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## WORSHIP SERVICES

*February Theme: Listening*

**February 6, 2011 9:15 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.**

**Rev. Mark Belletini**

**"Listening to My Enemy"**

**February 13, 2011 9:15 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.**

**Rev. Mark Belletini**

**"Listening to the Evolution Symphony"**

*Teacher Thanksgiving*

**February 20, 2011 9:15A.M. & 11:00 A.M.**

**Rev. Mark Belletini**

**"Listening to My Heart"**  
(Without Thinking It's the Voice of God)

*Social Justice Offering*

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

**Wednesday, February 2, 2011**

- 1:00p Archives Organizing
- 5:00p Campfire Girls and Boys
- 6:00p Dance Choir Group
- 6:30p Gay-Straight Alliance
- 7:00p Sunday School Committee
- 7:00p Settlers 30-Something
- 7:30p Men's Spirituality; Yoga; Imbolc Event
- 8:00p Women's Spirituality

**Thursday, February 3, 2011**

- 9:30a Improvisational Dance
- 7:00p Artist's Way (co-ed)
- 7:30p Chalice Choir

**Friday, February 4, 2011**

- 12:00p Cooking for Faith Mission
- 6:30p First Friday Potluck
- 7:30p Community Leaders Forum
- 7:30p Drumming Circle; Lessons on Islam

**Saturday, February 5, 2011**

- 8:30a Zen Meditation
- 9:00a Steward Training
- 9:30p Pastoral Team Training
- 10:00a Gay-Straight Alliance

**Sunday, February 6, 2011**

- 8:45a Breakfast
- 9:15a & 11:00a Worship Service/Sunday School
- 10:15a Choir Warmup
- 10:30a & 12:15p Getting to Know UU
- 11:00a Coming of Age
- 12:30p Leadership Development
- 12:45p Auction Committee
- 1:00p Wellspring; Youth Group
- 1:00p Committee on Shared Ministry

**Monday, February 7, 2010**

- 7:00p UU Dance Fellowship; Program Council
- 7:30p Healing Journey

**Tuesday, February 8, 2010**

- 9:30a Archives Organizing
- 10:00a The Artist's Way for Women
- 1:00p Cancer Support Groups
- 5:45p Tuesday Supper (until 7:00p)
- 6:30p Peace Pals Choir
- 7:00p Zen Meditation; Rising Voices Choir
- 7:00p Social Committee; UU Bible School
- 7:30p Men's Spirituality
- 7:45p Spirit of Life Choir

**Wednesday, February 9, 2011**

- 1:00p Archives Organizing
- 6:00p Dance Choir Group
- 7:00p Memoir Writing Group; Exploring Sufism
- 7:00p Covenant Group Steering Team

- 7:00p Community and Questing
- 7:30p Men's Spirituality; Yoga
- 8:00p Women's Spirituality

**Thursday, February 10, 2011**

- 9:30a Improvisational Dance
- 7:00p Expressive Collage; Building and Grounds
- 7:00p Artist's Way (co-ed); RE Council
- 7:30p Chalice Choir Rehearsal

**Friday, February 11, 2011**

- 7:00p *Which Way Home* video
- 7:30p All Soles Contra Dance

**Saturday, February 12, 2011**

- 8:30a Zen Meditation
- 9:30a Pastoral Team Training
- 11:00a Parents of Infants and Toddlers
- 11:00a Improv. Dance II; GSA Phone Bank

**Sunday, February 13, 2011**

- 8:45a Breakfast; Leadership Development Committee
- 9:15a & 11:00a Worship Service, Sunday School
- 10:15a Choir Warmup
- 10:30a & 12:15p Getting to Know UU
- 11:00a Coming of Age
- 12:30p MID-YEAR CONGREGATIONAL MTG.
- 12:45p Auction Committee
- 1:00p Green Team
- 2:00p RE Teachers
- 7:00p Big History

**Monday, February 14, 2011**

- 7:00p UU Dance Fellowship; Executive Committee
- 7:00p Adult Enrichment Programs; GSA
- 7:30p Healing Journey

