

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.

STORY

Rev. Jennifer Brooks, Interim Senior Minister

Stories are how we understand the world.

It starts when we are children. People we love tell us stories of their own lives. They tell us fairy tales and adventures. We grow up reading about Peter Pan and Matilda and Harry Potter and Ramona the Pest. We imagine ourselves as those characters living those adventures.

And perhaps we imagine ourselves as the hero of our own stories. These are the stories we don't find in books or video. These stories are the ones we create ourselves and watch on the video screen of our own imagination. A few of these stories even become real.

And some of these stories are the ones we create to explain to ourselves what just happened.

America is a story and we are part of it. When I was a child fascinated with stories of the founding of America, the story was about the idea of freedom and the separation of the brave colonies from the tyrant king. As I got a little older, I marveled at the story of our Constitution and its guarantees of freedom. How interesting that the First Amendment, that marvel of religious freedom and freedom of speech and the press, was tacked on a couple of years after the document itself was ratified. But close enough for us, today, to understand that it was important to those people who shaped the United States.

Only later did I come to understand that the story of America was also a story of conquest and slavery. Only later did I come to recognize that our founders were, in some ways, deeply flawed. Only later did I realize that women, like the woman I had become, weren't allowed to vote until American men added the 19th Amendment in 1920, or that slavery wasn't abolished until the 13th Amendment in 1865, or that ending Jim Crow took another hundred years until the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965. And then I realized that there is still a long, long way to go.

I now see America's story as a never-ending story. It's a tale of humanity struggling for self-awareness. It's a story of people asserting freedom for themselves and only belatedly extending it to others. It's a story of people claiming land and power and rights for themselves and only later coming to see the truths that are self-evident apply to all human beings.

It is humbling to claim a story and only later recognize its mythic elements. It is discouraging to realize that our reality doesn't quite live up to our values. Yet here we are, America, on the cusp of another presidential election. Here we are, once again about to exercise our flawed, resilient, hopeful franchise. Our story may be more complex, more tragic than the one I learned as a child. But it has a great advantage over that simpler tale. It shows that persistence and vision and growth can triumph over the earlier failure to see every person as fully human.

Remember to vote.



~ Rev. Jennifer
November 2016

LINKS

Rev. Eric Meter, Associate Minister

“Everywhere he looked, he saw a world made of stories,” writes Leslie Marmon Silko in her novel *Ceremony*.

That had never been more true for me than a particular Sunday afternoon last month.

As many of you know, my partner Ann works for Lifeline of Ohio, an organ procurement nonprofit. She works with hospital staff on procedures and compliance, and also with families of those who, in death, have the opportunity to give the gift of life. Those words may sound overblown until you realize just what a lifesaving gift a kidney or heart literally is.



A few summers ago, Ann and I visited one of our members, Ruth Gerhold, who had received a liver and kidney a few days before. Beside the light in Ruth’s eyes, what struck me most were the tears in Ann’s. As she works with families on the donation side, Ann had never met a recipient so soon after receiving her new lease on life.

Because of the organs she received, Ruth had more than a year more of life, giving her more time with her family and grandchildren. She even went skiing again. She wouldn’t have been able to do that if it hadn’t been for the generosity of an organ donor.

Last month Lifeline held its annual Memorial Donor reception at the Columbus Zoo, and for the first time, I went. Usually my time at church is the emotional center of my Sunday. Not this time. I wasn’t prepared for how many families would fill the room, how long the litany of donor names would be. Each name linked two families – donors and recipients.

One room encompassing countless stories. Folks from all walks of life sharing an afternoon of remembrance and appreciation.

And opposite the makeshift stage was a wall of windows looking out to a field where giraffes strolled and grazed. As I write that, it sounds strange, out of place. But the scene that afternoon felt calming, even reassuring. Families could bring their children and grandchildren, and when the words were too much, the young ones could go watch the tall, lanky and amazingly graceful giraffes. It was an inspired location.

