



The Discoverer

First Unitarian Universalist Church of Columbus, July, 2013

Our Mission Statement

We are here:

To learn and practice true hospitality

To revere the reasoning mind and the generous heart

To claim our diversity as a source of our strength, and

To relinquish the safety of our unexamined privilege for the freedom to engage in transforming justice

CHURCH NEWS

Rev. Mark Belletini and Rev. Eric Meter are on vacation and study leave. Chaplain Dick Dawson is available for pastoral needs, at 614-563-4855.

Enjoy **the artwork of Evangelia Philippidis in our summer exhibit at First UU**. Evangelia is the award-winning artist from the Columbus Dispatch. Born in Athens, Greece, she grew up in Lorain, Ohio. Her art is inspired by Greek mythology, the Parthenon, which she climbed as a child, and the Great Meteora, a monastery filled with iconic Christian art. Join the artist for food and conversation in a reception Sunday, July 21, 11:45-1:30 in the Gallery and Worship Center.

The **First UU Bookstore** will be open after the service on Sundays July 7, July 21, August 4 and 18. The next **Free Book Exchange** will be Sunday, August 11.

UU Animal Ministry meets every second Tuesday, at 7pm. Next meeting: July 9. Contact Rick Kritzer, 614-359-4035, rick94037@yahoo.com, for information.

Book Bites meets in Slowter Lounge every third Tuesday, from 7 to 9 pm. The next meeting is July 16. New topic for summer reading: Travel books. Questions? Call Kathleen Boston, 262-4025.

Parents of Infants and Toddlers meets every second Saturday. Next meeting: Saturday, July 13, from 11am to 1pm. Nancy Powlick, lpowlick@columbus.rr.com.

Summer Choir. All are welcome. Just one rehearsal at 9:00am on the day of the service. RSVP optional. For more information, contact Tony McDonald, musicdirector@firstuucolumbus.org.

Sunday, July 7 – Nathan Hamm, director

Sunday, July 14 – Brandon Moss, director

Sunday, August 4 – Tony McDonald, director

(Women's Voices)

Women's Spirituality meets every Wednesday, from 7:30 – 9pm. Contact Jeanni Ray, 985-6176, jeanniray@gmail.com, for information.

Artists, start early for our UU September-October art show, *The Beauty of Your Dreams*. Any 2-D or 3-D media. Two works. Take-in will be in late August. Also, don't forget the poets' response to our art on First Friday, October 4. Questions? Contact Deb Baillieul debbsyc@yahoo.com, 447-1223.

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.

Prom Remix 2013 First UU sits in the middle of the vibrant Clintonville community just down the street from Dominion Middle School, a public school which serves children from OSU to the Worthington border, as well as Clintonville. Like many public schools, it is underfunded, and desperately in need of paint, bulletin boards and more. First UU is offering our space for a fundraiser to raise \$20,000 for the school. Please join us on August 3, 7:30pm, for *Prom Remix 2013*, sponsored by Clintonville Go Public and the Dominion PTSO. This over-21 event will feature dancing to music from across the decades, a silent auction, food and adult beverages. Tickets are \$80 for a couple or \$50 for an individual. To buy tickets or make a donation visit <http://promremix13.eventbrite.com>.

Deadline for the August issue of *The Discoverer*:

Sunday, July 21. Please send articles to

marian@firstuucolumbus.org, or leave them in the

Office Manager mailbox in the workroom.

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Fair Trade Project We are ending the year on a high note! Volunteers and our congregants helped us sell thousands of dollars of coffee, tea, chocolate, and other fairly-traded products from Equal Exchange. Equal Exchange promotes farmer-controlled sustainable practices, self-determination by farmer cooperatives, and long-term economic security and benefits for farmers. In addition, for every pound of coffee sold, Equal Exchange donates to the UUSC Small Farmer Fund, which supports worker cooperatives that help farmers and other producers develop their business and leadership skills and make investments in their land, education, and local communities. All of these activities align with our Seven Principles as UUs.

