

The Discoverer

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CREATION

Rev. Jennifer Brooks, Interim Senior Minister

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A few years ago I was canoeing with a friend. We came quietly through a narrow passage to a wide stretch of water where 17 swans (we counted) sailed in serene silence.

As if the universe had decided to deliver a sign, one swan spread its wings and began to run across the water. Webbed feet beat a cadence on the pond's surface (flump-flump-flump-flump) as it raced miraculously in a straight line crossing right to left in front of the canoe. Only after a hundred yards of running on water did it lift into the air. It rose and turned and soared, circling back to where it had begun. The others sailed on harmoniously, as if their companion's running and lifting was a composer's intentional counterpoint to their deliberate, sonorous theme.



What is a human being to think when something like this happens?

It was like being present at the moment of creation. Awe and gratitude suffuse my being, even in memory. Yet how commonplace it was for the swans; wholly themselves, they are beautiful even when we humans aren't there to see. This is the miracle of life. We must learn to perceive it even when it's not unfolding before our eyes.

As spring emerges, we celebrate anew the return of color and life to the world. Each unfolding leaf, each budding blossom, invites us to pay attention. The warmth of sunlight on the skin, the gentle rustle the breeze makes—let us be here, now, in this moment. May gratitude suffuse our entire being, no matter what else is happening in our lives. We are part of creation; of it and influencing it. When we notice the Earth's beauty we are creation expressing itself, both canvas and beholder.

And we, too, need renewal. It's part of human nature to grow weary and need rest. It's inherent in us for our spirits to falter and need restoration. What renews us? The natural world offers its beauty. And also close at hand is the beauty of acceptance, welcome, and an invitation to growth: community. It is what we create here. We need it. Others need it. Let it shine.

Jennifer

LINKS

Rev. Eric Meter, Associate Minister

On the Road with a Four-Year-Old

The other day, when I came home from work, I noticed my neighbor's four-year-old son behind the wheel of his mother's car. (Our two houses share a driveway.)

"Henry, are you driving?" Big, big grin. "Do you have the car keys with you?" Bigger grin and a playful nod. At this point I realized this might have gone very, very wrong. Thankfully, it didn't. Henry didn't actually have the keys with him. And after a minute of us talking about where he was going to drive to, his mother came around the side of the house with the family dog, and the young boy's attention drifted away from the steering wheel.



The thing is, part of me wanted to be Henry again, fully embraced in the creativity of imagination. As the psychologist Judith Wallerstein says, "No one works as hard as a child at play."

Last summer, Krista Tippett, host of the public radio show *On Being*, rebroadcast an interview of hers (*Creativity and the Everyday Brain*) with Rex Jung, a researcher on the neuroscience of creativity. Jung studies the differences between intelligence and creativity, specifically transient hypofrontality (whew!) which seems to be key to the creative process and takes place when we allow our thoughts to meander, seeking out associations that may not, at first, seem directly related. Furthermore, highly creative people put forward lots and lots of ideas, certainly not all of which are brilliant.

During their conversation, Jung talked about how practice can, and does, change the structure of the brain, and so practicing a creative outlet increases our ability to be creative. And not just for children, but for all of us at any age.

One of the things Jung said that impressed me the most was that creativity is a blend of both novelty and usefulness. We don't always think of creativity and usefulness as going hand in hand, and I was glad for his invitation to do so.

My neighbor Henry will be old enough to drive one day. I want him to continue longing for the day he gets his license. I want him to look forward to growing up and all that comes with adulthood, the road trips he will make and of perhaps having a family of his own. And I hope he remains creative in dreaming what that will mean for him. Who can say what gifts he'll bring to our culture? All I know is that the more creative he continues to be, the more gifts he is likely to share with the rest of us.

Go for it, Henry!

