

The Discoverer

First Unitarian Universalist Church of Columbus, November 7 - 20, 2012

MARKINGS

Rev. Mark Belletini, Senior Minister

First, I want to lift up the Board and Staff of this wonderful congregation who sent beautiful flowers to bring comfort to the funeral home where I led my brother's memorial last week. The flowers were not only lovely, they were also the sacramental presence of the people of this congregation while I was up in Michigan.

Second, the cards and messages many of you have sent to me have also been a comfort as I move through these initial phases of a rather strange grief. My brother has not been much of a brother for some 30 years....his alcoholism (and, we found out through his medical records, crack cocaine usage) did what most un-faced alcoholism does...it steals lives.

Thus, my grief for my brother does not seem to resemble the grief for my mother, though they share the word. My brother has been at the edge of leaving this life for a long time, almost 30 years.

It's strange: My friend Tom called me not long after my brother died, to tell me that his alcoholic brother died (same age as mine, and in the same way), and my friend Matt, who used to live in Columbus but now lives in the Caribbean, wrote and told me that his alcoholic brother had almost died. And so many of you have told me of your alcoholic family members, and your own struggles with alcoholism. Clearly, alcoholism pervades and initiates so much suffering and sorrow.

I am writing before the election, although I have already voted. Who knows what feelings will surface around here after the elections...I know I personally have little trust in the almost infinite predictions that come at me like ping pong balls every two minutes or so, so I just don't know.

But at the very least, this year, I don't have to vote in Minnesota, where they have a ballot initiative asking glbt voters to vote against themselves. Sometimes the surreal gets a tad too surreal.

I will see you all next Sunday, no matter what. And we'll see each other. And that, in the end, is more important than most anything.

Mark

(see *THE INNER FLAME* on page 5)

CHURCH NEWS

Many thanks to the 27 volunteers who turned out Saturday, October 27, for the church autumn workday. Despite nasty weather, we accomplished much, both inside and outdoors. It's folks like you who keep our church beautiful.

—Dave Richter

Chair Building & Grounds Committee

First UU's Annual Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner

Thursday, November 22. Dinner will be served at 2pm; setup will be at 1:30pm. When cooking turkeys on site allow time needed to be done by 1:30pm. We need people to set up and clean up after dinner. Social Committee will provide turkey and vegan turkey.



New and exciting this year: we'll have a talent show, for all ages, after dinner! We'll also have a **gratitude tree**. We all have many things to be thankful for.

Please contact Jeanni Ray at jeanniray@gmail.com or 614-985-6176 by Monday, November 19, to let her know what dish you'll bring, the number of people in your party, and whether you can help set up or clean up.

Book Exchange Day Sunday, November 11. Bring in books you no longer want or need, and find new treasures to enjoy. The books will be set out on the book store tables in Fellowship Hall, and you can browse and take whatever books you find of interest.

Book Bites will meet in Slowter Lounge November 20 from 7 to 9 pm. New topic following that of Poets - Painters or Paintings! Kathleen Boston, 262-4025.

Parents of Infants and Toddlers The next meeting is on Saturday, November 10, from 11am to 1pm. Contact Nancy Powlick for more information. lpowlick@columbus.rr.com.

LINKS

Rev. Eric Meter, Associate Minister

Last time I let you know about next summer's Youth Heritage Trip to Transylvania. You'll be hearing more about the trip soon, but for this issue, I want to highlight the coming James Luther Adams Forum lecture First UU is hosting at 1:30 pm on Sunday, November 18.

During our worship services that Sunday, Rev. Mark will have more to say about who James Luther Adams was and why we continue to lift up his work and legacy. I'll simply say now that after a short period ministering at Unitarian congregations, Adams (or JLA as he was commonly known) went on to teach at both what is now Meadville Lombard Theological School and at Harvard Divinity School. He is perhaps known best for his phrase *the prophethood of all believers*, and the importance he placed on social institutions as cultural change agents. Living between 1901 and 1994, he was, by most accounts, the most influential Unitarian Universalist theologian of the 20th Century.

While certainly a man of letters, Adams' approach to theology and life were soundly based on his lived experience, which ranged in part from being raised in the family of a fundamentalist minister and seeing first hand the effect the rising Nazi movement was having in Germany during the 1930s during several trips there.