**Tuesday, February 15, 2011**

- 9:30a Newsletter Folding; Archives Organizing
- 10:00a Laughter & Lunch
- 1:00p Cancer Support Groups
- 1:30p Library Team
- 5:45p Tuesday Supper (until 7pm)
- 6:30p Peace Pals Choir
- 7:00p Zen Meditation; Rising Voices Choir
- 7:00p Book Bites; Sound Techs; Stewardship
- 7:30p Finance Committee
- 7:45p Spirit of Life Choir

**Wednesday, February 16, 2011**

- 8:00a UU Food Co-op
- 1:00p Archives Organizing
- 5:00p Campfire Girls and Boys
- 6:00p Dance Choir Group
- 7:00p Membership Committee; UU Humanists
- 7:30p Men's Spirituality; Yoga
- 8:00p Women's Spirituality

*ESOL meets MWF at 9:30a; FOCUUS (ages 18-35) meets on Mondays at OSU at 7:30p; 513-910-6449)*

Next issue of The Discoverer: **Sunday, February 13**  
Deadline: 1:00pm – hard copy in the church office; or  
6:00pm – e-mail copy to [olwfire@yahoo.com](mailto:olwfire@yahoo.com).

**LINKS**

Today I want to lift up the work of the congregation's Pastoral Team.

At this point there are nearly 30 men and women who give of their time to others in our faith community. Sometimes our team members meet with their connections for only a few months, other pairs have met over the course of years. In various ways, the pastoral team extends the caring reach of the congregation to folks beyond what Mark and I are able to do.

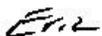
Again and again I've been impressed with their capacity to provide caring attention and keen insight to those going through a hard time, or finding that it is increasingly hard to get to church on Sunday. So much so that I realize I've grown accustomed to coming away from our quarterly team meetings feeling like I've learned much more than I've offered.

Dick Dawson and I manage the program, and he is largely responsible (along with Rev. Wendy Fish and Rev. Mark Belletini) for its strength. At this point Dick and I are training a new entering class of team members, which we do every two years. We are being helped greatly this time around by team members Sharon Hamersley and Carole Wilhelm.

I'm pleased to say that the majority of those in this latest training are male. In fact, among the other congregations I've both served and been a member of, I've never known so many men to be part of caring ministry than in this faith community.

In many ways the members of the Pastoral Team are among the unsung heroes of the congregation. But while they are heroes in many ways, they need not be unsung. We'll be commissioning our new Pastoral Team members during the worship celebrations on Sunday, March 13. Furthermore, members of the Team wear name tags with the words "Pastoral Team" (hint, hint). When you notice one as you walk into the Worship Center or during coffee hour in Fellowship Hall, please take even a brief moment to say Thank You.

in peace,



Rev. Eric Meter

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS** Daneen Axelrod, Deb Barman, Robin Eddy, Howard Fleischer, Michelle Harper, Don Frye, Jarett Gardner, Ben Iten, Diane Mortimer, Kent Mortimer, Don Shartzee, Jeanne Slazor, Faith Van Horne, Amy Kay Watson, Kami Yeager and Jody Zimmerman.

► **MID-YEAR MEETING** Please plan to attend the Mid-Year Meeting scheduled for Sunday, February 13, 12:30-2pm. We will gather as a committed community to hear updates about important initiatives in our congregation, including:

The Committee on Shared Ministry, Racial Diversity Task Force, Strategic Planning Committee, Annual Budget Drive, hiring of a Church Administrator, and the Auction. Child Care will be provided.

**BIG HISTORY** *The History of the Universe from the Big Bang to DNA: Sunday, February 13, 7pm.* #42 Spread of the Industrial Revolution to 1900 and #43 The 20th Century. (This a repeat of the January 23 lectures.) **Sunday, February 27, 7pm.-** #44 The World that the Modern Revolution Made and #45 Human History and the Biosphere. Join Wanda Hambrick and Pat Marida at this ongoing series of two half-hour video lectures by Professor David Christian, San Diego State University. *Big History*, Dr. Christian's life's work, weaves a single story from a variety of scholarly disciplines. Come to all or any!

