



# The Discoverer

First Unitarian Universalist Church of Columbus, April 3 - 16, 2013

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## MARKINGS

Rev. Mark Belletini, Senior Minister

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I had a wonderful experience two weeks ago. The Goodlife Church of Columbus, a Pentecostal congregation out of the African American stream in American religion, gave me the *Goodlife Make a Difference* award, for work that I have done on GLBT issues all of my life. Tim Ahrens, of First Congregational, received one too. And a professor at OSU in early childhood development, three salon owners/hair stylists, and a man who is the leading articulator of HIV awareness in Columbus. It was held at the church on a Sunday evening, and it was a lovely, kind, and loving ceremony. We each gave little speeches...and the community feeling was wonderful. It's a magnificent idea, actually. I wonder if we could do something like that here...recognizing folks in our community...as a community?

I had a terrible experience a few days ago. My good friend Jimmy, (who has called me "uncle" for the last 15 years) called me in tears to tell me that his cousin, Brittany Jeffers, had been killed down in Centerville by being kicked. The row that led to her death (she has two small children) was horrible and without any sense, and her death is completely tragic. Jimmy set up an account at Huntington (in her name) to help pay funeral expenses and set some money aside for her children. As I led the Passover and Easter talks this year, filled with death and injustices, she was on my mind. Jimmy is amazing, and I am so proud of how he is handling all this.

I will be in Akron next week preaching, in exchange for Tim Timerson preaching while I was on sabbatical. I will visit my son Tony in Cleveland after the service. Hooray!

On Easter day, 1:30 PM...with gratitude to all who helped make Communion, Passover and Easter so lovely this year.



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## CHURCH NEWS

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### Capital Campaign: Going Green for a Sustainable Future

As green leaves emerge all around Columbus, preparations are in the works for Congregation-Wide Capital Campaign Presentations. Now that the long winter has drawn to a close, it's time to think spring, think green, and get excited about the possibilities for sustainability inside, outside, and beyond, First Unitarian Universalist Church.

Hear and see how a **Capital Campaign will sustain our church home with green facility upgrades.** Long-imagined restroom renovations will be designed with modern green construction, design and fixtures. Much-needed facility renovations will include a new roof that reduces our heating and cooling, efficient heating and air conditioning system updates, an LED lighting retrofit, insulated doors and windows...and a possible solar installation, which will harness renewable energy, shrink our carbon footprint, and help make First UU a green facility.

**A Capital Campaign will also sustain our church finances,** helping to retire our mortgage and to invest in the ongoing care of our facility.

**A Capital Campaign will sustain our actions beyond these walls,** enabling us to strengthen and nurture the broader community through increased investment in JAM, our Justice Action Ministry, and to continue our commitment to participate as a fair share member congregation of the UUA.

The Capital Campaign Presentations will be held throughout a two-week period in late April and early May, and will include opportunities for conversation and feedback. You won't want to miss attending—dates and times will be announced in mid-April, and will be varied to accommodate your schedules!

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## **LINKS**

Rev. Eric Meter, Associate Minister

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As he has in each of the last several years, Rev. Kozma Albert recently sent an Easter greeting to us. Rev. Kozma (in Hungarian, family names come first) serves our partner church in Bölön, Transylvania. For the last couple years Rev. Kozma has been working, in both Romania and Hungary, to raise funds to restore the parish's 14<sup>th</sup> century church and build a guest house and multipurpose meeting space.

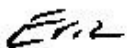
And just as our winter was cold and lingered long, the winter in Bölön was so harsh that they couldn't heat the church enough to make it usable for their worship services, so they met in the building next to the parish house instead.

I'm happy to pass along how heartened he was by the picture we sent him as part of our account of the wonderful Hungarian Feast we held in Fellowship Hall on March 22. And if you thought we were looking forward to our youth heritage trip to Bölön this summer, listen to what he has to say next: Not only are they hurrying to complete the guest house by the time we arrive (which may or may not be possible), they have also asked us to help them name it. Ideas they are considering include *Columbus-Bölön Home* and *The Home of Love and Friendship*. An idea we've thought about suggesting is *Chalice House*. If you have an idea, please let me know. (And I should add that the meanings of words can vary greatly between English and Hungarian, so please don't be surprised if what sounds like a great suggestion to us does not capture their imagination in the same way.)