(By the way, if you are still on the fence about whether you will attend the denomination's General Assembly here in Columbus this June, know that Ms. Tippett will be one of our featured speakers during the conference. So [register](#). You won't be disappointed.)

with eyes on the horizon,
Eric

GROWING AS WE GO

Rev. Lane Campbell, Minister of Religious Education

Every Day is a New Beginning

During these days of sunshine and warmth, new found in the season's turning, I am especially in touch with life and living. As I walk around my neighborhood, people are outside of their houses anew—re-emerging after this somewhat cold winter. We are all coming out of hibernation together and it feels refreshing, even renewing. This season brings with it so much newness: in the new growth that is all around us, in the flowers that bud and then bloom, in the tender, green shoots coming up out of the earth.



But this season is not just about new creations, new beginnings in the natural world. It is also about new beginnings within each of our hearts and in our lives.

Each new day presents an opportunity to start fresh. Each morning, we are given a choice: Will this day I am creating move in a positive direction? Or will this day I am creating move downward, into a negative place? I know I am most likely to move into a negative place when I am holding onto regrets from the past, things I wish I had done, mistakes I wish I had not made. When those thoughts guide my days, I feel stuck and I lose sight of each day being its own chance to start anew.

But when I am able to stay present in this moment, I get to notice all that is happening around me, I get to notice the tiny acts of creation that fill each of our days. In a new encounter with another person, there are chances for starting a new relationship, even if that person is the barista making your coffee or the person bagging your groceries. In our homes, we have a chance to create cleanliness or (as is often the case) messiness. As we interact with the world around us, we are co-creating each moment.

Each and every day is a gift. This is a fact we all live with. Each and every day is a gift.

My decisions and choices shape my days. Our decisions and choices shape our days. We can treat this day as the gift it is, or face it as something to survive, to just get through. When I wake up each morning holding onto the baggage of yesterday or last year, it is hard to feel like this day is one worthy of fully living. But experiencing one day at a time helps keep life manageable, helps me to embrace what is rather than what I wished could be.

Take a step outside, breathe in the air, and remember that this day is a new beginning. Close your eyes for a moment, hold in your heart all you plan to experience today and remember this day is a gift. However we are in touch with the present moment, let's get there and do our best to stay there.

With Deep Gratitude,
Lane

Passover Seder

Saturday, April 23, 6:30pm

Please join us for this celebration and potluck dinner. Registration required. We need volunteers. To register, to volunteer, or to request childcare, contact the church office at 614-267-4946, x 21, or marian@firstuucolumbus.org.

To register, call 267-4946, x 21. \$10 per person.

STEWARDSHIP

Patricia Boughton, Chair

Letting our Light Shine – Annual Giving Campaign: April 3-24

First UU is able to shine its light in many ways, thanks to the generosity of members and friends. Your pledges are how we sustain our community, pay our dedicated staff, and maintain our church home.

Please consider an increased donation this year, during this time of transition and opportunity to keep First UU's light shining strong. A steward may be contacting you for a personal meeting to discuss the congregation and what First UU means to you.

The campaign wraps up on Sunday, April 24, so we ask everyone to return their pledge form by then. Or you can pledge online at www.firstuucolumbus.org/pledge

Gratefully,
First UU Stewardship

SCHOOL FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

Stephanie Rottmayer, Former Director

Last May, I retired from being the Director at SYC, but I stayed on as a Program Consultant this year to support the new Co-Directors, Susan Roscigno and Amy Rudawsky. It was an event-filled year in the midst of construction, but the school and new Directors made it through brilliantly. So at the end of this May, I am retiring completely.

I have loved every minute at SYC since I enrolled my two young sons here. I volunteered in their classes and then began teaching here in 1976. During that time, I discovered that I loved working with young children, so I went back for my Masters in Child Development from Pacific Oaks College. I became the director in 2005 when Jan Waters retired.

It has been a joy and an honor to spend these last 40 years with the community of SYC—children, families, staff and the greater church community. I could not have chosen a better path to follow, and will always be grateful that I had that opportunity. I'll probably end up volunteering in next year's classes, at least a little, along with other retired SYC teachers. We can't seem to stay away.

Stephanie

The deadline for articles for the May issue of the newsletter is Sunday, April 17.

Please send articles to office@firstuucolumbus.org.

