

The Discoverer

First Unitarian Universalist Church of Columbus, December 19 – January 8, 2012

MARKINGS

Rev. Mark Belletini, Senior Minister

I don't know about you, but my holiday plans are baroque and a bit confusing. I would like to see my sister, of course, and visit my son up in Cleveland. I have houseguests coming in from Illinois, and Pittsburgh. A Christmas supper at my place, a memorial service for Gracie Beach, and the grown children of college friends in from New Zealand up in Detroit to see. My friend Babar is here in Columbus from Arabia.

And I just walked to get something to eat before the Choir concert, and didn't wear a coat, which makes me think I am back in California. Christmas Eve was always one of the balmiest nights of the year. Yes, a bit confusing.

I mentioned my beloved Flip on Sunday, who had died on Friday, before all those other horrific deaths in Connecticut. Let me tell you about him a bit. I've mentioned him in sermons before. His presence in my life was different from every other friend I have known. I met him in seminary, but upon graduation, he opted to use his performance skills for more lucrative entertainments. He was a comic, a circus performer, a juggler and acrobat, and he eventually began to open shows for "big names" in all the "sin cities"...Vegas, Reno, Tahoe, even Atlantic City.

When I used to visit him in Reno, or Lake Tahoe where he performed, we would hang out with people I would have never have imagined I would have met. Like Sammy Davis Jr., whom he knew very well, and who used to invite us to his 2000 square foot dressing room for food and conversations after his show. Mr. Davis and I spent once spent a whole evening talking Jewish theology (yes!) and somatic performance practices, which really helped me to get control over my preaching nerves. When Flip would take me to parties, (always after his show was over, closer to sunrise than midnight) bands from my youth, like The Association, would be playing songs I knew by heart. Every year, for over a decade, Flip opened for crooner Andy Williams' famous travelling Christmas Show, even once here in Columbus. When I would visit Flip in Missouri, where he also opened nightly for Williams at his show palace in Branson (a most dreadful place for the most part, by my lights), Andy would take Flip and me on a tour of his modern art collection, which was quite extensive. Flip,

for example, had a decent Georges Rouault hanging in his dressing room. My 35 years of friendship and love with Flip opened a chapter of my life that looks very different from the rest of my life, then or present day, but it is part of what made me who I am. Especially because he, more than anyone else, really, enabled me to come out, and be comfortable in my own skin, for which I cannot thank him enough.

On another matter all together, remember that you can return Guest at You Table Boxes on Christmas Eve, on the Sunday between Christmas and New Years, and on the first two Sundays of January.

May your holidays be not quite as baroque, or confusing as mine, but every bit as enjoyable and rich as mine are shaping up to be. Thanks for the wonderful cards and gifts.

Mark

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CHURCH NEWS

Attention: Important notice to all committee and team chairs. The Strategic Planning Committee has recently circulated, by email, a brief questionnaire asking for information from all chairs. This will enable us to make a comprehensive directory of the church's committee/team structure, complete with descriptions. If you are a committee/team chair, and have NOT received this questionnaire, please contact Jim Conlan, Chair, Strategic Planning, at uu.strategic.planning@gmail.com to request a copy. If you have received it and have not responded, please do so as soon as possible. We are asking that all questionnaires be completed and submitted by December 23, 2012. Thanks in advance. Any questions may be addressed to Jim Conlan at the above address.

The Discoverer is taking a much-needed holiday break. The next issue will be published January 9. **The deadline for that issue is Sunday, January 6.** Please send articles to office@firstuucolumbus.org, or leave them in the newsletter mailbox in the workroom.

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LINKS

Rev. Eric Meter, Associate Minister

“We have to make ourselves better. Otherwise, the story from Connecticut is too unspeakable to bear,” writes Gail Collins in the aftermath of the shootings at Sandy Hook Elementary School.

Knowing that our views differed on gun control, before I went off to seminary, my friend Bill hoped I would join him at the shooting range where he practiced regularly. I don’t think he thought the experience would change my mind. Rather, he simply hoped I would have a little actual experience with something I was prone to rant about.

