



The Discoverer

First Unitarian Universalist Church of Columbus, July 1, 2012

SPECIAL NOTICE

Rev. Mark Belletini and Rev. Eric Meter will return to the pulpit in August, but will be in and out of the office for most of July.

Jolinda Stephens, Religious Education Director, is on vacation until August 1. Deb McGuire will be in the office all day on most Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays. You can reach her at 614-267-4946, ext. 28. For summer questions, write to Jen Bojanowski at greenness.com@prodigy.net.

CHURCH NEWS

Summary of Annual Meeting of 2012 (6/10/12)

The membership voted for members of the Board of Trustees and the Leadership Development Committee for the 2012-2013 church year. The Board election was uncontested, and therefore a voice vote. The four new Board members for the 2012-2013 church year are: JoAnn St. Clair, John McCrystal, David Douglass, and Dennis Rankin. Current members who will continue to serve are Beth Jewel, Betsy Duckworth, Bill Keating, Chuck Wolfe, Dan Baer, Leslie Armstrong, Phyllis Byard, and Tim Hooks.

The Leadership Development Committee vote was a written ballot vote. The newly elected members of the Leadership Development Committee were: Tom Pegan, Susan Williams, Amy Watson, and Jeannie Sperling.

Michael Greenman ran uncontested for Moderator, and was elected via voice vote.

The following items were all approved via voice vote: the revised version of the church Constitution, the Board's proposed budget for the year, putting the 2011-2012 proceeds from the Endowment Fund toward the repair of the courtyard pillar, and authorizing an increase of the church's indebtedness by an amount of up to (but not to exceed) \$50,000 to pay for repairs to the roof.

The Auction Committee reported that the auction date will be gradually moved to a different point in the year, so that by 2014, the date will be October 25. The Personnel Committee reported that they have completed the new employee manual. The Strategic Planning Committee reported that they have reviewed the results of the church wide survey and made an extensive report available to the Board and a briefer report available to the congregation.

Construction projects may affect church members and visitors during the next few months.

One project has already started on Weisheimer Road, where new gas lines are being installed. This is being done prior to construction of storm sewers along the road. The gas lines are expected to be done before major construction begins, probably in late August. As part of the storm sewer project, a new rain garden will be built on church property between the two entrance drives.

Church members and visitors should expect delays, detours and limited access during several months of construction. In addition, a number of parking spaces will be lost in the front parking lot during construction. Also, there probably will not be parking along Weisheimer Road.

The other projects are internal. The two large wood support columns in the court yard will be replaced starting in early July. The project will take about three weeks. There will be no access to the court yard during construction. Furthermore, the staff parking area south of the church will be closed and used for construction supplies. Some of the work may be disruptive and noisy.

The SYC playground will be renovated during the first week in August. And probably later in August the roofs of the Worship Center, Gallery and Rooms 8 & 9, will be replaced due to a combination of hail damage and old age. In addition, dead tree removal and storm drain repair on the SYC drive are among other minor projects planned.

Please keep these projects in mind as you plan for the coming months. If you have questions, please contact Brian Hagemann, church administrator, brianh@firstuucolumbus.org, or David Richter, chair, Building & Grounds Committee, 459-5206.

Bookbites Next meeting is July 17 in Slower Lounge, from 7 to 9 pm. Returning to our around the world topics, the subject for July is Austria. Fiction or non-fiction, readers' choice. Kathleen Boston 262-4025.

Women's Spirituality meets at 7:30 – 9pm.

- July 4: at Tee Jaye's on North High St. and Morse Road, to celebrate
- July 11: Sexuality and Gender, or Free to be Me (Gabby McCoy)
- July 18: Women Who Dared (all)
- July 25: Talking about Freedom

Call Jeanni Ray, 614-985-6176, for information.

Many thanks to Carole Wilhelm, Tom Wheeler, Michael Bethel, Chris Hardin and Brian Hagemann **for helping with our gardens** on the east side of the church and for spreading mulch for paths in the woods. Two newly "paved" paths in our woods south of the church give access to the picnic table there. Enjoy.

