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WORSHIP SERVICES

June 26, 2011 10:00 A.M.

Wes Thompson

“Obstacles to Action”

July 3, 2011 10:00 A.M.

Rick Kritzer and others

“Blessing the Animals”

July 10, 2011 10:00 A.M.

Rev. John Buehrens

“Progressive Religion and the Renewal of Hope”

Rev. Buehrens, a former president of the UUA, is our guest speaker.

► "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, June 22, 2011*General Assembly in Charlotte, NC 6/22-6/26*

- 6:00p Zen in the Workplace
- 6:30p Life Stories
- 7:30p Women's Spirituality
- 7:30p American Poetry

Thursday, June 23, 2011

- 9:30a Improvisational Dance
- 6:45p UU Animal Ministry
- 7:00p Expressive Collage

Saturday, June 25, 2011

- 8:30a Zen Meditation
- 11:00a Improvisational Dance II

Sunday, June 26, 2011

- 10:00a Worship Service; All Ages Sunday School
- 11:30a Getting to Know UU; Sunday Forum
- 1:00p UU Visual Artists
- 2:00p PFLAG
- 6:00p Bridge Group (499-2434)

Monday, June 27, 2011

- 7:00p UU Dance Fellowship
- 7:00p Governance Documents Committee
- 7:00p Neighboring Faiths teachers
- 7:30p GLBT Book Discussion Group

Tuesday, June 28, 2011

- 9:30a Archives Organizing
- 1:00p Cancer Support Group
(to join, contact se.schofield@hotmail.com)
- 7:00p Being an Atheist or Agnostic
- 7:00p Zen Meditation
- 7:30p Men's Spirituality

Wednesday, June 29, 2011

- 1:00p Archives Organizing
- 6:30p Life Stories
- 7:00p Board of Trustees
- 7:30p Women's Spirituality

Thursday, June 30, 2011

- 9:30a Improvisational Dance

Friday, July 1, 2011

- 12:00p Cooking for Faith Mission
- 6:30p First Friday Potluck
- 7:30p Community Leaders Forum

Saturday, July 2, 2011

- 8:30a Zen Meditation
- 10:00a GSA Phone Bank

Sunday, July 3, 2011

- 10:00a Worship Service; All Ages Sunday School
- 11:30a Getting to Know UU; Youth Group
- 1:00p Committee on Shared Ministry

Monday, July 4, 2011 Office closed

- 7:00p UU Dance Fellowship

Tuesday, July 5, 2011

- 9:30a Archives; Newsletter Folding
- 1:00p Cancer Support Group
(to join, contact se.schofield@hotmail.com)
- 7:00p Justice Action Ministry; Caring Committee
- 7:00p Zen Meditation
- 7:35p Worship Committee

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

- 8:00a UU Food Co-op
- 5:00p Campfire Girls and Boys
- 6:30p Life Stories
- 7:30p Women's Spirituality

FOCUUS (ages 18-35) meets on Mondays at OSU, 7:30p

**The Discoverer - Next issue - Sunday, July 3
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6:00p - e-mail articles to olwfire@yahoo.com**

LINKS

This will be my last column until I'm back from a bit of a summer break in August.

Next week, I'll be one of a number of us from First UU in Charlotte, NC at the UUA's General Assembly. There, Debra Boyd and I will be part of a panel discussion on welcoming new members, and I'll also be meeting with representatives from other churches involved in Congregationally Based Community Organizing, like Columbus' BREAD organization.

Speaking of BREAD, I've recently taken their training to become part of their corporate investment program. I've never seen myself as being good asking corporate leaders to help support even as good a cause as BREAD, but as I often encourage folks to stretch their sense of who they are and what they can do, it's good to take a dose of one's own medicine. In this case, it was no where near as painful as I feared.

However, what I'm thinking mostly about these days is how the end of a church year is not like the end of a school year. I remember feeling a sense of deep relief when I had only one or two final exams left. Yes, there was more to go, but I could see the light at the end of the tunnel. I was almost there. Ah, yesteryear.

