childcare will be provided.

Wednesday, February 4, 2009

1:00p Archives Organizing
 5:00p Artist's Way
 6:30p Personal Wellness Plan
 7:00p Executive Committee
 7:30p Hatha Yoga; Men's Spirituality
 7:30p Know Yourself Better; Healing Journey
 8:00p Women's Spirituality

Thursday, February 5, 2009

9:30a Improvisational Dance
 6:45p Nonviolent Communication Practice
 7:00p Writing Better Memoirs
 7:30p Chalice (11:00 A.M.) Choir

Friday, February 6, 2009

12:00p Cooking for Faith Mission/Pater Noster
 6:30p First Friday Potluck (7:30 programs)
 7:30p Forum; Interweave; Evensong

Saturday, February 7, 2009

8:30a Zen Meditation
 9:00a Pastoral Team Training
 9:30a Memorial Garden Workday
 11:00a Parents/Infants/Toddlers Group

Sunday, February 8, 2009

9:00a/11:00a Worship Service/Sunday School
 10:15a/12:15a Getting to Know UU
 1:00p Mid-Year Congregational Meeting

Monday, February 9, 2009

11:00a UU Handcrafts & Book Society
 7:00p UU Social Dance; Executive Com.
 7:00p AEP Committee

Tuesday, February 10, 2009

10:00a Archives Organizing
 1:00p Cancer Support Groups
 5:30p Tuesday Night Supper (until 7:00p)
 6:25p Peace Pals Choir
 7:00p Rising Voices Choir
 7:00p Zen Meditation; UU Bible School
 7:30p Voluntary Simplicity
 7:45p Spirit of Life Choir

Wednesday, February 11, 2009

1:00p Archives Organizing
 5:00p Artist's Way
 6:30p Personal Wellness Plan
 7:00p Memoir Writing Group
 7:30p Hatha Yoga; Know Yourself Better
 7:30p Healing Journey; Men's Spirituality
 8:00p Women's Spirituality

Thursday, February 12, 2009

9:00a Improvisational Dance
 5:30p Jackie Angelino's Birthday Party
 6:45p Nonviolent Communication Practice
 7:00p Soul Collage
 7:30p Chalice Choir

Friday, February 13, 2009

7:30p All Soles Contra Dance

Saturday, February 14, 2009

8:30a Zen Meditation
 9:00a Pastoral Team Training

Sunday, February 15, 2009

9:00a/11:00a Worship Service/Sunday School
 10:15a/12:15a Getting to Know UU
 12:30p Youth Group
 12:45p Ad Hoc Name Com; White Like Me
 1:00p Green Team; Afghan Knitting
 1:00p UU History

Monday, February 16, 2009 (Office Closed)

11:00a UU Handcrafts/Book Society
 6:00p COA Team
 7:00p Social Dance; BREAD; Building Com

Tuesday, February 17, 2009

9:00a Newsletter folding
 10:00a Archives Organizing
 1:00p Cancer Support Groups
 5:00p Memoir Writing
 5:30p Tuesday Night Supper (until 7:00p)
 6:25p Peace Pals Choir
 7:00p Rising Voices Choir; Zen Meditation
 7:00p Book Bites; RE Council; UU History
 7:00p Sound Techs; Stewardship Com.
 7:30p Finance Com.; Voluntary Simplicity
 7:45p Spirit of Life Choir

Wednesday, February 18, 2009

1:00p Archives Organizing
 5:00p Artist's Way
 7:00p Membership Com.; UU Humanists
 7:30p Know Yourself Better
 7:30p Healing Journey; Men's Spirituality
 8:00p Women's Spirituality

7:30p Wednesdays, FOCUS meets in the OSU Campus area. Call 330-805-0207.

The next issue of *The Discoverer*: **Sunday, February 15, 2009**. Deadline: **1:00pm** – hard copy in the church office; or **6:00pm** – e-mail copy to olwfire@yahoo.com.

A few days ago several of us from the congregation went out to see a school performance by one of our youth. This particular young woman just happened to be part of this year's Coming of Age class. The group that went to see her was made up of mentors, teachers and others from the class. It was a wonderful show. All of us had a great time, and I trust our presence meant something to the young woman on stage.