Rev. Jennifer Brooks, Interim Sr. Minister
Rev. Eric Meter, Associate Minister
Rev. Carol Brody, Minister Emerita
Rev. Wendy Fish, Minister Emerita
Rev. Mark Belletini, Minister Emeritus
Rev. Kathleen Fowler, Minister Affiliated
Rev. Suzan McCrystal, Minister Affiliated

Rev. Lane Campbell, Minister, Religious Education
Deb McGuire, RE Assistant/Staff Secretary
Tony McDonald, Music Director
Minji Kim, Chalice Choir Director
Nathan Hamm, Accompanist/Pianist
Karen Madden, Choir Director
Leigh Mamlin, Children/Youth Choir Director
Cath Saveson, Children/Youth Choir Director

Brian Hagemann, Church Administrator
Marian Garcia, Office Manager
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Cathy Hausmann, Facilities Assistant
Susan Roscigno, SYC Co-Associate Director
Amy Rudawsky, SYC Co-Associate Director

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AUCTION CORNER

Paula Hook, Auction Team Member

Auction Items Are Still Available Although another First UU Auction and its after-sales are completed, there are still several social and fun items ready for your consideration.

I. This group has no specific dates, as winners and donors arrange for your experiences.

- E8 Boogie Night/David Krohn, 3 spots available, \$7.50 each
- M2 Brown & Growing (manure mix), 2 left, \$25 each
- S11 LinkedIn Profile Enhancement, 1 available, \$25
- S14 Knit an Ornament, 4 available, \$10 each
- S19 Piano Accompanist for Child, 3 spots available, \$15 each
- S25 Tarot Card Readings, 2 left, \$5 each
- S28 Common Core Math Tutor, 1 available, \$5

II. These events, on the other hand, are scheduled for April and May; check your calendar and select your favorites.

- F10 April 1, 7 PM, Euchre Party, 4 spots remaining, \$20 each
- F3 April 2, 6 PM, Board Game Night, 4 spots, \$12.50 each
- F17 April 2, 7:30 PM, Evening with Champagne, 3 available, \$12.50 each
- F2 April 9, 2 PM, Collage Art Adventure, 3 left, \$15 each
- F14 April 10, 1 PM, Lunch & Movie, 15 spots, families encouraged, \$7.50 each
- E4 April 16, 8 AM, Spring Nature/Mound Excursion, 15 spots, \$7.50 each
- F9 April 16, 3 PM, Nia Afternoon Dance Party, 12 left, \$12.50 each
- F15 May 6, 7 PM, Pinochle at Peggy's, 8 left, \$12.50 each
- F13 May 15, 1 PM, "Chocolat & Crepes" (movie & food), 12 spaces, \$12.50 each

Stay tuned for June through January 2017 in the next newsletter.

To schedule, email your choices (item number, title, number of spots wanted) to auktion@firstuucols.org or call Jim or Danya at [614-471-3786](tel:614-471-3786) and leave a message. Checks for totals should then be sent to First UU, Bookkeeper with "Auction" on the memo line.

Many thanks for your continued support!

Paula Hook, member of the Auction Committee.

Transition "Visioning Circles"

The Transition Team plans three opportunities for members to meet in small-group Visioning Circles. These conversations will help develop a vision that the Search Committee can share with prospective candidates for settled Senior Minister. Attend a circle at any one of these times

- 12:45pm Sunday, April 24 (food and activities for children)
- 12:30pm Saturday, May 7 (childcare available on request)
- 6:30pm Friday, May 20 (food and activities for children)

Scribes will take notes at each circle for consideration in a Visioning Workshop (to be scheduled). To volunteer as a scribe, or as a facilitator, please contact Tony Skrabak, tony.skrabak@gmail.com. Facilitator training is 6:30 pm on Friday, April 1.

CARING CORNER

Belated congratulations to **Karen Morr** and **Mark Carey** on the birth of their daughter Rose, who was born on November 7, 2015. She is welcomed by her parents and sisters, Katie and Violet.

