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## WORSHIP SERVICES

*October Theme for All Ages: Forgiveness and Reconciliation*

**October 16, 2011**

**Chaplain Dick Dawson**

**“Living is Becoming”**

*Dick Dawson will be reinstated as First UU’s Chaplain. JAM Offering*

**October 23, 2011**

**Rev. Mark Belletini**

**“Sounding the Bell: Universalism as a Form of Compassion”**

**October 30, 2011 -**

**Rev. Mark Belletini, Jolinda Stephens**

**“Dia de los Muertos”**

*Whole Congregation Worship*

► "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, October 12, 2011**

- 1:00p Archives Organizing
- 6:00p Workshop Leaders
- 6:30p Dance Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00p Memoir Writing Group; Small Group Ministry
- 7:00p What Moves Us
- 7:15p Men's Spirituality
- 7:30p Yoga; Women's Spirituality; Personnel

**Thursday, October 13, 2011**

- 9:30a Improvisational Dance
- 6:00p Immigration as a Moral Issue
- 7:00p Building & Grounds; Expressive Collage
- 7:30p Chalice Choir Rehearsal

**Friday, October 14, 2011**

- 7:00p OMD Anti-Racism Workshop
- 7:30p All Soles Contra Dance

**Saturday, October 15, 2011**

- 8:30a Zen Meditation
- 9:00a OMD Anti-Racism Workshop
- 11:00a Sound Team
- 7:00p Dinner for Catalyst

**Sunday, October 16, 2011**

- 8:30a Leadership Development Committee
- 8:45a Breakfast
- 9:15 & 11:00a Worship Service; Sunday School
- 10:30a & 12:15p Getting to Know UU
- 12:30p Strategic Planning
- 1:00p Artists Reception; BREAD House Meeting
- 1:00p Labyrinths; Youth Group; Garden Club
- 1:30p Wellspring Team
- 6:00p Covenant Group
- 6:30p Young Adult Covenant Group

**Monday, October 17, 2011**

- 7:00p UU Dance Fellowship; Administrative Council
- 7:00p Women's Covenant group (267-4946, ext. 23)

**Tuesday, October 18, 2011**

- 9:30p Archives Organizing
- 6:30p Peace Pals Choir Rehearsal
- 1:00p Cancer Support (se.schofield@hotmail.com)
- 7:00p Zen Meditation; Book Bites
- 7:00p Rising Voices Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00p Stewardship Committee
- 7:30p Finance Committee
- 7:45p Spirit of Life Choir Rehearsal

**Wednesday, October 19, 2011**

- 1:00p Archives Organizing
- 5:00p Campfire Girls and Boys
- 6:30p Dance Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00p BREAD House Meeting; Membership Team
- 7:00p UU Humanists
- 7:15p Men's Spirituality
- 7:30p Women's Spirituality; Yoga

**Thursday, October 20, 2011**

- 9:30a Improvisational Dance
- 6:00p Immigration as a Moral Issue
- 7:00p Communications Committee
- 7:00p Learning to Knit and Crochet
- 7:30p Chalice Choir Rehearsal; BYOT

**Friday, October 21, 2011**

- 12:00p Cooking for Faith Mission
- 6:00p GSA Family Potluck & Game Night

**Saturday, October 22, 2011**

- 8:30a Zen Meditation
- 9:00a Path to Membership
- 11:00a Easy Movement Class
- 7:00p David Cobb Presentation/Reception

**Sunday, October 23, 2011**

- 8:45a Breakfast
- 9:15a & 11:00a Worship Service; Sunday School
- 10:30a & 12:15p Getting to Know UU
- 1:00p Coming of Age Leadership Team
- 1:00p Wellspring; Navigating the Church
- 1:00p UU Visual Artists
- 2:00p PFLAG
- 4:00p Community Drumming Circle
- 6:00p Bridge Group
- 6:30p Care & Share Time Bank Potluck
- 7:30p Journey of the Universe (call 433-0363)

**Monday, October 24, 2011**

- 7:00p Funeral Consumers Alliance
- 7:00p UU Dance Fellowship; Gay/Straight Alliance

**Tuesday, October 25, 2011**

- 9:30a Archives Organizing; Newsletter Folding
- 1:00p Cancer Support (se.schofield@hotmail.com)
- 6:30p Peace Pals Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00p Rising Voices Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00p Being an Atheist or Agnostic; Wellspring
- 7:00p Zen Meditation; Goddesses in Training
- 7:45p Spirit of Life Choir Rehearsal

