

# *The Discoverer*

First Unitarian Universalist Church of Columbus, February 20 - March 5, 2013

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## **MARKINGS**

Rev. Mark Belletini, Senior Minister

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The memorial for my first love in Kansas City was extraordinary. Held at the Improv (the Kansas City Comedy Club) complete with large screen, good projectors, drink tickets and posters, almost 300 showed up. Flip was a comedian, so the setting was perfect. Slides of the two of us, or of him and his wife Susan, or him and Sammy Davis or Andy Williams, for whom he opened for years, told the story with tenderness and laughter. The chromosomal dementia (early onset Alzheimers) turned this once-physical specimen circus performer into a stooped, wrinkled man aged into his nineties, even though he was only 58. Yet he was a funny man and performer till the end. When Susan laid a tray with some food on his lap while he was sitting in a wheel chair, his knee moved the wrong way and the tray and food tumbled to the floor. He looked up at Susan and with impeccable timing, said softly “Ta DA!”

I’ll be in California for a few days, attending the Senior Ministers of Large UU Congregations annual meeting, and then, after a few days visiting friends in San Francisco, I’ll be returning from my mini-sabbatical with some restoration.

By the way, the time change is early this year. It’ll be on my first Sunday back. We’ll lose an hour.

*Mark*

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## **CHURCH NEWS**

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**Capital Campaign—Spring Listening Sessions coming soon:** Did you know... healthy churches have four types of giving: ongoing giving for operations (annual pledge), special gifts once in a while for major projects, a capital campaign about once a decade, and planned giving, like bequests to an endowed fund. It's part of the normal cycle to have a capital campaign—and in fact, we are nearly on track with what is typically recommended, as our most recent capital campaign was in 2001! A Capital Campaign contemplates a commitment with a three-year giving period. The Board anticipates that if the congregation approves moving

forward with a campaign following the Spring Listening Sessions, the giving period will conclude in the first quarter of 2017. The reason for a three-year giving period is to enable people to give at the level they want to, with ample time to spread out giving, utilize tax advantages, etc., and with a target end time so the giving is contained in a reasonable period. The timeframe helps the church to plan for use of the campaign fund.

The Board is compiling specifics and looking forward to meeting with you to share how a Capital Campaign can address our facility needs and make our facility a real “home” of hospitality, safety and welcome; make First UU a Green Sanctuary that affirms and promotes our Seventh Principle, respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part; and ensure our participation in fair-share giving while eliminating debt. Please watch this space as we will be announcing Listening Session dates soon!

**What is the Committee on Shared Ministry and why are they asking me these questions?** The Committee on Shared Ministry (COSM) is a standing committee of the church charged with assessing, reporting and advising the board and staff on the health of the church and our mission. COSM is also charged with identifying conflict in the church and developing strategies for resolving and transforming the conflict. There are six members of the committee appointed by the board, each serving rotating three-year terms. No member of the committee may hold any other major committee function. Since the committee was reorganized three years ago, we have talked to all staff and committee chairs, the board and councils, and other folks who want to discuss the well-being of the church and issues of conflict. We report regularly to the board. If you want to discuss any issues of concern regarding the well-being of the church or conflict within the church, please feel free to contact any of the committee members, who currently are Chas Williams, Su Farnlacher, Mark Pinsonneault, Donna Greenman, David Easter, and Sandy Coen. All of our discussions are confidential.

Do you know that our church has a **Covenant of Respectful Relations**? Pick up a copy on a handy “take home” card at the Greeter’s Table in the Gallery, or in the brochure rack by the front doors.

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## **LINKS**

Rev. Eric Meter, Associate Minister

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While I don't know whether I'd call it a true occupational hazard or not, I have noticed that while I occasionally get a song stuck in my head (by anyone from David Bowie to Tracy Chapman, and yes, the Coming of Age youth have been clear on telling me my music is OLD), sometimes a line or a phrase from a poem or elsewhere in my reading will repeat itself over and over in my mind.

For weeks now, two words have accompanied me while I've brushed my teeth, waited in line at the grocery store, or gone about the rest of my day. They are from a set of opening words by the Rev. Barbara Hamilton-Holway.

Her piece (adapted slightly here) goes like this:

We gather here – as individual people – young and old, temporarily able or challenged in some way, gay, lesbian, bisexual, questioning and straight, theist, atheist, agnostic, Christian, Buddhist, feminist, humanist. We gather here as a community of people who are more than categories. We gather here – each ministering to the other, meeting one another's strength, encouraging wholeness.

