

The Discoverer

First Unitarian Universalist Church of Columbus, January 23 – February 5, 2013

MARKINGS

Rev. Mark Belletini, Senior Minister

Well, I'm off on my very short sabbatical. Just six weeks, not five months like last time. Writing an essay on my relationship to Judaism for Skinner House. Working on a book proposal and hopefully a book on grieving. Doing some continuing education with 18 colleagues, a two-year project actually. They will all be here on the third Sunday of August to watch me preach, after a week at an Episcopal retreat center an hour south of here. Of course, they will see me lead worship and preach at the Institute, where almost 500 UU ministers will gather for five days for more continuing education of all kinds, a once-every-two-years conference. Then, I am leaving Florida and heading out to Kansas City to help lead the memorial service for my friend Flip Wellford, my first love. Chromosomal defects there at birth assured him an early death due to early onset Alzheimer's.

Our Unitarian Universalist Minister's Association is led by the amazing, joyful and energetic Don Southworth. Under his superb and kind leadership, we are taking our religious profession far more seriously than we ever have before. We gladly contribute rather large sums to be part of this union—me, close to \$800 per year. Just a few years ago, we gave at most \$100, mostly less. Things get done when you can pay a staff real salaries, and his staff is terrific. Don pastors us when we are down, and has come up with dazzling opportunities for our continuing education.

I wanted to point out, before I take off, that things are a little tenuous financially this year for the congregation. Pledge payments are down from last year significantly. Even though pledges are good, they are still pledges, not yet actual income that can pay our bills and further the justice and hospitality missions of this congregation.

Part of this may be post-election downtime... after all, I alone received ten emails per day suggesting that if I didn't pay five bucks immediately, the nation would perish. And part of it is that this happens in smaller form almost every year. Larger congregations like this seem to be a bit different from my smaller former congregation. When I arrived here in 1998, there was almost a ten percent default rate, making budgeting a bit exasperating. At my former congregation, there was never more than a one percent default rate. Negligible. And over the last 14 years, our excellent finance and stewardship committees

have worked to reduce the large gap to a very small one indeed, comparable more to my former congregation. This year, things are ebbing again, even though spirits seem high, and Sunday attendance has been strong. So it's a bit of a mystery. A few have suggested this is a healthy sign of growing pains and transitions, as we try and invest in our justice work without a second offering. And, I am sure the Fiscal Cliff stuff hasn't helped, as well as this difficult year in the States, with even more shootings than usual, which certainly has sapped some of my spirit. But I thought it was best that I tell you all this upfront, since we have a lot to do in the coming years, and I think *not* talking about things is foolish.

None of us in the ministry felt put out by the ask that we offer so much more to our union, because we have been able to accomplish what we have always said we wanted to accomplish. I have every confidence that we can make this work and lessen the stress on ourselves, borne by two committees who are day-to-day working to achieve fiscal elegance for our whole community.

I hope to find some rest for my spirit while I am gone, as well. But six weeks will be over in the snap of a finger or two. You'll see.

Blessings, *Mark*

Post Scriptum: There is an AA meeting on Mondays here at the church, at 4pm. I am very glad that this has started, and I think it will do well indeed. Excellent people are helping to lead it.

And, we have a whole wonderful cast of preachers coming your way while I am gone. Please welcome them and enjoy them!

(see THE INNER FLAME on page 4)

 We are re-evaluating our environmental footprint. As one part of this "going green" initiative, we hope to reduce the amount of consumable goods we use and switch over to a higher recycled content paper wherever we use paper. This edition of the newsletter is printed on paper that is:

- 100% post consumer recycled paper
- Processed without using chlorine or chlorine compounds
- FSC certified and endorsed by the Rainforest Alliance

Using 100% recycled paper saves trees, reduces solid waste, conserves water, saves energy, and reduces emissions of greenhouse gases!

