

# The Discoverer

The monthly newsletter of the  
First Unitarian Universalist Church of Columbus  
93 W. Weisheimer Road, Columbus Ohio 43214

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## *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.

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## HEALING

Rev. Jennifer Brooks, Interim Senior Minister

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Perhaps it is the synchronicity of the universe. Again.

The October worship theme of “Healing” follows the first Presidential debate and precedes the November elections. It follows and precedes heart-wrenching violence locally, nationally, and in the wider world. It follows and precedes all the causes of hurt and grief in human experience.

Healing? My heart has been torn asunder and will be again. How do we heal? How do we continue to nurture what is precious and good in our lives, even as we tremble with hurt? There’s a reason we need an October focused on healing.

Here’s a story I love in one of its variations. It’s about a town in the throes of an election. People wonder how to choose the person who will be the best mayor. They decide to elect the person with the best heart.

Then they struggle with the question of what makes one heart better than another.

It seems they’ve solved the dilemma when an inventor offers a machine that takes a picture of a person’s heart. One by one the candidates enter; from the device a picture emerges. Some hearts look perfect. Others have a healed-over scar or two. But one candidate’s heart is a mosaic of scars: places where the heart has broken and healed, over and over.

Asked to explain this heart’s shocking condition—after all, the idea was to find the “best” heart and this one looks terrible—the candidate recalls all the times this heart has been broken. Loss. Failure. Sorrow. And then healing.

The townspeople come to realize that loving well and living fully opens us up to loss. Yet if a person burdened with sorrow can continue to live lovingly and open-heartedly, the heart heals. Yes, the scars remain. They are markers of a life lived with love and connection and empathy.

So the townspeople choose their mayor. They elect the candidate with the best and most beautiful heart—the heart with the capacity to love and keep on loving despite hurt and loss and deep sadness. And they decide to keep their own hearts open to Life and all it brings.

Let us keep our own hearts open this month, this lifetime. As we go through this election season, as we witness daily the sorrows of the world, as our hearts break again and again, may we practice acceptance, respect, and compassion.

May love, which is the central value of this First UU community, continue to center us, guide us, and restore us—no matter what may come.

~ Rev. Jennifer



## LINKS

Rev. Eric Meter, Associate Minister

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What it does it mean to be a community of healing?

One of my teachers long ago would often use the phrase, “to increase the odds on love.” There was something about the phrase that seemed off at first, but grew on me in time. There are no guarantees with love, and so often the best we can do is to lean in to make it more possible.

With that in mind, our question this month might be, “How does a faith community increase the odds on wholeness?” Well, we might begin by paying attention to one another and those around us, something we do quite well, by and large. All the same, healing is something we usually think of in individual terms, not communal ones. And beyond that? How can we increase the odds on healing in a wider sense? In response, I can’t help but remember what Don Wheat, former minister of one of our congregations in Chicago, once said, “When you don’t give people the chance to say *I hurt*, they end up saying *I hate*.” From the personal to the political, I notice the truth of that just about everywhere I look.



*I hurt*. Such simple words. Such hard ones, all too often, to utter. They can also be hard words to hear. So maybe that’s one thing we can focus on this October, to keep our ears open to expressions of people saying *I hurt*. It doesn’t mean we have to, or even can, “fix” these hurts. Simply recognizing them, and respecting them, is often healing in itself.

Like so many things in life, listening for expressions of hurt takes practice. No one is perfect at it. So this is what I’ll be practicing this autumn month. Join me, won’t you?

That said, we’ll be starting up our Covenant Groups this month. If you are curious, but have not yet registered, please be in touch as soon as possible. These are not discussion groups, but gatherings in which people listen to one another reflect on the challenges, joys and questions of life. In case you haven’t guessed it, the keyword in all of this is *listen*.

See you at church,

~ Rev. Eric

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# GROWING AS WE GO

Rev. Lane Campbell, Minister of Religious Exploration

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## What is YOUR Healing Power?

Perhaps you are an artist, bringing more beauty into the world. Perhaps you have a gift for listening, inviting people to speak their truth and be fully heard. Or maybe you offer healing through touch, through a medical practice, massage, reiki, or any number of healing practices. You could be someone who is deeply committed to justice, healing our world through acts of love and compassion for your neighbor and your community.