With just a few days to go before GA, and a very short week between returning and the start of my time off, the list of things I need to wrap up or set in motion for the fall seems to be getting longer every day, not shorter, no matter how hard I work, or how many hours I log. In the back of my mind I hear the old adage that God's work (or you might say church work) is never done. Cold comfort, that. But true all the same.

I'll be around town through the middle of July, hosting Rev. John Buehrens while he preaches here on July 10. Then I'll be off to officiate at my cousin's wedding in Milwaukee. After that, my friend Ann and I are going to Switzerland (where we'll stay with a friend who is a pastor in the Swiss Reformed Church, and visit Ann's brother who lives in Germany), before heading to northern Italy, a trip I've been dreaming of (and saving for) for years.

I'm looking forward to returning refreshed and re-energized come August. Whatever your summer plans, I hope the short weeks to come will be equally restorative for you.

in peace,



Rev. Eric Meter

CHURCH NEWS

ELECTION RESULTS At the June 12 Annual Meeting, the following were elected to the Board of Trustees: Dan Baer, Phyllis Byard, Bill Keating and Chuck Wolfe. Gretchen Curtis, Pat Larson, Peggy McKee and Mary Lou MacDonald were elected to serve on the Leadership Development Committee.

In other business, those present voted for the 2011-12 budget as presented, and endorsed the Board's approval of Affiliated Minister Agreements with Rev. Kathleen Fowler and Rev. Suzan McCrystal.

A report on the OMD Phoenix Witness Project was presented by David Petra, a member of the OMD Board of Trustees, and an appeal was made for financial support for this project. More information to follow.

UU ANIMAL MINISTRY The UUAM will be offering a summer reading discussion series, beginning in July, focused on the bond between human and non-human animals. Please call Lisa Daris at 208-6381 if you are interested in joining our discussion.

FIRST UU ANNUAL PICNIC Sunday, August 28, at Thompson Park at McCoy and Mountview. Picnic is from 12-3pm at the North Shelter. The Social Committee will provide drinks and plates, utensils and cups. Bring games to play, and there is a playground there also. No grilling. Come for fun and fellowship and the best time ever. Any questions, contact Jeanni Ray at jeanniray@gmail.com.

GLTBQ & ALLIES BOOK GROUP Our next regular meeting will be held on **Monday, June 27, 7:30-9:30pm**. We'll discuss the written and movie versions of *Angels in America*.

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

SUMMER ART Artists ages 1 to 100: Bring your art next week for "Who am I?". These self portraits can be inspired by what you like to do/what you believe/what you look like/or what you love. This show is open to adults and children. One to two pieces per artist. All works must be framed with a wire for hanging. Attach your name and title to the back of work. The show will be July 1- August 28. Take-in dates are next Sunday, June 26, 11-12 and Monday, June 27, 5-6 pm. Please email Deb Baillieul, debbsyc@yahoo.com, 614-447-1223 with your information.

COMING OF AGE FOR ADULTS: WELLSPRING

Just as the Coming of Age program is a high-commitment program for the ninth graders in the congregation, Wellspring is a high-commitment faith development experience for adult members and friends of First UU.

Beginning at an all-day retreat on Saturday, September 10 and continuing every other week through next June, participants in Wellspring will explore the richness of your lived experience, our Unitarian and Universalist traditions and several other theologies that inform our current practices. Each person in Wellspring also commits to meet with a spiritual director monthly and a daily spiritual practice.

While we have had one Wellspring group this year, we are planning two next year. If you are interested, please email Rev. Eric at ericm@firstuucolumbus.org.

WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY Wednesdays at 7:30pm
BIG NEWS: Women's Spirituality turns 20 this month, making it the longest running group at First UU!
June 22 – We Have Something to Say (all);
June 29 – Happy Birthday to us (all). If you have been a member, or just want to join us, come – but RSVP to Jeanni at 985-6176 or e-mail JeanniRay@gmail.com by June 27. We will have a party!

LIFE STORIES 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? 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, 326-0344 or email her at: mintjuleps@gailsporch.com to set up a date for the recording. The recordings will be filmed in Slower Lounge on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 and should last for about 30 – 45 minutes. Before your appointment, plan ahead the direction that you want your recording to go, and what you want to talk about. Index cards might be helpful. You can choose whether 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 was it 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.