LINKS

Rev. Eric Meter, Associate Minister

The church is quiet as I sit down to write this column. This Sunday afternoon, I'm here in the office between helping lead a Path to Membership class and a session of our Wellspring – Deep Questions group. Just an hour or so ago, the place was bustling. I love that energy, and I love these quiet times, too. I've left messages with folks who want to schedule time for a pastoral conversation and those I'm wanting to reach out to. Finally, I have time to check my voicemail. I swear, there were no messages when I first arrived this morning.

There will be other activities here later in the day, but for now, welcome sunlight is streaming through the Worship Center windows, lighting up the peach-colored roses on the chancel. In the stillness of the room, I hear again Nathan's piano and some of the conversations I've had with folks during the day—a prospective member's question about spirituality, the concern of one member for another going through a very hard time, plans for a Coming of Age class sleepover early next month...

When I have time to worship in other traditions' houses of worship, I always look to see if the spirit of what happens in the sanctuary matches the spirit in the social hall, classrooms, kitchen and hallways. Far too often, it is not. I'll be the first to admit that my vantage point about things here is both biased and far from omniscient, but the quality of conversation during coffee hour, in the classrooms I'm able to quickly poke my head into, and in the receiving line after our worship celebrations, are woven from the real stuff of life. Real hope, real care, real sadness, real yearning.

There is no substitute for this kind of authenticity. While I don't mean to say we're perfect – far from it, everyone is blind to far more than they are aware – on balance, the depth of this community is truly remarkable. But at times like this when I have a moment to pause, I simply want to say "Thank You for all that you are. Thank you for making this community what it has become."

In peace, *Eric*



Soulful Sundown Sunday, January 27, 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.

CHURCH NEWS

The Mid-Year Congregational Meeting will be Sunday, February 3, 12:30pm. A light lunch will be available in Fellowship Hall; you are invited to bring finger foods to share. Childcare will be provided.

Art of Developing Meaningful Conversations (ADMC) Fellowship Hall, January 26, 2-6 pm. ADMC offers us a chance to listen and speak with each other in powerful ways. We'll explore what it takes for the congregation and congregants to live our mission. Teens are encouraged to attend, and childcare for younger children will be provided. For information, contact Allie Bonsteel at bonsteam@gmail.com.

UU Artists and First UU Members: The March-April exhibition is open to all with the title: *Check the Box* (interpret as you wish). Let Deb Baillieul, debbsyc@yahoo.com, know if you are interested in entering—any media, any size. The art take-in will be Sunday, February 24.

The newest exhibition is *The Art of Terry LeMaster*. Her intriguing works are mainly acrylic and watercolor. This show will run through February 13.

Garden Club We're having another indoor plant/garden items swap, because several folks asked. Bring items Sunday, February 3, to Fellowship Hall, during and between the services. Thanks to all who brought items to January's swap. Christine Hardin, chrisincols@live.com.

Red Cross Blood Drive Friday, March 1, from 3 to 7pm, Rooms 7 and 8. This coincides with March's First Friday event. Sign-up sheets for appointments and snacks will begin in February at the Caring Table. Contact Christine Hardin via chrisincols@live.com

Book Bites will meet in Slowter Lounge 7 to 9 pm, Tuesday, February 19. New topic: Media. For information, contact Kathleen Boston, 262-4025.



UU Animal Ministry meets every second Tuesday of the month, at 7pm, in the Library. The next meeting will be held February 12. Rick Krizter, 781-1799, rick94037@yahoo.com.

Parents of Infants and Toddlers meets every second Sunday. The next meeting is on Saturday, February 9, from 11am to 1pm. Rooms 1&2. Contact Nancy Powlick for more information. lpowlick@columbus.rr.com.

Women's Spirituality meets Wednesdays, 7:30 – 9pm.
February 6 – birthdays, poetry and sharing
February 13 – let me call you sweetheart/valentine's fun
February 20 – what is love?
February 27 – we talk it over
Our theme for February is *Love and Spirituality*.
Jeanni Ray, 614-985-6176, jeanniray@gmail.com.

