

# 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.

## PRESENCE

Rev. Jennifer Brooks, Interim Senior Minister

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My heart breaks. Again. Today the cause is yesterday's knife-wielding attacker on the OSU campus.

Tonight we hold a vigil, not only for those injured in the attack (and the attacker himself, dead now, motives unclear), but also for people who were there, locked-down, fearful. And this vigil is for all of us, who face our own internal lock-down: fear, anxiety, compassion fatigue.

The vigil, "Candles of Sorrow, Chalice of Hope," invites us to pause for a little while in the presence of one another. Presence. Each of us brings our presence to others, and in turn they are present for us. It is a way of witnessing, yes, of mourning, yes, but most important it is a way of being together: a way of being in one another's presence.

A way of being.

I wrote the phrase "Chalice of Hope," and wondered what hope I could possibly find in the onslaught of grief and fear that has beset our nation and our world. The answer was in my own broken heart, in the broken hearts of those who reached out to me. Our hope is in Presence.

Presence.

I found it in the friends and family members who reached out to see if I was OK. I found it in the First UU members and friends who reached out to one another. It was even there in the shape of those who needed my presence. It was in my own need for the presence of others who seek to meet the world with compassion.

We—all of us human beings—are so good at: Arguing. Proclaiming. Denouncing. Often we are good at resisting, at working for justice. But when we open our hearts to support one another, to be present for one another, we are good at compassion.

And we need to be. For only in the compassionate presence of another can the broken heart find hope again. Only in *being* compassionately present for another can the broken heart find hope again. It is this ability to be present for one another (in anguish and heartbreak and compassion) that allows us to recover our courage and energy and resources.

Presence.

~ Rev. Jennifer



## LINKS

Rev. Eric Meter, Associate Minister

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I've always wanted the congregations I serve to be seen as moral beacons in their communities. At the same time, the "prophetic voice" is an idea that long left me vaguely uncomfortable and challenges me to this day.

One of my mentors in ministry used to say that, in his experience, we had a cultural or social revolution every other generation. So if it didn't fall to you to work for change directly, it was your responsibility to prepare the younger generation as best you could.

Looking back at that now, it seems a bit too simplistic. At least in my lifetime, the need to speak "love to power" has been more or less constant.

If we are actually in a state of perpetual war, and it sure seems like we are, then the work of resistance needs to be constant as well. And, of course, I'm not talking just about war in the military sense.

So, on many fronts, it will help us to keep our eyes open for sources of inspiration, and, to use a phrase from Rebecca Parker, "choose our guides."

My guides include Shirley McDonald, who was my Sunday School teacher when I was in my tweens. In a story I've told countless times, she singlehandedly changed my perception of history as something lived by real people, rather than a subject for history books, when I learned that she had marched in Selma with Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

I also lift up the members of South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission, led by Rev. Desmond Tutu. Each of them paid a price for helping their nation see itself more clearly and imagine a more just future.

When I need recharging, I look to the music of Peter Gabriel (*Biko, Shaking the Tree*), Holly Near (*I Am Willing*), Leonard Cohen (*Anthem, If It Be Your Will*) and Carrie Newcomer (any and everything). And there is also the lasting beauty of Fauré's *Requiem*.

Who are your guides? Where do you find your inspiration?

When the Ohio River Group, a UU clergy study group of which Rev. Lane and I are members, met last month, our theme was *Dystopia*, the literary term for societies that are organized so that the many serve the needs of the few. In many ways these are the opposite of utopias. Think of George Orwell's *1984* or the world of the Capital in *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins.

One of the comments that I found most helpful was, "Things aren't getting worse. They're being unveiled." I find that a very helpful way of framing things.

With that in mind, it is up to us to keep unveiling our own truths. Together, we really do change the world.

In peace,

~ Rev. Eric



## GROWING AS WE GO

Rev. Lane Campbell, Minister of Religious Exploration

Right before I came to serve this congregation, I was part of a Chaplain residency. This year-long program trains people to be chaplains in a hospital setting, with intensive education, identity formation, and serving in specific units to better get to know staff and patients. During one of our education sessions, people had frequently talked about “just being present with people” as this form of ministry. In a moment of brilliance, my supervisor began to question what exactly this means. I have to admit that it had become an overused phrase in these rooms where we were learning together. Each time we talked through an encounter with a person we were serving, we were talking about being present with one another.



