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WORSHIP SERVICES

April Theme: Freedom

April 3, 2011 9:15 A.M. & 11:00 A. M.
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Rev. Mark Belletini

“Not a Present”

April 10, 2011 9:15 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.
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Rev. Mark Belletini

“Did Jefferson Mean What I Mean?”

April 17, 2011 9:15 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.
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Rev. Mark Belletini

“A Remarkably Free Man?”

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, March 30, 2011

- 1:00p Archives Organizing
- 7:00p Community & Questing; Shared Housing Panel
- 7:30p Yoga
- 8:00p Women's Spirituality

Thursday, March 31, 2011

- 9:30a Improvisational Dance
- 7:00p Artist's Way (co-ed); BREAD Research
- 7:30p Chalice Choir; A House for Hope

Friday, April 1, 2011

- 12:00p Cooking for Faith Mission
- 6:30p First Friday Potluck
- 7:30p Community Leaders Forum
- 7:30p Menu for the Future; Drumming Circle

Saturday, April 2, 2011

- 9:30a Memorial Garden Workday
- 9:30a Zen Retreat
- 10:00a Ukrainian Egg Decorating
- 10:30a Gay Straight Alliance Phone Bank

Sunday, April 3, 2011

- 8:45a Breakfast
- 9:15/11:00a 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 Training
- 1:00p Youth Group; Committee on Shared Ministry
- 1:30p Wellspring

Monday, April 4, 2011

- 7:00p Program Council; UU Dance Fellowship

Tuesday, April 5, 2011

- 9:30a Archives Organizing
- 10:00a Laughter and Lunch
- 1:00p Cancer Support Groups
(Please contact eschof1835@columbus.rr.com)
- 6:30p Peace Pals Choir
- 7:00p Zen Meditation; Rising Voices Choir
- 7:00p Social Justice Committee
- 7:45p Spirit of Life Choir

Wednesday, April 6, 2011

- 11:00a Caring Committee
- 1:00p Archives Organizing
- 5:00p Campfire Girls and Boys
- 6:30p Gay Straight Alliance
- 7:00p Sunday School Committee
- 7:30p Yoga; Women's Spirituality

Thursday, April 7, 2011

- 9:30a Improvisational Dance
- 7:30p Chalice Choir Rehearsal; A House for Hope

Friday, April 8, 2011

- 6:00p OMD RE Event; also 4/9, 8:30a and 3:00p
- 7:30p Menu for the Future; All Soles Contra Dance

Saturday, April 9, 2011

- 8:30a Zen Meditation
- 9:00a Path to Membership
- 11:00a Parents of Infants and Toddlers

Sunday, April 10, 2011

- 8:45a Breakfast; Leadership Development Committee
- 9:15/11:00a Worship Service; Sunday School
- 10:15a Choir Warmup
- 10:30a/12:45p Getting to Know UU
- 11:00a Coming of Age
- 12:30p Sunday Forum
- 12:45p Mindfulness Group
- 1:00p Green Team
- 2:00p Columbus Interfaith Youth
- 7:00p Big History

Monday, April 11, 2011

- 7:00p UU Dance Fellowship; Gay Straight Alliance
- 7:00p Adult Enrichment Programs
- 7:00p Executive Committee

Tuesday, April 12, 2011

- 9:30a Archives; Newsletter Folding
- 10:00a Artist's Way for Women
- 1:00p Cancer Support Group (see 4/5)
- 6:30p Peace Pals Choir
- 7:00p Zen Meditation; UU Bible School
- 7:00p Social Committee
- 7:00p Rising Voices Choir
- 7:30p Men's Spirituality
- 7:35p Worship Committee
- 7:45p Spirit of Life Choir

Wednesday, April 13, 2011

- 8:00a UU Food Co-op
- 1:00p Archives Organizing
- 6:00p Movement Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00p Covenant Group Steering Committee
- 7:00p Community & Questing; Memoir Writing
- 7:30p Yoga; Women's Spirituality; Personnel Com.

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, April 10
Deadline: 1:00p - Hard Copy in yellow folder
6:00p - e-mail copy to olwfire@yahoo.com**

More than once someone from the congregation has asked me if I would offer a blog via the church website. As much as I've tried to keep up on all things tech, the question has always brought out my inner luddite. While I've never cringed in response to the proverbial nails on the chalkboard, the word "blog" makes me shudder each time I hear it. The word itself strikes me as one of the ugliest ever to make its way into common usage (with the impact of nails on a chalkboard).