So, after work one day in the middle of May, we met at a range in a Minneapolis strip mall. He had brought along his .22 Browning pistol. That trip to the shooting range left me with two lasting impressions: the first that the small caliber weapon felt too much like the BB gun an uncle taught me to shoot years before. The second was being startled by how many other customers that day were young women learning gun safety while wearing floral sundresses – apparently going for training before a night out on the town.

Two weeks later, I asked Bill to join me at the range one more time. This time I rented a larger caliber hand gun to shoot with. While the .22 felt like a toy, this 9mm was certainly not. This time, I came away with both the feeling of having power at my disposal, and a healthy fear, both of the weapon itself and also for the intoxicating charge that came in wielding it.

What I didn’t expect was the conversations with family members and friends that came about after I talked to them about my time at the range. Stories of bonding with dads shooting cans out in the woods, and lessons on how to handle firearms.

Since then, I’ve been surprised by how many folks I know keep weapons in their home for “protection.” I have tried to respect this choice. I really have. But even as I may love those who hold it, this is a choice I cannot understand. For every burglary aborted, many more innocent lives – loved ones and children, primarily – are lost.

And so I continue to wrestle with my firm conviction, and a faith that says respectful conversation is the best way forward. Guns for hunting and on farms, I can understand. Making a hobby out of guns that are made to kill people is another thing entirely. Our culture’s relationship with these firearms is a form of chosen psychosis. (Those who ratified the Second Amendment did not have our current situation in mind.) How many more will have to die before we make a different choice?

While folks say they want guns for protection, my sense is that they use them to compensate for feeling powerless. To engage in the conversations that will be needed to change public opinion on issues that cut this deeply, will take time and great care – in every sense of the word.

If we want to change our society’s relationship to firearms, we have a lot of hard work to do. Let us continue it together.

Toward, and in, peace,

Eric

THE INNER FLAME

from Rev Mark Belletini, Senior Minister

Restoration

For a brief moment, sky, earth, water, fire, reason, light, intellect, soul, come together in one form with my name through the door of a woman's womb to make my life a pilgrimage from door to door until the unity dissolved into sky, earth, water, fire, light, reason, intellect, soul, my name a casualty of death, but for the dust of my soul found in new unities appearing through the door of a woman's womb with new names and other forms.

Antonio de Nicolas, 1988

CHURCH NEWS (continued from page 1)

Art of Developing Meaningful Conversation

Saturday, January 26, we’ll explore what it takes for congregation and congregants to live our mission. This is the agenda that had been originally planned for November 3, but was unfortunately cancelled at the last minute due to circumstances our hosts could not overcome. We look forward to seeing you then. Amy Watson, amykaywat@gmail.com.

Garden Club - "Indoor Plant Share" Are your spider plants sprouting lots of babies, hanging vine plants getting leggy, or the jade sprouting too many new shoots? Sunday, January 6, in Fellowship Hall, the Garden Club will be sponsoring a plant share. We'll have tables and reference books for your use as well. Feel free to bring as much as you'd like to share. Want some indoor plants? Help yourself. No need to bring anything to take something. Extra/no-longer-needed/wanted indoor gardening supplies are also welcome. Indoor plants of many varieties have been known to improve indoor air quality. Questions? Contact Christine Hardin at chrisincols@live.com.



Labyrinth Available in the Worship Center December 26 through January 1

First UU will once again enjoy the full-sized “Chartres Cathedral 11-circle” Labyrinth in the Worship Center during the Holiday season.

The labyrinth is an archetype, a symbol found in ancient cultures around the world, dating back at least 4000 years. Psychologist Carl Jung called the labyrinth an “archetype of transformation.” Walkers along its sinuous path find they are often deeply affected. Rev. Lauren Artress, of Grace Cathedral in San Francisco, writes that people in transition periods find a calmer perspective; those with untapped gifts to offer have their creative fires rekindled; walkers dealing with grief experience peace. For millennia, the circling path that evolved from the simple spiral brought centeredness and healing to untold numbers of walkers.

