

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.

MORE THAN A HOUSE

Rev. Marian Stewart, Senior Minister

On my final house-hunting trip to Columbus this summer, I had it all figured out. I would say “yes” to the couple who owned the house next door. They had worked hard getting the rental house ready: paint, screens, landscaping. It wasn’t a new house, but it was in good condition. They were eager to have me as their neighbor. But before I said yes, I just had to honor my 6:00 appointment to see another house that evening.



I arrived a little early and sat in my car across the street. This second house was small and a few decades newer but I wasn’t really interested, since I had already envisioned living in the other house. At six o’clock, I joined two families and the owner for a tour. Not thinking this would be my home, I pointed out all the benefits to the other families: bedrooms for the boys, a great room for play, kids’ bikes on the deck next door. I thanked the owner and returned to my car. I emailed the couple telling them I would take the first house.

Just as I was getting ready to drive away from the second house, the owner came over to my car. He thanked me for coming and wanted to know if I was interested. I said no, thank you. Then we began talking. Before long, a neighbor joined in the conversation. And then another. We all laughed and shared stories. A few walkers, some taking their dogs for exercise, waved as they passed by. A cat rubbed against my leg. I began to feel at home. But oops. What about that email?

I called the couple to see if they had checked their email: no, they had not. I asked them to ignore it and that I would be taking the second house instead. They were polite, and I hated to let them down, but I had made connections that hinted at a sense of belonging. This second house was more than a house: it was nestled into a neighborhood.

I reflect on this story and what made the difference as I look at October’s theme of Hospitality. The first house was a little larger and glistened with TLC – tender loving care – but as nice as it was, it was just a house. The second house was newer yet a little more worn. The difference for me? Hospitality. At the second house, I felt welcomed into the proverbial arms of the neighborhood even as I was standing right out in the middle of the street. The neighbors weren’t evaluating me on whether or not I could pay the bills. They just accepted me, and pulled me right into belonging.

That’s how I became a Unitarian Universalist as well. While it is a longer story than that, I will say that on my first Sunday at the local UU church, I was greeted with a smile and welcomed right into the community. That had not happened at other churches.

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LINKS

Rev. Eric Meter, Associate Minister

Years ago, I was part of an effort of the San Francisco Bay Area UU congregations to work together on a marketing campaign. It took us a couple of years to build the plan and the trust such an effort would require, but in the end we raised enough funds to blanket commuter rail stations with UU posters, and show ads on Comedy Central before the Daily Show. Pretty cool, eh?

But as exciting as that was, it wasn't the main point. The main point was to do something bold enough to entice more potential members through our churches' doors for the first time. (Although a project in which the members of those 17 congregations worked together jointly wasn't such a bad thing in itself.)



A slight smile plays at my mouth when I think about this now, a dozen years later. The truth is that First UU Columbus sees a number of visitors each and every week that would have made any of those California congregations jealous.

And from our dedicated greeters and Sunday morning ushers to our members and friends, we do a great job of welcoming these folks. We greet our newcomers warmly. We serve the best inexpensive breakfast in town before our 9:15 service. And our vitality as a congregation is attractive in and of itself.

Are we perfect at this? Of course not. This is one of those necessary arts in which there is no way forward except practice, practice, practice. And, in the words of the driving instructor of my youth, we need to always *Aim high in steering*. By which he meant keep looking far ahead so that you know what's coming and where you are going. Always keep your goal in sight.

In the Path to Membership classes I help lead, we hear stories of folks looking to First UU for community and meaning. Some are hurting, as all of us find ourselves in times of pain and grief. But all of them, it seems to me, are looking for a sense of belonging and a need for greater purpose. Every one of them has significant reasons to be showing up at First UU. In this day and age, very few newcomers come to church because that's the thing to do. The cultural role of churchgoing has changed drastically over the last couple of generations.

People are coming to us for purpose, and to feel they belong. Amid the everyday hustle and bustle, we often need to remind ourselves of this, and remember the Hindu practice of meeting one another with a bow and the verbal greeting *Namaste*, the divine in me acknowledges the divine in you.

And if that's not a practice of affirming the inherent worth and dignity of every person, Unitarian Universalism's first principle, I don't know what is.

