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## WORSHIP SERVICES

*February Theme: Listening*

**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*

**February 27, 2011 9:15A.M. & 11:00 A.M.**

**Rev. Eric Meter**

"Listening to Ourselves"  
*Rev. Mark Belletini is in Santa Barbara at the Senior Ministers of Large Congregations gathering.*

*March Theme: Diversity and Difference*

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

**Rev. Kelly Flood & Rev. Mark Belletini**

"What I've Learned about Liberal Religious Values  
While Serving as an Elected Representative in the Kentucky Legislature"  
*The marvelous Rev. Kelly Flood will be in our pulpit (Mark's words!). Mark will lead the service.*

► "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 16, 2011**

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

**Thursday, February 17, 2011**

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

**Friday, February 18, 2011**

12:00p Cooking for Faith Mission

**Saturday, February 19, 2011**

8:30a Zen Meditation  
 3:00p OMD Consultation on Campus Ministry  
 6:00p AUCTION

**Sunday, February 20, 2011**

8:45a Breakfast  
 9:15/11:00a Worship Service; Sunday School  
 10:30a/12:15p Getting to Know UU  
 11:00a Coming of Age  
 12:30p Sunday Forum; Strategic Planning  
 1:00p Youth Group; Prehistoric Goddess  
 1:30p Wellspring  
 6:30p Partners/Duplicate Bridge (499-2434)

**Monday, February 21, 2011 Office Closed**

7:00p Building Committee; BREAD Team  
 7:00p UU Dance Fellowship  
 7:30p Healing Journey

**Tuesday, February 22, 2011**

9:30a Archives Organizing  
 10:00a Artist's Way for Women  
 1:00p Cancer Support Groups  
 5:45p Tuesday Supper (until 7:00p)  
 6:30p Peace Pals Choir  
 7:00p Being an Atheist or Agnostic  
 7:00p Zen Meditation; Rising Voices Choir  
 7:00p Goddesses in Training  
 7:30p Men's Spirituality  
 7:45p Spirit of Life Choir

**Wednesday, February 23, 2011**

1:00p Archives Organizing  
 6:00p Movement Choir Rehearsal  
 7:00p Board of Trustees; Memoir Writing Group  
 7:00p Community and Questing  
 7:30p Yoga; Men's Spirituality  
 8:00p Women's Spirituality

**Thursday, February 24, 2011**

9:30a Improvisational Dance  
 6:45p Animal Ministry  
 7:00p Expressive Collage; Artist's Way (co-ed)  
 7:30p Chalice Choir Rehearsal

**Saturday, February 26, 2011**

8:30a Zen Meditation  
 9:00a Path to Membership; Networking Wkshop  
 10:00a Gardening Club

**Sunday, February 27, 2011**

8:45a Breakfast; Leadership Development  
 9:15/11:00a Worship Service; Sunday School  
 10:15a Choir Warmup  
 10:30a/12:45p Getting to Know UU  
 12:30p BREAD Network  
 1:00p Racial Diversity Task Force; UU Visual Artists  
 2:00p Hector Aristizabel Workshop; PFLAG  
 6:00p Bridge Group (499-2434)  
 7:00p Theater of Justice; Big History

**Monday, February 28, 2011**

6:45p GLBT Book Discussion Group  
 7:00p Funeral Consumers Alliance  
 7:00p UU Dance Fellowship  
 7:30p Healing Journey

**Tuesday, March 1, 2011**

9:30p Archives; Newsletter Folding  
 10:00a Laughter & Lunch; Menu for the Future  
 1:00p Cancer Support Group  
 5:45p Tuesday Supper (until 7:00p)  
 6:30p Peace Pals Choir  
 7:00p Social Justice Committee  
 7:00p Zen Meditation; Caring Committee  
 7:00p Rising Voices Choir  
 7:35p Worship Committee  
 7:45p Spirit of Life Choir