**FIRST FRIDAY** Potluck at 6:30pm; Programs at 7:30pm including:

- *Lessons in Islam*, originally scheduled for January 20, with Lubna and Mohammad Ahmad. This final lesson will focus upon the acceptance by Muslims of other faiths and other philosophies.
- Dr. Hany Saqr, a board member of the American Islamic Waqf, Vice President of BREAD, and Imam at the Noor Islamic Cultural Center in Hilliard, will speak on the topic, *What is going on in Egypt? What do these events mean for America?*
- Drumming Circle

P.S. First Friday in March (March 4) will be our annual **Harry Potter Night!** If you are interested in helping to plan this event, please contact Pat Boughton, [patkap@wowway.com](mailto:patkap@wowway.com)

**BOOKBITES** *February 15, 7 - 9 pm* in Slowter Lounge. Reading on the topic **Africa** continues. It is a big continent! - Kathleen Boston, 262-4025

**THE HEALING JOURNEY** Are you experiencing grief due to the loss of a family member or other loved one, the loss of a job or the pain of another unwelcome life transition? If so, The Healing Journey might be for you. Together we share our stories and learn how much we have in common with others who have known the experience of loss. The group will meet from **7:30 to 9:00pm** over six Monday nights beginning **February 7**. For further information and to register, please call Rev. Eric Meter at 267-4946x23.

**PARENTS OF INFANTS AND TODDLERS**

The next gathering is on Saturday, February 12, from 11am to 1:00pm. Come to socialize while the children play. Drinks and bagels will be available. If you need more information call Nancy Powlick, 451-4045 [lpowlick@columbus.rr.com](mailto:lpowlick@columbus.rr.com)

**WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY** **February theme: Love**

February 2 - Birthdays, Poetry and Caring;  
February 8 - "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" (Valentines)  
February 15 - The Story of Love (all)  
February 22 - Talking Circle  
*All meetings: Wednesdays, 8-9:30pm*  
-- Jeanni Ray, 985-6176

**WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH** is recognized in March. Please come to a planning meeting on February 8 at 7:00pm with ideas on how to celebrate!  
- Jeanni Ray, 985-6176

**BUUKstore** Our next "Bring One/Take One" book swap is scheduled for **Sunday, February 13**. This is a wonderful opportunity to pass along books to others.  
As a reminder, we also accept children's books for the Mineral Ohio food pantry/outreach at any time.

**LIBRARY TEAM** We are ready to catalog our collection on computer software. Do you have a small (24" wide) computer table you could donate for permanent use in the church library? Please contact Kathleen Boston, 262-4025.

**LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT** The first of three workshops is scheduled for *Sunday, February 6 from 12:30 - 3:30pm*. The workshop will present key concepts of the program *Harvest to Power*, a UUA -developed curriculum to develop lay leadership in the church. Two other workshops in the series are planned for March and April. (*See the January 16 issue of The Discoverer for more on these workshops.*)

***SOCIAL JUSTICE***

**GSA News:** Meetings of the Gay-Straight Alliance are on the **second Monday** of the month at 7:00pm. So have a romantic Valentine's dinner and then come to the GSA meeting! Yes, February 14 is our next meeting! Agenda: Creation of Transgender education team, logos, potlucks, First Friday presentation and much more! See you there.

**FIRST UU PHONE BANK** We are creating a First UU Phone Bank so our congregation can have an agile response to political processes impacting social justice issues. The next Training/Phoning will be at the church on **Saturday, February 12** from 11am - 1:30pm. Bring a cell phone and a laptop enabled for wireless.

We are currently working on Marriage Equality issues. This is great fun and YOU can make a difference. Contact Robert Ziegler for more information ([robertziegler@columbus.rr.com](mailto:robertziegler@columbus.rr.com)).