**Wednesday, October 26, 2011**

- 8:00a UU Food Co-op
- 1:00p Archives Organizing
- 6:30p Dance Choir rehearsal
- 7:00p Board of Trustees
- 7:15p Men's Spirituality
- 7:30p Women's Spirituality; Yoga

***FOCUUS (ages 18-35) meets Tuesdays at OSU, 7:30p***  
***ESOL meets MWF at 9:30a (F: Conversation Class)***

**The Discoverer - Next issue - Sunday, October 23,**  
**Deadline: 1:00p - Hard copy in yellow folder (office)**  
**6:00p - e-mail articles to olwfire@yahoo.com**

Since the news broke about the death of former Apple CEO Steve Jobs, there has been no lack of talk about the man and the legacy he left behind. I never met the man, and those I know who worked for Apple described his managerial style as often imperial. But in the days after his death from complications of pancreatic cancer last week, I've been thinking about him in the aftermath of his death.

My younger brother was a computer science major who started programming for the Macintosh early on. When I asked him what he was working on, I had no way of making sense of what he told me. I remember telling myself that I was going to figure out this computer business, so I went in to my school's fledgling computer science lab to write out a paper on a computer station there. I had a page of instructions from a friend who had figured the system out. I was armed and I was ready. As if! I left within half an hour, more frustrated than ever.

Later on a Kinko's opened not far from my apartment. They had Macs, so I decided to give this computer thing another try. Thanks in part to a very patient clerk, by the time I left I had a passable resume in hand. But more important than the piece of paper, I left with the confidence that I could do this. I could be part of this new digital world. It was a long time before I could afford my own computer, but by then my loyalty was set.

I've mentioned before that an elderly woman in a UU congregation I was part of when I was in my teens once told me that she saw the heart of ministry as making the depth of life accessible, a definition that has stuck with me since. Not long ago I heard Tom Friedman of *The New York Times* talk about the Arab Spring coming about because young adults in those nations did not feel like the future was going to be accessible to them unless they stood up and demanded change. The same could be said for the protestors on Wall Street and elsewhere across the US.

While the scope is quite different, Steve Jobs helped, directly and indirectly, make the digital future more accessible, and yes, stylishly cool, for all of us. Others have matched his drive. No one else had his vision. He will be missed.

What, then, of those who gave us the Arab Spring and the other protests for more accessible economic democracy closer to home? Those stories are far from complete. Much is still in play.

in peace,



Rev. Eric Meter

**Hello from the First UU Board!** The retreats are done, the board is settled in and our work has begun. We continue to work on the questions, trying to determine our direction, defining the work that most needs our attention. It is exciting work, and it has carried over into an email conversation amongst the Board.

Something I have noticed is that we seem to be in need of volunteers, coffee hour and ushers, for example. I know in the past we have sometimes had trouble recruiting leaders. I wonder why that is. Perhaps (and I could be wrong here) it is because, over the years, the number of committees has expanded exponentially, at a rate greater than the number of members. Maybe it is because people have become busier with other parts of their lives. Maybe people want to get more involved but are unsure how (if this is you, send me an email; I will help you!). Maybe we could simplify things somehow. If you have ideas why this is, we would like to know - send me an email!

Other possibilities for our attention include trying to design a system that helps us keep better track of various policies and procedures developed by different committees. This is no small task either. Hopefully, this will save future committees from having to reinvent the wheel when old issues reappear to a committee full of new members.

The Strategic Planning Committee has been busy for some time now on a survey; they need your input, so look for that coming soon.

As always, we are your Board, this is your church, and my email address is just a few clicks away - [hookstj@gmail.com](mailto:hookstj@gmail.com). Let me know your thoughts and ideas around this work. Thanks for reading!

--Tim Hooks, Board Chair

### **Board Meeting Highlights 9/28/11**

The treasurer's report this month included the news that pledges are currently below the budgeted amount, and the collection rate on pledges is below last year's rate.

JAM (Justice Action Ministry) representatives proposed an event to be sponsored by and held at our church next year entitled "Freedom to Love, Freedom to Marry." The Board approved our endorsement of this event.

The Staff Report can be viewed with the meeting minutes on the bulletin board in the Window Hallway.

We approved the appointment of the following members to the Committee on Shared Ministry (COSM): David Easter, Sandy Coen, and Chas Williams. We had a discussion about COSM, the Strategic Planning Committee, the Leadership Development Committee, and the Board with many questions raised. COSM is still new, and needs some time to develop and grow, and see what it becomes.

