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## WORSHIP SERVICES

*May Theme: Community*

<b>May 1, 2011 9:15 A.M. &amp; 11:00 A.M.</b>
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<b>Rev. Mark Belletini</b>
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**“Communities of Resistance”**

<b>May 8, 2011 9:15 A.M. &amp; 11:00 A.M.</b>
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<b>Rev. Mark Belletini</b>
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**“Community of Mothers”**

*(After these services, Rev. Belletini will travel to Michigan for a few days. to see his mother.)*

<b>May 15, 2011 9:15 A.M. &amp; 11:00 A.M.</b>
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<b>Rev. Eric Meter</b>
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**“Voices from the Wellspring”**

*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, April 27, 2011**

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

**Thursday, April 28, 2011**

9:30a Improvisational Dance  
 6:30p Vegan Cooking  
 6:45p UU Animal ministry  
 7:00p Expressive Collage  
 7:30p Chalice Choir; Healing Journey

**Friday, April 29, 2011**

7:00p Youth Group Overnight  
 7:30p Menu for the Future

**Saturday, April 30, 2011**

8:30a Zen Meditation  
 11:00a Improv Dance II

**Sunday, May 1, 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  
 12:45p Gardening Club; Mindfulness Group  
 1:00p Youth Group; Covenant Grp Fireside Chat  
 1:00p Committee on Shared Ministry  
 1:00p Introduction to Voluntary Simplicity  
 2:00p Talking to Children About Race

**Monday, May 2, 2011**

6:30p BREAD Nehemiah Action (off site)  
 7:00p UU Dance Fellowship

**Tuesday, May 3, 2011**

9:30a Archives Organizing  
 10:00a Laughter & Lunch  
 1:00p Cancer Support Group  
 6:30p Peace Pals Choir  
 7:00p Zen Meditation; Rising Voices Choir  
 7:00p Social Justice Committee  
 7:35p Worship Committee  
 7:45p Spirit of Life Choir

**Wednesday, May 4, 2011**

11:30a Caring Committee  
 1:00p Archives Organizing  
 5:00p Campfire Girls and Boys  
 6:00p Movement Choir Rehearsal  
 7:00p Sunday School Committee  
 7:30p Women's Spirituality; Yoga

**Thursday, May 5, 2011**

9:30a Improvisational Dance  
 7:00p Shinto class  
 7:30p Chalice Choir Rehearsal; Healing Journey

**Friday, May 6, 2011**

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

**Saturday, May 7, 2011**

8:30a Zen Meditation  
 9:00a Building Committee WORKDAY  
 9:30a Memorial Garden Workday  
 2:00p Covenant Group Mothers' Day Tea  
 6:00p Baby Shower for James and Laurie Brown

**Sunday, May 8, 2011**

8:45a Breakfast; Leadership Develop. 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  
 1:00p Green Team  
 1:30p Wellspring

**Monday, May 9, 2011**

7:00p UU Dance Fellowship; AEP Committee  
 7:00p Program Council; Gay Straight Alliance  
 7:00p UU Dance Fellowship

**Tuesday, May 10, 2011**

9:30a Archives; Newsletter Folding  
 1:00p Cancer Support Group  
 6:30p Peace Pals Choir  
 7:00p Zen Meditation; Social Committee  
 7:00p Rising Voices Choir; UU Bible School  
 7:00p Governance Documents  
 7:30p Men's Spirituality  
 7:45p Spirit of Life Choir

**Wednesday, May 11, 2011**

8:00a UU Food Co-op  
 1:00p Archives Organizing  
 6:00p Movement Choir Rehearsal  
 7:00p Memoir Writing; Board Budget Review  
 7:00p Covenant Group Steering Committee  
 7:00p Community & Questing  
 7:30p Women's Spirituality; Personnel Com; Yoga  
***ESOL meets MWF at 9:30a; FOCUS (ages 18-35, forrester.15@buckeyemail.osu.edu) meets on Mondays at OSU, 7:30p.***

**The Discoverer - Next issue - Sunday, May 8  
 Deadline: 1:00p - Hard copy in yellow folder  
 6:00p - e-mail copy to olwfire@yahoo.com**

Passover and Easter are past, though I notice that I still have some matzos and more than enough Easter candy left over. I hope your celebrations were rich, life-filled occasions. I always love the seder we host at the church, and I was just as glad to host some long-time friends for Easter.

As happy as those times were, however, they are not what is on my mind as I sit to write this column.