Our speaker for the day will be Dr. Jared Farley, from the political science department of Ohio University-Zanesville. His topic will be *The Political Life and Philosophy of James Luther Adams*. In addition to a long-standing interest in the life and thought of Adams, Dr. Farley's research has centered on the confluence of American religion and politics.

First UU is honored to be hosting this annual event. I hope to see you there.

I also want to let you know that, along with Mark, I'll be away from November 12 to 15, at our UU clergy study group. If you need to reach me during that time, please call the church office.

In peace, 

Note: Rev. Mark Belletini and Rev. Eric Meter will be out of the office November 12 – 15 (Monday to Thursday). Please call the office, 614-267-4946, ext. 21, if you need to speak to a minister.

CHURCH NEWS (continued from page 1)

Flying Spaghetti Monster Spaghetti Benefit Dinner
Help us feed hungry people in Central Ohio! First UU invites members and friends to help raise money and food donations for the Mid-Ohio Foodbank by attending a spaghetti benefit dinner at First UU on Thursday, November 8, 6-9 PM, in Fellowship Hall. This event, an interfaith collaboration with local humanist, secular, and skeptic groups, will have a fun musical program. We will celebrate the desire to do good, help communities, and pursue social justice, regardless of religious affiliation or the lack thereof. The dinner will have a minimum donation per plate of \$5 for children and \$10 for adults, but you are also welcome to join us without eating dinner: simply listen to the music and enjoy the communal environment.

We will also collect donations of canned/boxed foods or personal care items. There will be a raffle and a silent auction; three donated items gets you a free raffle ticket. All proceeds will benefit the Mid-Ohio Foodbank. There will be a science and craft activity table for children. If you already have dinner plans, but want to help, donations can be dropped off between 6-9pm. If you want dinner but cannot stay, to-go boxes are available.

For more information on this event, or if you would like to help by volunteering time, talent, or treasure for this event, contact Gleb Tsipursky, gleb11@gmail.com.



UU Animal Ministry meets every second Tuesday of the month, at 7pm, Room 8. The next meeting will be held November 13.

Meatless Monday is an international campaign that encourages people to pledge to not eat meat on Mondays, to improve their health and the health of the planet. Additional friends/members who have pledged: Bill Fullarton, Jacques Angelino, Jerry Squires, John Grinstead, Laurie Weltlin, Linda Weigelt, Norm Maschner and Peggy McKee.

To celebrate the beginning of Meatless Mondays, we had a free vegan dinner at First UU on October 25. Food was donated by Banana Leaf restaurant. It was a grand success! Forty eight people attended and we received \$74 in donations. We highlighted the purpose and work of the UU Animal Ministry (UUAM). The dishes provided were: mixed vegetable curry, vegetable rice, curried black-eyed peas, and dal. The UUAM hopes to show that eating vegetarian and vegan is healthy, good for the environment and promotes peace.

Notes from the Library Team: First UU's Library was reorganized this month. Stop in any time the church is open and check out the collection. It is located across from the Toddler Room in the Window Hallway. You can check out books by signing the card in the back of the book and leaving it in the labeled box. Among the books in the collection, you'll find several new titles from UU writers. We'd welcome your suggestions.

Women's Spirituality meets Wednesdays, 7:30 – 9pm.
November 7 Birthdays, Poetry, and Sharing
November 14 Gratitude
November 21 We Are Thankful for These Things
November 28 Talking It Over
November's theme is "gratitude." Contact Jeanni Ray, 614-985-6176, jeanniray@gmail.com.

Entertainment Books Now's the time to get your 2012-2013 Entertainment Book. It's full of discounts for local restaurants, Columbus Ballet, Columbus Chamber Music group, Capital University and Ohio State University sporting events, Cincinnati Reds, retail stores, fast food places, and more. The cost is \$30, of which \$6 goes to First UU's Coming of Age youth group for their activities. Questions? Call Karin Erickson at 834-3988.

Elevator speeches What would you say if someone asked "What's Unitarian Universalism?" Send your answer to Rick Kritzer, to be printed in *The Discoverer*. They should be a maximum of 80 words. Please send to rick94037@yahoo.com, 781-1799, by November 20.

