

The Discoverer

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

May 2016

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.

BLESSING

Rev. Jennifer Brooks, Interim Senior Minister

At the end of our Sunday morning worship celebration, there's a moment we call "Blessing."

It's a time when we stretch our hands out to one another and to those who are absent or not yet among us. Usually one of the ministers says a few words. In some places those words are called a benediction and they're mostly a blessing offered by the minister for the people.

At First UU, I think of it as a moment when the people bless each other. Think of it. We are gathered in community. We are touching. We symbolically affirm both our interconnectedness and our welcome to those not present. This is a kind of communion; it is the blessing of presence. It's a moment when we recognize that we're part of something greater and deeper than the individual self.



Our busy lives make it all too easy to focus on the to-do list, the chores, the errands, the work and career obligations, the over-scheduled family activities. But on Sunday morning, if at no other time, we center ourselves in worship and in community. We are human together. We are blessed.

We may sometimes lose sight of the *significance* of our shared vision. We imagine a world that is better because of our presence in it. Our shared values matter. So does our commitment to living those values despite *and because of* the complexity of our lives. Think about it.

Even the busyness is a blessing. Even the bumps in the road. And each time we join hands and experience community, we are reminded of why we are here. Not just "here" at First UU.

Here.

We're here to love. To sustain. To reach out. To nurture. To transform. We're here to make meaning, creatively, by the way we live our lives.

This First UU community, which we *feel* on Sunday mornings, supports us as we walk the walk.

We are a blessing to one another, and to the world.

~Rev. Jennifer



LINKS

Rev. Eric Meter, Associate Minister

Our theme this month is Blessing.

As Scott Tayler puts it, “The question in front of all of us is not simply, ‘Do you notice the blessings all around you?’ It’s also, ‘How are the blessings in your life leading you to bless others?’”

I remember reading a novel some years ago in which a character was continually “doing his sums.” What exactly were those “sums” was a mystery until the end of the book, when the character explained that he was counting his blessings. At the time this struck me as a rather rough literary device for the author to make a point, but I find myself going back to it when I need to remind myself to do just that, count my blessings.



When I am able to still myself long enough to take stock of what I have to be grateful for, when that little everyday act of magic takes place and what at first seemed like lack is transformed into a sense of abundance, I come away refreshed and centered.

I have people close to me whom I love and who love me. In the last eight years of ministry with you, I’ve been bored for all of two, fifteen-minute intervals (while there were times earlier in my life that I felt I was wasting away from feeling stir-crazy). I have challenges enough to keep me on my toes and time enough to catch my breath when I remember (or am reminded) to do so.

Often, it helps to stretch beyond our usual haunts and habits. Carve out an hour or two to volunteer, or simply to go to a part of town you don’t generally get to and just look around at the people there. In what ways do they seem similar to you? In what ways do they seem different? Try to be slow to pass any judgments. Just observe.

I remember finding myself in a Hispanic neighborhood in Chicago one Saturday afternoon. There was an energy in the street far from what I was accustomed to. I think I ordered blood sausage at a food truck. The flavor and texture were new to me, at the very least. Looking back, I wished I would have had the presence of mind to ask more questions; I would have learned more, that’s for sure. But for that day, an hour or two of simply following my nose was enough.

While that memory may seem like a meager response to Tayler’s second question, “How are the blessings in your life leading you to bless others?” it does remind me that, while there are universal human experiences, there are particular experiences and customs as well. And that’s a great place to be when taking a serious look at that question.

So, the question remains for us all, “How are the blessings in your life leading you to bless others?” Let’s see what we come up with together.

in peace,
Rev. Eric

First UU Visioning Circles

The Transition Team offers 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 either of these times:

- 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.

GROWING AS WE GO

Rev. Lane Campbell, Minister of Religious Exploration

Something Larger Than Ourselves

Jubilee USA is a multi-faith organization with over 500 faith communities and faith leaders involved in its work. They advocate for broader-picture systemic change, particularly working towards creating economic justice. This organization has recovered millions of dollars in debt relief for our country and constantly serves as prophetic witness to the suffering of many while the few continue to profit. It was my pleasure and a joy to join with faith leaders this past week in Washington, D.C. to lobby our Ohio Representatives with Jubilee USA and other organizations such as Oxfam and the Main Street Alliance.



The specific issues we were working on are passing legislation to better regulate anonymous companies, or shell companies. These are companies that exist in name only and are used to launder money or hide profits overseas so the people behind the “organization” do not pay taxes on their income. If our country was to eliminate such companies from existing, we would be able to recover the entire total of our U.S. deficit. I learned this past week that it is easier to start a for-profit company than it is to register to vote or to apply for a library card. Fewer forms of identification are required and certainly fewer checks and balances exist. Doing business this way raises our taxes, puts a heavier burden on small business owners, and enables all sorts of crime to exist in our country.

