

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.

TRANSFORMATION

Rev. Jennifer Brooks, Interim Senior Minister

Transformation isn't possible without vision.

That's true at the personal level, the community level, the national level. The vision doesn't have to be replete with detail, and it doesn't work if it's narrowly focused on a particular method or outcome.

A seed, dreaming of sky and sunlight, responds to an inchoate longing for growth. Its miracle is its magnificent self-fulfillment: an acorn into an oak; a gnarled bulb into a bright yellow daffodil; a rose, by any other name, still a rose. Growth is the vision. Blossom is the vision. Life is the vision.



Humans are the same. We are born with our unique mix of DNA. We are born yearning for sustenance, for companionship, for growth. We may be planted in the fertile soil of a nurturing family with sufficient resources. We may emerge onto the rocky ground of dysfunction or economic hardship. But growth is still the vision. Blossom. Life.

Community changes the inevitability of individual circumstance. When we intentionally create community, we offer support, presence, nurture to all who enter our doors. The vision of community is transformative. It makes all of us the gardeners who water, weed, fertilize, celebrate. We each bring our gifts of biology, experience, and resources and in return we become part of something beautiful that would not have been possible alone.

Something greater than ourselves.

Vision is transformative. The vision of community, the vision of a more just and humane world, the vision of a multicultural society where each person's inherent worth and beautiful personhood contributes to a diverse and flourishing garden.

When vision is narrow and confining, there's not enough light. When vision excludes others, there's not enough fertile soil. When vision crouches fearfully under cover, there's not enough rain. When vision insists there's only one way, the lack of diversity leads to extinction.

Let us broaden our vision: in our lives, in our First UU community, in our nation. Let us dream of sky and sunlight, fertile soil, and just enough life-giving rain—for everyone.

Let us be the garden where we transform our own lives and the life of the world.

~ Rev. Jennifer

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GROWING AS WE GO

Rev. Lane Campbell, Minister of Religious Exploration

A Welcome Transformation

Starting in the month of February, First UU began an important conversation about how to become more welcoming to transgender and gender non-conforming people. Identity Conversation Circles were held, where small groups of people talked about what this welcome could look like, what some of the challenges they anticipate are, and what this congregation stands to gain. The dialogue was rich and fulfilling. Each circle I participated in, I left with this heart-full feeling, where my heart seemed to expand two sizes more.



This month, you will be hearing from our Identity Conversations Team about common themes of these conversations and next steps for First UU to take. I trust that the process this team puts in place will have good ways for the everyone to participate. Keep your ears and eyes open for opportunities to take part in this important transformation at First UU.

As part of the Identity Conversation Circles, each participant was asked to fill out a card with a question that remained on their heart and to submit it in a Question Box. First UU regularly uses a Question Box in the Our Whole Lives classes, classes providing faith-based comprehensive sexuality education, to allow for conversation around questions submitted anonymously. This gives people an opportunity to ask questions they may feel self-conscious speaking aloud.

Here are the questions that came from the Identity Conversation Circles:

- I hear about how the UCC has successfully opened to trans folks – is there any sense of what religions trans communities tend to gravitate toward?
- Are these folks ever Christian?
- Why am I afraid? Emotional? Physical? Acceptance of my differences?
- We are the ones wanting to see change. How do we get the congregation to see the same importance that we do?
- How can I express a sincere desire to knowing a transgender person better without seeming to be a voyeur or having them be my “token trans friend”?
- How can First UU support parents with young children to be nurturing gender creativity and open-mindedness in a fun way?

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Please send articles for the May issue of the newsletter by Sunday, April 23, to office@firstuucolumbus.org.

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- What will it be like to lead a circle? Will people who come already be on the same page? Will there be dissent? How will I handle it?
- What does it feel like to be gender non-conforming?
- Will this welcome extend to and include folks who are poly?
- Can we move to an “OWL” curriculum for all adults?
- What do we do with our own white traditional ID’s?
- How do we address the fears of people who are afraid of transgender and gender non-conforming people?
- Is there a physiological or brain science component to transgender identity?
- Why don’t we have congregation-wide discussions on issues such as welcoming?
- Can we report back a more comprehensive collection of the results of these conversations to all the participants?
- How can we help?

In the coming months, the Identity Conversations Team and I will be answering the questions submitted here, in the church newsletter. We may also find other venues to answer questions, such as posting up answers around the church or on a Sunday morning some time.