**FOOD PANTRY** The "Feed My Sheep" Food Pantry is our outreach pantry in Athens County/Appalachia. Rev. Ogburn sends a big thank you to us for our continuing support over the past seven years. We have had seven "Backpack/School Supplies" drives, seven Thanksgiving and seven Christmas and seven winter coats and blankets collections! In addition we have now had two Easter food box collections. We put two children's books in each food box when available. Someone donated two dirt bikes at Christmas time and the bikes now have new loving and caring owner. (We bought helmets for the two boys.) The pink rocking horse which was donated now lives with little Alexis; mom Kendra sends hugs and kisses! Please stop at the Social Justice Table on a Sunday morning and have Jacques tell you some of the stories of compassion... from donations, to transportation to shopping and wrapping of presents, to making cookies; to having a birthday party where the guests brought gifts of warm blankets, and more...stories of children and adults in our church living out our UU principles.

And of course, don't forget to bring in those clean aluminum cans and nonperishable food items!  
-- Jacques Angelino

**SYC** Registration materials are now available for the School for Young Children's 2011-12 school year. Processing of applications will begin on February 18, 3:15pm. Currently-enrolled students, children of First UU Members and children from SYC alumni families have priority registration for one week. For info, call the SYC office, 267-0254, [www.school-for-young-children.com](http://www.school-for-young-children.com).



*Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.*  
(M.L. King Jr.)

First UU was a founding member of **BREAD** (Building Responsibility, Equality, and Dignity), the local interfaith social justice organization that has brought some justice to central Ohio in the areas of affordable housing, access to health care, transportation, jobs, education, and more.

The next meeting dates for ongoing research committees are: Crime and Violence (February 7 at 7:00pm), Neighborhood Blight (February 7 at 7:00pm), At-Risk Youth (February 17-12 noon, then 1 pm with CCS Superintendent Dr. Gene Harris), and Health Care (February 10 at 7:00pm). New voices are always welcome and the best way to get to know people from other congregations.

First UU's BREAD Team meets on **Tuesday, February 21, 7:00pm**, Room 6 at church. You will be helping to promote First UU as "the social justice church" by joining our team. Another option: Become a First UU BREAD Justice Network member to accomplish important social justice work with minimal effort. You would only commit to attend:

- a First UU Justice Network organizing meeting at our church-**Sunday, February 27, 12:45pm** or, if not possible, the makeup meeting-Wednesday, March 9, 7:00pm,
- the **BREAD Rally-Monday, April 4, 7:00pm**,
- the **BREAD Nehemiah Action Meeting-Monday May 2, 6:45 pm, Veterans Memorial** and bring three others (or send four if you're ill or out of town).

The First UU BREAD Team will help with training and prospects at the organizing meeting you attend. Our goal this year is 300, and the overall goal is 3,000.

Contact Alice Rathburn, 895-2109, 563-0536, or [alice37@insight.rr.com](mailto:alice37@insight.rr.com) to do any of the above. And go to [www.breadcolumbus.org](http://www.breadcolumbus.org) for more information about BREAD.

### **CARING CORNER**

Congratulations to **Donna Jarrell** who has received her first paying position as chaplain. She will be the Chaplain-in-the-Park at Tionesta State Park campgrounds in W.PA this summer.

Congratulations to **Cathy Elkins** whose daughter Dee Dee was married to Albert Fultz on January 7.

Best wishes to **Nick, Rachel, and Calen Relle** who have moved to Wooster, OH. We will miss them.

A speedy recovery to **Michael Bethel** who was hospitalized for a heart attack and stent insertion. He is home and doing well.

Our sympathy to **Jeanne Hammond** whose younger brother, Jim Weldon, died January 22; to **Tom Barlow and Su Ann Farnlacher** on the death of Tom's father; and to **Dotte Turner** whose sister died after a long struggle with cancer.

**Thank you** to the following members who helped in significant ways and/or provided food for Jean Bradley's memorial service on January 17: Debra Boyd, Kate Erstein, Olwen Firestone, Carol Fisher, Kay Fisher, Donna and Michael Greenman, Chris Hardin, Marylou and Dave MacDonald, Jo-E. Miller, Linda Royalty, JoAnne St. Clair, and Becky Wolff.  
-- Co-Coordinator, Tina Thonnings and Carole Wilhelm.