SOCIAL JUSTICE



Breaking News: Municipal Court Judge Paul Herbert told BREAD's Crime and Violence (C&V) committee during their June 7 meeting that three staff members have been trained to administer the Ohio Risk Assessment System (ORAS) and that a pilot program would begin on Monday, June 13. BREAD's C&V research committee *and* all of you who helped boost the attendance at this year's Nehemiah Action to more than 2,900 made this happen!

Look in the BREAD section of the window bulletin board for the report on the reward earned by formerly truant middle school students who met their attendance goals after being enrolled in the KEY anti-truancy program.

Monday, June 27, 7:00 p.m., BREAD Nehemiah Action Celebration and Investment Drive Kickoff for all BREAD Justice Network members, Congregation Tifereth Israel, 1354 East Broad Street, Columbus, *Car pooling from First UU, 6:15 p.m.* Purpose:

- To celebrate the Nehemiah Action's issue victories and provide updates
- To honor the 15 congregations that turned out 50% or more of their average worship attendance at the Nehemiah Action.

- To honor successful Justice Ministry Network members
- To officially begin BREAD's 2011 investment drive. (See the budget on the back of the investment letter you receive this week. Grants are time limited and often cannot be repeated. So it is crucial that more of BREAD's support comes from individuals in its member congregations.)

For further information about BREAD (Building Responsibility, Equality, and Dignity), go to www.breadcolumbus.org, call or e-mail Alice Rathburn, 895-2109, alice37@insight.rr.com, or contact another member of First UU's BREAD team.

GAY STRAIGHT ALLIANCE Marching with gusto at Pride: The GSA-sponsored First UU Pride weekend was marvelous! Many thanks to Annie Kiser, Tony Rice, and Robert Ziegler for their time and talent before, during, and after the parade! Cookie-baking led by Mat Gordon and signage led by Mike McGuire made the Friday potluck tons of fun. Finally, thanks to our partners at North UU and the OMD Young Adults and all the members of our congregations who marched in the parade (and stayed dry!). Enjoy photos on the GSA Facebook page! <http://www.facebook.com/pages/First-Unitarian-Universalist-Church-of-Columbus-Gay-Straight-Alliance/111712288891807>

OMD plans to support youth/young adult attendance at 2012 "Justice Assembly"

Sunday's service led by Michael Dobson expressed concerns regarding continued attendance by young adults in our UU congregations. Specifically, Michael mentioned as an issue the typical inability of that age group to be financially able to attend the annual General Assembly. The OMD, addressing that issue head-on, has launched a program: the "Phoenix Witness Project" that will obtain pledges from District members to support its commitment to full participation in this "Justice Assembly," that will focus on the inhuman immigration policies recently instituted by the state of Arizona (and a growing list of other states!). Please pick up the form from the church office and make your pledge (that will be requested in two installments) to ensure that youth and young adults will be able to attend this important event next June! Let's ensure that the next generation of evolving UUs has good reasons to stick with us in the future.

CARING CORNER

The flowers in the Worship Center on Sunday, June 12, were in honor of **Rev. Mark Belletini** and **Rev. Eric Meter**. We thank them for all they have done for us this past year.

David Wurdlow and **Sonal Pandya** are being married on June 25, 2011, at First UU Church of Houston, TX. David is the son of **Sarah Wurdlow** and **Earl Wurdlow** and grew up here in our Sunday School.

Congratulations to: **Rev. Mark Belletini** who celebrated his birthday on Thursday, June 16; to **Rev. Carol and Paul Brody** who celebrated their wedding anniversary on Friday, June 17; and to Choir Director **Dee Keller** who has accepted a position with the Granville School District and will teach music to grades 4-6 this fall.

Best wishes to **Donna Green** who has retired from the Wisconsin Conference of the United Methodist Church.

We send healing thoughts to **Barry Keenan** and to **Sherry Osbeck**, both of whom had knee surgery, and to **Dotte Turner**, who is recovering from a heart condition.