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The Strategic Planning Committee reported that the survey they have created will go out to the congregation in October and will be open into November, and be available in various formats.

Defibrillator Demo: Brian Hagemann gave a demonstration of how to open and start our new defibrillator. It will be housed in the Volunteer Workroom next to the office, in a glass case. When it is open, it will provide audible step-by-step instructions. It is for use when someone is in cardiac arrest and not breathing. It will not function if these conditions are not met. The first step is always to call 911.

The Personnel Committee reported that it has a draft personnel manual and will have a final version to present to the Board by the November meeting. Respectfully submitted, Gina Phillips, Secretary

**WORK DAY** Please set aside Saturday morning, November 12, for the next church work day. Breakfast will be served at 8:30, followed by work inside and outside the church from 9 to noon, or any portion of that period you can attend. Look for sign-up sheets in Fellowship Hall on Sundays October 30 and November 6. Or contact Dave Richter, [drichter@sciotangy.com](mailto:drichter@sciotangy.com), or Brian Hagemann, [brianh@firstuucolumbus.org](mailto:brianh@firstuucolumbus.org).

**BUUKSTORE NEWS** It is no longer possible to provide CD copies of sermons at this time. Please check the BUUKstore table to see if we have your order, or please accept a refund of your payment with our apologies for being unable to fulfill it. For those wishing to hear a sermon again, or hearing one that they missed, the Websitters and Sound Team are doing a great job of putting sermons on the church website: <http://www.firstuucolumbus.org/worship-and-music/sermons>. The one you wanted is likely posted there for free.

**ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS** Now is the time to get your 2011-12 Entertainment Books for \$30 with \$6 going to our Coming of Age group for their activities. There are many places to use the 50% off coupons: restaurants, cultural centers, pizza places, cafes, bakeries, gas stations, dry cleaners, Ballet Met and Columbus Symphony, sports places etc. The books are available on Sundays after church services. Call Karin Erickson, 834-3988, with questions.

**COFFEE WARRIORS** As you walk into Fellowship Hall, the sounds of children laughing, adults conversing, and friends meeting up pleasantly meet your ears. You smile, feeling at home. You greet a couple you were in a Covenant Group with a few years ago, wave at your fellow teacher from last year's OWL class, and nod at a

college student you met last Tuesday night at the Zen Sit. However, you feel there is something is missing.

Then, suddenly, you notice. There is no coffee! The tables are sitting there but the only thing on the table is a sign: "**Due to lack of volunteers, the after-service coffee hour will not occur today.**"

Then, you notice the second line on the sign: "**If you have enjoyed coffee hour in the past, consider becoming a volunteer in the present.**"

On a business card size note attached to the sign is contact information. As fast as possible, you shoot off an email to **Denni** at [rayneblueoh@gmail.com](mailto:rayneblueoh@gmail.com) to volunteer to be a once-a-month Coffee Hour volunteer!

Now you smile because you have just joined the long line of phenomenal Coffee Hour volunteers at the First UU Church, Columbus. You are making someone's life a little better by volunteering a few hours a month to such a worthy cause! You...are a Coffee Warrior!

**SUNDAY BREAKFAST** Eggs, bacon, tater tots, apples, oatmeal, coffee, and orange juice will be served starting at 8:45am. A requested donation of \$2 for adults, \$1 for children, under 12. FREE for first time visitors.

**BOOKBITES** We will meet October 18 in Slowter Lounge from 7 to 9 pm. To continue our reading around the world, the new topic is "**The Balkans.**" Call Kathleen Boston 262-4025 with questions

<b>All Soles Contra Dance</b>
<b>Friday, October 14 / Fellowship Hall</b>
<b>Teaching Session at 7:30/ Dancing 8:00-10:30</b>
<b>Cost \$7 (\$4 for ages 12-24); Free childcare*</b>
All are welcome! Sponsored by the Social Committee, this monthly contra dance features prompting by a caller and always live music. No experience required. No need to bring your own partner (most of us don't!). October dance welcomes great Louisville caller Susan Moffett, with local legends Sandy Jones on fiddle and John Sherman on guitar. Sandy and John just performed at Dublin Irish Festival. All Soles dances are intergenerational – young families are encouraged to try it. *For the very youngest, childcare is now provided by Jenifer Bojanowski, First UU Toddler Room teacher and SYC teacher! More about contra dance: <a href="http://firstuucolumbus.org/AllSoles">http://firstuucolumbus.org/AllSoles</a>

**WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY** Wednesdays at 7:30pm. Contact Jeanni Ray at 985-6176; [jeanniray@gmail.com](mailto:jeanniray@gmail.com). October 5 Birthday's, Poetry and Sharing – ALL; October 12 Canadian Thanksgiving with Joanne Wiggins; October 19, Let's Talk it Over – All; October 26 Samhain(Halloween), Jeanni Ray

**THANKS** A special thank you to the following volunteers who staffed the church front office in my absence last week: Kathleen Boston, Sandy Coen (who also prepared the order of service), Susan Hayashi and Sarah Wurdlow. Knowing the office was in such good hands helped me to enjoy a relaxing vacation.  
--Marian Garcia, First UU Office Administrator

### **JUSTICE ACTION MINISTRY**

**EMPTY BOWLS**-- First UU's fundraiser to raise money for the Mid-Ohio Foodbank is Saturday, November 5. (This is an annual project jointly sponsored by the Columbus Department of Recreation and Parks and area churches.) The event features great soup, music and homemade bowls.

We need volunteers to donate homemade soup and to help with set-up, serving and clean up. Please look for the volunteer sign-up table in Fellowship Hall after both services on October 9, 23 and 30. Questions? Contact Sherri Stubbs 614-577-9277 or at [stubbscpa@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stubbscpa@sbcglobal.net)

**FOOD PANTRY** It's approaching our ninth Thanksgiving food collection for our friends in Athens County at the Feed My Sheep food pantry. Those willing and able to help, please bring donations to the Social Justice table in Fellowship Hall. This year, because of the economy and the increased unemployment, the need for help will be greater. We are hoping to help out with food boxes for 175 families. We need: turkeys, 175 cans each of yams, corn, green beans pumpkin, cranberry sauce, mushroom soup, vegetables other than corn or green beans and 175 five- pound bags of potatoes (also anything else you think is appropriate).

We still need: peanut butter and dried pinto beans, spaghetti, sauce, canned stew and chunky soups.

It's time to start bringing winter clothing, blankets etc. Children's books are welcome, two for each food box! And your empty aluminum cans are sold to buy food. (Please no cat food or sardine cans!)

-- Jacques Angelino

**FAIR TRADE MINISTRY** **Next Sale Date: Sunday, October 16** Come sample our newest product: Fairly traded Organic Extra-Virgin Olive Oil from Palestine! (we'll have sourdough bread to sample it with). Chocolate bars and almonds, as well as a wide variety of coffees (ground and whole bean), teas, and cocoa will also be available. **Sale Items for October:** Coffees marked down by \$1 per bag will be Love Buzz (drip and whole bean) and French Roast (drip and whole bean). Teas marked down by 50 cents per box will be Jasmine Green and Darjeeling organic teas. We need volunteers! If interested in helping out, please contact Barbara

Taylor at 390-9083 or [firstuufairtrade@gmail.com](mailto:firstuufairtrade@gmail.com). Hearty thanks to the following Fair Trade Volunteers who helped out in September: **Kathleen Boston, Kristen Figg, John Friedman, Elaine Fujimura** and **Joanne Wiggins**. Thanks for your support of small farmers, sustainability, and economic justice!

**YWCA Family Center 4th Friday Taco and Brownie Dinner** Over 300 people! In September we served over 300 children and their parents! They just kept on coming. We usually use about 30 to 40 lbs. of meat on a Friday night. In September we used 70 lbs. That is a lot of tacos. Throughout it all our volunteers were laughing and joking. Holly Borghese and Christine Smithies, the mistresses of dishwashing, were laughing about how much water they got on themselves and whether or not to wear bathing suits next time! Our cooks and servers - Jim Conlan, Jan Voelker, Cariann and Sherri Stubbs, Susie Gilbert, plus Candyce Walchesky - were heard giggling and laughing in the background. They smiled and made sure everyone got a brownie! Candyce also shopped for this fine dinner.

Hats off to the best group of volunteers this side of the Mississippi! We truly have a great group of volunteers, and providing food for families who are homeless is truly a worthy cause. If you would like to join our group please feel free to email me at [mccutcheoncathy@yahoo.com](mailto:mccutcheoncathy@yahoo.com).