### **Is Shared Housing for You?**

Have you ever had roommates or housemates? Would you consider sharing your home with someone? Are you looking for shared housing? CICT is planning a program to educate the First UU community about shared housing. If you're interested in attending such an event, or if you have some expertise and would like to help plan it, contact Deb McGuire, 614-571-4663 or [homescolumbus@gmail.com](mailto:homescolumbus@gmail.com)



## FROM THE ARCHIVES

### Rev. Jack Hayward Part II

Rev. Hayward, known affectionately as Jack, was installed at minister of First Unitarian Church on Tuesday evening, April 5, 1949. Those who participated read like a Who's Who in Unitarian circles: Julius Krolfifer, Minister of St. John's Unitarian Church in Cincinnati; Rev. Wallace W. Robins, D.D., President of Meadville Theological School, University of Chicago; Mr. George G. Davis, Director of the Department of Unitarian Extension and Church Maintenance of the AUA; and Rev. James Luther Adams, Ph.D., Professor of Social Ethics, Federated Theological Faculty, University of Chicago.

Columbus religious groups were represented by ministers from the First Congregational Church, the First Universalist Church, and the Director of B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation. Mr. William Green, President of our congregation, led the Act of Installation.

It is to be noted that Hayward was considerably more theistic and Christian than many of the members of the congregation. He said, "We had Marxists, mystics, and many humanists among us, while each Sunday I preached from my own biases anchored in theism and the Democratic Party. Even Christianity!" The congregation accepted him and parish ministry seemed to suit him well. After three years, however, Bernard Loomer, the Dean of the University Chicago Divinity School, asked him to accept a teaching position in religion and the arts. Thinking that such an opportunity would not come again, he accepted and left in 1951.

At our 50th anniversary, Jack Hayward was the main speaker. "Having to decide to leave this wonderful ministry to this piquant, varied, loving, and laughing congregation for the work of a theological school professor was the hardest decision I have ever faced. What you and your predecessors had given me was so great a love for the ministry that I have always preached while teaching. To you belongs my everlasting thanks." (1990)

The relationship with the congregation continued through the years. Hayward returned to do the memorial service of Louise Orton Caldwell (daughter of OSU President Edward Orton). Both Jack and Muriel came for the 60th Anniversary in 2000. At the Saturday evening program, they sat in the front row. The choir concluded the evening by singing "We Are Family" and moving down into the congregation. I had the great luck of stopping right in front of Jack. He stopped applauding long enough to give me a big hug. I shall never forget.

-- Linda Thompson, Historian

*Sources: The church archives (letters, programs, reports) and materials found on the internet - just Google John F. Hayward. For photos of Rev. Hayward, see the Past Ministers Collection by the Volunteer Workroom and the 50th Anniversary Ministers Photo outside Slowter Lounge.*

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### Adult Religious Education

#### "Becoming Whole" Brings Three Exciting Events in February

##### 1) **Which Way Home** Friday, February 11, 7pm - Emmy-winning documentary

Filmmaker Rebecca Cammisa (Sister Helen) followed children from Central America as they rode on the tops of trains, slept on the ground and scrounged for food. The LA Times says: Without resorting to any background narration, "Which Way Home" raises questions about cross-border immigration policies and the macro-economic causes that propel people from struggling countries to stream into developed ones.

The film follows several unaccompanied child migrants as they journey through Mexico en route to the U.S. on a freight train. It tracks the stories of children like Olga and Freddy, nine-year-old Hondurans who are desperately trying to reach

their families in Minnesota, and Jose, a ten-year-old El Salvadoran who has been abandoned by smugglers and ends up alone in a Mexican detention center, and focuses on Kevin, a canny, streetwise 14-year-old Honduran, whose mother hopes that he will reach New York City and send money back to his family. These are stories of hope and courage, disappointment and sorrow.

Clips: <http://www.whichwayhome.net/clips.html>

## **2) Nightwind, Sunday, February 27, 7 pm**

"I didn't know what to expect when I heard the phrase "Theater of the Oppressed". What I found was a theatrical piece that riveted me to my seat within seconds, and kept me attuned and focused to the very end. This is dramatization, yes, but of authentic human experience, without either bombast or easy blame. This could just as well be called "Theater of the Wise," by those of us who were present that good evening." (Quoting Rev. Mark Belletini, on Hector Aristizabal's performance of *Nightwind* last year at OSU)

Hector Aristizabal returns to Columbus, this time to First UU, with his solo performance that reenacts his torture at the hands of U.S.-backed troops in his homeland of Colombia. He acts the part of both the torturer and himself. Then using Theater of the Oppressed techniques, he leads the audience in processing what they have witnessed and in touching their own passion for justice and healing. \$15 suggested donation.