Taking inspiration from the AIDs Quilt, each year Lifeline donor families have the opportunity to make a quilt square to memorialize their loved one. For weeks, our dining room table had been given over to the quilt as Ann arranged the individual squares into a larger whole which will tour the state on display over the next year. The quilt represents the stories of twenty organ donors, a small fraction of the total number in any year.

Since that Sunday last month, that afternoon at the zoo has helped me be mindful of the richness in which we live out our lives. Wherever we look, we find a world made up of stories. May we remember to tread with all the respect that is due.

~ Rev. Eric

Please send articles for the December/January issue of the newsletter by Sunday, November 27, to office@firstuucolumbus.org.

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GROWING AS WE GO

Rev. Lane Campbell, Minister of Religious Exploration

The Gift of Our Stories

This fall, I decided to try something new, and to stretch myself a bit outside of my comfort zone. When life presents each one of us with such opportunities, there is always an option to go with it or to decline. And it seemed my life was calling me to step in and to grow a bit more. This fall, I began co-facilitating our Diversity Learning Circle with Rev. Eric.



Now, what I knew I was going to get out of the experience was that I was going to learn more about intercultural competency. I knew I was going to connect more with the Church for All People through volunteering there twice. I also knew I was going to do a bit of book learning in the book, *A Framework for Understanding Poverty* by Ruby Payne. All of this seemed like learning enough and stretching enough for me.

What I didn't know I would be doing is sharing my story and my culture frequently, while also receiving the gift of listening to others sharing their stories and their cultures. Our cultures are a deep part of our personal narratives. Bound up in the stories of our lives are how we learned to behave a certain way, what some of the hidden rules and assumptions we operate under are, and why we do what we do each and every single day.

What I have found is that, in listening to the stories of others, I learn something about my own story, either in ways we are similar or ways we are different from one another. There are times when someone talks about what they learned in a particular region of the country, which are things I learned in that same region. Other times, generational differences invite me to think deeper about how being born when I was has shaped who I am. When sharing my own stories, I see that same resonance and curiosity happening around the room. It is a gift and an extremely rewarding experience to share our stories and to listen to the stories of others.

One way I am being challenged this fall is to lead with vulnerability. This means I share a story of a cultural experience from my own perspective to bring a certain concept into the room. In many parts of my life, I had received the message that leaders are expected to have it all together, to have our own stuff worked out before ever deciding to share a struggle with others. What leading with vulnerability invites all of us to do is to embrace moments of struggle, joy, pain, and confusion as a part of being human. It invites each one of us to see one another in new light and it invites us to claim our own experience.

Where are you being invited in your life to lead with vulnerability? Where are you sharing your story? Or listening to the stories of others?

I encourage all of you to participate in this opportunity to tell your story and to recognize your culture more fully. What a gift to our community and to the world!

~ Lane

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Ginnie Vogts, Board Chair

October was a very busy month, in a good way. We had the “Beyond Categorical Thinking” workshop and worship service while October thought it was still summer. Two stellar women from the Unitarian Universalist Association came to us and turned us upside-down around our expectations and our implicit bias. It was wonderful! Then we pulled together and decided that we would step up and fund our values. We did it because we want to be the best possible church for our children and our community. Thank you to all who give of yourselves every day and to you who were able to stretch to make this budget happen. We are a gracious generous community. With no time to catch our breath, we brought Tamara Lebak in to reinforce our quest for cultural competency. We have come a way, and we have a long way to go, but this brings me to a question. When are we going to start having conversations about putting up a Black Lives Matter banner? We keep talking around the edges of this topic. I want to have direct conversations with you. I’m planning some listening sessions as soon as the election is over. We need to stop being afraid to talk about where we stand on racial justice. We need to decide if we are willing to make a public statement of support for Black lives and deal with the reactions to it. We need to hear each other and love each other and not be hesitant. One of the most challenging things in our church is communication. I am inviting you to participate in this most important conversation. We must work together on this.