Very Gratefully Yours, Cathy



**BREAD (Building Responsibility, Equality, and Dignity)**

Only TWO meetings left! Be a part of selecting the next serious community problem BREAD should attack. Are you afraid that you can't really make much of a contribution? BREAD isn't asking you to know everything that's going on in central Ohio...just what the concerns are in your own life. Our problems are remarkably similar to those in the other 54 BREAD congregations. So when all of the BREAD teams vote to identify the three major problems that came up in their house meetings and all of those votes are tallied, we know what problems are of greatest concern to the wider community. Then everyone who attends the Annual Assembly on November 14 can vote to select the major problem for BREAD to work on.

Sign up today to join other caring UUs in brainstorming ideas toward the selection of BREAD's 2012 problem for research and action. Contact the facilitator of the First UU BREAD House/Listening meeting you will attend, or register for it at the BREAD table in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, October 16.

· **Sunday, October 16, 1:00-3:00 p.m. (refreshments at 12:50pm.)**, First UU–Room 6, Alice Rathburn, Host/Facilitator (563-0536)

· **Wednesday, October 19, 7:00-9:00pm. ((refreshments at 6:50 p.m.)**, First UU–Library/Conference Room, Bill Miller/Madelon Timmons, Host/Facilitators (766-9422)  
For childcare, notify the host/facilitator or Alice Rathburn at least one week prior to the meeting.

**BREAD Investment Drive:** Thanks so much to Paula Hook and Ginnie Vogts, who have made recent investments in BREAD's operation. They have brought our church's member contributions to BREAD to \$8,550 – closer than ever to our \$9,000 goal. This financial support is crucial to supporting BREAD's long successful efforts to make our Central Ohio community a better place in which to live and work.

Please make out your 2011 check to BREAD *but* send it to the church office. BREAD is a 501[c][3] tax-deductible corporation, tax ID number 31-1467082. For more information: [www.breadcolumbus.org](http://www.breadcolumbus.org) or Alice Rathburn, [alice37@insight.rr.com](mailto:alice37@insight.rr.com), 895-2109, 563-0536

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### CARING CORNER

We celebrate **Rev. Carol Brody's** ordination into the ministry of the Unitarian-Universalist Church, October 12, 1981.

Happy Anniversary to **John and Rev. Suzan McCrystal**. They were married October 12, 1985.

We wish a happy birthday to **Meredith Farmer** who celebrated her 85th birthday on October 8.

We celebrate the wedding of **Melanie Boyd and Steve Abbott**. They were married by Rev. Mark Belletini at our church on September 24.

Congratulations to **Cathy Elkins** who recently retired after a 40-year career in social work.

Best wishes to **Holly Morr Adams** who has accepted the position of Administrative Assistant with SYC.

A speedy recovery to **Bradley Johnson**, son of Rachael Johnson, at Children's Hospital following reaction to anti-biotics.

We send healing thoughts to **Dick Dawson and Joe Del Medico**, both of whom had surgery recently.

We send caring thoughts to **Dan Shaffer and Sharon Stout-Shaffer**. Dan's mother is in hospice.

Our sympathy is extended to **Su Farnlacher and Tom Barlow** on the death of Su's mother and to **Carol Cameron** whose brother Dennis died after a lengthy battle with multiple myeloma on September 17.

We send our sympathy to **Marilyn Beerman** whose mother died on September 25.

## Strategic Planning and the Survey

The Strategic Planning Committee consists of seven hardworking people: Jeff Boughton, Anita Bucknam, Phyllis Byard, Jim Conlan, Bob Letcher, Dennis Rankin (Chair), and Doug Rossiter. After having probed through the archives and reviewed interviews conducted by other committees, the Strategic Planning Committee decided to conduct its own survey. This will provide updated information from the congregation. We are fortunate to have two people on the committee who have professional experience in conducting surveys. Also we have people who can propel this committee into use of computer-based survey dissemination and data review. We are all excited about this survey, and feel that it will provide insight into the viewpoints of the congregation.

There are two ways to complete the survey: electronically or by hardcopy. Instructions will be provided for both ways of completing the survey. The SP Committee strongly suggests utilizing the electronic means, but we will happily accept a completed hardcopy. Surveys will be available on October 26 with emails providing instructions and a link to the survey, as well as hard copies that will be available at the church office or at the SP Committee table after both services on Sunday, October 30.

We hope that you will take time to complete the survey. Please answer all questions, including the final questions which will provide demographic information to the committee. The survey is confidential, and is your voice to the Board.

-- Dennis Rankin, SP Committee Chair



## WORDS ON MUSIC

by Tony McDonald, Music Director

The Music Committee is proud to present an outstanding series of concerts and events for this church year. (Note: some times and dates may change.) Look for more details as events approach.

