



The Discoverer

First Unitarian Universalist Church of Columbus, May 1 - 14, 2013

MARKINGS

Rev. Mark Belletini, Senior Minister

Things wear out. Several light fixtures in my place have either 1. burned out completely, so that replacing the bulb does nothing, or 2. won't shut off—the light in my closet, for example. My friend Finkbone already replaced the first one. I'm calling him today about the second. Thank God for friends who are not only tender and supportive, but also skillful in ways I am not likely to master anytime soon.

But all of these light issues prompted me to think of the song we sing, *This Little Light of Mine*. I shine my light where possible...in office, or pulpit, or a Nehemiah Action meeting...but sometimes my light burns out, and replacement bulbs...days off...don't always rekindle the glow. I used to feel somewhat defensive about that... thinking that my work commitments require me to be fully present all the time.

In the last couple of years, however, I have come to realize that sometimes the replacement fixture takes a bit more skill...the long help of patient friends loving me back into myself, which they have been doing. So this week, I am starting to realize that I am coming back to myself after a long period when I have not always been fully there. I realized that the death of both parents and a brother, as well the deaths of rather significant friends during this same time (Flip, Mark, Mary, Devere, Jeff) have impacted me far deeper than sometimes I pretend. My Oakland friend Kevin and I were talking about this last night (he has suffered a great deal of loss in the last few years too, including the suicide of a partner), and we both realized that something is happening all of a sudden. We both are beginning to hear morning birds and see some pink in the sky, and not just because it's spring. Even on a gray, drippy day like this one. It feels good.

And now I know that the light that is on all the time needs to be repaired as much as the one that no longer turns on. It's worn out, too. I need to have some restful darkness in my life to keep everything else in running order. So my defensive walls are going down, and I am no longer feeling guilty about not being able to work the miracle of being three places at the same time. The choices I make have no better meaning than this: They are a sign of my finitude, my limits, my edges.

Blessings, as we enter the month of May and High Spring...oh, the redbuds!



PS: Please plan on attending one of the circles our hard-

working and thoughtful board have put together to get conversations going about a Capital Campaign. You'll find times and details in other parts of *The Discoverer*.

PPS: Our young folks are amazing...the rich and thoughtful complexity of their Sunday Celebration made me proud...

The Inner Flame:

I change my story by changing what I believe about myself. When I clean up the lies I believe about myself, the lies I believe about other people change. Every time I change myself, my whole story changes to adapt to the new main character.

Miguel Angel Ruiz
author of *The Four Agreements*
Facebook, April 21, 2011

CHURCH NEWS

First UU Work Day Saturday, May 4. At 8:30am, we'll have a continental breakfast from Panera, with coffee, bagels, pastries, fruits and juices. We'll work on church projects from 9am until noon, painting, gardening, weeding, pruning and brush clearing. Let us know if you need childcare. Come even if you can't stay until noon. Care Share Time Bank credits offered. Sign up with Brian Hagemann at brianh@firstuucolumbus.org, or with David Richter at drichter@sciotangy.com.

Annual Reports Attention all group leaders: The deadline is **Monday, May 20**. Your report should contain the group's mission statement, a list of its members, a summary of the year's accomplishments, and plans for the upcoming church year. Send these to Marian Garcia, marian@firstuucolumbus.org.

Spring Choir Concert: *Cantar*

Sunday, May 19, 3:00 pm
First UU Worship Center

Featuring all four First UU choirs: Peace Pals, Rising Voices, Spirit of Life, Chalice. Childcare provided upon request. Free admission. For information, contact Music Director Tony McDonald, 614-327-8854, tonym@firstuucolumbus.org.

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LINKS

Rev. Eric Meter, Associate Minister

May, that lauded month of springtime and flowers, is also, this year at least, a time to begin saying Good-bye.

We'll be doing just that during the Spring Choirs Concert on Sunday afternoon, May 19, as we thank both Dee Keller and Jolinda Stephens for their time with us. As you may know, Dee is moving on to a new job, and Jolinda is retiring.

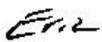
Jolinda was one of the first people I met when I arrived here, nearly five years ago now. Both of us had just arrived in Columbus, and both of us were camping out in Olentangy Village, so we met for breakfast at Mozart's Café. Little did I know then how closely we would work together, and how much I would come to learn from her.

