

# 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.

**Rev. Marian Stewart, our new Senior Minister,** will be in the pulpit for the Ingathering service at 9:15 and 11am on the Sunday after Labor Day, which is September 10.

At the Ingathering service, we celebrate the end of summer and the beginning of the new church year with a Water Ceremony, during both the 9:15 and 11am services. You are invited to bring a small vial of water from your summer travels. This is an All-Ages Worship Service.



## LINKS

Rev. Eric Meter, Associate Minister

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*“We delight in the beauty of the butterfly, but rarely admit the changes it has gone through to achieve that beauty.”* Maya Angelou

*“Yes, there is beauty and there are the humiliated. Whatever the difficulties the enterprise may present, I would like never to be unfaithful either to one or the others.”* Albert Camus

Beauty. We would do well to show each other the beauty we have found more often.

As his birthday would have been last month, I’ve been thinking about my late father, and for whatever reason, I’ve been thinking about a conversation we had after seeing together an exhibition of photographs by Richard Avedon from his *In The American West* project.



Avedon was a New York portrait and fashion photographer, who was commissioned by a museum in Fort Worth, Texas to portray those in the West. Five years later he had photographed over 750 ranchers, waitresses, homemakers and homeless folks in their everyday, often soiled, clothes. His book of those photographs was published in 1985.

Dad wasn’t impressed by the larger-than-life-sized black and white prints of these “everyday” people. While he wanted more beauty on display at a museum, I found a consistent attractive strength beneath the grit and scars on display. To his credit, Dad liked that I was thinking for myself, even if he wanted nothing more to do with Richard Avedon after that afternoon. I tell this little story because, as important as beauty is in all its forms, it can be simple and it can be deeply complex and hard won.

The recent solar eclipse awed millions across a wide swath of our nation. How we needed that in the midst of all the pain of the summer.

Returning to Albert Camus' message above, to be faithful both to beauty and to those who feel themselves humiliated, I'm struck by how my father may have seen Avedon's subjects as just that – humiliated. Clearly these are people with stories to tell. The question remains, "Just who was willing to listen?" And maybe, just maybe, that impulse to listen more deeply is one of the most beautiful things of all.

Certainly that's what we strive to help one another do here at First UU. Are we masters of this art? Not always. But we do gently challenge one another to stretch ourselves as we come together to share our own stories of what it means to be human in this day and age. What stories do you still yearn to tell?

in peace,  
Rev. Eric

## **GROWING AS WE GO**

Rev. Lane Campbell, Minister of Religious Exploration

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### **The Beauty in Our Days**

This past week, I had a tough conversation, one where I needed to apologize to a friend for a way I had wronged them. It took a while for us to get on the phone and a good portion of that time, I was dreading the conversation. Putting off something I am not looking forward to always seems to make it worse. Have you had this experience too?



We got on the phone and instantly settled in to catching up. It was so good to hear about how he had been doing, as we had been out of touch for a while. I was waiting for the right moment to make my apology and it opened up—just at the right time. I was standing outside and as we talked, both of our hearts opened up. And as our hearts opened up, my perspective opened up. I was sitting outside, surrounded by the beauty of that natural world. As my apology was being accepted and gratitude was being shared between us, a feather flew by on the wind, reminding me of the beauty of this and every season of our lives.

One of the deep truths about being human and being alive is that our lives go through seasons. There are times of feeling good and times of feeling despair, times to be joyful and times of seemingly paralyzing anxiety. We must feel the good to feel the bad, and we must feel the bad to feel the good. On this day, I knew I needed to be honest in order for our hearts to open up, in order to see the beauty between and around us.

I wonder what season you are going through at this point in your life. Are you in a joyful place? In a place of difficulty? In a space entirely in-between? Are you in a place where you can take a step back and admire the beauty that surrounds you? Anywhere can be beautiful. And beauty can be in the eye of the beholder.