So in this month, as we focus on Hospitality, let's remember to practice together the art of holding both the sacred nature of one another, and our common human needs for belonging and purpose in mind. Easy? Perhaps not. But worth the effort? I guarantee it.

In peace,
Rev. Eric

GROWING AS WE GO

Rev. Lane Campbell, Minister of Religious Exploration

I have always been a Unitarian Universalist. I was born into this faith and know no other religious home outside of visiting places of worship my friends have attended here and there. This faith is known to me, deep in my being. It is a blessing, and also it has its challenges.

Over the past two months, this congregation has welcomed in a new settled Senior Minister, as well as a Ministerial Intern. Both are such a gift to this community. I, being ever the institutionalist, was so prepared to let them know how things have been working here at First UU. This congregation has so much going right for it and I was so earnestly ready to welcome them in.

And then a funny thing happened. I found myself saying, “Well, this is how we’ve done things in the past…” or, “For the last four years I’ve been here, we do things this way.” New ideas were being generated, we were getting creative and my own ties to the way our congregation has always done it were getting in the way. I recognized I was doing the thing that I often do not like to see people do—welcoming folks in and expecting them to conform to the way things have always been.

True hospitality, real welcome, means we need to be open to the transformation that others bring through the door. People come to our congregations and to many places to contribute, to be a part of something. And that means change.

I remain forever grateful for the fresh perspective of a newcomer, someone coming with their own stories and experiences, asking questions about why people do things the way they do them. In this faith, it helps me to remember that folks visiting for the first time have a valuable contribution—they prompt me to think more deeply about how to talk about what Unitarian Universalism is and how it lives in our lives. Whether you are here for the first time, or have been here for years and years, may you be open to the gifts a newcomer brings and may you be open to true welcome, to being transformed.

Rev. Lane



Please send articles for the November issue of the newsletter by Sunday, October 22, to office@firstuucolumbus.org.

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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
Karen Madden, Choir Director
Leigh Mamlin, Children/Youth Choir Director
Cath Saveson, Children/Youth Choir Director
Nathan Hamm, Accompanist/Pianist
Deb Cannon, Toddler Room Teacher

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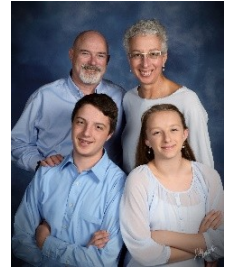
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Carolee Noonan, Board Chair

“Who was that? His name began with C. Or was it D? I wish I could remember his name.”

“I think she had brown hair and glasses. If only I knew her name!”

“What should I give my family this year? They see my FaceBook posts, but that’s not the same as a framed portrait. The last one I had taken was a few years ago.”



The Noonan Family

First UU Photo Directory!

- Pictures taken October 3-7 and 10-14.
- Receive a free 8x10 photo and a directory with the option to purchase additional prints and items.
- Looking to give a few hours as a volunteer to sign people in? Contact Christine Davidson, 614-357-2885, Christine.davidson@outlook.com

Stop by the Welcome table or go to <https://tinyurl.com/uuphotoappt> and select a time that works for you.

See you in the pictures!

Carolee Noonan, Board of Trustees Chairperson

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FIRST UU MUSIC

Tony McDonald, Music Director

Award winning and up and coming ensembles from the renowned **Chamber Music Connection** located in Worthington, Ohio, will perform at First UU on **Sunday, October 29 at 7:30pm**. The chamber ensembles will perform works by the masters of chamber music including Haydn, Mendelssohn, and Shostakovich, as well a collection of jazz standards and cover tunes.

The Chamber Music Connection, Inc. (CMC) is a recognized not-for-profit organization dedicated to providing an enriching chamber music experience for players of all ages and skill levels. With an associated faculty and guest artists of over 40 members and approximately 100 students each semester, CMC has become known by professional musicians from across the nation as one of the most influential chamber music educational programs in the country.

Here are the other events in this year’s concert series:

- October 29, 2017 – Chamber Music Connection, 7:30 pm
- December 17, 2017 – Choir Holiday Concert, 5:00 pm
- February 18, 2018 – Piano Trio with Mark Rudoff and friends, 3:00 pm
- March 11, 2018 – Scot Band from Wooster
- April 15, 2018 – Dr. Tony's Original Ragtime Band, 3:00 pm
- May 6, 2018 – Magpie Consort
- May 20, 2018 – Spring Choir Concert

FIRST UU AUCTION

Danya Furda, Auction Team

Bidding on the Side of Love! Our next church auction will be **Saturday, February 10** from **5 pm – 9:30 pm**. Please mark your calendars! We will have an auction table on October 8 after both services in Fellowship Hall 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 request 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 October 8 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.