Last week, at a workshop for both our ministers and religious educators prior to District Assembly, I co-led a worship service to lift up those in each group who are moving on to new responsibilities, or simply to new horizons. After saying a few words about how I will miss Jolinda, I offered others a chance to share their appreciation for her as well. I've never before heard colleagues, both ministers and religious educators, speak so well of someone they've only known for just five years.

So please join me on May 19, in raising a glass of punch in toast and saying Thank You to Jolinda Stephens, and in wishing her all the best as she returns to her family in Washington state later this summer.

She has left us all the better for knowing her.

In peace,



Rain & Friends Benefit Concert for the Preservation of Our Partner Church Medieval Buildings

Saturday, May 5, 9 pm

Kafe Kerouac, 2250 N High

Get lots more great music from Rain

Suggested donations: \$15 adults, \$10 students.

We'd be grateful for additional donations. The Bölön Unitarian Church is important in Transylvanian Unitarian history and it has a nearly 200 year-old connection to Ohio. If you can't attend, and want to make a donation, you may make out a check to First UU, with "Bölön heritage" in the memo line, and send it to the church.



FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Beth Jewell, Chair

Register Now!!! Capital Campaign: Going Green for a Sustainable Future!

Please plan to attend one of the following sessions:

Childcare is available at all sessions:

Sunday, May 5, 12:30 – 2:00 pm

Thursday, May 9, 6:30-7:30 pm

Tuesday, May 14, 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Wednesday, May 15, 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Sunday, May 19, 12:30 – 2:00 pm

By making financial commitments in a Capital Campaign, together we can accomplish many things! Through a Capital Campaign, we can work to retire our mortgage, helping us to sustain our church finances and to sustain our actions beyond these walls through increased investment in JAM, our Justice Action Ministry. Through a Capital Campaign, we can sustain our church home and welcome a growing community with green facility upgrades and a classroom addition. Long-imagined restroom renovations can be designed with modern green construction, design and fixtures. Much-needed facility renovations can 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 to harness renewable energy, shrink our carbon footprint and help make First UU a green facility—even a NetZero Facility!! Learn more at a Capital Campaign Presentation!!

Please plan to attend a session. Together, let's explore how we can make a Capital Campaign a signature time in the life of First UU. Your church leaders are working hard to develop a proposal for an exciting and forward-reaching Capital Campaign. The next steps are up to **YOU. YOUR** collective desires and priorities will be affirmed in the final proposal. Please come and learn about what the Board is proposing and give your input and feedback as, together, we approach the important Congregational vote to proceed, which will be taken at the Annual Meeting on June 9. Look for a sign-up table in Fellowship Hall on Sundays or, if you are in the church during the week, sign up on sheets in the Gallery. You may also sign up by emailing Beth Jewell.

All presentations will include opportunities for conversation and feedback. Additional presentations can be added to work with your schedules. To sign up, or to request an additional presentation, please contact Beth Jewell at beth.jewell@att.net or 614-209-2936.

FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

Beth Jewell

So many exciting things are happening! I'm pleased to report that on Saturday, April 27, Jane Larson, Chair of First UU's Task Force on Women's Health Issues including Reproductive Justice, and I hosted a **successful Empowerment Workshop for Reproductive Justice**. Twenty-eight people gathered in Fellowship Hall to learn how to articulate their empathetic, spiritual, peaceful voices to create the culture change our hearts ache for! Kellie Copeland, Executive Director of NARAL Pro-Choice Ohio Foundation, and Cathy Levy, Executive Director of Ohio Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice, presented us with valuable information, tips, and techniques for testifying before legislative committees, writing letters to the editor, and speaking with members of the media. Together we shared our concerns, thoughts and stories, along with salads, soups, bread and dessert. Together we learned how to stand up and voice more loving, peaceful alternatives to the divisive rhetoric we hear so frequently when the subject is reproductive justice. Together, in small groups, we planned our next actions! When we stepped out, hopeful, into the bright spring afternoon, we were empowered with the facts, skills, and courage to help those we love one-on-one, and to help our greater community navigate issues related to reproductive justice, including birth control, health care, abortion, comprehensive sexuality education, and related social justice issues.

