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WORSHIP SERVICES

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.

July 31, 2011, 10:00 A.M.

Rev. Bill Gupton

“Why I Am a Universalist”

Rev. Gupton, former Interim Associate Minister at First UU, is currently the Senior Minister at Heritage Universalist Unitarian Church in Cincinnati.

August 7, 2011, 10:00 A.M.

Hal Walker

“The Place Where Music Begins”

See page 6 for information about Hal Walker.

♪ August 6, 2011, 7:30pm – Hal Walker Concert at the church

► "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 20, 2011

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

Thursday, July 21, 2011

9:30a Improvisational Dance

Friday, July 22, 2011

7:00p Junior High Youth Group Overnight

Saturday, July 23, 2011

8:30a Zen Meditation
 11:00a Improvisational Dance II
 6:30p All Soles Contra Dance & Potluck

Sunday, July 24, 2011

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

Monday, July 25, 2011

7:00p UU Dance Fellowship

Tuesday, July 26, 2011

9:30a Archives Organizing
 10:00a The Artist's Way for Women
 1:00p Cancer Support Group (contact
 se.schofield@hotmailo.com)
 7:00p Being an Atheist or Agnostic
 7:00p Zen Meditation; In the Borderlands
 7:30p Men's Spirituality

Wednesday, July 27, 2011

6:30p Life Stories
 7:00p Board of Trustees
 7:30p Women's Spirituality

Thursday, July 28, 2011

9:30a Improvisational Dance
 6:00p Midsummer's Night Garden (Work) Party
 6:45p UU Animal Ministry
 7:00p Expressive Collage

Saturday, July 30, 2011

8:30a Zen Meditation

Sunday, July 31, 2011

10:00a Worship Service; All Ages Sunday School
 11:30a Getting to Know UU

Monday, August 1, 2011

9:00a Peace Camp (1st session, runs through 8/5)
 7:00p UU Dance Fellowship; Program Council

Tuesday, August 2, 2011

9:30a Archives; Newsletter folding
 1:00p Cancer Support Group (contact
 se.schofield@hotmailo.com)
 7:00p Zen Meditation; Caring Committee
 7:00p Justice Action Ministry
 7:35p Worship Committee

Wednesday, August 3, 2011

8:00a UU Food Co-op (contact
 mary.boyd-brown@cvm.osu.edu)
 5:00p Campfire Girls and Boys
 6:30p Life Stories
 7:00p GA Meeting
 7:30p Women's Spirituality

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

**The Discoverer - Next issue - Sunday, July 31
 Deadline: 12:00p - Hard copy in yellow folder
 6:00p - e-mail articles to olwfire@yahoo.com**

CHURCH NEWS**BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS, June 29, 2011**The Board:

* Elected the following Board officers for the 2011-2012 church year: Chair: Tim Hooks; Vice-Chair: Beth Jewell; Treasurer: Phyllis Byard; Assistant Treasurer: Frank Phillips; Secretary: Gina Phillips.

* Considered proposed changes to the Standing Rules for the Personnel Committee; the proposed new wording is now available for public review.

* Discussed the transition to the 2011-2012 Board and the administrative details. At the request of Tim Hooks, incoming Chair, we will be reading as a group:

Governance and Ministry: Rethinking Board Leadership by James B. Lemler.

* Reports

1) Treasurer: **Debra Boyd** reported that if current trends continue, we should end the year even, or within 2k over or under budget.

2) Staff: **Rev. Meter** reported that the Covenant Group Steering Team is now the Small Group Ministry Steering Team and is responsible for *Wellspring* in addition to *covenant groups*. Rev. Meter and Jolinda Stephens (DRE) both attended General Assembly. Rev. Meter resubmitted our Chalice Lighter request for a grant to fund a chaplain for campus ministry. **Jolinda Stephens** was appointed by LREDA to their GA Planning Committee. She also participated in a training for providing pastoral care for youth struggling with addictions. **Brian Hagemann** (Church Administrator) reported that he has finalized a contract for maintenance

of our HVAC system with Bruner Corporation, to begin in July. He expects that their work will help us save costs in repairs and their survey of our units will help us better budget for HVAC expenses. A meeting is scheduled with engineers on July 6 to go over their proposal for repairs to a column in the courtyard.