Congratulations to **Claire Bauza**. The Jung Association Central Ohio has named their spring lectures, The Claire Bauza Spring Lecture Series, to honor Claire for her years of dedicated service.

Lisa Helms is asking for healing prayers and positive results with upcoming heart exams.

Shirley Lange and **Kris Elliott** were involved in a bad car accident on March 7. Both are recuperating at home.

We extend our sympathy to **Wendy Boortz** and her mother, **Una Enikeieff** on the recent death of Anthony Ody, brother-in-law to Wendy and son-in-law to Una.

Our caring thoughts are with **Claire Bauza**, who is at home, waiting for test results after a week at Riverside Hospital.

We send our sympathy to **Will Smith** and **Doris Oursler**. Herb Truax (Will's stepfather and Doris's brother-in-law) died on March 14. There will be a memorial service on Saturday, March 26. Visitation will be at 6pm, with the service at 6:30pm. Light refreshments will follow.

Thanks to all who contributed donations of food and/or time to provide the memorial service reception for the family of Cindy Kerkhoff on February 27.

FIRST UU MUSIC

Tony McDonald, Music Director

There have been a few changes in the dates of upcoming musical events, so please recheck your calendars. I know you won't want to miss these:

Sunday, April 10, 7pm, Worship Center – *UCELLI*, the Columbus Cello Quartet, represents the professors of three colleges and the two major performing orchestras of Columbus. It includes Pei-An Chao and Mary Davis Fetherston of the Columbus Symphony, Cora Kuyvenhoven of ProMusica Chamber Orchestra, and our own Mark Rudoff, Professor of Cello at OSU. Unique and outstanding chamber music.

Sunday, April 24, 7:30pm, Fellowship Hall – *An Evening with Rain Maxwell*. Rain grew up in our church and has been performing since she was eight years old. As a singer/guitarist, she has performed at a number of different venues, from bars and parties to festivals and fundraisers. She will bring her talents, and a few of her friends, for a cafe-style concert here.

Sunday, June 5, 4pm, Worship Center The annual *Spring Concert of the Choirs*. All four of the church's choirs, Peace Pals, Rising Voices, Spirit of Life and Chalice, will sing classical and light selections, featuring the music of Fauré and Schubert.



First UU Rummage Sale

Saturday, April 30, 9am-2pm. Donations accepted in Fellowship Hall Monday, April 25 - Friday, April 29. Volunteers needed to help with the sale and to bring bake sale items. Sign up at <http://vols.pt/ExbuC8> Please contact Carlos Hoyt, 614-226-1885, carloshoyt@gmail.com, for more information.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS



Partner Church Team “Refresh Weekend” Saturday, April 16 and Sunday, April 17.

Reintroducing the Partner Church program, our partner church in Bölön, Romania, and future cultural exchange opportunities, including a UU pilgrimage to Transylvania, Romania. Watch for notices in the Sunday insert about specific events. We're also planning activities for when Rev. Albert Kosma from our partner church in Bölön visits First UU in June. If you are interested in helping us plan his visit, please contact Danya Furda at dfurda@gmail.com or 614-471-3786

Path to Membership Class Wednesday, May 18, 6-9pm. Registration required. If interested, please call Marian Garcia, 614-267-4946, x 21.

There will be no more Coffee Hour...if we don't increase our Coffee Hour volunteers! Be part of one of the most enjoyed parts of Sunday. Contact Denni Hale rayneblueoh@gmail.com or 614-633-8082.

First Friday Potluck April 1. Potluck at 6:30pm. At 7:30pm, kids' movie and board games for older kids and adults. Questions? Laurie Brown, [614-246-0170](tel:614-246-0170).

Bookbites will meet April 19 from 7 to 9 pm. in Slowter Lounge. April topic is “Law,” fiction or non-fiction. Questions, call Kathleen at [614-262-4025](tel:614-262-4025).

The **First UU Library is now open** for browsing and circulation. If you have books you need to return, please bring them in. No late fees will be charged!

