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WORSHIP SERVICES

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.

July 17, 2011 10:00 A.M.

David Maywhoor & Ray Nandyal

“What Justice Means to Me”

First UU’s Justice Action Ministry (JAM)

July 24, 2011 10:00 A.M.

Dick Dawson & others

“The Role of Compassion as the Center of Religious and Ethical Life”

Based on the Charter for Compassion by Karen Armstrong.

► "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, July 6, 2011

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

Thursday, July 7, 2011

9:30a Improvisational Dance

Saturday, July 9, 2011

8:30a Zen Meditation
 9:30a Memorial Garden Workday
 11:00a Improvisational Dance II
 11:00a Parents of Infants and Toddlers

Sunday, July 10, 2011

8:45p Leadership Development Committee
 10:00a Worship Service; All Ages Sunday School
 11:15a Rev. John Buehrens Book Signing
 11:30a Getting to Know UU
 12:00p Potluck lunch with Rev. Buehrens
 1:00p Green Team
 3:30p Povenmire Memorial Service

Monday, July 11, 2011

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

Tuesday, July 12, 2011

9:30a Archives Organizing
 10:00a The Artist's Way for Women
 1:00p Cancer Support Group (to join, contact
 se.schofield@hotmail.com)
 7:00p Zen Meditation; Social Committee
 7:00p UU Bible School
 7:30p Men's Spirituality

Wednesday, July 13, 2011

6:30p Life Stories
 7:00p Covenant Group Steering Team
 7:00p Memoir Writing Group
 7:30p Personnel Committee
 7:30p Women's Spirituality

Thursday, July 14, 2011

9:30a Improvisational Dance
 7:00p Expressive Collage; RE Council

Friday, July 15, 2011

12:00p Cooking for Faith Mission

Saturday, July 16, 2011

8:30a Zen Meditation
 11:00a Sound Team; "Move to Amend" group

Sunday, July 17, 2011

8:30a Strategic Planning
 10:00a Worship Service; All Ages Sunday School
 11:30a Getting to Know UU; Garden Club

Monday, July 18, 2011

7:00p UU Dance Fellowship; BREAD Team

Tuesday, July 19, 2011

9:30a Archives; Newsletter folding
 1:00p Cancer Support Group (to join, contact
 se.schofield@hotmail.com)
 7:00p Zen Meditation; Sound Techs
 7:00p Stewardship Committee; In the Borderlands
 7:00p Book Bites
 7:30p Finance Committee

Wednesday, July 20, 2011

5:00p Campfire Girls and Boys
 6:30p Life Stories
 7:00p Membership Committee
 7:30p Women's Spirituality

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

The Discoverer - Next issue - Sunday, July 17
Deadline: 12:00p - Hard copy in yellow folder
6:00p - e-mail articles to olwfire@yahoo.com

CHURCH NEWS

UUAM SERIES The UUAM (Unitarian Universalist Animal Ministry) will be offering a summer reading discussion series 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.

PARENTS OF INFANTS AND TODDLERS

The next meeting will be on Saturday, July 9 from 11am to 1pm. Bagels and drinks will be available. 451-4045 lpowlick@columbus.rr.com -- Nancy

GARDEN CLUB The next meeting of the Garden Club will be **Sunday, July 17** at 11:30am. We'll check in with each other about our gardens, then follow with a discussion of garden art, and shade gardening: beyond hostas, impatiens and coleus. All levels of gardeners are warmly invited.

NEW ART IN THE FIRST UU GALLERY!

"Who Are We?" View the newest exhibition by church members: self portraits from serious to spiritual to humorous. We see ourselves through many different lenses. Join us for an artists' reception on August 21 at 11:45-1:00 pm. Artist queries? Deb Baillieul 447-1223

BOOKBITES July 19, 7 to 9pm in Slowter Lounge.
New topic: "Summer Light Reading." Questions? Call
Kathleen Boston, 262-4025

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 Slowter
Lounge on Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm 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 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 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.

