

The Discoverer

The monthly newsletter of the
First Unitarian Universalist Church of Columbus
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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.

IDENTITY

Rev. Jennifer Brooks, Interim Senior Minister

Each of us from time to time stands alone beneath the stars, longing to know our place in the universe. There is something about the majesty of endless dark strewn with tiny lights that provokes both awe and self-reflection.

Who am I? Why am I here? What is the meaning of life?

These are expressions of humankind's deepest longing. It's as if the universe, expanding for billions of years, evolved creatures that could speak its most profound questions. Perhaps we who ask are the ones tasked with finding the answers. Perhaps to search for meaning is what we evolved to do.

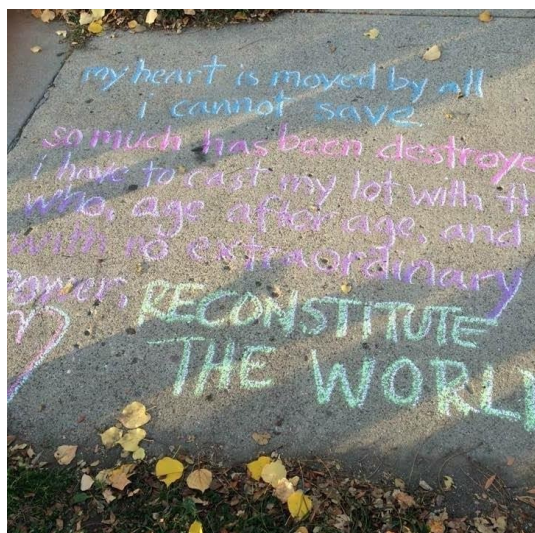


Perhaps the answer to our search for meaning is, ultimately, not in service to the meaning of life but to the meaning we each make from our own individual lives.

Yet our meaning-making is often overwhelmed by the sheer busyness of our lives. Survival, success, relationships good and bad, security, insecurity, errands and what's-for-dinner. In all of this activity, who we are and the meaning we hope to make can get lost.

Until we stand under the stars again, and look up, and remember the questions.

In February 2017, somewhere along the timeline of 13.5 and 13.6 billion years into the life of the universe, we are in a moment when there is an urgency to who we are and the meaning we hope to make. Our lives, after all, may only be brief sparks on that timeline; but in the here and now, our decisions about identity and purpose matter to many others who are less free, less empowered, less well-resourced than anyone reading these words.



Identity is shaped by culture, upbringing, experience. Yet in that moment beneath the stars we also may perceive choices. As we make the meaning of our lives, may we choose with wisdom, passion, and commitment.

And may our lives speak.

~ Rev. Jennifer

LINKS

Rev. Eric Meter, Associate Minister

Years ago, likely in the months prior to starting seminary, I told a friend that I thought one of the things I had going for me was that in many ways I was “normal.”

Ugh. I remember little of the context in which I said it, but it likely was about what I might offer someday as a UU minister. Since then, that one sentence has been like an internal ghost, alive in my memory, haunting me in times of doubt and self-criticism.

Yes, as a straight white guy, I’ve been brought up to see myself as normal. And so much of my lived education, both before and after making that remark, has been learning how limited that sense of normalcy really is.



So when I think about our theme of *what it means to be a community of identity* this month, this is what comes first to mind: how do we help one another see ourselves as clearly as possible within the larger context of humanity?

Time and time again, life has brought into sharp relief the lesson that what I took for “normal” was actually a perspective created by a rather specific cultural lens. And taking that perspective as normal hindered my curiosity about other ways any given experience might be seen or understood.

When I was working with Cambodian families in St. Paul, Minnesota we were part of a program helping families of a particular elementary school to help the Cambodian children learn better. Following a talk to the teachers before the start of classes, a male teacher came up to me to let me know that, as a Vietnam vet, he was proud to finally be able to help heal some of the wounds he had a part in creating back during the war. I was thrilled to hear this, and mentioned it as soon as I returned to our office. Only my perspective was not the same as that of our Cambodian parents. The words “Vietnam vet” and “school” hooked a vivid memory for them of when a former vet started shooting at a school in Long Beach, California years before. So on the first day of classes no Cambodian students showed up for school. By the end of the week the students were back in their classes, but this was not the start to the school year any of us had wanted. But boy, had I learned a lot.