During the drive back though, I kept thinking about all the other performances by members of the class I've missed or won't get to. Of course, while I'd love to support each and every one, I'm simply not able to. At the same time, I certainly hope I can catch a couple more shows or track meets or whatever before the school year is out.

I think we're at our best when we are part of the lives of people of all ages. And with our society as mobile as it is, with grandparents and grandchildren so often living far apart, what better way for adults and children to get to know and support one another in safe, appropriate ways than through church.

I've had some preliminary talks with both Jolinda Stephens and Dick Dawson about how First UU might foster more intergenerational activities, and I will be continuing those conversations. In the meantime, if you have ideas, suggestions or hopes about what we could be doing, please let me know.

From toddler care to our young adult group to our quarterly senior gatherings, we have fabulous programs for just about every stage of life. Maybe a next step could be to mix things up a bit. What do you think?

In peace,



Rev. Eric Meter

BOARD of TRUSTEES The Board held its "December" meeting January 7, and its regular monthly meeting January 23. Full minutes from January 7 are available on the bulletin board in the Window Hallway. For the January 23 meeting, full minutes will be posted after they are approved at the February 25 meeting. Following are highlights from both meetings: **Staff Report:** Mark Belletini participated in an ecumenical requiem service for homeless people; wrote a study guide for the UUA for the movie "Milk"; and worked with the GLBT group at Columbus State Community College. Michael Brennan spent a great deal of time working on a revised budget; and helped with the design of the new website. Eric Meter did a great deal of pastoral work, especially with the new grief group; worked with Jolinda to create the family service on Christmas Eve, and collaborated with Dick Dawson to create training materials for the Pastoral Team. Jolinda Stephens spent more time than usual on worship, e.g. the Christmas Eve service, and met with the district RE committee.

Holiday Appeal has raised over \$36,000, well over the original goal, but not enough to make up for the total shortfall in revenue.

Finance Committee/Treasurer presented a revised budget for the Board's approval, based on current revenue. The new budget includes reductions in professional expenses for our staff, the RE program, committee budgets, among others. Regrettably, the largest cuts are to OMD and UUA dues.

Ministerial Search The congregation will elect members to a search committee at the June annual meeting.

Music Search Tony McDonald will lead the search to find new directors for the Spirit of Life Choir, Peace Pals Choir, and Rising Voices. Elizabeth Woodhouse will be leaving Columbus this summer following completion of a graduate degree at OSU. A search committee will assist in this process.

Green Team Tom Baillieul reported on the various projects undertaken this year by the Ad Hoc Green Team. These include: finding a cheaper source of fuel for heating the church; offering a Voluntary Simplicity class; planning events for Earth Day and others. The team requests status as a standing committee.

Safe Congregation Michael Brennan, Charlie Haldeman, and Tom Baillieul are developing safe congregation policies and procedures. The primary focus at this point is on safety and security on Sunday mornings.
-- Bob Gordon, Secretary, Board of Trustees

AUCTION NEWS The auction is almost here (February 21). Copies of the catalog will be available at church on February 8. We welcome more donations online. This week's featured item: **Bed and Breakfast for Four** in Vista, CA. Next winter - escape the 7 degree weather at the lovely Casa de Bentz! Four days, three nights. Offered by former church members Bill and Pat Bentz,

The auction is a huge event, but *many volunteers make light work*. If you can help any time on auction day, from early morning to midnight, please contact Jo Anne St. Clair (268-1923), Cathy O'Neil (267-4975) or the committee at auktion@firstuucolumbus.org.
--Jo Anne St. Clair/ Cathy O'Neil, Co-chairs

FIRST FRIDAY February 6, potluck at **6:30pm**. The programs at **7:30pm**, include: 1) John Quigley, Moritz College of Law, OSU, and author of several book titles about the Middle East, who will speak on the topic, *Gaza and What It Means to Both the Jews and the Palestinians*; 2) Making a tambourine, with Ramona Moon. Activities for all ages.

STEWARDSHIP Many Forms of Generosity Did you or your family change your holiday giving patterns this year to reflect the economic situation? Did you enjoy trading in shopping, wrapping and packing for time for yourself, friends or family?