And, as you might have guessed, it's the phrase *temporarily able* that I haven't been able to shake. Temporarily able. Oh, how I resist that description. And how honest a description it is. If it wasn't for the final phrase *meeting one another's strength, encouraging wholeness*, the earlier phrase would be much less palatable. But it would be no less honest or useful.

So often we take any sense of health we may have as the norm. But if we shift our sense of what normalcy is, even a bit, then our health is seen more a gift, and any disability or challenge we may face takes does not move us as far from the norm. Talk about a gift. How much more accepting might this make us, of either others or ourselves? Wouldn't that help us to meet one another's strength, and encourage us to see the wholeness in us all?

in peace,

*Eric*

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### **Invitation to a Wellspring Information Session**

A small group experience to learn about the UU faith. Opening retreat on September 14; meets two or three times a month through June 2014.

Information session 1:00-2:00pm on Sunday, April 14, 2013. Bring your lunch, your questions and your open hearts. Contact Ohma Willette, 614-794-3229 or [ohmawi@gmail.com](mailto:ohmawi@gmail.com).

## **Behind the Scenes With the Sound Team**

*first in a series of articles from Board Chair Beth Jewell, highlighting First UU's dedicated volunteers*

After James Brown fitted me with a hands-free microphone for the Mid-Year Meeting (brushing aside my questions about how it looked with my hair), and Carl Faulstich made sure that my PowerPoint presentation was visible, I decided that it was finally time to interview Carl and James about the inner workings of the First UU Sound Team. Microphones, after all, are easy to take for granted, until they aren't working. Over breakfast on a recent Sunday morning, I peppered Carl and James with questions: What is it that you do, exactly? And why? "When I started on the Sound Team, I knew nothing other than watching someone do the Sunday service once," Carl says, explaining that he enjoys the interesting technical challenge and hands-on learning.

On Sunday mornings, James and Carl arrive at church by 7:40 a.m. to set up the microphones in the Worship Center according to the sound needs presented in the Order of Service. ("We sometimes help with breakfast before the early service, too," Carl notes.) A member of the Sound Team manages the "sound board" in the back of the Worship Center during worship. By Sunday afternoon, a Sound Team volunteer has prepared and uploaded a podcast of the Sunday morning service to First UU's website. Sound Team volunteers are present as needed throughout the afternoon for Sunday Forums, afternoon concerts, and other special events.

Marian Garcia, our Office Manager, is an integral part of the Sound Team. As a room is reserved for either a church or outside event, Marian reviews the reservation for sound needs and emails the Sound Team. The Sound Team member who has volunteered to cover the event responds to Marian.

"Really, with all the wonderful things we have going on here, isn't sound a daily event?" I ask. We start counting, and come up with a rough tally: Sunday mornings; the Monday evening UU Dance Fellowship ("the most unique dance class in the city," James interjects); First Fridays; Senior Gatherings; music special events; choir concerts; weddings; memorial services; JAM events...we conclude that on a monthly basis our Sound Team averages 20 regularly scheduled events plus 8 special/outside events. Yes, nearly daily!

We are fortunate to have volunteers like James, Carl, and the rest of the Sound Team: Kevin O'Neil, Sam Pollock, Geoff Mize, Mark Gaskill, Doug Reeder, and Babek Lofti. (Team member Al Cox recently relocated to California.)

*Is there a volunteer team you would like to see covered in this column? Email Beth at [jewell\\_beth@att.net](mailto:jewell_beth@att.net)*

**Hungarian Dinner, for the Youth Heritage Trip.**

Save the date!-Friday, March 22, 6:30pm! Come eat a wonderful Hungarian dinner, learn some Hungarian language and culture AND support the Youth Heritage trip to Transylvania. Our youth will serve you an authentic family-style Hungarian meal and share what they're learning in preparation for their trip this June. Suggested minimum donation: \$15 for adults, \$5 for children, \$100 for a table. More information to follow!

**UU Artists and First UU Members:** The March-April exhibition called *Check the Box* is open to all. You can interpret as you wish. Please let Deb Baillieul, [debbsyc@yahoo.com](mailto:debbsyc@yahoo.com), know if you are interested in exhibiting—any media, any size. The art take-in will be Sunday, February 24, between or after services. Make sure each piece can be hung securely from a hook and has title, artist, price, and media listed on the back.