That said, I have no problem with people posting their thoughts and reflections on a web site. When friends were doing their best to cope with the serious illness of their newborn child, their daily posts kept their family and friends posted and in the loop. It saved the effort of many phone calls on their end and gave them an outlet to share a good portion of their struggles.

Though, while I occasionally read the blogs of a few colleagues, I have yet to feel the need for a similar outlet. So when was asked if I wanted to offer a blog, the answer was always, "No thanks." But recently when our new Church Administrator Brian Hageman asked me once again, and I offered my usual response, he didn't miss a beat before he countered by asking if I'd consider using these columns as a blog on the church website.

This time my answer was, "Well sure. No problem." So all of this is to let you know that I'll be entering the 21st Century world of blogging. (Though the word itself still makes me shudder.) I don't expect more folks to read these columns, but you never know. And I'm also curious to see if I find myself approaching them any differently. With that in mind, if you notice a change, please don't hesitate to let me know.

Also, before I close, I want to alert you to one other change in the life of the congregation. While it wasn't long ago I was using this space to talk up the church's Tuesday Night Dinners, I need to let you know that those dinners have run their course. In the life of congregations even the best ideas may fade in popularity after a time, and this is what has happened here. Thanks to Debra Boyd, Adrienne Novak, Patricia Boughton, Jolinda Stephens, Bob Letcher and all the rest who kept it as vital as it was. Thanks for the nourishment and the memories.

in peace,



Rev. Eric Meter

Board Meeting Highlights—March 23, 2011 meeting

Heard the **Treasurer's report**: collection rates are back up; pledges from new members are higher than last year; net income budget line is down \$20,000 from last year because the UUA and OMD dues are being paid timely this year (we are full fair share with OMD, but not with the UUA; we are on target with UUA for what we have budgeted, working toward a multi-year goal of reaching full fair share)

Heard the **Staff Report**: Brian Hagemann attended the Large Church Conference and is working on the building's HVAC; a defibrillator has been purchased per church Safety Committee recommendations; Jolinda reported that she recently presented Adult RE course on the Gospel of Thomas, will lead two programs at District Assembly, has been involved in immigration reform events, and will be in Boston next month for UUA religious educator credentialing program; Eric and Rev. Susan Ritchie will lead District Assembly opening worship; Mark taught well-received classes on Jonah and Noah from a liberal perspective at Linworth Alternative High School in Worthington; Mark led an evening of theological reflection with BREAD team; Mark will do the closing worship at District Assembly.

Discussed Program Council concerns including organization and efficiency, calendaring, and continuity of lay leadership.

Voted to approve a new Commissioned Lay Leader Agreement, which will continue Dick Dawson's relationship as our Commissioned Lay Leader for the next three years.

Heard a proposal from Lea Pearson to form an exploratory committee to establish a *UUNIVERSE!* concert series as an all-church engagement project.

Heard the Stewardship report as of 3/21: 1/3 of pledges received; we are seeing increases; 171 pledges totaling \$304,864.

Heard a proposal from Alice Faryna to add the Care and Share Time Bank as a Social Justice program of Community in Challenging Times.

Heard David Maywhoor present a report about the Social Justice Committee's work, the committee's current strategic planning process, and alignment with the church's mission and vision statements.

Voted to approve applying for a Chalice Lighter Grant for funding toward hiring a part time, 5-hour-per-week Chaplain for FOCUS.

Respectfully submitted, Beth Jewell, Board Secretary

FIRST UU LEADERS The Leadership Development Committee is considering candidates for leadership positions, including Moderator, Board of Trustees, and new LDC members among others. If you are interested in being considered for a leadership position, please contact any of the Leadership Development Committee members whose names and contact information are in the Church Directory, or please contact its Chair, Ross Schifano 887-9234, rschifano@yahoo.com

CONFLICT RESOLUTION In January the Board approved a new policy on Conflict Resolution that updated and replaced the Reconciliation Process Guidelines previously approved. This also put our conflict resolution process into policy format. The Board also changed the reference in the Covenant of Respectful Relations to refer to the new Conflict Resolution policy.

If you have not read the Covenant of Respectful Relations lately, please take a few minutes to read it. It's on our website under Governance Policies. This is our promise to each other of the way we will interact with each other. The Conflict Resolution policy can be found in the same location on the website. It outlines appropriate ways to address conflicts, and identifies supports available when needed.