In the questioning, a definition began to form. Being present was like listening, but with a bit more to it. Being present was about listening and putting aside our own stories or thoughts. Presence was about acknowledging the words we were hearing as well as the context that surrounded the encounter and the non-verbal communication. Just listening to words can only tell us so much. Taking in the sights, the sounds, the tones, the surroundings—that was what it meant to be present with one another. It meant speaking from a place of knowing out of our own experience, rather than just speaking about our experience, resonating with someone's emotions, instead of saying, “Oh, I had an experience exactly like that where...”

In the midst of the moment we currently live in, much feels overwhelming. So much in our country and in our community has changed in a very short period of time. The thought of being present with others may feel exhausting. It may feel like too much. Or it may not even feel worth it right now. Many of us are hurting, grieving, experiencing a sense of uncertainty about our future.

What is hard about this very moment is that it is aching for presence. We are so in need of presence from the ones we love. And our presence is so deeply needed, not just to help the people around us, but to also provide healing for ourselves. Can you remember a time when you moved with someone along a painful time in their life and then realized you were addressing some of your own pain at the same time? And can you remember a time when you felt deeply listened to and acknowledged in the fullness of your situation? It is such a mutual gift, for both the giver and the receiver.

Being present is something we can do for one another right now. We can listen and pay attention in new ways to one another. We can see and hear the hurt in one another's facial expressions or body language and be present to that. This ministry of being with is not just for the ordained, it is for each and every one of us. It is difficult and unrealistic to be present to each other 100% of the time, especially when we aren't caring for ourselves. So, please make sure you are caring for yourself in whatever ways help you to live fully.

We can be present to each other now, right now. This hurting and healing world needs you. Your friends and family need you. We all need your presence. May we be truly present to one another.

~ Lane

Please send articles for the February issue of the newsletter by Sunday, January 22, to [office@firstuucolumbus.org](mailto:office@firstuucolumbus.org).

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## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Ginnie Vogts, Board Chair

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As we enter the darkest nights of the season and the shortest days, most of us are still shouldering disbelief and bafflement about the results of the election. We're fortunate to have First UU and each other at times like these. We can come together for support and direction. We can provide shelter to each other and remind each other of our UU principles, which do not veer, no matter what the political climate. I take great comfort in looking forward to our growing relationship with our community and other faith groups, taking actions that will be helpful during hard times, and examining our course. The Board has selected goals that will guide us this year:

### Governance

- Create a calendar to review and revise governance documents.
- Appoint a working group to carry out an initial review of old and new governance documents to identify places where text needs to change as a result of governance policy.
- Conduct process observations of all Board meetings that reflect upon how well the Board is staying focused on "board" work as opposed to "ministerial" work.
- Study sections of *Governance & Ministry* to support the Board's understanding of governance changes.

### Financial

- Engage with, and support work on, stewardship and financial health.
- All Board members will attend the stewardship workshop with the consultant in January.
- Assess the financial health of the congregation through information from the Finance Committee and Senior Minister report.

### Justice

- Create a vision of how First UU might engage congregants more deeply in working for justice.
- Have a visioning conversation on racial justice.
- Invite JAM to present a vision to the Board and discuss the Board's vision for support.

### Strategic Planning

- Initiate a strategic planning process.

I think it is important to let the congregation know where we are heading, and invite your thoughts. We want to remain a vibrant healthy church, to serve you well and be a beacon for justice in our world. As we shake ourselves back into gear, I hope First UU will be a place where we can come together, roll up our sleeves and make sure we are doing all we can to stand up for what we believe.

## FIRST UU AUCTION

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

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Would you like to buy a ticket for an authentic Italian dinner or a long weekend in the Hocking Hills? How about a wedding gift or an area rug for your kids' room? And all the while having gobs of fun as you help raise over \$30,000 for the church? You're in luck! We have just THE EVENT for you: First UU's ANNUAL AUCTION, that will take place on Saturday, February 25.

This year's theme is "**Superheroes Then and Now — Saving the World One Bid at a Time.**" Come dressed as your favorite comic book hero; the person you most admire; or yourself, a superhero in somebody's eyes. We welcome unique items (limit of five per household and valued at \$15 or more), but the most popular donations bring people together. (*Building community* was a top value in last year's Ministerial Search Survey.) We especially seek dinners, excursions, getaways and social activities. Join with your friends and plan your own heroic event. Think outside the box and dare to be bold!