Following this conversation, I realized I was feeling more alive, with the aliveness that comes with being humbly honest, with listening to another person, with owning our own stuff. Perhaps that day it wasn't just about the physical beauty of the place in which I was standing, but more about the beauty of the experience I was having. Howard Thurman tells us, "Do not ask what the world needs. Ask yourself what makes you come alive, and then go and do that. Because what the world needs is more people who have come alive."

My wish for each of you is to find the beauty and alive-ness in your days, to find the beauty in your lived experiences, in your surroundings, in the least expected places. May it be so for all of us.

Rev. Lane

# BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Carolee Noonan, Board Chair

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Your Board of Trustees meets monthly on the fourth Wednesday, 7-9pm. Everyone is welcome and childcare will be available starting in September as a part of *Wednesdays on Weisheimer*. Here's a sampling of what goes on at a meeting:

- Opening words, chalice lighting and check-in.
- Approving the consent agenda shared prior to the meeting (reports from staff, minutes and followup).
- Membership and Welcoming. Eric informed us about *Wednesdays on Weisheimer*, which begins September 13, and rainbow umbrellas for rainy Sunday mornings.
- Coordinating Team. Lane reported that information is being gathered for Rev. Marian, the Safety Taskforce report is under review, and a transgender event is upcoming.
- Finance and Stewardship. The July financial report was reviewed and accepted.
  - Current year pledges collected totaled \$71,885.
  - Expenses totaled \$72,915, including \$62,319 personnel and facilities \$7,027.

Additional info: First UU has a mortgage of \$460,300 that matures on 6/1/2029 with a balloon payment due at that time. Monthly mortgage payments are \$38,500 and about \$22,00 of that is interest.

- Youth Group. Nate Blake and Lee Cook reported that the group seeks to become more welcoming with elimination of dues and a later start time.
- Governance Work. This is the leadership work of the board. Topics change throughout the year. Currently, we are discussing:
  - Engaging diversity inside and outside our walls
  - Communication with members and friends of First UU
  - Potential amendments to our church constitution
- Thank you notes:
  - Heather Pierson, for many years of Youth Group leadership
  - Pam Hussen, a long-time gardener, for caring for the church grounds
  - Joe Voltolini, Bookkeeper, for working hard to change to our new church financial record keeping software
  - Barb Fisher, for deep-cleaning the kitchen and dish areas, and building furniture and deep-cleaning and preparing Rev. Marian's office
- Hearing assistance equipment has been installed and is being tested. Questions to [brianh@firstuucolumbus.org](mailto:brianh@firstuucolumbus.org).
- Everyone is welcome to contact the whole board at [board@firstuucolumbus.org](mailto:board@firstuucolumbus.org).

See you at church!

Carolee Noonan, Board of Trustees Chair

Please send articles for the October issue of the newsletter by Sunday, September 24, to [office@firstuucolumbus.org](mailto:office@firstuucolumbus.org).

Rev. Marian Stewart, Senior Minister

Rev. Eric Meter, Associate Minister

Rev. Kathleen Fowler, Minister Affiliated

Rev. Suzan McCrystal, Minister Affiliated

Amanda Hays, Ministerial Intern

Rev. Mark Belletini, Minister Emeritus

Rev. Wendy Fish, Minister Emerita

Rev. Lane Campbell, Minister, Religious Exploration

Deb McGuire, RE Assistant/Staff Secretary

Tony McDonald, Music Director

Brandon Moss, Chalice Choir Director

Nathan Hamm, Accompanist/Pianist

Karen Madden, Choir Director

Leigh Mamlin, Children/Youth Choir Director

Cath Saveson, Children/Youth Choir Director

Deb Cannon, Toddler Room Teacher

Brian Hagemann, Church Administrator

Marian Garcia, Office Manager

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## GREETINGS, FIRST UU COLUMBUS!

Amanda Hays, Ministerial Intern

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My name is Amanda Hays, and I am your new Ministerial Intern. I grew up in the South Hills of Pittsburgh but lived in Grand Rapids, Michigan until last summer. I live with my husband Jim in the Near East side of Columbus in an intentional living community. Gardening, cooking, biking, board gaming, and rock climbing are some of my favorite hobbies. I am also passionate about building community, fighting for social justice, seeking spiritual meaning, and being present with people.