You are invited to enjoy this experience starting at 1pm Wednesday, December 26. Every day after that until Tuesday, January 1, labyrinth hours will be 10am to 9pm. An exception is Saturday, December 29, when due to a memorial service, it will be opened at 2pm.

Musicians and singers will be performing meditative music at scheduled times during the open hours.

Tina Thonnings, 614-436-2902, ktgratitude@yahoo.com, is arranging the schedule. Daytime or evening times available, and youth are encouraged to participate. Please contact her soon, so we can publish the list by December 20. It will be posted on the column in the entryway, and sent by email. Any other questions, please contact Michael Greenman, 614-898-5825, mgreenmanoh@gmail.com.

Dear Thanksgiving Helper Elves,

Thank you for your help in making thanksgiving dinner such a success. We had about 55 people this year and that is more than 20 more than last year. A big thanks to Wesley Thompson and Carl Faulstich, for cooking the turkeys. A big thank you to Chris Hardin, for her help in all areas, and her decorating skill; the Thanksgiving tree limbs were from her walk. And to Social Committee Chair Margaret Allen, and Isabelle, for piano music and song. Thanks for all the yummy food, the set up and clean up, and the wonderful talent show. To all the guests and everyone: remember next year’s dinner. I am filled with gratitude. —Jeanni Ray, Social Committee

Book Bites will meet in Slowter Lounge 7 to 9 pm, Tuesday, January 15. Kathleen, 262-4025.



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

Parents of Infants and Toddlers The next meeting is on Saturday, January 12, from 11am to 1pm. Room 1/2. Contact Nancy Powlick for more information. lpowlick@columbus.rr.com.

Women’s Spirituality meets Wednesdays, 7:30 – 9pm.
December 23 Let there be light (Winter Solstice)
December 30 We talk about new beginnings
December’s theme is *Let There Be Light and Celebrations*. Contact Jeanni Ray, 614-985-6176, jeanniray@gmail.com.

Entertainment Books Now’s the time to get ready for the holiday season. Before you go to stores to you’re your purchases, you want to have an Entertainment Book, so you can take advantage of the coupons. Books are \$30 with \$6 of it going to our church’s Coming of Age group, to help them with their activities. Books are available after each service. Coupons are available for a variety of stores, restaurants, bakeries, pizza places, etc. Questions? Call Karin Erickson, 614-834-3988.

UU Elevator speech

What do you say when someone asks you what Unitarian Universalism is?

“We teach our children a greeting: Welcome to Unitarian Universalism. We are the people of the open mind, the loving heart and the helping hands. We value open-minded theologies without creeds or dogma, but rather with questions and doubts. We love justice, and work to be in respectful relationship with others. With no claims to any definitive theological answers, we focus on making a hands-on difference here and now, reaching out to ally ourselves with others.”

Susan Williams, Member of First UU

Name Badges Have you requested a name badge at the Greeter Stand and never picked it up? We have many unclaimed name badges which we'd like to get to the right people. If you think you may have a name badge waiting for you, please stop by the Greeter Stand. First of the year, we'll purge old, unclaimed name badges and start the New Year fresh.

JUSTICE ACTION MINISTRY (JAM)

YWCA Family Center Taco Dinner This is a HUGE THANK YOU to JAM! Our expenses have really grown since we started serving this dinner, about seven years ago. JAM came to our rescue and allocated some extra funds for us. This dinner started being served just after the YWCA opened this very nice, clean, safe facility for homeless families. At the center, not only are families helped to find homes, but parents are helped to find jobs and young children are provided daycare so parents can work. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you to JAM!

We have new volunteers! The sign up over November was terrific! Again, thank you to JAM, Sherri Stubbs and Jim Conlan, for encouraging me to have a table in Fellowship Hall after services, to let our congregation be reacquainted with the project. It is wonderful having new faces and enthusiasm! So here goes a shout out for my long list of people who dedicated their time and energy Friday, November 23: Candyce Walchesky; Ginnie Vogts with her daughter, Emma, and Emma's husband, Evan; Ruth Vandersall; Cariann and Sherri Stubbs; Steve LeVesconte; Rachel and Lee Holbert; Laurel and Aurora Hobden; and Jim Conlan. To the new members of our team: WELCOME! To our more experienced members: You are cherished!