CSTB EVENT Our third *Care and Share Timebanks*
potluck will be held 6:00 - 8:00pm, on **Friday, July 8**
at the Simply Living offices, 2350 Indianola Ave. Please
join us for a social evening. Learn how to join and how
to enjoy sharing services. brainstorm growing the TB,
and earn two time credits. The potluck provides a chance
to get to know the CSTB community. Bring your own
table service (less to clean up afterward). Invite
your friends who might be interested. **Contact:**
Michael Greenman, mgreenman@wowway.com or
Alice Faryna, alice.faryna@gmail.com.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

**MOVE TO AMEND – Central Ohio – Social Justice
answer to Citizen's United, Saturday, July 16, 11:00
at First UU.** Concerned that our Democracy is being
replaced by a Plutocracy? *Move to Amend – Central*

Ohio will hold its monthly meeting at First Unitarian
Universalist Church, Room 6 at 11:00am on Saturday,
July 16. We'll discuss the *Action of Immediate Witness*
passed at the Charlotte General Assembly, and plan for
specific activities in the Central Ohio area to move our
nation towards a constitutional amendment to eliminate
the legal fiction that corporations can be given the rights
of persons. Go to Facebook: *Move to Amend – Central
Ohio* or contact Michael Greenman with questions or
suggestions at mgreenman@wowway.com .

JAM MEETING The next meeting of the Justice
Action Ministry will be on the first Tuesday in August at
7:00pm at Whetstone Park.



BREAD's Nehemiah Action

Celebration/Investment Drive Kickoff: Our
congregation was one of seven honored for having **50%**
or more of our average worship attendance (**AWA**) at
the annual Nehemiah Action Meeting on May 2. The
other six were First AME Zion, Indianola Presbyterian,
North Congregational UCC, St. Stephen's Episcopal,
St. Thomas the Apostle, and University Baptist.
Recognized for turning out **66%** or more **AWA** were
Christ UMC, Congregation Beth Tikvah, New Faith
Baptist, Temple Beth Shalom, and Triumphant Christian
Center. And three congregations, Greater Faith AOH, St
John's Episcopal (Franklinton) and Good Shepherd
Baptist received an award for turning out **100%** or more
AWA. You can see our award on the plaque in the
hallway between the Gallery and Fellowship Hall.

Thanks to the generosity of Rev. Mark Belletini,
Rev. Eric Meter, Alice Faryna, Annie Kiser, Jane Parnes
and Bill Persi, Bertina and Ken Povenmire,
Linda Royalty, and Madelon Timmons and Bill Miller,
we have \$2,950 toward our official congregational goal
of \$9,000 for this year's BREAD Investment Drive
(although we hope to match last year's \$11,000). An
additional \$1700 has been pledged thus far. Please
contact Alice Rathburn (see below) if you are able to
request an investment match from your employer and/or
if you wish to make your BREAD investment in
installments.

Project KEY Anti-Truancy Program: 390 students
from 10 schools were enrolled in Project KEY during
the 2010-11 school year. Others, though eligible, were
not enrolled because of difficulty getting permission
requests back from the parents/guardians. Next year the
permission slips will be included in the beginning-of-
year packets for *all* students at Project KEY

schools. Read the 2010-11 Project KEY Final Activity Report synopsis on the Window Hallway bulletin board.

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

FAIR TRADE COFFEE July 17 and August 21 will be the last Sundays that we will be offering fair trade coffee and products for sale. Due to price increases and lack of volunteer interest, this project will be coming to an end. Thanks to all our volunteers, as well as those who have purchased coffee and other fair trade products over the years! Elaine Fujimura and Danya Furda

FOOD PANTRY First let me thank Heather Pierson for bringing a group of our youth to Mineral. Kelsey, Delaney, Parker, and Susie all came and worked very hard at the Feed My Sheep food pantry. (Our youth and social justice at its best.) Kelsey, Susie and Parker have been there before; for Delaney, it was a first. A good time was had by all! Thanks again, Heather.