Our condolences to: **Donna Poland** whose 91 year old father died recently, **Heather Myers Pierson**, whose father died recently, and to **David Patton**, whose wife Maggie died Tuesday night from a rare form of cancer. A celebration of her life was held in the Worship Center on Saturday, June 18.

Memorial Service Thank Yous: We very much appreciate those who assisted with the memorial service and reception for Maggie Patton held on June 18. Included were Jo Dickinson, Carol Fisher, Vanda Hughes, David Krohn, Pat Larson, Peggy McKee, Sharon Oliver, Teena Price, Linda Royalty, Erica Scurr, Phyllis South, Ken Vail, Sue Vierow, Linda Weigelt, Earl Wurdlow, and Jane Young. Co-coordinators, Tina Thonnings and Carole Wilhelm



WORDS ON MUSIC

by Tony McDonald, Music Director

The music doesn't stop during the summer - the choral music, that is. As in previous years, summer choirs will be happening June through August. The complete schedule is below.

Summer choirs are open to everyone (as are all our choirs), whether or not you have ever been in choir before. This is a chance to try singing with a choral group if you do not do it regularly, with no long-term commitment. Parents can sing with their kids in All-Ages Choir, and Women's Voices is, of course, for women only.

There is no audition and no signup, just show up for the rehearsal and service. The only rehearsal for each service we sing for is at **9:00am the morning thereof**. We run through the music for 45 minutes, and we are ready to go, so, as you might think, the music is not too hard, and can be learned quickly.

So come and join us with Summer Choirs, and tell your friends. For more information, see me at: musicdirector@firstuucolumbus.org.

- June 26 – Summer Choir, Brandon Moss, director
- July 10 – Women's Voices, Tony McDonald, director
- July 17 – All Ages Choir, Nathan Hamm, director
- July 24 – Summer Choir, Brandon Moss, director
- August 7 – Summer Choir, Dee Keller, director



Care and Share Time Bank Potluck

The next monthly CSTB Potluck will be held **Friday, July 8** at the Simply Living Offices - 2350 Indianola Ave. **(6:00 – 8:00 PM)** Learn about the Time Bank, meet the CSTB Community, share a potluck, register (if you haven't already), discuss and add services, brainstorm growing the TB, and earn 2 time credits. Bring your own table service (less to clean up afterward). Invite your friends who might be interested.

Hope to see you there! (Michael Greenman – 898-5825 and Alice Faryna – 442-9310)



OUR GREEN TEAM

Our "Church of the Future" is going to be GREEN!! No, not the color green - this kind of Green will mean energy efficient high-tech lighting options for the Worship Center and Gallery; alternative energy-saving heating and cooling systems, and solar panels on the roof!

Meanwhile, back in the present, our hard-working Green Team is focusing its energies into "green values." This means it evaluates the purchasing of materials for operations and maintenance of the church for the effect they will have on the earth's natural environment. For example, we have the Green Team to thank for the lovely rain garden along Weisheimer. Believe it or not, this little garden will reduce flooding and icing on Weisheimer and our driveway, and it will slow-up the storm surges into the Olentangy River.

In their spare time, the Green Team offers Adult Enrichment Programs and Simply Living Institute educational activities. They share the responsibility of "going green" with the Sierra Club and other local "Green" organizations. If you like the idea of a "Green Church" and want to volunteer your talents to the Team, please contact Tom Baillieul, tbailleul@gmail.com. They meet every third Sunday at 12:45.

Also, if you hurry, you can still get a place in the Green Team's auction activity. They are providing a morning exploration of thrift stores, followed by a picnic lunch featuring local foods, and watch for future "Green Tip" ideas in the Discoverer. Patty Monroe, Communications Committee

► AN INVITATION TO ALL

A children's library, named in memory of **Marguerite Turnbull**, has been established at CHOICES, a Columbus area shelter for abused women and their children. The project to establish this and other such children's libraries in 100 shelters around the country is an initiative of Jewish Women International. The library initiative is something that would speak strongly to Marguerite's sense of both the worth and dignity of every person (something the shelters seek to provide to the women and children who live in them) and the critical importance of reading as a foundation for life. The libraries are almost exclusively in non-sectarian locations.