I have a request to the whole congregation. If you have purchased an Entertainment Book for the new year, and won't be using the coupon for GFS, please donate it to the YWCA Family Center Taco Dinner. You can leave it in the JAM mailbox. These coupons can help defray the costs of purchasing the food each month.

Very Gratefully Yours,
Cathy McCutcheon

Feed My Sheep Food Pantry News Thanks to all who donated for Thanksgiving. We reached our goal of 150 turkeys. Special thanks to Marla McMichael-Liston, Barb Fisher, and Gary Miller and Moriah Miller-Gnann for help with transportation. Rev. Ogburn and the recipients of the turkeys send a great big thanks!

We're now collecting for Christmas food boxes, and we have a list of 17 children to be sponsored for presents.

We also need: canned stew and chunky soup, peanut butter, dried pinto beans, canned meat, coats, scarves, gloves, mittens, blankets, and children's books.

We are still collecting aluminum beverage cans, soda and beer only. Bring your donations to the Social Justice table in Fellowship Hall.

If you know anyone needing help with food or anything else, contact Jacques at the Social Justice Table after Sunday service. Complete confidentiality is honored.

Care Share Time Banks monthly meeting and potluck, January 20, from 6:30 to 8:30pm, to share delicious food, learn from one another, and earn time from attending the meeting. Questions? Contact Michael Greenman, mgreenmanoh@gmail.com.

OHIO MEADVILLE DISTRICT

Ohio Meadville District's Chalice Lighter's program is an opportunity to support UU congregations who want to make a larger impact in their community, by making improvements in their building, hiring staff, or extending the reach of the UU message in their community. An OMD Chalice Lighter is an *individual* who pledges to respond with a minimum of a \$10 contribution when the call comes. There is a maximum of four "calls" per year. First UU was the recipient of a grant last year to start the OSU Campus Ministry Program. The current call is to help congregations whose buildings were damaged by Hurricane Sandy, or who are helping those most affected.

Please consider becoming a Chalice Lighter. The District website is www.ohiomeadville.org/challight. Or contact Rev. Kathleen Fowler, kathleenclarkfowler@gmail.com.

UU Justice Ohio Network (UUJO) facilitates collaboration between our congregations as well as partnerships with other Ohio social justice organizations promoting social, economic, environmental and racial justice that fosters the dignity of all, through education and by organizing concrete action and public witness with and on behalf of marginalized groups and individuals. Individuals may register at <https://ohiomeadville.wufoo.com/forms/m7m4m7> to receive periodic news updates, to identify issues of interest, and to volunteer time. All Ohio congregations have also been asked to join by designating an individual liaison to register at <https://ohiomeadville.wufoo.com/forms/m7m4m7>. For more information, visit the UUJO website at <http://ohiomeadville.org/uujo/>.

FIRST UU MUSIC

Tony McDonald, Music Director

Caroling Church members will be caroling for our seniors in nearby retirement communities on Wednesday, December 19. We will meet at the church at 6:00 pm for warmup; then carpool from there. Open to all, not just choir members. It is a great way to get into the Christmas spirit by giving the gift of music to others.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Ben Iten, Campus Chaplain

FOCUUS, First UU's **campus ministry group**, meets every Sunday (except the last Sunday of the month, when is when it meets at First UU for Soulful Sundown) 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, December 30, 5:30pm (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, January 27, 5:30pm (Worship Center)

Join us for a dynamic, interactive, contemporary service in Fellowship Hall. Drinks and snacks will follow.

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

CARING CORNER

Happy Birthday to **Bill Whitehouse, Henry Tate, and Nancy van Deusen!** Henry's 89th birthday was December 9, Bill's 80th was December 13, and Nancy's 80th was on December 18.

Congratulations to **Faith Van Horne**, who just passed her test for a second degree black belt.

Congratulations to the **SYC staff** for recently being re-accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

We send healing thoughts to **Jo Anne St. Clair** and **Barry Keenan**. Barry had shoulder replacement surgery December 4, and Jo Anne will begin a round of chemotherapy on December 13.

