

# The Discoverer

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

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## *Our Mission Statement*

We are here:

To learn and practice true hospitality  
To revere the reasoning mind and the generous heart  
To claim our diversity as a source of our strength, and  
To relinquish the safety of our unexamined privilege for  
the freedom to engage in transforming justice.

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## **LOVE—IT'S EVERYWHERE!**

Rev. Marian Stewart, Senior Minister

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I was at a memorial service last weekend for a friend. Larry's sons offered loving eulogies and family members shared memoirs. Toward the end, a son-in-law began his tribute by saying he had two dads: his biological father who was his Dad in native Egypt, and Larry, his American Dad. Even though I knew Larry to be a person who helped break the color barriers in public school systems in the South during the Civil Rights era, I did not know that his family was anything but white Southern.

After telling us about his dads, the son-in-law began talking about how loving, open, and generous Larry was. He even wrote a poem. As he read the first lines, his cell phone rang. It was insistent – and awkward. Answer the phone or read the poem. He couldn't do both since the poem was on the phone.

Quickly he greeted the person on the phone and promised to call back. Embarrassed but excited, he told us that the call was from his niece in Egypt who had just given birth to her first child. The son-in-law told us how excited the whole family was and that he'd call and celebrate with her as soon as he could. But now, back to the poem he wrote for Larry.

Well, not quite. He went on an impassioned monologue about how people everywhere were really just the same. We all cry when we lose someone and we rejoice when babies are born. He didn't understand why there was so much hate. Before he returned to the poem, he summed up by saying that love is the same everywhere.

Isn't that true? We get all flustered deciding who is welcome or not based on all sorts of arbitrary attributes, guidelines, impressions. I remember a longtime nurse volunteer at a needle exchange clinic in Nanaimo, B.C. telling me that she kept doing this every day because all these people who were struggling with addiction were someone's child, sibling, parent. It was her job to help them where they were, believing that that is what we are all called to do: take care of each other.

The Egyptian son-in-law and the clinic volunteer had different stories but the same message. Love is the same everywhere. It is ours to partake, share, and give back. If we only could get past our own selves...

Imagine what a world that would be.

Imagine what a church that would be.

Imagine what a life that would be.

Love.

Blessings,  
Rev. Marian



## LINKS

Rev. Eric Meter, Associate Minister

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Let's talk about love.

Love is not a word we shy from much at First UU. From our t-shirts (Standing on the Side of Love) to our more recent mottos (Love Resists), we use this particular L-word all the time.

Sometimes I worry that we'll wear it out, calling upon it as often as we do. But Love has proven its strength and durability over the ages. And, in truth, I just can't see the day coming in which we don't need it as much as we do today.

Of course, there are many forms of love: romantic, parental, empathetic to name a few.

What I'm most curious about is this: How did you learn to love? Love in the widest sense.

I was a rather self-centered kid. When I was nine or so and my family moved from the only house I had then known, I watched as the girl next door waved goodbye to us with tears in her eyes. Only later did I learn what it was to miss someone.

I also remember my father's tears and wail of grief during the memorial service for his younger brother, who had taken his own life at 26. I had no idea that adults, especially adult men, could grieve in such a way until then.

And then there were the lessons I learned in church (and, I should add, the lessons I am still trying/hoping to learn at church):

- how powerful empathetic listening can be
- that positive challenges can be the best thing we can give one another
- that patience and positive regard pay off in surprising ways
- that everyone, and I mean everyone, is beautiful
- how important it is to listen before we speak
- that we are almost always more powerful than we may know, and are responsible for using that power constructively
- that love is almost as vulnerable as it is strong

I don't remember where I first heard the phrase *church is where we learn what it means to love*, but I hold that claim as a beacon for what I want in religious community.

So, I'll return to my question from earlier: Where have you learned about love?

Was any of it at church (First UU or any other)?

Were there lessons that you might have learned, as part of a faith community, that you learned instead in the hard-knock school of life?

And if church really can be where we learn what it means to love, what programming would benefit you the most?

Please let me know your thoughts,

Rev. Eric



# GROWING AS WE GO

Rev. Lane Campbell, Minister of Religious Exploration

## Loving as Letting Go

The desire to love and to be loved can be so strong in us. If you grew up not receiving the love you needed, if you dreamed of a love you saw modeled in the lives around you, if you have experienced an emptiness inside it felt like only another person could fill, you are not alone. Many of us grow up with images of love and with a lived reality that are very separate from one another. I know I saw a difference in the ideal love between the love present in the home where I grew up and the love present in the Disney movies I was raised watching. I think we all did, on some level.