Memorial Garden About 50 feet of the stone wall surrounding the Memorial Garden has collapsed, due to the lower courses of the sandstone deteriorating during the last 20 years. The wall will be rebuilt this spring, with new stone replacing the deteriorated stones, improving the drainage. The wall was built in the early 1990s to remember and honor AIDS victims.

Soulful Sundown Service Saturday, April 16, 5:30pm, Worship Center. Do you crave a worship experience that connects our community, engages the senses, and invites all ages? Please join us. We're an experiential and playful worship community for all. Contact Rev. Lane Campbell, lane@firstuucolumbus.org.

Ancient Jain Art and Architecture from India will be displayed in the First UU Gallery until April 26. For more information, contact Deb Baillieul, 614-447-1223, debbsyc@yahoo.com.

UU Artists: We will have a May-June member show, “Mystery!” This can mean a mystery (wonder, awe, nature, social issue, etc), The Mystery (spiritual), or mystery—as in to solve a mystery (Agatha Christie, where are you?). Your work can be serious, playful, deep, or beautiful. **Take-in will be April 24.** Show will hang May 1 through June 28. Yes, this will be up during the UUA General Assembly! Please let Deb Baillieul know if you will participate, [614-447-1223](tel:614-447-1223).

The Coalition of Adoptive Families is offering a presentation on Saturday, April 9, at by First UU member Betsy Smalley, author of *Telling the Truth to Your Adopted or Foster Child: Making Sense of the Past*. A potluck for adoptive families will be held at First UU at 5:30; the presentation will be at 7:00-8:30. \$15/couple or \$10/single adult. Childcare provided.

The presentation will equip adoptive parents with the knowledge and tools they will need as they communicate with their children about the complex, troubling, and often painful aspects of a traumatic past. The presentation will address such questions as: How do I share difficult information about my child's history in a sensitive manner? When is the right time to tell my child the whole truth? How do I find further information about my child's history? Parents will leave the workshop with knowledge of how to make sense of the past for adopted children of all ages.

From the Archives When our church members move away, they take with them our good wishes, but also, unintentionally, First UU materials—music, photos, programs, committee information, minutes, announcements, etc.

Former member Irm Schubert, now living in Salt Lake City, recently sent materials and an email. Not only were Chalice Choir members happy to hear from her, but the Archives Team was glad to get materials, especially music for the choir.

May this be a reminder: What church materials do you have that should be coming to the Archives? Bring them to us. You need not sort them. Place them in the History/Archives mailbox or on the white shelves in the Volunteer Workroom. Mark them "Archives" and add your name. Thank you

Linda Thompson, Historian

JUSTICE ACTION MINISTRY (JAM)

Steve Palm-Houser, Chair

Racial Justice Stakeholder Meeting Thursday, March 31. All in the First UU community are invited. A stakeholder meeting is a time for people to come together to share their thoughts, and to listen to each other. The process we engage in invites people to speak, one at a time, for a portion of time, and also encourages discussion in small groups.

As the focus of First UU's Justice Action Ministry this year is Racial Justice, everyone is invited to come and contribute. Your thoughts and ideas will shape the programming, strategy, and vision to come as we continue this deeply important work. In a time when our country and community feel polarized about issues of racial justice, what we do as a congregation is becoming increasingly noteworthy. The stakeholder meeting invites people to come together to share passions as well as challenges in talking about and acting for racial justice.

The meeting will take place **Thursday, March 31**, 6-8pm. All are invited to come, share, listen, and learn.

The Feed My Sheep food pantry needs items such as peanut butter, feminine hygiene products, chunky soup, dog food, cat food, canned meat, and children's books. Bring these to Fellowship Hall on Sunday morning.



First UU sponsoring Workshop on Climate Change at General Assembly JAM's Interfaith Caucus of Move to Amend will organize a workshop at the UU General Assembly here in Columbus on June 24! (3:00-4:15) It's titled: "*Faith Communities Can Work Together to Reverse Climate Change.*" We will highlight the actions UU congregations and other communities of faith and ethical convictions are taking to accelerate the accomplishment of an amendment to the constitution to eliminate "corporate constitutional rights" and "money as speech." Only when this is accomplished, will we be able to begin to impose emissions restrictions on the fossil fuel and the meat and agribusiness industries which are responsible for the overwhelming majority of greenhouse gases that accelerate climate change. Would you like to help organize and participate in this workshop? Contact Michael Greenman at [614-898-5825](tel:614-898-5825) or mgreenmanoh@gmail.com.