The Board is working on many things at the same time: developing our goals around governance, financial health and justice, approving a contract for our new settled minister, creating a vision for the future of the church. It’s an exciting time and communicating our vision to you, the congregants, is vitally important. I’d like you to give me ideas of the best ways to reach out and engage you as we move forward. Besides monthly articles, being available at services, announcements during services, open Board meetings, stakeholder meetings, what else do you suggest? Email me with your ideas and I will try to incorporate them as best I can.

Ginnie Vogts, gvogts43@gmail.com

MINISTERIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

Judy Kleen, Committee Chair



An **All-Church Potluck**, sponsored by the Ministerial Search Committee, is scheduled for Sunday, November 6, at 12:30pm in Fellowship Hall. We will present a slide show summarizing the results of the Ministerial Search Survey and ask for your feedback in helping us select the next settled senior minister.

We encourage you to check out our bulletin board located in the hallway outside Fellowship Hall on the left as you head toward the bathrooms. The most up-to-date information on our search is posted there along with bios of committee members and our all-important timeline.

Right now we’re working on the Congregational Record, a very comprehensive document that will be the first thing ministers who are searching for a new church will see. Much of the information we got from the survey and from talking with the ministers at First UU has been invaluable in writing the record.

FIRST UU AUCTION

Jo Anne St. Clair and Cathy O'Neil, Co-Chairs

Time to Start Planning the Fun, with a Super Theme!

Our next First UU Auction will be February 25, 2017. This is a great time for socializing, raising money for our beloved church community, and having a great time. Our 2017 Auction theme is: ***Superheroes, Then and Now: Saving the World One Bid at a Time!*** The possibilities are endless for choice of hero/heroine and costume options. Super Hero costumes are not required, but add to the fun and frivolity of the occasion.

Begin thinking about things, events, services that you can contribute to the Auction and go online to begin making your donations. We also always welcome new members to the committee, so consider joining us. Our November meeting schedule is November 6 and 20, 12:45pm, after the second service and Coffee Hour.

Looking forward to another great Auction!!

SCHOOL FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

Amy Rudawsky, Co-Director

The 12th annual scholarship auction for the School for Young Children will be held November 4, from 6:30-9:30pm. The SYC auction began as a way to provide tuition assistance to families, with the goal to make it affordable for more families to be able to attend SYC. As one of the very few private non-profit preschools that offer any form of tuition assistance, 100% proceeds go directly to the scholarship fund. Last year, we raised over \$10,000 and were able to provide assistance to every family that applied for tuition assistance through the generosity of our community.

The auction is a fun evening of great donated items, lively conversation with friends new and old, along with delectable treats and drinks in a joyful atmosphere. The event will work as a silent auction which means each bidder only have to worry about writing your bidder number on a sheet of paper and keep an eye on your desired prizes to make sure you're not outbid before the table closes. Come and have a drink and food with us while you browse the tables full of lots of goodies to bid on.

Admission for this unique evening is \$10 per person. Item donors receive \$5 off admission, volunteers are admitted free. For more information about the event, or if you wish to volunteer or donate, check out this link: <http://www.auction4syc.com/>

MUSIC PROGRAM

Tony McDonald, Music Director

The Music Committee is proud to present the music concert series for 2016-2017. We think it has a lot of variety and interest, something for everyone. The events and dates have been confirmed but there is always the possibility of something changing during the year, so please stay tuned for future notices as events draw nearer. As of this printing, one event has already happened: the Halloween Sing-along, to great success. Here is a description of the season:

- **The Halloween Sing-along**, October 21, 6:30pm. Benefited from having the Peace Pals directors, Cath Saveson and Leigh Mamlin, leading the songs, and Debbie Shaw telling ghost stories.
- **The Scioto Valley Brass Christmas Concert**, Sunday, December 4, 5pm, will feature one of Columbus' major brass bands performing their Christmas concert, which will include traditional seasonal favorites plus some humorous pieces with skits and props. This is a family event.
- **The Choirs' Holiday Concert** will be on Sunday, December 18, 4pm. All four choirs will participate. The theme will be "light."
- **Remember the Dark** is a cantata (actually a one-act musical) that will be performed by the choirs, with soloists and actors during the church services on Sunday, January 29.
- **Quartetto Grigio** is a student string quartet from OSU, Sunday, February 5, 3pm. They will perform quartets by Haydn and Ravel, along with several solo pieces.
- The traditional **All-church talent show** will be on Saturday, March 18, 7:30pm. All talents welcome. Start practicing now.
- **Lara Colby, soprano**, will give a solo recital on Sunday, March 26, 3pm. A professionally trained singer with a magnificent voice, she has performed at the church several times for services.
- **David Roth**, folksinger, Saturday, April 1, has performed at UU churches and other venues all over the country. He has been likened somewhat to James Taylor.
- **The High School Choral Concert**, Sunday, April 30, 5pm, will bring together the concert and show choirs from Central Crossing High School, directed by Brandon Moss, and the show choir from Whitehall High School, directed by Ann Johnson.
- The date of the **Choirs' Spring Concert**, which is usually in May, is still undecided.

Here is the season, condensed and ready for you to cutout and put on your refrigerator:

Music Events 2016-17

Event	date	time
Halloween Sing-along	Oct. 21, 2016	6:30 pm
Scioto Valley Brass Christmas Concert*	Dec. 4, 2016	5:00 pm
Choirs Holiday Concert	Dec. 18, 2016	4:00 pm
Remember the Dark (cantata for service)	Jan 29, 2017	9:15 & 11:00
Quartetto Grigio, string quartet*	Feb. 5, 2017	3:00 pm
All-church Talent Show	March 18, 2017	7:30 pm
Lara Colby, soprano*	March 26, 2017	3:00 pm
David Roth, folk singer*	April 1, 2017	7:30 pm
High School Choral Concert*	April 30, 2017	5:00 pm
Choirs Spring Concert	May TBD 2017	4:00 pm

* Donations gratefully accepted at these events.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

First UU Safety Plan Task Force Many of you know that the Board created a Safety Policy for the church late last year. The followup for that this year was the formation of a Safety Task Force. This group of members are charged with the following:

- *Learn and recommend practices for church safety, security and risk management.
- *Review and evaluate the existing risks at First UU.
- *List the changes in physical setting or operating practices necessary to bring First UU to conformity with best practices.
- *Propose a safety plan establishing safe operating practices.
- *Make recommendations to the Board relating to additional policies and procedures that incorporate the safety plan, listing potential changes to the physical facilities, assigning responsibility and accountability for various areas of operations or risk and possibly specifying the formation of a Safety Team to implement the Safety Plan.

As you can see, our group has a lot to accomplish, so we're asking for help from anyone who is willing. We need people to assist our sub-committees in gathering information and making recommendations. Anyone who has skills or experience in health care, mental health, social work, law enforcement or security can contribute to our efforts.

Our intention is not to create a security force for the church. We have already had, and will continue to have, in depth discussion of how to maintain a welcoming environment while ensuring that our children and youth, our members, and our staff are safe at First UU, and that we are prepared to deal with any emergency, whether minor or major. The Safety Plan is intended to be a stewardship project – just one of the many ways we take care of each other and support the values of First UU.

The members of the group are Shelley Blackburn, John Boyd, Bill Fiorini, Barb Fisher, Sharon Oliver, Dan Rotherth, Scott Schricker, and Mary Vietmeier. Rev. Jennifer Brooks and Brian Hagemann are providing staff support, and Debra Boyd is our Board contact.

If you have questions, suggestions, concerns, etc., please feel free to contact me at gsgdenby@yahoo.com or you can generally find me at the bookstore between services.

Greg Denby, Chair, Safety Plan Task Force

Path to Membership Class Wednesday, November 9, 6-9pm. Are you thinking of becoming a member of First UU? Join us to learn more. Registration required. Contact Marian Garcia, 614-267-4946, x 21, or marian@firstuucolumbus.org.