**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](mailto:chrisincols@live.com).

**Book Bites** will meet in Slowter Lounge 7 to 9 pm, Tuesday, March 19. New topic: Read a Book About a Culture Other Than Your Own. For information, contact Kathleen Boston, 262-4025.

**From the toddler room:** We have a great group of kids and families! In order to maintain ratio (1:4), and have at least two responsible persons in the classroom I am asking folks to volunteer. I have a sign up sheet in the classroom for you to let me know which upcoming dates would work for you. You can also email me dates and which service (9:15 or 11:00) you can be there for.

—Jenifer Bojanowski, Lead Toddler Room Teacher  
[greenness.com@prodigy.net](mailto:greenness.com@prodigy.net)



**UU Animal Ministry** meets every second Tuesday of the month, at 7pm, in the Library. The next meeting will be held March 12.

The Animal Ministry continues to take pledges for Meatless Mondays—people pledge not to eat meat on Mondays. To make it easy, just call and let Sue Pascal know, at 431-1773. For those who pledge, there are raffles that award restaurant discount coupons and more.

—Rick Krizter, 781-1799, [rick94037@yahoo.com](mailto:rick94037@yahoo.com).

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

**Women's Spirituality** meets Wednesdays, 7:30 – 9pm. 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](mailto:jeanniray@gmail.com).

**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. For information, contact Frank Parmir, [frankparmir@yahoo.com](mailto:frankparmir@yahoo.com), 614-274-7330.

**Elevator speeches** address the question, "What's Unitarian Universalism?" during a time as brief as an elevator ride. Rick Krizter is collecting these, to be printed here, especially 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](mailto:rick94037@yahoo.com). Here's an elevator speech by Kay Fisher:

“Our church is like a deeply rooted tree amongst other trees in the forest of the living. I am a branch, respecting the space of other branches. We are nurtured by the same soil. Wind, rain, sun and ice touch us differently. We each grow at our own rate, bearing beauty. At times, stripped to our essence, we evolve into a new vibrancy. Trees are a wonder. The First UU Church is a wonder. Each of us is a gift.”

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### **THE INNER FLAME**

from Rev Mark Belletini, Senior Minister

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True life is not made up of words--  
our ineffectual words  
corroded by ignorance and hatred--  
its made of up of light clouds  
drifting silently through free skies  
it is made up of the clear chiming  
of waters, grasses, birds---  
as in the innocent moment  
of earth's first breath.

Carlo Martini, 1962

*Carlo Martini was the Cardinal Archbishop of Milano, in Italy at the time of his death. He was the main competition to Cardinal Ratzinger at the election of the last pope. The sad thing is, had he been elected, he would have cleaned house. Just before he died, he gave an interview where he said, "The Church is 200 years out of date. Our church buildings are big, our religious houses empty, the Church bureaucracy is growing and our rites and vestments are pompous. The Church must admit its mistakes and begin a radical change, starting from the pope and the bishops."*

## ***JUSTICE ACTION MINISTRY (JAM)***

**Single Payer Action Network** invites all to attend a play, *Mercy Killers*. Van Fleet Theater, 549 Franklin St. Starts Wednesday, February 20. Curtain time is 7 pm. Produced and acted by Michael Milligan, the play is a love story about a proud and patriotic man whose life and values are challenged when his uninsured wife develops cancer. SPAN will host an information table and panel at some productions. The play will run Wednesdays through Sundays until March 9 on the following schedule:

Wednesday, Feb. 20, 7pm	Friday, March 1, 7:30pm
Thursday, Feb. 21, 7pm	Saturday, March 2, 7pm
Friday, Feb. 22, 7:30pm	Sunday, March 3, 2pm
Saturday, Feb. 23, 7pm	Wednesday March 6, 7pm
Sunday, Feb. 24, 2pm	Thursday, March 7, 7pm
Wednesday, Feb. 27, 7pm	Friday, March 8, 7:30pm
Thursday, Feb. 28, 7pm	Saturday March 9, 7pm
	Sunday, March 10, 2pm

**Admission is free and open to the public**



First UU is a founding member of BREAD (Building Responsibility, Equality, and Dignity, [www.breadcolumbus.org](http://www.breadcolumbus.org)), the local interfaith social justice organization of more than 50 congregations that works to make systemic change in Central Ohio. For more information, contact Alice Rathburn, 895-2109, [alice37@insight.rr.com](mailto:alice37@insight.rr.com).