Time and attention are indeed precious gifts. This year some of us will find that we can maintain or increase our gifts of time and talent to the congregation but are unable to maintain or increase our financial commitment. Others may need all their resources to simply keep body and soul together and may doubt they have anything left to share with others.

Let us remind each other how generosity can take many forms. Your presence in worship, choir, covenant groups, adult enrichment classes is a gift to others as well as to yourself. Responding promptly to the Annual Budget Drive saves other volunteers huge amounts of time. And while individual Contributions of Record may be small, cumulatively those are the gifts which most represent the true generosity of our religious community.

--Susan Williams, Stewardship Committee

CHURCH NAME The Ad Hoc Committee on Church Name, appointed by the Board, continues to solicit members' opinions about their preferred name for our congregation. Please send comments to John at jdickinson4@columbus.rr.com or to Carole at imautoo@columbus.rr.com. Committee members will have a table in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, February 8, and will hold a discussion on Sunday, February 15 at 12:45 for all who want more information or a chance for input.

BOOKBITES February 17, 7 to 9:30 pm in Slowter Lounge. We'll continue the January topic of a book from the New York Times best 100 books of 2008. The first half hour will be devoted to a stewardship discussion in preparation for the 2009 pledge drive.
-- Kathleen Boston, 262-4025.

TO BRING MORE LIGHT: *Surveying the Impact of Unitarian and Universalist Thought and Practice* From Julia Ward Howe to James Luther Adams, from early Humanist thought to the Disempowerment controversy of the late 1960s, our living tradition is rich with courage and creativity. Over these short four sessions, we will explore the ideas which form the foundation of our faith, and the women and men who gave them shape and promise. Limit 10 participants. ***Sundays, 1:30 – 3:30 pm, February 15 and 22, March 1 and 8.*** Room 6. This is an Adult Enrichment class (AEP) with Rev. Eric Meter

UU HUMANISTS *Wednesday, February 18, 7:00pm*, Shirley Hyatt, author of the recently published *Clintonville and Beechwold*, a pictorial history of Clintonville, will speak. The book features pre-1940s vintage photographs of old Clintonville including its streets, parks, and houses. The book will be available for purchase and signing by the author.

WHAT GOES WHERE? Please place your articles for the church bulletin boards in the Bulletin Board letter box in the Volunteer Workroom. The Communications Committee will post your notices for you, according to the following plan: 1) the bulletin board in the Window Hallway to the left of the Fellowship Hall doors is devoted to congregational and denominational information; 2) the one to the right of the doors is for Religious Education information. 3) The Community Bulletin Board (across from the restrooms) is reserved for notices of non-church events and other items of general interest. 4) **Business cards** are displayed in the individual pockets on the bulletin board across from the water fountain. The oldest cards will be removed first when more space is needed and will be kept in the Bulletin Board letter box for one month.
-- Sue Vierow, Communications Committee

Proposed Constitutional Amendment to be voted on February 8, 2009 at the Mid-Year Congregational Meeting: In 2006, the First UU Leadership Development Task Force recommended several changes in our approach to identifying and recruiting leadership. They noted we needed to move towards practices consistent with being a large church. The Nominating Committee continues to implement those recommendations and expand its role in the area of leadership development. To reflect this emerging role, the Nominating Committee, with the Board's approval, proposes that the name of the committee be changed to "Leadership Development Committee" and that the constitutional description of the committee's function be broadened. **Proposal:** The name of the committee shall be changed from "Nominating Committee" to Leadership Development Committee" throughout Article V and Article VII and wherever else the name appears. The following language in Article VII, Section 2, "~~The Nominating Committee will help identify throughout the year interested candidates for leadership and service roles throughout the church,~~" will be replaced with "The Leadership Development Committee will coordinate the identification, recruitment, training, support and recognition of church leaders. The Leadership Development Committee will be responsible for allocating budgeted funds for leadership development." The following language in Article VII, section 3, "~~The duties of the Nominating Committee shall be to review,~~" shall be replaced with "Every year the Leadership Development Committee shall review..." (Submitted pursuant to the written notice requirement for proposed constitutional amendments and with approval of the Board of Trustees.)-- Leslie Armstrong, Chair, Nominating Committee.