SCHOOL FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

Susan Roscigno, Co-Director

As The School for Young Children begins our 48th year, we're reminded of our roots, our foundation of social and emotional development. In 1976, Julia Sonner Sheppard wrote an article called “SYC—School for Maturity.” Here's how she describes our program:

“Janet Stocker and Lee Row, co-founders of the preschool, begin with the premise that preschool is for individual emotional and social development rather than for academics or ‘school situation’ training. A child who has his own feelings sorted out, his own sense of identity, his own self-control and his own self-direction can go on to academics with the fewest stumbling blocks. It is much more difficult for a child to be faced with academics while he is still struggling with basic emotional and social development. Try teaching the alphabet, for example, to a child who is on the verge of tears because his mother has abandoned him to unfamiliar teachers and strange surroundings.”

“Verbalizing his own needs and feelings and listening to the needs and reactions of others demonstrate cause and effect to the child. The opportunity to make choices also teaches him the results of his decisions. Recognizing the consequences for his actions is one of the steps in a child’s learning responsibility.”

This year, another 148 children are playing at SYC: learning about themselves, about others and about the world around them. We are so glad to have them and their families here at SYC with us!

Touchstones Theme: Hospitality

Hospitality is the ancient and primary vocation of religious community. The impulse to authentic hospitality emerges from an abiding sense of home and the reality that we are a stranger. When we welcome the stranger we are welcoming our self. Commitment to hospitality involves a concern for the stranger, the immigrant, the refugee, the homeless, the oppressed, those mired in poverty, and more.



The pineapple is a symbol of hospitality



“Once the guest has eaten and drunk at your table, the guest becomes kin... beggar or enemy, friend or chief, if they knock on your door, it will open; if they seek your shelter, it will be given, and if they ask for hospitality, give them your bread and wine... for who knows when you may need the help of a fellow human?” Keri Hulme

Please join us in exploring the theme of Hospitality

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CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

Wednesdays on Weisheimer Every Wednesday, 6–9pm. Childcare available. Bring your own meal and enjoy the company of our First UU community and programs for all ages.

Rev. Eric Meter,
ericm@firstuucolumbus.org,
614-267-4946, ext. 23

First UU Bookstore Volunteers Needed

Book lovers, if you are able to help sell books in Fellowship Hall one Sunday morning a month, please contact Whill Whicker. Bookstore proceeds help the church, and volunteers get a 10% discount.

Will Whicker,
swwhicker@gmail.com,
[614-560-9975](tel:614-560-9975)

Building and Grounds Workday Saturday, October 28, 9am-12pm. Breakfast by Patricia Boughton at 8:30. Please join us at First UU, starting in Room A/B, for a Fall Workday with a variety of easy projects to keep our beloved meeting space beautiful, welcoming and functional to support our many important activities.

Care and Share Time Bank (CSTB) members will be given hours credit for time spent at the fall workday. CSTB supports community building, a mission mutually supported by First UU. As an affiliate of CSTB, First UU also benefits from greater potential to gain funding from external sources for its community building and social justice missions through well documented volunteer work hours provided and documented in the CSTB online recording system. All volunteers at First UU should consider becoming members of CSTB for this aspect alone. (However, once you become an active member of CSTB there are many other benefits realized.)

Stephen Lovejoy, B&G Co-Chair and
First UU's CSTB Coordinator, 740-427-3957

Senior Gathering Thursday, October 19, 10:45am-1pm. "Welcoming Rev. Marian" and lunch. Watch for an email message or post card. Reservations to Carole Wilhelm, [614-889-1182](tel:614-889-1182). Those not on the mailing list who are interested are definitely invited, but please make a reservation.

Bookbites Tuesday, October 17, Slowter Lounge, 7-9pm. Topic: *What Scares You?* The topic for the November 21 meeting is *Immigrants*.