To celebrate the establishment of this library, Marguerite's family will be hosting a reception on **Sunday, June 26, from 2-4 pm** at the Ohio State University Hillel, 46 East 16th Avenue. We hope that you and as many of her friends as possible will be able to be there. While we will be reaching out directly to many people as well, I would ask that you forward this email and invitation to your email lists so that those who might be interested know of the event. We would ask that people RSVP -- so that we don't run out of cookies and lemonade (jstraussberg@jwi.org). – Susan Turnbull



Last Words before Vacation

This is my last column until August. As a Myers-Briggs "P" I have a very hard time getting ready to leave for even so much as a few weeks. So I've got so many things to say that they'll not all fit in a column, but here goes.

On Tuesday I'll head for General Assembly. One of the highlights will be a dinner shared with others who protested SB1070 last July in Phoenix. Then I have day-surgery scheduled for my birthday. I'm really excited by Summer Institute starting on July 10th. Rev. Dave McFarland and I will be co-theme speakers for the youth camp. The theme is justice and we've got some exciting projects planned. Just being able to hang out with that vital group will be exciting.

After SI I hope to head for Seattle to spend time with my family, especially my great grandchildren. I also look forward to spending time in my younger daughter's new loft and finally meet the young man she's been dating for nearly two years. He's always visiting his family in Ireland when I'm visiting.

Yesterday I marched (and rode a little) in the Pride Parade. It was certainly a multi-generational affair. We had babes in front packs and people past retirement. We were led by a contingent of our youth carrying the Standing on the Side of Love banner and young adults were staffing the booth for the Central Ohio UU congregations. I stopped and got reacquainted with the good people at Fellowship Family House at their booth. They provide stable housing, life skills and spiritual support for lgbtq youth and young adults who are homeless or in unsafe situations. Many are from the foster "care" system. As soon as next week they will be taking in their first residents and they expect to complete the second side of their first duplex, housing several more in the next few weeks. They have two more properties they plan to fix up in the near future. To donate furniture, appliances or funds, email fellowshipfamilyhouse@yahoo.com.

There are some important events coming up while I am away. I know that many people who have summer schedules full of trips and projects take a "vacation" from attending events at First UU during this time. I hope you will consider supporting the significant justice work of our young adults and learning more about how our immigration system works in practice by attending the Young Adults Report *From the Southwest Border* in July. If you love Harry Potter and justice or if you support multi-age activities at First UU, show up for the planning meeting for Dumbledore's Army on July 10. More information about both events is below.

For three years I've been working on ways to involve youth more actively in the congregation. There are considerable challenges. Communication, hours of availability, misunderstandings about abilities and reliability and a host of other cultural differences and misunderstandings make it difficult for youth to fit easily into practices designed for adults. For the last two years we have asked youth how they would like to volunteer and every year about 50% list volunteer positions they would like to fill. We have had very little success in making volunteering a reality, however. I am seeking someone who knows this congregation well who can make it their priority to do the work necessary to connect youth with satisfying volunteer work at First UU. Contact the RE Assistant Deb McGuire at deb@firstuucolumbus.org if you'd like to be that person.

In general, of course, we need volunteers for Sunday School and other children and youth-related positions. It's important that adults without young children engage with our children and youth. You will be repaid not just in the opportunity to engage with our amazing children and youth, but also in vitality that giving parents the freedom to volunteer in other spots brings to the congregation, and in the creation of a more inclusive community. You will be reminded that children and youth have vital spiritual lives; you may be reminded of your own spirituality as a child. Your experience in Sunday School may allow you more access to that spirituality. We don't shed one form of spirituality as we gain another. We often do repress it, however.