To love is to desire the best for another person, to hope in your heart that they grow and change and to support that growth as best you can. When I officiate weddings, I am often talking about a love that invites people to grow together while also growing separately. Love is about partnership while also being about the individual. It can't just be about one or the other. Love has to be about both personal growth and the growth of people together.

When we have an unhealthy view of love, love may look like wanting to spend all of our time together or the desire to know what the other person is doing at all times. It can come from a place of control. It can also come from these deep emotions directed at another person. It can come from what we learned from others growing up, whether on the media or in friendships or in our families of origin.

In First UU's 13-14 year old Our Whole Lives program, we talk about healthy relationships on a spectrum. We invite the youth to identify behaviors that are unhealthy in love and to do some deep self-reflection about where you might fall on this spectrum, where your friends might be, and where a romantic partner might be too. Healthy love involves communication, freedom of expression, affirmation of one another, and dialogue through conflict. How often can we say that we embrace these dynamics in our relationships as adults?

Love is about letting another person be who they are, and doing what you can to support the healthy growth and development of that person as an individual. To know love is to hold a great love for ourselves at our own foundation. We grow as individuals, and we are better able to love one another, thus being better able to love our communities.

I wish you health and happiness in all your friendships and relationships. And I look forward to exploring our monthly theme of love throughout February, learning from you what love has looked like in your lives.

Rev. Lane

Please send articles for the March issue of the newsletter by Sunday, February 18, to [office@firstuucolumbus.org](mailto:office@firstuucolumbus.org).

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# BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Carolee Noonan, Board Chair

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Tell me about the Board of Trustees, you might ask...Every year First UU members elect two board members to serve a three-year term working on their behalf. There are six voting members of the board. Each year, the youth of our congregation select one or two representatives to the board. The board selects a treasurer who may or may not be an elected member of the board. We partner with the ministers and church administrator to serve you, the members and friends of First UU. During the annual board retreat we set goals for this year:

## 1. Finalize Mission and Vision

1. With guidance and input from the board, congregational sessions were led by Rev. Marian to state our congregation's mission and vision.
2. The vote to adopt the new mission and vision by amending the constitution was completed at the January Mid-Year Congregational Meeting.

## 2. Practice partnership governance including creating a strategic plan.

1. The name of our church governance model has evolved from Policy Governance to Partnership Governance. We formed a solid partnership between ministry (staff and teams) and governance (board and committees). A current example is partnering to respond to the lower-than-expected pledges. The board is working with the coordinating team and the finance committee to reduce planned spending.
2. For the strategic plan, board members are working with Rev. Joan Van Becelaere, Congregational Life Staff at the Unitarian Universalist Association, East Central Region to advise us as we work on your behalf to create a plan that is in alignment with our congregation's mission and vision.

## 3. Are we rising to the challenge? Energize stewardship efforts to fulfill our vision.

1. We continue to increase transparency about money. An example is the Membership and Budget Update in Sunday inserts giving you clear, concise monthly totals of attendance, income and expenses.
2. We are engaged with Rev. Marian in focusing on Stewardship, Membership and Welcoming.

You made the right choice when...

You called Rev. Marian. She and I work together on your behalf. During our weekly meetings, recent topics include social justice, mission, vision, money, communication and transparency, membership and welcoming.

You voted to move to a different way of governing our congregation. Responsibilities and freedom within set boundaries were established and clarified for staff and the board. Initially called Policy Governance, we now call this form of mutual work and responsibility to serve you, Partnership Governance.



Thank you to all who attended the Mid-Year Meeting on January 28. Your partnership and engagement lets the members and friends of First UU do together what we cannot do alone. Please mark your calendar for the Annual Meeting of our congregation on June 3.

Please feel free to contact me at [carolee.noonan@gmail.com](mailto:carolee.noonan@gmail.com) or 614-306-9898.

In partnership,  
Carolee Noonan, Chair, Board of Trustees

# FIRST UU AUCTION

Danya Furda, Auction Team

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**Bidding on the Side of Love!** Our next auction will be **Saturday, February 10** from **5pm – 9:30pm**. Don't miss it!

