



The Discoverer

First Unitarian Universalist Church of Columbus, February 6-19, 2013

LINKS

Rev. Eric Meter, Associate Minister

The last time I wrote here about this coming summer's Youth Heritage trip to Transylvania was back in October. Let me fill you in on how things have progressed since then.

Seven youth and four adults will be making the pilgrimage this June. Our itinerary includes some historic stops prior to our arrival in our partner church village of Bölön. (*Belen* in Romanian, if you want to search for it in an atlas or on Google Earth. That we are visiting a Hungarian-speaking people living in a nation that speaks a different language is challenging all around.)

We'll be visiting the sites where the first ever declaration of religious tolerance was ratified, and where Francis David, who had led that effort, later was imprisoned for "religious innovation" when he strayed too far from the accepted order of the day. We'll see what remains of a Unitarian village flooded under Nicolae Ceausescu's rule as a reminder to other villages not to risk standing up against the oppressive state. And yes, we'll also tour the castle of Vlad Tepes, the real-life figure on whom the Dracula legend is based.

Once in Bölön, we'll spend the bulk of our time getting to know the members of our partner church. During my previous trips there, I saw firsthand how organized and how influential the Transylvanian Unitarian Youth Association is. I'm looking forward to our youth meeting their representatives.

The congregation in Bölön, lead by Rev. Kozma Albert, are preparing a Medieval Festival for us, and we will be participating with them in what I expect will be a rather large worship celebration on the Sunday we'll be with them.

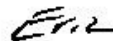
Many of you here in Columbus have let us know that you would love to be part of the trip. But as we promised this trip to the youth (a promise that was actually made before either Jolinda or I came on board), we need to keep this trip youth-centered. That said, I'm thrilled by people's interest. Rev Mark has mentioned to me that he thinks the next step is to invite Rev Kozma to visit us,

and I certainly hope we can make that a reality in the next year or so, with another trip for more of us to Bölön to follow.

Some of you have also shared your concern about the expense of this trip during a time when many folks are struggling. Believe me, I understand this concern. As soon we cleared the timing of the trip with Rev. Kozma, Jolinda and I sat down with our Stewardship Committee to ask how we might best raise the remaining funds the trip would require, supplementing the significant contribution each youth's family has made. In consultation with Stewardship we have approached several families in the congregation to ask for their support. Their generosity has impressed me anew. And the youth themselves have begun planning several fundraising events: Valentine's Day babysitting is coming up quick, and there will be more in the coming months.

Also, get out your calendars and write down Transylvanian Feast and Celebration on Friday night, March 22. Details will follow, but a great time will be had by all.

In peace,



CHURCH NEWS

Annual Statements were mailed out last week. This statement lists your tax-deductible contributions to the church for the calendar year 2012. It is to be used only for filing your 2012 income tax return. Please disregard the operating pledge amount which appears at the bottom of this statement as it shows your pledge for FY12 only and not your current year pledge. The status of your current pledge payments, as well as the FY2013 amount pledged, appears on your regular monthly statement. You should be receiving a current pledge statement soon. **We thank you for keeping your pledge payments up to date!**

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.

There will be a **Free Book Exchange** in Fellowship Hall after the worship services on February 10. Bring those extra books you'd like to see go to new homes. Find some you'd like to take home yourself. The Book Exchange at First UU is a great way to pass around great books. So, throw your book donations in your car while you're thinking about it. Books can be dropped off at the bUUKstore table before either service.

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 Saturday. 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.

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.

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.

Elevator speeches address the question, "What's Unitarian Universalism?" during a time as brief as an elevator ride. Do you have your own elevator speech? Rick Krizter is collecting these, to be printed here, particularly ones that are clear and concrete, refer directly to UUism, and are inclusive of UUs who do not believe in God. Maximum of 80 words. Deadline is February 28. Contact Rick at rick94037@yahoo.com.

Here's an elevator speech by Karen Squires:

For many years, I attended services at First UU. I was attracted to their message because it was one of inclusion. Everyone is welcome and everyone is part of the UU family. They make no judgments. I was so impressed by the knowledge I gained about many other religions. The church encourages understanding of other beliefs, and some services actually draw from other faiths. I am also drawn to the church because its members don't just talk about injustice in the world. They actually form social action groups who pursue justice. When the First UU Church established an Animal Ministry, I immediately joined, because they had found my passion.