So swoop into Fellowship Hall, or go online. Visit our table starting December 11, purchase tickets beginning January 8, and submit your donations by January 29 to appear in the catalog.

Be a superhero. **Take part in the 2017 Auction!**

# MINISTERIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

Judy Kleen, Committee Chair

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## Thanks!

The Ministerial Search Committee sponsored an all church potluck on Sunday, November 6. We were thrilled that Fellowship Hall was full, with over 130 people wanting to both know about the completed search survey and contribute their responses to questions that will help the committee do the best possible job.

A well-crafted slide show presented by committee member Lou Bernard told the story of the survey, and index cards were handed out so everyone could turn in responses to questions from the committee. Anyone still curious about the survey results can access the slide show from the home page of the church website or by clicking here: <http://firstuucolumbus.org/images/stories/Home/MinisterialSearch.pdf>

In addition to the survey, the committee has gained valuable guidance through meeting with many of the church's important stakeholders. This includes all three ministers (Rev. Jennifer, Rev. Eric, and Rev. Lane), the Board, the music staff, Brian Hagemann, Marian Garcia, retired or affiliated UU ministers who are part of our congregation, and Rev. Joan Van Becelaere, Regional Liaison for our transition. Safe to say we have gotten lots of good help and information in this first phase of our search.

## What's Coming Up

The next phase, which has already begun, is to use what we have learned to present First UU to ministers who are searching for a new position. We have completed our Congregational Record, a comprehensive document required by the UUA (Unitarian Universalist Association), which will be the first thing searching ministers will see when it is released in early December.

The most important way we will present ourselves to potential ministers is through a private website. This very big project is spearheaded by committee member Morgan Patten. It will delve into every aspect of our congregational life, the surrounding Columbus community, and much more. It will say in words, pictures, audio and video everything we can possibly think of that a searching minister might need or want to know about us. We are pleased to say it is coming along very well and should give a true picture of who we are at First UU.

As the search continues, the committee will be unable to supply details of our work. This is to prevent breaches of confidentiality that could easily result in prospective ministers – perhaps our most promising candidates – withdrawing from the process. We will, however, keep you posted on the general outline of our activities as the process goes forward.

We can't thank all of you enough for your help and continued interest in our work.

# SCHOOL FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

Amy Rudawsky, Co-Director

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## The Holiday Season with Children

As I prepare to tackle many of the tasks of our holiday season, I am reminded of some of the challenges and expectations the young children in our lives have. Routines are an important part of their daily life to keep things predictable. Oftentimes, their holidays are spent traveling to relatives' homes that they spend little time in, with the expectation that they will be on their "best" behavior. What a hard task to live up to. I know I feel cranky when I travel to places where I have little control over where I sleep, and when and what I get to eat. Don't you?

Being around relatives and close friends is just part of the gig for the holidays, but that doesn't mean it's easy for ANY of us. Oftentimes, it's lovely to catch up and make memories. On the flip side, many a meltdown can surface (and I mean that for all of us).

Here are some survival tips for getting through the holidays:

*Keep your routines as predictable as you can.* If lunchtime is usually at 12:00, try to keep it as close to that time as possible. If you have a bedtime routine, stick with it. Try to find 30 minutes to have downtime with just your immediate family while traveling. Take a break to go for a ride in the car, to play a quiet game, to read a book together, or go on a walk together. Having some special family time while traveling can help to de-stress.

*Sleep.* It's often hard, with the excitement, to keep a regular bedtime. We need all the recovery and energy we can get from sleep. Bring your own pillows.

*Help your children set boundaries on relatives.* Grandparents and relatives love to greet children with a hug or kiss. Kids may not be ready, and they have a right to say no. It models as a safety lesson to children. (Check out the chapter "It's OK Not to Kiss Grandma" in Heather Shumaker's book *It's OK to Go Up the Slide*.) Playing with cousins can also be tricky. Help guide your kids in setting limits and listening to limits of relatives that your kids may be playing with.

*Know when to keep your stance and when to let it go.* You will likely encounter family members with different parenting styles during the holiday season. If you have a hard and fast rule in your family, stand by it. Remember in times of conflict to increase communication. If making a stance on something is not as important to you and will cause more family stress, just let it go. Kids can begin to understand that there are different rules at different places.