So while the trip is a big deal to us, it is even more so for the Unitarians in Bölön. Jolinda and I have already begun trying to prepare the seven youth on the trip that they will be instant rock stars there simply by having been born in the States. This is not a privilege they earned, but they will need to respect it, even if it takes some getting used to.

The truth is that we have as much to learn from them as they may from us. Thanks for all so many of you have done, and continue to do, to help make this trip possible.

In peace,



## **CHURCH NEWS** (continued from page 1)

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

Have you heard about Wellspring? Over the past three years, nearly 40 First UU members and friends have participated in this amazing journey. Wellspring offers spiritual deepening within our UU tradition, an opportunity for learning more about ourselves and our faith through a year-long small group experience. There are five components: commitment to a daily spiritual practice, monthly spiritual direction (self-reflection with a guide), small group meetings, reading about the theological and historical foundations of our faith, and putting our faith into action. After a day-long retreat on September 14, we will meet two or three times a month through June, 2014. We invite you to an information session to help you decide whether Wellspring is a commitment you want to make, on Sunday, April 14, 1:00-2:00pm. Bring your lunch, your questions and your open hearts. Contact Ohma Willette at 614-794-3229 or ohmawi@gmail.com

### **Healing Journey**

Are you experiencing grief due to the loss of a family member or other loved one, a job loss, or the pain of another unwelcome life transition? If so, the Healing Journey may be for you. Together we share our stories, and learn how much we have in common with others who also know the experience of loss. The group will meet 7:30 to 9 pm on Mondays, April 15 through May 20. For further information and to register, please call Rev. Eric Meter at 267-4946 x23.

**Sustainable Living** Earth Day is coming! And First UU is celebrating on Sunday, April 21. According to the UU Ministry for the Earth, this year's theme is *Working Towards Sustainable Communities*. Your Green Team urges you to reconnect with the planet that is the source of everything we need and use. Find some time to take a stroll past where the sidewalk ends – open your senses to the world around you. Smell the air and the trees; pause a minute to listen to the birds; look closely at a flower, a clump of moss, or lichen; feel the energy of a rushing brook; touch the rough bark of an oak, or the smooth bark of a beech. After dark, go out and find the moon (is it waxing, full, or waning?), and look for the Big Dipper and Cassiopeia. In short, think about being connected to everything, and how important those connections are.

## General Assembly (GA)

Information on General Assembly (GA) is available at <http://www.uua.org/ga/>. Registration started March 1.

Where: Louisville, KY

When: June 19 - June 23, 2013

Cost: Early registration March 1 – April 30  
adults \$ 330, youth grades 9 – 12 \$190  
Late registration: after April 30  
adults \$380, youth \$225

**April First Friday** April is national poetry month so it's a Poetry Read-in! Bring a poem or two to share and we'll meet at 7:30pm in Slower to share. All are welcome. Jeanni Ray, [jeanniray@gmail.com](mailto:jeanniray@gmail.com), 985-6176.

**Artist Reception** for the current show: "Check the Box" is Sunday, April 7, at 12:45-2:30. Join the artists for food and conversation. How did we make our choices? How do you make yours?

**Free Book Exchange** Please mark your calendars for the next Book Exchange on May 12. These exchanges happen quarterly, on the second Sunday, in May, August, November, and February. —Kathleen Boston

**Women's Spirituality** meets Wednesdays, 7:30 – 9pm. For more information, contact Jeanni Ray, 985-6176, [jeanniray@gmail.com](mailto:jeanniray@gmail.com).

**Book Bites** will meet in Slower Lounge 7 to 9 pm, Tuesday, April 16. New topic: Poetry, Poets or something about Poetry. For information, contact Kathleen Boston, 262-4025.

## Volunteers wanted for First UU bUUKstore

Have an hour to volunteer on occasional Sundays—one shift every four to eight weeks? The First UU bUUKstore provides a special selection of books and other items for First UU people to browse and buy after each service. Their tables are set up in Fellowship Hall most Sundays. When there are two services, there are usually two volunteers—one to set up and work during the hour break after the first service, and the other to work during the hour after the second service (and put things away). The bUUKstore's sales help raise money for First UU as well as provide a special reading selection available at no other area bookstore. If you are interested, please stop by the bUUKstore and fill out the volunteer registration form or send us an email at [bUUKstore@gmail.com](mailto:bUUKstore@gmail.com).