Neighboring Faiths (for adults) will do a program on Islam beginning on Monday, November 7, from 7pm to 8:30pm in Room 8 at the church. We also will be visiting Noor Islamic Cultural Center on Saturday, November 12, at 11am, and have our followup meeting on Monday, November 14, from 7pm to 8:30pm. All are welcome, but please sign up at the Adult Program table in Fellowship Hall after the services or register online.

UU Artists and Friends Join First UU for an exhibit in January and February called "And Justice for All." You and other community members can contribute artwork which addresses racial, social and environmental justice. Contact Deb Baillieul (debbsyc@yahoo.com) to secure your spot in this themed show **by December 1**. Remember, this is a family friendly space so no "in your face" graphic depictions of violence.

Building and Grounds Workday Please join us on November 5, from 9am to 12 noon. We have many opportunities both inside and outside of our building, and we need volunteers. A hot breakfast will be served in Fellowship Hall at 8:30am.

Entertainment Books Start using the new 2017 Entertainment Book, which is full of discount coupons, as well as online coupons, for local restaurants, stores, bakeries, sport events, symphony, and much more. Cost is \$30, of which \$7.50 goes to First UU's coming of Age group. Books are available after each service through the middle of December.

Karin Erickson, 614-834-3988

First Friday Potluck November 4. In the Yellow/Orange Room. Potluck starts at 6:30pm. Kids' movie and board games for older kids/adults start at 7:30pm.

Laurie Brown, 614-246-0170

Bookbites Tuesday, November 15, 7-9pm, Slower Lounge. Topic: "Readers' Choice."

Kathleen Boston, 614-262-4025



Thanksgiving Dinner Thursday, November 24, 2pm, setup at 1pm. Come one, come all! Yes, we'll have our annual talent show. (Yes, you do

have a talent, so join in!) Make reservations with Jeanni Ray, 614-985-6176 or jeanni1954@gmail.com, by November 17, with the number of people in your party, the dish or dishes you will bring, whether you can help with setup/cleanup, and whether you'll be in the talent show. We'll need three turkeys which, if you want, can be cooked at the church. Also, we'll take up a collection to help with the cost; those donating turkeys can expect some refund.

Our new filtered water dispenser has helped eliminate waste from 3616 disposable plastic bottles.

Art Exhibit *Impressionist Revealed*, original watercolors by Judith Truman McDonald, is on exhibit in the Gallery and Worship Center from November 1 through January 2. Come and meet the artist. A reception for the congregation will be held on Sunday, November 6, 12:30-1:30. Light refreshments will be provided. Judith is the wife of First UU Music Director Tony McDonald.



Coffee Hour needs volunteers! If you enjoy Coffee Hour, please consider becoming a volunteer. Contact Denni Hale, 614-633-8081, rayneblueoh@gmail.com.

JUSTICE ACTION MINISTRY

Steve Palm-Houser, Chair



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

is Central Ohio's congregation-based, multi-faith community organization that holds local officials accountable for serious community problems.

On October 19, BREAD celebrated the grand re-opening of Pathway Clubhouse, a psychosocial rehabilitation clubhouse serving those with serious and persistent mental illness at 1203 E. Broad Street. With the new investment from the ADAMH Board that BREAD advocated, Pathway has been remodeled, hired new staff, and will be seeking accreditation from Clubhouse International in the coming year. Pathway is already serving twice as many clients as before and plans to expand further in 2017. Several First UU members attended the celebration, and it was moving to hear from clubhouse members about the difference Pathway has made in their lives. We're excited about Pathway's future and look forward to celebrating its accreditation. BREAD rises!

Would you like to get involved? Come to the Annual Assembly on Monday, November 14, 7pm, at Christ the King Catholic Church (2777 East Livingston Ave., Columbus, 43209) where we'll get updates about our current campaigns and set BREAD's direction for the coming year. Chris Johnson, 614-946-1287, chris@underspecified.com.



