

The Discoverer

The monthly newsletter of the
First Unitarian Universalist Church of Columbus
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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.

REV. DR. MARIAN STEWART SENIOR MINISTER

Our monthly theme for March is Truth. As a Unitarian Universalist, I question anything that comes with a capital “T” as truth. But there are a few truths, with a little “t”, that I do know. Everyone has a set of these truths and often, they overlap and form a basis for shared community. Although we must allow that not all our truths are universal and, as our Unitarian forbearer has been quoted as saying, “We must not think alike to love alike.”

That’s where it gets tricky. In this time of heightened anxiety and sharp divides in our culture, our tolerance for difference is lessened. We have become super-sensitive to anything that is outside the “norm”, or at least what we’re comfortable with or used to. Yes, as UUs, we have the capacity to accept a broad range of difference, including individual expression, but we’re not always as fluent in practice.

Unlike the Methodists, who as a denomination just voted to enforce a strict anti-LGBT policy, UUs accept this diversity as a part of our first principle, the inherent worth and dignity of all people. We allow people to have truths about themselves and come as they are. It wasn’t always easy for us, but UUs have been working and leading on LGBTQ issues for over half a century.

So why do folks who come to us say they sometimes get weird questions, funny looks, or awkward conversations? I don’t think it is because we don’t value the person, it is just that their truth challenges our comfort levels and exposes us to something on the edge of one of those cultural divides. If we examine more closely, we’re all just people. No, we’re not all alike – that’s a good thing, but we all can love alike.

I encourage you to do some homework. When you see someone or hear about something different, do your private research. Be curious. Allow for the wonder of creation in all its expressions. Instead of asking funny questions or even ones that might be offensive, come prepared to simply say, “I’m glad you’re here and I appreciate you.” You add value and you have broadened my idea of truth.

Blessings,
Rev. Marian



LINKS

Rev. Eric Meter, Associate Minister

In any faith community, there are comings and goings, newcomers walking in the front door and departures of those well-known and loved. And, as I said during our congregational meeting late in January, by all accounts we've had more than our share of losses in the last several months.

At the time, I went on to say that each memorial service I officiate takes a certain toll. Each loss we experience may remind us of other losses we've lived through. At least, that's the way it is for me. Echoes of grief, I call them. Most are gentle, though some reach deeper and demand more attention.

But they are not all of the story, something I wasn't keeping in mind when I spoke at the meeting back in January. What I was forgetting then was that each echo is also a reminder of love shared and connection. When I remember this, the loss is no less painful, but it is tempered by appreciation and gratitude. A smile comes to my mouth even when there are tears in my eyes.

Each loss we experience will open us to sadness, but also a renewed appreciation for the gifts we have received and can offer in turn.

With this in mind, I also know that each time we host a memorial service, our ministry team is not alone.

The following is a partial list of those who have shown up to: welcome our guests; prepare, host and clean up for the receptions; and run the A/V system for our memorials. (Apologies if I have left your name off this list.)

Carole Wilhelm and Chris Sullivan (co-chairs of our Memorial Reception Team), Jo-E. Miller, Olwen Firestone, Kay Fisher, Sue Vierow, Linda Royalty, Betsy and Guy Smalley, Pat Larson, Robert Eves, Chris Johnson, Marcia and Rich Canter, Dave MacDonald, Vanda Hughes, Kathleen Fowler, Su Farnlacher, Sharon Oliver, Jeannie Sperling, Doris Cornell, Karen Torvik, Barb Avery, Barbara Harry, Pat Owens, Sylvia Howe, Dick Dawson, Barb Fiorini, Doris Oursler, Marilyn Berman, Deb and Tom Baillieul, Karen Thimmes, Holly Adams, Sarah Graffagnino, Cathy Elkins, Linda Thompson, Pam Conley, Kay Gaskill, Kay Fisher, Marge Lynd, Joan Matyskella, Susan and David Carr, Sam Pollock, Michael Greenman, Carl Faulstich.

Are you as impressed with this list as I am? Please join me in offering them your thanks the next time you see them, whether at Kroger or First UU.

Also, if you are feeling the heavy weight of a loss, whether it be from the death or illness of a loved one, loss of a dream or relationship, or anything else, please know you do not need to grieve alone. Please let Rev Marian, me, or a member of our Caring and Pastoral Teams know. We will be there for you.

In peace,
Rev. Eric



Please send articles for the April issue of the newsletter by Sunday, March 24, to office@firstuucolumbus.org.