Congratulations to Ross and **Karen Torvik**. Their daughter Alia and her husband Greg had a daughter, Gwen Margaret, born on December 2. We also send condolences to Karen Torvik whose sister Pam Price died on the same day.

We send healing thoughts to **Kathleen Boston**, who fell and dislocated her shoulder on December 9.

We send support to **Garlena Bauer**, whose daughter Cherie Abdallah has completed a difficult year of cancer therapy and awaits followup testing.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to **Art Beach**. His wife Gracie died on Saturday, December 1, following a fall.

Congratulations to **Kyle Pigman**, who won awards at the Special Olympics Ohio State Aquatics Championship this past weekend.

AUCTION CORNER

Danya Furda, Auction Chair

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Donations, donations, donations! We need donations of all sorts – vacation lodging, dinners, services, items, etc. – to make our auction successful on **February 16, 2013**. Please enter your auction donations online at <http://firstuucolumbus.org/auction> or see us at the auction table in Fellowship Hall after the services and fill out a paper donation form. We also have auction gift certificates available which make a great holiday gift or gift of appreciation for service!

This Discoverer's featured auction item is: **Eat Your Words** donated by Carole Wilhelm. You provide stories and memories for the evening conversation, and Carole will create a dinner with appropriate wine and beverage selections related to what you will briefly describe in advance of the evening. Do you have a special food associated with family gatherings that you would like Carole to recreate? What about a story of a wonderful trip or a childhood memory that Carole can use as inspiration for a dish? **Eat Your Words** dinner has eight available spots for 6:30 pm on Saturday, July 13; bidding starts at \$35.

Questions about the auction, contact Danya Furda at dfurda@gmail.com or (614) 471-3786.



High School Transylvania Pilgrimage Deadline December 31.

Be a part of this exciting trip to our Unitarian roots and to Bölön, our Partner Church. You'll hang out with the Bölön Youth Group, learn some Hungarian, experience a festival that dates back to the 16th century, see UUism in a more universal framework, and understand the world more completely. A \$150 deposit is required. For details, call Rev. Eric, 614-267-4946, ext 23, or Jolinda, 614-267-4946, ext 28.

Justice Sundays on December 30 at 11 am

Families of preschool and kindergarten kids will enjoy a nature experience together. The elementary kids will be led by the Enlightened Hippogriffs in being a part of Dumbledore's Army to do justice.

No Regular Classes will meet on December 30. Toddler Room will be open.

A Few Openings in the Tae Kwon Do Class for Ages 6 to 18...

For classes starting Tuesday, January 8. Classes meet from 4:00 to 4:55 on Tuesdays and Thursdays in Fellowship Hall. There is a \$10 per month, per child, equipment fee due at the beginning of each month. They will need a TKD uniform within two weeks of starting class, but this can be obtained anywhere they would like, and can be new or used. Classes will be held only during the school year. Information and to register: Laurie Brown, laurieeb12@gmail.com.

New Sexuality Education Starts in January (OWL)

1st Grade OWL begins January 6, at 9:15am

5th/6th Grade OWL begins January 13, at 9am.

Both are eight-week programs. Mandatory orientation for both is at 10am on January 5. **Please note that both of these classes are during the early worship. There are not separate classes for 9:15 and 11.**

Sexuality and Relationship for Young Adults (OWL), ages 18-35. A workshop series on sex, love, and relationships. Every other Sunday 6:30p - 8:30pm, starting January 27. Open to both men and women, ages 18 to 35; couples are welcome. Information: Jolinda Stephens, jolindas@firstuucolumbus.org. Register at the AEP Table or online.

Did you have trouble figuring out what to get your grandchildren this holiday? Sunday School may be the answer
When grandchildren live far away, it's hard to keep up with their lives. Leading a Sunday School group the same age as a grandchild can help you keep you up-to-date with the culture and interests that your own grandchildren experience; you'll find it easier to talk with them. In addition, you'll have fun and be making a big difference in the life of the congregation, as well as the future of the world. Join us in our life changing work. Time commitment is no more than twice per month. Volunteer at the Sunday School Table or contact Jolinda jolindas@firstuucolumbus.org.