Rev. Belletini is on vacation.

3) Admin Council: **Brian Hagemann** reported that the Council has met three times in 2011 and has been focusing on developing into a working body. Several items are on the fall agenda, including compiling and reviewing safety policies.

4) Program Council: **Leslie Armstrong** reported that the Council has formed sub-committees, and is considering alternating full Council meetings with sub-committee meetings.

5) Guest: **Susan Williams** began a discussion about the possibility of changing the size of the Board. This is a conversation that is just beginning, and the discussion that followed made it clear that no decisions will be made right away. There are many facets of the conversation to be considered, which include whether a size change could include a change in approach to governance.

---Respectfully submitted by Gina Phillips
for Beth Jewell, Board Secretary

WORK PARTY You are cordially invited to the **Building & Grounds Committee Annual Midsummer's Night Garden (Work) Party** on *Thursday, July 28 from 6 to 9 pm*. Refreshments will be served. Dress is *Dirty Garden Work Casual* with gloves. Appropriate tools would be appreciated. R.S.V.P. to Dave Richter at drichter@sciotangy.com; Barb Fisher at barbkfisher@wowway.com; or Brian Hagemann at brianh@firstuucolumbus.org. Or leave a note in the B&G mailbox in the Volunteer Workroom. Help keep our church grounds beautiful

WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY Wednesdays at 7:30pm. Contact Jeanni Ray at 985-6176; jeanniray@gmail.com
July 27 *Building your personal toolbox* (bring items for your box: self care; feel-good items). - Lori Jones
August 3, *Poetry and Birthdays and Sharing*. - All
August 10 and 17 *Who is your favorite woman?* We choose our favorite and discuss their lives. - All
August 24 *Let's talk* – All. **August 31** TBA

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.

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 6:30pm 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. We want to hear stories that real people lived – real people like you. Everyone has a story to tell.

All Soles Summer Potluck & Contra Dance
Saturday, July 23 / Fellowship Hall
Potluck at 6:30. Please bring a dish to share.
Dancing 7:30-10:30

All are welcome! This is an intergenerational social event featuring good food, fellowship, great live music and contra dancing (teaching session at 7:30). The dance costs \$7 (\$4 for ages 12-24); free childcare starts at 7:30. Following the dance there will be an after-party with MORE dance and music at the home of Jan Fleming and Frank Phillips.

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC The Social Committee is sponsoring the annual church picnic on **Sunday, August 28** from 12pm-3pm at Upper Arlington Thompson Park at the corner of McCoy and Mountview. The committee will supply plates, utensils, cups and drinks. Please bring a dish to share. There is a playground there so bring outside games if you wish. No grilling. Come for **Fun and Fellowship**. Location: North Shelter House. Questions? Contact Jeanni Ray at 985-6176 or jeanniray@gmail.com.

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

SOCIAL JUSTICE

JAM MEETING The next meeting of the Justice Action Ministry will be on the first Tuesday in August (August 2) at 7:00pm at Whetstone Park.

YWCA FAMILY CENTER "4th Friday Taco and Brownie Dinner" The date in June seemed to creep up very quickly. I don't know quite why, but it did. We had a great crew on June 29. Candyce Walchesky, Cariann and Sherri Stubbs, Susan Gilbert and Jim Conlan all did a great job of prepping, cooking and serving. Christine Smithies and Sean McCutcheon were dedicated dishwashers.