From Rick Kritzer, Membership Committee:
Please welcome visitors! We continue to have many visitors. Last Sunday I met, and saw others meet, eight first-time visitors! Please look for them, and welcome them to our church. Ask them how they found us. What is their religious background? Be aware that many people visit churches when in a time of crisis or transition. Tell them about your involvement in our church. Encourage them to attend *Getting to Know UU*, which meets at 10:30 and 12:30, after each Sunday service, in Slowter Lounge.

Panel discussion, Sunday, February 10, 12:30pm. Topic: ***A Serious Discussion About Gun Control***. Professor Randolph Roth, Departments of Sociology and History, OSU; Charles Smith, Political Science, OSU; and Brian Rothenberg, Executive Director, Progress Ohio. Dr. Randolph Roth has written a book on the topic of the murdering of young children. Charles Smith teaches a course on gun violence, and has a reputation for speaking out for protecting second amendment gun rights. Brian Rothenberg represents the Ohio Coalition Against Gun Violence. For more information, contact Earl Wurdlow, 614-296-6304. Free of charge.

The Columbus chapter of Muslims for Progressive Values conducts an Islamic Prayer Service every Friday at 1pm, here at First UU in Room 7. All Muslims and all friends of Islam are invited participate in this gender-neutral and LGBT-welcoming Jumma Prayer. Contact Frank Parmir, frankparmir@yahoo.com, 614-274-7330, for information.

From the Worship Committee: Thanks everyone who helped set up and break down the Christmas Eve Services. Having so many people involved made it quick and fun work. Thank you.

JUSTICE ACTION MINISTRY (JAM)

END CORPORATE RULE. LEGALIZE DEMOCRACY.
MOVE TO AMEND

Move to Amend – Ohio: First Statewide Conference at First UU, February 9

Move to Amend – Central Ohio (MTA-CO), the Columbus affiliate of the national coalition: MoveToAmend.org, is hosting the first statewide face-to-face conference at First UU, 11:30 to 5:00 on Saturday, February 9.

MTA-CO is an active sub-committee of JAM, part of the non-partisan national coalition promoting a 28th amendment to the constitution. This amendment would eliminate “corporate personhood,” the current “legal fiction” that corporations are equivalent to “We the People,” and therefore, have access to our Constitution and the Bill of Rights. Corporations currently use this access to obtain the many privileges they enjoy in today’s political, societal and environmental realities, thus dominating our democracy.

Over 200 cities in the U.S. have passed resolutions which declare that corporations are not persons and that money is not speech—and which reverse Citizens United vs. Federal Election Commission (the 2010 Supreme Court decision which allows corporations to spend unlimited funds on election ads for or against any candidate!).

We’re encouraging the Columbus City Council (and other local towns) to do the same. Interested in learning more about our local, state and national program? Register to come to the conference (brown bag) by contacting Farrell Brody – 614-262-7247 or farrellb@earthlink.net. Visit our Facebook page at “Move to Amend – Central Ohio”.



BREAD (Building Responsibility, Equality, and Dignity,

www.breadcolumbus.org), our Central Ohio interfaith community organization that

holds local officials accountable for serious problems in our community.

For information about BREAD, the problems it is/will be addressing, and/or to get involved, contact Alice Rathburn, 895-2109, alice37@insight.rr.com.

Care Share Time Banks monthly meeting and potluck, February 17, from 6:30 to 8:30pm. Share delicious food, learn from one another, and earn time from attending the meeting. Questions? Contact Michael Greenman, mgreenmanoh@gmail.com

From Jacques Angelino, Feed My Sheep Food Pantry:

The minister who oversees the food pantry sends his sincere thanks to our church for its continued support. Our donations provided school supplies for about 129 children, Thanksgiving meals for at least 157 families, and Christmas meals and presents for over 137 families.