Dinner with the Ministers for High School Seniors starts Sunday, January 12, at 5 pm. The first dinner will be hosted by Rev. Mark at his newly-redecorated loft. Cook with Mark and Eric and enjoy a leisurely conversation about life, love and the spirit. Second Sunday evenings. R.S.V.P. at <http://svy.mk/SRsBBX>. Other dinners will be at the church.

Greetings from the AEP Committee

Our Winter class catalog will be out within the next few days.

Below please find a description of the classes we will be sponsoring for the Winter Session:

- All SqUUares – a six-week series of square dance workshops which explores a different theme, era or geographical area of square dancing each week, beginning Thursday evening, January 17, from 7:30-9:00pm. The workshops will be led by caller Kate Power, who has been calling contras and squares in Columbus for nine years, and her partner-in-life Andy Shewmon, a fiddler and caller. Live music will be provided by talented old-time musicians playing tunes to suit each theme. No experience or partner necessary, and each session stands alone. If you have to miss a session, feel free to continue with the others. We'll be moving a lot, while learning about the rich heritage of square dancing in this country going back hundreds of years.
- Being with Dying – this course is based on Zen Teacher, Joan Halifax's book, *Being With Dying*, which is about working with the fact of mortality, our own and others. Starting Saturday, January 5, for six weeks at 11am, in the Library. To be hosted by Jeanne Desy and Tom Tucker.
- Art Journaling – "The Artist's Way" – Hosted by Deb Baillieul. Starting January 14, for six weeks, Monday afternoons from 4 – 6 p.m. We will create a journal, trying different media and different techniques. Women only and participants must register.
- The Personal Essay – Hosted by John Friedman – Starting January 22, every other Tuesday afternoon from 4:30 to 6:30 for eight weeks in Room 7. A class in writing the Personal Essay, a brief response to an event, an image, a memory, or impression, even a smell or a taste, which seeks to offer some general truth about human experience deriving from that event or image. The Personal Essay differs from the memoir in that it is much shorter and does not chronicle a life but only explores a single moment. In addition to writing the essay, the class members will keep Personal Journals in which they will write daily, recording thoughts, bits of reading, interesting images, etc. The aim of this class is to get you writing and keep you doing it.

Ongoing class:

- Hispanohablantes Aspirantes – a Spanish conversation group has been organized for those interested in learning to speak and understand Spanish. Any level of proficiency is welcome. The group meets on Thursday mornings at 11am. This group is accepting participants and is hosted by Alice Faryna and Michael Greenman. Please check at the office for the room assignment.

Upcoming Spring classes:

- Nature and the Human Spirit – Brian Hagemann and Tom Baillieul – more information to come.
- Digital Photography – Thom Pegan – Thursdays April 11, 18 & 25, 6 – 8 pm. "Taking Great photos with your smartphone camera". Room A/B
- Paper Jewelry – Joanne Wiggins, Thursday April 4, from 7 to 9 p.m. Room A/B. Supply list will be given. Registration necessary and class size is limited to 12. We will be making paper beads, necklaces, earrings, etc.

To find out more information stop by the Greeters Table near the front door and pick up our Winter Flyer, check out the church's Facebook and website pages for info or visit us at our table in Fellowship 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.

Do you have an idea for a class? Stop by our table and let us know about it.

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.

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
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Ben Iten, Campus Chaplain

Jolinda Stephens, Director of Religious Education
Deb McGuire, RE Assistant/Staff Secretary
Jenifer Bojanowski, Lead Toddler Room Teacher
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Brandon Moss, Chalice Choir Director
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Nathan Hamm, Accompanist/Pianist

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CALENDAR December 19, 2012 – January 8, 2013

Wednesday, December 19

- 5:00pm Campfire Girls & Boys
- 7:00pm Board of Trustees; Gay Straight Alliance
- 7:30pm Women's Spirituality; Men's Spirituality

Thursday, December 20

- 9:30am Improvisational Dance
- 11:00am Hispanohablantes Aspirantes
- 4:00pm Tae Kwon Do