Thank you, First UU, for voting last year to make Women's Health Issues, including Reproductive Justice, Justice Action Ministry Task Force focus. Together, we are reaching justice, teaching justice, and inspiring others. **You** are invited to join us with one or both of the following two groups that will continue: 1) to write letters to legislators and newspapers; and 2) to plan an Adult Enrichment Programs class using the curriculum created by the UUA for the four-year Study/Action Issue on Reproductive Justice. *To get involved, email Jane, Chair of the Task Force, at janelarson47@gmail.com.*

Are you registered for General Assembly this June in Louisville? Rick Kritzer has generously volunteered to compile a list of First UU folks attending GA to help you make connections with each other and plan your time in Louisville. Rick shares that he thinks GA is valuable, rich and energizing, and he wants to help others have an enjoyable and productive experience! Interested in serving First UU as a **GA delegate**? The Board will be appointing GA delegates at the May Board meeting. Rick is assisting the Board by reaching out to ascertain GA attendees who wish to serve as delegates. If interested, please email Rick, rick94037@yahoo.com, and let him know, or to ask for more information.

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Free Book Exchange May 12. These exchanges take place quarterly, on the second Sunday, in May, August, November, and February. —Kathleen Boston

Women's Spirituality meets Wednesdays, 7:30 – 9pm.
May 1: birthdays, poetry and sharing
May 8: I remember mama (women who mattered)
May 15: affirmations we create
May 22: let's talk it over
May 29: we remember
Contact Jeanni Ray, 985-6176, jeanniray@gmail.com.
Let's wear our hats for Mother's Day, Sunday, May 12!

Book Bites will meet in Slowter Lounge 7 to 9 pm, Tuesday, May 21. For more information, contact Kathleen Boston, 262-4025.

Dance Your Way class will meet Saturday, May 4, 11:30am – 12:30pm in Room 9. We start with warm-up, followed by some easy stretching, then dance and movement "your way" to a fun selection of music of all genres. In the middle of class, we have a short rest period. I believe that everyone can dance if they just listen to their own body! We meet 1st and 3rd Saturdays, and are always looking for new participants!
—Barbara Taylor, btaylor1787@gmail.com.

UU Animal Ministry meets every second Tuesday, at 7pm, in the Library. Next meeting: May 14. Contact Rick Krizter, 781-1799, rick94037@yahoo.com.

Update - Meatless Mondays Campaign Two more people have pledged not to eat meat on Mondays: David Krohn and Larry Stone. Congratulations to our latest raffle winners: Jerry Squires, Deb McGuire, and David Krohn. They will receive a coupon worth \$10 at The Loving Hut, a vegan restaurant. The Animal Ministry will accept pledges and offer incentives until June 11. To pledge, call Sue Pascual at 614-431-1773.

Vegan Indian Cooking Class with Banana Leaf Chef, Sunday, May 26, 4pm. Contact Rick Krizter, 781-1799, rick94037@yahoo.com, for more information.

Parents of Infants and Toddlers meets every second Saturday. The next meeting is on Saturday, May 11, from 11am to 1pm. Rooms 1&2. Contact Nancy Powlick for more information, 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, 614-274-7330.

JUSTICE ACTION MINISTRY (JAM)



2013 Nehemiah Action
Monday, May 6 • Registration 6:15pm
Celeste Center, Ohio Expo Center &
State Fairgrounds

Directions, Parking, Special Seating:

Take I-71 to 17th Avenue exit. Follow signs to Fair parking. The Celeste Center is located inside the Ohio State Expo Center grounds, east of the MarketPlace Building. For COTA bus schedules, call 614-228-1776 or visit www.cota.com.

Parking is complimentary; however, BREAD pays \$5 for each car so please **carpool** if possible.

The Celeste Center is handicap accessible. Special seating is available for attendees with disabilities.

The meeting will start with music and announcements promptly at 6:30pm.

Allow extra travel time due to traffic and 30 minutes to park, register and find your seat.

FAQ: Why should I go?

The annual Nehemiah Action is First UU's single most effective contribution to social justice in Central Ohio. When one person asks a public official to do something, little happens. But when BREAD does so in front of several thousand people, public officials listen.

FAQ: Why should there be more people each year?

More people = greater effect = better and quicker results!

FAQ: How can just one person make a difference?

Every single person (even children) adds one more to the numbers reported, therefore the total impact. Without the visible backing of thousands of people at this once-a-year event, BREAD's issue committees would seldom even be able to schedule meetings with public officials, let alone get their cooperation.