Workshop "Prison Industrial Complex and Black Lives Matter" at Move to Amend Ohio Annual Conference, Saturday, April 2 First UU is once again hosting the State of Ohio Annual Move to Amend Affiliate Conference. Primarily of interest to those involved in the Move to Amend Coalition, one workshop may be of interest to others.

"Incarceration Conflagration" is the title of the session from 2:20-3:20pm. Facilitators will examine private prisons and their role in influencing government, how imprisonment is used to break up social movements, psychological and spiritual prisoner support, and the impact of the "Black Lives Matter" movement.

Speakers are:

George Friday – National MTA Leadership Team, Bill of Rights Defense Committee (BORDC) National Field Organizer

Imam Paul Hasan – Founding member, International Council for Urban Peace Justice and Empowerment; Coordinator, Lorain County Organizing Committee for the Holy Day of Atonement.

To attend call Michael Greenman [614-898-5825](tel:614-898-5825).

Race and Justice: An Honest Conversation

First UU will be hosting a workshop to build skills in talking about racial justice in the everyday and to invite people to act in the broader Columbus community. On Saturday, April 23, join members of local faith communities as we hear from Molly Shack, the Civic Engagement Director for the Ohio Organizing Collaborative. The Ohio Organizing Collaborative has been bringing people together for economic justice and racial justice across the state of Ohio. Molly Shack's work has centered on voices of those most directly affected by economic and racial injustice in the struggle for liberation.

The purpose is to bring people together to reflect on racism in our everyday lives, to practice talking about race, and to begin working as a collective group to end injustice in Central Ohio. There will be future opportunities highlighted for how to get involved.

Race and Justice: An Honest Conversation is co-sponsored by Unitarian Universalist Justice Ohio (UUJO) and Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ) Columbus. The workshop takes place on Saturday, April 23, 9am-12noon. Childcare will be provided. Online registration will be available for the event. Let's join together and take action!

Faith-Climate Action, Statehouse Lobby Day (*A Call for Dialogue and Prayer*), Wednesday April 20 at the State Capitol (11:00-1:00) First UU members and representatives of other faith communities in Central Ohio will be participating in this event, which is a part of Earth Day activities. Join us as we call for actions that promote our common good and a sustainable future for all, meet with elected officials, and network with people from all over Ohio, coming together in prayer and commitment! We are calling for civil dialogue and conversation that will result in swift actions to remove the freeze on clean energy standards for Ohio.

To register, [click here](#), visit Ohio Interfaith Power and Light website [here](#), or call Michael Greenman, 614-898-5825. For a flyer, [click here](#).

Sponsors include: Ohio Interfaith Power and Light, Ohio Council of Churches, Faith in Public Life, Catholic Climate Covenant, Mom's Clean Air Force, Young Evangelicals for Climate Action, Evangelical Environmental Network.

UUs work side-by-side with members of other faiths at Van Buren Shelter First UU members are supporting the Interfaith Association of Central Ohio (IACO) by volunteering at the Van Buren Shelter (595 Van Buren Dr.) of the Community Shelter Board. One evening a month, we come together to serve the homeless, with members of other faith traditions: Baha'is, Buddhists, Christians, Hindus, Jains, Jews, Muslims, and Sikhs. Get to know future friends in an informal atmosphere while serving meals to homeless men, women and children. Youth over 14 years of age are welcome to participate with an adult. Members of the CSTB receive credit hours for this service. Contact Michael Greenman [614-898-5825](tel:614-898-5825) or mgreenmanoh@gmail.com for more information.