ALL SOLES CONTRA DANCES Cost is \$7 (\$4 for under age 25). Childcare provided for those too young to enjoy the dancing. Please bring your own refillable water bottle, and dress in lightweight, loose clothing. **February 13** -- caller Kate Power with The Great Mad Hoax, a mix of swing, gypsy, funky old-time, jazz, and more!

SOCIAL JUSTICE



BREAD (Building Responsibility, Equality, and Dignity) derives its power to change things for the better in central Ohio by demonstrating to community leaders and politicians that the members and friends of its 50+ congregations are *so* committed to social justice that they will take an evening from their busy schedules to attend a meeting, not just any meeting but the **BIG ONE, BREAD's Nehemiah Action Meeting, Monday, May 4, 7:00 p.m.** (6:15 p.m.-registration), at **Veterans Memorial**. So put it on your calendar *now* for you and your family—the more people, the greater the impact.

Contact Alice Rathburn at 895-2109, 563-0536, or alice37@insight.rr.com, or any other member of First UU's BREAD Team, for information and/or to help just a little bit more by becoming a member of our congregation's Justice Ministry Network, i.e., also attend the BREAD Rally on Monday, April 20 and commit to "bring" at least three other family members, church members/friends, colleagues, neighbors, etc. to the BIG One on Monday, May 4.

YWCA FAMILY SHELTER (4th Friday Taco and Brownie Dinner) January was a tough month for families without homes. Our great group of volunteers was available to feed over 140 people. As I was unable to help out this time I was extra appreciative of all

our volunteers' work. Candyce Walchesky did the shopping and helped with the cooking and prep, Margaret and Charlie Haldeman, Jan Voelker, Connie and Francis Connelly, Holly Borghese (who offered to take time from work to do the shopping!), Barbie and Megan Luna, Sherri and Cariann Stubbs, plus Diane Gochnour all cooked, served and cleaned up. Thank you all very very much from the bottom of my heart.

If you are interested in participating in this worthwhile activity please email me at mccutcheoncathy@yahoo.com.
Very gratefully yours, Cathy McCutcheon

APPALACHIA MINISTRY Times are getting tough in Athens County. Please do what our new President, Barack Obama, suggests and jump in to help out. Please bring children-friendly, non-perishable food items in to the Social Justice table. If you prefer, you may make a financial contribution, with \$25 buying a large bag of groceries and \$15 a small one. (And don't forget to bring in those empty aluminum cans.)

In August of 2004, the pantry fed 73 families. Last month it fed 273. Please help.

WARM UP APPALACHIA Donate washable yarn in any color via the marked box near Jacques' table on Sundays. If you can help knit blocks, templates with directions are in the yarn donation box (donations accepted throughout 2009). You are invited to the **Afghan Knitting Bee** on the first and third Sundays of February, March and April at 12:45 to 2:30 pm in Slowter Lounge. Call Gretchen Curtis at 734-1214 for more info or see her on Sunday mornings near the yarn box.

BAKE SALE

The kindergarten "Web of Life" class will be holding a bake sale on March 1, 2009 following the 1100 service. Proceeds to benefit **Heifer International**.



-- Susan Closson, teacher

CARING CORNER

Happy Birthday to **Frank Clover** on the occasion of his 85th.

We send caring thoughts to **Kelly Blake** whose Dissolution was recently finalized. Healing thoughts to **Gladys Wayt** who is at University Hospital with pneumonia; **George Schoyer** who is back at Wesley Glen following hospitalization for a bladder infection. He would welcome visitors.

Our sympathy to **Jan Fleming** whose grandmother passed away at age 102.

POTLUCK TO CELEBRATE JACKIE ANGELINO'S BIRTHDAY Friends and admirers are invited to celebrate Jackie's 95th birthday at a potluck dinner at the church on **Thursday, February 12, 5:30 to 7:30.** (Her birthday is February 9.)

Come for conversation and music from 5:30 to 6:00, followed by the potluck dinner and testimonials starting at 6:00.

Please bring some food to share and call the church office, 267-4946; or Dick Dawson, 563-4855, to let us know you are coming.