**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.

**YWCA Family Center 4th Friday Taco Dinner.** A huge thank you to the volunteers for January's dinner. We were busy. It was so great to see Lee Holbert take a real leadership role; he was full of energy and enthusiasm. Thanks to his mother, Rachel Holbert, and to Alice Rathburn for cutting tomatoes and lettuce to serve about 225 people. Thanks to Julie Pinsonneault, Audrey Papp and Deb McGuire for being our tenacious dishwashers, and to Gail Hall and Beth Jewell for being all-around helpers. Much appreciation to Sherri Stubbs for providing produce from her husband's employer, and to Candyce Walchesky for doing our grocery shopping. January was another month with a delicious meal served to deserving families by (this month) a wonderful group of women and a wonderful young man.

Very Gratefully Yours,  
Cathy McCutcheon

## ***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](mailto: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](mailto:theitens@gmail.com),  
614-329-2915, with questions.

## ***CARING CORNER***

Join ***In Praise of Play: Play as a Form of Self-Caring, a Caring Committee workshop***, March 3, 1:00 - 2:45, in Fellowship Hall. Led by Deb and Tom Baillieul and Jo Dickinson, we will discover how creative activity can help us live our lives better. Snacks provided.

**Jo Dickinson** has been awarded an honorable mention for her collage piece *Feral* in the current Worthington Area Art League exhibit at the Highroad Gallery in Worthington. The show ends on February 20.

Congratulations to **William** and **Maxine Smith** and Gerald Smith, who welcomed the arrival of a new baby, Joseph Anthony, born January 29. And to **Jim Arter** who retired in January after spending 25 years with the Artists-in-Schools Program.

We send birthday wishes to **Jackie Angelino**, who celebrated her 99th birthday on February 9.

We send get well wishes to **Jeanne Hammond**, who is recuperating from bronchitis.

We extend our sympathy to **Mark** and **Kay Gaskill** and to **Tom Wheeler**. Mark's father, Harlon Gaskill, died on January 26, in Texas, at age 84. Tom's partner, and First UU member, **Ray Walker**, died the morning of Saturday, February 9. Ray's memorial service will be held here Sunday, February 24, at 1:30 pm.

Happy Birthday to **Suzan McCrystal**, who celebrated her birthday on February 17.

**Shane Roussi** is the featured guest on Sunny 95 radio at 8am Sunday, February 24. The show will also stream live on the internet.

Healing thoughts to **Helene Roussi** and **Jolinda Stephens**. Helene had knee replacement surgery February 18, and Jolinda had cervical spine surgery February 20.

## ***AUCTION CORNER***

Danya Furda, Auction Chair

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What a wonderful auction night! Thanks to all those who attended, especially to those who brought side dishes, salads, appetizers and baked goods. Save the date for the next auction, November 16, 2013. Meanwhile, please see us in the corner of Fellowship Hall after the services to see items are still available for purchase, or to pay for auction purchases.

Many volunteers made our Winter Fantasy come true! Foremost, I'd like to thank the **Auction Committee**: Dena Demis (catalog assembly), Cathy Elkins (bar & beverage coordinator), Carl Faulstich (computers & sound), Olwen Firestone (catalog proofreader & appetizers), Ruth Gerhold (table decorations), Brian Hagemann (auction poster), Susan Hayashi (ticket creation), Paula Hook (silent auction & after-sales), Jennifer Johnson (volunteer coordinator), Marylou MacDonald (decoration coordinator), Peggy McKee (bake sale coordinator), Jenny McLaughlin (PowerPoint & catalog photos), Cathy O'Neil (silent auction coordinator), Jim Pinkham (computer software & catalog creation), Jo Anne St. Clair (after-sales & financial coordinator), Jeannie Sperling (decorations), Carole Wilhelm (appetizers & youth server coordinator).

**Auctioneer:** Paul Delphia

**Auction Signs:** Kitty Palm Houser, Thom Pegan

**Bake Sale:** Arnie, Dena Demis, Kitty Jones, Karen McGuire, Peggy McKee, Jenny McLaughlin, Marla McMichael-Liston, Eliza Steffen, Judy Vasquez

**Bartenders:** Melanie Boyd, Gail Hall, Oliver Jones, Bill Keating, Rick Kritzer, David Krohn, Frank Phillips, Bruce Reed, Scott Robinson