Parents of Infants and Toddlers The next meeting is Saturday 14, from 11am – 1pm, Rooms 1&2. Come to meet other parents and their children. For information contact Nancy Powlick lpowlick@columbus.rr.com.

GSA News The Pride 2012 parade was a great success! The Enlightened Hippogriffs, Ohio-Meadville Young Adults, and members and friends of First UU and North UU Congregation marched in the blazing sun. The crowd was quite taken by the UU contingent. Many thanks to Deb and Michael McGuire for award winning signs. Chris Hardin worked her magic to make the potluck a festive event. For those of you who could not join us, the parade is a great public witness event where we also experience public appreciation of the work we do in the community. Join us next year! Mark your calendar -- June 15, 2013!

UU Animal Ministry Every second Tuesday of the month, 7pm, Room 8. The next meeting will be July 10.

The **Free Plant Exchange** by the Garden Club continues on the first Sunday of each month through October. Plan on bringing any plants, seedlings, no-longer-wanted tools, extra flower pots etc. to Fellowship Hall. No need to bring something in order to take something. Questions? Contact Chris Hardin (chardin123@att.net).

Join in the **First UU Art Exhibit** for summer 2012! At two locations – on Facebook and in the Gallery at the main entrance of the church.

Remember to take photos of you or other UUs having summer fun. Post them on Facebook as part of our summer art exhibit. Check "First UU Summer Art 2012" on Facebook to see artistic fun and to post your photos. Post as many fun-making pictures as you like, now through August. Artistic criteria? The quirkier the better (all in fun, right?).

Absolutely everyone invited – kids, adults, friends here, friends there. And for those who don't do Facebook, fun photos can be printed and posted in the Gallery (display space coming soon!).

Forum: Michael Curtin, former Editor and Chief Executive, The Columbus Dispatch will speak about what is happening in America and the world today. Sunday, July 8, 11:30am, in the Worship Center.

JUSTICE ACTION MINISTRY



BREAD (Building Responsibility, Equality, and Dignity) is First UU's local interfaith social justice organization. At the annual

Celebration/Investment Drive Kickoff,

First UU was among 15 congregations honored for turning out 50% or more of their average worship attendance to the Nehemiah Action!

Justice Ministry Network members also enjoyed a great dinner, entertainment by Christ the King's Mariachi Band, and these very positive updates:

- **Land Bank**— One of the vacant/abandoned properties submitted by a BREAD congregation has already been demolished and several others are scheduled.
- **Healthcare**—CareSource representatives reported that three patient navigators have been assigned to begin linking chronic ER users on Medicaid with "medical homes" to improve their health, save taxpayer dollars, and strengthen our community health centers.
- **Restorative Justice**—Juvenile Court Lead Judge Elizabeth Gill has applied for funding to get Restorative Justice underway and is researching additional funding possibilities. She plans to begin interviews for a coordinator by October and to have Community Boards in place by March.
- **Jobs**—The committee has met with City Councilmen Troy Miller and Zach Klein. Miller has assigned three staff members to draft paperwork to identify the needs four small business incubators should address, and Klein is working with BREAD to gather community leaders to raise capital for micro-loans to support small business growth.

For additional information: www.breadcolumbus.org, Alice Rathburn, 895-2109, eulala1905@me.com.

YWCA Family Center 4th Friday Taco and Brownie Dinner

200 people! That is right! We fed 200 people this month. It kept us on our toes. It was so worth it. As we washed dishes, a little girl kept coming up to let us know she was washing tables. A grandmother wanted to come back and help us because she always cooked and cleaned in her home. It is little things like this that keep me going back to help these very deserving families. They take time to think of others when they are in such need themselves.

Thank you so much to our fine and dedicated group of volunteers! Candyce Walchesky, Jan Voelker, Christine Smithies and Susie Gilbert shopped, prepped, cooked, served and cleaned up for 200 people. They deserve a standing ovation!