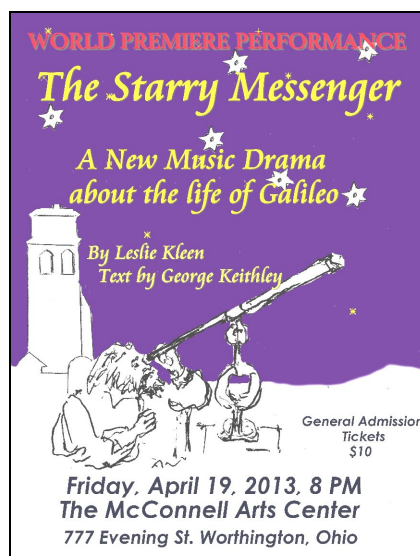


**UU Animal Ministry** meets every second Tuesday of the month, at 7pm, in the Library. The next meeting will be held April 9. Rick Kritzer, 781-1799, [rick94037@yahoo.com](mailto:rick94037@yahoo.com).

**Parents of Infants and Toddlers** meets every second Saturday. The next meeting is on Saturday, April 13, from 11am to 1pm. Rooms 1&2. Contact Nancy Powlick for more information. [lpowlick@columbus.rr.com](mailto:lpowlick@columbus.rr.com).

**Muslims for Progressive Values** conducts an Islamic Prayer Service every Friday at 1pm, here at First UU. 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.

**The Starry Messenger**, a music drama about the life of Galileo will be presented Friday, April 19, 8pm, at the McConnell Arts Center, 777 Evening Street, in Worthington. This will be the world premiere performance of this new work with music written by Leslie Kleen. The text is from a series of poems by the California poet George Keithley. Many members of First UU are involved in this production, and it is sponsored by the Atheist/Agnostic Circle of First UU. Tickets are \$10. They will be sold in the Fellowship Hall before and after the 11am service April 7 and April 14. They will also be available at the door and online at [www.mcconnellarts.org](http://www.mcconnellarts.org)



## JUSTICE ACTION MINISTRY (JAM)



### First UU is a member of BREAD

([www.breadcolumbus.org](http://www.breadcolumbus.org)), an interfaith social justice community organization for making systemic change to improve the quality of life of the many in central Ohio

who have little or no voice. It brings about change by democratically selecting problems to confront, thoroughly researching both the problem and best practices for dealing with it, and working with elected officials and other community leaders to bring one or more of those best practices to central Ohio. It gets that attention and cooperation by demonstrating the power of its numbers at three large meetings a year.

As always, the **Nehemiah Action (Monday, May 6)** will be THE BIG ONE. All 54 BREAD congregations will be working toward turning out a number equal to their average worship attendance in support of BREAD's efforts to limit discrimination against immigrants, improve access to jobs, get chronic ER users into primary health care, expand and improve Restorative Justice programs for juvenile offenders, and get Columbus City Schools to institute positive alternatives to out-of-school suspensions for truancy and disruptive behavior.

This year there will also be a mini-Action at the **BREAD Rally (Monday, April 8)** to ask the 14 Franklin County state senators and representatives to support Medicaid expansion in Ohio. For the next three years, the Federal government will pay 100% of costs for newly eligible Ohioans (those at 138% of the Federal Poverty Level, e.g., \$32,499 in 2013 for a family of four), then gradually decrease its share to 90%.

So if you're able, come to both the Rally and the Action. But if you can only attend one, bring your family, friends, and colleagues to the Nehemiah Action on Monday, May 6. Our congregation's commitment is at least 250!

For additional information about BREAD, go to [www.breadcolumbus.org](http://www.breadcolumbus.org) and/or contact Alice Rathburn, 895-2109, [alice37@insight.rr.com](mailto:alice37@insight.rr.com).