## Printed Auction Catalogs & Gift Certificates

- Pick up a printed auction catalog at the auction table beginning **Sunday, January 28**.
- You can browse the auction catalog online any time at [www.togetherauction.com/firstuu](http://www.togetherauction.com/firstuu)
- You can buy someone a gift certificate at the auction table.



## Volunteers

- We need volunteers to make the auction possible! Please volunteer for a large or small role by contacting Candee Rothert at [can431@sbcglobal.net](mailto:can431@sbcglobal.net), Nancy Rafert at [nrafert@yahoo.com](mailto:nrafert@yahoo.com), or Peggy McKee at [pmckee7@columbus.rr.com](mailto:pmckee7@columbus.rr.com).

## Tickets & Childcare

- Get your discounted tickets for \$15 at our table in Fellowship Hall after services on January 28 and February 4.
- Tickets are \$18 at the door.
- New church members (those having joined since the last auction) can purchase tickets at \$10 per person, whether in advance or at the door.
- Children between 11 and 16 are \$5 in advance or at the door.
- Children 10 and under are free.
- You can sign up for childcare at the auction table.

## Pre-bidding or Advance Bidding

- Your auction ticket allows you to place bids online **until Thursday, February 8, by 10pm**. At that time your bids will be transferred onto the bid sheets where bidding will continue auction night.
- To bid, log in using your phone number, and you'll see the bid links at the far right side of each item. The auction website is [www.togetherauction.com/firstuu](http://www.togetherauction.com/firstuu)
- If you cannot attend the auction, you can still bid on and win items by purchasing an advance bidding number for \$3 at the auction table or by arranging for someone to bid for you auction night.

## Bring an Appetizer or Bake Sale Item

- We are no longer asking you to bring a side dish for the auction.
- We are asking you to bring your favorite finger-friendly appetizer or an item for the bake sale table.

## Silent Auction Items

- If you have donated physical items to the auction, please bring them to the church on **Saturday, February 10** (auction day) **between 10 am and 3 pm**.

## Auction Dinner Menu

- We'll have three entrees – chicken marsala, beef stroganoff and a vegan chickpea curry – and basmati rice, sautéed green beans, sautéed zucchini and yellow squash, salad, bread and butter and various beverages. Appetizers will be available throughout the silent auction and desserts will be available for purchase at the bake sale table.
- The auction team is providing all the food for the dinner except for the appetizers and bake sale items which will be provided by auction attendees.

## How Should I Dress?

- We're planning an elegant evening. Feel free to dress up if you're so inclined, but there's no obligation to do so.

## Aftersales

- We will sell physical items **ONLY** on Sunday, February 11 after each service.
- Non-physical items will be available for purchase on Sundays, February 11, 18 and 25.

# SCHOOL FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

Susan Roscigno, Co-Director

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## SYC Registration Info

School for Young Children will be processing for the 2018-2019 school year on Friday, February 16. All applications and \$60 non-refundable registration fee are due no later than 12pm on Friday, February 16. Priority status will be given to currently-enrolled children, siblings of children who have attended SYC, children of SYC alumni, and children of members of First UU.

SYC is a social outreach program of First UU, offering 2½ hour classes 2-3 days a week for children aged 2½ through 5.

For more information about the program you can check our website, and download a registration packet by following the link below:

<http://www.sycolumbus.org/our-classes/enrollment/>

If you have questions, call SYC at [614-267-0254](tel:614-267-0254).

## LIVING FAITH AWARD NOMINATIONS

Rev. Kathleen Fowler, Affiliated Minister

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In the past several years, two First UU individuals have been recipients of a Living Faith Award: Dick Dawson and Jacques Angelino. These awards, presented by the Spirituality Network, are awarded to individuals who exemplify *dynamic* faith in action, whose faith is both “lived” and “alive” in ways that inspire, challenge, and serve. You have the opportunity to nominate someone who you feel embodies all or any of the following:

- Peacemaking: in their own homes, life work and or in the community
- Tending to the "least of these": visiting the sick or imprisoned, feeding the hungry, giving shelter to the homeless
- Caring for creation: creating sustainability and good stewardship of creation
- Loving neighbor and self: reaching across divisions in our culture and community to honor common ground

In addition to the six Living Faith Awards, nominations are requested for the following three categories:

- The Alvin R. Hadley Social Justice Award, in recognition of exemplary work in the field of social justice
- The Interfaith/Multicultural Award, to an individual who exemplifies the best of his or her faith tradition and strives to create bridges of understanding and acceptance across traditions
- Hope for Tomorrow Award, to a young adult, aged 18–30, who lives his or her faith through service, leadership, and personal integrity

Deadline for nominations is February 12, and the awards banquet is May 24, at the Jewish Community Center.