"We're a congregation without an imposed creed or set of beliefs. Instead, we are expected to ask questions. Some of us look to the wisdom of the world's religions, some to the understandings provided by science. We recognize there is no singular truth, but rather many rich answers. Our community is a supportive community. We seek to live our core principles: respect for the dignity and worth of every person, justice, equity in human relations, and respect for the natural world."
—Tom Baillieul

"Our church is a merger of the Unitarian and Universalist churches. Both churches have 500 year old roots as Christian churches that protested the excesses of dominant Christian churches. Since then, we have come to emphasize freethinking, and we draw from many sources of spiritual wisdom. We challenge injustice, privilege, preconceptions, and the unreflected sense of certainty. We support a gently relentless pursuit of truth, meaning, and spirituality."

—Wesley Thompson

FIRST UU MUSIC

Tony McDonald, Music Director

Youth Talent Show

The Youth Talent Show is coming on *Saturday, November 10, at 7:30 pm*. We have some very talented young people here at First UU who not only sing and play instruments at a high level, but also write their own music, poetry and prose. This is an opportunity to show off their abilities to the congregation which may not have had a chance to appreciate them before. A great feature of this show has always been the wide variety of presentations. We have had music of many styles, from folk to pop to classical, plus poetry and dramatic readings from classic and original works. Please come out and support them, and I promise a very enjoyable evening as well. During the show we will take up an offering to support the high school heritage trip to Transylvania.

Messiah Sing-along

Again this year, we as a congregation have been invited to be part of ProMusica Chamber Orchestra's annual *Messiah Sing-along*, joining with many other churches and choral groups city-wide. The event will be *Friday, December 14, at 7:30 pm* in the Southern Theatre. If we come as a participating congregation we can get in free; otherwise, there is cost for admission.

For those who have not done this before, what happens is that all the singers sit in the audience and the orchestra is on stage. We simply sing straight through the choruses of the Messiah, (including the "Hallelujah Chorus") with a professional orchestra accompaniment. If you love the music of G.F. Handel's famous oratorio then I invite you to join us for the evening. Anyone may participate whether you have been in choir or not. However, if you would like to, and have not contacted me yet, please do so immediately at: musicdirector@firstuucolumbus.org or call at 614-327-8854. And we usually have some social time connected with the evening – dinner before or drinks afterward. It's a great way to get into the Christmas spirit.

Upcoming Music

November 11 – The Chalice Choir will sing *The Tree of Peace*, a sweeping work by Gwyneth Walker. The lyrics, adapted by Walker, are from the Quaker poem "O Brother Man" by John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892). A key phrase of the poem is "Love shall tread out the fire of anger, and in its ashes plant a tree of peace."

November 18 – The Spirit of Life Choir will sing *Dindirin* by Ruth Morris Gray. The words are adapted from a traditional 15th century Spanish text and talk about hearing a morning nightingale sing "Dindirin" and asking the bird to send a message to a lover.

JUSTICE ACTION MINISTRY (JAM)

A Short Introduction to the UU-UNO:

In 1961, when the Unitarians joined the Universalists, they formed an advisory committee to the United Nations. In 1962, as Ambassador to the United Nations, Adlai Stevenson, a UU, wrote to the Unitarian Universalist Association President, Dana McClean Greeley, to say that every UU congregation should have an envoy in order to help build a more peaceful world. In 1963, the UUA found a noticeable similarity to the United Nations Charter and our Universal Declaration of Human Rights. This is but a very small introduction to the history of the UU connection to the United Nations.

Thus, although the Unitarians have been connected in some way to the UN, the “official” UU United Nations Office (UU-UNO) began 50 years ago. Today, more than 500 UU congregations have United Nations Office Envoys to ensure our voice at the UN. In New York, the UU United Nations Office is celebrating its 50th anniversary, and as the UNO Envoy at First UU, I am spreading the word to our congregation. After the Sunday, November 3 service, we celebrated with birthday cake in Fellowship Hall. You can find out more at www.uu-uno.org

What is a UU-UNO Envoy? Envoys act to represent the UU-UNO within his or her local congregation. They connect the congregation to the UU-UNO and get important information on current UN activities. They receive information on program initiatives and plan events in their congregation to promote them. Envoys are the link between the UU-UNO and the global UU community.

The UU-UNO focuses on a few programs and works to raise awareness of them at the UN and elsewhere. Just by looking at this list of the current active programs, you can see how we are connected to the UN:

1. LGBT Human Rights
2. Every Child is Our Child
3. Women: Security and Peace-building
4. Climate Change
5. Faith and Ethics Network for the International Criminal Court

My goals as a UU-UNO Envoy are to get at least 10% of First UU to become members in good standing with the UU-UNO. I am advertising and participating in UU UNO programs. Find out more details about the various UN programs and our participation on the website at www.uu-uno.org.