Since one of those supports is using a **mediator**, we would like to identify (in advance of any need) those who would be willing to serve in this capacity. If you have been trained as a mediator and would be willing to volunteer as one on occasion, please let me know at 481-9754. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have. We anticipate providing brief additional training on mediation in a congregational setting.

-- Gretchen Faulstich, Committee on Shared Ministry

ANNUAL BUDGET DRIVE UPDATE We appreciate the strong support and prompt response of so many members and friends. More than 200 households have returned their pledge forms for next fiscal year, committing to do their part to help keep First UU strong. If you have not done so yet, please make it a priority to return your pledge form by the ABD goal date of Sunday, April 3. If you return your pledge form by 4/3, you will be entered in a drawing to receive one of a number of prizes from gift certificates to UU mugs.

If you have been hesitant to return your pledge form because you are feeling insecure in these difficult economic times, please go ahead and return your form now. If you are unemployed or working a temporary job while you look for something better, please pledge now at a level you can manage. We'll certainly let you adjust your pledge upwards when you get that terrific new job. If you're worried that you might lose your job and not find another one, please pledge with courage and not in fear. If things really get rough for you, know that you

can adjust your pledge as needed. And if you just haven't gotten around to it, please pledge right now at <http://www.firstuucolumbus.org/giving/giving> or bring or mail in your pledge form this week. Together, our support helps keep First UU making a difference in people's lives. -- Stewardship Committee

SUMMER SERVICES The Worship Committee is asking for proposals from anyone who wishes to lead a Sunday Worship Service this summer. The proposal forms are available from Judith McDowell (jmcdol11675@aol.com) or Kathleen Fowler (KathleenClarkFowler@gmail.com). Deadline for submission is April 15. You will be notified by May 1 if your proposal has been accepted.

INTERGEN CIRCLE SUPPERS Back by popular demand: Inter-generational Circle Suppers, connecting people of all ages! It's a good way to meet new people. Suppers are scheduled for Saturday May 21 and June 11. Sign ups are 4/17 through May 1, in Fellowship Hall, following both services. Questions? Call Gail Hall at 326-0344 or email: mintjuleps@gailsporch.com

BIG HISTORY *Big History: The History of the Universe from the Big Bang to DNA* This ongoing series of video lectures is by Professor David Christian, San Diego State University. It weaves a single story from a variety of scholarly disciplines. **Sunday, April 10, 7pm** - #46 *The Next 100 Years*, #47 *The Next Millennium and the Remote Future* and #48 *Big History—Humans and the Cosmos* will be shown.

PARENTS OF INFANTS AND TODDLERS The next meeting is on Saturday, April 9 from 11AM to 1PM. Pat Larson, a Hearing and Speech Specialist, will join us for a short talk with handouts. We'll have bagels and drinks as usual, and maybe we can be outside for a while. See you then. Nancy Powlick, 451-4045, lpowlick@columbus.rr.com

GARDENING CLUB On Sunday, May 1, the club will hold an all-church event to: swap leftover seeds and share extra seedlings/garden plants. Please plan to bring seedlings and plants in individual containers (with tags). Then, at 12:45 we'll have a brown-bag meeting to discuss: container gardening, composting, and "Don't buy or plant that." Everyone is warmly invited to attend. -- Anita Bucknam, Pam Hussen, Chris Hardin

SEDER PLANNED Our 2001 Passover Seder will be celebrated on **Friday, April 22** at 6:30 PM. The supper is a fixed menu with both vegetarian and non-vegetarian items; the program consists of many readings and poems and ritual actions, as well as stories. It's for families, with childcare for the very youngest children. The dinner will be \$10 per adult, \$5 for children. The actual supper won't get started until 7:30pm, so schedule your meals earlier in the day with that knowledge.

This beautiful tradition celebrates both the wonders and the difficulties and the resistances surrounding the great call to freedom. RSVP to Cindy Dillard (cynthia.dillard6@gmail.com)

WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY Wednesday at 8:00pm (time change to 7:30pm in April).

March 30 – Ordinary Women Live Extraordinary Lives (all); April 6 – Birthdays, Poetry (all); April 13 – Women Poets; April 20 – Celebration of Easter, Spring and spiritual poems – all; April 27, Talking Circle

BOTO The bUkstore's ever-popular "Bring One/Take One" will be *Sunday, May 8* (Mother's Day).