Dancing with UU Friends and Family, with Edie Driskill An all-church dance in two parts. The first half is for families and kids, the second half is adults, doing swing, ballroom, Latin, line dancing and more. Couples and singles welcome.

*Saturday, November 12, 5:00 – 9:00 pm*

Choirs Holiday Concert All four choirs will perform, featuring the Ohio premiere of *Gloria* by Karl Jenkins, with orchestra. *Sunday, December 18, 4:00 pm*

Caroling to UU Seniors Traditional caroling to retirement homes and residences. All are welcome to join in.

*Monday, December 19, ca. 6:00 pm*

Avant Garde Chamber Music Concert Wild, modern chamber music with some of our top musicians. Adventure!

*Sunday, January, 2012, 3:00 pm*

Adult (“Grownups”) Talent Show Big people get to show off their talents too. All acts are being sought.

*Saturday, February 11, 2012, 7:30 pm*

Illuminati sings for church services This special branch of the Columbus Gay Men's Chorus will sing for our regular services. *Sunday, March 4, 2012*

Mostly Motown Sing-along Come and sing-along with Temps, Supremes, Marvin Gaye, Stevie Wonder, Aretha and more. *Saturday, March 24, 2012, 7:30 pm*

Youth Talent Show Back for a third year, our super young people get to show their talents.

*Saturday, April 21, 2012, 7:30 pm*

Racial Unity Concert – Music on the theme of Faith and Justice Chamber and choral music of many churches come together, sponsored by JAM, with chamber music directed by Lea Pearson. *Sunday, April 29, 3:00 pm*

Chalice Choir Spring Concert Featuring a performance of the great Vaughan Williams cantata *Dona Nobis Pacem*

*Sunday, May 6, 3:00 pm*

Spring Choral Concert Spirit of Life, Peace Pals and Rising Voices present Broadway and other fun music.

*Sunday, May 20, 3:00 pm*

## FROM THE ARCHIVES...



### Our Universalist Roots Continued

(Notes from the Archives, from Lee’s History of Columbus (1892), and from correspondence with Rev. Susan Ritchie)

Universalism was introduced in Columbus in the 1830s. Those who gathered to hear the traveling preachers began to gather for meetings in a room in the Courthouse. The group officially organized in 1844 when 43 individuals signed the Declaration that follows.

“We, whose names are hereto annexed, being desirous to cooperate for the support of religious truth and the promotion of human good: and recognizing and acknowledging God as our Father, Divine Inspiration as our moral guide, Jesus Christ as our Exemplar and Saviour, our common race as heirs of a blissful immortality and filial and fraternal love as the sum and substance of human duty, do hereby form ourselves into a Society, to be known and distinguished as the Universalist Society of Columbus submitting to the discretion of the majority of the members present at the first regular meeting of the adoption of such rules and regulations as may be deemed the most effective in securing the attainment of the objects of our association.”

The Society met at the German St. Paul Church on Third Street which they later purchased. On March 19, 1845, the Society was incorporated under an act of the Ohio Legislature. At the time it became known as a church and the congregation appointed the first Board of Trustees: John Greenwood, John Field, James Osgood, Demas Adams and William Bambrough. The first regularly employed pastor was Rev. N. Doolittle.

A second Universalist Church existed in the downtown area and met in the Spiritualist Church at State and Sixth; it may have been known as All Souls Church.

According to Rev. Ritchie, there was a Universalist church in Reynoldsburg that was organized in 1848. The congregation built a building in 1849 that was lost to fire in 1905; the church drops from the scene after that. There is also some evidence of a Universalist church in Worthington in the 1830 - 1860 period although it seems to have vanished by 1860. The first Universalist church in the area was the Jersey Church organized in 1829.

Piecing our Universalist past is not an easy task. Many histories do not include the many congregations that Ohio had. Finding the history is a treasure hunt that takes time. -- Linda Thompson, Historian



## Why We All Need a Justice GA Experience

Recently I was asked to be a commenter for a UUA blog created to support those attending General Assembly in Phoenix in June 2012. Here is what I said:

“If you have come here to help me, then you are wasting your time...But if you have come because your liberation is bound up with mine, then let us work together.” These words attributed to Lila Watson, a leader in an Australian indigenous group, academic and artist, sum up for me the key to our work this year in preparation for June.