What's on my mind is my response to the news that the British photographer Tim Hetherington was killed last week while covering the unrest in Misurata, Lybia. Hetherington was not someone I had followed to any degree, but I had recently watched *Restrepo*, the documentary film he co-directed with Sebastian Junger. *Restrepo* is about as unpolished film as you can imagine being nominated for an Academy Award, yet that is not to say that it is not beautifully photographed. The two filmmakers chronicle a 15 month deployment of a U.S. platoon in the Korengal Valley in eastern Afghanistan. As far as I'm concerned, any war story is a political story, but this film is as neutral as any I've seen as it focuses on the experiences of the soldiers in the field.

As I've mentioned before, when I was younger I flirted with the idea of becoming a war photographer, and so there is a bit of reflecting on paths not taken in my response to Hetherington's death. Beyond that, however, it has me thinking about the process that makes events far away personal, direct.

A CNN report quotes Libyan rebel spokesman Jalal al Gallal as saying in response to the deaths of Hetherington and his colleague Chris Hondros, "This is no longer the Gadhafi regime taking on Libya's people. This is Gadhafi taking on the world. He has spared no one, not women, not children, not journalists. This is now everybody's war."

I'd like to say that every war is everybody's war, but that would be stretching the truth. That's why we have reporters and photographers – to show the universal in places that may be foreign to us, whether they be in Misurata or just across town.

I guess it boils down to the willingness to pay attention and to bear witness. And that's the work both of journalism and communities of faith. We do so as we worship and when we gather in support of the goals of BREAD and other justice projects.

Maybe I didn't stray all that far from my earlier dreams, after all.

in peace,



Rev. Eric Meter

**FIRST FRIDAY May 6, 2011** Potluck at 6:30pm; programs at 7:30pm, including: Making Mothers' Day cards (children). Adult volunteer needed to work with the kids; *What's On Our Minds?* - a discussion roundtable for adults. We are looking for volunteers to host First Friday events. Call Jeanni Ray, 985-6176.



**WORKDAY** There's still time to volunteer for the UU Spring Work Day on **Saturday May 7**. Breakfast will be at **8:30am**, with work starting about 9 a.m. and lasting until noon. Sign up in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, May 1 or on the sign-up sheet on the easel in the Gallery. Or you can email Brian Hagemann at [brianh@firstuucolumbus.org](mailto:brianh@firstuucolumbus.org) or Dave Richter at [drichter@sciotangy.com](mailto:drichter@sciotangy.com) and let us know you're available. You can come late or leave early, if you have other obligations that Saturday.

**ANNUAL REPORTS** Attention all committee chairs and group leaders: Now is the time to turn in your group's annual report to the Church Office. It should contain the group's mission statement, a list of group members, and a summary of the year's accomplishments, activities, and changes. Send reports to Marian Garcia at [marian@firstuucolumbus.org](mailto:marian@firstuucolumbus.org), or leave them in her mailbox in the Volunteer Workroom. In order to compile these in time for the Annual Meeting, they must be turned in by **Thursday, May 19**. For more information, please call 267-4946, ext. 21.

**RULES CHANGE** The Strategic Planning Committee is being re-constituted as a Committee of the Board with a revised charter. As this is a change in the Standing Rules, the revised charter will be posted on the bulletin board in the Window Hallway for review. Questions or comments may be directed to any Board member. Final review and a vote is planned for the next meeting of the Board on **Wednesday, April 27**. Current members of the proposed committee, if approved, are Anita Bucknam, Jeff Boughton, Jim Conlan, Sarah Graffagnino, Bob Letcher, Dennis Rankin and Doug Rossiter; there are two vacancies on the proposed committee at this point. Interested church members, please contact Leadership Development, Jim Conlan or Rev. Eric Meter.

**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](mailto:rschifano@yahoo.com)

**MISSING UUs** On Sundays, most of us notice who is at the service. But we often forget about someone we haven't seen for a month or more. To help strengthen our community, the Membership Team asks each of you to identify one or more people you haven't seen for a while, and give them a jingle. To keep everyone from starting at the beginning, we suggest you start with those with the same letter as your last name. Thank you for reaching out.

**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 up on May 1, in Fellowship Hall, following both services. Questions? Call Gail Hall at 326-0344 or email: [mintjuleps@gailsporch.com](mailto:mintjuleps@gailsporch.com)

**SENIOR MEMORIES** Seniors, do you have a story to tell? Would you like the story of your life or a special memory/event in your life recorded for posterity? Starting Wednesday, **May 25, *Life Stories*** comes to First UU.