I am new to Unitarian Universalism. I grew up Evangelical and became Reformed in college. During a gap year in Cambodia, I sensed a call to ministry and moved back to Michigan to start seminary. While I was in seminary, my college boyfriend and I got married, and soon after, we both became agnostic. The transition was confusing and painful, but we believed, based on the values our faith had taught us, that this change was right. In Unitarian Universalism, we found a new faith community with a love for questioning and searching.

I have transferred to Meadville Lombard Theological School in Chicago, and am taking distance-intensive M.Div. courses while interning. Last year, I interned with the Juvenile Justice Coalition, which fights the school-to-prison pipeline through state legislation. I attended hearings inside the statehouse and protested outside it with the People's Justice Project. I supported at-risk youth through the Voices of the Unheard youth group, and built relationships with Columbus community organizers.

This fall, I begin my ministerial internship at First UU. Since I visited First UU last summer, I have been impressed and intrigued by the wealth of talent, community, and intentionality. I am excited to learn from this community and to bring my own passions, experiences, and connections as well.

Love and peace,  
Amanda Hays



**Considering joining First UU?** The Path to Membership class will be offered twice in September, so you can choose which date best fits your schedule. The dates are:

- Wednesday, September 20, 6pm to 9pm
- Saturday, September 23, 9am to 1pm

Registration is required. To register, call 614-267-4946, ext. 21 or email [office@firstuucolumbus.org](mailto:office@firstuucolumbus.org).

Childcare provided free of charge. If you need childcare, please request it when you register, by September 11.

## MUSIC PROGRAM

Tony McDonald, Music Director

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### It's a Musical Birthday Potluck Party

Phyllis Byard and Nathan Hamm will celebrate their September birthdays Friday, September 29, at 7pm. They will present a program of about 45 minutes of vocal and piano music in the Worship Center, then continue to Fellowship Hall for a birthday party with a big cake and ice cream. Phyllis will be singing some French and Spanish art songs by Debussy and Obradors, and Nathan will perform *Alborada del gracioso* by Maurice Ravel.

Phyllis has been associated with First UU since the late 1960s, having sung in the choir for many of those years. She was the soloist at the Second Church of Christ Scientist for several years and has also performed with several local music organizations, as well as OSU's Light Opera and Opera Columbus.

Nathan is well known, as he has been our pianist and accompanist here at First UU for 10 years. Prior to that, he held a similar position at North UU. Nathan graduated from OSU and has been active in many musical venues in Columbus, chief among them as the current accompanist for the Columbus Gay Men's Chorus.

All are welcome to the recital and potluck party, especially if you're a September baby. Come help them celebrate, but no gifts, please.

### UUMN Report

I attended my fifth Unitarian Universalist Musicians Network annual conference, this year in Arlington, VA, in July. It is a meeting of UU music and choir directors from all over the US and Canada. About 200 strong, we make up the best choir I have ever been in, all of them accomplished singers and musicians. We sing for the Sunday service of the host church, plus for conducting and composition workshops, and we sight-read tons of music, much of which I brought home for our choirs to use.

And this year, after the Sunday service, we all went downtown to sing on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial. How inspiring that was, to sing with Abe sitting majestically behind you, and the Washington Monument in front of you, surrounded by people from all over the world. It is fulfilling and humbling, to learn, again, that our church is well served by so many excellent musicians.



In front of the Lincoln Memorial



## FIRST UU AUCTION

Cathy O'Neil, Chair

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**Bidding on the Side of Love!** Our next church auction will be **Saturday, February 10**, from **5pm – 9:30pm**. Please mark your calendars! We will have an auction table on September 10 in Fellowship Hall after each service to answer questions about the auction, including the changes we are making this year, such as limiting the amount of physical items and increasing the ticket prices but eliminating the ask for side dishes. We are also planning to offer a discount on tickets to new church members who have never attended a church auction. We will be on hand September 10 to help brainstorm auction donations with you and share with you a “wish list” of suggested donations as well as some ideas from past years and other UU auctions. We hope that you will begin thinking about what you would like to donate.