*Prepare kids ahead of time as much as possible on your expectations for them.* If it's important to you that your kids say Thank You after receiving a gift, let them know that ahead of time, by saying something like, "When I get a gift I say 'Thank You' even if I don't like it."

If all the tips and best intentions go out the window, that's okay. You will get through it and get back on track. It will make coming home that much sweeter.

## MUSIC PROGRAM

Tony McDonald, Music Director

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### Two Big Concerts

First UU will enjoy two big concerts of the holiday season this year.

First, **The Scioto Valley Brass and Percussion Company** will present its Christmas concert on **Sunday, December 4 at 3pm** in the Worship Center. The Scioto Valley Brass is a 35-piece brass band under the direction of Dr. Chris Hoch, who is also the director of the OSU Marching Band, and assisted by our music director Tony McDonald. It's open to the public and especially good family fare.

The program will include traditional Christmas favorites such as "O Come All Ye Faithful," "Go Tell It on the Mountain," and "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas," along with some more unusual works such as "Festival Español: Fantasia on Spanish Carols" and "Mary's Little Boy Child."

The band also features some humorous pieces involving skits, actors and props. These will be employed to enhance the band's performance of "A Home Alone Christmas" and a very elaborate arrangement of "The Twelve Days of Christmas." There is no admission, but donations are gratefully accepted.

The other major event is our own **Holiday Concert of the Choirs** on **Sunday, December 18 at 4pm**. All four choirs – Peace Pals, Rising Voices, Spirit of Life and Chalice – will perform, followed by the traditional reception afterwards.

The concert will have the theme of light present in the various observances of this time of year. Chalice will present "Solstice" by Leslie Kleen, selections from "Five Hebrew Love Songs" by Eric Whitacre, and "O Nata Lux" by Morten Lauridsen, then combine with Spirit of Life for "The Promise of Light" by Georgia Stitt and "Light One Candle," made famous by Peter, Paul, and Mary.

Peace Pals will sing "Shalom Chaverim," a traditional Hebrew folk song, "The Friendly Beasts," a song from 12th century France, and the spiritual "Go Tell It on the Mountain," accompanied occasionally by Willow Otten, French horn and Makayla McCreary, violin.

In addition, Peace Pals will combine with Rising Voices and Spirit of Life to premiere "Winter Solstice Lullaby," an original song by Peace Pals Director Cath Saveson. Rising Voices and Spirit of Life will also present their own selections.

This is always our biggest concert of the year and very family-oriented, so childcare will be provided.

## CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

**Healing Across the Divide** Cathy Levine and her husband traveled to Israel and the West Bank with *Healing Across the Divide*, an organization whose mission is to promote health among marginalized populations in Israel and the West Bank. They will do a presentation about their trip and HATD in Room 7 at First UU from 7 to 8:30pm on Thursday, December 1.

**Sorrow at this Season Service** If getting through the holiday season is difficult for you because of sadness or grief, we invite you to attend the third annual *Sorrow of the Season* service on Wednesday, December 7, at 7pm in the Worship Center. For some of us, the idealized holiday season only seeks to reinforce the heartache, loneliness and isolation we feel, and attempting to “put on a happy face” may only distance us from ourselves. Please come and gather with a group of others as we acknowledge our difficulties, while creating a sense of welcome, trust, and understanding in what can be a very painful time of the year. If you have questions, please contact Rev. Kathleen Fowler, 614-264-8364 or [kathleenclarkfowler@gmail.com](mailto:kathleenclarkfowler@gmail.com).

**Atheists-Skeptics-Humanists** ASH meets monthly on the fourth Tuesday at 7pm in Room 7. This year's theme is “The Moral Implications of Advances in Science.” In December, the regular meeting will not be held. Instead, join us for the New Year's Eve potluck and party in Fellowship Hall on December 31. The January 24 program will be “What's in Your Mind,” presented by Robert Ridgard. And on February 28, Paul Byard will talk to us about “Robotics.”

David Krohn, [davidjonkrohn@gmail.com](mailto:davidjonkrohn@gmail.com)

**UU Artists and Friends** Join us for an exhibit in January and February called “And Justice for All.” You and other community members can contribute artwork or poetry which addresses racial, social and environmental justice. Contact Deb Baillieul ([debbsyc@yahoo.com](mailto:debbsyc@yahoo.com)) to secure your spot in this show **by December 10**. Take in will be Tuesday, January 3, 5-6pm. This is a family-friendly space so no “in your face” graphic depictions of violence.