**Monday, April 8, registration 6:45 p.m.**

#### **BREAD Rally**

*Congregation Tifereth Israel  
1354 E. Broad St., Columbus 43205*

**Monday, May 6, registration 6:00 p.m.**

#### **BREAD Nehemiah Action (the BIG one)**

*Celeste Center, 717 E. 17<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Ohio State Fairgrounds*

Additional information: Alice Rathburn,  
895-2109, [alice37@insight.rr.com](mailto:alice37@insight.rr.com)



**Reproductive Justice** is a focus of our Justice Action Ministry Task Force on Women's Health Issues for two years, and the UUA's Study/Action Issue for four years. Jane Larson and Beth Jewell are hosting a three-hour luncheon workshop with NARAL Pro-Choice Ohio and the Ohio Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice.

Join us Saturday, April 27, from 10:30 to 1:30, for the Empowerment Workshop for Reproductive Justice. This is a streamlined version of a conference that Jane and Beth attended in November, and they are thrilled to bring the facilitators to First UU, so that our talented membership can be further empowered to work for justice.

Topics include a policy review, the theology of reproductive justice, messaging tips, and media training. With this training, you'll be empowered to testify, write letters, speak, conduct interviews, and have the one-on-one conversations you've always dreamed about that can change the world! Spread the word; attendance is not limited to members of our church; others committed to reproductive justice are welcome! \$5 suggested donation. Register with Jane Larson, [janelarson47@gmail.com](mailto:janelarson47@gmail.com) or 614-766-4223; please indicate childcare or special dietary needs.



**Feed My Sheep Food Pantry** is in need of canned stew and chunky soup, peanut butter, dried pinto beans, canned meat, and children's books. Bring also aluminum beverage cans. Bring your donations to the Social Justice table in Fellowship Hall on Sunday.

## **THE INNER FLAME**

from Rev Mark Belletini, Senior Minister

Life must be taken as a whole.  
All of your life is all of your life.  
And no one incident stands alone.

Nikki Giovanni *Gemini* (her autobiography) 1971

## ***OHIO-MEADVILLE DISTRICT***

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If adults are approved to work 24 hours, registration fee is waived. If youth work 14 hours, registration is waived. There is also financial assistance, especially for youth. Please contact Rick Kritzer, [rick94037@yahoo.com](mailto:rick94037@yahoo.com), if you plan to attend.

### **Out of Bounds: Moving Beyond Our Boundaries**

Join us for this historic joint District Assembly with keynote speaker the Rev. Peter Morales, president of the UUA. UUs from both the St. Lawrence and Ohio-Meadville Districts will gather at the Niagara Falls Convention Center in Niagara Falls, NY April 26-27, 2013. Full information, details, and registration is available at the OMD website -

<http://www.ohiomeadville.org/program/da>.

***Hurry, advanced registration closes April 15!***

### **Are You Ready for Leadership School?**

UULTI - the UU Leadership Team Institute is back with two offerings this summer - *UULTI by the Lake* July 31-August 4 in Cananadagua, NY, and *UULTI on the Hudson* August 14-18 in Stoney Brook, NY. Youth can explore their leadership skills at *Goldmine Youth Leadership School West*, July 31-August 4 also in Cananadagua, NY, or *Goldmine Youth Leadership School East*, August 20-24 in Stoney Brook, NY. Details can be found at [www.cerguua.org/uulti](http://www.cerguua.org/uulti) or [www.cerguua.org/goldmine](http://www.cerguua.org/goldmine).

### **The WV Youth Service Learning Experience is Back!**

Last year 20 youth had an amazing experience working in the Appalachian mountains of West Virginia providing services to families in need and learning about the unique culture and environmental challenges of the area. This year we return for new experiences the week of July 7-13. Registration is now open for youth who are interested. Adults interesting in chaperoning may also sign up. Learn more at <http://www.ohiomeadville.org/omdevents/590-youthcamp2013>.

### **General Assembly 2013**

This year's General Assembly is in Louisville, KY, an easy drive from all the congregations in the OMD. This year's theme is covenant and the social justice focus will be environmental justice. Local ministers from West Virginia and Kentucky are already working on programs and opportunities in this year. We'll be electing a new moderator as well as other positions. Learn more about the schedule, registration, housing and more at [www.uua.org/ga](http://www.uua.org/ga).