This is a marvelous opportunity to acknowledge the passion and dedication of someone you know who makes a difference in the lives of others in Central Ohio. Further information can be found at [www.spiritualitynetwork.org/livingfaith.html](http://www.spiritualitynetwork.org/livingfaith.html). I have nominated both Dick and Jacques, and I would be happy to answer any questions you have.

Rev. Kathleen Fowler, [614-264-8364](tel:614-264-8364) [kathleenclarkfowler@gmail.com](mailto:kathleenclarkfowler@gmail.com)

## **THE MAGIC OF SEEDS**

Amanda Hays, Ministerial Intern

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It may be January, but I am starting to look at seeds and get excited about my garden in the spring. Last year was the first time I had ever started seeds in pots inside, and it was a lot more magical than I had expected. Because the seedlings were inside, I looked at them much more often and got to witness each tiny part of their growth.

The beans were the most spectacular. In only a few days, they had popped their bent stems out of the soil, straightened up, and put out leaves nearly the size of my palm! No wonder we have stories about magic beans! Even ordinary beans seem miraculous.

But my favorite were the zucchinis. I planted seeds the size of my thumbnail, which grew to seedlings the size of my hand. When I transplanted them into the ground outside, they exploded up to waist-height and became zucchini factories, each zucchini they produced containing hundreds of seeds. It's hard to believe that that thumbnail-sized seed contained the potential for all of that inside. Even with all of our technology, humans have never yet managed to create self-replicating machines, particularly not thumbnail-sized ones that make delicious food as a byproduct. I am in awe of Life.

Since its inception on our planet, life has always found a way. Individuals and even whole species have died out, but some creatures have always survived and gone on to generate new forms of life. Every person, every living thing on the planet is part of an unbroken line that extends all the way back to the first single-celled life.

When I get too worried about my life, our society, and our planet, it helps to put these problems in perspective. I am a member of the family of life that includes every creature that has ever lived or ever will live on this planet. Every single one of my ancestors has managed in some way to preserve the precious life that was given to them and pass it along to the next generation. Our family of Life has been solving problems on this planet for 3,800,000,000 years. Though the problems we face are important and we need to put our resources and imagination into finding new solutions, they seem less overwhelming when put into perspective.

In hope and awe,  
Amanda Hays, Ministerial Intern

## **JUSTICE ACTION MINISTRY:**

### **Coalition of Immokalee Farmworkers Wendy's Campaign**

Sue Carter, Coordinator

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Today, more than ever, the Immokalee farmworkers need your strong support as they, with other faith, student and consumer allies, continue to combat sexual violence and slavery in the fields through their Fair Food Program (FFP). As Wendy's continues refusing to protect farmworkers by joining the FFP, the Coalition of Immokalee Workers (CIW) is taking the campaign to the top, the hedge fund offices of Board Chair Nelson Peltz with a 2018 five-Day Freedom Fast in New York City, March 11-15.

The Fair Food Program has succeeded in bringing over \$26,000,000 in wages to farmworkers since 2010 and resolved over 1800 complaints, but farmworkers in Mexico, where Wendy's sources its tomatoes, continue to be treated like slaves and work in the most deplorable conditions. Wendy's continued refusal to participate has left many of us discouraged. But the farmworkers are leading the way forward by reviving their traditional last step to success: a major fast. They need our help to make this event a success.

Resources and information will be available at the Social Justice Action table every Sunday, and in the coming weeks, we'll be hosting a series of gatherings to let First UU members know more about the farmworkers and what each one of us can do to support them in this historic event. The courage, commitment, and success of the CIW has inspired us all by transforming the agricultural industry in Florida and beyond. Together, we will win!

## JUSTICE ACTION MINISTRY: BREAD

Alice Rathburn and Chris Johnson, Leaders

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

Right now the research committees for BREAD's four ongoing campaigns — **Juvenile Justice, Municipal ID, Jobs, and Youth/Family Concerns** — are hard at work, meeting with experts and decision-makers. But those efforts will come to naught without organized people power. To that end, please save the date for this year's **Nehemiah Action: Monday, May 7, 6:40pm**.