One mother gave me a thank you card, and I'd like to share it with you all, since the credit goes to all of you who donated. She wrote, "Thank you for all you've done... Without you, none of this would have happened... May God continue to bless you, as you have blessed so many!" So, all of you wonderful, caring, compassionate people who made their Christmas special, please share in this lovely thank you card, because the thanks goes to you!

With the cold weather, we need blankets and winter clothing. We still need food donation: stew, peanut butter, chunky soup, dried pinto beans, and canned meats. Also, we're still collecting aluminum beverage cans—beer and soda only, please.

Thank you again for your donations. You do make a difference.

Sincerely, Jacques

Fair Trade News With the largest increase in sales, First UU Church is the first-place winner of the UU Fair Trade Champions for 2012! Thank you to all who volunteered, to all who bought Fair Trade products, and thank you also to the Coffee Hour Team. This means better lives for small farmers around the world!

—Barbara Taylor, Fair Trade Coordinator

40th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade Join us January 30, at Gateway Film Center. Reception at 6pm, program at 7pm program, with Dr. Susan Wood, former FDA official in charge of women's health, who resigned in 2005 to protest delays in approving broader access to Plan B emergency contraception. \$25 (students \$10). Register at bit.ly/FOCO40thROE.

Freedom of Choice Ohio Coalition
& National Council of Jewish Women, Columbus Section
present

**Looking Back, Moving Forward:
40th Anniversary of Roe**

January 30, 2013

Featuring Dr. Susan Wood
Executive Director
Jacobs Institute of Women's Health
George Washington University
as the top FDA official in charge of women's health, Dr. Wood resigned in 2005 to protest the delays in approving broader access to Plan B emergency contraception

Honoring Emily Rutherford
founder of Women Have Options and the
Women's Fund of Central Ohio

THE INNER FLAME

from Rev Mark Belletini, Senior Minister

Sermons of the Big Joy
James Broughton 1994
(I love these. There are dozens of them!)

Uncork the vintage
Pass the sweetmeats
Give the bandwagon
A brand new push
Bypass karmas
That block traffic
in the Bardo tunnel.
En route to disaster,
Insist on canticles.
Nothing perishes,
Nothing survives
Everything is transformed.

Explain nothing.
Drink the wine
Don't dissect it.
Mysteries never
Answer questionnaires.
Welcome those who
occupy their wonder
and embody their delight.
Welcome them to
Your soul's ballpark
Exchange homeruns
with mutual glee.

Take the whole kit
with the caboodle
Experience life
Don't deplore it
Shake hands with time
Don't kill it.
Open a lookout
Dance on the brink
Run with your wildfire
You are closer to glory
leaping an abyss
than upholstering a rut

FIRST UU MUSIC

Tony McDonald, Music Director

Chamber Music Concert

Make plans now to see the Chiarina Piano Quartet in concert Friday, February 1, 7:30pm. This professional ensemble is led by our own Mark Rudoff (cello) and Nancy Nehring (viola), and includes violinist Mary Horozaniecki and pianist David Viscoli. The quartet will emphasize the singing quality of string instruments by presenting works from three of history's greatest composers of art songs.

The Schubert work is a showy, virtuosic piece, an unusual style from a composer best known for his intimate lieder. Lee Hoiby is one of America's leading proponents of 20th-century art songs. His *Dark Rosaleen*, based on a song by famed author James Joyce, is a singerly treatment of the strings in an extended set of variations on an Irish tune. Faure gave singers the heart of the French chanson (and, of course, the Requiem we performed here a few years ago). Again, that sense of lyricism is in the forefront of his quartet, but it also supports a lush, dramatic work of symphonic proportions.

Suggested donation: \$10 for adults, \$5 for seniors/students, available at the door.

Dee is leaving

We learned recently that Dee Keller, Director of Spirit of Life, Rising Voices and Peace Pals choirs since 2009, will be leaving us in June. She has been offered a position at another church playing music that is more consistent with her performing experience—she'll be leading a praise band.