We could use some more volunteers. If you are interested in a once a month opportunity, contact me, Cathy McCutcheon, at mccutcheoncathy@yahoo.com.

DENOMINATIONAL CONCERNS

Summer Institute “Reboot Your Theology: Exploring Our Connections” with Rev. Meg Riley. July 8-14, at Kenyon College in Gambier, OH. Brochures are available in the Volunteer Workroom, or you can download it at omdsi.org.

From the Ohio-Meadville District (OMD) office:

- **Summer Spirituality Conference** Join UUs from the region at the Summer Spirituality Conference July 29-August 1, 2012 at Notre Dame Retreat House in New York. Learn more at <http://cerguua.org/cegevents/254-spiritconf2012.html>
- The Central East Regional Group is seeking leaders who would like to be trained as **facilitators of the Harvest the Power curricula**. Facilitators would train congregational representatives to lead the program. The training will take place August 17-19, 2012. For details, see <http://cerguua.org/cegevents/179-harvestpower12.html>
- **Leadership Day 2012** All congregational leaders are invited to join the OMD for our annual Leadership Day, Saturday, October 13, 2012 at First Unitarian Church of Cleveland in Shaker Heights, OH. Details will be available later this summer.

AUCTION CORNER

Save the Dates! Our next church auction will be Saturday, February 16, 2013 from 5:30 – 9:30 pm. Our theme is *Winter Fantasy: Unfreeze your assets*. This auction will be our last one the third Saturday in February before the auction moves to autumn. Our auction for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 will be on Saturday, November 16, 2013. This date change means that we will have two auctions in 2013, although each auction falls in a different church fiscal year.

We will also make some changes to the auction evening format. The silent auction will last from 5:30 – 7pm as always. However, we will have a much shorter

live auction from 7:15 – 8pm, before having dinner and socializing from 8 – 9:30pm.

Finally, we will have advanced bidding forms at our auction table this fall for those of you who cannot attend the auction on February 16.

If you would like to join the auction committee (we have a lot of fun) or would simply like to volunteer to make our “winter fantasy” come true, then please contact Danya Furda, Auction Chair, at dfurda@gmail.com or (614) 471-3786.

CARING CORNER

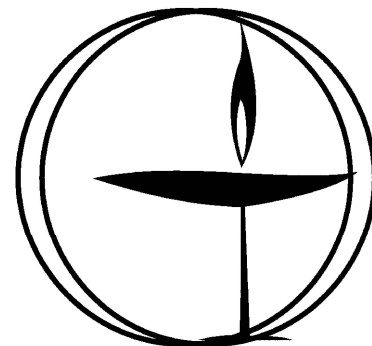
We send a big Happy Birthday to **Rev. Kathleen Fowler**. Her birthday was June 25.

We send congratulations to **Denise Deschenes**. She is now a Bu Sa Ba Nim -- second degree. She also earned the Spirit Award.

We send caring thoughts to **Teena Price**, who is under Hospice care at Whetstone Gardens and Care Center.

We wish a happy birthday and many happy returns **Beth Greenfield** and **Jeanne Eason**. Beth will celebrate her 87th birthday on July 9 and Jeanne will celebrate her 92nd birthday on July 5.

Our condolences to **Tim Hooks** and **Nancy Fritz**. Tim's sister, Johann Cozart, passed away early Friday morning. Nancy's father Charles J. Fritz died peacefully June 20.





WORDS ON MUSIC

Tony McDonald, First UU Music Director

Summer Choir continues through August. The schedule is below. As always, rehearsal is at 9:00am before the service at which we sing. All are welcome to participate, whether you have been in choir before or not. Questions? Contact

Tony McDonald: musicdirector@firstuucolumbus.org.