SPECIAL NOTICE: The Appalachian Youth Trip is not sponsored by First UU

A few people are actively recruiting First UU teens to participate with a local Methodist congregation in a service trip this summer to Appalachia. The people sponsoring the trip have asked the Social Justice Committee to supply one partial scholarship for a UU youth above the age of 16. The trip, however, is open to 14 year olds.

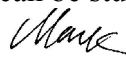
I attended an information meeting held in our building last week to learn more about the trip because no part of our religious education structure was asked to approve or sponsor the trip. The meeting raised a number of concerns for me. The first concern is safety. The Appalachian Service Project repairs homes for low income people. OSHA laws and regulations prohibit 14 and 15 year olds from working on a construction site. The OSHA laws (as explicated by the DOL's Fair Labor Standards Act advisor) also prohibit those 16 and 17 from operating most construction power tools and from engaging in wrecking, demolition, roofing and all work on or about a roof. It also prohibits excavation. The answers to my questions indicated that once on the job site – an individual house – the site manager would decide who could work on the roof and who could use power tools. I assume that the Appalachian Service Project is exempt from OSHA laws. Its website indicates that it is nearly 40 years old.

Please be aware, as your family makes its decision, that this is not a First UU trip and that they engage in practices that OSHA labels hazardous and prohibits to all youth workers. Should you decide to register your teen, for the sake of the community, please sign a statement that indicates that you are aware that the trip is not sponsored by First UU of Columbus. The forms will be available at the Sunday School Information Table or by mail.

Mission trips are an important part of religious education and I've been working on finding trips for several months. It is finally all coming together and you can expect at least one youth trip next year. Please call me at 267-4946, ext 28.

-- Jolinda Stephens, Director of Religious Education

1. I'd love for you to read Jolinda's column (see yellow insert) first. She and I have been having discussions about what to do about the space issues. We hope you will help us think about this over the next few months. It's a lovely problem to have, but it will take some thought and commitment.
2. I am grieved that we have not been able to find anyone to interpret with American Sign on Sundays. This is a loss I viscerally feel. I can only hope we can rectify this sooner than later. But so far, dead ends.
3. Remember that you can dedicate flowers on Sunday to memorialize someone you love, celebrate an anniversary, wedding. Sign up with Marian in the office if you would like to do that, and she can have Pam or me contact you as to what sort of flowers you might want us to get.
4. Depending on the weather (this weather!) I may visit my brother in the hospital when I go up to Ann Arbor for the Installation Ceremony of the new Senior Minister there, Gail Geisenhainer. He's only about an hour and a half away from Ann Arbor. But I would be back by the time you read this anyway, so...
5. Not everyone can do everything. I know that. You don't want me to do your taxes, and you don't want me to install new electric lights in your living room. Some leadership skills are also more specialized than others. If you have some history with personnel policies and such, please speak with David Easter, our Board Chair. We would like to enlarge our own personnel team, but not everyone can do such work.
6. Finally, as many of you read in the order of service on Sunday, Michael Brennan, who helped define the rather new role of Church Administrator, has resigned. We thank him for all the helpful things he did for the church during the last few years. The Board and Personnel Committee will be working hard to get us through the transition time---that extends from now until we can hire a new administrator--with grace and thoughtfulness.
7. Don't forget the Auction! Especially if you are new to the congregation. It's the most elaborate fun and zesty playfulness that can be stuffed into a single evening.

 Rev. Mark Belletini

The Fire Within: A Musician's Theology (one of the *Four Strict Songs* by Lou Harrison)

Here is Holiness---of the begonia leaf with innumerable crystalline cells.

Here is Holiness---of the Mountain's deer and the unscented faun.

Here is Holiness---of the begonia leaf, and deer, and the star Aldebaran, lighting endlessness.

Here is Holiness---of the beached agate, wet with wave.

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Faith Development for All Ages

Making Room for One More

*It starts when you say We
And know who you mean, and each
Day you mean one more. -Marge Piercy*

Years ago this congregation made a decision to open its arms to those in the community seeking a faith community of openness and exploration. As each day we have consciously practiced meaning one more, the community has responded by seeking us out and many have stayed. Our 11 am Sunday School program is a good example. In some classes, we cannot possibly say welcome to one more child or youth. We have already exceeded the capacities set by the fire department.