As a reminder, we especially encourage:

- Dinners, brunches, lunches, breakfasts, picnics, barbecues, high teas
- Vacations or vacation lodging
- Services of any kind (childcare, pet sitting, window washing, yard work, computer help, legal services, massages, etc.)
- Fellowship activities (excursions, game nights, movie nights, cooking or craft classes, bird watching, hiking trips, etc.)
- Tickets (sports, concert, theater, zoo, museum, etc.)
- Gift certificates from restaurants, businesses, etc. (Get a business card to give to us and tell the restaurant or business that we will feature their name under our business donations section in our auction catalog.)
- Specialty food items or food baskets

If you are interested in helping with the auction, please contact Cathy O'Neil, Auction Chair, at [croneil@columbus.rr.com](mailto:croneil@columbus.rr.com).

## SOLIDARITY AND SANCTUARY CIRCLES: NEXT STEPS

Jan Phillips and Ginnie Vogts

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As Unitarian Universalists, we covenant to confirm and promote the inherent worth and dignity of every person. The Underground Railroad was the salvation for many people of color during the 1800s. Abolitionists and sympathizers helped people find freedom by putting themselves at risk. During World War II, sympathizers helped Jews and other Europeans escape the wrath of Hitler and the Nazis.

Now is our time. Refugees and immigrants (documented and undocumented) are now facing difficult times in our country. Rapidly escalating deportations of our neighbors who have lived in this country for years, more than 400 per day nationwide, are tearing families apart and upending communities. LGBTQ rights are being rolled back. People of color are facing increased threats.

First UU members and friends were busy during July and August, laying the groundwork for Solidarity and Sanctuary at First UU. We held four introductory sessions, during which we learned about immigration law, the civil process of reporting, detention, and deportation, and the history of the sanctuary movement in the United States. We are making connections with the greater Columbus community to assess needs and have talked with another Ohio UU congregation involved in the Sanctuary Movement.

We invite you to join us on Monday, September 18, 7-8:30pm, as we explore our Next Steps. We will meet in Room 7. RSVP to Jan Phillips at [jephillips4444@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jephillips4444@sbcglobal.net), or just show up.

## CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

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**Save the Date: Wednesday, September 13**, for the kick off of *Wednesdays on Weisheimer*. 6–9pm. Childcare available. Bring your own meal and enjoy the company of our First UU community and programs for all ages.

**Human Trafficking 101 training** Saturday, September 16, 10am to noon in the Blue Room. This is the initial training that any individual who wants to volunteer for the Salvation Army/Central Ohio Rescue and Restore Coalition's anti-human trafficking program must attend. It is also open to anyone in the congregation who has an interest in this topic.

Greg Denby, [gsdenby@yahoo.com](mailto:gsdenby@yahoo.com)

**Bookbites** Tuesday, September 19, Slowter Lounge, 7-9pm. Topic: *Unusual Occupations*. The topic for October 17 is *What Scares You?*

Kathleen Boston, 614-262-4025

**First UU Library News** Beginning this September and every third Sunday thereafter, look for the red library cart near the bookstore. The cart will display books from our First UU Library collection and you can check them out right from the cart! If you don't see a subject meeting your needs, a list of the collection's several hundred books will be on hand. In addition, the Animal Ministry group's collection will be available on the cart. Please browse the red cart for reading material for all ages. Also, we invite you to visit the Library any time. It is on the left at the far end of the Window Hallway.

**Artists and Poets** It's time for our annual Members Exhibit. *Welcome!* is the title of this exhibit as we welcome a new church year, our new Senior Minister Rev. Marian Stewart, and many visitors to First UU. What does "welcome" mean to you? Is it a friendly face, some flowers, food, a political cause, diversity, music, poetry? Each artist or poet is invited to create a work and bring it Tuesday, September 5, at 6pm.