Dr. Nancy McDonald, UU-UNO Envoy



BREAD Annual Assembly
Monday, November 12, 7:00 p.m.
Christ the King Catholic Church
2777 E. Livingston Ave.

Parking is limited.

Carpools from First UU Church Gallery at 6:20 p.m.

BREAD (Building Responsibility, Equality, and Dignity) is our church’s interfaith social justice organization. As such, our congregation committed to support its work to alleviate serious problems in Central Ohio.

At the BREAD All-Team Assembly Monday, team members from BREAD congregations reported the results of their listening processes, and voted to select the following three Central Ohio problems for consideration at BREAD’s Annual Assembly on November 12:

1. Violence
2. Discrimination Against Immigrants
3. Mental Health Care

Only one of these problems will be selected for BREAD’s research and action in 2013.

First UU will have as many votes as we have Justice Ministry Network members at the BREAD Annual Assembly, Monday, November 12, 7:00 pm, Christ the King Catholic Church, 2777 E. Livingston Ave.

To become a Justice Ministry Network member and have a vote at the Annual Assembly, contact any member of the BREAD Team (Susan Carter, Chris Collins, Dick Dawson, David Easter, Don Hippensteel, David Maywhor, Rev. Eric Meter, Jane Parnes, Alice Rathburn, Bob Rice, Doug Rossiter, Wesley Thompson, Noel Williams) or sign up at the BREAD table in Fellowship Hall after services on Sunday, November 11.

Contact Alice Rathburn, eulala1905@me.com, 614-895-2109, if you have any questions.

Empty Bowls, a fundraiser to raise money for the Mid-Ohio Foodbank, is Saturday, November 10. We need volunteers to donate homemade soup and to help with set-up, serving and clean up. Stop by our table in Fellowship Hall after Sunday services. Sherri Stubbs, 614-577-9277, stubbscpa@sbcglobal.net.



Time for the **Ninth Annual Thanksgiving Turkey Drive** for our friends at the Feed My Sheep food pantry in Athens County. Bring your donations to the Social Justice table in Fellowship Hall.

CARING CORNER

Congratulations to:

Fujio Hayashi, who completed the Columbus Marathon last Sunday. He bettered his time over last year by fifteen minutes!

Alice Walker and **Jeremiah Wolfe**, who were married on September 30.

We send healing thoughts to:

Claire Bauza, who had rotator cuff surgery recently. She is at home and recovering.

Jo Anne St. Clair, who had surgery at Mount Carmel East on November 5.

Bill Townsend, Karen and Tom Townsend's son, who was recently hospitalized in Arizona for life-threatening blood clots.

David Boston, Kathleen's son and Diane's brother, who had a serious biking accident, and is in critical condition in a Santa Monica hospital.

We extend our deepest sympathy to:

Jerry Newkirk, who has suffered several losses over the year, most recently his grandmother, who died on October 20.

Sharon Oliver, whose brother, Douglas, died of cancer on October 30.

Rev. Mark Belletini, whose brother, Robert, died last week of complications from long-standing alcoholism. Mark offered a eulogy at Robert's funeral in Detroit.

Sally Sorg, whose husband, **Richard Sorg**, died recently. A memorial service for him was held at the church on November 3.

The family of **Gerald Fogel**, who died recently. A memorial service for him was on held at First UU November 6.



THE INNER FLAME

from Rev Mark Belletini, Senior Minister

(See Rev. Eric Meter's column on page 2 for more information about the James Luther Adams lecture on Sunday, November 18.)

“We of the Free Church tradition should never forget, or permit our contemporaries to forget, that the decisive resistance to authoritarianism in both church and state, and the beginning of the modern democracy, appeared first in the church and not in the political order. The churches of the left wing of the Reformation held that the churches of the right wing had effected only half a reformation. They gave to Pentecost a new and extended meaning. They demanded a church in which every member, under the power of the Spirit, would have the privilege and the responsibility of interpreting the Gospel and also of assisting to determine the policy of the church. The new church was to make way for a radical laicism—that is, for the priesthood and the prophethood of all believers. ‘The Spirit blows where it wills.’”

“Out of this rediscovery of the doctrine of the Spirit came the principles of Independency: local autonomy, free discussion, the rejection of coercion and of the ideal of uniformity, the protection of minorities, the separation of church and state.”