Kathleen Boston, 614-262-4025

First UU Library News Beginning this October and every second Sunday thereafter look for the red library cart near the Bookstore in Fellowship Hall. The cart will display books from our First UU Library collection. You can even check out books 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. You are invited to visit the library any time. It is on the left at the far end of the Window Hallway.

Human Trafficking 101 Saturday, October 14, 10am to noon in Room 7. 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,
gdenby@yahoo.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.

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



A Sunday without coffee hour can be S-C-A-R-Y! Make sure we never have to experience this terrifying event! Come join us in the land of Coffee Hour. Help us put *hot* in coffee hour! (We accept volunteers ages 13 and up.)

Denni, rayneblueoh@gmail.com,
[614-733.8082](tel:614-733-8082)

First Friday October 6,

- **Potluck** at 6:30pm. Laurie Brown, 614-246-0170
- **Poetry Reading** at 7:30pm. You are invited to join us for poetry inspired by the exhibit *Welcome!* on display in the Gallery. Poets: Choose a piece, or the entire show, and write (just one) poem to share. Send it to Jeanni Ray, jeanni1954@gmail.com, by October 4, with the poem title, artist and art piece title. The art exhibit will continue until October 29.
- **Film screening** at 7:30pm, Room 8. *Water, Sacred and Profane, Scientific and Beautiful.*

Thanksgiving Dinner Time again to talk turkey. Our annual dinner will be Thursday, November 23, 2pm. Back by popular demand will be our gratitude tree and talent show. We need volunteers for setup and cleanup. We also need two or three volunteers for turkeys. RSVP by Sunday, November 18; state how many will be in your party, what you will bring and how you can help. A donation basket will be passed and some reimbursement for the turkey will be available. Also let us know if you will be in our fun talent show.

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

Interested in joining First UU? The *Path to Membership* class is a great way to learn more about our congregation and meet other newcomers. The class will be on Wednesday, November 29, 6-9pm, and also on Saturday, December 2, 9am-1pm. Registration is required. If interest, please contact Marian Garcia, 614-267-4946, x 21, office@firstuucolumbus.org.



Feed My Sheep food pantry needs dog and cat food, tampons, children's books, peanut butter, and diapers.

Where will we stand on Sanctuary?

Rev. Tim Temerson, Senior Minister of First UU of Akron, is coming to speak to us about his congregation's actions and feelings on Sanctuary on Sunday, October 29, 4pm. This will be an opportunity for us to hear first hand about the process his congregation went through and why. We will discuss logistics, legal implications and benefits.

Please come to this important meeting and be part of the ongoing discussion of what it means to be a Unitarian Universalist. Stakeholder meetings will follow on Sunday, November 5, 3pm in Room 7 and on Wednesday, November 8, at *Wednesdays on Weisheimer*.

Stop by the Fair Trade Table, every third Sunday, after each worship service, to stock up on your favorite coffees, teas, and chocolate bars, which you can enjoy while supporting fair wages and sustainable farming practices around the world.

MORE THAN A HOUSE, *continued*

Rev. Marian Stewart, Senior Minister

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So what makes a church more than a building? Or more than a nice building filled with good people? The difference is hospitality that goes beyond a simple greeting – although greeting is very important. A truly welcoming church is where everyone listens. When we share our stories—and deeply listen to others—we transform brick and mortar into heart and soul. That's when a church becomes a community.

From the warm welcome I have received at First UU, I know I belong. Thank you so much. Now, let's open our doors and our hearts in the most generous of welcomes for those already here who we do not know, and those yet to come. Say "hello" and then listen. Everyone has a story.

Hospitality really does make a difference. I know. It's why I'm a UU.

Blessings,
Rev. Marian

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. (See the September 9, 2017, *Columbus Dispatch* editorial, "BREAD Plan Offers Hope.")

Because of your support, both financial and with your time, BREAD is adding further victories in the Juvenile Court. Also, BREAD's Juvenile Justice Committee has a November date with Columbus City Schools' personnel and other invited guests to investigate, observe, and further research Restorative Practices in the Pittsburgh Public Schools and how they are being used as an alternative to suspension.