First UU Youth Ellie Hall and her mother Gail Hall will film you talking about your life. A copy of this recording will be archived at First UU and the first 12 people to sign up will receive a copy of their own to keep or share with a loved one. After that the cost will be \$5.00 to cover the cost of the DVD and DVD case – so sign up early.

The details: call Gail Hall at 614 326-0344 or email her at: [mintjuleps@gailsporch.com](mailto:mintjuleps@gailsporch.com) to set up a date for the recording. The recordings will be filmed in Slowter Lounge on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 and should last for about 30 – 45 minutes. Before your appointment, plan ahead the what direction you want your recording to go, and what you want to talk about. Index cards might be helpful. You can choose if you want to talk by yourself, or bring a family member or friend. The recording will start with Gail asking you a couple of general questions to lead you into the event you want to talk about. If you don't have one particular event that you want to discuss, Gail can ask you some questions about where you grew up, what it was like during that

time period, how you met your spouse, questions about special friends, family, your children, your career, military service, travel etc. You choose the story you want to tell.

You don't have to have your own reality TV show for your story to be interesting – we want to hear stories that real people lived – real people like you.

Everyone has a story to tell.

**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

**GTBQ & ALLIES BOOK GROUP** We will watch Part II of the movie version of *Angels in America* by Tony Kushner. Date and time TBA.

Our next regular meeting after that will be held on **Monday, June 27, 7:30-9:30pm**. We will be discussing the written and movie versions of this Pulitzer prize-winning play.

The book group is open to all, regardless of orientation or gender expression. Contact Caroline Rayner ([crayner@columbus.rr.com](mailto:crayner@columbus.rr.com) or 447-1167)

**WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY** Wednesday at 7:30pm  
April 27 – Let's talk of Spring (all); May 4 – Birthdays, poetry and sharing (all); May 11 – Mothers (all); May 18 – Marian Clover and her poetry; May 25 - Talking Circle -- Jeanni Ray, 985-6176

**BOTO** The bUUKstore'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.

**WHO AM I: AGES 1 TO 100** This summer's art will be self portraits of church members. Make your SELF PORTRAIT based on what you like to do/what you believe/what you look like/what you love. It does not have to look like you (although this is welcomed). This art includes 2-D, 3-D, and words (poetry in large print). All works must be framed with a wire for hanging. This is open to adults and children. One to two pieces per artist. The show will be July 1- August 28. **Take-in dates are Sunday, June 26, 11-12 and Monday, June 27, 5-6 pm**. If you wish to participate please email Deb Baillieul, [debbsyc@yahoo.com](mailto:debbsyc@yahoo.com), 614-447-1223

**BOOKBITES** Meets May 17 in Slowter Lounge from 7 to 9 pm. We'll continue our *Round the World* reading: discuss a book about India, fiction or nonfiction. Questions: Call Kathleen Boston, 262-4025.

**RAFTING** Spring is in the air, so you are invited to an all church white water rafting trip!

We will be rafting the Gauley and New River in West Virginia. We will leave the church at 10:00 AM on May 28 for our 3 1/2 hour drive to the Class VI site for platform tent camping. We will raft on Sunday and return to Columbus on Monday. The cost will be about \$120.00 per person. Fee covers rafting and lodging. Meals will be on your own, except Sunday lunch and dinner and Monday breakfast. There are many options for non rafters. Families are welcome but children need to be over 12 for rafting. Child care is the responsibility of parents. For more information- check the website [www.classVI.com](http://www.classVI.com), or talk to Chuck Wolfe 337-9620 or Pat Larson 268-7670.

**CAMPING at Delaware State Park Friday June 17-Sunday June 19** - Join other UU families and friends for weekend of camping - tent or trailer. Enjoy communal meals, hiking, swimming or just relaxing. About \$32 if you share a site. Find us on Facebook: First UU Columbus Camping or contact Patricia Boughton, [patkap@wowway.com](mailto:patkap@wowway.com) or 860-1164.

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### SOCIAL JUSTICE

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### STOP WASTING MONEY! STOP WASTING LIVES!

Past experience tells us that, even though we have nearly 300 signed up to attend the BREAD (Building Responsibility, Equality, and Dignity) Nehemiah Action Meeting on **Monday, May 2, 6:45-8:30pm** at Veterans Memorial on Broad Street, some of those people will **not** attend in the end.