**Wednesday, March 2, 2011**

1:00p Archives Organizing  
 5:00p Campfire Girls and Boys  
 6:00p Movement Choir Rehearsal  
 6:30p Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA)  
 7:00p Sunday School Committee  
 7:00p Settlers 30-Something  
 7:30p Yoga; Men's Spirituality  
 8:00p Women's Spirituality

*ESOL meets MWF at 9:30a; FOCUUS (ages 18-35) meets on Mondays at OSU, 7:30p; 513-910-0449*

**The Discoverer - Next Issue - Sunday, March 6**  
**Deadline: 1:00p Hard copy in yellow folder**  
**6:00p E-mail copy to olwfire@yahoo.com**

## LINKS

When I was living in Minnesota there was a little joke we'd tell from spring through fall (winter being no laughing matter): "Like the weather? Wait five minutes."

As I write this, the weather report looks pretty good and the ice storm of two weeks ago seems a distant memory. Though I do remember being drawn to the window several times, that first night by the green glow of exploding transformers throughout the neighborhood was enough shock and awe for me, thank you very much.

When the power failed, I realized I was going to find out just how well-insulated the house really was, and wondered how long I would last before looking for warmer lodgings.

On impulse, I decided that this was a good time to start reading a new novel. Without really thinking about it, as my fingers rummaged through an unpacked box of books I hadn't gotten to yet (yes, I'm still unpacking), I came across *Suite Francaise* by Irene Nemirovsky which begins by telling the story of several families who flee from Paris as the Nazis are about to enter the city in June of 1940. Arrested for being Jewish in 1942, Nemirovsky was taken from Paris and sent to Auschwitz where she later died.

While I've read a fair amount from and about the Vietnam War, I'm not as well read about WWII. What struck me, as I took a break between chapters to check on the current temperature, and to make sure I knew where my sleeping bag and flashlights were, was how much, and how little, has changed in the relatively few years since then.

So much of our thinking is shaped to this day by that conflict. I can only wonder what ripples will be made by the events in Tunisia, Egypt, and now perhaps Yemen, as well.

The recent ice storm was good in that it reminded us what it was to slow down, and of the need to focus on what was most important. I hope I remember at least a little of that in the sunny days of spring to come.

in peace,



Rev. Eric Meter

## CHURCH NEWS

**WORSHIP COMMITTEE** Training for new Sunday Service Coordinators will take place at a time to be arranged. Anyone interested may contact Judith McDowell at 814-933-6112. The training session will last about two hours.

## **BIG HISTORY The History of the Universe from the Big Bang to DNA: 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*, weaves a single story from a variety of scholarly disciplines.

Come to any or all!

**PATH TO MEMBERSHIP** Over the past year, the curriculum for the P2M (Path to Membership) class has been revised, reviewed, tweaked, and conducted with three classes and 24 participants. This project was carried out by Susan Williams, Debra Boyd and Rev Eric Meter, with input from Steve Abbott, P2M Instructor Emeritus. The team started with an 18 hour UUA curriculum, and distilled the essence to four hours! The class is highly interactive, not a series of lectures, Participant evaluations of the resulting curriculum have been overwhelmingly positive.

Please recognize Susan, Debra, Eric and Steve for their vision, hours of detailed work and commitment to our church in a project which has both deep and long term potential for our church.

**GLBTQ & ALLIES BOOK GROUP** The next meeting of the First UU GLBTQ & Allies book group will take place on *Monday, February 28, 6:45-9:45 pm* in room 7. Our meeting this month will follow a different format, as we will be watching the movie version of Sarah Water's *Fingersmith*, which we discussed last month. Also, please note the different meeting time: 6:45-9:45 pm.

Our next meeting after that will be held on *Monday, March 28, 7:30-9:30*. We'll discuss Joan Roughgarden's thought-provoking book *Evolution's Rainbow: Diversity, Gender, and Sexuality in Nature and People*.