I'd like to thank our wonderful volunteers this year, including: Barbara Avery, Lynne Bieber, Kathleen Boston, Kristen Figg, John Friedman, Ruth Vandersall, Terry LeMaster, Cathy McCutcheon, Karen Torvik, Pat Hoffman, Chris Johnson, Elaine Fujimura, Danya Furda, Jim Pinkham, Gregory Kuns, Suzanne Koebel, Elise Berlan, Kelly Devore, Joanne Wiggins, Charles Williams, Vanda Hughes, Mary Rogers, Leslie Partridge, Helena Rudoff, Carol Bohumolski, Tom Stone, Jane Larson, Deb Baillieul, Heidi Bretz, Steve Crim, and Susan & David Carr. In addition, thanks go to: Wes Thompson and Steve Palm-Houser, who helped coordinate; Denni Hale, our Coffee Hour liaison; and Joe Voltolini, our First UU bookkeeper.

Now, I have a request: although I've greatly enjoyed leading this activity for the past two years, I must resign as leader of Fair Trade as of this September, due to other obligations. If you are interested in taking some leadership role (ordering, inventory, coordinating once-monthly sales, tallying revenues), please contact me (btaylor1787@gmail.com), Wes Thompson (wthompson3233@hotmail.com), or Steve Palm-Houser (steve.palmhouser@gmail.com). You will be rewarded by the knowledge that you are helping advance UU principles in the wider world, as well as bringing organic, fairly-traded, reasonably priced products to your fellow congregants. Two or even several people could easily share the responsibilities.

Respectfully Submitted, Barbara Taylor



First UU is a founding member of **BREAD (Building Responsibility, Equality, and Dignity,** www.breadcolumbus.org), the local interfaith social justice organization of more than 50 congregations that works

to make systemic change in Central Ohio. For more information, contact Alice Rathburn, 895-2109, alice37@insight.rr.com.

YWCA Family Center For me, May is always the month of new beginnings. I am hoping that it is for the families we served at the YWCA Family Center this month. There was a mother there with two black eyes, which her husband/boyfriend inflicted. I sure hope that at the Family Center she is able to get what she needs to move on to safety. Our dedicated shoppers continue to be Sherri Stubbs and Candyce Walchesky. Our wonderful cooks and servers were Sharon Hamersley, Jan Voelker, Susie Gilbert and Jim Conlan. Our wonderful servers and cleaner uppers were Rachel Reid, JP Reid and Holly Borghese.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! When you see these fine volunteers around church please let them know they are appreciated!

We still need one or two people who are interested in coordinating the YWCA Family Center Dinners. We need to have a new coordinator(s) in place by the 4th Friday of August. Please look at your schedules and into your hearts to see if you can take on this very rewarding position. If you are interested please contact me at 614-946-2780 or mccutcheoncathy@yahoo.com.

Very Gratefully Yours,
Cathy McCutcheon



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.

OHIO-MEADVILLE DISTRICT



OMD (Ohio-Meadville District) Summer Institute July 14 – 20 Kenyon College, Gambier, OH

600+ UUs on a college campus? Sound good? It gets better. Rev. Art McDonald

will share thoughts on the theme, including personal, congregational, and larger community perspectives on social justice. Info at <http://omdsi.org>.

Chalice Lighters Would you like to reach beyond the walls of this congregation to help spread the Good News about UUism? Consider becoming a Chalice Lighters! This select group of folks promises to contribute \$10 on a quarterly basis to help our congregations or cluster with growth related projects. The last two quarters benefited those congregations and individuals affected by Hurricane Sandy and for those of you who contributed, know that your generosity made a great impact on the recipients. The call for this current four months will kick start growth of religious education for the small-but-growing Maumee Valley congregation in Bowling Green, Ohio.

The Maumee Valley congregation understands the deep importance of religious education and its ability to leave a legacy of the message of UUism, thus they seek to hire a part-time director of religious education. As well, the congregation has been fundraising so they can match the Chalice Lighter's grant money received. The new DRE in Maumee Valley will help UU children answer important life and faith questions—Who are you? What do you believe as a UU? How does being UU help you make decisions?