Amongst our greatest teachers in the Unitarian Universalist tradition is Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus was a man who had much to teach each of us through his actions, through word, and through the stories told about him that have brought meaning and purpose to many lives. I value the teachings of Jesus and work to give our children and youth a basic understanding of the stories told about him in our Sunday School program.

What people often find hardest to believe about Jesus are the stories of his abilities to heal. It is written that he helped the blind to see, healed leprosy, and helped people to walk who previously had no ability to do so. Are these stories true? Maybe so. Maybe not. What I do know about the stories told about Jesus is that they are intended to serve as metaphors and meaning-makers in our own lives.

What I take away from these stories is that each one of us, as human beings, has a power to heal. As human beings, we bring some power to heal into communities we are a part of, and into relationships we enter. Our ever-growing nature speaks to this. The miraculous ways our bodies heal and regenerate speak to this. Our deep need for relationship and connectedness speak to the healing powers of individuals and communities.

And it doesn't mean we need to heal in miraculous ways, like the stories told about Jesus. Our days are full of ordinary, every day acts of healing. When we learn something new, when we put a bandage on a wound, when we notice something different about a friend or a loved one (or even ourselves) and name it, we are healing. When we take time in stillness, when we make a meal for a friend, when we give out of our own sense of generosity, we are healing.

What is your healing power? What is the unique gift you offer the world?

I am convinced that, as we come to know our own healing powers, we bring deep change into the world. To know and claim our healing powers is to cultivate and strengthen them. And when we enhance these powers, we have the capacity to deepen and transform our world. May it be so in our lives, in the lives of those we love, and in the lives of all who come in and out of existence in the days ahead.

~ Lane

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## Sunday School Orientation for New Families

If you are interested in learning more about our Sunday School Program, First UU has an opportunity for you to get to know more about what this church offers our children and youth. Sunday School Orientation will take place four times throughout the year, and the first opportunity is Sunday, October 2, 12:30-1:30pm. Join Rev. Lane to hear what classes are being offered, what the goals of the program are, and to have any questions you may want to ask answered. No RSVP required; please feel free to join in as you are able.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Ginnie Vogts, Board Chair

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I'm so excited about the start of our new church year and all that First UU is involved in. It's no wonder that we are considered by many to be the "flagship" congregation of the region. That word *flagship* seems to fit First UU: We are becoming the leader we should be, through our participation, modeling, showing up and standing up.

At the 2016 General Assembly, we led several workshops: *Youth Racial Justice Week in 75 Minutes or Less* with Rev. Lane and youth leaders Gus Roussi, Emma Merchant, and Sam Roscigno; a workshop on our partner church with Rev. Eric and Rev. Albert Kozma from Bōlōn, Transylvania; *Diversity Learning* with Rev. Jennifer and Dick Dawson, along with the Church for All People; and Michael Greenman's workshop *Move to Amend and Climate Change*. In addition, we provided almost half of the volunteers; responded with a positive message of love to a negative Westboro demonstration; provided sanctuary space and pastoral care to GA participants hosted the Black UU Ministers meeting; helped organize the UU Service Committee demonstration against Wendy's; and were, overall, a strong presence at GA.

On other fronts, many of us are getting involved in Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ) and finding meaningful ways to support black-led organizations in their struggle for justice. We are outraged and distressed at the seemingly endless killings of black men and boys in Ohio and are showing up at community meetings to support their families and communicate our dismay. We were part of the Moral Declaration Day of Action on September 12, and look forward to the next steps to grow this demonstration of fusion politics as described by the Rev. Dr. William Barber, the originator of Moral Mondays in North Carolina and a keynote speaker at GA. We're engaged in ongoing efforts to get out the vote and register voters are being made in collaboration with the People's Justice Project and the League of Women Voters. We were also sponsors of the Interfaith Association of Central Ohio main event that featured Interfaith Habitat for Humanity.

Our Religious Exploration for Children and Youth is burgeoning. Two young people who are products of it are beginning their classes at OSU with full scholarships based, in part, on their diversity work at First UU. And many more youth are entering this torn world with confidence, backed by the values they developed here.