## ***FIRST UU MUSIC***

Tony McDonald, Music Director

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### **BREAD Youth Choir**

BREAD is looking to have a youth choir sing again at its annual Nehemiah Action Meeting on Monday, May 6, at the State Fairgrounds. We did it for the first time last year and it was a success and we want to build on that going forward.

There will be one rehearsal with the whole choir on Monday, April 22, at 7:00 pm, at Christ the King Church, plus we will have an earlier run-through here to get familiar with the music. The choir will sing "Lean On Me" and "This Land Is Your Land." Yours, truly will not be one of the directors this year.

We are now looking for young singers from First UU, ca. ages 10 - 16, to join the group. We had about 12 participate last year want even more this year. Any young person interested, whether you are in a choir here or not, should contact me as soon as possible at: [musicdirector@firstuucolumbus.org](mailto:musicdirector@firstuucolumbus.org). More details to come soon. The Nehemiah Action Meeting is a great experience, especially for anyone interested in social justice, and it is a thrill to be part of it.

### **Adult Talent Show**

The Adult Talent Show (as opposed to the Youth Talent Show) will be on **Saturday, April 13, at 7:30 pm**, in the Worship Center. It, too, debuted last year and was a big hit so let's do it again. At this time we are looking for all types of talent to put on display: singers, dancers, musicians, standup comedy, magicians, etc. Note – in order to make it a really good show, we ask for people with some experience in their area, so no beginners, please. Anyone considering participating should contact me very soon at the above email address. Thanks in advance for all those brave enough to sign up.



## **SCHOOL FOR YOUNG CHILDREN**

Stephanie Rottmayer, Director

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### **School for Young Children in New York**

Thirteen SYC teachers and staff traveled to Manhattan to attend a workshop by Celia Genishi, Professor of Education at Columbia Teachers College. Several SYC teachers had collaborated with Celia to write chapters in two previous books: *Ways of Assessing Children and Curriculum: Stories of Early Childhood Practice* and *Children, Language and Literacy, Diverse Learners in Diverse Times* (Teachers College Press) and we were especially interested her topic for our workshop: Identity and Bicultural Language in Early Childhood. At the workshop, we all shared our personal stories about the languages spoken in our family histories and the impact on our own identities as a way to connect with the importance of language identity with the children and families at our school.

Our staff also visited the Blue School, a progressive, independent school in lower Manhattan. The Blue School was inspired and created by the same people who developed the Blue Man Group. Their mission is to develop and share an inquiry-based approach to education that fosters creativity, promotes academic excellence, nurtures human relationships and inspires a growing passion for learning. Our staff spent the morning viewing the classrooms and talking with some of the Blue School teachers and came back inspired with lots of ideas to try.

A real highlight of our trip was getting to see the off-Broadway play *Bears*, written by Mark Rigney, who is our own Ohio Teacher of the Year, Ann Rigney's son. The weekend was a fun combination of bonding on our caravan drive up and back, educational stimulation and lots of delicious food and sight-seeing adventures.



## **CAMPUS MINISTRY**

Ben Iten, Campus Chaplain

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**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, April 28, 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**

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Congratulations to **Rev. Eric Meter**, who was ordained into the Unitarian Universalist ministry on March 28, 1998.

Speedy recovery wishes go out to **Jacques Angelino**, who had hip replacement surgery on March 19, and has been recuperating at home.

**Jeanne Slasor** has moved near her family in Collierville, TN. We wish her well and also send greetings for her 80th birthday.

**Hilda Maston**, a former church member who had moved to Washington State, died March 26, at age 91.

Condolences to **Doris Oursler**, whose sister Lydia died March 30, due to complications from a major stroke. There will be a memorial service at First UU Saturday, April 13, at 2:00 p.m.

## **FAITH DEVELOPMENT FOR ALL AGES**

Jolinda Stephens, Religious Education Director

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During April and May, I must recruit ALL the Sunday School volunteers for the new DRE. Having to call up strangers and ask them to volunteer would be a very poor way to welcome a new DRE. I know it's early to think about fall, but please do so now. Sunday School is thriving, and it will get a new burst of interest and enthusiasm with the young energy of the new DRE.

We will continue to offer the nature-based Web of Life to Kindergarten, and will add it for K/1 at 9:15. Neighboring Faiths is back for middle school, and High School will continue with a Covenant Group. Curriculum for the UUA will be featured for elementary groups.