If you have an additional question, I invite you to submit one through leaving a note in my mailbox or through sending me an email at lane@firstuucolumbus.org. All identities will be kept anonymous, to preserve the opportunity to ask questions you may feel self-conscious about asking aloud.

This is an important part of First UU, embracing a welcome transformation, a wider welcome to transgender and gender non-conforming folks. In this time, our faith is needed more than ever to sustain all people who may be experiencing difficulty, and especially experiencing a direct threat from laws being passed all over this country. Let us continue to live into the promise we have made to welcome all people, to be a beacon of hope in Columbus, OH and in the world.

~ Lane

First UU Family-Friendly Seder Dinner, Friday, April 14, 6:30pm, in Fellowship Hall

We are trying a few new things with the Seder this year! Folks are invited to bring a kosher potluck dish to share with everyone for the meal. We have recipes to provide to you upon RSVP that are delicious and easy to prepare. What will also be changing is that First UU will be inviting folks to sit around a family-style table for the ritual part of the Seder dinner. People will be stepping up to lead at each table. And there will be parts to read and to participate in for people of all ages.

If you have not been to a Seder dinner before, these are ritual dinners that take place during the week of Passover in the Jewish tradition. At the table, people tell the story of the exodus for the Jews and interact with the story. It is a story of freedom and liberation from oppression and persecution. Oftentimes, Seder meals are served in families’ homes all over the country and across the world. At First UU, we will begin with ritual and end with a big meal for everyone.

If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Marian Garcia, Office Manager, by sending an email to marian@firstuucolumbus.org or by calling Marian at 614-267-4946 x21.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Ginnie Vogts, Board Chair

It's almost spring! So I'm told. Despite the cold temperatures outside, I always feel warm when I come to First UU for a meeting or worship services. That's because of the warm wonderful people I encounter. Meeting lots of new people is one of the perks of being Board Chair. It's been a delight, and that's why I'm looking forward to the House Parties being held during our Spring Giving Campaign. I've already made my pledge for the coming year, so now I can relax and serve as a resource for you if you have questions or want to better understand our goals and visions for the future. Our new giving guide is really helpful, and I consider it an "Economic Justice Tool" because it encourages you to be realistic AND generous. It shows how you can find a place where you are comfortable in your giving and have a plan for growing your gift over time. It's progressive and there is validation of your choice built into the Fair-Share Contribution Guide that really made me feel good. I want to encourage you to accept the invitation to one of the House Parties we'll be holding. Go with your friends and have fun. Learn about what our budget will be getting us in the future and why supporting it is supporting your UU values. We are a haven in these times, a beacon for justice, a solace for suffering, a ray of hope for our children and a community. We are strong and we are tender. We also have fun together. Let's keep our congregation strong and thriving by getting together to support it. See you at a House Party.

MUSIC PROGRAM

Tony McDonald, Music Director

Saturday, April 1, 7:30pm – David Roth, folksinger. The music of this nationally-known songwriter, recording artist, storyteller and teacher has found its way to Carnegie Hall, the Kennedy Center, several *Chicken Soup for the Soul* books, and *Peter, Paul and Mary* and *Kingston Trio* CDs. He appears at many summer workshops every year, including his own Cape Cod Songwriters Retreat, and he often performs at UU churches on his national tours. Donations will be gratefully accepted at the door, but no one is turned away.

Sunday, April 9, 3pm – Lara Colby Knights, soprano. Accompanied by Nathan Hamm, piano, the program will include classical repertoire, Appalachian folk tunes, selections from the Great American Songbook, and a medley of James Bond theme songs. Lara, who has frequently sung for services at First UU, holds Bachelor's and Master's degrees in vocal performance from The Catholic University of America. Her singing has been praised by the Washington Post as "exquisite." Before moving to Columbus, Lara performed frequently in the Washington, DC area. She was a three-time scholarship winner from the American Opera Scholarship Society, a national finalist for the Lyric Opera Center at Chicago Lyric Opera, a regional finalist in the Met National Council auditions and received a promising young artist award from the Washington Chapter of the National Society of Arts and Letters. Lara and her family have been friends of First UU for the past five years. Donations will be gratefully accepted.