JUSTICE ACTION MINISTRY (JAM)



First UU is a founding member of BREAD (Building Responsibility, Equality, and Dignity, www.breadcolumbus.org), the local interfaith social justice organization of more than 50 congregations that works to make systemic change in Central Ohio. By identifying and researching problems, finding best practices to help solve them, and holding public officials accountable for their implementation, BREAD is impacting the quality of life in Columbus and Franklin County. Two recent examples:

- 30 abandoned properties in BREAD members' neighborhoods demolished
- 116 patients enrolled in intensive case management programs instead of "treating" their chronic conditions (e.g., diabetes, high blood pressure) with emergency visits to the ER

Every dollar invested in BREAD last year leveraged over \$85 in the community.

BREAD's new problem is discrimination against immigrants. Our participation at BREAD's major meetings and as part of the research committees helps to make BREAD a powerful force in this community; so please put the following on your calendar now:

- Sun. Mar. 17, 12:45 pm—First UU's BREAD Justice Ministry Network organizing meeting
- Mon. April 8, 7:00 pm – BREAD Rally
- **Mon. May 6, 6:45 pm – BREAD NEHEMIAH ACTION (Doors open 6:15 p.m.)**

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

At the Midyear Meeting on February 3, Justice Action Ministry (JAM) organizers presented some highlights of the social justice work accomplished by First UU members and friends over the past seven months. You can read an overview at this link: <http://bit.ly/11BJVTU>

Feed My Sheep Food Pantry is in need of 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.

END CORPORATE RULE. LEGALIZE DEMOCRACY.
MOVE TO AMEND

Move to Amend – Central Ohio (MTA-CO) will have its first statewide conference at First UU on Saturday, February 9, 11:30 to 5:00. MTA-CO is a sub-committee of JAM, and part of the non-partisan national coalition promoting a 28th amendment to the constitution that will eliminate "corporate personhood," the current "legal fiction" that corporations are equivalent to "We the People"! Over 200 cities in the U.S. have passed resolutions declaring that **corporations are not persons**, that money is not speech, and reversing Citizens United – the 2010 Supreme Court decision that 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? **Register for the conference** (brown bag) by contacting Michael Greenman, 614-898-5825 or mgreenmanoh@gmail.com, or visiting our Facebook page.

OHIO MEADVILLE DISTRICT

The Leadership Development Committee (LDC) is able to award partial scholarships for First UU members to attend various activities in 2013, including: *Ohio Meadville District Assembly*, April 26-27 in Niagara Falls, NY, with UUA President Peter Morales as keynote speaker; *UUA General Assembly*, June 19-23 in Louisville, KY, with registration opening March 1; *Summer Institute*, July 14-20, "Social Justice as Spiritual Practice" with Rev. Art McDonald; and *UU Leadership Training*, July 31-August 3, in Canandaigua, NY. For more information, please contact Marylou MacDonald (lulu42@columbus.rr.com) or Susan Williams (mudwitch3@gmail.com).

The **UU College of Social Justice** is advancing our mission to engage the next generation of Unitarian Universalists — and you can help. This summer, we're offering our National Youth Justice Training (NYJT) program, building on the success of our summer 2012 youth training. NYJT is a transformative three-week experience for high-school-aged youth. It will be held in Boston, Mass., June 30–July 21, 2013. The program will include interactive social justice education and real-world internships, grounded in Unitarian Universalist values and practices. Apply today through our online application (<http://uucs.org/trip-application/>) or forward this e-mail to a young person in your life who is committed to justice. We'll be accepting applications through April 15.

SCHOOL FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

Stephanie Rottmayer, Director

School for Young Children (SYC) 2013-14 Registration Underway

Materials are now available for enrolling children into the School for Young Children's 2013-14 school year, which will begin September 9, 2013. We offer part-time, preschool classes for children from age 2 1/2 to 5 years. School alumni families and church member families have priority for placement.

The processing date is February 15, at 3:15 p.m. For the best chances of your child being placed in a class, it is important to make sure we have your application and registration fee by that time. All applications received at or before that time will be considered as having arrived at the same time. We assign a priority level, then a random lottery number to each applicant and place applicants into classes in that order.