**Coffee Hour needs volunteers!** If you enjoy Coffee Hour, please consider becoming a volunteer. Contact Denni Hale, 614-633-8081, [rayneblueoh@gmail.com](mailto:rayneblueoh@gmail.com).

**Entertainment Books** Only two more Sundays in December remain for getting an Entertainment Book. They are wonderful holiday gifts. If you like ballet, there's a coupon for the Nutcracker Ballet performance this December. There are also coupons for local restaurants, stores, bakeries, sport events, symphony, and much more. Cost is \$30 (\$7.50 of which goes to First UU's Coming of Age group). Books are available Fellowship Hall after each Sunday service on December 4 and 11.

Karin Erickson, 614-834-3988

**First Friday Potluck** December 2 and January 6. In Fellowship Hall. Potluck starts at 6:30pm. Kids' movie and board games for older kids/adults start at 7:30pm.

Laurie Brown, 614-246-0170

**Bookbites** Our group will celebrate on December 20 with our annual Christmas Party. Meet in Slowter Lounge at 7pm. Bring a snack to share and a gently-used book, gift wrapped, for the exchange. Also, bring a seasonal reading.

Kathleen Boston, 614-262-4025



*We the People Calling for the Spirit of Peace*

**An Interfaith Prayer Gathering**

**First Unitarian Universalist Church**

**Saturday, December 10, 6pm to 8pm**

6pm: Interfaith Prayer Service;

7pm: Community Potluck  
(bring covered dish to share)

**Register by December 7, to [office@iaco.org](mailto:office@iaco.org).**

Sponsored by Interfaith Association of Central Ohio

“We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope.” ~Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



## JUSTICE ACTION MINISTRY

Steve Palm-Houser, Chair

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



[www.facebook.com/breadorganization](http://www.facebook.com/breadorganization)) is Central Ohio's congregation-based, multi-faith community organization that uses the power of organized people to hold local officials accountable for serious community problems.

BREAD held its annual assembly on Monday, November 14. BREAD's Justice Ministry Network members approved the proposal to revisit restorative justice this year. A previous BREAD campaign led to the establishment of several restorative justice circles in Franklin County to divert non-violent youth offenders from the criminal justice system. However, we are concerned that the circles have not received the number of referrals expected and are not yet living up to their potential. BREAD will also be looking at evidence-based restorative justice programs for addressing school discipline issues.

We also heard from two members of Columbus City Council:

- Elizabeth Brown updated us on the city ordinance she is drafting to provide incentives for businesses to hire ex-offenders. She committed to introducing the ordinance by March 1 and hopes to celebrate its passage with us at the Nehemiah Action on May 1.
- Mike Stinziano committed to championing a municipal ID program and will organize a community summit this spring to discuss its implementation. BREAD's "Welcome Columbus" campaign has been working to get a recognized, acceptable identification for undocumented immigrants and other vulnerable populations for several years.

First UU's BREAD Team will let you know when we need to turn out to City Council to support these efforts.

First UU was recognized at the Annual Assembly as one of two BREAD congregations to have invested more than \$15,000 in BREAD's work to give voice to those who have no voice. In addition to the investors recognized in the September Discoverer, we thank the following for their 2016 investments: Marcella Baird,

Karen and Dick Dawson, Greg Denby, David Easter, Paula and William Egbert, Jane and Keith Knuppel, Karen Madden and Neil Toepfer, Pat Marida, Bruce and Patricia Reed, Linda Royalty, Joan Shkolnik, Patricia Sieber, Fred and Sue Vierow, Mary Ann Willis, and an anonymous investor.

BREAD's **Research Kickoff** will be on Monday, December 12, at 7pm at First Congregational UCC. Anyone is welcome to attend to learn how BREAD does research. Those who commit to being a Justice Ministry Network member may join a research committee. For more information, please contact Chris Johnson ([chris@underspecified.com](mailto:chris@underspecified.com) or [614-946-1287](tel:614-946-1287)) or Alice Rathburn ([eulala1905@me.com](mailto:eulala1905@me.com) or [614-563-0536](tel:614-563-0536)).