The book group is open to all, regardless of orientation or gender expression. Also, as each book stands alone, participants may attend this session, regardless of whether they attended previous ones. Contact Caroline Rayner (crayner@columbus.rr.com or 447-1167).

**WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY** February's theme: *Love*  
February 15 - The Story of Love (all)  
February 22 - Talking Circle. All meetings: *Wednesdays, 8:00-9:30pm*. - Jeanni Ray, 985-6176

First Friday, March 4: Women's History Month program:  
**Ordinary Women Living Extraordinary Lives.**  
Collage making. Bring photo and small statement in person. After March 4, supplies will remain in the Volunteer Workroom.

**GARDENING CLUB** will meet on Saturday, February 26 from 10am to noon at church. This time we'll chat about: Garden Center road trips, favorite/notable seed catalogs, Church-wide plant swap, favorite indoor plants, starting seedlings, and potential church community garden. All are welcome to our casual get together. Questions? Contact: Chris Hardin, email: [chrisincols@live.com](mailto:chrisincols@live.com)

**FCACO MEETING** Okay, you've read all this before. You need to plan ahead and not pay ahead...for funerals, I mean.

Come to our meeting on *February 28 (fourth Monday of each month) at 7:00pm* in Room 8. We'll have an interesting discussion of funerals, cremations and related subjects. Can't promise we'll have all the answers to your questions, but we have a lot!

Seriously, if you have been putting off making such decisions it is really important that you do them. Did you know you can name anyone to be the designated person in charge of your funeral/cremation and they don't even have to be related? This is a boon for people who are living together without the legality of marriage, because if you don't name someone, the State of Ohio has a list (in order) of who has the right to do so. We have those forms available, free of charge.

I've been volunteering for this organization, the Memorial Society (now known as Funeral Consumers Alliance of Central Ohio), for so many years I can't even remember, and I grow more fervent about its need as time goes by. People know so little about buying funerals--what's expected of them, what they should expect of a funeral director, or whether or not they even need a funeral director involved (yes, in Ohio you can take care of your own dead as in days of yore!)

Call me, Phyllis Byard, for information at 614-846-2747 and come to the meeting at 7:00 pm Monday, February 28, 2011 in room 8 at the church.

**FIRST FRIDAY** *March 4, Potluck at 6:30pm; Programs at 7:30pm.* There will be multiple activities for all ages including Harry Potter activities - Potions, Quidditch, Spells and more. Dress up if you like!

**LABYRINTH WRAPUP** First UU again set up a full-sized "Chartres Cathedral 11-circle" labyrinth in the Worship Center during the December holiday season. We can't know how many "walked the labyrinth" during that week, but 25 of you recorded your thoughts and impressions in the "Journal." So surely total numbers were larger.

Some of the comments: "I came three times to hear the music as I walked: Psaltry, Native American Flute, violin/guitar – so healing"; "exactly what I needed to reorganize my life"; "Amazing way to start the year,"

"The labyrinth makes me feel magical when I walk it" (8 year old).

Julie Henderson and Michael Greenman organized the event. Thanks to Tina Thonnings for organizing the musicians and performing, and to David MacDonald and Cathy and Kevin O'Neil for their music. Also to Lou Bernard, Florence Jain, Danya Furda, Sandy Coen, Elaine Fujimura and Steve Molk for helping with "logistics" (set-up, tear down).

Be on the lookout next December for another opportunity to enjoy this unique experience!

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## ***SOCIAL JUSTICE***

**FOOD PANTRY** I have been asked why we help in Athens County. Well, here goes! Athens County is the poorest of Ohio's 88 counties; four out of 10 children go to bed hungry there, the Trimble school district is the state's poorest and the unemployment rate the highest.

Seven years ago our church started giving support to the food pantry in Mineral Ohio in western Athens County. We support them with food, clothing, school supplies, book packs, blankets, children's books and many other household items. We have developed a very special relationship with this pantry -- 65 children and 77 adults from First UU have been to the pantry to have a wonderful caring and sharing experience.