Feed My Sheep food pantry Please help! *13th Annual Thanksgiving food drive.* \$30 buys a turkey and fixings for one of the poorest families in Ohio. Bring donations by November 20 to our table in Fellowship Hall, on Sunday mornings only. Checks may be made out to First UU with "Feed My Sheep" in the memo line. The check will be recorded from the donor and included in the donor's First UU contribution statement. First UU will write a check to Feed My Sheep for the total of contributions over a week. It's also possible to [donate on the First UU website](#) and, if donating by credit card, write "Feed My Sheep" as the donation's purpose, or if using PayPal, write it in PayPal's "instructions to the seller."

CARING CORNER

With our members:

Congratulations to:

Curt Greene, 87 on October 18

Dave MacDonald, 80 on October 26

Marguerite Molk, 90 on October 25

Vanda Hughes is a Featured Artist at the Governor's Residence this quarter. She was selected by First Lady Kasich and the Ohio Arts Council for the Spotlight program which showcases Ohio artists.

Greg Denby retired from the Columbus Metropolitan Library after almost 30 years of service, to explore a variety of volunteer opportunities.

Carlos Lugo and Martin Phillips were married on October 9. The wedding took place in Bexley.

Donna Jarrell, former First UU member, will be ordained at Zion United Church of Christ on November 12, at 3pm.

Our recently-bridged young adults from First UU.

Rukia Barr, Shane Roussi, Eliza Steffen, Quincy McNabb, Nic Gill, and Gianna Collins.

A speedy recovery to:

Rick Kritzer (knee replacement surgery)

Ingrid Silvian (major surgery) is at Canal Winchester Rehabilitation Center. Her friends may call her at 614-834-2458.

Brian Hagemann, our Church Administrator, (broken wrist, requiring surgery) will be several weeks recovering. The doctors anticipate a full recovery.

Our sympathy to:

Julia Lee, whose father, Ray Bergman, died in October. Julia did the eulogy at his memorial service on October 18.

With our ministers:

Rev. Carol Brody celebrated her ordination into UU ministry on October 12. She was ordained in 1981.

Rev. Kathleen Fowler celebrated her ordination into UU ministry on October 23. She was ordained in 2009.

Rev. Suzan and John McCrystal celebrated their wedding anniversary on October 12. They were married in 1985.

A Medical Problem Can Come out of Nowhere!

by Michael Greenman

Friday morning I experienced a “medical event.” Several unusual “symptoms” led me to call my doctor. I was told to go to the emergency room right away. Five hours later I left with a 10-page report about Atrial Fibrillation (A-Fib) and instructions to see a cardiologist on Monday! Where did this come from? I haven’t had a sick day in over 30 years, my annual checkups have been great, and my pulse a steady 60 and blood pressure normally 115/70. What happened?

The report listed six signs and symptoms:

- Sudden light-headedness or weakness
- Getting tired easily while exercising
- Urinating more often than normal (mainly when A-Fib first begins)
- Shortness of breath
- A feeling of discomfort or pain in your chest.
- A feeling that your heart is beating rapidly or irregularly

I began to think about these signs, and gradually it occurred to me:

- Over the last four or five months, I've had the experience about five times, at random moments, of suddenly feeling light-headed (not quite nausea or dizziness!), accompanied by a brief inability to focus well—once or twice this happened while driving—and I had thought nothing of it.
- I had noticed, while climbing a gradual slope a couple of times, that it was more difficult than usual. I figured I was just getting old.
- Friday morning, from about 3am to 6am, I urinated six times!
- While trying to sleep a little longer, I noticed that my breathing suddenly got faster and deeper for about a minute, then went back to normal. This happened several times over about a period of an hour.
- I never have had any discomfort or pain in my chest.
- Just out of curiosity, I checked my pulse on my “Fitbit”: It was 140! (Later, in the emergency room, the reading they got was 170.)

Five out of six—that's me! The last one happened as I was sitting, entranced, watching a ballet at the Ballet Met Senior Dress Rehearsal. I couldn't have been more completely relaxed. That's when I decided to call my doctor! (And missed the remaining two ballets—darn!) I had no idea that any, except for the last one, might have indicated a potential heart problem.