From James Luther Adams, *The Prophethood of All Believers*, 1986



James Luther Adams Forum

The Political Life and Philosophy of James Luther Adams

presented by Dr. Jared Farley,
Political Science Dept. of Ohio University-Zanesville

Sunday, November 18, at 1:30pm.
First Unitarian Universalist Church

Contact Rev. Eric Meter, 614-267-4946, ext. 23,
for more information.

SCHOOL FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

Stephanie Rottmayer, Director

How Does Playing Teach Children Literacy Skills?

At SYC, we know that children are operating at their highest levels of interest and focus during free play. This is why we say that children learn best through play.

In dramatic play, children further their understanding of the concept that one thing can be two things at the same time. The child understands that you can play at being an adult while remaining a child. This is a concept necessary for literacy development—knowing that a written or spoken word represents something else like an object or a person. So, dramatic play is really an important step in learning to read. Children also learn new words and concepts from each other so they are constantly strengthening verbal skills as they play.

For teachers, as we watch dramatic play unfold, we can see what the children are thinking about and what they are trying to understand. Common themes are house, doctor, fire fighter, veterinarian, store, as well as birth and death, injury, work, marriage, sex, and all the parts of life of which children are becoming aware. Dramatic play can reduce stress and provide comfort and reassurance. Children can actually work through fears as they play act their way through scary or upsetting events. So watching what kids play gives teachers important clues about what children need to know more about.

Teachers watching can make comments that extend the play such as, “Do the puppies need someone to feed them? Do they need a house?” Or, “Do you want me to write down the story of the puppies?” So, stories are written, lists for houses are created, conversation between friends and teachers is rich and interesting, and new concepts and ideas are explored.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Ben Iten, Campus Chaplain

FOCUUS, First UU’s **campus ministry group**, meets every Sunday at 7pm at University Baptist Church, 50 W. Lane Ave, near OSU. Contact Chaplain Ben Iten, theitens@gmail.com, 329-2915, for information.



Soulful Sundown

Sunday, November 25, 5:30pm.

Join us for a dynamic, interactive, contemporary service in the Worship Center. Drinks and snacks will follow.

Contact Ben Iten, theitens@gmail.com, 614-329-2915, with questions.

Rev. Mark Belletini, Senior Minister
Rev. Eric Meter, Associate Minister
Rev. Carol Brody, Minister Emerita
Rev. Wendy Fish, Minister Emerita
Rev. Kathleen Fowler, Minister Affiliated
Rev. Suzan McCrystal, Minister Affiliated
Dick Dawson, Chaplain
Ben Iten, Campus Chaplain

Jolinda Stephens, Director of Religious Education
Deb McGuire, RE Assistant/Staff Secretary
Jenifer Bojanowski, Lead Toddler Room Teacher
Stephanie Rottmayer, SYC Director
Tony McDonald, Music Director
Brandon Moss, Chalice Choir Director
Cheridy Keller, Choir Director
Nathan Hamm, Accompanist/Pianist

Brian Hagemann, Church Administrator
Marian Garcia, Office Manager
Joe Voltolini, Bookkeeper
Naoko Kobayashi, Facilities Assistant
Cathy Hausmann, Facilities Assistant
Don Hippensteel, Sexton
Beth Jewell, Chair, Board of Trustees

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AUCTION CORNER



Our next church auction will be **Saturday, February 16, 2013** from **5:30 – 9:30 pm**. Our theme is Winter Fantasy: Unfreeze Your Assets.

There are several major changes we are making to the First UU Auction. This will be our last auction to take place in February, before the auction moves to autumn. The auction for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 will be Saturday, November 16, 2013. (Please save this date on your calendars and schedule your February 16, 2013 auction dinners or events before November 16.) 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 be making some changes to the evening format. The silent auction will last from 5:30 – 7 pm. However, we will have a much shorter live auction from 7:15 – 8 pm before having dinner and socializing from 8 – 9:30 pm. As always, child care is available for the entire evening.

Another new feature this year will be advanced online bidding! Have you ever wanted to bid at the auction but knew you couldn't attend auction night and had no one to bid for you? Or perhaps you arrived late to the auction and didn't get the chance to bid on everything you wanted? Or maybe you spent too much time socializing to look at all the bid sheets? Now you can bid on anything in the catalog you want at any time up until noon the day before the auction. You will even be sent an email when you have been out-bid on any dinner, event or item.