In *The Game of Thrones*, when Ygritte said, “You know nothing, Jon Snow,” she was talking about me.

Normal? This little world is far too big for any single norm. Working out what we mean and how we can best relate and work together will always be part of the work at hand. And as long as we stay curious, lead with our human vulnerability and remember the need to balance pride with humility, we’ll likely get along well enough.

One step at a time.

~ Rev. Eric

Please send articles for the March of the newsletter by Sunday, February 19, to office@firstuucolumbus.org.

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GROWING AS WE GO

Rev. Lane Campbell, Minister of Religious Exploration

Labels, Language, and Identity, Oh My!

The words we use to define ourselves and who we are matter.

I have never been more in touch with this concept than I am at this particular moment in my life and in the lifetime of the United States. Words to identify who we are can be claimed in an empowering way, allowing us access to groups of people who share our identities. Words to identify who we are can be used as weapons from people intending to do harm. Words to identify who we are can be celebrated by communities of shared identity and by allies. And words to identify who we are can be misunderstood, as words have different meanings in different communities or contexts. Either way, these words matter and bring meaning into our lives.



For myself, I can tell you I identify with all sorts of words and labels: white, woman, queer, cis-gender, temporarily able-bodied, partnered, middle-class, minister and so on. These words, and the meaning behind them, give shape to who I am. And there are many other words folks would use to describe me, some I would claim and others I would not. One of the deepest exercises I have ever taken part in invited participants to trace our bodies and then to write inside of the shapes of our bodies all of the labels used to identify us by others. Then, we went through the labels and crossed out those that do not apply to us. It was an extremely empowering exercise, to be able to say, “That’s not me. This is who I am.”

This past month, I have been talking to our youth, who are planning a youth-led worship service for February 26. As always, there is so much I have to learn from them. One of the youth introduced the term “idiolective.” When I looked up a definition online, there was not one to be found. But this youth describes the importance of labels and language we use to identify ourselves. The better able we are to talk about who we are, the more language we have to describe ourselves, the deeper our identity is lived and felt. Cultivating this language is important and often takes conversation partners or resources to help us create a pattern of language that speaks who we are. It’s about the labels we use as well as patterns of speech that may be cultural, generational, geographically-determined, or formed in all sorts of ways. How we speak about who we are shapes who we are. I find this fascinating and cannot wait to hear reflections from our youth about language and identity on the 26th.

The words we use to define ourselves and who we are matter.

~ Lane

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Ginnie Vogts, Board Chair

Why go to a Congregational Meeting?

Unitarian Universalism is well known for not being led by a hierarchical religious structure. We are congregationally based. While we have guidance and leadership in from the Unitarian Universalist Association, and we know and love our Seven Principles, we are responsible for ourselves and make our own decisions. We are IT. We are our funders, we choose our ministers, we create our own policies and we make our own covenants. I have been learning a lot about how a church operates during my year as Board Chair. It's much more complicated than it looks on the surface. Being in the second year of transition while the search for a Senior Minister is underway, while we have shifted to Policy Governance, trying to meet the needs of a community in crisis due to election outcomes, re-writing our vision and mission, re-visioning our Justice, Community and Diversity directions all have required concentration, focus, consultation, trust and hard work.

The hardest part of all this is communicating it to 600 busy members. The Mid-Year Congregational Meeting is an opportunity for members of the church to come together and hear about the work we are doing, an opportunity to get caught up and all be on the same page, in harmony. We will be showing you the new organizational chart, bringing you up to date on our financial status, sharing our visions for future justice work; visions for a vibrant community within the church and stronger relationships with our neighbors, and visions for becoming a beacon in a community yearning for acceptance, safety and compassion. It would be so amazing if many of you took advantage of this opportunity to come together and hear what your staff, volunteers and Board of Trustees have to share with you on February 5. The 11am service will be followed by some food and then we'll have the meeting at 12:45. The meeting will last for about an hour. Childcare provided.

Mid-Year Congregational Meeting Sunday, February 5 12:45pm

Calling all First UU members to attend the Mid-Year Congregational Meeting to:

- See how we are implementing the new governance model.
- Hear from the Transition Team about our draft revised mission and vision.
- Learn how stewardship is going to become fun.
- Get a summary on the report on our financial health, Meet the new Finance Committee members.
- Hear about JAM's work with communities of color and other faith groups.
- Get feedback on our generous Share the Plate effort.
- Understand the Board's work, vision and goals.
- Receive a report from the Interim Minister.
- Get an update from the Search Committee.