We have nearly all volunteer positions filled for junior and senior high Sunday School. There are other positions that involve youth still open. We have several openings in 9:15 and 11 am elementary groups, including workshop leaders that present workshops six to nine times in a three-month period. Workshops can include your skills or interest in dance, storytelling, video, religion, spiritual practice, games, cooking, nature, science, acting, music and many others. We still need Kindergarten teachers at 9:15 and preschool teachers at 11 am. Indicate your interest at the Sunday School Table or by emailing Deb - deb@firstuucolumbus.org.

Okay, now maybe I can go on vacation.

Oh, oh one more thing. Families, please register for Sunday School NOW. <http://bit.ly/l6UYRv>

Okay, now it's time for vacation.

Deb McGuire will be in this Wednesday and then away through Sunday. After that her regular office hours are Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays.

Have a wonderful summer.
Jolinda

Jolinda Stephens, FirstUU Director of Religious Education, 614-267-4946, ext 28

Religious Education

Harry Potter Fans: Help organize Columbus' own Dumbledore's Army. Meet with Lynne Bieber on Sunday, July 10, following the worship service, if you're interested in doing the planning for a fun, exciting, way to do social action. This is a multi-age group that will involve many ages of leadership. Children and adults are encouraged to participate in the planning. Right now Lynne is gathering only those interested in planning. Watch for the beginning of the Columbus Dumbledore's Army next fall. Lynne's email is lynnebieber@gmail.com

Young Adults Report from the Southwest Border

July 19 and 26, 7 pm

One of our recent high school graduates has just returned to Columbus after three months with No More Deaths (NMD) or No Mas Muertos in the Sonoran Desert and Nogales, a town on the Arizona-Mexico border. Join **Dylan York** as she describes her experiences leaving water, medical supplies and other life-giving items on the trail in the desert and helping people recently deported connect with loved ones while taking statements of abuse they sustained in the immigration system. Deportees include people who were detained all over the country, including Ohio, who are deported to Mexico. We are hopeful that **Lydia Delphia**, another First UU young adult who attends college in Tucson and has volunteered with NMD for two years, will be able to also share her experiences.

Each session will also include some contextual material on migration and the Southwest border, as well as a summary of a report soon to be released by No More Deaths, provided by **Steve Palm-Houser**, an educator and reporter on immigration for the [examiner.com](http://www.examiner.com).

NMD is a ministry of the UU Church of Tucson but it includes people from all faiths that assert the right to provide humanitarian aid to migrants. The report is the result of a two-year research project. It is expected to provide substantial support for those advocating a more loving and ethical immigration policy. Excerpts from the report will be available and there will be time for Q&A and discussion about what this information means to people of faith and conscience here in Central Ohio.

Please invite friends for this important event and register at <http://tinyurl.com/lpwo6f>.

Our wonderful Toddler Room Teacher will be on vacation on July 3. The Toddler Room will not be staffed that Sunday.

Summer Sunday School: During the summer all children, ages 3 through 12, gather in one room. The program, run by Cindy Dillard (cynthia.dillard6@gmail.com), features cooperative games for all ages and rituals drawn from Keepers of the Earth. She needs helpers. You can sign up via email or at the Sunday School Table for one or several weeks.

PEACE CAMP—A LEGACY IN THE MAKING (part two)

Many churches have summer camps. With the exception of our School for Young Children's Summer Playcamp, First UU Church of Columbus did not have a summer camp program until 2005. That year, Rachel Tayse-Baillieul, Director of Religious Education (2004-2006), initiated our **PeaceCamp**. There were three leaders and 18 campers for a one-week session.

Since PeaceCamp began, sessions have grown from one week to two, with three leaders (plus teen helpers and parent volunteers) for each session. Between 2005-2010, there have been more than 250 children (post-K through 6th grade) who have learned peaceful practices while having fun building, learning songs, walking labyrinths, "creeking," doing various arts/crafts, community-building, tie-dying, and more. And there were more than 30 adults/teens who helped "grow" these peacemakers.

If you'd like to be involved, or get more information, please contact Cindy Dillard at: cynthia.dillard6@gmail.com 614-846-0912.

This summer's PeaceCamp is scheduled for the first two weeks of August.