So, as we ponder our direction, sharpen our mission, and live our values, I think it's perfectly fine to be known as the flagship UU church of Central Ohio. In fact, if someone else hadn't said it first, I'd be saying it myself. Stay tuned to hear more about how we can work together to search for our new settled Senior Minister, be leaders for justice in our city, and fund our values, so that we may continue and flourish.

Ginnie Vogts  
Board Chair



## MINISTERIAL SEARCH TEAM

Judy Kleen, Team Leader

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Your Ministerial Search Committee is promoting the [survey](#) that is now available online. The information we gain will be invaluable in helping us pick the right person for our First UU community. It only takes a few minutes of your time, and the more responses there are, the more representative the results will be. Click the blue link go directly to the [survey](#). NOTE: **The survey ends on October 2, so time is very short.**

Another important upcoming event is the **“Beyond Categorical Thinking” workshop Saturday, October 8, from 9am – noon in Fellowship Hall**. Unperceived biases can sometimes keep a church from calling the minister who best fits their situation. UUA facilitators Mary Esther Johnson and Amanda Schuber will discuss how our congregation can avoid letting these biases cloud the way we think. This workshop allows the entire congregation fuller participation in the search. It will allow us to explore our hopes and concerns for a new minister and see how our own history (both personal and congregational) impacts our efforts in this search. Mary Esther and Amanda will also speak at the Sunday worship services on October 9. Please do your best to attend these special events.

## MUSIC PROGRAM

Tony McDonald, Music Director

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First UU Music presents a seasonal event for the whole family, especially kids. It's the **Halloween Sing-along on Friday, October 21, 6:30 – 7:30 pm in Fellowship Hall**. Peace Pals Choir directors Cath Saveson and Leigh Mamlin will lead children and families in singing some fun songs of the fall (or any) season. And, of course, *Halloween costumes are a must*.

We first held this event a few years ago and it was a hit, so the Halloween Sing-along is back. Along with the singing, there will be a costume parade, and ghost stories told by Debbie Shaw. We will provide a few snacks (read: s'mores), but parents may also bring some of their own kid's favorites. It's a great way for the whole family to get into the fall spirit and have a good time. No admission or RSVP, we'll just see you there.

### EARTH-FRIENDLY NEWS



#### Did You Know?

Since the installation of our solar array at First UU this past February, it has generated over 4.1 MWh of electricity!

- CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions Offset: 6,304 lbs
- Equivalent Trees Planted: 158.8
- Light Bulbs Powered (for a day): 12,336.2

Also, our filtered water dispenser has helped eliminate waste from 2987 disposable plastic bottles.

## CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

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**Diversity Learning Circle** Saturdays, October 1 – November 19, 10am-11:45am. Application required. Led by Rev. Eric Meter and Rev. Lane Campbell. Are you open to engagement in multicultural settings with people different from yourself, but want to avoid the inevitable awkwardness that often accompanies showing up in a completely new context? Join our autumn Diversity Learning Circle, developed in consultation with leaders from the Church for All People and Tamara Lebak, a certified Intercultural Competency Development Inventory (“IDI”) administrator and coach. Participants take the IDI, have a one-on-one session with IDI coach Tamara Lebak (phone or Skype), and meet for eight weeks (six preparation sessions followed by two, two-hour volunteer opportunities scheduled outside of class and two reflection sessions at the regular class time). A class fee of \$25 covers course materials. There is also a \$100 cost for test administration and interpretation of test results, but scholarship funds are available; First UU and the UUA will not let cost be a barrier. The course textbook is Dr. Ruby Payne’s Framework for Understanding Poverty (5th Ed 2013, provided). Guest presenters: Margaret Madison of the Church for All People and Tamara Lebak.

**Path to Membership Class** Two times to choose from:

- Saturday, October 29, 9am to 1pm
- Wednesday, November 9, 6-9pm

Are you interested in becoming a part of our First UU community? Join us to learn more. Registration required. Contact Marian Garcia, 614-267-4946, x 21, or marian@firstuucolumbus.org.

**Building and Grounds Workday** Please join us on October 15 from 9am to 12 noon. We have many opportunities both inside and outside of our building, and we need volunteers. A hot breakfast will be served in Fellowship Hall at 8:30am.