This quarterly book swap is a great way to clear out no-longer wanted books and make way for new ones! Take/bring as many books as you like, but please bring books that morning only.

FIRST FRIDAY April 1, 2011 Potluck at 6:30pm; programs at 7:30pm: **National Poetry Month** – all poets and all poetry lovers are asked to bring poetry to share.

How Corporate Money is Stealing Democracy (see Social Justice column below); **Drumming; Tom and Jerry** cartoons for the young or young at heart.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

BIG MONEY *How Corporate Money is Stealing Democracy* April 1 (after First Friday potluck)

On several occasions recently, you've heard from the pulpit about fear, power and resistance to power in state, national and international locations. The demonstrations in Wisconsin, Ohio, Michigan and elsewhere relate to major corporations seeking advantage. US involvement in some Middle Eastern struggles and not in others is largely a function of economic (corporate) interest.

Recently corporate power was increased dramatically by a Supreme Court decision that now effectively allows corporations to control our elections!

Join us to view two short films: from Annie Leonard's, *Story of Stuff* series, a brief film: *Citizens United vs. the Federal Election Commission* provides a clear and concise overview of the Supreme Court decision that gave corporations and unions the right to expend unlimited money for or against any candidate in any U.S.

Election. In under nine minutes, Annie explains the history of "corporate personhood" in America. Then, we'll view *Priceless*, from Habitat Media, a one hour film that looks in detail at how lobbyists and corporate money are negatively impacting all aspects of our lives. The film will lead to an open discussion of actions we can take in Central Ohio to help turn this situation around!

Earl Wurdlow will host the event and discussion will be facilitated by Michael Greenman and Lauren Michelle Kinsey of *Move to Amend – Central Ohio*.



SAVING MONEY. SAVING LIVES.

This is our mantra for the 2011 Nehemiah Action Meeting on May 2 at Veteran's Memorial, downtown Columbus. BREAD will address with power and creativity an extremely imperative and aggressive roundup of Actions on the following issues:

- **Health Care in Franklin County** (lowering costs and serving more residents);
- **At Risk Youth/Truancy** (keeping more kids in school);
- **Vacant and Abandoned Housing** (making more money available);

and the vital issue this year: • **Crime and Violence**

The research on Crime and Violence suggests that effective ways are being employed in other communities to break the cycle of repeat criminal offending. Individuals who have the clout to carry out what we're asking them to take action on will be at the meeting on May 2. The power of our numbers at the meeting will help ensure their commitment to positive change.

A member of our First UU Justice Network will be calling you with further details. You won't want to miss being a part of this dynamic assembly on May 2.

Contact Alice Rathburn, 895-2109, 563-0536, or alice37@insight.rr.com. or www.breadcolumbus.org.

FOOD PANTRY Easter and spring are just around the corner. We give special ham and a food boxes then. We need donations of \$25 for two families or \$15 for one.

Seeds are needed for those who are able to grow their own vegetables...large tomatoes, green beans, corn, radishes, yellow squash, zucchini, watermelon, kale.

We need children's books to put in the food boxes, along with the regular food items.

Your empty aluminum cans can be turned into food for the pantry. Please bring them to the Social Justice Table.

-- Jacques Angelino

CARING CORNER

Congratulations to **Reverend Eric Meter**, who will celebrate his ordination into the ministry of Unitarian-Universalism on March 28. He was ordained in 1998.

Best wishes to **Sarah Weigand** who was accepted for graduate school at Boston University; and to **Carey McDonald** who will become Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries at the Unitarian Universalist Association in Boston later this summer.

A speedy recovery to **Deb McGuire** who was hospitalized with pneumonia; she is now back at work.

Our caring thoughts are with **Naoko Kobayashi**, a Facilities Assistant here at our church. Naoko received word from Japan that her father died of a heart attack

several days prior to the earthquake and tsunami. Her mother is now staying with a neighbor at night but has been able to return to her home after first being in a shelter following the earthquake.

Condolences to **Pam Hussen**. Her father-in-law, Paul Vincent, died last week at the age of 85

CARING TABLE We are in need of volunteers to sit at the Caring Table on Sunday mornings. This is a wonderful way to meet people and to serve this important part of life at First UU. It's a once a month commitment for first or second service, and you won't miss the service. Please contact Jane Reisman, jnreisman@aol.com, or Ohma Willette, ohmawi@gmail.com, for more information.