Thankfully, it will be a slow exit; she'll be here to rehearse her groups until June. However, she will have to begin spending Sunday mornings at her new church in February. Chalice Choir director Brandon Moss has graciously consented to direct her choirs in performance on Sundays from February on.

It's a real loss for us, and her shoes will not be easy to fill. We will begin a search soon. It may be that we will have separate directors for the youth choirs and Spirit of Life. We have benefited greatly from Dee's work in developing our choral program at many levels, and though we will miss her, we wish her well in her new job. And she will miss us too. In her note to her choirs, she said, "I have greatly enjoyed my time with First UU and have appreciated all that I've learned from you these past few years. Please know that I leave here with fond memories and a special place in my heart for each one of you. Continue making beautiful music and most importantly, keep singing!"

OHIO MEADVILLE DISTRICT

The Leadership Development Committee is awarding partial **scholarships for conference expenses** for First UU members. Applications are being accepted for various activities, including *Ohio Meadville District Assembly*, April 26-27 (location TBA); *UUA General Assembly*, June 19-23, in Louisville, KY; and *UU Leadership Training*, July 31-August 3, in Canandaigua, NY. For more information, contact Marylou MacDonald (lulu42@columbus.rr.com) or Susan Williams (mudwitch3@gmail.com).

CARING CORNER

We recognize **Rev. Carol Brody** on the anniversary of her becoming Minister Emerita of First UU on January 17, 1999.

Sara Hall Phillips and **Joe Phillips** welcomed their first child, daughter Leah Colette on December 18, 2012.

Pud Baird recently retired from the State of Ohio.

We send healing thoughts to **Ray Walker**, who had a stroke on January 7, and to **Evonne McNabb**, who recently suffered a minor TIA while in Arizona caring for her mother.

Please hold **Bob Letcher** in your thoughts. His 86 year old mother has been in the hospital for over a week and he is very concerned for her.

Our thoughts are with **Kelly Blake**, who was laid off from her job recently.

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, January 27, 5:30, in the Worship Center. See ad on page 2.

AUCTION CORNER

Danya Furda, Auction Chair



Printed auction catalogs are available at our table in Fellowship Hall after Sunday services. Tickets are also available at the table for \$12 (\$15 at the door), \$5 for youth ages 11-15. Childcare provided. Auction attendees should bring a side dish, salad, or bite-sized, finger friendly appetizers auction night. The auction committee will provide the main courses.

Advance bidding is open to those with an auction ticket - so get happy and place your bids! We're still accepting donations at <http://firstuucolumbus.org/auction>, and by paper form (available at our table). These items will be in a printed addendum available auction night. Also, we need many volunteers. If interested, contact Jennifer Johnson, JLJ@wowway.com. The auction is **Saturday, February 16, 5:30 pm to 9:30 pm**.

This issue's featured item is: **Bed and Breakfast Stay at Hillhouse**, donated by Majorie Ditsler. Our "Hillhouse," on a wooded hillside with a view of the valley below, has two bedrooms, a complete kitchen, TV (for DVDs only), and a woodstove. Explore the trails, pond, and potting shed. Breakfast will be provided at Hillhouse, or guests can dine with us at the farm. In Coshocton County near Millersburg and the Amish countryside. Roscoe Village, a quaint restored canal town, is nearby, with shops, restaurants and a museum. Date can be anytime during the year, except July and August.

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

CIRCLE SUPPERS 2013

Do you like good food and good conversation? Do you wish you could meet more First UU members and friends? **Circle Suppers** is a series of informal adult dinner parties hosted by First UU members or friends in their homes. The host(s) provide(s) the main course, with guests providing the other items. This year's dinners are scheduled for Saturdays, March 9, April 6 & May 4, 2013. All begin at 7:15 pm.

To participate:

- complete the registration form below including your email address (if you have one)
- leave the form at the **Circle Suppers** table in Fellowship Hall after Sunday services on January 27, February 3 or 10; OR mail it to Cathy O'Neil, 432 Acton Road, Columbus, OH 43214.