BREAD's Fall Listening Process is underway! A House Meeting/Listening Session is an opportunity to share the concerns that weigh heavily on our hearts, to get to know each other on a deeper level, to learn more about BREAD, and to build our congregation's justice ministry. The stories shared at our and other BREAD congregations' listening sessions will be a part of the democratic process used to select a new community problem for BREAD's research and action. First UU's BREAD Team especially invites Grades 8-12 students and young adults to participate as one focus will be inappropriate punishment in schools.

Reserve your spot by calling the person facilitating the listening session you want to attend, or sign up in Fellowship Hall after services. Childcare is available; but make your request at least one week in advance.

BREAD's 2017 FIRST UU (HOUSE MEETING) LISTENING SESSIONS

Wednesday, September 27, 6:45-8:30 pm; Library;
Bob Rice—(614) 313-7158
Thursday, September 28, 6:00 pm; location offsite;
Noel Williams
Sunday, October 1, 12:45-2:30 pm; Library;
Chris Johnson—(614) 946-1287
Tuesday, October 3, 6:45-8:30 pm; Library;
Chris Johnson—(614) 946-1287
Wednesday, October 4, 6:45-8:30 pm; Library;
Steve Lovejoy—(740) 427-3957

Sunday, October 8, 12:45-2:30 pm; Library;
Alice Rathburn—(614) 563-0536
Wednesday, October 11, 6:45-8:30pm; Slowter;
Bob Rice—(614) 313-7158
Thursday, October 12, 6:00-8:00pm; Library;
Noel Williams—(614) 598-3272
Sunday, October 15, 12:45-2:30 pm; Library;
Alice Rathburn—(614) 563-0536
Wednesday, October 18, 6:45-8:30 pm; Blue Room;
Chris Johnson—(614) 946-1287
Sunday, October 22, 12:45-2:30 pm; Library
Steve Lovejoy—(740) 427-3957

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS

Hurricane Relief Funds The UUA and the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee are collaborating on recovery and relief funds. To learn more and to make a cash contribution, go to <http://www.uua.org/> and click [Recovery Fund](#) button.



The courtyard looking toward the Window Hallway.

CARING CORNER

Appreciation to:

- **Debra Boyd, Dana Reynolds, Kittie Palm-Houser, Amy Watson and Les Kleen** and the Atheists-Skeptics-Humanist Group (ASH), for leading this year's special summer services.

Congratulations to:

- **Sarah and Carey McDonald**, who welcomed Hosea Paul McDonald into the world August 29.

Happy Birthday to:

- **Kathleen Boston**, who celebrated her 85th birthday September 15.

A speedy recovery to:

- **Jim Pinchak**, who is recovering from the removal of a malignant tumor from his spinal cord. He has continued his treatment and therapy, returned home and resumed teaching at OSU.
- **Courtney Chapman**, who fell and broke his shoulder blade.
- **Shelly Casto**, who had breast cancer surgery.
- **Amy Steele**, who will be having rotator cuff surgery on October 19 at OSU.
- **Jeanni Ray**, who was briefly hospitalized for viral pleurisy and bronchitis.

Caring thoughts to:

- **Kelly Blake**, who recently had an unexpected layoff from her job.

Our sympathy to:

- **The Saveson and Otten Family.** Marilyn Saveson's husband, Cath Saveson's father, and Willow and Liam's grandfather, John Saveson, died from congestive heart failure at age 94.
- **Kim and David Landsbergen.** David's father, David Langsbergen, Sr., passed away after a brief illness.
- **Jane Reisman**, whose husband, John, died on September 19, from complications of multiple myeloma. There will be a memorial service for John on Saturday, October 7, 2pm.
- **Beth Jewell and Meg Shillington**, whose mother and grandmother, Barbara Jean Colville, died on September 20.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Linda Thompson, Historian

A Story Retold

The history of First Unitarian Universalist Church is rich and deep. First, we have the rich heritage of both Universalist and Unitarian traditions that joined in the early sixties. Plus, we have the two liberal churches that began in Columbus in the 1840s.

In 1844, forty three men and women met to begin a Universalist society. They cooperated with a church on Third Street, which they later bought. This group incorporated in 1845 as the First Universalist Church. The first called minister was Rev. N. Doolittle, who came in October of that year. Over the years, the congregation moved several times; the last church was located on E. 16th Avenue.