Now I know – and so do you!

ARCHIVES TEAM

Linda Thompson, Historian

The great flood—from a tree going through the roof—caused the Archives Team and others much concern. Many good people saved the files from the wet. The carpet will be replaced with tile to avoid mold getting into the materials. This will require some downtime for the Team. Otherwise, you will find us every Tuesday morning working in the Closet, the Library or the hallway. Several research questions are keeping us busy. In addition, we are listing the significant items for each year of our existence. This will provide us a timeline and serve as an index.

THE WIDER UU WORLD

Mindful Journey in 2017, for UUs and friends

Peru: March 25-April 5, 2017. Journey led by UU minister, Rev. Wayne Walder, Toronto, Canada, www.nuuc.ca. For an itinerary for the journey, please email Beverlz@me.com. To learn more about Mindful Journeys go to <http://nuuc.ca/spiritual-growth/spiritual-practice/mindful-journeys/>

You're invited to the Justice Assembly of UUJO

Saturday, November 12, at the Methodist Theological School of Ohio in Delaware. Talks from Ohio leaders in the moral movement to stop executions, to connect racial and environmental justice, and effective ways to advocate with state legislators to change regressive policy to progressive policy. Hear from First UU's Ginnie Vogts and Rev. Lane Campbell on economic and racial justice. Find encouragement and allies to bring UU values into the public arena. Details and registration at uujo.org or ask Rev. Lynda Smith, [614-396-6196](tel:614-396-6196).

Campout for Climate Justice December 2. Sierra Club Ohio and the OSU Sierra Club Student Coalition are partnering in a climate justice event to draw attention to the burdens climate change places on our community members with limited resources and Ohio's homeless community. After a rally at the Statehouse, participants will join in a Campout for Climate Justice on the Oval at OSU. They'll sleep overnight in tents while collecting coats, blankets, and food for needy families. Rev. Jennifer plans to join them. Brrrr!

Share-the-Plate Since our Share-the-Plate program began in July, we've shared \$1800 with the UU Service Committee (June-July) and \$1,084 with Faith Mission (September). October wasn't quite over at the time the Discoverer went to press, so we'll have the results for UU Justice Ohio in the next issue. Coming up: November is the Feed My Sheep food pantry in Mineral, Ohio (serving Ohio's poorest families); December is the Clintonville Resource Center (serving the poor in our own neighborhood); January is Planned Parenthood; February, Kaleidoscope (serving queer and allied youth in Columbus); March, the Coalition of Immokalee Workers (food and workers' justice); BREAD (interfaith organizing to identify and propose solutions to local issues); YWCA (which feeds the hungry); and Community Development for All People (serving the needy in the Parsons Ave. area in South Columbus).

Young Adults Fall Conference: OMDUUYAN (Ohio Meadville District UU Young Adult Network)

Friday, November 11, 8pm to

Sunday, November 13, 10am

Sponsored by [Central East Region of the UUA](#)

This fall, at the Maumee Valley UU (in Bowling Green, Ohio), we welcome you to a weekend filled with fun workshops, light-hearted entertainment, and young adults galore!

The theme this year is Magick and Energy. All types of Magick, Energy, and Fantasy/Sci-Fi fandoms welcome! We'll have plenty of workshops, a sorting hat to put you in UU houses for the weekend and, of course, light-hearted worship services and dancing!

Cost: Adults ages 18 to 35: \$25-45 (sliding scale), though you can save the environment, bring a friend, and get a \$5 discount! Sliding scale for drivers who bring at least one other young adult in their car is \$20-40! Payment is at the door Friday night. Children 2 and under: Free.

Payment will be due at the door of the event, cash or check only. Make checks out to UUA-CER with OMDUUYAN Fall Con in the memo line.

