

# *The Discoverer*

First Unitarian Universalist Church of Columbus, July 29, 2012

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## ***SPECIAL NOTICE***

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**Rev. Mark Belletini** and **Rev. Eric Meter** will return to the pulpit in August.

## ***LINKS***

Rev. Eric Meter, Associate Minister

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First and primarily, a thank you. Last summer Rick Kritzer, on behalf of himself and several others in the congregation, presented me with an amazing and wholly unexpected birthday present of a gift certificate for a hot air balloon ride. It took me nearly a year to schedule it, and the weather didn't cooperate on the day it was originally set, but at sunrise on a recent Sunday morning, everything fell into place.

My companion for the trip was the 10 year old son of my best friends, Eric and Danielle. We were housemates in grad school together and I officiated their wedding 15 years ago. Several years after that they came to Columbus to teach at Ohio State where they both now have tenure. The balloon trip was originally planned to take place on Elliott's 10th birthday, but he said he wouldn't hold the date change against me.

The balloon ride was simply terrific. "Awesome," was Elliott's response. We lifted off from a high school field in Hilliard, and rode the currents for six miles to the southwest, rising over 2100 feet at one point. While I learned that my lifelong fear of heights had not left me, I loved every minute of the ride. Well, maybe not the time our pilot asked Elliott if he wanted to pluck a leaf off a tree we'd fly over. We didn't exactly fly over the tree; we sort of bumped into its upper branches before rising again. Piloting a hot air balloon is as much an art as a science, I learned. What I loved the most was the quiet, and the amazing vantage point of watching the sun rise over the city and fields. While I can't reproduce a decent picture here, if you'd like to see what the morning looked like from the balloon, come by my office some time. My new computer desktop image is one from the trip.

So thank you, Rick, and everyone else who contributed toward one of the best birthday presents I've ever had.

Next, get ready for another great year at First UU. Due to space restrictions, I'll leave it at that for now. You'll see what I mean soon enough.

In peace,

*Eric*

## ***CHURCH NEWS***

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**Bookbites** meets August 21, 7 to 9pm in Slowter Lounge. Continuing our reading around the world, August's topic is books about any of the Romance language countries of Europe. Questions? Call Kathleen Boston, 262-4025.

**Covenant Groups** Have you heard good things about Covenant Groups? That Covenant Groups are a good way to get to know your fellow UU's in a more intimate setting? That Covenant Groups can deepen your spirituality? Sign-ups for the current church year will begin in a few weeks. Look for our table in Fellowship Hall after Sunday service. For info, contact Judy Fettman at [judyfet375@gmail.com](mailto:judyfet375@gmail.com).

**Labor Day Retreat** September 1-3, intergenerational, all-congregation gathering in the beautiful Hocking Hills. Workshops, worship, fellowship, community, nature, hiking and relaxation. Wonderful for families, singles or couples. For more info and to register go to <http://www.firstuucolumbus.org/labor-day-retreat-registration>. Or register in Fellowship Hall after the service. Patricia Boughton, registrar, 467-9020, [patkap@wowway.com](mailto:patkap@wowway.com)

**Women's Spirituality** meets Wednesdays, 7:30 – 9pm.

- August 1 Birthday's and Poetry and Sharing (all)
- August 8 What Goddess Are You? (Jeanni Ray)
- August 15 Goddesses of Home and Nature (all)
- August 22 We Talk. We Share (all)
- August 29 My Favorite Goddess (all)

This month's theme is "The Goddess: Who Are We?"  
Contact Jeanni Ray, 614-985-6176, [jeanniray@gmail.com](mailto:jeanniray@gmail.com), for information.

The **Free Plant Exchange** by the Garden Club continues on the first Sunday of each month through October. The next exchange will be Sunday morning, August 5. 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](mailto:chardin123@att.net).



**UU Animal Ministry** meets every second Tuesday of the month, 7pm, Room 8. The next meeting is August 14.

**Free book exchange.** It's time for another free book exchange at our bUUKstore. Bring some, take some. Please drop off books to donate at our tables (in Fellowship Hall) on Sunday, August 12, before the 10am service. **Everyone** (including those who had no books to share) is invited to stop by after the service to browse/take donated books.



**First Friday Dinner and Movie** Please join us for a potluck dinner and a movie. The potluck begins at 6:30pm and the movie and other events will start at 7:30pm. A family

movie will be showing in one room and a documentary in another room each month. Many events occur during First Friday. Please see the schedule for upcoming First Friday events. Childcare is provided for those who are too young to enjoy the activities for the evening. Margaret Allen, [allenhoyt@gmail.com](mailto:allenhoyt@gmail.com).