## **3) Theater of the Imagination Sunday, February 27, 2 to 6 pm**

Prior to the performance, spend four hours in a workshop with Hector, learning to use Theater of the Oppressed techniques to resist oppression, live without fear and build community. Hector uses the vulnerabilities and emotions of each participant to craft theater games that awaken the imagination in each person for healing and inspiration.

One example is the Forum Theater, in which participants are asked to tell a story taken from daily life, containing a challenging personal or social problem. A skit presenting that problem is improvised and presented. The original solution proposed by the protagonist usually contains a worst case scenario. When the skit is over, the audience discusses the proposed solution, and the scene is then performed again. Now, audience members are urged to intervene by stopping the action, coming on stage to replace actors, and enacting their own ideas. Thus, instead of remaining passive, the audience becomes active "spect-actors" who now create alternative solutions and control the dramatic action. The aim of the forum is not to find an ideal solution, but to invent new ways of confronting oppression. Those who could benefit from this event include theater artists, those experiencing oppression, students, human rights advocates, therapists, historians, professors, community organizers, and those interested in multi-disciplinary approaches to learning.

Limit 35 participants. Register on line at the First UU website or by calling Burning Feather, 975-1085.

\$35 suggested donation includes admission to the performance.

## **More Adult Enrichment Programs**

**\*Sufism: A Branch of Islam and a Universalist Religion** — Join the Rev. Dr. Munira Elizabeth Reed, a leader in a Universalist branch of Sufism, where Islamic based practices are incorporated as part of the daily mystical spiritual practices of that path. Learn about the histories, beliefs and practices of Sufism and sample some practice. Sufism is at once an ancient practice that pre-dates Islam, a reform movement within Islam and a mystical worldview. Rev. Reed is a psychotherapist and spiritual counselor and has published several articles on gender issues in religion.

**Wednesday, February 9, 7pm.**

**Laughter and Lunch** -- Join Len Powlick for a screening of three short films with Laurel and Hardy, and stay for a simple lunch. **Tuesday, February 15, 10:00am.**

**Prehistoric Goddess February 20, 1:00pm.** Film: "Signs Out of Time." Anthropologist Marija Gimbutus's work on goddess symbols. Join us in Room 8. Reservations appreciated - 433-0363.

**\*Utilizing Social Media to Connect to Your Community** Saturdays, February 12 and 26, 9-12. Learn the basics of Facebook and LinkedIn for social networking and social justice.

\* Register at the AEP Table on Sunday or online at the AEP page on the website: [firstuucolumbus.org](http://firstuucolumbus.org)

Jolinda Stephens

[jolindast@gmail.com](mailto:jolindast@gmail.com)

It took me seven hours to get to Detroit to see my mother (the brown sleet, and wooly fog was creepy) but I benefited from the visit, and I think she did, too. Her infections are diminishing, my sister told me this week, which is good. I am so glad my new phone can take films...I have filmed snippets of my mother and that is good for my heart.

I am so glad that we will be hosting Hector Aristizabal's *Theater of the Oppressed*. A number of us from the church saw him at OSU a while back, and I can't remember when a solo performance affected me more. That will be at the end of the month. (see page 7)

I am hoping that you all have had time to notice the beautiful lettering above the entrance kiosk in the Gallery, with the words of our remarkable mission statement. And I hope you will take time to notice the new couches and lamps in Slowter Lounge. Ed Slowter left some funds to keep that warm room well furnished, and I for one think it's a warmer room because of the choices. (I also tested out the couch for napability! Passes with ribbons!)

The AUUction is coming up, the ebb of winter's slate-gray skies is within throwing distance. See you around the premises!