Remembering that my liberation is bound up with those targets of injustice with whom I share the struggle for justice and with whom I would grow Beloved Community is a constant struggle. For me the answers lie in spiritual practice that expands the heart; with educational programs that include both the facts of the majority community and the facts that grow from direct experience of our partners; with honest and respectful relationships with people within target communities; and with celebrations, including worship, that provide inspiration for the journey.

This struggle and these learnings don't have to happen at a special Justice General Assembly. They can come right here in Central Ohio. Sometimes travel makes transformation easier, however. When we are out of your normal routine and a little off balance in a new space, we are vulnerable to change. That's why Justice Trips are so important for our youth. (And, get ready for it. Start to bring cash with you on Sunday mornings or at least your checkbook. The senior high youth will soon be fundraising for their trip to Justice GA.)

But you don't have to be in Phoenix to learn more about the injustices of our immigration system. A six-week course in immigration starts October 13. Call me if you want to register. We will have an exhibition of migration stories prepared by the Latino Arts for Humanity up soon. The central learning that must happen is how to be a good ally, how to be respectful, tolerate being different, supportive and not the decision maker. And how to take a much harder trip than the one to Phoenix. It's the trip across town, to the west side, perhaps to meet in a room with a bunch of strangers who look different than you and who talk about their experiences and about a world you never knew existed. That's a much harder trip but it's one we can all make, supporting one another. Our liberation is all bound together. Never let go of one another. We can have a Justice GA experience no matter how far we travel.

-- Jolinda Stephens, Director of Religious Education, 614-267-4946, ext. 28, [JolindaS@firstuucolumbus.org](mailto:JolindaS@firstuucolumbus.org). Office hours are Monday to Thursday, 1 to 7 pm.

## Sunday School News

**Gratitude Workshops Needed** Music, cooking, science, dance, spiritual practice, games, video making, art—all are ways to help elementary children understand gratitude from a UU perspective. Our Sunday School Workshops are designed to put our children together with adults to explore the worship theme together. Design a two-week project or use a curriculum designed by the DRE. Sign up at the Sunday School Table.

**Youth Groups Underway on Sunday Afternoons at 12:30 pm.** We have two active groups open to youth from 6th through 12th grades. Feel free to invite your friends to attend. It is also very much okay to take part in youth group, even when you don't come to Sunday School. The next meeting is Sunday, October 16.

**Meet Your Sunday School Teachers** So often teachers haven't finished scrubbing all the glue and glitter off the tables or consulting with the other teachers about next week's plans, to get out to Coffee Hour. By the time they've finished, you've already made your plans and headed off to lunch. Teachers tell me that one of the things they like best about teaching is the community that is created within the RE Wing. So maybe they don't miss out when they don't make it to Coffee Hour, you do.

I thought I'd introduce you to some of them. If you already know them, be sure to tell them how much you appreciate the work they do to ensure the continuation of our tradition, of our saving words through the generations. Without them we would die as a religion.

**Meet the preschool teachers:** At 9:15 we have Shelly Casto, who adapted the curriculum we use; Chris Sullivan, and Jennifer Hambach. At 11 we have Rachael Johnson, Kevin Lambryth, Nicole Vutha, Niki Ducy and Marissa Kaloga.

## Adult and Multi-Age Programming

**What Moves Us** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays, starting Oct. 12, 7 pm. Join Rev. Suzan McCrystal and religious educator Jolinda Stephens for an 8-session course designed to help longtime UUs and those who want more depth to engage in theological reflection, not as an intellectual exercise, but as process of meaning-making that equips us for living in the world as Unitarian Universalist persons of faith. **Registration required.\***

**Yoga with Terry LeMaster** - Wednesdays at 7:30 pm. Kripalu Yoga is a meditative approach, combining breath work (pranayama) and physical movement (hatha yoga) for inner attunement to the body's needs. Each session will also include deep relaxation (yoga nidra-yogic sleep), chanting (mantra), and meditation (jnana). Wear comfortable clothing; bring a mat, blanket and sitting cushion if needed. **Registration requested.\***

**Art of Collage: Making and Meaning** - Every Thursday, 10am. Explore the possibilities of materials and composition with the guidance of artist Jo Dickinson.