[Register now. Deadline is Monday November 7.](#)

Questions? Contact Amanda Woodside at awoodside9@gmail.com

CALENDAR

- Adult Programs: 1st Thursday, 7-9pm
 - Archives Team: Tuesdays, 9:30am
 - Atheists/Skeptics/Humanists: 4th Tuesday, 7pm
 - Bookbites: 3rd Tuesday, 7pm (November: "Reader's Choice")
 - Board Executive Committee: 2nd Wednesday, 7pm
 - Board of Trustees: Wednesday, November 16, 7pm
 - BREAD Team: 3rd Thursday, 7pm
 - Bridge Group (call 614-499-2434): 4th Sunday, 6pm
 - Building and Grounds: 1st Monday, 7pm
 - Care and Share Time Bank: 3rd Sunday, 6:30pm
 - Caring Team: 1st Tuesday, 7pm
 - Chalice Choir: Thursdays, 7:30pm
 - Contra Dance: 2nd Friday, 7:30pm
 - Cooking for Faith Mission: 1st & 3rd Friday, 12pm
 - Covenant Group Facilitators: 1st Wednesday, 6:30pm
 - Creative Open Studio: Mondays, 3-5pm
 - Diversity Learning Circle: Saturdays, 10am (until 11/19)
 - Finance Committee: 3rd Tuesday, 10:30am
 - First Friday, Potluck/activities, 6:30pm
 - Getting to Know UU: Sundays, after each service
 - Hispanohablantes: Saturdays, 10:45am
 - Improvisational Dance: Thursdays, 9:30am
 - Intergenerational Book Group: 3rd Wednesday, 7pm
 - Justice Action Ministry: 4th Monday, 7pm
 - Library Team: 2nd Tuesday, 1:30pm
 - Memoir Group: 2nd Wednesday, 7pm
 - Move to Amend: 3rd Saturday, 12pm
 - Neighboring Faiths: Mondays, 7pm
 - New Members Covenant Group: 1st & 3rd Sundays, 7pm
 - Nominating Committee: 1st Sunday, 8:30am
 - PFLAG: 4th Sunday, 2pm
 - Plant & Garden Share: 2nd Sunday, 12:15pm
 - RE Team: 4th Wednesday, 6:30pm
 - Rising Voices Choir: Tuesdays, 7pm
 - Sacred Song Circle: Wednesdays, 6pm
 - Spirit of Life Choir: Tuesdays, 8pm
 - Stewardship: 3rd Tuesday, 7pm
 - This Month in Science: 2nd Tuesday, 7pm
 - UU Dance Fellowship: Mondays, 7pm
 - Wednesday Women's Book Group: 4th Wednesday, 1pm.
 - Worship Team: 1st Tuesday, 7:30pm. Interested? Contact Rev. Jennifer Brooks, 614-267-4946, ext. 22
 - Zen Meditation: Saturdays, 8:30am; Tuesdays, 7pm
- Saturday, November 5**
9:00am Building & Grounds Workday
- Sunday, November 6**
12:30pm Artist Reception
- Wednesday, November 9**
6:30pm Path to Membership (Registration required: 614-267-4946, ext. 21, or marian@firstuucolumbus.org)
- Thursday, November 10**
6:00pm Flying Spaghetti Monster Dinner
- Saturday, November 12**
10:00 UU Justice Assembly
- Thursday, November 13**
12:30pm Funeral Consumers Alliance Info Mtg.
- Monday, November 14**
7:00pm BREAD Annual Assembly (offsite, at Christ the King Catholic Church)
- Tuesday, November 15**
7:00pm Care and Share Time Bank Orientation
- Thursday, November 24**
2:00pm Thanksgiving Dinner and Talent Show
- Friday, November 25** (Building Closed)

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UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES

November's Theme: *Story*

Sunday, November 6, 9:15am & 11am

A Sudden Burst of Light

Rev. Jennifer Brooks

Sunday, November 13, 9:15am & 11am

Quantum Mirror

Rev. Jennifer Brooks

Sunday, November 20, 9:15am & 11am

Stone Soup

Rev. Lane Campbell

Sunday, November 27, 9:15am & 11am

The 21st Century Human Male

Rev. Eric Meter