Sunday, April 30, 5pm – High School Choral Festival. Featuring choirs from Central Crossing High School, directed by Brandon Moss, and Whitehall Yearling High School, directed by Ann Johnson. The Chorale from Central Crossing will present *Lautrier Priay de Danser*, *Dixit Maria*, *Kyrie from Mass in G*, *Witness*, and *Song of the Earth*. Excelsior, their show choir, will perform *Put a Little Love in Your Heart*, *Over the Rainbow*, *Better When I'm Dancin'*, and *Beautiful*. The Whitehall Yearling Music Unlimited Show Choir (Dee (Keller) Saunders is staff arranger) will present their show on the theme "The Evolution of Civil and Human Rights." Songs include *Oh Freedom/Freedom*, *Glory* from the film *Selma*, *They Don't Care About Us*, *Fire Under My Feet* and *Save the World/Don't You Worry Child*. Donations will be gratefully accepted.

FIRST UU AUCTION

Paula Hook, Auction Team Member

Many thanks to the hundreds of volunteers who were necessary to plan and carry out our Annual Auction held in February! We have completed the three Sundays of after-sales but find there are still several social and fun and useful items available for your consideration.

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

FD1 Pecan Balls (or Mexican Wedding Cakes), 2 batches available, \$10 each

FD2 Hello Dolly Cookies, 5 batches left. \$15 each

FD5 Scottish Shortbread Cookies, 2 (double dozen cookies) left, \$15 each

E2 Alternative Healing – therapy horse, 1 session available, \$25

S2 Maximize Your Linked IN Presence, 1 (2-hour) session, \$50

S4 Electrical Work, 2 (1-hour) sessions available, \$50 each

S5 Computer Assistance, 1 (30-minute) session, \$20

S6 Van transportation for person w/ Handicap/Wheelchair, 2 left, \$25 each.

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

M20 April 1, Horse Manure for your garden or flower bed, 1 available, \$75

E8 April 8, 9:30 AM, Guided Highbanks Hike, 8 spots left, \$15 each

F4 April 15, 5 PM, Kids Cook the Dinner, 1 spot, \$15

E4 April 22, 8 AM, Spring Nature Hike/Mound Excursion, 14 spots, \$15 each

MM23 April 22, 6:30 PM, Italian Fiesta Night, 2 spots available, \$20 each

F10 April 28, 7:30 PM, Intro to Wine Tasting-3 Sessions, 6 available, \$20 each

MM11 May 6, 8 PM, Hamm'in It Up Cocktail Party, 4 remaining spots, \$25 each

MM37 May 13, 6 PM, German Dinner, 2 spots available, \$25 each

Stay tuned for June through January 2018 events in the next newsletter.

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

Thanks for your continued support!!

Coming of Age Coffee House April 8, 7pm

First UU's Coming of Age class is hosting a coffee house on Saturday, April 8, at 7pm in Fellowship Hall. Do you have a coffee shop talent or act you would like to contribute? The COA class is looking for folks to share their poetry, musical talents, prose readings, and anything you would like.

Youth will be serving coffee and baked goods at a bake sale. There will also be board games for folks to play to enjoy each other's company in Room A/B. Admission price is \$10. All proceeds go to support Coming of Age's Spring Retreat, a formative experience for each participant.

ACORN SOCIETY

Interested in helping the church but not able to do as much as you'd like from current assets? The Acorn Society was founded in the late 1970's to recognize donors who have chosen to include First Unitarian Universalist Church in their estate plans. Making a gift is easy and will help to guarantee that a liberal religious voice will be heard in Columbus for years to come.



Here are five ways that you can make a planned gift to the church.

- **Bequests:** Naming First UU as a beneficiary of specific gifts of cash or a percentage of your estate plans in your will is an easy way to support the work of the church.
- **Gifts of stocks, bonds and mutual funds:** You can make a gift of stock either by direct transfer or by mail.
- **Life Income Gifts:** Gifts of appreciated property can generate income for you, provide positive tax benefits, and support the church. Examples of life income gifts are charitable gift annuities, pooled income funds and charitable remainder trusts.
- **Life Insurance, Retirement Plans and IRAs:** Designating First UU as a beneficiary of a paid-up life insurance policy, retirement plan or IRA reduces your estate taxes and helps secure the future of the church.
- **Retained Life Estate:** You retain occupancy of your property for life but give your home to the church to be used to supplement its future income.

If you have already remembered First UU in your will, please let us know. When we know that you have made a planned gift, we can recognize you as a member of the Acorn Society. As a member, you can choose to remain anonymous or your name will be included on the Acorn Society Commemorative Plaque, located across from the church office. You will receive a special invitation to annual events to meet other individuals with a common interest in the future of the church and receive a special update from church leadership.