FAQ: Does someone have to attend First UU to attend?

Absolutely not! Bring everyone you know who cares about social justice!

FAQ: Do I need a ticket?

Yes. Everyone attending, even children, needs a ticket with their name on it. Those tickets provide proof of numbers.

FAQ: Where do I get tickets?

At the BREAD table after services on May 5 or from a BREAD Justice Ministry member. As a last resort, wait in line and get a non-First UU identified ticket at the event.

Additional information: Alice Rathburn, 895-2109, 563-0536, alice37@insight.rr.com or <http://www.breadcolumbus.org>

Fair Trade Table. Thank you to the volunteers who helped on April 21: setup, Kristen Figg; first sale, Kristen Figg, John Friedman, and Karen Torvik; second sale, Ruth Vandersall, Terry LeMaster, and Barb Avery; inventory/cash, Ruth, Terry, Barb, Gregory Kuns, and Chris Johnson. Thank you ALL – this group effort wouldn't succeed without you! We brought in a total of \$860.90 this month. The Fair Trade Table is held every third Sunday; the next sale will be Sunday, May 19. We'd like to thank our loyal customers! Did you know that, for every pound of products you purchase, Equal Exchange donates 20 cents to the UUSC Small Farmer Fund, totaling around \$17,000 a year? And UUs have the highest participation rate of any denomination in Equal Exchange's Program—over 650 UU congregations participate! Please let me know if you are interested in volunteering for our table! Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Taylor, btaylor1787@gmail.com.

Feed My Sheep Food Pantry needs nonperishable food and children's books. Bring your donations, and also aluminum beverage cans to Fellowship Hall on Sunday.

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, May 26, 5:00pm. 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.

CARING CORNER

Congratulations to **Rev. Carol Brody**, whose birthday was April 20, and to **Katherine Faulstich**, who will graduate May 10 from Columbus State Community College with an associate degree in mathematics.

Our thoughts are with **Dotte Turner**, who is recuperating from a fall.

Congratulations to **Kyle Pigman** who received a silver medal in the Special Olympics Ohio Bowling Tournament.

Gwen and Gary Stetler ask us to "send healing energy to the Boston area." Their son, Ben, a Harvard student, was awarded a full National Science Foundation Fellowship "when the climate shifted in Boston."

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION

Annual Meeting, June 9, 2013

The following names have been placed in nomination for the positions of **Moderator**, the **Board of Trustees**, and the **Leadership Development Committee**.

Voting will take place at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, June 9, at 12 noon.

MODERATOR (one to be elected)

Tony Skrabak (Moderator) My wife Elaine Fujimura, our daughter Heather, and I have been members of First UU since 2003. We were active Friends of First UU for several years before that. I have served on the Board of Trustees, including a year as Chair of the Board. During my tenure on the Board, I was an *ex officio* member of Program Council, Governance Documents, RE Council, and Leadership Development Committee. I have also been part of the Coffee Team and currently lead Getting to Know UU Sessions. In my professional life, I work for HP State and Local Government Division, developing and presenting training to state employees on software applications being developed by HP.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES (five members to be elected: four for three-year terms; one * for two years, completing the term she filled mid-year in 2012-13)

James Brown (Board) I have been a part of First UU Church since 2005. I have served on the Sound Team, chaired the Social Committee, washed dishes, organized a dinner, run the Monday night dance, shown movies at First Friday, organized lunch after the service, participated in work days, watched toddlers, and generally been a part of the day to day community of this church since then. I met my wife in this church. I was married in this church with the blessing of a large snow storm. My son is now regularly found running through the halls of the church. I look forward to getting to know many more church members during my tenure on the Board.

Fujio Hayashi (Board) I joined First UU Columbus in 2009. First UU is the first religious organization that I have ever joined in my life. I was elected to the Leadership Development Committee from 2010 to 2012, and served as Vice Chair and Chair. I have also taught Sunday School in the Neighboring Faiths class. I have a BS/MS in mechanical engineering from MIT and an MBA from U of Rochester, and I work for an automotive company that manufactures acoustical insulators as Vice President of Continuous Improvement. I was born in Tokyo, Japan and moved to the US with my parents when I was 10 years old. I have been married to Susan for over 36 years and we have three sons.