**Entertainment Books** Start using the new 2017 Entertainment Book, which is full of discount coupons, as well as online coupons, for local restaurants, stores, bakeries, sport events, symphony, and much more. Cost is \$30, of which \$7.50 goes to First UU's coming of Age group. Books are available after each service through the middle of December.

Karin Erickson, 614-834-3988

**Thanksgiving Dinner** Thursday, November 24, 2pm, setup at 1pm. Come one, come all! Yes, we'll have our annual talent show. (Yes, you do have a talent, so join in!) Make reservations with Jeanni Ray, 614-985-6176 or jeanni1954@gmail.com, by November 17, with the number of people in your party, the dish or dishes you will bring, whether you can help with setup/cleanup, and whether you'll be in the talent show. We'll need three turkeys which, if you want, can be cooked at the church. Also, we'll take up a collection to help with the cost; those donating turkeys can expect some refund.

**Art at First UU** Members exhibit, "Driven to Abstraction 2," September 1 - October 30. This show features abstract art. What does it mean? What would you title the art? Use a Post-it note to add your title to each piece. The artists won't reveal their titles until October 7, giving you time to think about it. The UU Poets will writing poetry about the art—and you can, too! Send your poem (just one poem, please) and its title, and the artist's name, to Jeanni Ray by October 4. **Join the Poets and Artists at First Friday**, October 7 at 7:30 for readings of their responses to the art and a close up look at the art. Interested in participating in the poetry? Please contact Jeanni Ray [jeanni1954@gmail.com](mailto:jeanni1954@gmail.com). Interested in purchasing an artwork for your home or office? Contact Deb Baillieul at [debbsyc@yahoo.com](mailto:debbsyc@yahoo.com). (10% of proceeds go to the church).

**First Friday Potluck** October 7. Potluck starts at 6:30pm. At 7:30pm, kids' movie and board games for older kids/adults. **Also at this First Friday:** The UU Poets will have a poetry reading about the **First UU members art exhibit** (see above).

Laurie Brown, 614-246-0170

**Bookbites** Tuesday, October 18, 7-9pm, Slowter Lounge. Topic: The topic is “Humor.” The topic for November 15 is “Readers’ Choice.”

Kathleen Boston, 614-262-4025

**Free Beginners Yoga Session** Thursday, October 13, 7:15-8:45pm, in Fellowship Hall. Sponsored by First UU Men's Spirituality Groups, and offered by Isha Foundation, an international non-profit dedicated to human wellbeing and raising human consciousness.

Stephen Lovejoy, [stephenqx5@gmail.com](mailto:stephenqx5@gmail.com), 740-427-3957

## JUSTICE ACTION MINISTRY (JAM)

Steve Palm-Houser, Chair

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**BREAD** (*Building Responsibility, Equality, and Dignity*), 614-220-9363, [www.breadcolumbus.com](http://www.breadcolumbus.com), [www.facebook.com/breadorganization](http://www.facebook.com/breadorganization))



is Central Ohio's congregation-based, multi-faith community organization that holds local officials accountable for serious community problems.

For BREAD's Fall Listening Process, our congregation is holding several listening sessions at church. In these small group meetings, we'll share our personal stories about what we're worried about and the community problems we see around us. This is a chance to deepen relationships within First UU and learn more about how BREAD works. The information and stories we gather will help shape BREAD's work over the coming year.

Interested? Sign up at the BREAD table in Fellowship Hall for one of the following listening sessions, or contact Chris Johnson, [chris@underspecified.com](mailto:chris@underspecified.com), 614-946-1287. If none of these times work for you but you want to be part of the process, let us know and we'll work something out.

Sunday, October 2, 1-2:30pm - Steve Lovejoy

Sunday, October 2, 1-2:30pm - Alice Rathburn

Monday, October 3, 7-8:30pm - Alice Rathburn

Tuesday, October 4, 7-8:30pm - Chris Johnson

Wednesday, October 5, 10-11:30am - Jef Gamblee

Wednesday, October 5, 7-8:30pm - Bob Rice

Wednesday, October 12, 10-11:30am - Jef Gamblee

Wednesday, October 12, 7-8:30pm - Bob Rice

**Pathway Clubhouse** will have its Grand Re-Opening Wednesday, October 19, 4-7pm at 1203 E. Broad Street, Columbus, 43205. All are invited. With the ADAMH funding that BREAD's Mental Health campaign asked for, and won, Pathway will be significantly upgraded and seek accreditation with Clubhouse International. We're very excited about this victory, as we've seen the difference that accredited clubhouse programs can make in the lives of those with mental illness.