Rev. Mark Belletini

### The Inner Flame

**February** (a portion of the poem by Margaret Atwood)

Winter. Time to eat fat  
and watch hockey. In the pewter mornings, the cat,  
a black fur sausage with yellow  
Houdini eyes, jumps up on the bed and tries  
to get onto my head. It's his  
way of telling whether or not I'm dead.  
If I'm not, he wants to be scratched; if I am,  
he'll think of something. He settles  
on my chest,  
purring like a washboard...  
February, month of despair,  
with a skewered heart in the centre.  
I think dire thoughts, and lust for French fries  
with a splash of vinegar.  
Cat, enough of your greedy whining.  
Off my face! You're the life principle,  
more or less, so get going  
on a little optimism around here.  
Get rid of death. Celebrate increase. Make it be spring.

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Rev. Mark Belletini, Senior Minister  
Rev. Eric Meter, Associate Minister  
Rev. Carol Brody, Minister Emerita  
Rev. Wendy Fish, Minister Emerita  
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## CIRCLE SUPPERS 2011

Do you like good food and good conversation? Do you get cabin fever during the winter months? Do you wish you could meet more First UU members and friends?

**Circle Suppers** is a series of informal adult dinner parties hosted by fellow UU members or friends in their homes. The host(s) provide(s) the main course with guests providing the rest of the meal. This year's dinners are scheduled for Saturdays, February 26, March 26 & May 7, 2011. All begin at 7:15 pm.

To participate:

- complete the registration form below including your email address (if you have one)
- leave the form at the **Circle Suppers** table in Fellowship Hall after Sunday services on January 23, 30 or February 6; OR mail it to Cathy O'Neil, 432 Acton Road, Columbus, OH 43214.

### **DEADLINE: February 7, 2011**

A list of participants, alternates and dinner assignments will be emailed or mailed by February 14. If you have any questions, contact Cathy O'Neil at 614-267-4975 or croneil@columbus.rr.com

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### **CIRCLE SUPPERS 2011 REGISTRATION**

Name and Address (**please print clearly**) \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone number \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

1. Please register me (**check one**):

- (a) \_\_\_\_\_ individually;
- (b) \_\_\_\_\_ together with (your spouse, partner or friend; give the person's name and also their address and phone number if different from yours)

\_\_\_\_\_

(c) \_\_\_\_\_ as an alternate (you will not be scheduled for any dinners but will be put on a list of alternates to be called by the hostess/host in case of cancellations).

2. Please indicate your hosting preference (**check one**):

- (a) \_\_\_\_\_ I/we CAN host a dinner for up to (check one) \_\_\_\_\_ 6 or \_\_\_\_\_ 8 or \_\_\_\_\_ 10 people,  
but CANNOT host on (check all that apply) \_\_\_\_\_ 2/26/11; \_\_\_\_\_ 3/26/11; \_\_\_\_\_ 5/7/11.
- (b) \_\_\_\_\_ I/we cannot host a dinner at all but would like to participate.

*Please note: We will make every effort to accommodate those who are unable to host a dinner but if we do not have enough hosts, those who are unable to host may be put on the list of alternates*



## **Evening in Paris Saturday, February 19 6:00 p.m.**

Well, you have outdone yourselves again - over 425 submissions to the auction. We will still take items, but they will be published in the addendum, not in the catalog. With the purchase of a ticket we will be handing out catalogs beginning Sunday, February 6. If you have already purchased your ticket, just stop by the Auction table to pick up a catalog.

We have items for every taste and budget. There are wonderful dinners, including one by our gourmet chef Rev. Mark Belletini, a vacation bed and breakfast stay, etc. etc. Here are a couple we are highlighting this time:

\* Alice Faryna is offering you a trip as her guest - you and she pick out the destination among her time share condo options (foreign locations preferred). Travel costs are your responsibility.

\* A Pinot Wine Tasting Affair.

Be sure to buy your tickets the next two Sundays, as they will be \$3.00 dollars more at the door. Also, please sign up to bring side dishes and baked goods.

Questions, contact the auction committee or Jo Anne St. Clair at 268-1923 or joastclair@aol.com

**Don't miss the party!**