Kitty Durham Jones (Board) In the early 1990's, I joined first the choir, and subsequently the church. My children, Ian and Caitlin, attended Sunday School, and I met my husband Oliver (in choir!) in 1993. Early on, I served as a member of the RE Committee and taught a kindergarten-level Sunday School class. I have been an alto in the Chalice Choir for 20+ years, and I coordinated the Auction Bake Sale for five years. I have worked for the Columbus City Schools for 35 years as a physical therapist, the last five serving as Lead Therapist of the 52-person department. I have enjoyed the managerial duties that this role entails, and hope my experience will be an asset to service to the church in the future.

Nina Lewis * (Board) I have been attending First UU since 1998, and have enjoyed a number of diverse leadership roles, including: member of the Recycling Committee; teacher of the Coming of Age class; member of the inaugural Covenant Group; Covenant Group Facilitator; member of the Covenant Group Steering Committee; member of the planning committee of celebratory events to honor our departing Rev. Fish; member of the committee that sought a settled Associate Minister, Rev. Eric Meter; participant in the New Orleans mission trip with our youth; and at the Board's request, filled the Board seat vacated by Joanne St. Clair in the fall of 2012. I enjoy and embrace the community we know as the First UU Church of Columbus, and I am proud to serve on the Board of Trustees.

Nancy Nehring (Board) I began attending First UU in the fall of 2008, along with my husband Mark Rudoff and kids Helena and Jackson. I have managed the Sunday School Information Table, sat on the RE Committee, been an usher, and been a Coming of Age mentor. Currently I'm a COA teacher. I've also played viola and piano at worship services and for choir concerts. Over the years I've been an orchestra committee negotiator, and the administrator of a university music department, a chamber orchestra, and a national music competition, so I have some background in board operations and administration. I look forward to the opportunity to assist in the governance of First UU.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (*four members to be elected for two-year terms, from a slate of eight candidates*)

Steve Abbott (LDC) I have been a member of First UU for 15 years. I have served the church as: Secretary and then President of the Board 2000-2002, including during the Space Odyssey capital campaign in 2000-2001; member of the 60th Anniversary Celebration Committee; Moderator; member of Worship Committee for the past 15 years and as Chair; member of Membership Committee and coordinator of Path to Membership classes; member of Coffee Team; Sunday School teacher twice; and Coming of Age mentor twice. I'm semi-retired from a career teaching English at Columbus State and am active in Central Ohio's poetry community and the General Planning Committee of ComFest, the annual summer festival in Goodale Park.

Jim Bailey (LDC) I have been a member of First UU since 1994, and have served on the Nominating Committee, now called the LDC. I served one term on the Board of Trustees; during my term I was also Secretary for two years and was Board Representative to the Personnel Committee. I am a Professor Emeritus of English at Otterbein University, where I chaired the English Department and served on the Curriculum and Personnel Committees, among others.

Matt Cook (LDC) - I was born in Columbus and grew up in Marysville. I attended Lutheran churches throughout my childhood and into my college years (both Missouri Synod and ELCA). I never really felt at home until I came to First UU. I have been a member at First UU since returning to Central Ohio in 2006, helping teach the RE Web of Life class with fellow member Susan Closson. Currently, I occasionally assist my wife, Diana Castro Cook, with the 9:15 3rd and 4th grade RE class. I appreciate and look forward to the opportunity to continue serving the congregation in a new way through this important position in the Leadership Development Committee.

Christine Raffaele (LDC) I am a member of the Caring Committee, have volunteered with the Summer Food Program for Children, have participated in all of the Art of Developing Meaningful Conversation events, and have presented a Conversation from the Heart. As an attorney at the Ohio Supreme Court, I impact social justice by assisting courts with implementing specialized dockets, such as drug courts. My husband and I have been married for ten years and have two children ages, seven and four. I am very grateful for acceptance in the First UU spiritual home and family. I am happy to use my best abilities to serve First UU.

Tony L. Rice (LDC) I have been a member of First UU for several years. I'm in the choir, have served on the Gay-Straight Alliance, and have been a co-facilitator—and am a current facilitator—for a covenant group. I am also a member of the Covenant Group Steering Committee, and currently serve on the Leadership Development Committee. I have also been a Leadership Development Training Facilitator. Volunteer work includes having served on a variety of community and organizational boards and committees, both in Columbus and Springfield. Professionally, I am in information technology as part of the team managing a data center for a major banking concern.