**Bidding Paddle Makers:** Stan Gehres, Tina Gehres

**Carnation Seller:** Pat Myers

**Childcare:** Jenifer Bojanowski, Samantha Walker (paid)

**Clean-up Crew:** Sandy Aska, Paul Byard, Phyllis Byard, Paula Egbert, Elaine Fujimura, Jennifer Johnson, Danya Furda, Don Hippensteel, Dave MacDonald, Marylou MacDonald, four members of a OSU service fraternity, David Richter, Scott Robinson, Tony Skrabak, Eliza Steffen, Paul Steffen, Katie Swett

**Coffee/Tea:** Denise Deschenes, Gus Roussi, Helene Roussi, Shane Roussi

**Computer Volunteers:** Debra Boyd, Celia Elkins, Sue Engle, Carl Faulstich, Elaine Fujimura, Mitch Gross, Paul Hall, Pat Hoffman, Chris Johnson, Fran Linkowski, Joanna Lowenstein, Sharon Oliver, Jim Pinkham, Patricia Reed, Tony Skrabak, Michael Widenbein, Joanne Wiggins

**Dinner Table Announcer:** Jo Anne St. Clair

**Dishwashers (paid):** Lindsay Adams, Katie Carey, Delaney Moore

**50/50 Raffle:** Donna Greenman, Michael Greenman

**Kitchen Crew:** Chris Hardin, Ellin Ray, Becky Wolff

**Live Auction Recorders:** Steve Hiland, Jan Lanier

**Live Auction Runner:** Terri Marshall

**Live Auction "Vanna White":** Jo Anne St. Clair

**Money Counters:** Sue Engle, Jo Anne St. Clair

**Pre Event Set-up:** Sandy Aska, Marilyn Beerman, Tom Beerman, Robin Blough, Trevor Boughton, Andy Campbell, Susan Carr, Eve Catus, Sandy Coen, Gianna Collins, Sasha Collins, Elaine Fujimura, Danya Furda, Ruth Gerhold, Cathy Hausman, Joe Heimlich, Don Hippensteel, Jennifer Johnson, Alison Katz, Amelia Kootz, David Krohn, Pat Larson, Dave MacDonald, Marylou MacDonald, Charlie Mamlin, Emma Merchant, Thom Pegan, Heather Pierson, Dennis Read, Sam Roseigno, Kelly Rothert, Gus Roussi, Shane Roussi, Jo Anne St. Clair, Eliza Steffen, Evelyn Stuntz, Ruth Vandersall

**Side Dish Coordinators:** Robin Blough, Kristen Figg, Roger Hansen

**Silent Auction Clean-up:** Paula Hook, Kathleen Fowler, Tina Jacobson, Janet, Anne Nelson, Cathy O'Neil

**Silent Auction Monitors:** David Douglas, Kathleen Fowler, Paula Hook, Tina Jacobson, Janet, Robin Morrison, Anne Nelson, Cathy O'Neil, Don Rice, Linda Royalty, Katie Swett, Ginny Szabo, Joanne Wissler

**Silent Auction Set-up:** Ellen Anderson, Barbara Avery, Kathleen Fowler, Paula Hook, Cathy O'Neil, Carolyn Rayner, Debbie Shaw

**Snowflake Makers:** Marilyn Beerman, Karen Burke, Eve Catus, Danya Furda, Elaine Fujimura & her friends, Ruth Gerhold, Paula Hook, Jennifer Johnson, Alison Katz, Karen Keenan, Marylou MacDonald, Peggy McKee, Jenny McLaughlin, Cathy O'Neil, Jim Pinkham, Jeannie Sperling, Joanne Wiggins, Carole Wilhelm

**Ticket Takers:** Jim Davenport, Bob Intriere, Chris Sullivan, Vicki Steiner

**Volunteer Check-in:** Gari Aber, Jan Lanier

**Youth Servers:** Christopher Barr, Drake Barr, Susie Mesler-Evans, Kelsey Pierson, Shane Roussi

## **FAITH DEVELOPMENT FOR ALL AGES**

Jolinda Stephens, Religious Education Director

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I will be away all of this week, 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.

Jolinda



### **Children and Youth Opportunity Fair, March 10**

- Sign up for PeaceCamp with PeaceCamp Director Jen Bojanowski.  
Dates: July 29-August 2, and August 5 to 9.
- Learn about Walk-about opportunities for those who will be seniors next year with UUSC, UUA, and organizations that our own JAM works with.
- Sign up for summer service camps, youth leadership camps, UUA mission with the UN, anti-racism institute, and civil rights tour.

Gather in Room 9 following the second service. Learn about PeaceCamp following both services.