This congregation's intentional growing resulted in the hiring of their first settled minister, Rev. Lynn Kerr, in fall 2011. Won't you help them grow further? See www.ohiomeadville.org/challight/clgrants, or contact Rev. Kathleen Fowler at 263-4404.

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 or www.cerguua.org/goldmine

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Register now! Registration is open for Sunday School, which starts in September, 2013. Registering now is important, so we can make Sunday School the best it can be for our children and youth. You can register at the Sunday School table after worship service, or online at the church website, www.firstuucolumbus.org.

First UU Church Annual Labor Day Retreat at Camp Oty'Okwa. Saturday, August 31, to Monday, September 2. Wonderful for families, singles or couples. Workshops, hiking, crafts, community building! Sign up by Sunday, August 18. Register at the Labor Day Retreat table in Fellowship Hall, or contact Patricia Boughton, 467-9020, patkap@wowway.com.

Peace Camp Weeks of July 29 and August 5. Through art, music, discussions, and interactions, we'll work on problem solving and negotiation skills. Both sessions are multi-age. Register at the Sunday School Table or at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ZBPV58T>. Or contact Peace Camp Director Jenifer Bojanowski, greenness.com@prodigy.net.

From the Adult Enrichment Programs Committee:

Book Presentations

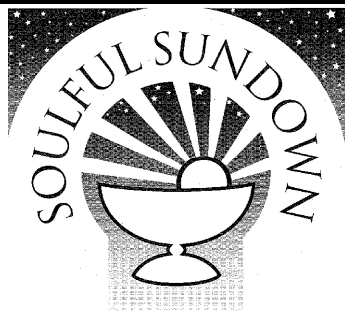
The Heron Spirals: A Commonplace Book
Sunday, July 7, 7:00pm

Caroline Balderston Parry, former First UU DRE, wrote this meditative adult volume of short essays about great blue herons and her life before and after being widowed at age 50. For information contact Jeanni Ray, 985-6176, jeanniray@gmail.com, or Tom Baillieul, 614-447-1223.

Hounded By God: A Gay Man's Journey to Self-Acceptance, Love, and Relationship
Wednesday, July 17, 7:00pm

Joseph Gentilini wrote about his struggle to integrate his homosexuality with his personality and his Catholic-Christian spirituality. For more information, contact Earl Wurdlow, 614-296-6304, or earlword@yahoo.com.

All are invited



Soulful Sundown
Sunday, June 30, 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.

FOCUUS, our campus ministry group at OSU, is not meeting through the summer. If interested in this group, contact Campus Ministry Chaplain Ben Iten at theitens@gmail.com or 614-329-2915. The **Soulful Sundown** worship service (see box above) is still on, though, at 5:00pm, every last Sunday of the month.

CARING CORNER

We send caring thoughts to our sign language interpreter **Kori Tedrow**, who has been battling illness over the last few months, and to **Joanne Wiggins**, who has endured serious complications from a surgery in March.

Congratulations to **Rev. Mark Belletini** who celebrated his birthday on June 16.

Congratulations to **Rev. Carol Brody** and her husband **Paul Brody**, who celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary on June 17.

Healing thoughts to **Marian Clover**, who had cataract surgery on June 13.

Sympathy to **Vanda Hughes**, whose 87-year-old father, Louis Sucheston, died in Florida on June 5.

Happy Birthday to **Rev. Kathleen Fowler**, who celebrated her birthday on June 25.

Congratulations to **Al South** on his retirement from the Department of Labor on June 28.

Congratulations, also, to **Diane Mortimer** who completed her medical residency at OSU Medical Center in Rehabilitative Medicine. Diane, Kent, and Eileen are moving to Minneapolis, MN. We wish them all the best of luck.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to **John McCrystal**, whose ongoing G.I. health concerns have recently progressed to liver failure. He and his family await a liver transplant.