Deb Baillieul, [debbsyc@yahoo.com](mailto:debbsyc@yahoo.com).

**Poetry Reading** All poets come join us for our annual poetry program Friday, October 6, 7:30pm, in the Worship Center. We celebrate the art show *Welcome!* Choose a piece, or the entire show, and write only one poem to share. Send the poem to Jeanni Ray by Wednesday, October 4, with the poem title, artist and art piece title.

Jeanni Ray, [614-985-6176](tel:614-985-6176)  
[jeanni1954@gmail.com](mailto:jeanni1954@gmail.com)

**Entertainment Books** will be available after each Sunday service, starting September 10. This edition includes digital membership, with a wide variety of coupons for restaurants, retail stores, and services. Cost is \$30 per book, with \$7.50 going to the Coming of Age group. Books will be sold up through mid-December 2018.

Karin Erickson, 614-834-3988.

**First UU Photo Directory** Help Rev. Marian get to know you by making sure to have your picture in this year's photo directory! Pictures will be taken in early October. **Sign up now for a sitting appointment.** Participants get one free 8x10 photo and a directory, there will also be an opportunity to purchase additional prints and items. Stop by the Welcome Table or go to <https://tinyurl.com/uuphotoappt> and select a time that works for you. We still need volunteers to sign people in for their sessions and to help coordinate.

Christine Davidson, [614-357-2885](tel:614-357-2885)  
[Christine.davidson@outlook.com](mailto:Christine.davidson@outlook.com)



**The kitchen was deep-cleaned in August.** Thank you to volunteers, including: Donna Adassa, Barb Fisher, Donna Greenman, Michael Greenman, Denni Hale, and Dave Richter. A new coffee setup will be making a debut September 10, the date of Ingathering.

**Expressive Collage** is looking for a few people to join us for fun. Create and express yourself. Open to all. Second and fourth Thursday in Room A/B, 7-9pm.

Jeanni Ray, [614-985-6176](tel:614-985-6176),  
[jeanni1954@gmail.com](mailto:jeanni1954@gmail.com)

**Meditation Workshop** Thursdays, 6:30-7:30pm, at First UU. All levels. No reservations needed. Chairs and cushions provided.

Tom Tucker, 614-263-9275

**It's a new beginning!** Have you spent the summer thinking about how YOU can be involved with some of the fun here at church? Well, look no more! Come join us at **Coffee Hour!** help us put \*hot\* in coffee hour! (We accept volunteers ages 13 and up.)

Denni, [rayneblueoh@gmail.com](mailto:rayneblueoh@gmail.com),  
(614) 733.8082

**Peace Pals Children's Choir** is open to children in kindergarten through fifth grade. First rehearsal is September 17. Meet in the Blue Room 10:25-10:55am every Sunday morning.

Cath Saveson, [cath@windfish.net](mailto:cath@windfish.net)  
Leigh Mamlin, [mamlin1@gmail.com](mailto:mamlin1@gmail.com).

**Moving for Better Balance** Sunday, September 3, 4:30pm, at First UU. Designed as a fall-prevention class using a combination of eight single forms that are derived from the traditional 24-form yang-style tai chi. Intended for adults 60 and older who can walk easily, with or without assistive devices. Participants will learn balance skills, good body alignment, and coordinated tai chi movements. Taught by registered nurse Jack Holdford. No charge. Future lesson times will be determined during this session. See the "Tai Chi for Better Balance" at <https://youtube/4na3p1-gbp4>. Sponsored by Care and Share Time Bank and Adult Programs

Stephen Lovejoy, [740-427-3957](tel:740-427-3957)

**First Friday Potluck** September 1, 6:30pm.

Laurie Brown, 614-246-0170



**Feed My Sheep food pantry** *Undies*

*Sunday*, September 24. Please bring children's underwear, all sizes, to the Social Justice/JAM Table. We also need dog and cat food, tampons,

children's books, peanut butter, and diapers.