**Feed My Sheep food pantry** Please help! *13th Annual Christmas food drive.* Checks may be made out to First UU with *Feed My Sheep* on the memo line. Or you can [donate on the First UU website](#) and, if donating by credit card, write *Feed My Sheep* as the purpose; if using PayPal, write it in "instructions to the seller." Ride-alongs and community service hours are available for adults and children at least five years old. Stop by our table in Fellowship Hall for more information.

**Share-the-Plate Partners** For December, First UU will be sharing the collection plate with the Clintonville Resource Center (serving the poor in our own neighborhood). For January, with 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).

## UU AND THE WIDER WORLD

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**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](http://www.nuuc.ca). For an itinerary for the journey, please email [Beverlz@me.com](mailto:Beverlz@me.com). To learn more about Mindful Journeys go to <http://nuuc.ca/spiritual-growth/spiritual-practice/mindful-journeys/>

## CARING CORNER

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**Holiday Cards** On Sundays, December 4 and December 11, the Caring Team invites you to sign the annual holiday cards for past and present ministers as well as the rest of the staff of First UU. We also send holiday wishes to those who have moved away over the past year. The cards will be on tables in the center of Fellowship Hall before and after each service.

### **Congratulations to:**

**Laura Adams**, who celebrated her 87th birthday on November 11.

**Rev. Jennifer Brooks**, who celebrated her birthday November 16.

**Emily Fogel's** daughter, who was married on October 27 in Homer, Alaska.

**Sophie Clare Campbell** (daughter of Andy Campbell), who was inducted into National Honor Society earlier this month.

### **A welcome to:**

**Jaeleah Howard**, daughter of Patricia Maschner and Joseph, and granddaughter of **Laurie Weltlin** and **Norman Maschner**, who was dedicated in the service on October 30.

### **A speedy recovery to:**

**Ron Musick**, who is home from rehab due to complications from radiation therapy.

**Barb Avery's** husband, G. Courtney Chapman, who had a hip replacement last month and is now recuperating at home.

**Eunice Lovejoy**, a longtime former member who has had several TIAs and falls recently.

**Sandy Coen**, who had surgery for early stage prostate cancer.

**Karen Thimmes**, who had back surgery in October.

**Ingrid Silvian**, who had emergency surgery in October and is recovering in a rehab facility in Canal Winchester.

### **Our sympathy to the families and friends of:**

**Rev. Carol Brody**, our beloved Minister Emerita, who died under hospice care on Thursday night, November 17. A celebration of her life will be held at First UU at 1pm on Saturday, December 3.

Paul Reeves Weigand, father and father-in-law of **Sarah and Carey McDonald**, who died on November 11. A celebration of his life was held in Kent, Ohio.

**JoAnne Milburn**, former First UU member, who died in California on November 5, shortly after a fall which occurred several days earlier.

## ARCHIVES TEAM

Linda Thompson, Historian

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A research question from Pamela Kutner led the Archives to check the records of her grandmother Dorothy Burgess, who was a charter member of the First Unitarian Church. Below is part of "In Memory" by Muriel Younger, printed in the church newsletter of December 9, 1964.

### *In Memory*

Dorothy (Mrs. James) was born in 1883. She and her husband lived in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania for a while and helped to organize the Unitarian church in that city. In 1940, she helped form the Columbus Unitarian Church. In 1942, the Evening Alliance, of which Dorothy was a member, began its meetings; she remained a member until her death.

Dorothy was a member of the Finance Committee in 1958 when funds were being raised to buy the land and construct our present building. Previously, she had been on the Board when the house on 11th Avenue was purchased and the Chapel was built by the house.

In 1950, Dorothy was appointed a delegate to represent the World Church of American Unitarian Association in the First Postwar Conference for Liberal Christianity, which met at the Hague in Holland. She often spoke to her friends of her many worthwhile impressions and recollections there. In 1963, she was appointed a delegate to the district meeting of the Meadville Conference.

For over thirty years, she was librarian of the F & R Lazarus Book Department and continued her friendships with her associates there.

A memorial service was held at the church the Sunday after Thanksgiving. Rev. John Leininger gave the Address. Friends from the church, her family, her neighbors and Lazarus associates were present, numbering a hundred or more persons. Her body was cremated and the ashes were placed beside those of her husband in Pittsburgh. She is survived by two sons, a daughter, several grandchildren, and four great grandchildren and is lamented and missed by us all. All of her friends and associates were glad to have known her.