Mark Rudoff (LDC) My family started attending First UU in 2008, when my appointment as an OSU cello professor brought us to Columbus. In our UU community I am perhaps best known as the cellist performing with the choir and in chamber ensembles. I am also a COA mentor and served on the Choir Director Search Committee. My interest in LD flows from a long commitment to governance, discourse and process. Currently an elected member of OSU Senate, in the past I served on governing bodies for organizations including the Canadian Association of University Teachers, Brandon University Faculty Association, and Saskatoon Symphony.

Jo Ann St. Clair (LDC) I have been a member of First UU since 1991, and have served as Board Chair, Vice Chair, Co-Chair of the Pledge Drive, and have served on the Auction Committee for 13 years, with nine years as Chair. I am a LISW and am employed by the City of Columbus' Department of Development as the Neighborhood Liaison for the South Side, and as Manager of the South Side Neighborhood Pride Center.

Judith Vazquez (LDC) I started attending the First UU soon after my divorce in 1986. I was introduced to, and got to know, the church through my son Eric, who had frequently attended First UU with friends. I have been a member of the Chalice Choir for many years and have served as a representative on the Choir Council. I have also had the privilege of being a mentor for Coming of Age groups. During my first experience as a mentor, I decided to become a member of the church on the same day as my mentees. I have owned and operated my own business since 1997. If elected, I would be honored to bring my 15 years of wide-ranging leadership experience to my tenure as an LDC member.

FAITH DEVELOPMENT FOR ALL AGES

Jolinda Stephens, Religious Education Director



The Board Wants To Hear from Families

Last Wednesday the Board heard from its team that has been meeting with architects, green experts and contractors. As a result, they have launched the Green and Growing initiative which offers an exciting approach to address some of our most pressing issues.

I won't presume to address the Board's whole proposal but I do want to tell you about what's at stake for families:

1. More classrooms/more space for our children and youth. We have added 100 children to Sunday School since 2008. At that time, the class that Board Chair Beth Jewell taught, with twenty 6th & 7th graders, had to spread out to Fellowship Hall whenever they did any activity. Room 6 was too cramped. The renovations to the restrooms (much, much needed) will take away Room 6 at the same time the Toddler Room must be expanded into Room 2. The projection for January 2014, just a few months away, is that we will have more than 300 children and youth. The Board's initiative will add four new classrooms, including one that we can dedicate to the youth!
2. We will "do well by doing good." Green retrofits, such as updated lighting, and green construction, will earn us rebates, save us money AND serve as an ecology laboratory for our kids and a newsworthy testament to Ohio of our beliefs. The plans include several "firsts" for houses of worship in Ohio.

We already make use of the Green Team projects in Sunday School and children's groups for ecological education. From our kindergarteners to our high school groups, ecology is an important concern. The art show Deb and Tom Baillieul are hanging this week is a beautiful testament to how our young children feel about the earth.

The Board is holding presentations *with childcare* to outline this exciting initiative. They need to hear from you and your youth. Family schedules at this time of year are very crowded, but your children's welfare is hanging in the balance.

Here are the dates and times. Please email Beth Jewell (beth.jewell@att.net) to sign up. Sun, May 5, 12:30 to 2pm; Thurs., May 9, 6:30 to 7:30 pm; Tues, May 14, 6:30 to 8 pm; Wed, May 15, 7 to 8:30 pm; Sun, May 19, 12:30 to 2 pm

Two RE Council members have been attending the planning sessions - Christine Davidson and Carolee Noonan. Chat with them next Sunday for their perspective.

Jolinda Stephens
jolindast@gmail.com

Register Now for Peace Camp <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ZBPV58T>

Two multi-aged sessions, each from 9am to noon, Monday - Friday, July 29 through August 2, and August 5 through 9

Every day – and in so many ways – we are reminded that we live in a world of conflict. Help your child(ren) explore ideas of poverty, discrimination and fighting...by sending them to First UU's Peace Camp. We will explore ideas of peace-making "Within, Among, and Between."

In the span of a week, children will experience many peaceful practices, including building a global community, problem-solving, meditating, walking a labyrinth, singing, walking in nature and more. In these ways, our "peace kids" will start to build their own paths towards peaceful living.