The pantry always has need of children friendly. high protein foods, blankets, and children's books.

We also collect empty aluminum cans to sell and provide funds for food purchase.

If you belong to any group outside our church needing a speaker, I am available free of charge. We have received items from a Hilliard knitting group to which a First UU member belongs, and a large donation of men's clothing from a friend of a member whose father was downsizing. Such donations are greatly appreciated. And remember, dollar donations are always welcome. \$15 buys a food box for one family; \$25 for two. Just stop at the Social Justice Table on Sunday morning.

And, on a final note, just this week I received a call from North UU Congregation telling me that their Coming of Age class of 10 students will be helping the Feed My Sheep food pantry in Mineral Ohio too!

Thanks to all. -- Jacques Angelino, 888-8052

**SYC REGISTRATION** Processing of applications for the School for Young Children's 2011-2012 school year 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. Open registration begins February 24. You are urged to act promptly as classes fill up quickly. Please call 267-0254 for more information.



*Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'* (M.L. King Jr.)

Our church's vehicle for making systemic change locally is BREAD (Building Responsibility, Equality, and Dignity), a coalition of more than 50 multifaith, multiethnic congregations working together to bring justice to central Ohio. Together we chose Crime and Violence as the newest problem for BREAD to address.

Last year, having 2,600 people at BREAD's Nehemiah Action meeting was enough to convince

- Superintendent Gene Harris, Columbus City Schools, to help fund the KEY anti-truancy program and to end the practice of punishing truancy with out-of-school suspensions; and
- Franklin County Treasurer Ed Leonard to work with BREAD to set up a land bank to address the problem of vacant and abandoned housing.

If 2,600 people at one big meeting could get such major commitments, what might 3,000 or even 3,500 at this year's **May 2<sup>nd</sup> Nehemiah Action Meeting** be able to achieve to reduce crime and violence in central Ohio?!

Come to the **Sunday, February 27, 12:45 pm, Justice Network Organizing Meeting** in the Worship Center to learn what you can do to help with this important work. The commitment would be to attend two additional meetings and to bring three others to the BIG ONE on May 2.

Contact Alice Rathburn, 895-2109, 563-0536, or [alice37@insight.rr.com](mailto:alice37@insight.rr.com) to register for the February 27 meeting. The BREAD Team will provide a light lunch.

See [www.breadcolumbus.org](http://www.breadcolumbus.org) for more information about BREAD.

**YWCA FAMILY CENTER** Our group has been feeding the families of the YWCA homeless family center for about five years now. The volunteers give of themselves very selflessly. Unfortunately I am not always good at getting the thank you article into the newsletter. Please know that the volunteers are there month after month, even when I don't get the time to write a public thank you to them.

Karen Lewis is the innovative woman who began this project with First UU Church. In January, the wonderful volunteers who provided food for about 100 people were: Candyce Walchesky, Sherri and Cariann Stubbs, Christine and Elena Smithies with Asia (Elena's friend), Barbie Luna, Margaret, Charlie and Kate Haldeman with Katie (Kate's friend) plus Holly Borghese.

Thank you to all of you named and not named in this article. You are greatly appreciated!

Very Gratefully Yours, Cathy McCutcheon

### CARING CORNER

We wish **Jackie Angelino** and **Jeanne Hammond** each a very happy birthday. Jackie celebrated her 97<sup>th</sup> birthday on February 9; Jeanne was 91 on February 6.

We will miss **Hap Baer** who has moved to a Portland Oregon retirement community to be closer to his daughter and granddaughter.

Our thoughts are with **Carol Fleming** who underwent surgery on February 3.

We send our deepest sympathy to **Rich Humenick, Sharon Oliver, Jenny McLaughlin, and Lynne Bieber.** Rich's mother died on January 28; after a long illness; Sharon's mother died in hospice care on January 31; and Jenny's father also died on January 31. Lynne Bieber's grandmother died recently.