**Immigration as a Moral Issue** - Thursdays, October 13 through November 17, 6 pm - Join the DRE for an intense look at several aspects of the issues of immigration and migration. We will include perspectives from local immigrant rights activists. Factual material, ethical and faith perspectives and simulations are all used. Set for the dinner hour, feel free to brown bag it. Warning: there is "homework." **Registration required.\***

**Anti-Racism for Collective Liberation** - Friday, October 14, 7pm through Saturday, October 15, 5pm - Join the young trainers from the Catalyst Project and leaders from around our in a fresh look at how we can build the Beloved Community and bring about change here in Ohio. Study anti-racist organizing principles to build up powerful multiracial movement for collective liberation. **Designed for leaders from 13 years of age on up.** Co-sponsored by the district UU Ministers Association. Register at <http://www.ohiomeadville.org/conference/catalyst2011.html>. **RE will pay your fee if you are a youth or volunteer with RE.** Put copy of your registration in the DRE mailbox or just email [jolindas@firstuucolumbus.org](mailto:jolindas@firstuucolumbus.org).

**Building Your Own Theology** - 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays, starting October 20, 7:30pm  
Join Rev. Kathleen Fowler and others in a systematic exploration that helps you articulate the values, beliefs and practices that create your UU theology. Along the way you'll look at some of the work of our most interesting modern UU thinkers. **Registration required.\***

**Multi-Cultural Families**—3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays, starting October 20 at 6pm. Join Ka Wa Berman Multi-cultural Families second **potluck meal** and fun. All families of all the many ethnicities in the world are invited to participate. Half Irish, half Lithuanian? Every last forbear from France? Part Hawaiian, and Pakastani? Have very little idea where your ancestors started out? Join the group and explore together. Email [ka\\_wa\\_berman@yahoo.com](mailto:ka_wa_berman@yahoo.com) to sign up and for more information.

**Walking in Nature** Every Friday, 9:30 am. Meet at Highbanks Metropark to observe the dramatic changes in the clothing nature wears. Facilitator is Erica Scurr, [escurr@juno.com](mailto:escurr@juno.com).

**Zen Meditation** - every Tuesday at 7pm and every Saturday at 8:30am. Join the Zen Columbus Sangha in a traditional Zen sit. Each sit includes two 25-minute periods of silent meditation and walking meditation, chanting and prostrations. Contact facilitator Tom Tucker [www.Zencolumbus.com](http://www.Zencolumbus.com).

**Improvisational Dance** - Every Thursday 9:30 am

**Easy Movement Class** - 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays, 11am. . Join us for gentle movement to music that moves you! No steps to learn, just go with the flow. Popular, classical, jazz -- we use an eclectic set of music. Relieve stress, enhance flexibility and coordination, and burn calories! Saturday October 8 and Saturday October 22, at 11 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Contact Barbara Taylor @ 390-9083 if questions.

**NEW DATES: Community and Questioning**—Thursdays, November 3 and 17 and December 1 and 15. Join this small group to explore such questions as What is the divine? and What role does community play in coping with grief and loss? Led by Don Shartzter. **Registration required.\***

**\*Registration:** <http://bit.ly/qdhKqH>

*Our new blog at [Firstuufamilies.wordpress.com](http://Firstuufamilies.wordpress.com) provides more detailed Sunday School and family news.*

Well, for the first time in 13 years, I lost track of the newsletter deadlines. Of course, September 25 was one of those days...two services, a memorial, and a trip to Cleveland for a clergy Continuing Education Project I am working on. Enough to make you forget your name, let alone the newsletter date.

We are putting our mother into a hospice program...she is not doing very well right now. This, of course, takes me away from this place emotionally an awful lot. It's just the way it is, I think. I can't blend it all into one seamless life...I feel a bit like taffy. But I am muddling through. Forgetful.

Sometime I will have to write more about the problems I have with mice in my pantry. They ignore the traps that would let me put them outside alive. So I have now become Robespierre with old fashioned traps. Having mouse "stuff" on my pantry food is just not good. But boy does it raise feelings.

Next week I will go up after a wedding I am doing, and spend a few days. Be back to preach the following week.

blessings,



Rev. Mark Belletini

### **The Inner Flame**

*Praise* by Ranier Maria Rilke (Uncollected Poems)

O tell me Poet what you do? – I praise.

But the deathly and the monstrous,

How do you accept them, bear them? – I praise.

But the nameless, the anonymous.

How, Poet, can you still invoke it? – I praise.

Knowing we wear costumes, a hundred masks,

What right have you to be true? – I praise.

How can the calm and the impetuous both know you?

How can they tell if you are star or storm? – Because I praise.

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Plan Ahead...

### **What Connects Us: Peace and Spiritual Practice**

With Neil Douglas-Klotz

**Wednesday, November 2, 7 pm**

**at First UU**

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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

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