Applications received after 3:15 p.m. on February 15, will not be processed until after all the applications received before that time have been processed. These applicants are processed in the order they are received in our office.

Due to unexpected weather difficulties, as well as illness, which are both common at this time of year, we urge you to not wait until the last minute to turn in your child's application.

You can download the registration materials at www.syccolumbus.org or pick them up in our office.

If you have any questions about the enrollment process, or if you'd like to schedule a classroom visit before submitting an application for your child, please call us at 614-267-0254.

The **SYC Annual Service Auction** is just around the corner! Saturday, February 23, 7:00-9:00 p.m. As you know, many SYC family scholarship applicants benefit from this event. But did you know how much fun it is? Gift baskets, local artisan crafts, art, and all kinds of services will be available for you to bid on and enjoy. Hors d'oeuvres, desserts and drinks will be plentiful, and best of all, you'll be in the finest company around. Join us February 23, at 7pm, RSVP appreciated by February 18. Limited childcare available from 7-9:30pm for a fee (make arrangements with Adele or Holly, at 614-267-0254. For more information, contact Christine Davidson, christine.davidson@outlook.com.

FIRST UU MUSIC

Tony McDonald, Music Director

Wow! What a concert by the Chiarina Piano Quartet last Friday evening. They played music by Schubert, Fauré and American composer Lee Hoiby, whose piece *Dark Rosaleen*, was a refreshing example of lyric contemporary music. The group had a big, wonderfully blended sound – it's so great to hear professionals in action. And there was a good-sized audience too.

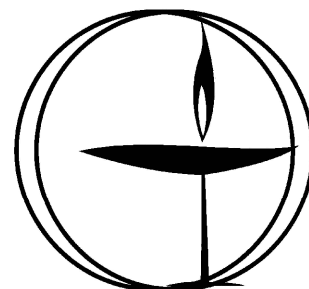
Speaking of big, our next concert will feature the largest ensemble to play here in recent memory. **The Metropolitan Chamber Orchestra**, under the direction of Luis Biava, will present a concert in the Worship Center on **Sunday, February 17 at 3:00 pm**.

The orchestra will be joined by members of the High Street Four, central Ohio's prestigious string quartet, as soloists. Ariane Sletner, violin, and Ken Matsuda, viola, will perform on Mozart's *Sinfonia Concertante*, and David Niwa, violin, will be the soloist for Glazunov's *Violin Concerto*. The orchestra will also present *Élegie* by Fauré, will maestro Biava as soloist, *The Bartered Bride Dances* by Smetana, and *Introduction to Act 3 of Lohengrin* by Wagner.

The Metropolitan Chamber Orchestra, one of greater Columbus's many community orchestras, rehearses at St. John's Church downtown. It was started in 1979 as a chamber ensemble, but has now expanded to almost full symphonic size.

The concert is free, but suggested donations of \$10 for adults and \$5 for seniors/students are greatly appreciated.

Finally, make plans to join us for our next all-church **sing-along, Saturday, March 2 at 7:30 pm** in Fellowship Hall. This one will be different, for we will have a special guest: local celebrity and folk singer Bill Cohen. He will lead us in his "hootenanny-style" folk music sing-along, featuring many of your favorite hits from the past. It'll be a big jamboree – don't miss it.



CARING CORNER

Mark your calendars! **Caring Committee workshop** *In Praise of Play: Play as a Form of Self-Caring*. Sunday, March 3, 1:00pm.

Condolences to **Eve and Rachel Catus**. Eve's father and Rachel's grandfather on passed away on January 19.

Best birthday wishes to **Don Hippensteel**, whose 85th birthday was on February 1, and **Jeanne Hammond**, whose 93rd birthday was on February 6.

Congratulations to **Larry Schlatter**, who became a grandfather in January, with the birth of twins, a boy named Duncan and a girl named Morrigan.

Congratulations are also in order for **Ohma Willette**, who retired January 31, from CWI Gifts.

We send healing thoughts to **Karin Erickson**, who recently underwent a second surgery on her shoulder, and **Pam Hussen**, who is recovering from a bad wrist fracture – she fell on the ice last month.