**First UU member Stephen Lovejoy appointed Coordinator of Care and Share Time Bank Affiliate.** This community-building organization (part of First UU's Justice Action Ministry) has been meeting at First UU on the third Sunday of the month for six years. Time Bank members can earn time credits for certain volunteer work they perform on behalf of the church (building work days, cleanup help after events, volunteering at homeless shelters, etc.). Credits are exchanged for over 200 services offered by other Time Bank members. Learn more at "Care and Share Time Bank" Facebook page.

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

**UU-UNO News** The UUA's United Nations Office is engaged in international advocacy work based on UU values. From involvement in the drafting of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, to leading the faith caucus to establish the International Criminal Court, to overcoming UN apathy about sexual orientation and gender identity issues, the [UU-UNO has a long history](#) of providing strong leadership in all aspects of human rights at a policy level through UN consultative status. One recent proclamation: The United Nations has just banned nuclear weapons! The Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons was adopted July 7, and makes illegal all production, testing, use, or threats of nuclear weapons under international law. While this won't immediately rid the world of nuclear weapons, we should celebrate this crucial step toward achieving the long-term goal of global nuclear disarmament! The UU-UNO, as part of the NGO Committee on Disarmament, Peace, and Security is proud to have been part of this effort and will continue working at the United Nations to achieve the goals set forth in the Treaty.

Nancy McDonald-Kenworthy,  
First UU UU UNO Envoy

**Chasing Coral** On Sunday, September 24, 7pm, at First UU. Coral reefs around the world are vanishing at an unprecedented rate, with dire implications. A team of divers, photographers and scientists set out on an adventure to discover why and to reveal the underwater mystery to the world. View the film, discuss with experts, and learn what you can do. For information or to speak at the event, contact:

Michael Greenman, [614-898-5825](tel:614-898-5825),  
[mgreenmanoh@gmail.com](mailto:mgreenmanoh@gmail.com)



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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. Because of your support, we've had two victories this summer. Columbus City Council passed an ordinance pushing construction companies doing business with the city to hire formerly-incarcerated people ([WSYX report](#)). Meanwhile, Columbus is rolling out an evidence-based violence prevention strategy that has led to significant reductions in violent crime in other cities ([Dispatch article](#)).

Our annual Listening Process begins this month. Congregations around the city will hold small group discussions to share the community concerns that weigh heavily on our hearts and minds. The stories shared in these discussions will help BREAD choose a new problem to focus on in the coming year. Listening sessions are also an opportunity to get to know others in the First UU community at a deeper level and to learn more about how to get involved in BREAD. There are eight sessions scheduled at First UU:

- Sunday, September 24, 1pm (Chris Johnson, Library)
- Wednesday, September 27, 7pm (Bob Rice, Library)
- Sunday, October 1, 1pm (Stephen Lovejoy, Library)
- Wednesday, October 4, 7pm (Chris Johnson, Library)
- Sunday, October 8, 1 PM (Alice Rathburn, Library)
- Wednesday, October 11, 7pm (Bob Rice, Slowter)
- Sunday, October 15, 1pm (Alice Rathburn, Library)
- Sunday, October 22, 1pm (Stephen Lovejoy, Library)

Childcare is available; let us know at least a week in advance. We may add more sessions, so please let us know if you cannot make any of these times.

Alice Rathburn, [eulala1905@me.com](mailto:eulala1905@me.com),  
614-895-2109 or 614-563-0536

Chris Johnson, [chris@underspecified.com](mailto:chris@underspecified.com)  
614-946-1287

**National Gun Control initiative** in Columbus. Led by former congresswoman Gabby Giffords and husband/retired astronaut and Navy Captain Mark Kelly. The Interfaith Association of Central Ohio, of which First UU is a member, is supporting the "Ohio Coalition for Common Sense," a part of Americans for Responsible Solutions. The purpose is to urge our leaders to act to reduce gun violence through common sense solutions that will help keep guns out of the hands of dangerous people and protect families from gun violence. First UU members are invited to get involved. [www.responsiblesolutions.org](http://www.responsiblesolutions.org)  
Michael Greenman, 614-898-5825  
[mgreenmanoh@gmail.com](mailto:mgreenmanoh@gmail.com)