August 3:

Family Movie: *The Secret of NIMH*  
Documentary: *Made in India* (2010)  
Multicultural Family Group

September 7:

Family Movie: *Toy Story*  
Documentary: *Northern Lights* (1978)  
Multicultural Family Group

October 5:

Family Movie: *Toy Story 2*  
Documentary: *Forks Over Knives*  
Multicultural Family Group  
Poets and Artists UUnite

**Eco-Safari** - Space is still available on this September 15 adventure sponsored by the First UU Green Team. Join the intrepid bargain hunters as they explore and discover hidden treasures of resale and overstocked clothes, household goods, electronics, and food outlets. Then brag about your finds at a delicious local food based picnic lunch. Sign up on the First UU Auction website (<http://togetherauction.com/firstuu>) or call Elaine Fujimura or Tony Skrabak at 614-261-0215.

The next **Midsummer's Night Work Party** will be Thursday, August 23 from 6 to 9 p.m. Volunteers needed! Dress is "Dirty Garden Work Casual", with gloves. Appropriate tools would be appreciated. R.S.V.P. to Dave Richter, Building and Grounds Committee, at [drichter@sciotangy.com](mailto:drichter@sciotangy.com)

**Want to serve your church in a meaningful way?**

The church needs ushers for all celebrations. Typically an usher will volunteer to usher for one celebration each month on the same Sunday each month. For instance, you can usher for the 9:15am celebration on each first Sunday of each month. **Are you willing to be an usher?** If so, please drop an email note to Earl Wurdlow at [earlword@yahoo.com](mailto:earlword@yahoo.com). We'll get you started right away.

**First UU Annual Picnic** Sunday, September 23 at Thompson Park in Upper Arlington from 1-3pm. All are welcome. Potluck. Drinks, plates, cups, napkins and silverware provided by the Social Committee. Please contact Margaret Allen, Social Committee Chair with questions, [allenhoyt@gmail.com](mailto:allenhoyt@gmail.com).

**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](mailto:musicdirector@firstuucolumbus.org).

Summer Choir schedule 2012

August 5 – All Ages (inter-generational) Choir,  
Nathan Hamm, directing

August 12 – Summer Choir, Brandon Moss, directing

**DENOMINATIONAL CONCERNS**

From the Ohio-Meadville District (OMD) office:

- The Central East Regional Group is seeking leaders who would like to be trained as **facilitators of the Harvest the Power curricula**. The training will take place August 17-19, 2012. For details, see <http://cerguua.org/cergevents/179-harvestpower12.html>
- **Leadership Day 2012** All congregational leaders are invited. Saturday, October 13, at First Unitarian Church of Cleveland in Shaker Heights, OH.

## CARING CORNER

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**Red Cross Blood Drive** Our next blood drive will be on Friday, September 7, from 3pm to 7pm. Please reserve this date on your calendars. Blood inventories are at an all-time low. This will be our first drive that will span the late afternoon and early evening hours on a Friday, which also coincides with September's First Friday potluck. The goal for our Church is to collect 16 units. Volunteers are needed for: staffing the registration table and providing snacks. Sign-up sheets for these along with an appointment sheet to reserve a time slot to donate blood will be at the Caring Table beginning this Sunday, August 5. Questions? Please contact: Chris Hardin via [chardin123@att.net](mailto:chardin123@att.net). Thank you in advance for your help and participation.

Wedding congratulations to:

**Kate Power** and **Andy Shewmon** were married in our church on July 14, in a ceremony led by Rev. Mark Belletini. Kate is the daughter of Jeanne Eason and the late Warren Eason.

**Danica Kane** and **Zach Fredin** were also married on July 14, with Rev. Mark Belletini officiating. Zach is the son of Barb Fredin Fiorini and the late Eric Fredin. He grew up here at First UU Church.

**Judy Vazquez** and **Doug Dickenson** were married on June 9. (Additional good wishes to Judy on the birth of a second granddaughter, Zoe, born on July 18.)

Healing thoughts to:

First UU Facility Assistant **Cathy Hausmann**, who had surgery on July 17 to remove polyps in her throat.

**Jacques Angelino**, who had a fall at home several weeks ago.

**Jo Anne St. Clair**, who had knee replacement surgery July 26.

We wish **Steve** and **Sue Loeb**s much happiness in their new home. They moved to Topsham, ME this summer.