**Thanks!** First UU raised over \$13,000 for BREAD's Investment Drive! Thank you to the following:

Dan Baer, Marilyn & Tom Beerman, Alexandra Bonsteel & Daniel Gerritsen, Robert Bradish & Betsy Farquhar-Bradish, Susan Carter, Marty Cicchinelli & Ron Bruder, Susan Closson, Roger Cole, Chris & Barbara Collins,

Denise Deschenes & Helene Roussi, Jo Dickinson, Larry & Heidi Drake, Cathy Elkins, Meredith Farmer, Alice Faryna, Gretchen Faulstich, Olwen Firestone, Joanne Frantz, Donald Freidenberg & Marie Simeo, Bill Fullarton, Jef Gamblee, John & Tiffany Grinstead, Wanda Hambrick, Sharon Hamersley, Don & Carolyn Hippensteel, Paula Hook, Sylvia Howe & Paul L'Herrou, Rich Humenick & Deb Steward, Chris Johnson, Karen Jones, Karen Keenan, Nancy Kremer, Jane Larson, Karen Lewis, Stephen Lovejoy, Carlos Lugo, Margaret Lynd, Phil Meeks, Rev. Eric Meter, J. William & Jane Miller, Bob Mills & Judy Kleen, Marguerite Molk, Susan Musick, Georgeann Neuzil, Cathy & Kevin O'Neil, Katherine & Edward Oberle, Sharon Oliver, Alice & Ron Rathburn, John & Jane Reisman, Bob Rice, Joan Shkolnik, Craig & Charlene Sievert, Rob & Amy Sievert-Wagner, Ingrid Silvian, Dr. Stuart & Rev. Lynda Smith, Tom & Evelyn Stephens, Linda Thompson, Madelon Timmons, Karen & Ross Torvik, Ginnie Vogts, Candyce Walchesky, Laurie Weltlin & Norm Maschner, Tom Wheeler, Noel Williams, Tien Hsing & Pei Hsing Wu, and Jane Young.

**The Feed My Sheep food pantry** needs items such as peanut butter, feminine hygiene products, chunky soup, dog food, cat food, canned meat, and children's books. October 16 will be "Socks-It-To-Me Sunday." We'll be collecting children's socks, all sizes. Please bring items to Fellowship Hall, Sunday mornings only.

**Reproductive Justice** This summer has seen three pro-choice court victories, just here in Ohio (and many others in other states).

- 1) The court found that Preterm did have standing to challenge the 2011 budget provisions that required the heartbeat detection, medically unnecessary medical procedures and biased counseling, so that case will finally start moving forward.
- 2) Capital Care Toledo won in the Lucas Co. Court of Appeals, the court ruling that the transfer agreement requirement was in fact an undue burden with no evidence that it increased patient safety, was also a violation of the single subject rule because it was inserted into the budget bill, and also allowed hospitals undue interference in the licensing of the clinic. This ruling allows the clinic to continue to operate. The AG's office has 45 days to appeal to the Ohio Supreme Court.
- 3) PP Greater Ohio and PP Southwest Ohio won a permanent injunction against HB 294's provisions that would have defunded them because they are also an abortion provider, which requires ODH to continue to fund the agency. The AG's office has already said they will appeal this ruling.

## CARING CORNER

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### Congratulations to:

**Martha and Dave Morr**, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on September 17. They were married here in 1966 by Rev. J. Franklin Chidsey.

**MaryLou and Dave MacDonald** who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on September 10.

### Happy Birthday to:

**Rev. Eric Meter**, whose birthday was August 28.

**Nancy Powlick**, who turned 80 on August 26.

### Our sympathy to:

**Pat Hurley**, whose husband **Bill Hurley** died August 26. A memorial service will be held at First UU Saturday, October 1, at 1pm.