The pantry still needs lots of peanut butter (and more of those children's books that we put in the food boxes).

It is time to start watching for those school supplies sales. The children need #2 pencils; big pink erasers; 70 page spiral notebooks, wide-lined and college; rulers; protractors; compasses; pencil boxes. Backpacks would be great, if your budget has room. Thanks for all your donations. They are always much appreciated.

Don't forget: aluminum cans help with expenses.

Please bring all items to the Social Justice Table in Fellowship Hall. – Jacques Angelino

Congratulations to **Karen Morr and Mark Carey** and **big sister Katie** on the birth of Violet Elaine Carey, born June 26.

Congratulations to **Jim Arter**. Jim will attend the official dedication of the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial in Washington DC on August 28.

Best wishes to **Donna Jarrell** who is leaving First UU. She has chosen to follow her ministerial call into the ordination track with the United Church of Christ.

Happy Birthday to **Rev. Kathleen Fowler** and **Jeanne Eason**. Kathleen celebrated her birthday on June 25 when she was at General Assembly; Jeanne will be 91 on July 5.

Caring thoughts go out to **Jolinda Stephens, Don Jones,** and **Dick Dawson**. Jolinda, our Director of Religious Education, is recovering well from day surgery that she had last week. She will be on vacation for the month of July. Don Jones has been in Riverside Hospital since June 25, following a stroke. He is receiving therapy now. Dick Dawson is home following exploratory surgery. Biopsies showed no signs of malignancy.

Our sympathy is extended to **Bertina Povenmire** and her family. **Ken Povenmire**, Bertina's husband, died at home on Tuesday, June 28, after struggling with Parkinson's Disease for some time. His memorial service will be held **Sunday, July 10, at 3:30pm** at our church.

MANY THANKS to the following individuals for their contributions at last month's Red Cross Blood Drive: Howard Cooper and Sharon Hamersley for staffing the registration table; and Pat Larson, Jo-E. Miller, and Margaret Haldeman for their cookies. A total of 16 blood units were collected and seven never-before-donors were registered. -- The Caring Committee

►Something Special at First UU!

First Unitarian Universalist Church of Columbus is proud to be able to bring Rev. John Buehrens to the pulpit on Sunday, July 10, speaking on "Progressive Religion and the Renewal of Hope."

Following the service, there will be a time for conversation with Rev. Buehrens with an opportunity for book-signing. Immediately after this, there will be a reception. We are asking church members and friends to contribute food for a light lunch at 12:00.

The Rev. John Buehrens is minister of the First Parish in Needham, Massachusetts. He was president of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations (UUA) from 1993 to 2001. Rev. Buehrens' newest book is *Universalists and Unitarians in America: A People's History*. Beacon Press has this to say about his new book: "While previous accounts of Universalism and Unitarianism have focused on a few great men, this history shines a light on the contributions of many, both exalted and obscure, whose stories illustrate the texture of lived religion. Both faiths are chronicled in parallel

development through their consolidation in 1961. Buehrens weaves a historical tapestry rich in color and meaning that will serve to deepen the faith of modern Unitarian Universalists.”

Rev. Buehrens is co-author with Rebecca Ann Parker of *A House for Hope: The Promise of Progressive Religion for the Twenty-first Century*, co-author with Forrest Church of *A Chosen Faith: An Introduction to Unitarian Universalism* and author of *Understanding the Bible: An Introduction for Skeptics, Seekers, and Religious Liberals*.

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 and it 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.