Why has our congregation committed to having 300 members, friends, and their associates at the Action?

- To help swell the total attendance to 3,000, a number that will go a long way toward convincing powerful public and private officials to work with BREAD to implement well-researched solutions to some of the problems of *crime and violence, inadequate health care, at-risk youth, and neighborhood blight* – solutions that will help to **save money and save lives.**

- To model the possibility of a large turnout to other mid-size congregations.
- To keep our covenant with BREAD, signed in 1996, to support the BREAD Actions to the best of our ability.

So, if you've committed to attend, **please** do so. If you haven't, or don't have a ticket yet, contact your First UU Justice Network member, or Alice Rathburn, or get a ticket at the BREAD table next Sunday after services.

Free Child Care for children out of diapers to age 8.

Carpools from First UU Church 5:45 – 6:15 p.m. Wear your Standing On the Side Of Love T-shirt if you have one (available in Fellowship Hall after services).

*The time is always right to do the right thing.*

M.L. King, Jr.

Alice Rathburn, 895-2109, 563-0536, or [alice37@insight.rr.com](mailto:alice37@insight.rr.com). For general information and the most recent newsletter, go to [www.breadcolumbus.org](http://www.breadcolumbus.org).

**CSTB Care and Share Time Bank** is a Columbus, Ohio-based umbrella network of community groups based on *Time Credits*, the currency of equally valued services, the exchange of which empowers individual to utilize their assets, to enhance their lives, neighborhood and communities. An organizing and information potluck is planned for **Friday, April 29, at 6:00pm** in the Simply Living office, located in the Maynard Avenue United Methodist Church: 2350 Indianola Ave. Join us for food, fellowship and learn how to use this "currency" and how to navigate the new website

**FOOD PANTRY NEWS** First, thank you, Michael Greenman, for all of your hard work at the Feed My Sheep food pantry in Mineral, Ohio.

The greatest need is food, especially peanut butter, dried pinto beans, spaghetti and sauce, rice and fresh produce.

Another way to help is by bringing in your empty aluminum cans to be recycled for cash, which I use to buy food for the pantry. We also need blankets and clothing for children and adults.

Rev. Ray Ogburn of the Feed my Pantry sends a great big "thank you" to our church and all those who donate.

Don't forget we need many gently used children's books. I love to put two books in each food box. One mother told me that her grandson who lives with her, can't wait to get the food box so he can read the books inside. Thank you for making a difference.

-- Jacques Angelino

## CARING CORNER

**Congratulations to: Steve Abbott** whose poem "Awakening in Lebanon" was awarded first prize at the annual Power of Poetry festival in Logan, OH last weekend; **Debra Boyd** who has accepted an invitation by the UUA Board of Trustees to serve on the General Assembly Planning Committee; and to **Chip Roush** (former member who was ordained into UU ministry by our church), who has also accepted an invitation by the UUA Board of Trustees to serve on the General Assembly Planning Committee .

Happy Birthday to **Rev. Carol Brody** who celebrated her birthday on April 20.

Best Wishes to **Chrys Gee and Craig Stuntz and big sister Evelyn** on the birth of Ester Julia.

Congratulations to **Kyle Pigman** who won a gold medal in the Special Olympics Ohio Sectional Bowling Tournament.

We send our caring thoughts to **Teena Price** who was at Riverside for treatment of her high blood pressure; and to **Barbara Steeg** on the death of her mother.

A happy note from **Judy Bell**: "I am engaged to marry Brian Cislak in Madison WI. Rev. Michael Schuler will perform the ceremony on August 13, 2011, at First Unitarian Society of Madison, and we will have an evening reception.

I will be moving from Columbus in June as we will be residing in Madison. I have lived in Columbus my entire life, except for five years in the early 1960s, and I have owned my home in Worthington for the past 40 years, so this is a major move for me!

I first started coming to First UU Columbus in the summer of 1967. I wonder how many of us are still around First UU from the 1960s? Those were some interesting times. I still remember when Gunnar Myrdal and also Jane Fonda and Tom Hayden came to our church for programs on race relations and the Viet Nam war, respectively." (*Best wishes from your friends at First UU, Judy.*)

**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](mailto:jnreisman@aol.com), or Ohma Willette, [ohmawi@gmail.com](mailto:ohmawi@gmail.com), for more information.