**Healing Journey** Are you experiencing grief due to the loss of a family member or other loved one, a job loss, or the pain of another unwelcome life transition?

If so, the Healing Journey may be for you. Together we share our stories, and learn how much we have in common with others who also know the experience of loss. The group will meet 7:30 to 9 pm on Thursdays, August 16 through September 20. For further information and to register, please call Rev. Eric Meter at 267-4946 x23.

## JUSTICE ACTION MINISTRY

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**BREAD** (Building Responsibility, Equality, and Dignity, [www.breadcolumbus.org](http://www.breadcolumbus.org)) is First UU's local interfaith social justice organization. Working with the 53 other BREAD congregations and four paid

organizers, we made improvements in central Ohio in the areas of housing, transportation, truancy, payday lending, and other serious community problems. Efforts to reduce vacant and abandoned housing, to get first-time, non-violent juvenile offenders into proven diversion programs, and to get primary health care for chronically ill ER users, are well underway.

Help to make it possible for BREAD to hire a fifth organizer. Make out your generous, tax-deductible check to BREAD (*not* First UU) and send/take it to the church in an envelope marked BREAD. Or notify Alice Rathburn, 895-2109, [eulala1905@me.com](mailto:eulala1905@me.com), to make your investment in installments or through your employer's matching gift plan. (BREAD is a 501(c)(3) tax-deductible corporation, tax ID number 31-1467082.)

With \$6,872 toward our \$10,000 goal, First UU is leading the way in BREAD's 2012 member investment drive. We thank our most recent investors: Chad and Elinor Alger, Sandy Aska, Roger Cole, Cathy Elkins, Alice Faryna, Olwen Firestone, Rev. Kathleen and Joe Fowler, Curt and Nancy Green, Greg and Judy Houston, Rich Humenick and Deborah Steward, Lisa Iacobellis, Werner (Tex) Kohles, Pat Larson, Karen Lewis, Marge Lynd, Rev. Eric Meter, Pat Marida, Caroline Rayner and Bernadette Vankeerbergen, Steve and Kittie Palm-Houser, Bertina Povenmire, Gini Szabo, Vera Toran, Tom Wheeler and William Walker, and Jane Young.

The **Poverty Alleviation / Women's Health** Joint Task Force is looking for ways to support action in these areas, which were chosen by a congregational vote at First UU.

To that end, we are having a combined Justice Action Ministry / Joint Task Force meeting at **7pm, Monday, August 13** in Room 7. Pizza and salad will be provided.

If you are involved in JAM, or considering it, please consider how your social justice project may be related to poverty alleviation and/or women's health and reproductive rights. Please join us prepared to discuss how the Joint Task Force could support your project. R.S.V.P. to Jane Larson at [janelarson47@gmail.com](mailto:janelarson47@gmail.com).

On the JAM bulletin board in the Window Hallway, there's an opportunity to ask for **Things Needed and Things You Offer** (to give away, or sell at low cost).

**9th Annual Backpack and School Supply Drive.** Bring items to the Social Justice Table in Fellowship Hall, or leave them in the bin in the Window Hallway. Please donate only new or gently-used items.

## FAITH DEVELOPMENT FOR ALL AGES

Jolinda Stephens, Religious Education Director

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### Greetings from the Adult Enrichment Programs (AEP) Committee

Our summer class schedule is in full swing and here's an outline of what's happening:

- August 11: Pickles, Salsas, and Sauces
- August 25: Jams, Jellies and Preserves (tentative date)
- September 8: Dehydration and an Intro to Preserving Meat
- August TBA: Menu for the Future

To find out more, stop by the Greeters Stand near the front door and pick up our green flyer on the summer classes, check out the church's Facebook page for info, or visit us at our table in Friendship Hall on Sundays for a chat. Registration for a class can be done either in person at our table, or online through the church's website.

Plans are still in the works for the upcoming Fall/Winter schedule but here are a few classes to tweak your interest:

- Mormonism
- Navigating Social Media
- Ecology as a Spiritual Practice
- Tae Kwon Do for Youth
- Moravian Paper Stars

If you would like to be a member of our team, please stop by our table and chat. We meet on the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. For more information, contact Tom Baillieul, 614-447-1223, [tbailleul@gmail.com](mailto:tbailleul@gmail.com).