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Expert on Talking with Children About Race Talks with Parents and Teachers at First UU Dr. Jeane Copenhaver-Johnson's work was featured in the chapter titled "Race" in the best seller *NurtureShock*. She is considered one of the country's leading experts on talking with children about race. This OSU professor's research convinces her that avoiding talk about race in our homes and classrooms leaves our children vulnerable to the racism that permeates our culture. She has some recommendations about how to go about talking with children in ways that help children rather than leaving them in the dark. She has published two practical papers - one for parents and another for teachers.

You can compare race with another topic people often have difficulty discussing with children - sexuality. We all know that refusing to discuss sex leaves children confused and concocting stories. My goal is to make First UU a place where we support parents in developing healthy attitudes about BOTH sexuality and race.

We took the first step my first year with you when we started the middle school class called *Race To Justice*. Jeane has started to spend time with that class and she told me how impressed she was with the level of discussion, the teaching team and the youth. Great thanks to Dave Gill, one of the teachers in that class. He read *NurtureShock*, and realizing that Jeane was at OSU, he contacted her. This is the level of commitment we have in our Sunday School.

Our next step is to offer a conversation with Jeane on **Sunday, May 1 at 2 pm**. Invite your friends, regardless of their religion. This is a special opportunity to get some of your questions answered. If you like, we can also form a practice group to support one another as we take bold and sometimes scary steps. Families that attend at 11 am may want to bring a lunch. The RE Council will supply lemonade and tea. Childcare will be provided.

-- Jolinda

Religious Education News

Broaden your teen's experience and leadership skills CIFY is looking for Interfaith bridge-building UU Youth, ages 13-19! Columbus InterFaith Youth are busy with preparations for work projects around town focusing on their chosen theme for 2011--*Hunger*. We have Muslim, Jewish, UU, Christian, Hindu and Questioning youth coming together on the 2nd and 4th Sunday afternoons throughout the year between 2 and 4pm. This group was born at First UU. Contact Sami or Lauri Nandyal or Allegra or Susan Roscigno. Or call the RE Office at 267-4946, ext 28.

First UU Sunday School premieres on YouTube The video *Listening Is Important*, created by the 11 am 4th & 5th grade group with the help of Ben Sostrom, has been posted to the new First UU Columbus YouTube channel. You can find it at: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g_8BpsO5NiU

The 11am 2nd and 3rd grade group also created videos of interviews of adults talking about memorable times when listening made a difference will soon be posted to the new channel (FirstUUColumbus) in a private section. Parents will receive email information about how to access them.

Share Your Story of Freedom

Whether it's a personal story of a struggle that led to freedom or the story of the Exodus, as told through a modified Haggadah, come share it with our elementary kids in Sunday School in April. The DRE can help you with your story and with activities. See the Sunday School Table or email dre@firstuucolumbus.org.

Great Opportunities with Teens Next Year Every other year our middle schoolers engage with the major religions. Typically, for two weeks they learn about a religion and then visit the house of worship the third week. The final week they engage in some reflection on the religion and on our own. We need one teacher at 9:15 and one at 11. We also need people who have studied or practiced a world religion to serve as experts on individual religions.

The first half of the year the high school group has **OWL**, the sexuality curriculum. The second half the group selects the curriculum they want to work with. If you like to discuss values and theology and support youth going through a pivotal period in their lives, we can use you.

Call or email Jolinda Stephens, 267-4946, ext 28, dre@firstuucolumbus.org.

Adult Enrichment Programs

Shared Housing Seminar -- Panel discussion about shared housing. Panel members will have expertise/experience in sharing housing with unrelated people, or will have purchased a home for communal living. We'll have a sample agreement for house sharing and discuss "house rules," how to choose a good housemate, how to manage the details of shared housing and more. Facilitators: Deb McGuire, Alice Faryna, Mary McMichael-Liston, Michael Greenman.

March 30, 7 pm.

Vegan Ins and Outs - April 14 and 28 from 6:30 to 7:30. Join Megan and Barbie Luna to explore, taste and discuss the "ins" and "outs" of eating a vegan diet. In our first session, we will experience the joys and tricks to preparing a delicious vegan meal "In" your home for your family and/or guests. We will also explore essential vegan pantry items, "go-to" recipes, and taste some of our favorite vegan creations.