Multicultural Guests in April and May Your ministers have been in conversation with Bishop Edwin Jiwan Mall, the Bishop of Pakistan (elected by Christian congregations of Pakistan). Bishop Mall, who has been a target of the Taliban, is seeking asylum in the United States. He is now in Columbus with his son and a daughter. He was imprisoned by the Taliban for 10 months; his wife and another daughter, both currently in Pakistan, are in hiding from the Taliban. On behalf of JAM, Ginnie Vogts has volunteered to assist Bishop Mall in expediting his asylum status.

Bishop Mall had not heard of Unitarian Universalism before coming to Columbus. He has discovered that our UU "big tent" approach to welcoming diverse theological perspectives is consistent with his own theology. Your ministers have invited Bishop Mall, beginning in April, to encourage the multicultural, interfaith group of people he has come to know in Columbus to attend our second coffee hour, and then to hold a worship service, most likely in Hindi (the fourth most commonly spoken language in the world after Mandarin, Spanish, and English). First UU members will have the opportunity to interact with members of an internationally multicultural, multifaith group while making space for their diversity. After a month to six weeks of this experiment, we will evaluate its challenges and promise.

Budget Planning

The Coordinating Team (your ministers, Administrator Brian Hagemann, and volunteers Judy Kleen and Christine Davidson) is beginning to plan the budget for 2016-2017.

Ministry team leaders have received information on spending for this year and have been invited to submit budget requests for next year.

After consultation with team leaders and the Personnel Committee, the CT will propose a budget to the Board of Trustees. The Board has the responsibility and authority to present a budget to the congregation for approval at the May 22 congregational meeting.

ADDICTION IN YOUR BACKYARD

**Panel Presentation led by
Georganne Neuzil RN, MS, PMHCNS
April 3, 1:00pm
Worship Center, First UU**

A Caring Team Workshop

Addiction is getting a lot of attention in the news. Is it worse than ever? Is treatment the answer, or incarceration, tough love, denial? Is it only the addict who needs to change? Listen to different sides of addiction to better understand the challenges of being addicted, or being a family member, or friend.

Light lunch offered before the workshop.
Childcare available.

What is addiction?

There is no discrimination when it comes to addiction.

It touches all members of a family or community.

How do we cope, How can we help ourselves and our loved ones?

Hear personal stories of addiction and recovery.

BREAD EVENTS

Two of the most important dates of the year for justice in central Ohio are coming up within the next seven weeks!



- **Monday, April 11, 7pm: BREAD Rally**, Congregation Tifereth Israel, 1354 E. Broad St. For all Justice Ministry Network members and anyone else who will bring three or more family members, friends, or colleagues to the BIG Nehemiah Action on Monday, May 9.
- **Monday, May 9, 6:45pm: BREAD NEHEMIAH ACTION (the BIG One!)** Doors open at **6:15pm**. Celeste Center, Ohio State Fairgrounds, 717 E. 17th Ave. (**First UU's Commitment: 300 men, women, and children for justice!**)

BREAD (*Building Responsibility, Equality, and Dignity*, www.facebook.com/breadorganization, www.breadcolumbus.com) is Central Ohio's interfaith, congregation-based community organization. It holds local officials accountable for serious problems in our community. With justice for all being a fundamental tenet of Unitarian Universalism, First UU was not only a founding member of the BREAD Organization 20 years ago but has also been one of its strongest supporters.

Problems in central Ohio that BREAD will address at its Nehemiah Action on Monday, May 9:

- No ID acceptable to local law enforcement, banks, etc. for immigrants, homeless, and others.
- Lack of jobs and economic opportunity for many in central Ohio.
- Violence, especially gang gun violence.

Volunteers from BREAD congregations, with the assistance of BREAD staff, have researched these problems and identified best practices to help solve them. Without large numbers of people (3,000+) at its annual Nehemiah Action to support BREAD as we ask local decision makers for the proposed solutions, little progress can be made!

If you have or have had personal experience with any of the above problems, if you know someone who has, or for further information, contact Alice Rathburn, eulala1905@me.com, (614) 895-2109 or (614) 563-0536, or the BREAD office at (614) 220-9363.