We share deepest sympathy for **Tony Rice**, whose father, Don Rice Sr., died last Sunday, January 27.

AUCTION CORNER

Danya Furda, Auction Chair

The auction is just around the corner: **Saturday, February 16, 5:30 pm to 9:30 pm!** Stop by our auction table in Fellowship Hall after Sunday services to pick up a catalog and buy your tickets - \$12 now; \$15 at the door; youth 11-15 \$5; childcare provided. Please also sign up to bring a side dish, salad or (bite-sized, finger friendly) appetizer. The auction committee only provides the main courses. Advance bidding is open to those with an auction ticket - so get yours and place your bids! This year, all but two dinners will be in the silent auction, so it will be especially important to either bid online ahead of time, or be organized and ready to bid at 5:30 pm. There will be many more items in the silent auction than in previous years. If you cannot come auction night, you can purchase a paddle number for \$3 at the auction table, so you can bid early. Also, we need volunteers. If you are interested, contact Jennifer Johnson, JLJ@wowway.com.

This Discoverer's featured auction items are the **Lakeside (Ohio) Chautauqua Weekend Getaway** and the **Middle-Earth Hobbit-themed Little Free Library**:

Lakeside (Ohio) Chautauqua Weekend Getaway – Enjoy a three-day/two-night visit to Lakeside Chautauqua on the shores of Lake Erie, as house guests of Gretchen Curtis. Suite includes family room, bedroom with two twin beds, private bathroom and porch overlooking Lake Erie and Kelleys Island. You may select a time during the summer to include seminars and live evening entertainment (e.g., Kingston Trio, 5th Dimension, Lakeside Symphony, ballet), the Plein Air Art Festival and Wooden Boat Show weekend, or choose a fall weekend to bicycle the quiet streets of Lakeside and on to the Marblehead Lighthouse. Gretchen will provide a tour (by golf cart) of Lakeside's historic buildings, if desired. One breakfast, lunch and dinner included. Gate passes for two adults provided if summer dates selected. See summer schedule at www.lakesideohio.com. Contact Gretchen, 614-734-1214. Opening bid starts at \$250 and estimated value is \$600.

Middle-Earth Hobbit-themed Little Free Library for Your Front Yard – Are you a Hobbit-ual reader? Do your many books Dwarf your free 'Elf-space? All Orc-anized in alphabetical order? Do you Dragon late to work often because you were up late reading? And you still Troll book sales for interesting titles? Perhaps you should be the Steward of the Little Free Library – Bag End Branch? We're offering a hand-built Little Free Library with a Middle Earth theme, shaped like a Hobbit house, complete with 'Smaug' the Dragon sitting on the roof. We'll help install it in your front yard in the spring. Your library will be placed on the map on their official website, and you will be listed as Steward. Talk with Sandy Coen and Florence Jain for more details. Opening bid starts at \$425 and estimated value is \$750.

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

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, February 24, 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.



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 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



Transitions

I was deeply moved last Sunday, January 28, by the first sermon from seminarian Joe Pierce. He was a member of our Sunday School since he was very small, and he has been a Sunday School and OWL teacher for the past four years. He is a fine young man who has thought deeply about his beliefs. He is living the examined life. When he receives his M. Div. this June he plans to join the Army and seek ordination and fellowship as a UU minister.

And yet, Joe struggled in his late teens and early 20's. He experienced a lot of pain. That is a very challenging period for most of us. We begin to encounter life free from the padding that our parents have provided to protect against the hard knocks. We have so many decisions to make and not enough information. We instinctively shy away from going to our parents for guidance, knowing that we've got to start building our own lives.

It is the time when our faith community can mean so much. And yet, this is time when most of our youth disconnect. They go away to college, or to travel, or to another town for a job, and they don't connect with a UU congregation in the new town or city. For so many of us, UUism is the congregation we are in. There isn't a strong feeling of connection with other UU congregations, or national or international movements. When they come back to visit, it very totally different, alien.

It's not enough to think, "Oh, well, they'll reconnect when they're through with school; when they stop moving around; when they have children." They need their faith community during that transition time. The need is actually greatest then. By the time they reconnect, they will have gone through a heap of stress and pain.