In the second session, we will talk about eating "Out" (i.e. in others' homes). We will discuss and taste great potluck recipes, party favorites, and explore how to talk with your host and other guests about your vegan diet. This is not a cooking class, but rather a discussion/tasting group. Registration required. Materials charge

Prehistoric Goddess – Read *Laughter of Aphrodite* by Carol Christ for discussion on **April 17, 1:00pm.**

Big History – **April 24, 7-9pm.** *The Journey of Man* video. The *when, why and where to* of migrations out of Africa – and further extensions elsewhere – are looked at by a British geneticist. P.S. Feminists: the male "y" chromosome was used for the research. Perhaps this justifies the use of the word "Man" in these studies?! Join us anyone. Please be there before 7:00pm to save disruption in the event that more chairs need to be added. Reservations appreciated: 433-0363.

Learn to make **Ukrainian eggs** as decorations for Easter, with expert Chris Hardin. Saturday, **April 2, 10 am to 12 noon.**

A weekly **Walking in Nature** group began *Friday, March 25, at 9:30am.* Meet in the Nature Center parking lot at Highbanks Metro Park. Come and celebrate spring with a one hour walk for exercise and an appreciation of nature, the changing seasons, and the web of life. Contact Erica Scurr at escurr@juno.com or 740-549-1518.

The letter on the Ohio Budget in the Dispatch (now posted on the bulletin board) was a collaborative effort with John Perry of this church, who did the research. The Dispatch, for reasons that I cannot understand, does not allow two or more people to co-write letters, so we had to choose one name.

The Easter holiday is VERY late this year. But still, it is coming, as are the Passover Seder and the Socinian Communion. Please look elsewhere in this issue for ways to sign up for the Seder, which is back to Friday night (April 22), not Saturday, as we had to do last year for calendaring reasons.

Just so you know, although many of you who are busy do know already...calendaring around here has become tighter over the last few years. This place is humming early AM to late PM every week, and often, all the rooms are filled. Even the daytime rooms are being used. Please always plan far in advance if you can...it's a kind of mindfulness that doesn't sound like a spiritual practice, but I assure you, it is.

There are many opportunities for you to share in the leadership of our congregation. You may not think of yourself as a leader, but that may mean you think that it involves more time than you have, more skill than you have, or may look like something else than what it actually is. Please, if someone calls you to interview you about serving our congregation in some capacity, do take the time to ask the questions that are relevant to your situation and life, and how you might receive some training (no one is "born" a leader; leadership skills are learned). Thanks.

See you around the corridors!



Rev. Mark Belletini

The Inner Flame

Wendell Berry's poem reminds me of how it's all in the framing: This is *Throwing Away the Mail* 1980

Nothing is simple
not even simplification.
Thus, throwing away the mail
I exchange the complexity of duty
for the simplicity of guilt.

Rev. Mark Belletini, Senior Minister
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Brian Hagemann, Church Administrator
Jessica Winters, Lead Toddler Room Teacher
Olwen Firestone, Newsletter Editor

Auction Update

Our 2011 Auction was a smashing success, due to the hard work of the committee, our volunteers, our donors, our bakers and our purchasers of the donated items. Many of you fall into three or four of these categories. As of March 27, the Auction has netted (drum roll please) \$27,618.00 after expenses of \$2,680.00, which is \$118.00 over the desired amount for the church budget! There are a few items/excursions/services still available (see listing below).