As I listened to people's stories around the room about this issue, I learned about small business owners who provide jobs to formerly incarcerated people in Iowa. These small business owners reduce the rate of recidivism in their communities and offer much-needed services. With the increase in their taxes, this company is struggling to make ends meet. I heard from a pastor in Massachusetts whose church is engaged in a fight against human trafficking in their community. They know that anonymous companies are used as a front to move money around that has been earned through illegal sale of human beings. This pastor lobbies for this issue because her community is involved. And I heard stories of high schools ridden with heroin, communities deeply affected by addiction. The money that pays for that heroin is moved in and out of our country using shell companies, making it so the high schoolers who are dealing drugs can be held accountable, but the folks who make big profits off this horrible drug cannot be found. These stories are heartbreaking, and they tear at the very fabric of our common humanity.

Over the course of three days, we learned about the central issues and then went to visit with the staff of eight House of Representatives and one Senator. In speaking with these people, there were some who listened intently and others who were not as interested.

Being part of something larger than myself, and even larger than our state of Ohio, or even our country, was humbling and inspiring. It is amazing to think of what a small group of people can accomplish in just one day. Through conversation and relationship, we moved many and invited others to think about issues that may not have previously been a part of their consciousness.

I was reminded of the importance of our moral voice as people of faith and the unique position we UUs have as people of faith who are not tied down by particular creeds or dogma. In our community, it is not necessarily about what we believe, but about our shared love of humanity. In loving this human community, we are called to advocate for the poorest amongst us, to name injustice and evil when we see it, and to be there for one another when we are asked to help. I learned so much this past weekend, and continue to learn as more light is shed on these justice issues that are so hard to track. I look forward to sharing my experience more with you all as we continue to learn together.

Blessings,
Rev. Lane

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Transgender 101, Trans Youth Today, and Bathroom Accessibility

As legislation has come out of North Carolina and Mississippi openly discriminating against our transgender siblings, First UU is providing opportunities to learn what it means to be transgender and ways to create a more inclusive community. We're starting a dialogue about welcoming, identity, and authentic inclusion.

On Saturday, May 21, there will be a "Transgender 101" panel at First UU from 1:00-2:30pm, with members of the Columbus community speaking about their experience, and then answering the questions you bring. Come to listen, participate, and learn.

Transgender and gender-fluid youth have long been part of our community. On Sunday, May 29, a panel will be held after the worship service to address "Trans Youth Today." We'll hear from youth, care providers, and parents. People will share their stories and offer support to people who may have questions, may identify as trans, or may know someone who is a trans youth. Snacks will be provided.

And, finally, we'll be hosting a Bathroom Accessibility Stakeholder Meeting on June 9, from 6:00-8:00pm. Come be part of a dialogue to address concerns and ideas about making our bathrooms more inclusive for all who need to use them. This conversation will encompass gender identity, as well as friends accompanying people with mobility concerns into the bathroom. This stakeholder meeting will influence new signage posted outside our very own newly-renovated First UU bathrooms. See you there!

Childcare is provided for all events above. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Lane Campbell, Minister of Religious Education at lane@firstuucolumbus.org.

Feminine Hygiene and Diaper Drive for the YWCA

First UU youth Arielle Swinehart is leading the way in creating a more just world for women in her school and community. Through May 15, she has invited members of First UU to donate feminine hygiene products, such as sanitary napkins and tampons, and diapers, to go to our local YWCA chapter. These are products that every woman and mother of a young child needs. And these are some of the most-needed and least-donated items for women at the YWCA. Please bring all donations to Fellowship Hall on Sundays. Arielle and her classmates will be there to collect supplies and to tell you more about this very important project. If you have questions, contact Arielle Swinehart at arielle.swinehart@gmail.com.

SCHOOL FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

Susan Roscigno, Co-Director

My older child attended the UUA General Assembly in Arizona a few years ago. After feeling like a religious minority in so many parts of their lives, the youth felt a sense of belonging, an amazement that there are so many of "us" out there, the comfort in knowing that we as UUs are part of a movement.

You know what that's like: when you're used to being the odd person out, the one who just doesn't fit, and then you get together with a group of people with whom you have something in common and it feels like home.