The Independent Protestant Church was founded in 1843. The services were conducted in German until WWI made that undesirable. From 1914 to 1939, their minister was Rev. John F. Meyer, a Unitarian ordained minister. When he retired, he asked the American Unitarian Association to help establish a Unitarian church in Columbus. After a series of lectures in the Fort Hayes Hotel, now gone, eighteen individuals met at the Great Southern Hotel at Main and High Streets in June 1940 to form the Unitarian Church. The congregation met at various places until it had a home in 1941 at 1957 Indianola Avenue known as the Unitarian House.

Rev. Clyde Williams served as the first settled minister. He and his family lived on the second floor of the Unitarian House. He left in 1943 to become an Army Chaplain in Europe, especially during the Battle of the Bulge. Rev. Frank Richter followed and was installed at a worship service on Thursday, October 26, 1944.

During the 1940s, the ministers and the congregation spent much time on social justice issues—clothing and food for orphans, homeless and displaced in Europe. The congregation wrote to President Roosevelt urging that Jewish families be allowed to settle in the United States. In 1948, Rev. Richter left to become the Regional Director for the Pacific Coast Unitarian Conference. It was during his ministry that the congregation bought property with a house on W. 11th

Avenue, south of the OSU campus. In 1947, they built a cinder block chapel, affectionately known as “the sanctified garage.” Building materials were scarce after WWII, as they are now after the western wildfires and the hurricanes.

The next minister, Rev. John F. Hayward, came in 1948. He had served in the Pacific, where he was in combat in the invasion of Iwo Jima. In 1945, while his ship was in mid voyage, word came that President Roosevelt had died. The captain asked Hayward to hold a memorial service, which he did using the public address system. His installation read like a “Who’s Who in Unitarian Circles,” including Rev. James Luther Adams, Ph.D, University of Chicago. He was Rev. Hayward’s mentor and a noted Unitarian theologian.

CALENDAR

- Adult Programs: 1st Thursday, 7-9pm
- Archives Team: Tuesdays, 9:30am
- Atheists/Skeptics/Humanists: 4th Tuesday, 7pm
- Bookbites: 3rd Tuesday, 7pm
- Board of Trustees: 4th Wednesday, 7pm
- BREAD Team: 3rd Thursday, 7pm
- Bridge Group (call 614-499-2434): 4th Sunday, 6pm
- 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
- Families with Young Children: 2nd Saturdays, 10am
- Finance Committee: 3rd 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
- Holistic Therapy Group: Saturdays, 2:00pm
- Improvisational Dance: Thursdays, 9:30am
- Intergenerational Book Group: 3rd Wednesday, 7pm
- Justice Action Ministry: 4th Monday, 7pm
- Library Team: 2nd Tuesday, 1:30pm
- Memoir Group: 2nd Wednesday, 7pm
- Meditation Workshop, Thursdays, 6:30pm
- Move to Amend: 3rd Saturday, 12pm
- Peace Pals Choir: Sundays, 10:25am
- RE Team: 3rd 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: 3rd Tuesday, 7pm
- Sunday Breakfast: 8:45am
- This Month in Science: 2nd Tuesday, 7pm
- Trans Youth Support Group: 3rd Saturday, 2pm
- UU Dance Fellowship: Mondays, 7pm
- Wednesday Women's Book Group: 4th Wednesday, 1pm.
- Wednesdays on Weisheimer: 6pm
- Worship Team: 1st Tuesday, 7:30pm. Interested?
- Zen Meditation: Saturdays, 8:30am; Tuesdays, 7pm

Sunday, October 8

3:00pm Community Conversation

Saturday, October 14

10:00am Human Trafficking 101

Thursday, October 19

10:45am Senior Gathering

Saturday, October 21

8:30am Midwest Grief Recovery Method Training

Saturday, October 28

8:30am Building & Grounds Workday

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UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES

October's theme: *Hospitality*

Sunday, October 1, 9:15am & 11am

Open the Doors

Rev. Eric Meter

Sunday, October 8, 9:15am & 11am

It's Not Easy Being Different

Rev. Dr. Marian Stewart

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

Radical Hospitality

Rev. Dr. Marian Stewart

Sunday, October 22, 9:15am & 11am

Remembering to Expect Greatness

Amanda Hays

Sunday, October 29, 9:15am & 11am

Rev. Eric Meter