If I ever want to open a taco stand I know the best people to invite to work there! Every month when I am getting ready to email our volunteers I think, "How long do I want to continue coordinating this dinner?" Every month after we serve these deserving families and I work with these fantastic volunteers I think, "I could do this forever!" Thank you! Thank you! Thank you, you wonderful individuals! You are the BEST!
Very Gratefully Yours,
Cathy McCutcheon



Twenty-five (25) First UU family units have already invested **\$4,820** toward our congregation's **\$9,000 goal** in BREAD's 2011 work on crime and violence, education, vacant and abandoned housing, and access to healthcare. Our Franklin County community will benefit from the investments of First UU's most recent BREAD supporters: Laura Adams, Cathy Elkins, David Easter, Olwen Firestone, Carol and Robert Hughes, Ali and Maureen Keyhani, Pat Marida, Phil Meeks, Jo E. and Gordon Miller, Marguerite Molk, Nicole Moss, Susan Musick, Cathy and Kevin O'Neil, Bob Rice, Rose and Doug Rossiter, Vera Toran, and Jane Young.

Over its 15 years of existence, BREAD (Building Responsibility, Equality, and Dignity), the multi-faith social justice organization which *all*

members/friends of First UU belong to, has gotten results on critical community problems like urban blight, truancy, health care for the un- and underinsured, *Payday Lending* reform, and affordable housing.

Your financial support of BREAD is an investment in Franklin County. **Each dollar** leveraged **\$72** last year to improve life in Central Ohio. So please make as large a financial investment in BREAD's work as you can. Write your generous, tax-deductible check to BREAD (*not* First UU) and send/take it to the church in an envelope marked BREAD. If you work for an organization that will match charitable donations, please make arrangements with it and notify Alice Rathburn (alice37@insight.rr.com, 895-2109 or 563-0536) of the plan. BREAD is a 501(c)(3) tax-deductible corporation, tax ID number 31-1467082. For additional information go to www.breadcolumbus.org, or contact Alice or another First UU BREAD Team member.

FAIR TRADE COFFEE TABLE This has been very important to this church over the years, and with our new JAM commitment, it would be a shame to see it end. If you are interested in resuscitating our efforts in this important social justice area (and you enjoy our great products every third Sunday), please help us by volunteering! Even an hour here and there can make a huge difference! Please let Marian in the church office know if you are interested (name, phone number, email address to marian@firstuucolumbus.org). This is an activity that the whole family can get involved in. Barbara Taylor has stepped up to be our new "fair trade chairperson." Thanks for your support!



CRC SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM Each summer the Clintonville-Beechwold Resources Center (CRC) sponsors a program to serve lunch to children who are eligible for free lunches during the school year. Different area churches take responsibility for one week's service, with the program running from June through most of August. This summer, First UU will join with East North Broadway Methodist to help serve at Broadmeadows apartments on North High Street near Worthington. Our week is August 1-5, so if you are interested in helping out one or more days, please contact Marge Lynd at lynd.1@osu.edu or 262-2730.

FOOD PANTRY The children in Mineral need school supplies: #2 pencils; big pink erasers; colored markers, crayons, 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.

They still need food: peanut butter, spaghetti and sauce, fresh fruit and vegetables, and children's books for the food boxes.

Don't forget: aluminum cans help with expenses.

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS Along with the Franklin County Consortium for Good Government, we will be hosting an ISSUES FORUM at First UU on Thursday, October 6, 2011. The informal meet and greet with refreshments will start at 6:10pm, and the forum itself will begin at 7:00pm. There will be some very interesting issues on the November 8 ballot. If you would like to be involved in this most important community forum, please call Cathy Elkins at 614-267-5884.

Congratulations are in order for **Melanie Boyd**. Melanie has been hired as the Chief Development Officer for the Girl Scouts of Ohio's Heartland.

Our caring thoughts are with **Susan Hayashi** who underwent bariatric surgery; and **Steve Kraynak** recovering from pneumonia; **Gini Szabo**, recovering from open heart surgery at Riverside.; **Bob Parks**, also at Riverside for gastrointestinal testing; **Judy Field**, who moved last year to Maine, recovering from pneumonia and knee replacement surgery.

Our sympathy to **Bob and Carole Wilhelm**. Bob's 96-year-old uncle died last week.

We send our condolences to the family of former member **Karla Gale** who died last week. Rev. Kathleen Fowler led the July 12th memorial service at the Park of Roses at Whetstone Park.