Before the start of Peace Camp, send a donation for each child, for \$25 - \$50 to Peace Camp, First UU Church, 93 W. Weisheimer Rd., Columbus, OH 43214. Please make checks out to First UU Church and write "Peace Camp" in the memo line. Questions? Contact Jenifer Bojanowski, Peace Camp Director, 614-216-2426 or greenness.com@prodigy.net.

Faith Development News

Limited 1st Grade OWL Classes

Signup Begins May 5

OWL (Our Whole Lives), values-based sexuality classes, for first grade, will have an enrollment cap this year. We'll offer two classes of nine sessions at 9:15 on Sundays in the fall and the winter. Enrollment is limited to 10 in each class and we will not open to those outside of our regular Sunday School. We have a potential of thirty children going into first grade

next year. So don't hesitate. To find out more about OWL, pick up a brochure at the Sunday School Table, check out the OWL page (<http://www.uua.org/re/owl/index.shtml>), or attend the information meetings on May 5, following each service.

Sexuality Education Information Meetings Sunday May 5, 10:30am and 1pm

We offer OWL (Our Whole Lives), values-based sexuality classes on Sunday mornings to four groups:

- 1st grade
- 5th and 6th grade
- 8th grade
- high school.

The 10:30 half-hour meeting is for 1st and 5th/6th grades. At 1pm, an introduction to all levels, including adult, will be offered in an hour format. Information about OWL (and the addition of a 9am 8th grade class: <http://www.uua.org/re/owl/>)

Don't Miss Out on the Sunday School Excitement

Sunday School is thriving, and it will get a new burst of interest and enthusiasm with the young energy of the new DRE. We need more teachers than ever. We expect to grow to 300 kids this coming year.

We will continue to offer the nature-based Web of Life to kindergarteners. Neighboring Faiths is back for middle school at both 9:15 and 11, and high schoolers will continue with a Covenant Group. Curriculum from the UUA will be featured for elementary groups. Our preschool room will be bursting at the seams with inquisitive three and four year olds.

We also need mentors for new families, two CONcierges to make the arrangements for youth CONS, and multicultural celebrations leaders, and a high school transitions coordinator. Be a part of all the excitement. More information and sign up online <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/S8V8V8Z> or stop by the Sunday School Table on Sunday.

From the Adult Enrichment Programs (AEP) Committee:

How to See a Play Mondays, May 6, 13, 20, 27, 7pm, at the Powlick home. Going to Stratford this summer? Don't walk out saying, "What was THAT about?" Registration required. Contact Len Powlick, lpowlick@columbus.rr.com.

The Cultural History Behind the "Arab Spring" Mondays: May 13 and 20, and June 3, 7pm, Room A/B.

May 13: Intro to the Arab World: Diversity and Transition. May 20: Islam and the Sciences: Giving Credit Where Credit Is Due. June 3: The Arab World Today: Diversity and Transition in the Modern Age.

Registration required. Contact Jennifer Nichols, abdbarista@gmail.com.

Ongoing classes are:

- Book Bites: 3rd Tuesday, 7pm, Kathleen Boston (614)262-4025
- Dance Your Way: 1st & 3rd Saturday, 11:30am, Barbara Taylor btaylor1787@gmail.com
- Expressive Collage: 2nd & 4th Thursday, 7pm, Jeanni Ray, jeanniray@gmail.com, (614)985-6176
- Improvisational Dance: Thursdays, 9am.
- Being an Atheist or Agnostic: 4th Tuesday, 4 pm, Len Powlick, lpowlick@columbus.rr.com
- This Month In Science: 2nd Tuesday, 7pm, Tom Baillieul, tbailleul@gmail.com
- Yoga – Wednesday 7:30 – 9:15 pm, Terry LeMaster, 218-2855
- Central Ohio UU Walkers: Friday 9:30am (Highbanks Metro Park), Erica Scurr, escurr@juno.com
- Men's Spirituality: Barry Keenan, keenan.15@osu.edu
- Parents of Infants/Toddlers: 2nd Saturday, 11am, Nancy Powlick, lpowlick@columbus.rr.com
- Women's Sharing Circle: Full – new group forming. Contact Alice Rathburn (614)895-2109
- Women's Spirituality – Wednesday 7:30 – 9pm, contact Jeanni Ray (614) 985-6176