It's time to begin to think about auction donations again. Wouldn't it be fun to host a themed dinner? Or offer a valuable service such as child care or pet sitting for someone in need? Do you have a lovely antique that needs to go to make room for others? The auction website is now open for donations and we will have paper donation forms available at the auction table in Fellowship Hall beginning Sunday, November 11.

We will have gift certificates available at the auction table as well. A gift certificate allows the receiver to purchase a dinner, event or item that he or she might not have otherwise bought. Auction gift certificates make a perfect gift for the holidays and they never expire!

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, please contact: Danya Furda, Auction Chair, at dfurda@gmail.com or (614) 471-3786. We are in real need of a few volunteers to be on a sub-committee to brainstorm about and then carry out decoration ideas.

The auction website is <http://togetherauction.com/firstuu>.

FAITH DEVELOPMENT FOR ALL AGES

Jolinda Stephens, Religious Education Director



And the Winner Is...the Voter?

When you read this, we will all know the outcome of the election. At least, I hope we have a decision on election night. And, I hope that the winner is the voter. I hope that we all triumph over the grossly unprecedented amounts of money poured into all the various parts of mass persuasion. I hope we triumph over long ballots, short hours, long lines, and voter intimidation.

One thing has been heartening for me this election season. It is that despite all of the racist nonsense that has been flung at our first African American President, if the polls are to be believed, about half of us have been unswayed. This is especially impressive given our history of not re-electing an incumbent when the economy is not thriving.

Whatever the reality when you read this, let's keep in mind our Fifth Principle, which would have us protect both the democratic process and the right of conscience. A difficult but important balance.

My usual office hours are Tuesday through Friday, 1 to 6pm. During the week of the election, I will not have office hours until Friday. I will be doing election protection on Tuesday, traveling to a LREDA meeting on Wednesday, and having a medical test on Thursday. My extension is 28, my email jolindas@firstuucolumbus.org. Contact me.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

High School Heritage Trip Organizing Meeting, 1pm Sunday, November 11

In June of 2013, we will be visiting our Partner Church in Bolon, Romania. It dates back to the 16th century and has a congregation about our size, with a large youth group. They will have a medieval festival and perhaps a retreat with the youth of Bolon. Stops along the way will include Unitarian history sites and perhaps some of the Count Dracula history. Bolon itself was once called the Rome of Unitarians. We are working on ways to make it affordable. Come find out more.

Some of our Sunday School Leaders Are Shifting To OWL...and one got an exciting job in New York, and another is moving to another university for a semester. Whether you're new to Sunday School, or an experienced Sunday School pro, or a youth wanting something more in your church experience, join us in our life changing work.

Three of our current leaders in regular groups will begin leading our sexuality classes in January and will need to be replaced. The hard work of getting the groups started and establishing rituals and expectations has already been done.

- You could be the fourth to play with the 3 and 4 year olds at 9:15.
- You could join the 2nd - 4th graders in exploring the sources or inspiration for our shared UU values at 9:15.
- You could help lead the 5th - 7th graders at 9:15 as they explore their UU identity as justice makers. They are experimenting with designing a justice game, so game designers, step up.
- At 11 am there are opportunities with 1st/2nd grade group and with the 5th grade. The 5th grade is exploring some of the great questions of life. Last week they explored why bad things happen.

Time commitment is no more than twice per month. Contact Jolinda Stephens, jolindas@firstuucolumbus.org.

MULTI-AGE AND ADULTS

Parents, Infants and Toddlers Meet Nov. 10 at 11 am. Join other young families for play and good conversation.

Need a Third Coordinator for Guest Chef Cooking Classes, to be offered by recent immigrants about three times per year. Classes will include instruction in making a meal from the Guest Chef's home country, followed by enjoying the meal together. We need one more volunteer to promote and organize the dinners. You could be the one who "seals the deal" so we can move forward. Jolinda Stephens will recruit the Guest Chefs. Contact her, jolindas@firstuucolumbus.org.

Common Read Book Discussion Group on First Fridays

Join UUs around the country in reading OSU law professor Michelle Alexander's book, *The New Jim Crow*. We'll discuss a chapter a month, as a part of our First Friday event. (Optional potluck at 6:30.) The book takes on racial profiling, criminalization and mass incarceration of African Americans, and demonstrates that in the last few decades, America has created a new racial caste system through our criminal justice system.