I would like to thank the following persons for their hard work – if you know of anyone who was omitted, please let me know so they can be acknowledged publicly: Paul Delphia, Auctioneer Extraordinaire; Cathy O’Neil, Auction Co-Chair and Silent Auction Wizard; MaryLou MacDonald, Decorations Queen; Jim Pinkham, All-Things-Computer King; Danya Furda, Music Purveyor and Brochure Princess; Cathy Elkins, Bar Maven; Kitty Durham Jones, Bake Sale Proprietor; our outstanding chef Ellin Ray and the extraordinary sous chef Becky Wolff. Other committee members include Paula Hook, Assistant Silent Auction General; and Jenny McLaughlin, Chris Hardin and Linda Hart. Following are our photographers, musicians, bakers, computer workers, cleanup team, Live Auction Spotters, coffee and tea procurers, set-up and take-down crews, bartenders, jam makers and artists: Don Hippensteel, Tom Baillieul, Deb Ballieul, Karen Townsend, Gretchen Faulstich, Carl Faulstich, Sue Engle, Nancy Powlick, Tom Beerman, Marilyn Beerman, Ruth Gerhold, Linda Cox, David Krohn, Oliver Jones, Gus Roussi, Shane Roussi, Joe Heimlich, Laura Adams, Tony Skrabak, Elaine Fujimura, Charlie Haldeman, Margaret Haldeman, Kate Haldeman, Eve Catus, Carole Wilhelm, Sue Griffin, Kay Gaskill, Mark Gaskill, Barbara Avery, Courtney Chapman, Curtis Greene, Bob Rice, Eve Moredock Stacey, Laurie Weltlin, Linda Royalty, Debbie Shaw, Kathleen Fowler, Patti Monroe, Bob Papps, Katie Swett, Eliza Steffen, Jan Fleming, Kathleen Boston, Diane Boston, Celia Elkins, Dan Hronek, Dave MacDonald, Olwen Firestone, Matt Gordon, Michael Greenman, Sarah Katcherian, Mike Bethel, Rick Kritzer, Frank Phillips, Bill Keating, Tina Thonnings, Laurie Brown, James Brown, Terri LeMaster, Karen McGuire, Peggy McKee, Marla McMichael-Liston, Nancy McDonald, Alison McArthur, Chris Johnson, Sandy Coen, Linda Halleran.

I also want to thank: Joe Voltolini (our patient bookkeeper), Rev. Belletini, Rev. Meter, Marian Garcia, Nathan Hamm, and Brian Hagemann for their incredible moral support.

It has been a pleasure to serve as Chair of this important undertaking. Please consider being involved for the 2012 Auction! -- Jo Anne St. Clair

Auction Items Still Available

- 1) Framed 14x18 glass, matted watercolor print of a golden pheasant- \$150. Value - only \$30.00
- 2) Framed 19x16, matted Acrylic painting of a cloudy day seascape \$200.00. Value - only \$25.00
- 3) Black Framed Mt. Etna, Sicily, Colored Photograph by Martha Saenger - \$20.00 Value - only \$4.00
- 4) Woven Hanging of Golden Gate Bridge Photograph - \$15.00 Value - \$3.00
- 5) Handcrafted Japanese Tamari embroidered thread ball by certified master crafter Susan Hayashi - \$20 Value - \$12.00
- 6) 6"x12" marble plaque with hanger from Winterfair depicting 2 vases with flowers from polished stone \$50.00 value - \$8.00
- 7) Ceramic Candle holder by Athens artisan Lisa Goldberg - \$35.00 value - \$9.00
- 8) Mostly mauve, orange and yellow accent 4"x6" matted in a 9"x11" wood frame - \$75.00 value - \$11.00
- 9) Free Association Painting, "Joy" by Richard Wagner, exhibited at the Columbus Art Museum - \$300.00 Value - \$65.00
- 10) Gold Decorated Serving Platter with matching sugar bowl & creamer - \$50.00 value - \$10.00
- 11) Mercury Blown Glass 10" Hand Painter Bear Ornament - vintage in original box - \$30.00 Value - \$4.00
- 12) Early American Style Armatale Wilton Coffee/Tea Server with Pitcher and 2 matching mugs - \$125.00 Value - only \$20.00
- 13) Seafood Dinner, featuring Bouillabaisse offered by Judith McDowell on 6/12/11 at 7:00 p.m., one spot left, \$18.00
- 14) Columbus Metropolitan Library website one-hour tutorial by librarian Debbie Shaw topic, date and time to be agreed upon - \$50.00 value - 2 available - \$18.00
- 15) Learn to make a message in a bottle suitable for many occasions - 4 spots available offered by long-time crafter Ohma Willette on 5/1/2011 at 3:00p.m. - \$15.00 value - \$4.00
- 16) Board Breaking /Goal Setting Workshop offered by Black Belter Deschenes/Roussi Family on 8/20/2011 at 1:00 p.m. - 9 spots available -\$15.00 value.
- 17) 6/5/2011 Rug Braiding Class with Afternoon Tea at the Saveson's old barn in the New Albany countryside - you will need to order braiding tools in advance - \$15.00 - 5 available openings
- 18) Rich Chocolate Cookies with nuts and coconut - 36 1" pieces delivered to church for only \$10.00 -date to be arranged with seller - 16 available
- 19) Dessert – including homemade cheesecake – and Euchre on 5/20/11, 7:00pm at home of Linda Hart; \$8.00