Together with your financial advisor, we can help you make a lasting impact at First UU. For more information on the Acorn Society, or any of the above vehicles, please contact Bob Rice at 614-313-7158 or Melanie Boyd at 614-268-5006.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Linda Thompson, Historian

The Archives Closet is looking up these days—new tile flooring and new shelves. We are still reorganizing. Everything had to be removed before all this work could be completed. Helpers include Dave Richter, Bob Mills, Kay Fisher, David Krohn and Steve Lovejoy. (Please let me know if I left a name out.) Those who put it all back together include Dave Richter, Bob Mills, Debbie Shaw, Linda Royalty, and me (Linda Thompson). The Archives Team appreciates everyone's help. Now we can get back to work.

We are still trying to get the names of our members who went to the Women's March on Washington. This is important to include in our history. We are a social justice church and we work hard to be included in what is important to our country. Please put your name in the History/Archives mailbox or email me at lthompson35@columbus.rr.com.

Bring your items to us now that we can handle them. Thank you.

SCHOOL FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

Susan Roscigno, Co-Director

Transformations

When my oldest child turned five, they were pretty sure they'd wake up with red hair. They were also told by a family friend that when you have a birthday, your taste buds are now a year older; the peas that were inedible to four-year-old tastebuds might be incredibly delicious to those of a five-year-old. My kid expected a huge transformation overnight and was disappointed that it didn't happen.



But from my perspective, the difference between my four-year-old and my now five-year-old was striking. At that age, the time from one birthday to the next or from the beginning of the school year to the end is enormous. When you go from four to five, you become 25% older, wiser, stronger. So much growth happens at these early ages: growing tall enough to reach the light switch, learning to write your name, building friendships, not fitting into your snowsuit from last winter, packing your own lunch, learning the names of all the dinosaurs. All from one birthday to the next.

While transformations usually don't happen overnight, they do happen so quickly during the early years. We sometimes have to remind ourselves to slow down and take notice, to enjoy and appreciate children for exactly who they are today without worrying about who they will be tomorrow or next school year or as an adult. The transformation will happen in the blink of an eye, whether we want it to or not, so we might as well love them for who they are right now.

My wishing-to-be-a-redhead is now a legal adult, and while I so enjoy the person they are now, I sometimes wish I could have that five-year-old back for just a day. They still find peas disgusting and inedible, but my oldest did eventually get to have red hair. They've decided that purplish-gray is more their color.

First UU Caring Team Presentation

Fighting the New Misogyny by Gail Ukockis, PhD

April 2, 12:45pm

Light lunch will be available.

No advance registration is required. Childcare is available.

Presented by author Gail Ukockis, PhD, LSW. There is renewed attention and concern over inequality stemming from the past year and the recent Women's March on Washington and its motto, *I do not fear the storm. I AM the storm.*

What should we do next to fight misogyny? How can we keep the storm raging for women's rights?

The Caring Team invites all feminists (female, male, or non-binary) to our workshop Sunday, April 2. We are inviting both seasoned activists and young persons—and those who say, "I'm not a feminist but...."

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

Kroger Rewards Program

Kroger code number for the church is 80395

Some of you may not know that when you shop at Kroger and have a complimentary “shoppers rewards card” (or obtain one through the Kroger website) you can choose to direct a small donation to the church’s account for just about everything you spend there. The steps for doing this are relatively simple and need to be done after April 1 every year.

There will be a table in Fellowship Hall on select Sundays beginning April 2, to provide help should you need it. There is also sign-up information on the bulletin board in the hallway. This donation is in addition to any fuel perks credits! This is an easy way to provide some extra dollars for the church. It doesn’t seem like a lot, but I know for a fact that the church has already received \$1,518 since last April! Please help! If many more of us do this, we can make that amount a lot more. I’ll try to keep you posted on the bulletin board as to our progress (only on a quarterly basis, however). Even if you signed up with the Kroger Rewards Program in the past, you will need to re-sign up after April 1, 2017 (and each subsequent April). Credits begin May 1. Reporting the proceeds doesn’t happen until almost a full month after each quarter has elapsed. You can be sure you’re signed up when your store receipt prints it on the bottom.