## REGIONAL/DENOMINATIONAL NEWS

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**Fall Leadership Conference** Saturday, September 23, at First UU, 9am-4:30pm. Sign up by September 18, at <http://tinyurl.com/SharedMinistry>. Cost \$20 to cover lunch and materials. UUA regional staff and our own Rev. Eric and Rev. Lane will offer presentations relating to our on-going transition in governance and structure. Stop by the Welcoming Table in Fellowship Hall to learn more.  
Susan Williams, [Mudwitch3@gmail.com](mailto:Mudwitch3@gmail.com).

**Mindful Journey to India** in 2018! This is an opportunity to travel with other UUs and to enjoy the wonder and colors of India, with daily meditations and evening reflections.  
Joan Walder, [saranac2@gmail.com](mailto:saranac2@gmail.com)

**Hurricane Harvey Fund** Our hearts are with those in southeast Texas and Louisiana as they continue to cope with rain and flooding after the initial impact of Hurricane Harvey. The Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) has joined with the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) on a recovery and relief fund. UUSC will work with local community partners in Texas who serve at-risk populations who may not be able to access relief services, and who are traditionally left out of mainstream response efforts. Half of all funds raised will support Unitarian Universalist congregations and members of those congregations most affected by the storm. The other half of the funds will go to at-risk populations served by UUSC partners. To make a cash contribution, go to <http://www.uua.org/> and click [Hurricane Harvey Recovery Fund](#) button.

## FROM THE ARCHIVES

Linda Thompson, Historian

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Rev. Carl H. Whittier was the minister at First UU from 1976 to 1987. He died on July 7, 2017, at the hospice of Fisher Home in Amherst, Massachusetts, with his daughters at his side. He is survived by daughters Sarah Whittier, Nancy Whittier and her wife Kate Weigand, and grandchildren Jonah, Eva, and Isaac Weigand-Whittier.

Rev. Whittier graduated from Harvard Divinity School in 1955, and was ordained in the same year. He served in many churches before he came to Columbus. He retired and moved to New England. He served on the Board of the Unitarian Universalist Association from 1985 to 1989. His photo is included in the Ministers' photos in the hall to Slowter Lounge.

## CARING CORNER

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Congratulations to:

- **Kyle Pigman**, who won a silver medal in bowling at the State Summer Games for Special Olympics Ohio.
- **Katherine Waring** and **Tyson Shenefield** on the birth of identical twins on July 1. Katherine grew up in our church and is the daughter of **Fluff Fiscus** and **Glenn Waring**.

Happy Birthday to:

- **Rev. Eric Meter**, who celebrated his birthday on August 29.
- **Margie Starbuck**, who celebrated her 85th birthday on July 19.
- **Beth Greenfield**, who celebrated her 92th birthday on July 9.

A speedy recovery to:

- **Charlene Johnston**, who had knee replacement surgery.
- **Eileen Colegrove**, who had an auto accident in August.

Our sympathy to:

- **Carol Hughes** and Brian and Sarah Conroy. Brian (Carol's son) and daughter-in-law, Sarah, experienced an early pregnancy loss.
- **Nancy Noble** and **Pud Baird**. Nancy's mother died on August 16 after a short illness.

From Ginnie Vogts:

**Thank you for a wonderful baby shower for Kaylee!** First UU is partnering with Church for All People to help young at-risk mothers have a healthy delivery and help their babies make it to their first birthday. We had a baby shower for Kaylee, who recently had a baby boy. Thanks for all the gifts of baby clothes, and baby and household items.

Kaylee is from Indiana and came to Ohio in December. She has no family here. She has a two-year old little boy named Kaiser and left an abusive relationship in Indiana. Kaiser was born at 33 week's gestation and spent a month in a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. Kaylee was living with her boyfriend Kevin at his mother's house in South Columbus initially, but had to leave. She went to the YWCA Family Center because she was essentially homeless. The YWCA program referred her to CAREHOME, a program of the Church for All People which provides not only affordable housing, but also case management services so that the mother and unborn baby get medical care, parenting guidance and referrals for whatever else is needed. That's where First UU comes in.