Refreshments and childcare will be provided. This is an opportunity to learn how things are going at your church.

MUSIC PROGRAM

Tony McDonald, Music Director

Two Big Concerts

Chamber music returns to First UU. **Quartet Grigio** will present a concert on **Sunday, February 19, at 3pm** (a new date). Quartet Grigio is a young, dynamic string quartet composed of OSU students Leah Anderson, Caleb Herrmann, Sean Byrne, and Stephen Forster. They are mentored by Professors Mark Rudoff and Dr. Juliet White-Smith. The quartet enjoys participating in chamber music throughout the greater Columbus area and performing quartet pieces for the community.

Their concert will feature Joseph Haydn's *String Quartet Op. 20, No. 2, in C Major* and Maurice Ravel's *String Quartet in F Major*, staples of the quartet repertoire. Those pieces will be complimented by essential string repertoire: the *Adagio* from J.S. Bach's *Sonata No. 1 in G Minor, BWV 1001*, performed by Leah Anderson, and the *Prelude, Sarabande, and Gigue* from J.S. Bach's *Suite No. 1 in G Major, BWV 1007*, performed by Sean Byrne. This program was inspired by composers who largely innovated writing for strings.

SAVE THE DATE. Mark your calendar for the all-church, all ages, Talent Show on Saturday, March 18, 7:30pm. If you are interested in performing in the Talent Show, please contact Tony McDonald at musicdirector@firstuucolumbus.org.

FIRST UU AUCTION

Jo Anne St. Clair and Cathy O'Neil, Co-Chairs

It is auction time!!! The theme of this year's auction is: *Super Heroes, Then and Now: Saving the World One Bid at a Time*.

The Auction will be on Saturday, February 25, beginning at 5pm. There is something for everyone. It is one of our most fun events, and it raises money for our beloved community.

Please think of what you can offer. Enter it on the Auction website, or turn in a donation form to the Auction team in Fellowship Hall after each service.

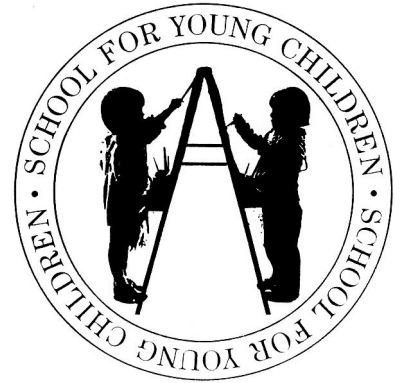
The deadline for entry in the Auction Catalog is January 29. Tickets are still a bargain at \$15.

See you there!!

SCHOOL FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

Susan Roscigno, Co-Director

We are all on our own journeys, some of which we can control and some of which we can't. When I became a parent, I thought that I would have a considerable amount of control over that part of my journey. I'd worked with children for a dozen years, was well-read in current child development theory, and was pretty sure I'd figured out all the mistakes that I'd seen others make, and would definitely not make myself. At conferences I offered parents advice and simple answers. I had this figured out.



Then my first child arrived, and I soon found out I had no idea what I was doing. This child had (and still has!) a smile that melts my heart, an amazing sense of wonder in everything, and a wicked sense of humor, but my child was also colicky, had trouble sleeping, and cried for no reason that I could find. The only thing that would make them fall asleep was a long ride in the car until they eventually wore out. As they got older we met other challenges that I had never imagined, or that I thought I'd be able to avoid with my expertise. Everything I thought I knew was thrown out the window—despite my experience, despite my education, despite my cocky self-confidence.

Kid number two came along and, though you'd think that this time I'd know better, I instead was sure that I had it figured out now. My experience would lead me to not make the same mistakes. And I didn't. But this was a different kind of kid with different needs, and I made different mistakes. Again, this kid is a loyal friend, a delightful companion and easy-going in so many ways, but we still ran into our challenges.