If you are not already signed up for this program, please plan to do so after April 1! You can go to the Kroger.com website and click on the Rewards Program (for Ohio). Follow the prompts and you’ll be signed up. You have to have a Kroger Rewards Card first, of course. And REMEMBER, DON’T ENROLL OR RE-ENROLL UNTIL AFTER APRIL 1.

Stop at the “REWARDS” table for more information and assistance.

Phyllis Byard, 614-886-2257 or
phyllisbyard@gmail.com

UUA Candidates Forum Learn more about the three amazing women running to be President of the Unitarian Universalist Association. April 1, 9:30am-1pm at North UU Congregation. Register at <https://www.uua.org/central-east/programs/uu-presidential-candidates-forum-central-ohio>.

The First UU Art Gallery is hosting Central Ohio fiber artist Jean Weismann with her work, "Looking Back Through Time." Jean paints and quilts her works in wonderful colors. This exhibit will be displayed until April 30, on which date there will be a reception at 12:45, where you can meet the artist.

Deb Baillieul debbsyc@yahoo.com.

Adult Programs Class on Rightsizing May 6, 9am-12 noon. Room 7. Led by Sue Engle. Class limit 15. As we age, we face change. The kids move out. We retire. We travel. We find new interests. And maybe we learn we are tied to a building, financial commitment, or a lifestyle that no longer fits. This is an interactive workshop to discuss what it means to make decisions about how we live and what we do with/about our things. We'll be doing several exercises to help us begin the process of deciding what is next, whether we stay in place or find another.

Sue Engle, s_engle@hotmail.com

Atheists-Skeptics-Humanists (A-S-H) April 25, 7-9pm. Room 7. With the continued rise in average global temperatures, we are in uncharted terrain as far as the climate impacts to human civilization, and life on the planet in general, are concerned. Earth Scientist Tom Baillieul will present some of the current science related to climate impacts, and lead a discussion of what societies can do to mitigate, or at least prepare for, those impacts.

Meditation Workshop meets every Thursday, 6:30 - 7:30pm, in Fellowship Hall. This drop-in group provides an introduction to beginning meditators as well as ongoing support for experienced meditators. Each hour includes group meditations as well as time for questions and discussion. No reservations are required. Both chairs and cushions are provided.

Tom Tucker [\(614\) 263-9275](tel:6142639275) or
ttucker@inglenookpress.com

First Friday Potluck April 7. In Fellowship Hall. Potluck starts at 6:30pm. For information, contact Laurie Brown, 614-246-0170.

Bookbites Tuesday, April 18, 7-9pm, Slowter Lounge. Topic: Muslim culture or Islam beliefs.
Kathleen Boston, 614-262-4025

Diversity Learning Circle 7–8:45pm, Wednesdays, April 12 – May 31 (by application and invitation). Are you open to engagement in multicultural settings with people different from yourself, but want to avoid the inevitable awkwardness that often accompanies showing up in a completely new context? Join our Diversity Learning Circle, developed in consultation with leaders from the Church for All People and Tamara Lebak, a certified Intercultural Competency Development Inventory (“IDI”) administrator and coach. Participants take the IDI, have a one-on-one session with Ms. Lebak (phone or Skype), and meet for eight weeks (six preparation sessions plus two two-hour volunteer sessions outside of class and two debriefing sessions at the regular class time). A fee of \$25 covers course materials. There is also a \$100 cost for test administration and interpretation of test results, but scholarship funds are available; First UU and the UUA will not let cost be a barrier. Please contact Rev. Eric Meter (ericm@firstuucolumbus.org) for more information and to apply.

Civil Conversations Project: How to Live Beyond this Election Every Wednesday in April. Mornings with Pat Hurley, 10am-noon, Room 8, or evenings with Susan Williams, 7-9pm, Blue Room. Maximum four participants per group. Similar format to our Covenant Groups—thoughtful questions, reflection, deep listening, no crosstalk, in a small group of four participants and a facilitator for two hours. You'll listen or read the transcripts to an ON BEING with Krista Tippett interview from the Civil Conversations Project list before the gathering. This first offering includes an introduction to the format and the following interviews: Natasha Trethewey and Eboo Patel: How to Live Beyond this Election; Jonathan Haidt: The Psychology Behind Morality and Kwame Anthony Appiah: Sidling Up to Difference, Social Change and Moral Revolutions.

Susan Williams, mudwitch3@gmail.com

Ministerial Search

Your Ministerial Search Committee is nearly ready to finalize the results of our process. We hope to make this announcement within the next several weeks. Please stay tuned and help us celebrate!