Adult Enrichment Programs (AEP)

American Contemporary Poetry Final Wednesday, June 22, 7:30 pm

In the reprise of last year's popular class, facilitator Julie Grawemeyer offers a look at contemporary American poets. The study will debunk stereotypes, challenge us to read good writing, and will include internet resources. Julie is currently working on a translation of a book about the French playwright Jean Genet. Register online at our home page - www.firstuucolumbus.org - or at the AEP Table.

2011 Summer services

Date	Presenter	Title of Sermon or Topic
June 25	Wes Thompson 614-268-8080 917-9070	"Obstacles to Action"
July 3	Rick Kritzer 781-1799 Lisa Daris, Lisa Iacobellis	"Blessing the Animals"
July 10	Rev. John Buehrens	"Progressive Religion and Renewal of Hope" <i>Centering on his new book <i>Universalists and Unitarians in America: A People's History.</i></i>
July 17	Ray Nandyal 471-6171; 288-1639 David Maywhoor	What Justice Means to me: First UU's Justice Action Ministry
July 24	Dick Dawson, et al. 563-4855	The role of compassion as the center of religious and ethical life. It will center on the "Charter for Compassion" (Karen Armstrong)
July 31	Rev. Bill Gupton	"Why I Am a Universalist"
Aug 7	Hal Walker from Kent (Eric is contact person)	"The Place Where Music Begins"
Aug 14	Rev. Eric Meter	Topic to be announced
Aug 21	Rev. Mark Belletini	Topic TBA
Aug 28	Rev. Mark Belletini	Topic TBA
Sept 4	Worship Committee	Labor Day—Put on by Worship Committee—this will be about the laborers of the world/country and somehow touching on the political situation

Rev. Mark Belletini, Senior Minister
 Rev. Eric Meter, Associate Minister
 Rev. Carol Brody, Minister Emerita
 Rev. Wendy Fish, Minister Emerita
 Dick Dawson, Chaplain
 Jolinda Stephens, Director of Religious Education
 Deb McGuire, Staff Secretary/RE Assistant
 Tony McDonald, Music Director
 Brandon Moss, Chalice Choir Director
 Cheridy Keller, Choir Director
 Nathan Hamm, Pianist

Marian Garcia, Office Administrator
 Stephanie Rottmayer, SYC Director
 Joe Voltolini, Bookkeeper
 Don Hippensteel, Events Coordinator
 Naoko Kobayashi, Facilities Assistant
 Cathy Hausmann, Facilities Assistant
 Rich Humenick, Chair, Board of Trustees
 Brian Hagemann, Church Administrator
 Jessica Winters, Lead Toddler Room Teacher
 Olwen Firestone, Newsletter Editor

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2011 Annual First UU All-Church Labor Day Weekend Retreat at Camp Oty'Okwa

Saturday September 3 (11 AM)
through Monday September 5 (11 AM)

COST (Includes 6 meals and all accommodations): Adults (25 and up): \$85

Young Adults (19-24): \$60

Kids (5 - 18): \$60

Registration: 4 and under: No charge

Name(s) (please list ages of kids):

of adults _____ # of kids 4 and under _____

of young adults _____ # of kids 5 and up _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Total amount included: _____ Checks to First UU Church of Columbus

Do you eat meat? Yes No

Do you need a ride? Yes No

Can you give a ride? Yes No

Accommodations: Lodge _____ Cabin _____ Tent cabin _____ BYO tent _____

Anything else we need to know? _____

As much as we love your pets, there are no dogs allowed at camp.

I agree to allow photos of my family members to be posted on the First UU website or related church publications. Yes No

Will you run a workshop? (On what?) _____

Do you want to help? Call or email: Deb McGuire: 799-8625 (homescolumbus@gmail.com)

or Julie Pinsonneault: 447-8407 (pinsonneault.2@osu.edu)

⇒ Sign up by Sunday August 21 ⇐

Send completed forms and payment to: Beth Jewell, Registrar

238 Longfellow Ave.

Worthington, OH 43085

Beth's phone: 847-6141 email: jewel1_beth@att.net

Please don't leave yourself out because of the cost! We have camperships available.

Contact Beth, Julie or Deb for more info.