## CALENDAR

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- Adult Programs: 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday, 7-9pm
- Archives Team: Tuesdays, 9:30am
- Atheists/Skeptics/Humanists: 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, 7pm
- Bookbites: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 7pm
- Board Executive Committee: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, 7pm
- Board of Trustees: 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, 7pm
- BREAD Team: 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 7pm
- Bridge Group (call 614-499-2434): 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, 6pm
- Building and Grounds: 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, 7pm
- Care and Share Time Bank: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, 6:30pm
- Caring Team: 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 7pm
- Chalice Choir: Thursdays, 7:30pm
- Contra Dance: 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday, 7:30pm
- Cooking for Faith Mission: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday, 12pm
- Covenant Group Facilitators: 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday, 6:30pm
- Creative Open Studio: Mondays, 3-5pm
- Finance Committee: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 6:30am
- 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: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, 7pm
- Justice Action Ministry: 4<sup>th</sup> Monday, 7pm (not meeting in December)
- Library Team: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 1:30pm
- Move to Amend: 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday, 12pm
- New Members Covenant Grp: 1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays, 7pm
- Nominating Committee: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday, 8:30am
- PFLAG: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, 2pm
- RE Team: 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, 6:30pm
- Rising Voices Choir: Tuesdays, 7pm
- Sacred Song Circle: Wednesdays, 6pm
- Spirit of Life Choir: Tuesdays, 8pm
- Stewardship: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 7pm
- This Month in Science: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 7pm
- UU Dance Fellowship: Mondays, 7pm
- Wednesday Women's Book Group: 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, 1pm. For December: *The Paying Guests* by Sarah Waters

- Worship Team: 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 7:30pm. Interested? Contact Rev. Jennifer Brooks, 614-267-4946, ext. 22
- Zen Meditation: Saturdays, 8:30am; Tuesdays, 7pm

### Thursday, December 1

- 10:45am Senior Gathering
- 7:00pm Showing Up for Racial Justice Potluck
- 7:00pm Healing Across the Divides in Israel and the West Bank

### Saturday, December 3

- 1:00pm Carol Brody Memorial Service

### Sunday, December 4

- 3:00pm Scioto Valley Brass Band Christmas Concert

### Wednesday, December 7

- 7:00pm Sorrow at this Season Service

### Saturday, December 10

- 6:00pm Interfaith Prayer Meeting & Potluck

### Sunday, December 11

- 12:30 Sunday School Orientation

### Sunday, December 18

- 4:00pm Winter Choirs Concert

### Saturday, December 24

- 5:30pm Family Christmas Celebration
- 8:00pm Light of the World Christmas Service

### Saturday, December 31

- 8:00pm ASH (Atheists/Skeptics/Humanists) New Year's Eve Party

### Saturday, January 14

- 10:00am 5th/6th Grade OWL Orientation
- 1:00pm 1st Grade OWL Orientation

### Friday, January 20

- 6:00pm Stewardship Small Group

### Saturday, January 21

- 9:00am Stewardship Consultations
- 2:00pm Values-Based Budgeting

### Saturday, January 28

- 7:30pm Eric Paton Taiko Drumming

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## UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES

### *December's Theme: Presence*

Sunday, December 4, 9:15/11am      Rev. Lane Campbell  
**Conscious Community**

Sunday, December 11, 9:15/11am      Rev. Jennifer Brooks  
**Presence**

Sunday, December 18, 9:15/11am      Rev. Lane Campbell  
**Here Comes The Sun**

Saturday, December 24:  
**5:30pm Family Christmas Celebration**  
Rev. Jennifer Brooks, Rev. Eric Meter, Rev. Lane Campbell  
**8pm Light of the World**  
Rev. Jennifer Brooks, Rev. Eric Meter, Rev. Lane Campbell

Sunday, December 25, **11am only**      Rev. Eric Meter  
**Today and Every Day**

### *January's Theme: Profecy*

Sunday, January 1, **11am only**      Rev. Lane Campbell  
**And so a Journey Begins...**

Sunday, January 8, 9:15/11am      Rev. Jennifer Brooks  
**Prediction**

Sunday, January 15, 9:15/11am      Rev. Jennifer Brooks  
**Martin Luther King, Jr.**

Sunday, January 22, 9:15/11am  
Rev. Eric Meter, UUA Consultant Barry Finkelstein  
**Ripples**

Sunday, January 29, 9:15/11am      Rev. Jennifer Brooks  
**Remember the Dark**