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
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Ben Iten, Campus Chaplain

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Stephanie Rottmayer, SYC Director
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Brandon Moss, Chalice Choir Director
Nathan Hamm, Accompanist/Pianist

Brian Hagemann, Church Administrator
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Naoko Kobayashi, Facilities Assistant
Cathy Hausmann, Facilities Assistant
Don Hippensteel, Sexton

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Highlights of Church Events, July, 2013

Tuesday, July 2

7:00pm Caring Committee
8:00pm Worship Committee

Wednesday, July 3

8:00am UU Food Co-op
7:00pm Membership Committee

Thursday, July 4 – Building Closed

Friday, July 5

6:30pm First Friday Potluck
7:30pm Multicultural Families Meeting

Sunday, July 7

7:00pm Book Presentation: *The Heron Spirals*

Monday, July 8

7:00pm Adult Enrichment Committee
7:00pm Kaleidoscope Board Meeting

Tuesday, July 9

1:30pm Library Team
7:00pm UU Animal Ministry
7:00pm This Month in Science
7:00pm Social Committee
7:45pm Zen Discussion

Wednesday, July 10

7:00pm Personnel Committee
7:00pm Memoir Writing

Saturday, July 13

11:00am Sound Team
11:00am Parents of Infants and Toddlers

Sunday, July 14

11:30am Enlightened Hippogriffs
12:00pm Committee on Shared Ministry
12:00pm Green Team
1:00pm Burma Task Force USA

Tuesday, July 16

7:00pm Stewardship Committee
7:00pm Book Bites
7:30pm Finance Committee

Wednesday, July 17

7:00pm Executive Committee
7:00pm Book Presentation: *Hounded by God*

Saturday, July 20

12:00pm Move to Amend

Sunday, July 21

11:30am Artist's Reception
11:30am Garden Club
6:30pm Time Bank Potluck Meeting

Monday, July 22

7:00pm Funeral Consumers Alliance
7:00pm Justice Action Ministry

Tuesday, July 23

7:00pm Goddesses in Training
6:00pm Summer Work Session
7:00pm Being an Atheist or Agnostic

Wednesday, July 24

7:00pm Board of Trustees

Saturday, July 27

6:00pm All Soles Potluck and Contra Dance

Sunday, July 28

2:00pm PFLAG
4:00pm Community Drumming Circle (offsite)
5:30pm Soulful Sundown Worship Service
6:00pm Bridge Group (call 499-2434)

Recurring Events:

- Worship Service: Sunday, 10:00am
- Getting to Know UU: Sunday, 11:15am
- Zen Meditation: Saturday, 8:30am; Tuesday, 7:00pm (orientation 2nd Saturday, 8:30am; discussion 2nd Tuesday, 7:45pm)
- Hispanohablantes Aspirantes: Saturday & Thursday, 11am
- Dance Your Way: 1st & 3rd Saturday, 11:30am
- Youth Group: 1st & 3rd Sunday, 12:00pm
- Art Journaling: Monday, 4:00pm
- AA Meeting: Monday, 4:00pm
- UU Dance Fellowship: Monday, 7:00pm
- Archives Organizing: Tuesday, 9:30am; 1st & 4th Wednesdays, 1:00pm
- Women's Spirituality: Wednesday, 7:30pm
- Men's Spirituality: Wednesday, 7:30pm
- Improvisational Dance: Thursday, 9:30am
- Central Ohio UU Walkers: Friday, 9:30am (offsite)
- Cooking for Faith Mission: 1st & 3rd Friday, 12:00pm
- Expressive Collage: 2nd & 4th Thursday, 7:00pm
- Strategic Planning: 2nd & 4th Sunday, 11:30am



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WORSHIP SERVICES

July 7, 2013, 10:00am Amy Watson
“World Cafe”

July 14, 2013, 10:00am Wesley Thompson

July 21, 2013, 10:00am Joe Pierce

July 28, 2013, 10:00am Len Powlick
“Introducing Robert Ingersoll”

Also, at 5:00pm
the **Soulful Sundown** service, with
Campus Ministry Chaplain Ben Iten (see page 4)

Sign Language (ASL) interpretation is provided at the 10am service **on June 2 and June 9.**

Hearing assisted devices, large print materials are available at the rear of the Worship Center. Past sermons can be found on the church website.



As part of our commitment to caring for the Earth (our UU Seventh Principle), this publication has been printed on 100% recycled paper.