THANKS Appreciation is extended to those who assisted with the memorial service reception for Ken Povenmire, held on July 10: Chris Hardin, Olwen Firestone, Ruth Gerhold, Nancy McDonald, Karen McGuire, Linda Royalty, Erica Scurr, Debbie Shaw, and Karen Thimmes.
– 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. There are two remaining opportunities to take part. 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.

There is no audition and no signup, just show up for the rehearsal and service. There is only one 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 24 – Summer Choir, Brandon Moss, director

August 7 – Summer Choir, Dee Keller, director

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

🎵🎵 HAL WALKER CONCERT Saturday, August 6, 7:30pm 🎵🎵

WORSHIP SERVICE Sunday, August 7, 10:00am

Music for the Whole Family Hal Walker has been the choral director at the Ohio Meadville Summer Institute for many years. He is also the music director of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent, Ohio. Hal's professional highlights are numerous. He says, "Despite all my youthful dreams of becoming an alternative folk star playing for huge crowds of 30-year-old hipsters, these days I'm coming to terms with the fact that I'm a regional musician and I play concerts for the whole family. I love it."



FROM THE ARCHIVES

Rev. John F. Meyer

Rev. Meyer was known as the "Father of the Columbus Unitarian Church" according to former historian and charter member, Margaret Bausch. He came to Columbus from the Eliot Church, South Nantucket, Massachusetts, which was organized in 1654 by John Eliot, the Apostle to the Indians.

Rev. Meyer, though a Unitarian minister, served as pastor of the First Independent Protestant Church in Columbus for twenty-five years. That church "was organized in 1843 by German-speaking Swiss, and the dedicatory sermon was preached by Rev. James Hoge, Presbyterian..." (source, an unnamed Columbus newspaper - 1939). Rev. Meyer was installed on March 14, 1914 and preached his last sermon in March, 1939, entitled *Living Backward over Twenty-five Years*. By the time he left the church, he had completed a history of that church.

After resigning as pastor, he wrote the American Unitarian Association in Boston urging it to consider a Unitarian church in Columbus. He was instrumental in getting one started in the city and was a charter member and the church's first historian.

From materials in the Archives - Linda Thompson, Historian, July 2011

All
www.1stuuSundaySchool.blogspot.com
Ages

www.firstuuparent.blogspot.com

Faith
for
Development

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 each other 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)

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

PEACE CAMP—A LEGACY IN THE MAKING

When Peace Camp was first envisioned, its primary goal was to provide a summer-camp experience supporting Unitarian Universalist principles and values. We imagined bringing together children of different ages (post-K through post-6) to think about what they know about the world, and what they hope for the world, and how they can bridge the gap. Since Peace Camp began—in 2005—we have brought both children and adults a broader awareness of environmental and humanitarian issues. This year, we have a goal of helping campers become more conscientious about natural resources, with a view towards problem-solving issues being faced by our local, national and global communities. There are still spots available in both sessions (9am-12 noon): August 1-5 and August 8-12. **Additionally, we need one more tribal leader for each session, as well as teen helpers, whose time as Peace Camp helpers will count towards their community volunteer requirements they might have at school.** To support our children as they learn to “Stand on the side of peace,” contact Cindy Dillard at: cynthia.dillard6@gmail.com/614-846-0912.

Lifespan Faith Development

The **Adult Enrichment Programs** catalog of **summer offerings** is now available at the Greeter's Stand and the AEP table in Fellowship Hall.

All **Class Proposals** for **Fall AEP** (Adult Enrichment Program) classes need to be in by **August 12, 2011**. Proposal forms are available at the AEP table in Fellowship Hall.

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Register now! Help us plan for the new Sunday School year

- September 18 - first day of Sunday School
- Registration Page - <http://bit.ly/l6UYRv>
- Pamphlets for Sunday School and activities - Sunday School table

Exciting ways to be involved with children, youth and adults

- Help connect youth to church volunteer opportunities
- Join the Religious Education Council - projects and policy, not meetings

Email deb@firstuucolumbus.org

► **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.

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.