So how do we keep the ties strong? How do we remain their faith community until they find one to replace us? Rev. Eric and I have been developing programming and strategies slowly over the past four years that I'd like to share with you. Frankly, if you think this work is important, we could use your help.

We are connecting youth with the larger UU movement through leadership training, Justice Trips to work on UU justice projects, and a quadrennial trip to Transylvania to connect with the 450 year old Unitarian religion there.

We are giving youth strong ties to our ministers, through Rev. Eric's leadership of Coming of Age and participation in their retreats, Dinner With the Ministers for high school seniors, the Bridging Ceremony, congratulatory cards that include business cards from the ministers with their cell phone numbers and a personal message to call any time they need to talk, and by including our OSU Chaplain in trips.

We are maintaining the connection with the congregation through greeting cards from the congregation and the board to our Sunday School graduates, care packages to recent graduates, recognition for those returning at the holidays, and a REUnion Lunch following the last service before Christmas.

There is so much more that needs to be done to be there for our youth as they transition into adults. We aren't good at it yet. Issuing a second invitation to membership at the time of Bridging is one. Regular correspondence – FaceBook, txt, greeting cards, homemade yummys – is another. Leadership development for younger adults who are Sunday School graduates. Who knows more about what it means to be UU? I could go on.

As we think about how we want to be our best First UU over the next few months, please give some thought to the importance of transition ministry.

Jolinda

I will be away much of the week of February 4, preparing and participating in my professional organization retreat. I will be at church on February 10. I will be away all of the week of February 18, for surgery. I may be at church February 24, but I will not be able to use the computer for email until March 13 (although I'll be able to do other aspects of my job long before then). Calling my cell, 614-915-4079, is the best way to reach me.

Valentine's Day Childcare February 14

Enjoy a romantic evening while your kids play with their First UU friends. Our youth who are going on the Transylvania Pilgrimage to our Partner Church are offering childcare from 6:00 to 9:30 pm, so you can celebrate without worry. We'll have substantial snacks and planned activities, as well as adult helpers. 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, although extra donations are welcome. **Registration is required: <http://bit.ly/Vbt9ZC>. Deadline Feb. 11.**

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 the 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.

Sunday School grows by more than half!

In January of 2008, First UU reported to the UUA a Sunday School enrollment of 176. This January we reported 274. That's an increase of about 55% over the last five years. Every year but one the increase was between 12% and 20%, with most being around 15%.

I'm at a loss to explain why adult membership has remained unchanged while the number of children and youth has grown so strongly. Our Sunday School is growing at a healthy rate while adult membership remains the same. A vibrant Sunday School is certainly something to celebrate. It is the community—you—more than programming that attracts new families and makes them want to stay. On the other hand, the strong numerical growth puts strains on all kinds of resources—volunteers, space, IT, communication, and connections all become more complex. There will be sessions this spring to talk about the future. Let's make sure children, youth, and families are represented. Let's step up to insure that needs are met and that families have a full place at the table when decisions are made and responsibilities are taken.

Calendar Alert: March 22 – Hungarian Feast and Dancing

This event will be the major fundraiser for the Partner Church Pilgrimage to Transylvania. Hungarian food by Rev. Eric and Pat Collins with Eastern European music and dancing organized by the O'Neils.

Parents of Infants and Toddlers Join other parents and their children at 11am on Saturday, February 9 in the Toddler Room to socialize and have fun. Contact Nancy Powlick for more information. lpowlick@columbus.rr.com.

Wrock Band Benefits Our Enlightened Hippogriffs' Campaign

Wizard rock band Harry and the Potters and local band Delay are doing a show to benefit Pets without Parents, via the Enlightened Hippogriffs and its Care of Magical Creatures campaign! First UU Religious Education sponsors Columbus' official chapter of the Harry Potter Alliance. Please join them **February 11, 7 pm, at Ace of Cups in Clintonville**. All ages are welcome! Tickets are \$8/person at the door, and here: <http://aceofcups.ticketleap.com/harryandthepotters/> A percentage will be donated to the animal shelter and provide much needed help to homeless dogs and cats! Read all about it here: <http://hpacolumbus.blogspot.com/2013/01/meeting-notes-and-big-news.htm>.