JUSTICE ACTION MINISTRY

Steve Palm-Houser, Chair

First UU Member Dick Dawson will be honored as a recipient of a Living Faith Award for 2017 for his service on behalf of social justice concerns through First UU and the Church for All People. Given through The Spirituality Network, these yearly awards honor individuals who put their faith into action, creating a more hopeful, peaceful and faithful world, actions that Dick has shown his passion for! Dick and 11 other individuals will be honored at a breakfast on Thursday, May 25, 7:45-10am at the Jewish Community Center. Please come to the breakfast to honor Dick! Tickets may be purchased through <http://www.spiritualitynetwork.org/livingfaith.html> or contact Kathleen Fowler 614-264-8364 or kathleenclarkfowler@gmail.com for group rates. Purchase deadline is May 12, but please contact her by May 10 if interested in group purchases.

Interfaith March for Peace and Justice Sunday, April 2, 2pm, downtown Columbus. Led by the Safe Alliance of Interfaith Leaders, to speak out against Islamophobia and other forms of expression that encourage division and hate. The march will start at Genoa Park (by COSI) and continue across the bridge, ending by the giant gavel adjacent to the Ohio Supreme Court Building on S. Front Street.

The march is sponsored by the Interfaith Association of Central Ohio (First UU is a member) and other faith and social justice organizations. Members of First UU's Board and Justice Action Ministry are assisting, and UUs are welcome to join us.

For information, and to add your energy to the plan, contact Michael Greenman ([614-898-5825](tel:614-898-5825) or mgreenmanoh@gmail.com).



The Feed My Sheep food pantry especially needs peanut butter, tampons, dog and cat food, diapers, and children's books. April 30 is Socks-It-to-Me Sunday. Please bring children's socks, all sizes, to our table in Fellowship Hall Sunday morning. Ride-alongs and community service hours are available for adults and children at least five years old.

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



uses the power of organized people to hold local officials accountable for serious community problems. We have won numerous victories on issues such as affordable housing, restorative justice, payday lending, and expanded community mental health care. This year BREAD is working on:

- reducing violent crime,
- starting a municipal ID program in Columbus,
- expanded economic opportunities for people with criminal records and those in neighborhoods like Linden and the Hilltop,
- and more appropriate and evidence-based approaches in the juvenile justice system and school disciplinary procedures.

Officials listen to BREAD because we turn out thousands of people every year to our **Nehemiah Action**. First UU is committed to getting 350 people to the action **Monday, May 1**, at the Celeste Center at the Fairgrounds (717 E 17th Ave). Doors open 6pm. Important pre-meeting begins at 6:40pm. Childcare is available for children out of diapers and under 8. BREAD pays for parking. Bus(es) from First UU, at 5:45 and/or 6pm. Bus riders avoid having to get in lines. Sign up for the bus and buy a yellow *Standing on the Side of Love* shirt at the BREAD table in Fellowship Hall throughout the month of April.

If you're a member of our Justice Ministry Network, remember that the **BREAD Rally** is **Monday, April 3, 6:45pm**, at Tifereth Israel (1354 E Broad St). First UU will caucus in the chapel, immediately to the left when you enter from the parking lot. Bring list of invitees committed to attend the Nehemiah Action. If possible, carpool from First UU, one's neighborhood, or even job, to reduce parking problems. No childcare.

Last year our Jobs campaign asked Columbus City Council Member Elizabeth Brown to draft an ordinance that would provide incentives for private companies doing business with the city to hire people with criminal records. There will be a public hearing at City Hall (90 W. Broad St.) **Monday, April 24, 3pm** (rescheduled from March 27). For more information, contact Alice Rathburn (eulala1905@me.com, 614-895-2109 or 614-563-0536) or Chris Johnson (chris@underspecified.com or 614-946-1287).

CARING CORNER

With our Ministers:

Congratulations to **Rev. Eric Meter** who will celebrate his ordination into the ministry of Unitarian-Universalism on March 28. He was ordained in 1998.

Congratulations to **Rev. Eric Meter and Ann DeLeon**, who were married in March. A reception will be held during Coffee Hour on Sunday, April 9.