Now, we in SYC are approaching the time of parent-teacher conferences, I think about moving from the teacher side of the conference table to the parent side. I remember the feeling of going into a conference as a parent, wanting—needing—to know that the teacher and the other kids liked my child, that they could see how deeply I loved my child and was doing the best I could, that they knew how special and amazing my child was. Yes, I wanted to hear if the teachers had any concerns about their development or their learning. But most of all, I wanted to know that the people who were spending time with my beloved child really saw them, and loved them.

This is my goal as a teacher when I invite a parent to meet with me: I want them to know that I see their child, that I love their child, that I know their child within the context of their classroom and want to know what they're like in other areas of their lives, and that I know they're doing their best and that parenting can be a tough job. We'll talk about any concerns either of us may have, and we'll talk about what comes next for their child, but most of all I want the parents to know that I'm on their side in this parenting journey.

First UU Caring Team Presentation:

Fighting the New Misogyny by Gail Ukockis, PhD

April 2, 12:45pm
Light lunch will be available.

I AM the storm: Women's issues author to speak at Caring Team Workshop,

Rape threat against female bloggers. A major presidential candidate calling women “pigs”and even worse. Women being deprived of basic health care from Planned Parenthood because of anti-abortion politics. Female politicians facing mockery for being women. The pay gap getting worse as many women continue to be undervalued. Misogyny (hatred of women) is nothing new, of course. But in the past few years, anti-women sentiments have erupted through the Internet, popular culture, right wing attacks, and the rejection of basic civility, now ridiculed as “political correctness.”

How does this new misogyny compare to past forms of misogyny? What could we learn from the suffragists and others who demanded to be treated as equals? What do the international feminist movements have to teach us?

One great motto from the Women's March was: “I do not fear the storm. I AM the storm!” Whether you attended or watched this event, you probably felt inspired to continue the conversation about equality for all.

What should we do next to fight misogyny? How can we keep the storm raging for women's rights?

The Caring Team invites all feminists (female, male, or non-binary) to our workshop Sunday, April 2. We are inviting both seasoned activists and young persons—and those who say, “I'm not a feminist but...” The presentation is by Gail Ukockis, PhD, LSW, the author of the new textbook *Women's Issues for a New Generation: A Social Work Perspective* (Oxford University Press, 2016). She has presented on Fighting the New Misogyny, Fat-Shaming, Ageism, and other topics. Her email is ukockisgail@yahoo.com.



JUSTICE ACTION MINISTRY: NARAL PRO-CHOICE OHIO

Jane Larson

NARAL Pro-Choice Ohio (NPCO) is the political arm and leader of the pro-choice movement in Ohio. A c4 organization, it fights for the right of Ohio clinics to stay open and of Ohio women to make their own choices about if and when to have children. **Planned Parenthood Affiliates of Ohio (PPAO)** is the main provider of reproductive health care at their clinics for women and men. **PP and NPCO** lobby and fight in court for state and federal funding for 97% of PP's funding, and for family planning, contraceptives, cancer and STD screenings. The rest of PP's funding is from private donors, not the government, because it is used for women who need abortions, which the federal Hyde Amendment won't allow anywhere in the USA. **NPCO and PPAO** are the Ohio Affiliates (which work on Ohio legislation, funding and courts) of NPC-America and PP-Federation (which work on Federal legislation, funding and the Supreme Court). All four have separate memberships, so donating to a national organization does not make you a member of its Ohio affiliate. So, please join our two Ohio affiliates and, if you can, our two national organizations.

Jane Larson, janelarson47@gmail.com.

At First UU, January's Justice Focus was Reproductive Justice. This is from Jane's presentation to the congregation on January 8:

In addition to my work with First UU's Justice Action Ministry, I'm a board member of the Ed Fund of NPCO, one of the 15 organizations First UU funds through our operating budget (in addition to groups like PP that we support through our Share-the-Plate program). I'm grateful to be part of this congregation of generous people who are committed to making the world a more just and humane place.

I'm grateful for pledges that support First UU, for congregants who attended our Pro-Choice Lobby Day last April, for the many who are members of and donate personally to NARAL Ohio. First UU is the only faith congregation in Ohio that provides NARAL Ohio with annual funding and consistently responds to calls for justice action! I'm grateful that 200 of us signed thank you letters early last year to co-sponsors of a bill to respect a woman's right to enter a medical facility for a legal procedure without being harassed and intimidated.