We send our sympathy to **Debbie Shaw.** Her uncle, Frank Shaw, died recently.

**GIFT OF LIFE** This year's Caring Committee workshop will look at organ, tissue and blood donations -- the "Gift of Life." A panel forum will include a representative from *Lifeline of Ohio* and church members Jeanne Desy (an organ recipient) and Laurie Brown (Jeanne's organ donor). Please put **March 6, 1:00 pm** on your calendar now and plan to join us. Light lunch will be served before workshop.



### 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 AEP (Adult Enrichment Program) class on **Wednesday, March 30, 7:00pm** 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. Sidney Peterman and the First Unitarian Church 1951 - 1956

Rev. Peterman was born in Seattle, Washington. Later his family moved to California where he graduated from San Jose State College in Philosophy; he also studied at the University of Chicago. During WWII he spent three years in the Army Infantry as a clinical psychologist. He received his BD degree from Starr King in Berkeley. In 1948 he was called to be minister at the Eugene Oregon Unitarian Church where he served until receiving the call to Columbus in 1951.

His installation service was held on June 1, 1952. Mr. Dudley Williams, President of the Congregation, conducted the act of installation. Two former ministers participated in the activities of the day: Rev. Frank Ricker and Rev. John Hayward. Rev. Peterman remained here until 1956 when he moved to San Jose. From the minutes of a congregational meeting: "Mr. Peterman said that his reasons for accepting the call to the San Jose congregation were purely personal, relating not only to the health of his parents, but also his love of California."

During his ministry in San Jose, he organized a delegation of Unitarian ministers to go to Selma, Alabama, and the church funded a project that provided host families and summer jobs for black teens from Selma. Rev. Peterson served in the UU Community Ministry in the Vietnam era. "One of the most dynamic and successful, in terms of its stated goals, was Sid Peterman's ministry to AWOL American, Australian, and other soldiers in Japan and the West Coast of the United States." (See web site below.)

After leaving the San Jose church, he served as Interim Minister in Palo Alto 1972, New Orleans 1979, and Sarasota 1980.

(The above comes from the church archives (letters, programs, reports), other UU church histories and materials found on the internet. One web site is [www.jeremytaylor.com/pages/communityministry.html](http://www.jeremytaylor.com/pages/communityministry.html). Some of you may remember Unitarian minister Rev. Jeremy Taylor's workshops held here at the church in cooperation with the Jung Association of Central Ohio.) -- Linda Thompson, Historian

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### Update on Arizona and Credentialing

For nearly three weeks I've been away from regular office hours. For a few days I was in Arizona to stand trial for civil disobedience, protesting the SB1070 law that requires the police to stop and demand papers from people who "look like" they are undocumented immigrants. Close to 100 of us were arrested that one day in July, many of us in front of Sheriff Joe's offices, more than 30 of us Unitarian Universalists. Trials were set for groups of us in December and January. The group that was tried the day before my trial was acquitted and the prosecutor dropped the charges against the remainder who were arrested in the same place. The judge indicated by her decision that our cause was an important one. She said that what we did made her proud to be an American.

The others who were arrested that day blocking the jail entrance continue to struggle with the sheriff who refuses to release evidence he is required to. And, while conditions in our part of Ohio are not anywhere near those in Arizona, some immigrants' rights leaders are hearing reports that immigration officers are demanding papers from people without suspicion that they are felons. A project to inform immigrants of their rights is in formation. If you would like to help please send me an email.

Today (Sunday, February 13) we honored all the many volunteers who make religious education at First UU possible and vital. We also entered into covenant with our first three Faith Development Associates. Over the next two years we will add others who are willing to make a three-year commitment to ministry with religious education. If you think that the ministry of religious education might be for you, please call or email me.

If you would like to know more about what is going on in Sunday School check out the parents' blog - [www.firstuuparents.blogspot.com](http://www.firstuuparents.blogspot.com).