## DENOMINATIONAL CONCERNS

### It's Summer Institute Time

Are you ready to spend a week with 600+ UUs in fun and fellowship? This year's Summer Institute welcomes Rev. John Buehrens as our theme speaker. He will share with us on the theme: ***This is the House That UUs Built!*** We will gather at Kenyon College in Gambier, OH on **July 10-16, 2011**. Registration is open now and brochures are available for download at the OMDSI website. Visit [www.omdsi.org](http://www.omdsi.org) for more information and links.

### UU Leadership Team Institute

Are you a new leader? Are you already a leader but feel like you need some more skills for your position? Do you wonder if there are new ways of doing things that are better suited to your congregation? Do you just want a chance to go deeper in your knowledge of Unitarian Universalism? Never fear - UULTI is here! The Central East Regional Group (CERG) is offering our leadership school at three different weekends in three locations this year. One of them is the weekend before SI at Kenyon College - talk about your one stop shopping! Learn more about this innovative program at [www.cerguaa.org/uulti](http://www.cerguaa.org/uulti)

### General Assembly 2011 - Celebrating 50 Years

This year's General Assembly in Charlotte, NC promises to be filled with lots of great information and programming. The Ware Lecturer is noted theologian Karen Armstrong. UU Musician Nick Page will be leading the ***New Epiphany Revival Show***. There will be a lecture on the past and future of Unitarian Universalism and a panel discussion on UU Social Justice history. And of course there will be a party on the opening night and more! Plan to join other UUs in Charlotte, NC. Learn more about this year's celebrations at General Assembly at [www.uua.org/ga](http://www.uua.org/ga).

You can register for the June 22-26 Charlotte, NC 50th Anniversary event on line at [www.uua.org/ga](http://www.uua.org/ga), and ***please note that "early registration rates" go away on May 2.*** Information on hotel options is available and reservations can be made on the web site.

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## FROM THE ARCHIVES



### **Rev. Arthur Tripp and the First Unitarian (Universalist) Church 1963-1964**

Rev. Tripp was the minister here a very short time. At a special meeting on Sunday, June 16, 1963, the congregation voted to call him to be the minister. He arrived in late August and began his ministry in September. He came to First Unitarian Church here from First Church in Belmont, Massachusetts (1957-1963).

His installation service was held on Sunday evening, December 8, 1963. The principal speaker was Rev. Dana McLean Greeley, D.D., president of the UUA in Boston. His speech was entitled *Liberal Religion Around the World*. The following week, December 9 - 13, Rev. Tripp did Morning Meditations on WOSU Radio from 8:30 to 8:45 am.

Rev. Tripp was born on December 3, 1923 in Fairhaven, Mass. He graduated from Tufts University in Boston in 1945 and received his S.T.B from Crane Theological School there in 1947 and did graduate study at Harvard Divinity School. His experience included being Associate Minister, Arlington Street Church, Boston (1954-1957); Minister, Channing Unitarian Church, Rockland, Mass. (1950 - 1954); Minister, First Congregational Unitarian Church, Harvard (1947- 1950) where he was ordained.

Work within the denomination and the community indicated his commitment to the ministry and welfare of individuals. In 1955 – 1956, he was president of the New England Unitarian Ministers Association; from 1955 to 1957 he was treasurer of the New England Youth Work Committee; from 1954 to 1963 he was director of the Massachusetts Society for Social Health. He also served as president of the Greater Boston Chapter of the United World Federalists and of the Crane Theological School Alumni Association.

From the Columbus church's February 19, 1964 newsletter: “Rev. Tripp, who died in bed at his home here early Monday morning, had contracted what he supposed was 24-hour flu at the end of the week. He had informed the church Sunday morning, that, with the Youth Group in charge of the service, he would remain at home and rest. Art had diabetes, though he was reticent about discussing it with anyone. Resulting complications presumably caused his death.”

The Universalist and Unitarian Churches in Columbus held a joint memorial service on Sunday morning, February 23. Participating were Rev. Lyman Achenback, First Universalist Church; Dr. Russell Lincoln, executive secretary, Ohio Meadville District; and Rev. Charles Vickery of the UU World Service Committee in Boston and former Universalist minister in Columbus.