Many of the SYC teachers had this feeling last weekend when we went to the first annual Play EmPowers Rally in Maryland. At other professional conferences, we often feel like we are the only ones who believe in the power of play, who respect children for who they are right now, who know that children learn best when they are loved and listened to. But at the PEP Rally, we met other like-minded early childhood professionals from around the country and around the world. We shared stories about the incredible learning that only can happen when children take risks, about how children must move and do in order to learn and about how to spread that message out into the wider world. We've come back from this incredible weekend inspired and invigorated! We've found our people and have been reminded that we are part of a movement to return play to its place of importance in early childhood education. Join us!

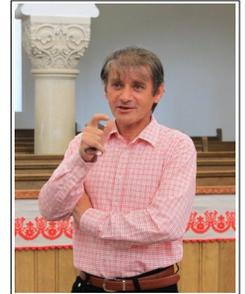
PARTNER CHURCH

Danya Furda

Reverend Albert Kozma from our partner church in Bolon, Romania will be visiting us for three weeks in June (from June 8 to June 27). Please warmly welcome him when he arrives! He will be staying with Rev. Eric Meter and will be attending General Assembly here in Columbus. We would like him to meet members and friends of the congregation in small groups over several dinners. Please contact Danya Furda at dfurda@gmail.com or 614-471-3786 if you are interested in...



- hosting a dinner (potluck or otherwise) for 6 or 8 people including Rev. Kozma anytime between June 9 and June 20,
- planning activities for Rev. Kozma during his stay with us, or
- traveling to Transylvania, Romania in 2017 or 2018 on the next UU spiritual pilgrimage, including a tour of important Unitarian sites and a visit to Bölön.



CANDIDATES FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, NOMINATING COMMITTEE, AND MINISTERIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

*In addition to the candidates listed, the Nominating Committee invites any member in good standing to nominate themselves or another by submitting the signed petition required to Board of Trustees by May 18, 2016 to be considered for election. Nominations for positions to be filled by election at any properly-called meeting, in addition to those of the Nominating Committee, may be made by petition in writing signed by twenty-five (25) or more members of the church. The petition and written consent of the nominee must be submitted to the Secretary of the Board of Trustees at least three days in advance of the meeting at which the election is to be held. **Please come to our Annual Congregational Meeting, Sunday, May 22, 11:30am.** The bios for these candidates were emailed to the congregation and will soon be available on our website, www.firstuucolumbus.org*

2016 Board of Trustees Candidates (two to be elected to three-year terms): Jim Conlan, Carolee Noonan

2016 Moderator Candidate (one to be elected to one-year term): Chas Williams

2016 Nominating Committee Candidates (three to be elected for two-year terms): Donna Adassa, Marilyn Beerman, Kelly Blake, David Maywhoor, Dennis Rankin, Chris Sullivan

Candidates for Settled Minister Search Team. Vote for five: Lou Bernard, Allie Bonsteel, Lisa Brandt, Anita Bucknam, Christine Davidson, Larry Drake, Donna Greenman, Judy Kleen, Christine McDevitt, Morgan Patton, Marc Pinsonneault

The deadline for articles for the June issue of the newsletter is Sunday, May 22.

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
Joe Voltolini, Bookkeeper
Naoko Kobayashi, Facilities Assistant
Cathy Hausmann, Facilities Assistant
Susan Roscigno, SYC Co-Associate Director
Amy Rudawsky, SYC Co-Associate Director

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MORE AUCTION EVENTS TO ENJOY

from Paula Hook, Auction Team

To continue last month's list of possible dated and fun events, consider:

MM2 Sat, June 4, 9:30 AM, Swan Song Brunch & Powell shopping, 2 spaces left, \$10 each.

E14 Sat, June 11, Bit of Hungary in Ohio, Dayton trip, need drivers, any #, \$12.50 each.

MM8 Sat, July 9, 4:00 PM, Backyard Cookout & Pool Party, 6 spots available, \$25 each.

E1 Sat, Aug 13, 8 AM, Annual Fossil Hike, 15 spaces left, \$7.50 each.

F5 Fri, Sept 16, 7 PM, Game Night (Gahanna), 2 spots left, \$15 each.

F1 Sat, Oct 1, 2 PM, Making Scarecrows Party, 40 available, \$7.50 each.

F18 Sat, Oct 22, 7 PM, Read to Me (Wine, Whimsey, Barlow's Shorts), 1 space, \$15.

F12 Sun, Dec 4, 2 PM, Make Polish Christmas Stars, 3 spaces left, \$12.50 each.

MM13 Sat, Jan 14, 2017, 6 PM, Vietnamese Chef Dinner, 3 spots, \$25.