DEADLINE: February 11, 2013

A list of participants, alternates and dinner assignments will be emailed or mailed by February 18. If you have any questions, contact Cathy O'Neil at 614-267-4975 or croneil@columbus.rr.com.

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CIRCLE SUPPERS 2013 REGISTRATION

Name and Address (**please print clearly**) _____

Home phone _____ Email _____

1. Please register me (**check one**):

- (a) ___ individually;
- (b) ___ with spouse/partner/friend (give the person's name, address, phone number if different from yours)

- (c) ___ as an alternate (you will not be scheduled for any dinners but will be put on a list of alternates to be called by the hostess/host in case of cancellations).

2. Please indicate your hosting preference (**check (a) or (b)**):

- (a) ___ I/we CAN host a dinner for up to (**check one**) ___ 6 or ___ 8 or ___ 10 people,
but CANNOT host on (**check all that apply**) ___ 3/9/13; ___ 4/6/13; ___ 5/4/13.
- (b) ___ I/we cannot host a dinner at all but would like to participate.

Please note: We will make every effort to accommodate those who are unable to host a dinner but if we do not have enough hosts, those who are unable to host may be put on the list of alternates.

FAITH DEVELOPMENT FOR ALL AGES

Jolinda Stephens, Religious Education Director



Justice and Faith Development

In worship we have been focusing on justice. I can't let January pass into February without writing a bit about justice and faith development for Unitarian Universalists. And I can't do that without writing about Paolo Freire, author of *Pedagogy of the Oppressed*. Keys to his theory of learning are: learners are co-creators of knowledge; all learning should be aimed at justice and the struggle to free oneself from oppression; and education depends on praxis.

Translated into North American Unitarian Universalism, we create a space into which we all bring our own experiences to share and to learn from. No one person or group has a monopoly on truth or insight. Writing and preaching more than 100 years prior to Freire, Unitarian William Ellery Channing said: "The great end in religious instruction, is not to stamp our minds upon the young, but to stir up their own..." The same idea governs our adult faith development.

Freire worked with impoverished people in Brazil. Education, he believed, should be aimed at supporting the learners in owning their own knowing and using it to bring justice into their world. For the majority of UUs, who are undeniably privileged but also underprivileged in differing ways and to differing degrees, faith development must support gaining a true understanding of the ways that we have privilege and power, and the ways in which we are limited. It must include an understanding of the ways that our privilege blinds us to the wholeness of life and cuts us off from many life-affirming experiences. All of this can be summed up in the fourth element of First UU's Mission Statement: To relinquish the safety of our unexamined privilege for the freedom to engage in transforming justice.

And, praxis supplies us with a method. Praxis describes a circle of reflection on our experiences and worldview; learning more about the world; engaging in action to bring more justice to the world and free our own mind and heart in the process; and reflecting on our new experiences and integrating them into our worldview. Then we take this improved view of the world out into the world again to free ourselves and those around us.

As the UU Hokey Pokey says: We put our whole selves in; we take our whole selves out and we shake it all about; we do the UU hokey pokey and we turn our world around. That's what it's all about.

Jolinda

If you aren't receiving the Families or the Sunday School Leaders email please add jolindas@firstuucolumbus.org to your email contacts. My office time is Tuesday through Friday afternoons until at least 6 pm. Just call if you'd like to meet in the evening or on Saturday. The number is 614-267-4946, ext. 28. Email jolindas@firstuucolumbus.org.

Valentine's Day Childcare Feb. 14. Our youth who are going on the Transylvania Pilgrimage to our Partner Church are offering childcare from 6 to 9:30 pm, so you can celebrate without worry. We'll have substantial snacks and planned activities. Donations will help to pay for the trip and our gift to our Partner Church. As a guide consider offering the amount you would normally pay for childcare. Register at <http://bit.ly/Vbt9ZC>

30 Days of Standing Up for Love *Standing on the Side of Love* is sponsoring an observance that began just after Dr. King's birthday, and ends just after Valentine's Day. A DRE has prepared a calendar with daily activities for families to explore together ways to bring more love and less hate into our world. You can find the calendar online at <http://bit.ly/VvRQ0h> or pick up a copy at the Sunday School Table.