Friday, December 21

- 12:00pm Cooking for Faith Mission
- 7:00pm Atheist/Agnostic Winter Solstice Party

Saturday, December 22

- 8:30am Zen Meditation

Sunday, December 23

- 9:15am & 11:00am Worship Service
- 10:30am & 12:15pm Getting to Know UU
- 1:00pm Returning Young Adult Lunch
- 4:00pm Community Drumming Circle
- 7:00pm FOCUUS (OSU area)

Monday, December 24

- 5:00pm Early Christmas Eve Service
- 10:00pm Christmas Evensong Service

Tuesday, December 25

Wednesday, December 26

- 10:00am Labyrinth Available
- 7:30pm Women's Spirituality; Men's Spirituality

Thursday, December 27

- 9:30am Improvisational Dance
- 11:00am Hispanohablantes Aspirantes
- 1:00pm Labyrinth Available
- 4:00pm Tae Kwon Do
- 7:00pm Expressive Collage

Friday, December 28

- 1:00pm Labyrinth Available

Saturday, December 29

- 8:30am Zen Meditation
- 12:00pm Gracie Beach Memorial Service
- 2:00pm Labyrinth Available

Sunday, December 30

- 11:00am Worship Service
- 12:15pm Getting to Know UU
- 1:00pm Labyrinth Available; Auction Committee
- 5:30pm Soulful Sundown Worship Service
- 6:00pm Bridge Group (call 499-2434)

Monday, December 31

- 10:00am Labyrinth Available
- 7:00pm UU Dance Fellowship

Tuesday, January 1, 2013 (office closed)

- 10:00am Labyrinth Available

Wednesday, January 2, 2013

- 10:00am Labyrinth Available
- 1:00pm Archives Organizing
- 5:00pm Campfire Girls & Boys
- 7:00pm Membership Com; Building & Grounds
- 7:30pm Women's Spirituality; Men's Spirituality

Thursday, January 3, 2013

- 9:30am Improvisational Dance
- 11:00am Hispanohablantes Aspirantes
- 4:00pm Tae Kwon Do

Friday, January 4, 2013

- 12:00pm Cooking for Faith Mission
- 6:30pm First Friday Potluck
- 7:30pm Multicultural Families; Common Read

Saturday, January 5, 2013

- 8:30am Zen Meditation
- 10:00am OWL Parent Orientations
- 11:00am Being with Dying
- 11:30am Dance Your Way

Sunday, January 6, 2013

- 8:30am Leadership Development Committee
- 9:15am Worship Service
- 10:30am Getting to Know UU
- 11:00am Worship Service
- 12:15pm Getting to Know UU
- 1:00pm Auction Committee; Youth Group
- 5:00pm Wellspring
- 6:30pm Young Adult Covenant Group
- 7:00pm FOCUUS (OSU area)

Monday, January 7, 2013

- 7:00pm UU Dance Fellowship

Tuesday, January 8, 2013

- 9:30am Archives Organizing
- 10:00am Newsletter Folding
- 1:00pm Cancer Support Group
- 4:00pm Tae Kwon Do
- 6:30pm Peace Pals Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00pm Feminism 3.0; Caring Committee
- 7:00pm UU Animal Ministry; Social Committee
- 7:00pm This Month in Science; Zen Meditation
- 7:00pm Rising Voices Choir Rehearsal
- 7:45pm Zen Discussion; Spirit of Life Choir

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Theme for December: Peace in the Heart, in the World

December 23, 2012, 9:15 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

Intergenerational Celebration of the Solstice: Illuminations

December 24, 2012 5 PM Family Christmas Celebration

10 PM Christmas Evensong

Rev. Eric Meter, Jolinda Stephens

Rev. Mark Belletini

December 30, 2012, *only one service*, at 11:00 A.M.

Also, at 5:30 pm: Soulful Sundown Service, in Fellowship Hall. All are invited. (See page 5.)

Rev. Eric Meter

Chaplain Ben Iten

Theme for January: The Meaning of Justice

January 6, 2013, 9:15 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

But What About Spirituality? Why Justice Talk All the Time?

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.