Remember, to schedule your choices, e-mail auktion@firstuucols.org or call Jim/Danya at [614-471-3786](tel:614-471-3786). Checks for totals should then be made payable to FIRST UU with "auktion" on the memo line and forwarded to the Bookkeeper. Then – ENJOY!!



**Tickets are being sold in Fellowship Hall on Sundays after the services.
Contact Rev. Lane Campbell, 614-267-4946, ext. 28, for information.**

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

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

Senior Gathering Program and lunch on Thursday, May 26, 10:45am-1pm. Susan Roscigno, Co-Director of our School for Young Children, will join us with her observations, and the ministers, music and lunch will add to the gathering. Carole Wilhelm, [614-889-1182](tel:614-889-1182) wilhelm.carole@gmail.com.

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

Camping at Delaware State Park Friday, June 10 – Sunday, June 12. Join fellow UUs getting back to nature for the weekend. Great for families, singles or couples. Tents available to borrow. \$32 to share a space for Friday and Saturday night. Facebook group: First UU Columbus Camping. For more details - Patricia Boughton, patriciaboughton@gmail.com

First Friday Potluck May 6. 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).

Letting Our Light Shine - Annual Giving

Campaign We are pleased to report many people have already turned in their pledge forms and many have generously increased their pledges this year. Your pledges are how we sustain our community, pay our dedicated staff, and maintain our church home. If you have not yet pledged, please consider how an increase of \$25 or \$50 a month, during this time of transition and opportunity, can keep First UU's light shining strong. Online pledge located at www.firstuucolumbus.org/pledge.

Gratefully, First UU Stewardship

Bookbites will meet May 17 from 7 to 9 pm. in Slowter Lounge. May topic is "Plants & Flowers." Questions, call Kathleen at [614-262-4025](tel:614-262-4025).

Member Art Show *Mystery* will be on display in the Gallery and Worship Center during May and June. For information, contact Deb Baillieul, [614-447-1223](tel:614-447-1223).

Soulful Sundown Service Saturday, May 21, 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.

The next **Building and Grounds workday** is scheduled for Saturday, May 7, at 9am, with breakfast at 8:30! Please come help Jeff Boughton. He needs all the help he can get.

Attention group leaders: Annual Reports are due Thursday, May 12. Please send reports to marian@firstuucolumbus.org.

JUSTICE ACTION MINISTRY (JAM)

Steve Palm-Houser, Chair

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), entitled: "*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." Michael Greenman at [614-898-5825](tel:614-898-5825) or mgreenmanoh@gmail.com.

Multicultural Guests Your ministers have invited **Bishop Edwin Jiwan Mall, the Bishop of Pakistan** (elected by Christian congregations of Pakistan) hold a 1pm worship service at First UU on Sundays in May. All are invited. Contact Rev. Jennifer Brooks, 614-267-4946, ext. 22, jennifer@firstuucolumbus.org.

Midwest UU Summer Assembly July 3-9. Intergenerational Retreat at YMCA of the Ozarks, Trout Lodge near Potosi, Missouri. muusa.org

CARING CORNER

Congratulations:

Gianna Collins was offered a Morrill Scholarship at Ohio State, for demonstrating excellence in academics and work in the area of promoting diversity.

Jane Reisman celebrated her 80th birthday.

In rehab: Laura Adams, at the Laurels of Norworth.

We're saddened to report the deaths of: Hap Baer; Eric Biel, son of Louie Biel; and Tom Perley's father.

With our ministers:

Happy 88th Birthday to Rev. Carol Brody.

Congratulations to Rev. Eric Meter, ordained into the UU ministry in 1998, and to Rev. Jennifer Brooks, ordained into the UU ministry in 2004.

Memorial Service Receptions There were two memorial services on March 26. Thanks to the following for their help and/or food contributions: the families of Paul Brody and Herb Truax, and Susan and Chas Williams, Steve Molk, Bob Wilhelm, Tom Tucker, Evonne McNabb, Olwen Firestone, Erica Scurr, Sue Vierow, Patricia Monroe, Marge Lynd, Paula Hook, Gretchen Faulstich, Karen Keenan, Jo-E. Miller, Jane Young, Bernice White, Deb and Tom Baillieul, Jeannie Sperling, Nancy Morr,

Joan Matyskella, Dick Dawson, Georgia Glunt, Nan Beamish, MaryLou MacDonald, Linda Royalty and Karen Thimmes.

Carole Wilhelm, [614-889-1182](tel:614-889-1182)

Chris Sullivan, [614-286-2537](tel:614-286-2537)

The **Funeral Consumers Alliance of Central Ohio** invites all to its annual meeting Saturday, May 21, at First UU, 12-3pm. Call [614 263 4632](tel:614-263-4632) to register for the lunch. Free, but donations are always welcome.