Be a part of all the excitement. Call me today or sign up at the Sunday School Table on Sundays. I truly would like to call each of you and spend all my days chatting on the phone. It's much more fun than working on the computer, but there just isn't time. I'm in the afternoons, except Monday, 267-4946, ext 28.

May all be well,

Jolinda

[jolindast@gmail.com](mailto:jolindast@gmail.com)



### **Save Air**

**by Rowan, Laura, Jeremy and Isabel**

*(ages 4 to 7, written during Justice Sunday March 2013)*

Air is everywhere.  
You can't live without air.  
There are consequences.  
If you pollute the air, then you can't breathe it.  
Bike to the nearest store.  
Walk to school, if you can.  
Plant a tree.  
Recycle paper.  
Blend flowers and leaves to make paper.  
Use both sides of paper.  
Don't cut down trees – or plant two for every one you cut down.  
Read *The Lorax*.

### **Faith Development News**

#### **Holi for Elementary and PreSchool April 7.**

#### **Wear Your Oldest Clothes & Bring Your Water Gun for Our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Holi Festival of Colors**

Holi, an ancient observance in India, was originally a celebration of spring. In Hinduism it celebrates the triumph of good over evil. In practice, it is still a time to celebrate spring and to have fun together as a family and a community. We have adapted the practices to work for children. In the **smearing room** you may get your clothing, your face and your hair slathered with fingerpaints. Next door there is **face painting and books and videos about Holi and India**. Across the hall the floor is covered with fragrant **flower petals**, and kids dance to Indian music. Outdoors the water pistols spray color.

#### **Don't let the kids have all the Holi fun!**

For both services we need face painters (we can supply the paints), and flowers. Bring them on Saturday from your garden or your florist. Late on Saturday they will be getting rid of their blooms that won't last.

## Meet Your Religious Education Council

The Religious Education Council works with the DRE to provide all of the faith development programming at First UU with the resources, including policy and guidance, that they need to thrive. Most members of the Council carry specific portfolios to provide support for specific areas or foci of the Council. I'd like you to meet the folks that have taken on this important work this year.

**Christine Davidson** is the Council Chair. She and Billy and their four boys have been at First UU for about three years. Christine has been a Sunday School leader for three years. A former stage manager, Christine was an invaluable resource for our Family Christmas Eve Service, and she regularly brings order and support in the RE Office one day a week. What a powerhouse!

**Tom Baillieul** holds the AEP Portfolio, chairing the Adult Enrichment Program Committee. Tom and Deb have been members at First UU for many years, raising their children here. Both have been Sunday School Leaders also, continuing after their children were grown to be active. Tom leads many AEP classes.

**Dave Gill** holds the Youth Leadership Development Portfolio and was the main organizer for RE for the Children and Youth Opportunity Fair held in early March. It was a collaborative project with Justice Action Ministry. Please talk with him about opportunities for your youth. There are more than a dozen great camps and trainings that incorporate UU values. He and his two children have been attending First UU for about eight years. All of those years Dave has been a Sunday School Leader, until this year.

**Sarah Graffagnino** has served First UU in many ways in the many years she and Bob have been members. Recently she served three years on the Board where she was a strong advocate for children and Sunday School.

**Brandi Nicholson** has been a consistent Sunday School Leader for several years. She and Steve have two children in Sunday School.

**Carolee Noonan** holds the Faith Development Associate Portfolio. She and Marla McMichael-Liston serve as Sunday School Faith Development Associates, supervising Sunday morning activities and supporting the classroom leaders. She and Dan have two children in Sunday School. Carolee is probably the person most responsible for the fact that we have a strong 9:15 Sunday School program.

**Scott Schricker** carries the Safety Portfolio. He works with the First UU Board to develop a Safe Congregations policy so that we have uniform safe practices congregationwide. He and Michele Basso have two children in Sunday School. Both are scientists at OSU and each year they bring brains of various animals to at least one Sunday School group. This year they made their presentation to two groups in connection with Darwin Day.

**Cheryl Smith** carries the Young Family Portfolio. She has been getting to know the families of our infants, toddlers and preschoolers better and is beginning to identify ways to be more inclusive of this group of families. Cheryl and Allen have two children in Sunday School and they have recently begun attending First UU.