-- Jolinda - Office hours Monday - Thursday 1 to 6 pm or by appointment. [dre@firstuucolumbus.org](mailto:dre@firstuucolumbus.org), 267-4946, ext. 28.

## Sunday School News

### Last Two Opportunities to Lead Workshops with Children

We are coming to the close of our Sunday School year and there are just a few more openings for adults to lead workshops. The March theme is difference and diversity and the April theme is freedom. For March, good workshop leaders might be those who work with diversity, but biodiversity would be another excellent approach. The workshops are for 1st through 5th grades and the DRE provides support and suggestions for activities that you can use.

A substitute for a First Grade Guide at 11am is needed for a total of four times. No lesson preparation. Please email Jolinda at [dre@firstuucolumbus.org](mailto:dre@firstuucolumbus.org) to volunteer.

## Adult Religious Education

### 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." -- 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.

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

Prior to the *Nightwind* 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 of the techniques 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 once more. But 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.*

**Yoga** with Terry LeMaster -- Wear comfortable clothes, bring a mat, blanket and sitting cushion if you have one. Wednesdays. *February 16 and 23, 7:30pm.*

**Atheist Agnostic Circle** -- monthly discussion of topics of interest to atheists and agnostics in the community. Tuesday, *February 22, 7:00pm.*

Join the **UU Visual Artists** for their monthly meeting, *Sunday, February 27, 1:00pm.*

**GLBT Book Discussion Group** - Participants read and discuss fiction and nonfiction books that deal with issues surrounding gay men and lesbians throughout the world. Contact Caroline Rayner, 447-1167 or [craynew@columbus.rr.com](mailto:craynew@columbus.rr.com), *Tuesday, February 28, 7:30pm.* (See page 3.)

**UU Bible School**--Read and discuss some of the great stories on a monthly basis. Each session will look at the historical and social context for the stories. What did they mean to the people who wrote the various Biblical chapters and verses? How did the stories and their meaning(s) change over time? What relevance do they have for us in 21st century America? Periodic guest facilitators add depth to our own research efforts. *Tuesday, February 8, 7pm.*

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

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

**Menu for the Future** (a Simply Living course) has been rescheduled for *Tuesday, March 1.* Register at 433-0363 no later than February 25 (necessary to receive the coursebook).

### **Zen Columbus Sangha Presents a Retreat** with Edward Espe Brown

Please join us for traditional meditation and an opportunity to take meditation off the cushion, into the kitchen, and into our ordinary lives.

Priest, author and chef Brown leads a retreat at the Franklin Park Conservatory and First UU, **April 1-3.** *Registration deadline is March 15.* Information and registration forms are available at <http://www.zencolumbus.com/>

This will be Ed's second visit to Columbus. His first weekend workshop in 2009 was well received with a diverse audience. A number of those attendees, as well as persons who could not attend because available spaces were filled, have been asking for another visit. This year's cooking workshop with Edward (*Cooking from the Heart*) will be taking place at the new Community Education Classroom Kitchen at the Franklin Park Conservatory, and the all-day Meditation Workshop is returning to the church (Fellowship Hall).

Edward Espe Brown began cooking and practicing Zen in 1965. He was the first head resident cook at Tassajara Zen Mountain Center. Edward helped found the celebrated Greens Restaurant in San Francisco and worked with Deborah Madison in writing *The Greens Cookbook*. Ordained a priest by Shunryu Suzuki Roshi, he has taught meditation retreats and cooking classes throughout North America and Europe. Edward's other books include *The Tassajara Bread Book*, *Tassajara Cooking*, *The Tassajara Recipe Book*, and *Tomato Blessings and Radish Teachings*. (These, plus other writing from Edward will be available for purchase as autographed copies, at the workshop.)