First UU is committed to turning out at least 350 people to the Nehemiah Action, but that doesn't just happen! Our Justice Ministry Network is vital to turning out First UUs in large numbers and demonstrating to officials that BREAD is a force to be taken seriously. If you want to be part of this effort, please come to the **Network Organizing Meeting on Sunday, March 4, at 1pm** in the Worship Center. We will have refreshments starting at 12:45, and childcare is available. We should be done by 2:30 at the latest.

For more information on BREAD, please contact Alice Rathburn ([eulala1905@me.com](mailto:eulala1905@me.com), 614-895-2109 or 614-563-0536) or Chris Johnson ([chris@underspecified.com](mailto:chris@underspecified.com) or 614-946-1287).

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## CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

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**Interfaith Association of Central Ohio – How Can We Support and Participate?** Unitarian Universalism was admitted as the ninth faith community comprising the Interfaith Association of Central Ohio (IACO) in 2015 ([www.iaco.org](http://www.iaco.org)). Today we are represented in IACO by Karen Dawson as Council Secretary and Michael Greenman as Moderator of the Social Justice Committee. A number of projects are being developed that can have significant positive impact in Central Ohio as they evolve. We will be informing you regarding projects you might wish to support/participate:

**Nonviolent Communications Workshop - “Building Peace and Civility - Working Together, with Respect for All”** - Presented by Columbus Rotary, co-sponsored by IACO. Sunday, February 25, 2018 - 3 to 6 PM (No Fee) - First Community Church, [3777 Dublin Road, Columbus](http://www.3777dublinroad.com). For information and to register: Michael Greenman - [mgreenmanoh@gmail.com](mailto:mgreenmanoh@gmail.com)

**National Interfaith March for Peace and Justice** Sunday, April 29. Starts at 4:30pm in Columbus, simultaneously across the nation by time zone. The march is focused on: "affirming the freedom of religion

(guaranteed by the 1st Amendment of the U.S. Constitution), and to condemn all acts of discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or violence directed at people because of their religion, race, or place of origin." Last year's march saw 200-250 of many different faiths march in downtown Columbus. For details: [www.interfaithmarch.com](http://www.interfaithmarch.com).

### **Curious about Hebrew and Christian Scriptures?**

Whether you learned Bible verses growing up, or have yet to read even one page, come explore how UUs can draw from these sacred texts. We will draw from *Understanding the Bible* by John Buehrens. Led by Ministerial Intern Amanda Hays and Marna Fitzpatrick. Dates for Hebrew scriptures: January 27, February 3, February 17, February 24. Dates for Christian scriptures: March 3, March 10, March 17, March 31.

Amanda Hays, [amanda@firstuucolumbus.org](mailto:amanda@firstuucolumbus.org)

**Bookbites** We will meet in Slowter 7-9pm on Tuesday, February 20. Since we did not meet in January due to weather, our topic remains the same: *Strong Women*. Questions? Call Kathleen Boston, [614-262-4025](tel:614-262-4025).

**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 Will Whicker. Bookstore proceeds help the church, and volunteers get a 10% discount.

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

**First Friday February 2. Potluck** at 6:30pm. Activities at 7:30pm. Family-friendly event. Join us!

Laurie Brown,  
614-246-0170

**Feed My Sheep food pantry** Please bring donations of food and clothing to our table in Fellowship Hall. We especially need peanut butter, feminine hygiene products, dog and cat food, diapers, and children's books. First UU supports the Feed My Sheep food pantry as a project of our Justice Action Ministry.

**Meals for Edith Espinal** Edith remains in Sanctuary at Columbus Mennonite Church, and we are coordinating and delivering meals for her and her family. You may help by preparing a meal or by giving a grocery store gift card (Aldi, Kroger, or WalMart). Sign up to make a meal at [www.mealtrain.com/trains/r3y3ed](http://www.mealtrain.com/trains/r3y3ed). Jan Phillips is collecting gift cards.

Jan Phillips, 614-886-2166  
Ginnie Vogts, 614-580-7005.

## CARING CORNER

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**A message of appreciation** to the congregation of the UU Church in Greensboro, North Carolina. They have generously given our church 42 chairs, like those in this Worship Center. A card was sent to thank our fellow UUs for this wonderful gift.