On February 22, Arlington Church in Boston held a memorial service. The following words came from an unnamed person in the Columbus church: “There will always be a feeling of tragedy when a young person dies before his potential has been fulfilled. Arthur, in the short time that he had been with us, had given us a glimpse of HIS potential which was already showing promise of significant achievement. The acceptance of a call to the pulpit of a new church in an area noted neither for its tolerance of Unitarian Universalist concepts, nor for its sympathy with the non-conformity of the liberal, was no easy challenge. He had succeeded well in communicating to us his high sense of commitment to the goals and ideals of our church. We would like this recorded as our appreciation of a diligent and conscientious ministry.”

*Sources: papers, newsletters, programs from the Archives*

-- Linda Thompson, Historian



**WORDS ON MUSIC**  
by Tony McDonald, Music Director

Our musical season is coming to an end with a flourish – two big concerts in May. First, **Chamber Music for Flute and Viola**, starring Lea Pearson, flute, Nancy Nehring, viola, and Nathan Hamm, piano, will be on Sunday, May 1 at 3:00 pm.

They will be performing music for flute, viola and piano from the Baroque, Classical and 20th Century periods, featuring duos for flute and viola by Devienne, Glickman, Hoffmeister, Telemann, and Reher, the Sonata for Flute and Piano by Taktakishvili, and a solo viola sonata by Kimber. The concert will conclude with an arrangement for chamber ensemble of excerpts from the last movement of Beethoven’s Ninth Symphony.

The concert is a fundraiser for UUNIVERSE! the church’s resident chamber music ensemble which presents music of under-represented composers. In the past this has included concerts by women, gay and lesbian, Hispanic, Asian, African American and Arab composers. “Though this is not a UUNIVERSE! concert, it relates to that series in that here we will also be playing music by lesser-known, often neglected composers,” said UUNIVERSE! Artistic Director Lea Pearson. Donations will be accepted at the door.

The other big event will be the spring concert of the choirs: **Make Love, Not War: Music of the 60s and 70s** on Sunday, May 22 at 7:00 pm. As usual, all four choirs - Peace Pals, Rising Voices, Chalice and Spirit of Life - will perform.

“We’re going to have fun with a lot of the music we grew up with,” said Dee Keller, director of Spirit of Life, Rising Voices and Peace Pals. Some of the songs to be performed will be Aquarius/Let the Sunshine In (The Fifth Dimension); Suite Judy Blue Eyes (Crosby, Stills & Nash); Big Yellow Taxi (Joni Mitchell); Turn, Turn, Turn (The Byrds); Happy Together (The Turtles); What the World Needs Now (Jackie DeShannon); and Blowin’ In the Wind (Peter, Paul and Mary).

The choirs will be accompanied by guitar, bass and drums, along with piano, on many of the numbers. One unique aspect of the concert is that both choir directors, plus yours truly, have contributed arrangements for it. **Please note the unusual starting time, 7:00pm**, due to a scheduling conflict.

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**Sufi Practice, Pagan, Christian and Hindu Holidays and Babies Everywhere!**

This week and the next two are such a rich, rich mix for me. Last night, on the eve of the holiest of Christian holidays, I attended a zikr at the home of a Sufi. Zikr means remembrance in Arabic. We were chanting the Sura Fatiha, the first chapter of the Qur'an. It is a combination of praise of Sacred Unity and supplication for guidance. So what's a Unitarian Universalist agnostic doing chanting the Qur'an? First, we were using the tunes and the translations of Sufi murshid Neal Douglas-Klotz, a teacher in the Sufi Ruhaniyat, a liberal form of Sufism in the lineage Chishti Order. It emphasizes the unity of all people and all religions. Sound familiar? I find it important to remember that what we experience day to day is not all there is. There is a deep unity among all of us, even when the news and our more mundane experiences would convince us that there is nothing but division, discord and greed.

This morning we celebrated renewal, rebirth, hope and community in a richly textured celebration. And, at the end I got to hold one of the many new babies we have. There is nothing like a new baby to remind us of the Mystery, unity and hope at the center of life.

Next week the younger part of Sunday School will celebrate the spring holiday of Holi with a rollicking time of smearing each other and squirting each other with many colors. The holiday is a part of all the major religions in India and is rich in



story. Originally, it was the pollen of the new flowers that people smeared on each other in celebration of the rebirth of life.

And the following week I will join a group of 40 others to conclude our five year journey with Murshid Neal Douglas-Klotz. "Bismillah-ir rahman-ir rahim. Alhamdulillah rabbi-l'alamin ar-rahman-ir rahim," we will chant. It can be interpreted to praise the irresistible voice of love's wellspring, the original womb of love and unity. And right after that I celebrate the births of my own spring babies (now very much adults), Heather and Aviva.