**Parents of Infants and Toddlers** will meet Saturday, August 11, from 11am to 1pm. Contact Nancy Powlick for more information, at [lpowlick@columbus.rr](mailto:lpowlick@columbus.rr).

**Dance Your Way!** (formerly called Easy Movement) will be offered Saturday, August. 4, 11:30am-12:30pm in Fellowship Hall. Join us for easy stretching followed by dance and movement your way to a fun selection of music. There are no steps to learn, because I believe everyone knows what moves feel right for them! Facilitated by Barbara Taylor, [btaylor1787@gmail.com](mailto:btaylor1787@gmail.com)



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**Last chance to register for PeaceCamp!** Using role play games and other fun techniques, we'll explore bullying, something many PeaceKids have difficulty with, and work on ways to protect and support one another and create a peaceful school. While the goals are serious, PeaceKids can expect lots of games, art, dance, skits and hanging out. To support the diversity we must have a strong financial position, to be able to offer scholarships. PeaceCamp is designed to be self-sustaining. Inviting our neighbors in is a bold initiative that can reap benefits for many years to come. To register, call 267-4946, ext. 28, or email [deb@firstuucolumbus.org](mailto:deb@firstuucolumbus.org).



It's time to register for **Fall Sunday School**. If your family is new to First UU Sunday School go to: <http://firstuucolumbus.org/children/registration> or stop by the Sunday School Information Table in Room A/B near the kitchen, after Sunday service.

If your family was registered last year, try our *Very Short Re-Registration Form*. Use this link <http://svy.mk/Q0Ezdm>. You can also stop by the Sunday School Information Table for an old fashioned paper copy. For more info, contact Jolinda, [jolindas@firstuucolumbus.org](mailto:jolindas@firstuucolumbus.org), or Deb, [deb@firstuucolumbus.org](mailto:deb@firstuucolumbus.org), 267-4946 ext 28.

*(for more information on Sunday School, see next page)*

**Sunday School Begins September 16: We help kids struggle with the hard stuff - Big Questions, death, oppression, sex, spirituality.**

**9:15 am Groups**

- **Preschool** (ages 3 to 5) – *Chalice Children*: UU chants and fingerplays, sharing circles. Helps children feel safe and develop UU identity.
- **Kindergarten/1<sup>st</sup> Grade** – *Love Surrounds Us*: Explores all the Principles in the context of Beloved Community. Faith in Action projects allow kids to act out that love in community.
- **Grades 2-4** – *Love Will Guide Us*: Explore the UU Sources as guides for life. The emphasis is on love, as the group explores the Big Questions. It also includes Faith in Action projects.
- **Grades 5 & 6** – *Heeding the Call: Qualities of a Justice Maker*: explores linked oppressions in our society, and encourages personal growth in values that counteract the marginalization of others. Choice of several projects.

**11am Groups**

- **Pre-School** (ages 3 to 5) – *Chalice Children*: See 9:15 list above.
- **Kindergarten** – *Web of Life*: Kindergarteners explore nature outdoors most weeks, answering the Big Questions by observing the cycles of nature and through reading *Charlotte's Web*.
- **Grades 1 & 2** – *Love Will Guide Us*: See 9:15 list above.
- **Grades 3 & 4** – *Love Connects Us*: Explores the important ways UUs live our faith in covenanted community. Moved by love and gathered in spirit, we embrace our responsibility toward one another and the world at large. Features Faith in Action projects.
- **Grade 5** – *Riddle & Mystery & Sections on Judaism from Bibleodeon*: *Riddle* focuses on the Big Questions. It is followed by an interactive introduction to important stories in the Hebrew Bible. Skits, role-play.
- **Grades 6 & 7** – *Heeding the Call*: See 9:15 list above.
- **Grade 8** – *Our Whole Lives (OWL)*: A values-base, comprehensive sexuality class, OWL gives participants skills and practice in living their Unitarian Universalist values in the real world. It addresses the attitudes, values and feelings that youth have about themselves, relationships and sexuality. This is a closed group and requires parents to attend an orientation session.
- **Grade 9** – *Coming of Age*: A rite-of-passage program which encourages youths to explore their own religious beliefs and learn more about living as a UU both within this congregation and in the larger world. Participants will be invited to join the church at the end of the year and share an expression of their current beliefs with the congregation in worship. This requires a major commitment on the part of the families. Parents must attend an orientation session.
- **Grades 10-12, Sept.-Dec.** – *Our Whole Lives*: See 8<sup>th</sup> Grade OWL for details. The team is developing the curriculum to meet the needs of the individuals in the group and to add up-to-date information that includes the changes that electronics have brought.
- **Grades 10-12, Jan-April** – *Sharing the Journey - a High School Covenant Group*: Explore issues of significance in the lives of high school youth. Uses talk, favorite music, and self-expression. With shared youth/adult leadership intimacy and ultimacy.