CALENDAR

- Adult Programs: 1st Thursday, 7-9pm
- All Soles Contra Dance: 2nd Friday, 7:30pm
- Atheists/Skeptics/Humanists: 4th Tuesdays, 7pm
- Book Bites: 3rd Tuesday, 7pm
- Board Executive Committee: 2nd Wednesday, 7pm
- Board of Trustees: 4th Wednesday, 7pm
- BREAD Team: 3rd Monday, 7pm
- Bridge Group (call 499-2434): 4th Sunday, 6pm
- Building and Grounds: 1st Monday, 7pm
- Care and Share Time Bank: 3rd Sunday, 6:30pm
- Caring Team: 1st Tuesday, 7pm
- Cooking for Faith Mission: 1st & 3rd Friday, 12pm
- Covenant Group Facilitators: 1st Wednesday, 7pm
- Creative Open Studio: Mondays, 3-5pm
- Defense Within Our Values: Sundays, 4pm;
Wednesdays, 7pm
- Family Small Group Ministry: 2nd & 4th Thursday,
6pm
- Finance: 3rd Tuesday, 7pm
- First Friday, 1st Friday potluck/activities 6:30pm
- Garden Group: 1st Sunday, 12:30pm
- Getting to Know UU: Sundays, after each service
- Grief Recovery Class: Wednesdays until 6/8
- Improvisational Dance: Thursdays, 9:30am
- Intergenerational Book Group: 3rd Wednesday, 7pm
- JAM Book Group: Wednesdays, until 5/4, 5:30pm;
Saturdays, until 5/7, 10am
- Job Seekers Support Group: 4th Monday, 7pm
- Justice Action Ministry: 4th Monday, 7pm
- Looking on Privilege: Thursdays, until 4/14, 7pm
- Memoir Group: 2nd Wednesdays, 7pm
- Move to Amend: 3rd Saturday, 12pm
- PFLAG: 4th Sunday, 2pm
- RE Team: 3rd Wednesday, 6:30pm
- Soulful Sundown Service: 3rd Saturday, 5:30pm
- Stewardship: 3rd Tuesday, 7pm
- This Month in Science: 2nd Tuesday, 7pm
- UU Dance Fellowship: Mondays, 7pm
- Worship Team: 1st Tuesday, 7:30pm
- Youth Group: every two weeks on Sunday, 12:30pm
- Zen Meditation: Saturdays, 8:30am; Tuesdays, 7pm

Saturday, April 2

10:00am JAM Book Group *Towards the
"Other America"*

5:30pm Black Lives Matter

Sunday, April 3

1:00pm Caring Team Workshop: *Addiction
in Your Backyard*

Saturday, April 9

9:30am Navigating First UU into the
21st Century

5:00pm Adoptive Families Event

Sunday, April 10

7:00pm Columbus Cello Quartet Concert,
with Mark Rudoff

Saturday, April 16

8:00am Partner Church Event: *Refresh Weekend*

5:30pm Soulful Sundown Service

Sunday, April 17

6:30pm Youth Talent Show

Saturday, April 23

9:00am Race and Justice: *An Honest
Conversation*

Saturday, April 23

6:30pm Passover Seder (reservations required;
call 614-267-4649, x 21, \$10)

Sunday, April 24

7:30pm Concert by Rain Maxwell

Saturday, April 30

9:00pm Rummage Sale

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WORSHIP SERVICES

April's Theme: *Creation*

Sunday, April 3, 9:15am/11am

Creating the New Day, Rev. Jennifer Brooks

Sunday, April 10, 9:15am/11am

In the Game, Rev. Eric Meter

Saturday, April 16, 5:30pm

Soulful Sundown Service (see page 8)

Sunday, April 17, 9:15am/11am

Creating Connections, Rev. Eric; Rev. Jennifer Emrich, guest preacher

Saturday, April 23, 6:30pm

Passover Seder

(reservations required; call the office at 614-267-4946, x 21, \$10 per person)

Sunday, April 24, 9:15am/11am

Creation, Steve Abbott, David Krohn, Judith McDowell, Willow Otten