**Carolyn Madison** on the death of her daughter, Susan, who died after a long struggle with cancer.

**Joe Sinsabaugh**, son of **Marie Sinsabaugh**, former long-term member who died August 15.

**Gene and Kenneth Ackerman**, on the death of Gene's sister.

### The following were hospitalized during the month:

**Mary Rogers** (kidney replacement)

**Leslie Partridge** (knees replacement)

**Dick Luckay** (various surgeries)

**Linda Halleran** (breast cancer)

**Erica Scurr** (heart problems, high blood pressure)

Our caring thoughts are with **Rev. Carol Brody**, who is now receiving hospice care at her home in Wesley Glen. Her energy is low but she enjoys getting cards, phone calls and short visits.

## THE WIDER UU WORLD

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### Mindful Journey in 2017, for UUs and friends

**Peru:** March 25-April 5, 2017. Journey led by UU minister, Rev. Wayne Walder, Toronto, Canada, [www.nuuc.ca](http://www.nuuc.ca). For an itinerary for the journey, please email [Beverlz@me.com](mailto:Beverlz@me.com). To learn more about Mindful Journeys go to <http://nuuc.ca/spiritual-growth/spiritual-practice/mindful-journeys/>

**UU Commitment and Generosity.** As a result of our share-the-plate collections during July and August, First UU sent \$1857 to the UU Service Committee to support humanitarian aid and justice advocacy here in the US and around the world.

**Beyond Boundaries: Controversies, Frontiers, and Growth in UUism.** October 27-30, Airport Hilton, Bloomington, Minnesota. Speakers: UU Collegium Scholar Rosemary Bray McNatt, UU History and Heritage Society Special Speaker Tisa Wenger, and Speaker on Midwest UU History Stefan Jonasson. Register by October 15 at [www.uuconvo.org](http://www.uuconvo.org).

## ARCHIVES TEAM

Linda Thompson, Historian

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We're is happy to welcome a new member to the Archives Team, Rev. Sylvia Howe. She has written about her memories of when she was a First UU member earlier:

### *Memories of Days Past*

Sylvia Howe

As I've shared with many of you, I was active in the church from the late 60s to 1981, when I left to begin serving UU congregations as a parish minister. My husband Paul L'Herrou and I moved to Columbus in April 2015, so that we could be involved in our youngest grandson's (Gus) daily life.

First UU in not the same church it was when I left. It has grown from a small, mid-sized congregation to a vibrant large congregation. It has changed, but the UU spirit has not. I still have good friends from those early years. Like today, the church of my past was a fun place to be. Being a young mother, I spent many Sundays in the Toddler Room. Ellen Carter and I were there with our boys (Tony Sucheston and Ted Ford). My youngest son, Peter, was born into the church. My oldest son, Ross, was part of a class that created their own "Ecological Cookbook." I taught Sunday School (I believe it was Human Heritage) where I convinced Carol Brody to let us put together boxes of cow bones I had lugged back from my cousin's farm in Massachusetts. When it was complete, someone told me that I had put the pelvis on backward! Once the class was finished, the cow lived for a while in the room beside the kitchen until Rev. Whitney told me to "get it out of here." I did!

I served as a member of the RE Committee, then became the Chair. I served on the Board and became the Secretary. I look forward to reading the minutes from that time. The year Judy Chicago's "The Dinner Party" began its tour, Sharon Oliver and I took my mother to see it in Boston. Soon after, Carol and I created our own dinner party for the women of the church. We think it was called "Strawberries and Stars." And then there were the parties and dances and weddings in the Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall. There were retreats and eight-at-eight dinners, family groups and women's consciousness-raising groups, etc., etc.

Whether you are a visitor, a new member, or a long-time member we all have memories of this special place we call our spiritual home. What are some of yours?