Congratulations to:

Marc Pinsonneault, who was awarded a Distinguished Scholar Award at OSU on March 22.
Barbara Avery, who turned 80 on February 26.
Ron Rathburn, who turned 80 on March 27.
 Sign language interpreter **Abby Wooten**, who had a baby boy on March 16.
Kay Fisher, who turned 80 on March 1.
Tien-Hsing Wu, who turned 89 on March 2.
Claire Bauza, who turned 80 on March 9.

A speedy recovery to:

Marcia Sidenstick, who is recovering from houlder surgery.
Charlene Johnston, who is recovering from hip surgery.
Tom Joseph, who had hip replacement surgery on March 1.

Our sympathy to:

Tim Hooks' ex-wife (and **Julian Hooks'** mother), Diana DelBianco, died March 21. A memorial will be held April 8, 1 pm, at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Westerville.
Marc Pinsonneault, whose father, Larry Pinsonneault, died February 19.
Susan Carr, whose father, Chet Delvalle, died at age 90 in Richland, Washington.
Mitch Gross, whose father died on February 20.
Doris Cornell, whose step-father, Walter Engel, Jr. (known as "Dude") died March 4. A memorial service will be held at First UU on Saturday, April 8, at 2pm.

Our thanks to the Women's Covenant Group for spot cleaning the Worship Center carpet, vacuuming the chairs and cleaning the chair hymnal holders.

CALENDAR

- Adult Programs: 1st Thursday, 7-9pm
- Archives Team: Tuesdays, 9:30am
- Atheists/Skeptics/Humanists: 4th Tuesday, 7pm
- Bookbites: 3rd Tuesday, 7pm
- Board Executive Committee: 2nd Wednesday, 7pm
- Board of Trustees: 4th Wednesday, 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
- DOV Tae Kwon Do: Wednesdays, 6:30pm, and Sundays, 4pm
- Finance Committee: 3rd Tuesday, 6:30am
- First Friday Potluck: 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
- Membership: 2nd Thursday, 6pm
- Memoir Group: 2nd Wednesday, 7pm
- Meditation Workshop, Thursdays, 6:30pm
- Move to Amend: 3rd Saturday, 12pm
- New Members Covenant Grp: 1st/3rd Sundays, 7pm
- Nominating Committee: 1st Sunday, 8:30am
- Peace Pals Choir: Sundays, 10:25am
- PFLAG: 4th Sunday, 2pm
- RE Team: 3rd Wednesday, 6:30pm
- Rising Voices Choir: Tuesdays, 7pm
- Sacred Song Circle: Wednesdays, 6pm
- Spirit of Life Choir: Tuesdays, 8pm
- Stewardship: 3rd Tuesday, 7pm
- Sunday Breakfast: 8:45am
- Sunday Evening Covenant Group: 2nd & 4th Sundays, 7pm
- This Month in Science: 2nd Tuesday, 7pm (no meeting in April)
- UU Dance Fellowship: Mondays, 7pm
- Wednesday Women's Book Group: 4th Wed, 1pm. *Seven Minutes from Home* by Laurel Richardson
- Worship Team: 1st Tuesday, 7:30pm. Interested? Contact Rev. Jennifer Brooks, 614-267-4946, ext. 22
- Young Adult Covenant Group: 1st & 3rd Sundays, 7pm
- Zen Meditation: Saturdays, 8:30am; Tuesdays, 7pm

Saturday, April 1

- 9:30am Move to Amend Statewide Conference
- 7:30pm David Roth Folksinging Concert

Sunday, April 2

- 12:45pm Caring Team Workshop

Saturday, April 8

- 7:00pm Coming of Age Coffee House

Sunday, April 9

- 3:00pm Lara Colby Knights, Soprano, Concert

Friday, April 14

- 6:30pm Passover Seder

Friday, April 21

- 7:00pm YAC Sponsor Con

Sunday, April 30

- 12:30pm Justice Week Parent Orientation
- 12:45pm Art Reception
- 5:00pm High School Choral Concert

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UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES

April's Theme: *Transformation*

Sunday, April 2, 9:15/11am
Unexpected Transformations
Rev. Jennifer Brooks

Sunday, April 9, 9:15/11am
Palm Sunday
Guest preacher Rev. Deb Stevens, United Methodist Church

Sunday, April 16, 9:15/11am
Awaken to Life
Easter Sunday, with Flower Communion
Rev. Jennifer Brooks

Sunday, April 23, 9:15/11am
Brave New World
Rev. Jennifer Brooks

Sunday, April 30, 9:15/11am
Rev. Marian Stewart, Ministerial Search Candidate