If you aren't receiving the families or the Sunday School leaders email please add jolindas@firstuucolumbus.org to your email contacts.

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 February 6 - 19, 2013

Wednesday, February 6

- 1:00pm Archives Organizing
- 5:00pm Campfire Girls & Boys
- 7:00pm Membership Committee
- 7:00pm Building & Grounds Committee
- 7:30pm Women's Spirituality
- 7:30pm Yoga (Winter Session)
- 7:30pm Men's Spirituality

Thursday, February 7

- 9:30am Improvisational Dance
- 11:00am Hispanohablantes Aspirantes
- 4:00pm Tae Kwon Do (DOV)
- 5:45pm Jacqui Angelino's 99th Birthday Party
- 7:00pm RE Council
- 7:30pm Chalice Choir Rehearsal; Healing Journey
- 7:30pm All SqUUares Square Dance Class

Friday, February 8

- 7:30pm All Soles Contra Dance

Saturday, February 9

- 8:30am Stewardship Training
- 8:30am Zen Meditation
- 9:00am Pastoral Team Training
- 9:45am Zen Meditation Orientation
- 11:00am Parents of Infants and Toddlers
- 11:00am Being with Dying
- 11:30am Move to Amend Event

Sunday, February 10

- 8:30am Leadership Development Committee
- 9:15am & 11:00 Worship Celebration
- 10:30am & 12:15pm Getting to Know UU
- 12:30pm Sunday Forum
- 12:30pm Enlightened Hippogriffs
- 1:00pm Auction Committee; Green Team
- 1:00pm Committee on Shared Ministry
- 5:00pm High School Senior Group
- 6:30pm Young Adult OWL
- 7:00pm FOCUUS (OSU area)

Monday, February 11

- 4:00pm Art Journaling; AA Meeting
- 7:00pm UU Dance Fellowship
- 7:00pm Adult Enrichment Committee
- 7:00pm Kaleidoscope Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 12

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

Wednesday, February 13

- 8:00am UU Food Co-op
- 7:00pm Personnel Committee; Memoir Writing
- 7:00pm Small Group Ministry Steering Team
- 7:30pm Women's Spirituality; Men's Spirituality
- 7:30pm Yoga (Winter Session)

Thursday, February 14

- 9:30am Improvisational Dance
- 11:00am Hispanohablantes Aspirantes
- 4:00pm Tae Kwon Do (DOV)
- 6:00pm Transylvania Benefit Childcare
- 7:00pm Expressive Collage
- 7:30pm Chalice Choir Rehearsal; Healing Journey
- 7:30pm All SqUUares Square Dance Class

Friday, February 15

- 12:00pm Cooking for Faith Mission

Saturday, February 16

- 8:30am Zen Meditation
- 11:00am Sound Team
- 11:30am Dance Your Way
- 12:00pm Move to Amend
- 5:30pm First UU Auction

Sunday, February 17

- 9:15am & 11:00 Worship Celebration
- 10:30am & 12:15pm Getting to Know UU
- 12:30pm Strategic Planning
- 1:00pm Youth Group; Transylvania Trip Planning
- 3:00pm Metropolitan Chamber Orchestra Concert
- 5:00pm Wellspring
- 6:30pm Time Bank Potluck Meeting
- 6:30pm Young Adult Covenant Group
- 7:00pm FOCUUS (OSU area)

Monday, February 18 President's Day -- Office Closed

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

Tuesday, February 19

- 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 Stewardship Committee; Zen Meditation
- 7:00pm Book Bites; Rising Voices Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30pm Finance Committee
- 7:45pm Spirit of Life Choir Rehearsal

Next newsletter deadline: Sunday, February 17.

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Theme for February: Wholeness/Holy/the Sacred

February 10, 2013, 9:15 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.	Rev. Kathleen Fowler, Affiliated Minister “The Sacredness of Community”
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February 17, 2013, 9:15 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.	Rev. Tim Temerson, guest minister from UU Church of Akron “From Tolerance to Humility”
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February 24, 2013, 9:15 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.	Wesley Thompson, Seminary Student “Spirituality and Physics”
Also, at 5:30 pm: Soulful Sundown Service. All are invited. (See page 5.)	
	Campus Ministry Chaplain Ben Iten

► 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.