Summer Choir schedule 2012

- July 22 – Summer Choir, Brandon Moss, directing
- August 5 – All Ages (inter-generational) Choir, Nathan Hamm, directing
- August 12 – Summer Choir, Brandon Moss, directing

(Note: Women's Voices, July 15, has been canceled)



The Common Read

A **Common Read** is a book chosen by the UUA (or on a local level, by a Unitarian Universalist congregation) to read and discuss over a given period of time. Since First UU has chosen poverty alleviation and women's health as the two justice areas to focus on for the next two years, the Poverty Alleviation / Women's Health Joint Task Force has chosen a Common Read that addresses poverty alleviation: ***Rebuild the Dream*** by Van Jones, former Special Adviser to the Obama White House.

Jones proposes serious solutions to make our economy respect the 99% and work for the 100%, not just the 1%. *Rebuild the Dream* sets forth bold ideas inspired by the progressive values that made the twentieth century the “American Century.” It shows how key public policies and investments can create millions of good American jobs. Copies will be available at the book table before and after Sunday services at First UU, and the book is also available from online bookstores.

To kick off the Common Read, we will meet for a discussion on Sunday, July 8, 11:30am, Room 8. You may want to bring a lunch.

For more details, please contact Steve at steve.palmhouser@gmail.com or (614) 397-3051.

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WORSHIP SERVICES

July 8, 2012, 10:00 A.M.

Matt Meyer

Matt, a UU who presents programs at Summer Institute, will present a musical program to help us learn more about ourselves and each other.

July 15, 2012, 10:00 A.M.

Len Powlick

“Unitarian Universalists and None of the Above”

July 22, 2012, 10:00 A.M.

Rachel Baker

“Unitarian Universalists and Prayer”

► Hearing assisted devices, large print hymnals, and a few copies (in large print) of the Sunday readings and sermon are available at the rear of the Worship Center. Copies of CDs of our worship services will become available again for sale at the bookstore. Audio and text of recent services can also be found on the church website.

CALENDAR July 5 – July 18 2012

Thursday, July 5

9:30am Improvisational Dance
6:30pm BREAD Team

Friday, July 6

12:00pm Cooking for Faith Mission
6:30pm First Friday Potluck
7:30pm Multicultural Families Meeting

Saturday, July 7

8:30am Zen Meditation
11:30am Easy Movement Class

Sunday, July 8

10:00am Worship Service
11:30am Sunday Forum
11:30am Common Read: *Rebuild the Dream*
12:00pm Committee on Shared Ministry
12:30pm Enlightened Hippogriffs
1:00pm Green Team
5:00pm High School Senior Group

Monday, July 9

7:00pm UU Dance Fellowship
7:00pm Caring Committee
7:00pm Personnel Committee
7:00pm Adult Enrichment Committee

Tuesday, July 10

9:30am Archives Organizing
1:00pm Cancer Support Group
7:00pm UU Animal Ministry
7:00pm This Month in Science
7:00pm Social Committee
7:00pm Zen Meditation

Wednesday, July 11

7:00pm Small Group Ministry Steering Team
7:00pm Memoir Writing
7:30pm Women's Spirituality
7:30pm Men's Spirituality

Thursday, July 12

9:30am Improvisational Dance
7:00pm Expressive Collage
7:00pm Building & Grounds Committee

Saturday, July 14

8:30am Zen Meditation
9:45am Zen Meditation Orientation
11:00am Parents of Infants and Toddlers

Sunday, July 15

10:00am Worship Service
11:30am Strategic Planning
11:45am Garden Club
3:00pm Time Bank Meeting

Monday, July 16

7:00pm UU Dance Fellowship
7:00pm BREAD Team

Tuesday, July 17

9:30am Archives Organizing
9:30am Newsletter Folding
7:00pm Stewardship Committee
7:00pm Zen Meditation
7:00pm Book Bites
7:30pm Finance Committee

Wednesday, July 18

5:30pm Garden/Building Work Session
7:00pm Executive Committee
7:00pm Gay Straight Alliance
7:00pm Membership Team
7:30pm Women's Spirituality
7:30pm Men's Spirituality

*For information on COVENANT GROUPS, contact
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**The deadline for the next issue of *The Discoverer*
is Sunday, July 15.**

Please send articles to office@firstuucolumbus.org,
or drop them off in the front office.