In 2007, Edward appeared in *How to Cook Your Life*, a critically acclaimed feature-length documentary film on his life directed by Doris Dörrie. A two-minute trailer clip from this film is featured at our link for registration, and offers a joyful and genuine glimpse of Ed, as he is in his workshops.

Ed has been speaking to the concerns of our connections with food, sustainability, community-building, and transformation with humor and heart, for a long time.

-- Jolinda Stephens, Director of Religious Education



### **RACIAL UNITY SERVICE**

On **Sunday, March 13, 7pm** at First UU, we will have an interfaith Racial Unity Service -- co-sponsored by Columbus Metropolitan Area Church Council. The service will focus on immigration, religious tolerance and social justice in general. Please spread the word among friends including non-UUs. After the service, we will have a "Justice Fair" and a reception in Fellowship Hall with tables set up for various anti-poverty, immigration and religious tolerance organizations. Please plan to attend - if possible wearing your "Standing on the Side of Love" t-shirt - and bring a friend. We need volunteers in the following areas:

- greeter/usher
- host/hostess for reception
- photographer
- publicity
- parking lot monitor, or
- join other UU choir members in a blended choir with New Faith Baptist Church.

Please RSVP to Lauri at [lnandyal@yahoo.com](mailto:lnandyal@yahoo.com) or 614-471-6171



Well, sometimes it's the little things, isn't it? I write about larger issues in sermons...things ethical, historical, theological, psychological. And my inner life is packed with larger feelings too...love for my mother up in Michigan, who will face the first year anniversary of her husband's death this week, love for friends like Bonni, who called me from Chile this week for a nice two hour catch up.

And then there are all the transformations in the world...the overthrows, the crowds in city squares, the mounting power of cell phone technology to connect people across boundaries never previously crossed. All very large, spacious things expressing the wonders of Life.

But Life, to be fair, is this too: little, but demanding aggravations. My key chain breaking, and me watching my only mailbox key drop down a grate...just like that...the office printer jamming on Saturday nights when I am printing up the service--every Saturday night...the glaring yellow engine-light coming on in my car dashboard (meaning something is wrong, and it won't be a loose gas-cap this time, will it?)...dropping a clean water glass onto the tile floor where it breaks into a million fragments, at least one of which is required to puncture my bare feet...my new cell phone needing to be replaced within four days...getting a computer call threatening me for non-payment of a bill...then, when I call about it, (taking 30 minutes to get through), to be told, no, everything is OK, our computer just made a mistake (how comforting!)...the back door lock of my building breaking, and nobody doing anything about it no matter how many times I call...my windshield wipers stopping on the slushiest day of the winter. And the Passport Office never got my report of my lost document.

Ah, well. The big things and the little things add up to quite the miracle, it seems to me, and it doesn't seem possible or even rational to try and separate the wheat from the chaff. So at least right now, I'm left raising my glass and saying to you "L'Chaim!"

I will be away for about a week at the turn of the month. The Senior Ministers of Large UU Congregations all meet annually at Casa de Maria in Santa Barbara. I missed it last year, of course, to be with family after my father's funeral.



Rev. Mark Belletini

***The Inner Flame Howard Thurman 1953 (Meditations of the Heart)***

The questions persist. What are we doing with our lives?  
What are the motives that order our days?  
What is the end of our doings?  
Where are we trying to go?  
Where do we put the emphasis  
and where are our values focused?  
For what end do we make sacrifices?  
Where is my treasure, and what do I value most in life?  
What do I hate most in life and to what am I true?  
Over and over the questions beat in on the waiting moment.

***March 13' 2011, is the hour change this year. Don't forget to put your clocks ahead one hour that weekend.***

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

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, a trip as a guest of Alice Faryna, where you and she pick out the destination from among her time share condo options (foreign locations preferred and travel costs are your responsibility), a Pinot wine tasting affair, etc., etc.

Tickets will be \$15.00 dollars at the door.

Questions, contact the auction committee or  
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**Don't miss the party!**