I'm grateful that more than 100 of us signed petitions, called and emailed to support continued state funding for Planned Parenthood and to keep clinics open, with a successful result in the courts. I'm grateful that our Share-the-Plate contributions support PP so that it can continue to serve the health care needs of the poor. 97% of its funding is spent on family planning, contraceptives, screenings for cancer and STDs, and emotional counseling. But it's also important that 3% of its funding (not by state or federal government) helps women who need abortions.

I'm grateful to everyone who called, tweeted, emailed, and showed up to urge the Governor to veto the horrible six-week abortion ban (we won) and to veto the unsafe, unconstitutional 20-week ban. We lost that one and it might be the case that goes to the Supreme Court; the struggle continues, because this law would hurt the most vulnerable women in Ohio: women-of-color, the young, the poor, rural women, all those who don't have enough money or time off to travel to another state or country. The law also callously disregards the unique circumstances that surround a woman's pregnancy and can result in death or serious fetal anomalies.

As we honor the 44th anniversary of the Supreme Court's *Roe v Wade* decision, let us continue to work for Reproductive Justice, which IS racial Justice, economic Justice, and equality—for ALL races, cultures, classes, faiths, gender and sexual identities.

[P.S. In 1992, when Jane was Interim Director of NARAL Ohio, leading a rally at the Statehouse, she said the following which still needs to be fought for, in Ohio and the USA: "Choice is not just a single-issue! Real choices for women in their decision-making include: being physically, mentally and economically able to bear and raise children when wanted; having parental leave from work when needed; being able to afford good quality child care in order to continue to work. Our government, rather than working to prohibit safe, legal, accessible abortion, should be working to provide ways to decrease the need for abortion – with such things as better access to family planning, sexuality education in schools and contraceptive research, affordability and availability."]

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

Interested in joining First UU? To learn more, attend the *Path to Membership* on Saturday, March 4, 9am to 1pm. Registration required; contact Marian Garcia, 614-267-4946, ext. 21, marian@firstuucolumbus.org.

ASH (Atheists Skeptics and Humanists) meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7pm. Our theme for this year is "The Moral Implications of Advances in Science." The February 28th meeting will feature Paul Byard, who will address the subject of Robotics. All are welcome.

The Funeral Consumers Alliance of Central Ohio will hold an orientation on the benefits of membership to this organization, whose mission is to inform the public about issues related to selecting affordable funeral goods and services, and end-of-life planning. The next session will be on Sunday, February 12, at 12:30pm, in Room 7.

Coffee Hour needs volunteers! If you enjoy Coffee Hour, please consider becoming a volunteer. Contact Denni Hale, 614-633-8081, rayneblueoh@gmail.com.

First Friday Potluck February 3. In Fellowship Hall. Potluck starts at 6:30pm. Kids' movie and board games for older kids/adults start at 7:30pm.
Laurie Brown, 614-246-0170

Bookbites will meet Tuesday, February 21, in Slowter Lounge, from 7pm to 9pm. Topic for February: Books with futuristic themes.
Kathleen Boston, 614-262-4025

Labyrinth attracts record number of visitors. The 2016-17 Labyrinth project had over 154 walkers over the Christmas/New Year holiday! Many visitors appreciated the opportunity to observe the holidays in a meditative, low-stress way. Thanks to the greeters, musicians and stagehands: Sue Engel, Barb Fiorini, Mary Henrick, Raymond Sprogis, Susan Closson, Caroline Rayner, Bob Rice, Sandy Coen, Paula Egbert, Deb Cannon, Jesse Cannon, Rich Humenick, Cathy O'Neil, Kevin O'Neil, Sylvia Howe, Steve Abbott, Pat Hurley, Lisa Brandt, Tom Baillieul, Ohma Willette, Debbie Shaw, Elaine Fujimura, Michael Greenman, Curt Greene, Nancy McDonald, Christine Davidson, Karen Thimmes.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Linda Thompson, Historian

This is from the Boston "New Bulletin for Religious Liberals" and was printed in our February 6, 1961 newsletter:

W. Equatorial Africa, November 5, 1961

Dear Rev. George Marshall:

Please excuse my delay in replying to your very friendly letter of the 27th of April. Because of the large amount of work which I have to do from day to day in Lambarene, I am unable to take care of my correspondence as I would like to. I thank you cordially for your offer to make me an honored member of the Unitarian Church.