High School Covenant Group Delayed Until Feb. 3. The High School OWL class will continue until the end of January. The Covenant Group will use music and other arts as the major way of communicating about the Great Questions and issues and values of importance to high school youth. It is offered at 11 am.

Sexuality and Relationship for Adults (OWL), a workshop series on sex, love, and relationships. **Second and fourth Sundays 6:30p - 8:30pm, starting January 27.** Open to both men and women, ages 18 to 35, those in relationships and singles are welcome. More information is available from Morgan Patten or Chelsea Varnum, the facilitators, next to the office, under the banner "UU Adults, under 35" following the 11 am service. Flyers are available at the AEP Table. Sign up online at <http://bit.ly/13c62hI>

Look for OWL (Sexuality Curriculum) for All Adults Next Year A number of people have approached the DRE and the two facilitators for the OWL workshops for younger adults to ask about a similar workshop for other adults. One conversation began with the statement: “I didn’t know that sex ends at 35.” Facilitators take special training for both curricula together and training will be offered in April. It is expected that we will be able to offer both adult OWL workshops regularly.

Transylvania High School Pilgrimage Update The First UU High School Pilgrimage to our Partner Church in Bolon, Romania is set to go. We have seven youth and four adults who will help cement our relationship with our Partner Church as they explore our 400 year-old roots with the Transylvanian Unitarian Church. We will visit the tombs of the Unitarian Queen and King and explore the leadership and martyrdom of Unitarian minister Frances David and will join the youth and young adults in Bolon in work projects that help with the upkeep of the 16th century church building or the new guest house.

Please put these dates on your calendar now

Feb 14 – Valentine’s Day Childcare

March 22 – Hungarian Feast and Dancing Each of these and the benefit performance by Rain Maxwell at the Kafe Kerouac and car washes in May will help underwrite our expenses as well as make a contribution to the work of the Bolon Unitarian Church.

Zoo Trip for Preschool and Kindergarten Families on Jan. 27. The 9:15 and 11 am preschool and kindergarten groups will all combine to visit the zoo. This is a great time for families to get to know one another better and another opportunity for young children to explore the animals of the world and connect with our 7th principle. Meet next to the gift shop at 10:15 on Jan. 27. Siblings are welcome. If you have a zoo membership that includes guests or if you would like guest passes, please email me - jolindas@firstuucolumbus.org.

Make Toys for Pets Without Parents at Elementary Justice Sunday. The **Enlightened Hippogriffs** once again lead the Justice Sunday Jan. 27 at 9:15 and 11. In the best Hogwarts tradition we will all study the Care of Magical Creatures. We'll be making pet toys for the animals at Pets without Parents, the place-every-pet with a family local shelter.

Please bring some supplies to Sunday School. Anything you have around the house is great - some ideas are:

- fabric scraps - including old jeans and clothes, socks, leftovers from sewing projects, etc
- tennis balls, other types of balls
- rope
- toilet paper and paper towel tubes
- small cardboard boxes (shoebox, tissue box, etc)
- empty and clean pill bottles, plastic water/soda bottles
- pipe cleaners, feathers
- yarn
- catnip

Recently Registered for Sunday School? We are currently experiencing a glitch with our on-line forms and Sunday School registrations are not properly routing to the RE office. If you have registered for Sunday School since **December 1**, please stop by Sunday School table for a paper registration, or email and we will send you a registration form to print and return to church. We apologize for the inconvenience.