**Joanne Wiggins** is the alternate representative from the AEP Committee. You will see her most Sunday's at the AEP Table in Fellowship Hall. She is responsible the AEP Catalogue.

Thank you all. You are bringing such life to our faith development at First UU.

Jolinda

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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 April 3 - 16, 2013

### Wednesday, April 3

- 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 (Spring Session); Men's Spirituality

### Thursday, April 4

- 9:30am Improvisational Dance
- 11:00am Hispanohablantes Aspirantes
- 4:00pm Tae Kwon Do (DOV)
- 7:00pm Intro to Modular Origami; RE Council
- 7:00pm Communication Task Force
- 7:30pm Chalice Choir Rehearsal

### Friday, April 5

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

### Saturday, April 6

- 8:30am Healthy Congregations; Zen Meditation
- 11:30am Dance Your Way

### Sunday, April 7

- 8:30am Leadership Development Committee
- 9:15am & 11:00 am Worship Celebration
- 10:30am & 12:15pm Getting to Know UU
- 12:30pm Strategic Planning
- 12:45pm Artists' Reception
- 1:00pm Youth Group
- 5:00pm Wellspring
- 6:30pm Young Adult Covenant Group
- 7:00pm FOCUUS (OSU area)

### Monday, April 8

- 4:00pm Art Journaling
- 4:00pm AA Meeting
- 6:45pm BREAD Nehemiah Action (offsite)
- 7:00pm UU Dance Fellowship; Kaleidoscope Board
- 7:00pm Ecology and the Human Spirit
- 7:00pm Adult Enrichment Committee

### Tuesday, April 9

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

### Wednesday, April 10

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

### Thursday, April 11

- 9:30am Improvisational Dance
- 11:00am Hispanohablantes Aspirantes
- 4:00pm Tae Kwon Do (DOV)
- 6:00pm Smartphone Photography
- 7:00pm Expressive Collage
- 7:30pm Chalice Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30pm Public Talk by Larry Ward

### Friday, April 12

- 7:30pm All Soles Contra Dance

### Saturday, April 13

- 8:30am Zen Meditation
- 9:45am Zen Meditation Orientation
- 11:00am Parents of Infants and Toddlers
- 7:30pm Talent Show for Adults

### Sunday, April 14

- 9:15am & 11:00 am Worship Celebration
- 10:30am & 12:15pm Getting to Know UU
- 12:30pm Enlightened Hippogriffs
- 1:00pm Committee on Shared Ministry
- 1:00pm Green Team; Transylvania Trip Planning
- 1:00pm Wellspring Orientation
- 5:00pm High School Senior Group
- 6:30pm Young Adult OWL
- 7:00pm FOCUUS (OSU area)

### Monday, April 15

- 4:00pm Art Journaling; AA Meeting
- 7:00pm UU Dance Fellowship; BREAD Team
- 7:00pm Ecology and the Human Spirit
- 7:00pm Healing Journey

### Tuesday, April 16

- 9:30am Archives Organizing
- 10:00am Newsletter Folding
- 4:00pm Tae Kwon Do
- 4:30pm The Personal Essay
- 6:30pm Peace Pals Choir
- 7:00pm Stewardship Committee; UU History
- 7:00pm Zen Meditation; Book Bites
- 7:00pm Rising Voices Choir
- 7:30pm Finance Committee
- 7:45pm Spirit of Life Choir

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**Please note:** In the Board Chair's column of the previous issue, the list of past cooks should have included Pei Hsing-Wu and David Timm, and the list of those delivering and serving, Stephen Fechter and Candyce Walchesky.



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### *Theme for April: Life and Death*

April 7, 2013, 9:15 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

#### **“Experiencing a Wellspring Journey”**

*Rev. Mark Belletini will be preaching at Akron, in exchange for Tim Timerson preaching here while he was on Sabbatical.*

Rev. Eric Meter

April 14, 2013, 9:15 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

#### **“Grief as a Privilege”**

Rev. Mark Belletini

April 21, 2013, 9:15 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

#### **“Life and Death: Our Ties to the World Beyond Our Walls”**

Rev. Mark Belletini

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