I accept with pleasure. Even as a student, I worked on the problem and history of the Unitarian Church and developed sympathy for your affirmation of Christian freedom at a time when it resulted in persecution. Gradually, I established closer contact with Unitarian communities and became familiar with their faith-in-action.

Therefore, I thank you that through you, I have been made an honored member of this church. With my best thoughts,

Sincerely yours, Albert Schweitzer

Albert Schweitzer was a French-German theologian, organist, philosopher, and physician. He received the 1952 Nobel Peace Prize for his philosophy of "Reverence for Life."

Special Note:

The Archives could use any newsletters you have from the 1960s.

JUSTICE ACTION MINISTRY

Steve Palm-Houser, Chair

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



is Central Ohio's congregation-based, multi-faith community organization that uses the power of organized people to hold local officials accountable for serious community problems. Through our work in BREAD, First UU has won numerous victories over the years on issues such as affordable housing, restorative justice, payday lending, and, most recently, expanded community mental health care.

Officials listen to BREAD because we are able to turn out thousands of people every year at our Nehemiah Action. First UU is committed to getting 350 people to this year's action on May 1. Would you like to help with this important work? Please come to our organizing meeting, even if you're just curious:

First UU's Justice Ministry Network
Organizing Meeting
Sunday, February 26, 2017
1:00-2:30pm (after the second service)
Light refreshments at 12:45

Are you curious about the current status of BREAD's four ongoing campaigns (juvenile justice, municipal ID, violent crime prevention, and jobs/economic opportunity)? Our BREAD Team will present a brief issue update Sunday, January 29, in the Worship Center, 12:30-12:45 (immediately before the artists' reception). We will also have a table in Fellowship Hall and would be happy to answer any questions. For more information, please contact Alice Rathburn (eulala1905@me.com, 614-895-2109 or 614-563-0536) or Chris Johnson (chris@underspecified.com or 614-946-1287).



Feed My Sheep Food Pantry Dandy Diaper Day Please bring baby diapers, all sizes, on Sunday, February 26, to our table in Fellowship Hall. Checks may be made out to First UU with *Feed My Sheep* on the memo line. Or you can [donate on the First UU website](#) and, if donating by credit card, write *Feed My Sheep* as the purpose; if using PayPal, write it in "instructions to the seller." Ride-alongs and community service hours are available for adults and children at least five years old.

CARING CORNER

Congratulations to:

Laurel Durrett on graduating with a Master's degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, and passing the exam to become a Licensed Professional Counselor.

Linda Thompson who celebrated her 80th birthday on December 21.

Zea Bowling, who was featured in a Microsoft commercial, celebrating her activism and advocacy on behalf of the LGBTQ community.

Steve Abbott on publication of his chapbook entitled *Why Not Be Here Now?* and two new poetry broadsides, all available in the bookstore.

A speedy recovery to:

Alison Katz, who fell, breaking her right shoulder.

Sherry Osbeck, who fell on the ice and had surgery in December.

Erica Scurr, who fell on the ice, breaking her arm.

Barbara Warner, who has been at Thurber House recovering from hip replacement surgery.

Tony Rice, who fell down his stairs and after two ER trips was admitted to Riverside Hospital.

Judy Kleen, who had hip replacement surgery.

Our sympathy to:

Christine McDevitt and **Donna Adassa**, whose 19-year-old nephew died unexpectedly on January 9.

Judith Vierow, sister-in-law of Fred and Susan Vierow, whose husband died January 2.

Michelle Miles, whose cousin died November 30.

Amy Watson, whose mother died December 13.

Beth Scherer, whose sister, JoAnne, died in early November. JoAnne was 83 years old and had been under hospice care.

With our ministers, congratulations to:

Rev. Lane Campbell, who celebrated her birthday on December 9.

Rev. Eric Meter, who celebrated his call to become Associate Minister of First UU on December 6. Eric was called in 2009.

Rev. Suzan McCrystal, who celebrated the anniversary of her ordination into the UU ministry on December 5. She was ordained in 2009.