CALENDAR November 7 - November 21, 2012

Wednesday, November 7

- 1:00pm Archives Organizing
- 5:00pm Campfire Girls & Boys
- 7:00pm Small Group Ministry Team
- 7:30pm Women's Spirituality; Yoga
- 7:30pm Men's Spirituality

Thursday, November 8

- 9:30am Improvisational Dance
- 4:00pm Tae Kwon Do
- 6:00pm Spaghetti Dinner
- 7:00pm Expressive Collage
- 7:00pm Building & Grounds Committee
- 7:30pm Chalice Choir Rehearsal

Friday, November 9

- 7:30pm All Soles Contra Dance

Saturday, November 10

- 8:30am Zen Meditation
- 9:45am Zen Meditation Orientation
- 11:00am Empty Bowls; Parents--Infants/Toddlers
- 12:30pm RESULTS Conference Call
- 1:00pm COA Mentor Orientation
- 7:30pm Youth Talent Show

Sunday, November 11

- 9:15am & 11am Worship Service
- 10:30am & 12:15pm Getting to Know UU
- 1:00pm Auction Committee; Green Team
- 1:00pm Shared Ministry; Art Reception
- 1:00pm Enlightened Hippogriffs
- 1:00pm Transylvania Pilgrimage Planning
- 5:00pm High School Senior Group
- 7:00pm Menu for the Future; FOCUUS (OSU)

Monday, November 12

- 7:00pm UU Dance Fellowship; AEP Committee
- 7:00pm BREAD Annual Assembly (offsite)
- 7:30pm Healing Journey

Tuesday, November 13

- 9:30am Archives Organizing
- 1:00pm Cancer Support Group
- 4:00pm Tae Kwon Do
- 6:30pm Peace Pals Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00pm Feminism 3.0; UU Animal Ministry
- 7:00pm This Month in Science; Social Com
- 7:00pm Zen Meditation; TED Talks and UU
- 7:00pm Rising Voices Choir Rehearsal
- 7:45pm Zen Discussion; Spirit of Life Choir

Wednesday, November 14

- 7:00pm Personnel Committee; Memoir Writing
- 7:00pm Small Group Ministry Steering Team
- 7:30pm Women's Spirituality
- 7:30pm Men's Spirituality; Yoga (Fall Session)

Thursday, November 15

- 9:30am Improvisational Dance
- 4:00pm Tae Kwon Do
- 7:00pm Moravian Paper Stars
- 7:30pm Chalice Choir Rehearsal

Friday, November 16

- 12:00pm Cooking for Faith Mission

Saturday, November 17

- 8:30am Zen Meditation
- 9:00am Path to Membership
- 11:00am Sound Team
- 11:30am Dance Your Way
- 12:00pm Move to Amend

Sunday, November 18

- 8:30am Leadership Development Committee
- 9:15am & 11am Worship Service
- 10:30am & 12:15pm Getting to Know UU
- 12:30pm Strategic Planning
- 1:00pm Youth Group
- 1:30pm James Luther Adams Forum
- 2:00pm PFLAG
- 5:00pm Wellspring
- 6:00pm Time Bank Potluck Meeting
- 6:30pm Young Adult Covenant Group
- 7:00pm FOCUUS (OSU area)

Monday, November 19

- 7:00pm UU Dance Fellowship; BREAD Team
- 7:30pm Healing Journey

Tuesday, November 20

- 9:30am Archives Organizing; Newsletter Folding
- 4:00pm Tae Kwon Do; Rising Voices
- 6:30pm Peace Pals Choir Rehearsal; Book Bites
- 7:00pm Stewardship Committee
- 7:00pm Zen Meditation; TED Talks and UU
- 7:30pm Finance Committee
- 7:45pm Spirit of Life Choir Rehearsal

Next newsletter deadline: Sunday, November 18.

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Theme for November: Democratic Practices

November 11, 2012, 9:15 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

Rev. Mark Belletini

“Distorting Democracy”

November 18, 2012, 9:15 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

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“The Prophethood of All”

Ceremony: The Breaking of the Bread

November 25, 2012, 9:15 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

Rev. Eric Meter

“Whoville USA”

Also, at 5:30 pm: **Soulful Sundown Service**. All are invited. (*See page 5.*) **Chaplain Ben Iten**

► 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.