### **Youth - Grades 8 through 11: Want to Be a Leader of Youth and Adults?**

Register by this Friday, February 22 for the *Fundamentals of Healthy Youth Ministry* which will be held at First UU. March 8-10. Help us create and implement a vision of a congregation that involves youth totally and shifts its thinking to incorporate youth ideas and meet the needs of youth. Youth empowerment is the core of this training. We seek to develop youth group leaders who can support the growth of youth leadership and who can work in adult-youth partnership.

Register here: <https://ohiomeadville.wufoo.com/forms/m7m1x7/>

Check the box for pay by congregational check and send an email to [deb@firstuucolumbus.org](mailto:deb@firstuucolumbus.org) letting her know you have registered.

### **Get the New DRE Off to a Great Start**

The new DRE is expected to arrive in June. S/he will need a lot of support to be the great DRE this congregation needs. We are accepting volunteers for Sunday School groups and the Nursery and Toddler Room now. Look for the display at the Sunday School Table this Sunday.

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**From the Ohio-Meadville District:** The **UU College of Social Justice** is the National Youth Justice Training program, a transformative three-week experience for high-school-aged youth. 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://uucsj.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.

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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 20 – March 5, 2013

### Wednesday, February 20

- 10:00am Newsletter Folding
- 5:00pm Campfire Girls & Boys
- 7:00pm Personnel Committee
- 7:00pm Executive Committee
- 7:30pm Women's Spirituality
- 7:30pm Yoga (Winter Session)
- 7:30pm Men's Spirituality

### Thursday, February 21

- 9:30am Improvisational Dance
- 11:00am Hispanohablantes Aspirantes
- 12:00pm BREAD Youth Choir Directors
- 4:00pm Tae Kwon Do (DOV)
- 7:30pm Chalice Choir Rehearsal; Healing Journey
- 7:30pm All SquUares Square Dance Class

### Saturday, February 23

- 8:30am Zen Meditation
- 10:00am Ohio-Meadville District Board Meeting
- 12:00pm Move to Amend
- 7:00pm SYC (School for Young Children) Auction

### Sunday, February 24

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

### Monday, February 25

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

### Tuesday, February 26

- 9:30am Archives Organizing
- 1:00pm Cancer Support Group (contact se.schofield@hotmail.com)
- 4:00pm Tae Kwon Do
- 6:30pm Peace Pals Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00pm Goddesses in Training; Zen Meditation
- 7:00pm Being an Atheist or Agnostic
- 7:00pm Rising Voices Choir Rehearsal
- 7:45pm Spirit of Life Choir Rehearsal

### Wednesday, February 27

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

### Thursday, February 28

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

### Friday, March 1

- 12:00pm Cooking for Faith Mission
- 2:00pm Red Cross Blood Drive
- 6:30pm First Friday Potluck
- 7:30pm Multicultural Families Meeting
- 7:30pm Common Read Discussion Group

### Saturday, March 2

- 8:30am Healthy Congregations Breakfast/Workshop
- 8:30am Zen Meditation
- 9:00am Path to Membership
- 11:30am Dance Your Way
- 7:30pm Folk Music Singalong

### Sunday, March 3

- 8:30am Leadership Development Committee
- 9:15am Worship Celebration
- 10:30am Getting to Know UU
- 11:00am Worship Celebration
- 12:15pm Getting to Know UU
- 1:00pm In Praise of Play (Caring Com Workshop)
- 1:00pm Youth Group
- 5:00pm Wellspring
- 6:30pm Young Adult Covenant Group
- 7:00pm FOCUUS (OSU area)

### Monday, March 4

- 4:00pm Art Journaling
- 4:00pm AA Meeting
- 7:00pm UU Dance Fellowship
- 7:00pm Program Council

### Tuesday, March 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
- 7:00pm 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 February: Wholeness/Holy/the Sacred*

February 24, 2013, 9:15 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

#### **“Spirituality and Physics”**

Wesley Thompson, Seminary Student

At 5:30 pm: **Soulful Sundown Service.** (*See page 5.*)

Campus Ministry Chaplain Ben Iten

### *Theme for March: Meanings of God and Grace*

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

#### **“Persuasive Possibility”**

Rev. Suzan McCrystal, Affiliated Minister

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

#### **“Is \$ God?”**

Rev. Mark Belletini, Senior Minister

*Time change is early this year. Don't forget to put your clocks forward one hour.*

March 17, 2013, 9:15 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

#### **“God and Gaps”**

Rev. Mark Belletini, Senior Minister

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