CALENDAR

- Adult Programs: 1st Thursday, 7-9pm
 - Archives Team: Tuesdays, 9:30am
 - Atheists/Skeptics/Humanists: 4th Tuesday, 7pm
 - Auction Team: Sundays 2/5, 2/12, 2/19, 12:45pm
 - Bookbites: 3rd Tuesday, 7pm
 - Board Executive Committee: 2nd Wednesday, 7pm
 - Board of Trustees: 4th Wednesday, 7pm
 - BREAD Team: 3rd Thursday, 7pm
 - Bridge Group (call 614-499-2434): 4th Sunday, 6pm
 - Building and Grounds: 1st Monday, 7pm
 - Care and Share Time Bank: 3rd Sunday, 6:30pm
 - Caring Team: 1st Tuesday, 7pm
 - Chalice Choir: Thursdays, 7:30pm
 - Contra Dance: 2nd Friday, 7:30pm
 - Cooking for Faith Mission: 1st & 3rd Friday, 12pm
 - Covenant Group Facilitators: 1st Wednesday, 6:30pm
 - Creative Open Studio: Mondays, 3-5pm
 - DOV Tae Kwon Do: Wednesdays, 6:30pm, and Sundays, 4pm
 - Finance Committee: 3rd Tuesday, 6:30am
 - First Friday Potluck: 6:30pm
 - Getting to Know UU: Sundays, after each service
 - Hispanohablantes: Saturdays, 10:45am
 - Improvisational Dance: Thursdays, 9:30am
 - Intergenerational Book Group: 3rd Wednesday, 7pm
 - Justice Action Ministry: 4th Monday, 7pm
 - Library Team: 2nd Tuesday, 1:30pm
 - Membership: 2nd Thursday, 6pm
 - Memoir Group: 2nd Wednesday, 7pm
 - Move to Amend: 3rd Saturday, 12pm
 - New Members Covenant Grp: 1st/3rd Sundays, 7pm
 - Nominating Committee: 1st Sunday, 8:30am
 - OWL for 6/7-Year-Olds: Saturdays, 1pm (until 3/11)
 - Peace Pals Choir: Sundays, 10:25am
 - PFLAG: 4th Sunday, 2pm
 - RE Team: 4th Wednesday, 6:30pm
 - Rising Voices Choir: Tuesdays, 7pm
 - Sacred Song Circle: Wednesdays, 6pm
 - Spirit of Life Choir: Tuesdays, 8pm
 - Stewardship: 3rd Tuesday, 7pm
 - Sunday Breakfast: 8:45am
 - Sunday Evening Covenant Group: 2nd & 4th Sundays, 7pm
 - This Month in Science: 2nd Tuesday, 7pm
 - UU Dance Fellowship: Mondays, 7pm
 - Wednesday Women's Book Group: 4th Wednesday, 1pm. *Fates and Furies* by Lauren Groff
 - Worship Team: 1st Tuesday, 7:30pm. Interested? Contact Rev. Jennifer Brooks, 614-267-4946, ext. 22
 - Young Adult Covenant Group: 1st & 3rd Sundays, 7pm
 - Zen Meditation: Saturdays, 8:30am; Tuesdays, 7pm
- Wednesday, February 1**
5:30pm Discussion of Race
- Sunday, February 5**
12:45pm Mid-Year Congregational Meeting
- Wednesday, February 8**
7:00pm Welcoming Task Force
- Saturday, February 11**
9:30am Pastoral Team Training, Part II
- Sunday, February 12**
12:30pm Funeral Consumers Alliance Information Meeting
- Monday, February 13**
7:00pm Care & Share Time Bank Orientation
- Thursday, February 16**
7:00pm Welcoming Task Force
- Saturday, February 18**
10:00am Adaptive Leadership Workshop
- Sunday, February 19**
3:00pm Chamber Music
- Saturday, February 25**
5:00pm First UU Auction
- Sunday, February 26**
1:00pm First UU BREAD Justice Ministry Network
2:00pm World Relief Volunteer Training
- Tuesday, February 28**
6:00pm Path to Membership Class

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UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES

February's Theme: *Identity*

Sunday, February 5, 9:15/11am

Who We Are

Rev. Jennifer Brooks

(The Mid-Year Congregational Meeting will follow. See page 4.)

Sunday, February 12, 9:15/11am

Accepting Who We Are

Rev. Lane Campbell

Sunday, February 19, 9:15/11am

American Innocence

Rev. Eric Meter

Sunday, February 26, 9:15/11am

Rev. Lane Campbell and First UU Youth
Idiolective and Ever-Changing Identity