**Share the fun, excitement and connection as an adult leader for one of these groups.**

All classes, except grades 10-12 are led by a team of adults who support the groups as they explore community, UU Principles and Sources, sexuality, scripture traditions, death, theology, the Big Questions and fighting oppression. Adults often develop lasting friendships with team members and with parents. It's a great way to get to know a great group of people within the larger congregation.

Teach twice per month or less, particularly in the fall months. Curriculum and training provided. See which class appeals to you and contact Jolinda or Deb in the First UU Religious Education office, 267-4946 ext 28.

# THE FIRST UU COLUMBUS SOULFUL SUNDOWN



Sunday, August 26, 5:30pm.

Join us for a dynamic, interactive, contemporary worship in the Worship Center.

Drinks and snacks will follow,  
provided by the Soulful Sundown Committee.

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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  
Ben Iten, Campus Chaplain  
Jolinda Stephens, Director of Religious Education  
Tony McDonald, Music Director  
Brandon Moss, Chalice Choir Director  
Cheridy Keller, Choir Director  
Nathan Hamm, Pianist

Marian Garcia, Office Manager  
Stephanie Rottmayer, SYC Director  
Brian Hagemann, Church Administrator  
Joe Voltolini, Bookkeeper  
Deb McGuire, RE Assistant/Staff Secretary  
Jenifer Bojanowski, Lead Toddler Room Teacher  
Don Hippensteel, Sexton  
Naoko Kobayashi, Facilities Assistant  
Cathy Hausmann, Facilities Assistant  
Casey Clymer, Summer Sunday School Coordinator  
Beth Jewell, Chair, Board of Trustees

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## CALENDAR August 1 – August 15, 2012

### Wednesday, August 1

8:00am UU Food Co-op  
7:30pm Women's Spirituality  
7:30pm Men's Spirituality

### Thursday, August 2

9:30am Improvisational Dance

### Friday, August 3

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

### Saturday, August 4

8:30am Zen Meditation  
11:30am Dance Your Way

### Sunday, August 5

10:00am Worship Service  
11:15am Getting to Know UU  
6:30pm BREAD Appreciation Dinner

### Monday, August 6 (Peace Camp through 8/10)

4:00pm BREAD Exec Committee  
7:00pm UU Dance Fellowship

### Tuesday, August 7

9:30am Archives Organizing  
7:00pm Zen Meditation  
7:35pm Worship Committee

### Wednesday, August 8

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

### Thursday, August 9

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

### Saturday, August 11

8:30am Zen Meditation  
9:45am Zen Meditation Orientation  
10:00am Food Preservation Class  
11:00am Parents of Infants and Toddlers

### Sunday, August 12

10:00am Worship Service  
11:15am Getting to Know UU  
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, August 13 (PeaceCamp through 8/17)

7:00pm Justice Action Ministry/Joint Task Force  
7:00pm UU Dance Fellowship  
7:00pm BREAD Team  
7:00pm Adult Enrichment Committee

### Tuesday, August 14

9:30am Archives Organizing  
9:30am Newsletter Folding  
1:00pm Cancer Support Group  
7:00pm BREAD Team  
7:00pm Move to Amend  
7:00pm UU Animal Ministry  
7:00pm This Month in Science  
7:00pm Social Committee  
7:00pm Zen Meditation

### Wednesday, August 15

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 Judy Fettman at [judyfet375@gmail.com](mailto:judyfet375@gmail.com).*

**The deadline for the next issue of *The Discoverer* is Sunday, August 12.** Please send articles to [office@firstuucolumbus.org](mailto:office@firstuucolumbus.org), or drop them off in the front office.



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## WORSHIP SERVICES

**August 5, 2012, 10:00 A.M.**

**Rev. Eric Meter**

**“Setting the Trends of Life”**

**August 12, 2012, 10:00 A.M.**

**Rev. Eric Meter**

**“Phoenix Rises”**

**August 19, 2012, 10:00 A.M.**

**Rev. Mark Belletini**

► 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 for sale at the bookstore. Audio and text of recent services can also be found on the church website.