Congratulations to:

- **Rev. Suzan McCrystal** who celebrated the 5th anniversary of her ordination into the ministry of Unitarian Universalism on December 5.
- **Rev. Eric Meter**, who was called to First UU on December 6, 2009.
- **Kyle Pigman**, who won silver and gold medals in the Special Olympics Ohio State Swim Meet last weekend.
- **Steve Abbott**, who had his first full-length collection of poetry published this month.

- **Rev. Joan Van Becelaere**, First UU's primary contact with the UUA and previous District Executive, who retired.
- **Arielle Swinehart**, who was awarded a four-year, full-tuition scholarship to OSU.

Happy Birthday to:

- **Sylvia Mersfelder**, who celebrated her 90th birthday December 10.
- **Oliver Jones** who celebrated his 80th birthday December 21.
- **Nancy van Deusen**, who celebrated her 85<sup>th</sup> birthday December 18.
- **Rev. Lane Campbell**, who celebrated her birthday December 9.

Caring thoughts to:

- **Jeannie Sperling**, suffering a severe case of shingles.
- **Carolynn Arnau**, who had minor surgery.
- **Shannon Flanders**, who had bladder repair surgery
- **Tom Porch**, who is receiving physical therapy at Whetstone Care Center
- **Terry LeMaster**, who underwent brain surgery to remove a malignant tumor
- **Jim Pinkham's father, Galen**, who suffered a broken wrist and neck injury in a fairly serious car accident

Condolences to:

- **Bob Letcher**, whose mother Catherine died December 10.
- **Kelly McCanaughy**, whose sister died recently after a battle with brain cancer.
- **Mark Merchant**, whose mother (and Emma's grandmother and Debra Boyd's mother-in-law), Marian G. Merchant, died December 24.
- **Ross Kuhns**, and Lisa, Max, and Meara, following the sudden death of Ross's father.
- **Pat Sullivan**, whose spouse Rev. Kay Greenleaf died January 19. They were both active members of First UU. Rev. Kay was ordained by First UU in the 1990s. Both were leaders in the LGBT community in Columbus.

## Touchstones Theme: Love

“Our task ...is to do what we can to advance reverence for life and deepen the promise of love. Let us dedicate ourselves to the ...practice... that will bring more love into the world. Let us be witness for the new science that tells us how connected all life is and let us work for social policies that embody our responsibility for one another and for the earth. ...Let us make love the first – not last – resort.” *Rev. Dr. Rebecca Parker*



Two Unitarian Universalist sources emphasize love. These are as follows: “Words and deeds of prophetic women and men which challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love” and “Jewish and Christian teachings which call us to respond to God’s love by loving our neighbors as ourselves.”



**Please join us in exploring the theme of Love**

## 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
- Families Working for Justice: Saturdays, 10am, until 3/11
- Finance Committee: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, 6:30pm
- First Friday Potluck: 6:30pm
- French Language Group: Thursdays, 6pm
- Getting to Know UU: Sundays, after each service
- Grief Recovery: Tuesdays, until 3/13, 7pm
- Hebrew & Christian Scriptures: Saturdays, 10am, until 2/25
- Hispanohablantes: Saturdays, 10:45am
- Holistic Therapy Group: Saturdays, 2pm
- 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: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, 6:30pm
- Rising Voices Choir: Tuesdays, 6:45pm
- Sacred Song Circle: Wednesdays, 6pm
- 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.
- Worship Team: 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 7:30pm.
- Zen Meditation: Saturdays, 8:30am; Tuesdays, 7pm

### Saturday, February 10

5:00pm First UU Auction: *Bidding on the Side of Love*

### Sunday, February 11

12:30pm End-of-Life Planning, with the  
Central Ohio Funeral Consumers Alliance

### Saturday, February 17

9:00am Bystander Intervention Training with UUJO  
3:00pm 13-14 Year Old OWL Retreat

### Sunday, February 18

1:00pm Partner Church Team  
2:00pm Chamber Music Concert: Piano Trio

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## **UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES**

**February's theme: *Love***

**Sunday, February 4, 9:15am & 11am**

*O Wise Heart, Speak*

Rev. Dr. Marian Stewart

**Sunday, February 11, 9:15am & 11am**

Rev. Dr. Marian Stewart

**Sunday, February 18, 9:15am & 11am**

Rev. Dr. Marian Stewart, Rev. Eric Meter

**Sunday, February 25, 9:15am & 11am**

*The Future of Love*

Rev. Eric Meter