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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CALENDAR January 23 – February 5, 2013

Wednesday, January 23

- 1:00pm Archives Organizing
- 7:00pm Board of Trustees
- 7:30pm Women's Spirituality; Men's Spirituality
- 7:30pm Yoga (Winter Session)

Thursday, January 24

- 9:30am Improvisational Dance
- 11:00am Hispanohablantes Aspirantes
- 4:00pm Tae Kwon Do (DOV)
- 7:00pm Expressive Collage
- 7:30pm All Squares; Healing Journey
- 7:30pm Chalice Choir Rehearsal

Friday, January 25

- 7:00pm Auction Committee

Saturday, January 26

- 8:30am Zen Meditation
- 9:00am Pastoral Team Training
- 11:00am Being with Dying
- 2:00pm Art of Developing Meaningful Conversation

Sunday, January 27

- 9:15am & 11:00am Worship Celebration
- 10:30am & 12:15pm Getting to Know UU
- 1:00pm Auction Committee
- 2:00pm PFLAG
- 4:00pm Community Drumming Circle
- 5:30pm Soulful Sundown Service
- 6:00pm Bridge Group (call 499-2434)
- 6:30pm Young Adult OWL

Monday, January 28

- 4:00pm Art Journaling AA Meeting
- 7:00pm UU Dance Fellowship; Justice Action Ministry
- 7:00pm Funeral Consumers Alliance

Tuesday, January 29

- 9:30am Archives Organizing
- 4:00pm Tae Kwon Do
- 6:30pm Peace Pals Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00pm Zen Meditation; Rising Voices Choir
- 7:45pm Spirit of Life Choir

Wednesday, January 30

- 7:30pm Women's Spirituality; Men's Spirituality
- 7:30pm Yoga (Winter Session)

Thursday, January 31

- 9:30am Improvisational Dance
- 11:00am Hispanohablantes Aspirantes
- 4:00pm Tae Kwon Do (DOV)
- 7:30pm All Squares; Healing Journey
- 7:30pm Chalice Choir Rehearsal

Friday, February 1

- 12:00pm Cooking for Faith Mission
- 6:30pm First Friday Potluck
- 7:30pm Multicultural Families Meeting
- 7:30pm Common Read Discussion Group
- 7:30pm Chamber Music with Mark Rudoff and Friends

Saturday, February 2

- 8:30am Healthy Congregations Breakfast/Workshop
- 8:30am Zen Meditation
- 9:00am Pastoral Team Training
- 11:00am Being with Dying
- 11:30am Dance Your Way

Sunday, February 3

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

Monday, February 4

- 4:00pm Art Journaling; AA Meeting
- 7:00pm UU Dance Fellowship; BREAD Team

Tuesday, February 5

- 9:30am Archives Organizing
- 10:00am Newsletter Folding
- 4:00pm Tae Kwon Do
- 4:30pm The Personal Essay
- 6:30pm Peace Pals Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00pm Caring Committee; Zen Meditation
- 7:00pm Rising Voices Choir Rehearsal
- 7:45pm Spirit of Life Choir Rehearsal
- 8:00pm Worship Committee

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WORSHIP SERVICES

Theme for January: The Meaning of Justice

January 27, 2013, 9:15 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

Joe Pierce, Seminary Student

“Justice, A Journey In/Of Faith”

(Rev. Mark Belletini will be on a mini-sabbatical for six weeks.)

Also, at 5:30 pm: Soulful Sundown Service. All are invited. (See page 2.)

Campus Ministry Chaplain Ben Iten

Theme for February: Wholeness/Holy/the Sacred

February 3, 2013, 9:15 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

Campus Ministry Chaplain Ben Iten

“The Sacred Body of Humanity”

February 10, 2013, 9:15 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

Affiliated Minister Rev. Kathleen Fowler

“The Sacredness of Community”

► Sign Language (ASL) interpretation is provided at the 11am service. Hearing assisted devices, large print materials are available at the rear of the Worship Center. Copies of CDs of our worship services will become available for sale at the bookstore. Recent sermons can be found on the church website.