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



Religious Education

ALL-AGES SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL USING COOPERATIVE GAMES This summer, after several years of doing our home-grown "Hogwarts" program and "Keepers of the Earth" (a curriculum based in Native American traditions), our all-ages summer Sunday school program is returning to using "cooperative games"-- games which no-one (or everyone) wins. This program is for children ages 3-12. While some might question the value of using a curriculum of cooperative games, this actually teaches our children many of the building blocks of our Unitarian Universalist principles, specifically:

- #1 The inherent worth and dignity of every person
- #2 Justice, equity and compassion in human relations
- #5 The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process
- #6 The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all

In the last few weeks, we have had from 14-22 children, ages 3-11. Each week, they have gathered, lit the chalice, and listened to one another during sharing stones (NO SMALL TASK!). Last week they came up with their own classroom covenant, with ideas such as: Be nice; Keep the Lights on; No hitting, pushing or kicking (unless it's a ball). We've played "Cosmic Motion" a name-game that uses balls; "Rattlesnake" that uses a blindfold and a pill-bottle; "Musical Chairs" (but probably not the version YOU know); "Build to the Ceiling" with blocks; and "Armless Block Put-Away" (explanation needed?). And we always end up outside on the playground.

If you have a child aged 3-12, please consider our all-ages Cooperative-Games program, every Sunday 10:00-11:15. Kids begin in the Worship Service, then move to rooms 9 & 10. And if you'd like to get involved with First UU's educational programs for children, volunteers are always welcome. For more information, contact Cindy Dillard (cynthia.dillard6@gmail.com/846-0912)

Harry Potter Fans: Help organize Columbus' own **Dumbledore's Army**. Meet with Lynne Bieber on Sunday, July 10, following Sunday School, 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.

2011-12 Brochures about Sunday School, sexuality education, activities and youth CONs are at the Sunday School Table. Registration is open. Follow the link on First UU's home page - www.firstuucolumbus.org. It's on the right side under the slide show. Pamphlets for Sunday School and special activities are available at the Sunday School Table on Sundays. Complete calendars are available at the table or on the **Parents' Blog:** www.firstuuparents.blogspot.com

Young Adults Report on Immigration Work on Southwest Border *July 19 and 26, 7 pm.* Join one or two First UU recent high school graduates to learn about their work with Arizona UU interfaith ministry *No More Deaths* to bring water to the desert and family connections to those deported. Register at the AEP Table.

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.

Our two ministers – Rev. Mark Belletini and Rev. Eric Meter - will not be writing their regular newsletter columns until mid-August. As a result, the Communications Committee is inviting you to use this space to tell us about a special activity you have been engaged in this summer – a social action project you have been a part of, a GA workshop that really left an impression, a special experience in the arts, etc.etc. Just submit your article by the newsletter deadline – July 17 or 31. (The editor reserves the right to choose from among the submissions!) Jacques Angelino leads off with the following:

Free Dental Care!

Did you know that, on June 17, something wonderful happened in our community! Dr. Brian Kvitko, a dentist whose office is four blocks south of our church on High Street, had a free dental clinic for all.

We were able to help 455 patients, 44 of whom were children. Many of the children were seeing a dentist for the first time.

We were open from 7:00am to 7:00pm. Actually I was there until 7:15pm taking blood pressures for those who were having an extraction. When I arrived that morning at 6:00am, 50 people were in line to be served. One woman got there at midnight. Unfortunately, we had to turn away 100 people because time ran out.

I have never been so humbled in my life. While taking the blood pressures, I had the opportunity to talk with some of the patients. They were all very appreciative as they left with a free bottle of antibiotics and another of pain medicine. Their words of thanks continued as they left the office.

A number of people from our church were involved in a number of different ways: Jackie Angelino (my mother) and I, Phyllis Byard, Steven Lefevre, Michael Greenman, Russell Evans, Luke Steffen, Paul Steffen, Paul Evans, Jeanne Slazor and Ginny Vogts.

This experience reminds me of a quote from Ralph Waldo Emerson: “It is one of the beautiful compensations of this life that no one can sincerely try to help another without helping himself.”

I highly recommend that, if you are given a chance to help others, you will not hesitate. I certainly don't intend to.

-- Jacques Angelino

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.