Our speaker will be Rev Bill Gupton, former Interim Associate Minister at First UU. He'll speak about the benefits of, and the restrictions on, home funerals. Now minister of Heritage UU Church in Cincinnati, he has studied, preached about, and promoted green burial. He has also led Death Cafes and been active in the Death Positive movement for many years.

If you'd like to become a member of FCACO, attend our orientation Sunday, May 8, 12:30pm. Learn your rights as a purchaser of funeral goods and services, and documents to help with end of life planning.

Each year, the Caring Team sends congratulatory caring cards to high school and college graduates. If you, or a family member, will graduate this spring, please email Jane Reisman at jmdreisman@aol.com.



You attend services 52 times a year or, if you don't, you probably do something First UU-related 52 times/year, so take *one* evening to act on your values! Gather your family, friends, neighbors, and colleagues to give our interfaith organization, BREAD (*Building Responsibility, Equality, and Dignity*) the power to hold local officials accountable for serious problems in Central Ohio.

BREAD Nehemiah Action—Monday, May 9

6:40 pm–8:30 pm (Doors open–6:00 pm)

Celeste Center, Ohio Fairgrounds, 717 E. 17th Ave.

Free First UU tickets from your Justice Ministry Network Member

Childcare at Celeste Center for children out of diapers to age 8

Bus from First UU at 5:45 pm (return at 8:45 pm)

\$4/person or \$10/family of 3 or more (Prepaid; not refundable after May 1.)

Make bus reservations, sign-up to drive/ride from other areas, and order yellow Standing On the Side of Love t-shirts in Fellowship Hall after services **until Sunday, May 1.**

BREAD will ask for public commitments to solutions to: improve access to jobs and economic opportunity for residents in the Linden and Hilltop areas and for ex-offenders, and provide a municipal picture ID for vulnerable populations such as victims of domestic violence, the homeless, immigrants, and those re-entering society from incarceration. We'll also receive updates on previous asks: a Safe Streets program to reduce gang gun violence and progress made toward an accredited clubhouse for people suffering from serious mental illness.

For more information: Contact Alice Rathburn at eulala1905@me.com or [\(614\) 563-0536](tel:614-563-0536), or the BREAD office at [\(614\) 220-9363](tel:614-220-9363), www.breadcolumbus.com, or www.facebook.com/breadorganization.

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
- Job Seekers Support Group: 4th Monday, 7pm
- Justice Action Ministry: 4th Monday, 7pm
- Memoir Group: 2nd Wednesdays, 7pm
- Move to Amend: 3rd Saturday, 12pm
- Nominating Committee: 1st Sunday, 8:30am
- 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: normally 1st Tuesday, 7:30pm, but
for May: Wednesday, May 11
- Youth Group: every two weeks on Sunday, 12:30pm
- Zen Meditation: Saturdays, 8:30am; Tuesdays, 7pm

Sunday, May 1

5:00pm Coming of Age Mystery Dinner

Monday, May 2

7:00pm Care & Share Time Bank Orientation

Saturday, May 7

9:00am Building & Grounds Workday

12:30pm Visioning Circle

Sunday, May 8

12:30pm Funeral Consumers Alliance
Information Meeting

Monday, May 9

6:20pm BREAD Nehemiah Action (at the
Celeste Center, Ohio Fairgrounds)

Friday, May 13

7:30pm All Soles Contra Dance

Sunday, May 15

12:45pm Art Reception for "Mystery" Show

Friday, May 20

OMD Young Adult Con

Saturday, May 21

12:00pm Funeral Consumers Alliance Annual
Meeting (call [614 263 4632](tel:6142634632))

1:00pm Transgender 101 Panel

Sunday, May 22

11:30am Annual Congregational Meeting

Thursday, May 26

10:45am Senior Gathering

Sunday, May 29

11:30am Transgender Youth Panel

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WORSHIP SERVICES

May's Theme: *Blessing*

Sunday, May 1, 9:15am/11am

The Blessings of Work, Rev. Jennifer Brooks

Sunday, May 8, 9:15am/11am

The Blessings of Holy Inspiration, youth-led service with Rev. Lane Campbell

Sunday, May 15, 9:15am/11am

The Blessing of Challenge, Rev. Jennifer Brooks

Saturday, May 21, 5:30pm

Soulful Sundown Service (see page 8)

Sunday, May 22, 10am

The Blessings of Community, Rev. Jennifer Brooks

Annual Congregational Meeting, 11:30am

Sunday, May 29, 10am

Blessings of Gender Diversity, Rev. Lane Campbell