Each year we report membership for adults and Sunday School enrollment for kids to the UUA. Last year we reported 175 enrolled; this year it is 208 - about a 20% increase. In January we have had a lot of new families and attendance is high. Last week the 1st Grade Group which averages five in attendance, and has a very tiny space, had 14 with six visitors! The 4 and 5 year old Fellowship had 21 kids and its sister room for 5 year olds had a similar number. The Toddler Room was also maxed out. This week many of our visitors returned and we had yet more visitors. First Grade had 13 participants.

If we do nothing, it is likely that the "problem" will go away. People will stop bringing their kids to overcrowded rooms. With it will go our opportunity to live out our values - to mean yet one more.

We need to address this as Beloved Community. The Worship Center and the parking lots are also becoming crowded. I am hopeful that the leadership will re-examine the idea of changing church times. In the meantime, you and your family can make a difference right now, can help us be welcoming to new people. You can temporarily change your worship time to 9 am.

Our 9 am Sunday School has the same curriculum as the 11 am program. The younger group uses the popular Web of Life curriculum that takes kids out into nature every week. The older group uses Moral Tales - a curriculum now used by both the 2nd and 3rd grades at 11 am. The small classes and multi-age groupings are the hallmark of many of the prized private schools. If you will step up to support First UU in living our values, please inform the RE office of the change in your registration. We will look forward to seeing you at 9 am.

-- Jolinda Stephens, Director of Religious Education

Meet All the Girl Scouts at First UU

Are you the parent or guardian of a girl scout who attends our church? Are you a former Girl Scout or Girl Scout Leader? We are interested in getting together sometime in February to discuss Girl Scout Sunday in March. Please contact Candee Rothert at can431@sbcglobal.net

Honoring Teachers February 15

One February 15 we will honor all our religious education volunteers in our worship services. This will be a good time to encourage your children to give their teachers a token of thanks for learning together with them on Sunday mornings. We will post the names of the teachers for each class on our new blog at <http://firstuoparents.blogspot.com/>

Follow our new Sunday School Blog

If you wish that you knew more about what's going on in Sunday School, check out our blog on Fridays each week. It's at <http://firstuoparents.blogspot.com/>.

Parents of Teen/Tweens Support Group

Several of us 1stUU parents have expressed a need to gather in support of each other as we chart new waters for our families through the middle-school and high-school years. We face old challenges of sheltering without holding too tightly, and new challenges largely unfamiliar to us in this fast paced, technological world.

We are proposing a monthly or quarterly gathering, sack-lunch or potluck style, AFTER a Sunday 11 am service running until 2:30 or 3pm. The gathering would be informal, interactive, sharing stories, seeking wisdom from each other and those who've already sailed these seas. If you'd like to share with us, please contact Lauri Nandyal at lnandyal@yahoo.com (471-6171) or Margaret Haldeman, 614/326-2695

More opportunities for adult spiritual development and community

UU Bible School, one of our most popular on-going classes meets Tuesday, February 10, 7:30. Drop in the second Tuesday of each month.

Register now for Rev. Eric Meter's UU history class, **To Bring More Light: Surveying the Impact of Unitarian and Universalist Thought and Practice**. Its four-week session begins Sunday, February 15 at 1:30 pm.

The **Yoga Class** maintains open enrollment but requests that you register in advance. Led by Linda Weigelt RYT certified Integral Yoga teacher.

The "Invisible Classes"

You don't see them on Sunday mornings because they begin class at 11 am. You've seen the Middle School group in January when they presented a skit and you will see the Coming of Age group when the service is devoted to them at the very end of the year. Until then, you learn very little. From time to time I'd like to let you know what's going on.

The 8th Grade OWL group is currently studying reproduction. They recently got to get every question they have about childbirth answered by a midwife. This is the "plumbing" part of a year-long class that spends a lot of time working on problem solving and relationship based on our values.

The 9th Grade Coming of Age group is finishing a very successful fundraiser selling sweat shirts with original designs by the group. Each participant has been matched to a mentor and they are planning their second retreat for the year.

The High School Covenant Group meets twice a month and follows the curricula developed for all Covenant Groups. High School OWL offered on alternate weeks continues our multi-level sexuality education series. Attendance at both is high. The Covenant Group is open to new members. The OWL group is closed.