Stuart Smith and I met with Kaylee to see what her priorities were. She is a sweet young woman and her little boy took an immediate shine to Stuart.

The shower was fun and festive. We had lots of very cute clothes, toys, a car seat, stroller for two, a couple of dressers and a delicious homemade cake. Kaylee's sister was here from Indiana to support her and lots of First UU members attended to celebrate and support this little family.

Stuart and I delivered the larger gifts afterward and saw the refurbished home provided by CAREHOME. It is situated in South Columbus and is attractive AND affordable. We will be in contact with the social worker who is working with Kaylee to see what the next steps are. Meanwhile, Kaylee says to thank everyone who bought gifts and donated money and gently used goods. Here is a link to some photos from the shower taken by Matt Tierney.

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0ByX9e0UHFvYLRm5oTEZBUnpWUjg?usp=sharing>

Ginnie Vogts and Stuart Smith

## 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
- Bookbites: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 7pm
- Board of Trustees: 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, 7pm
- BREAD Team: 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 7pm
- Bridge Group (call 614-499-2434): 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, 6pm
- 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
- Families with Young Children: 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays, 10am
- Finance Committee: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, 6:30pm
- First Friday Potluck: 6:30pm
- French Language Group: Mondays, 6pm
- 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
- Justice Action Ministry: 4<sup>th</sup> Monday, 7pm
- Library Team: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 1:30pm
- Memoir Group: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, 7pm
- Meditation Workshop, Thursdays, 6:30pm
- Move to Amend: 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday, 12pm
- Peace Pals Choir: Sundays, 10:25am
- RE Team: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, 6:30pm
- Rising Voices Choir: Tuesdays, 6:45pm
- Sacred Song Circle: Wednesdays, 6pm
- Sign Language Class: First three Tuesdays of the month, September through December of 2017
- Spirit of Life Choir: Tuesdays, 7:30pm
- Stewardship: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 7pm
- Sunday Breakfast: 8:45am

- This Month in Science: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 7pm
- Trans Youth Support Group: 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday, 2pm
- UU Dance Fellowship: Mondays, 7pm
- Wednesday Women's Book Group: 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, 1pm. *The Last Report on the Miracles at Little No Horse*
- Wednesdays on Weisheimer: 6pm
- Worship Team: 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 7:30pm. Interested?
- Zen Meditation: Saturdays, 8:30am; Tuesdays, 7pm

### Saturday, September 2

10:00am RE Teacher Orientation

### Saturday, September 9

10:00am 1st Grade OWL Orientation

### Monday, September 11

7:00pm Care & Share Time Bank Orientation

### Saturday, September 16

9:30am Single Payer Action Network (SPAN)  
10:00am Human Trafficking 101

### Monday, September 18

7:00pm Solidarity and Sanctuary Circle

### Wednesday, September 20

6:00pm Path to Membership

### Saturday, September 23

9:00am Path to Membership  
9:00am Regional Leadership Day

### Sunday, September 24

7:00pm Film: Chasing Coral

### Tuesday, September 26

7:00pm Neighboring Faiths

### Friday, September 29

7:00pm Phyllis Byard & Nathan Hamm Birthday Party & Recital

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## **UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES**

September's theme: *Beauty*

Sunday, September 3, 10am

*Sensing a Disturbance in the Force*

First UU Member Amy Watson

Sunday, September 10, 9:15am & 11am

*Water Ceremony*

Rev. Marian Stewart, Rev. Eric Meter, Rev. Lane Campbell

Ingathering service, for all ages; two services begin

Sunday, September 17, 9:15am & 11am

*Prisms of Beauty: Part I*

Rev. Marian Stewart

Sunday, September 24, 9:15am & 11am

*Prisms of Beauty: Part II*

Rev. Marian Stewart