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CALENDAR May 1 - 14, 2013

Wednesday, May 1

- 10:00am Newsletter Folding
- 1:00pm Archives Organizing
- 5:00pm Campfire Girls & Boys
- 6:00pm Personnel Committee
- 7:00pm Membership Com; Building & Grounds
- 7:30pm Women's Spirituality
- 7:30pm Yoga (Spring Session); Men's Spirituality

Thursday, May 2

- 9:30am Improvisational Dance
- 11:00am Hispanohablantes Aspirantes
- 4:00pm Tae Kwon Do (DOV)
- 7:00pm RE Council
- 7:30pm Chalice Choir Rehearsal

Friday, May 3

- 9:30am Central Ohio UU Walkers (offsite)
- 12:00pm Cooking for Faith Mission
- 6:30pm First Friday Potluck
- 7:30pm Multicultural Families; Tour of "Hogwarts"
- 7:30pm Forum: Discovering Folk Music

Saturday, May 4

- 8:30am Zen Meditation
- 9:00am First UU Building & Grounds Workday
- 11:00am Hispanohablantes Aspirantes
- 11:30am Dance Your Way

Sunday, May 5

- 8:30am Leadership Development Committee
- 9:15am & 11:00am Worship Celebration
- 10:15am Strategic Planning
- 10:30am & 12:15pm Getting to Know UU
- 12:30pm Capital Campaign Presentation
- 1:00pm OWL Parent Information Meeting
- 5:00pm Wellspring
- 6:30pm Young Adult Covenant Group
- 7:00pm FOCUUS (OSU area)

Monday, May 6

- 4:00pm Art Journaling; AA Meeting
- 7:00pm BREAD Nehemiah Action (offsite)
- 7:00pm How to See a Play (offsite); Dance Fellowship
- 7:30pm Healing Journey

Tuesday, May 7

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

Wednesday, May 8

- 8:00am UU Food Co-op
- 7:00pm Memoir Writing
- 7:00pm Board Budget Work Session
- 7:30pm Women's Spirituality
- 7:30pm Yoga (Spring Session); Men's Spirituality

Thursday, May 9

- 9:30am Improvisational Dance
- 11:00am Hispanohablantes Aspirantes
- 4:00pm Tae Kwon Do (DOV)
- 6:30pm Capital Campaign Presentation
- 7:00pm Expressive Collage
- 7:30pm Chalice Choir Rehearsal

Friday, May 10

- 9:30am Central Ohio UU Walkers (offsite)

Saturday, May 11

- 8:30am Zen Meditation
- 9:45am Zen Meditation Orientation
- 11:00am Parents of Infants and Toddlers
- 11:00am Hispanohablantes Aspirantes

Sunday, May 12

- 9:15am & 11:00am Worship Celebration
- 10:15am Free Book Exchange
- 10:30am & 12:15pm Getting to Know UU
- 12:30pm Forum: What Is Happening with Egypt?
- 12:30pm Enlightened Hippogriffs
- 1:00pm Committee on Shared Ministry; Green Team
- 5:00pm High School Senior Group
- 6:30pm Young Adult OWL
- 7:00pm FOCUUS (OSU area)

Monday, May 13

- 4:00pm AA Meeting; Art Journaling
- 7:00pm UU Dance Fellowship; Adult Enrichment
- 7:00pm Cultural History Behind the Arab Spring
- 7:00pm Kaleidoscope Board Meeting
- 7:00pm How to See a Play (offsite)
- 7:30pm Healing Journey

Tuesday, May 14

- 9:30am Archives Organizing
- 1:30pm Library Team
- 4:00pm Tae Kwon Do
- 6:30pm Capital Campaign Presentation; Peace Pals
- 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

Next newsletter deadline: Sunday, May 12. Please send articles to marian@firstuucolumbus.org, or leave them in the Office Manager mailbox in the workroom.

Starting Sunday, May 26 (Memorial Day weekend), we will have only one worship service, at 10am. We resume our two-service schedule the Sunday after Labor Day. Beginning with the May 29 issue, *The Discoverer* will be published monthly. Please plan accordingly for announcements, articles, and submissions



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Theme for May: Covenant and Agreement

May 5, 2013, 9:15 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

“Can We Really Agree to Disagree?”

Rev. Mark Belletini

May 12, 2013, 9:15 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

“Just Do It For Me”

Mother’s Day

Rev. Mark Belletini

May 19, 2013, 9:15 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

“Agreeing To Say Goodbye ”

Jolinda Stephens,
Director of Religious Education

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