## CALENDAR

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- Adult Programs: 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday, 7-9pm
  - Archives Team: Tuesdays, 9:30am
  - Atheists/Skeptics/Humanists: 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, 7pm
  - Book Bites: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 7pm (October: “Humor”)
  - Board Executive Committee: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, 7pm
  - Board of Trustees: 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, 7pm
  - Book Discussion: *Between the World and Me*:  
Wednesdays, 5:30pm (until 10/19)
  - BREAD Team: 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 7pm
  - Bridge Group (call 614-499-2434): 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, 6pm
  - Building and Grounds: 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, 7pm
  - Care and Share Time Bank: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, 6:30pm
  - Caring Team: 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 7pm
  - Chalice Choir: Thursdays, 7:30pm
  - Contra Dance: 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday, 7:30pm
  - Cooking for Faith Mission: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday, 12pm
  - Covenant Group Facilitators: 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday, 6:30pm
  - Creative Open Studio: Mondays, 3-5pm
  - Farrohk & Jean Meditation: Thursdays, 6:30 (until 10/20)
  - Finance Committee: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 10:30am
  - First Friday, Potluck/activities, 6:30pm
  - Getting to Know UU: Sundays, after each service
  - Hispanohablantes: Saturdays, 10:45am
  - Improvisational Dance: Thursdays, 9:30am
  - Intergenerational Book Group: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, 7pm
  - Job Seekers Support Group: 4<sup>th</sup> Monday, 7pm
  - Justice Action Ministry: 10/3, 5:30pm & 4<sup>th</sup> Monday, 7pm
  - Library Team: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 1:30pm
  - Memoir Group: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, 7pm
  - Move to Amend: 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday, 12pm
  - Neighboring Faiths: Mondays, 7pm
  - Nominating Committee: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday, 8:30am
  - PFLAG: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, 2pm
  - Plant & Garden Share: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, 12:15pm
  - RE Team: 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, 6:30pm
  - Rising Voices Choir: Tuesdays, 7pm
  - Sacred Song Circle: Wednesdays, 6pm
  - Spirit of Life Choir: Tuesdays, 8pm
  - Stewardship: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 7pm
  - This Month in Science: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 7pm
  - UU Dance Fellowship: Mondays, 7pm
  - Wednesday Women's Book Group: 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, 1pm (October: *The People of the Book*)
  - Worship Team: 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 7:30pm. Interested?  
Contact Rev. Jennifer Brooks, 614-267-4946, ext. 22
  - Zen Meditation: Saturdays, 8:30am; Tuesdays, 7pm
- Saturday, October 1**  
1:00pm Bill Hurley Memorial Service
- Sunday, October 2**  
1:00pm Sunday School Orientation  
1:00pm BREAD Listening Session – Chris J.  
1:00pm BREAD Listening Session – Alice R.
- Monday, October 3**  
7:00pm BREAD Listening Session – Alice R.  
5:30pm, Justice Action Ministry
- Friday, October 7**  
6:30pm First Friday Potluck  
7:30pm UU Artists' and Poets Poetry Reading
- Saturday, October 8**  
9:00am-12:00pm Congregational Workshop  
for Ministerial Search:  
*Beyond Categorical Thinking*
- Thursday, October 13**  
7:15pm Yoga for Beginners
- Saturday, October 15**  
9:00am Building & Grounds Workday
- Friday, October 21**  
6:30pm Halloween Sing-along
- Saturday, October 22**  
10:00am-12:00pm Diversity Learning Circle  
1:30pm-4:30pm Diversity Learning Workshop

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## **UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES**

**October's Theme: *Healing***

Sunday, October 2, 9:15am & 11am

*Resilience*

Rev. Jennifer Brooks

Sunday, October 9, 9:15am & 11am

*Beyond Categorical Thinking*

Amanda Schuber and Mary Esther Johnson, UUA Facilitators

(This service is part of the UUA's recommended Ministerial Search process.)

Sunday, October 16, 9:15am & 11am

*Pay It Forward, With Love*

Rev. Jennifer Brooks and Rev. Mark Belletini

Rev. Mark Belletini joins Rev. Jennifer Brooks this morning to consider the promise of First UU's future.

Part of our two-year transition process, Rev. Mark's participation in this special worship service is at

Rev. Jennifer's invitation.

Sunday, October 23, 9:15am & 11am

*Every Conversation is a Cross-Cultural Conversation*

Rev. Eric Meter and Tamara Lebek

October 30, 9:15am & 11am

*Remembrance*

Rev. Lane Campbell