- 20) Enjoy a lively game of Pinochle on 11/12/11 at 7:30 p.m. and critique Bob Rice's restoration - 14 seats- \$8.00
- 21) Bridge at Bob's restored home on 10/22/11 at 7:30 p.m. - 12 seats available - \$8.00
- 22) Yoga class taught by instructor Terri LeMaster at the Saveson's refurbished barn in New Albany followed by a tasty lunch on 5/14/11 @ 11:00 a.m. - a deal at \$15.00.
- 23) Spring Barn Party @ the Saveson's On 5/1/11 at 2:00 p.m. – celebrate spring - feel free to bring a musical instrument - fun for the whole family - \$10 Adults & \$5.00 for children - 90 slots available
- 24) Lexmark X2470 All-in-One printer/copier/scanner - \$180.00 Value – only \$18.00
- 25) Five Foot Artificial Ficus Tree - \$50.00 Value - \$5.00
- 26) Toshiba 32" Color TV \$100.00 Value - \$15.00 - pick up from First UU
- 27) Decorative Lacquered Ladle and Board from Russia - \$50.00 Value - \$4.00
- 28) 20 Cup coffee urn with multiple uses \$30.00 value only \$6.00
- 29) Norman Rockwell Tapestry Panel of 2 sleeping boys on a raft with dog waiting for the fish to bite - multiple uses - \$10.00 value - \$2.00
- 30) New Clarisonic Skin Cleanser with Charge/Manual with cleanser gels and creams - \$200.00 value - \$18.00
- 31) Paraffin Wax - Hand Spa - \$30.00 value - \$4.00\32)
- 32) Art Deco (Chrome & Bakelite) Cocktail Shaker - \$135.00 - \$18.00
- 33) 10 Solid Brass Drawer/Door Handles shaped like carrots -\$80.00 value \$15.00
- 34) 15" x 12" Quilted Wallhanging of little girl on swing - \$15.00 value - \$3.00
- 35) Cardio Glide Exercise Machine with manual - \$250.00 value - \$45.00 – pick up from church
- 36) Mickey & Minnie Ceramic Planter - \$25.00 Value - only \$3.00
- 37) Up to One Hour Recording of Piano Music of your choice by our own Nathan Hamm - \$100.00 Value - only \$35.00
- 38) Your Family Member/Someone You Love's Life Story on DVD - One Hour and 40 - 50 photos creates a mini-documentary and a wonderful gift - \$100.00 value- \$75.00 - Time to be arranged by professional Familyographer Daniel Smith - TBA
- 39) Film to DVD Transfer - up to 400 ft. of 8mm film/Super 8 or w sound - 2 available - \$52.00 value - \$20.00 by Daniel Smith
- 40) Park Close to Whetstone Park for 7/4/11 Fireworks - 4 Prime Spots on Private Driveway \$25.00 Value - only \$8.00
- 41) Life Coaching Session by Trainer Donna Greenman - \$100.00 Value - \$35.00
- 42) Tarot Card Reading with Jeanni Ray - date and time TBA - One available \$15.00 Value - \$8.00
- 43) Camping (Camper) Trip to Antique Alley -northwest Ohio and Richmond, Ind. 9/30 - 10/2/11 with Cathy O'Neil and Jo Anne St. Clair - 3 meals provided - \$150.00 Value only \$35.00 for the last slot.
- 44) Group Nature Hike led by Steve Molk -group, time and place organized by winner - \$50.00 value - \$20.00
- 45) Spring Fossil Hike led by Steve Molk on 4/30/11 - 6 available - only \$10.00 each
- 46) Summer Nature Hike/Indian Mound Excursion led by Steve Molk on 8/13/11- 8 available - \$10.00 each
- 47) Join the UU Green team on 9/17/11 for a safari to find clothes, household/garden treasures/books followed by a local foods centered picnic lunch & a list of re-use stores - 4 available - \$45.00 value only \$8.00
- 48) Dutch TREAT Lunch at Corky and Lenny's in Cleveland with Ohma Willette on 10/1/11 - 1 slot available - \$20.00 value - only \$8.00
- 49) Join Linda Thompson and others for lunch at the famous G & R Restaurant (fried bologna) in Waldo and a tour of President Harding's home in Marion on 6/25/11 - \$25.00 value only \$15.00
- 50) Beginning Sailing Lessons with Paul McGowan on 6/18/11 at 2:00 p.m. - BYOB and lunch/snacks while you wait your turn on the water - \$40.00 value - \$12.00 - 2 slots available.