Happy spring in all its variegated forms, symbols and meanings.  
-- Jolinda

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### Religious Education News

Thanks to our neighborhood candy store, John Eagle Candies, 4590 North High Street , for their donation of prizes for Sunday's Easter Egg hunt.

**Talking to Your Children about Race Sunday, May 1 at 2 pm** This will be our only opportunity to hear from Dr. Jeane Copenhaver-Johnson, one of the country's leading experts on how to talk about race with children. Invite your neighbors and friends to attend. She will talk for about a half hour on her widely cited research about children's beliefs about race that points up the importance of talking openly with children at home and at school about race. There will be some time for Q & A and we'll break into groups to brainstorm ideas. She'll also bring book lists for teachers and parents of books that help launch conversations.

**It's Holi Again, That Colorful, Gleeful Indian Holiday** Hands down, it's the favorite of all elementary, preschool and Kindergarteners. Celebrated by all religions in India it began with the smearing of pollen in joyous recognition that the nature seemed to have come alive again. At First UU we celebrate it with safe colors - fingerpaints smeared all over one another, watercolors squirted. We also celebrate it more quietly with stories from India, face painting and dancing with flower petals. We still need a few volunteers to supervise rooms and read stories. Email [dre@firstuucolumbus.org](mailto:dre@firstuucolumbus.org) to sign up for the great fun. And, make sure your children **wear their oldest clothes**.

**Sunday School Schedule for May** We close our year in May and begin the Summer program.

May 1, 9:15 and 11 - Elementary and PreK/K wear your oldest clothing. It's our second annual Holi, Festival of Colors, celebration. Older groups meet. Coming of Age is on retreat for the weekend and it's a CON weekend.

May 8 and 15 at 10:30 - PreK/K Justice Sundays for the whole family at the Audubon Park on May 8 and Battelle Darby Creek on May 15. Justice Sunday details for elementary are being coordinated with Latina/o community groups and will be announced soon. All older groups meet on May 8. On May 15 the youth in Middle School and High School groups will join in Justice Sunday.

May 22, 9:15 and 11 - An all Sunday School Party. All groups except Coming of Age.

**May 29, 10am - Summer Sundays begin with Summer Coordinator Cindy Dillard. One session, one worship service at 10 begins then.**

### Adult Enrichment Programs

**Voluntary Simplicity – May 1, 1:00pm.** Introduction to this Simply Living/Earth Institute course. Please ask for details at the Adult Education Programs table. Please register at 433-0363.

**Prehistoric Goddess. May 15, 1:00pm.** We'll watch a Canadian Film Board video, *Goddess Remembered*. Please join us. Preregister at 433-0363.

**Walking in Nature Fridays at 9:20am.** Meet at the Nature Center parking lot at Highbanks Metro Park on North High Street. Contact: Erica Scurr at [escurr@juno.com](mailto:escurr@juno.com), or 740-549-1518.

Socinian Communion, check. Passover Seder, check. Flower Ceremony, children's book props, Easter Sermon writing; check. Dinner for eight at my house afterward, including cardoon ravioli (thank you, Sandy and Florence, for the cardoons!), check.

Guess who is taking not just Monday but Tuesday off this week? You will read this after I've taken the extra day off, but just in case.

I am too tired to write much today. The rain is slowing the pulse, and they say it's going to be thundering and pouring for days, so I will just drop some of the frenetic pace for a few days and try and catch up a bit. Still working on the Skinner House reading book. Getting ready for General Assembly. Going back to the gym more regularly, without the snow and ice to deflect me. Spring must be here!



Rev. Mark Belletini

***The Inner Flame***

*by Joyce Sequichie Hifler, 1992 (Cherokee Nation)*

*A country road in May hums with activity. Bees comb the clover fields for nectar. Buttercups and sunflowers open to the sun and a mockingbird sets out to mimic every sound it has ever heard. Wild onions and pink verbena share space, and the buffalo peas nod in spring breezes. The sky closes in like a cocoon. Now is the time to slow down and enjoy the minute changes as they come hourly, the scents, the roadside filled with new plants. They come quickly, the changes, the di ga ne tli yv s di in Cherokee. Things mature before we see the difference. Our clouded thoughts may shut it out until we have missed the best part. Let me feel like a leaf in spring, after the wind is still.*

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