Rev. Dr. Marian Stewart, Senior Minister	Elizabeth Mount, Director of Religious Exploration	Brian Hagemann, Director of Administration
Rev. Eric Meter, Associate Minister	Mel Herzog, RE Assistant	Marian Garcia, Office Manager
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Rev. Suzan McCrystal, Minister Affiliated	Brandon Moss, Chalice Choir Director	Christine Davidson, Congregational
Amanda Hays, Ministerial Intern	Michaela Jones, Spirit of Life & Rising Voices	Life Coordinator
Rev. Mark Belletini, Minister Emeritus	Choir Director	Amy Rudawsky, SYC Co-Director
Rev. Wendy Fish, Minister Emerita	Cath Saveson, Children's Choir Co-Director	Susan Roscigno, SYC Co-Director
	Leigh Mamlin, Children's Choir Co-Director	
	Nathan Hamm, Pianist/Accompanist	

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PIECES OF PEACEFULNESS

Elizabeth Mount, Director of Religious Exploration

When I think about truth and about children, I often think about the moment in child development when a child begins to lie. People often react to their child's lying as wrong and immoral behavior. Yet it is important to note that the ability to lie, the actual stage of development, is an important milestone in the creation of empathy.



For children, lying becomes possible only when they begin to understand that the viewpoint of self and the viewpoint of others are different. So long as a child assumes that what they see is the sole truth for all people, they do not attempt to lie, because they assume that a parent has the same knowledge of the world that they do. Think about this the next time a kid solemnly tells you, "I didn't eat the last cookie," while wiping crumbs from their face. They are expressing understanding that your view of the world is a different one than theirs, and that multiple perspectives can co-exist (and also that maybe you should start keeping the cookies on a higher shelf).

When we talk about the search for truth and meaning, we're not talking about facts so much as we're talking about our values. Being able to co-exist with many viewpoints on theology means being able to find the positive and meaningful in hearing from one another. It means understanding that we can all imagine a different universe and believe in different ways that life can be meaningful, and that we learn to be respectful and kind toward one another in expressing these. Understanding that there are many viewpoints can add to our ability to imagine justice here in this community for people of different genders, racial identities, national origins, immigration statuses, religious backgrounds, sexual orientations, ages, and more.

By helping our children learn the positive quality of empathy as they experiment with truths and lies, we affirm their ability to discern difference in viewpoint and understanding. We can also acknowledge the difference between feeling and reality. You might say, "yes, you did eat the cookie, and we need to tell the truth about facts, but you can tell the truth and tell about what you'll do differently in the future."

The truth is important. And sometimes, in order to find a bigger truth, you need to understand that a lie is possible, or that more than one story can tell about a truth that exists for some people. I hope that this month will be full of opportunity to think about what kind of truth is about facts, what truth is about meaning, and how we help our children and youth especially to figure out how to hold onto truth in a world where there's a lot of information but not always a lot of meaning-making. Help them figure out what your values are and why you hold them as true for you and your family and for this community. And then, bring your truth to this congregation, and talk about where you're finding meaning and see where these dialogues take you.

Remember to listen too, and bring your heart to the conversation. May you be blessed... (and may no one steal the last cookie).

In faith,
Elizabeth Mount

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Seth Kraut, Board Chair

The Ship of Theseus is a thought experiment about the nature of identity. If over time, all the parts of the ship are replaced, is it still the same ship?



This picture is from the ground breaking for the Worship Center. I'm on the left at about age 16. Our minister at the time, Rev. Frank Rivas, is in the center. It was nice to see a picture of my younger self, but also of people I remember fondly. Most of them are no longer with the church. Rev. Carol Brody, on the right, convinced me to teach RE at age 16, when, otherwise, I probably would have left the church. Now, more than 25 years later, I'm Board President, and I'm raising my young children here.

It's been a challenging, turbulent year. There are people who have left the church that I will miss regardless of the circumstances. However, the church remains. The work of the church remains.

We are all caretakers of this church. Building and maintaining something for ourselves, but also for those still to come. The work of healing our world and ourselves is too vast to comprehend. Pirkei Avot wrote "You are not obligated to complete the work, but neither are you free to abandon it." The struggle for a just, equal world for all will last well beyond all of us.

I am very different than I was at age 16, as is the church. There are constants of character that remain, though. The School for Young Children, where I went to preschool, celebrated its 50th anniversary this year. The Religious Exploration program, that I grew up in, and then taught in for 25 years, continues to help raise curious, independent children. Our social justice work continues. Our church services continue to be thoughtful and challenging.

On March 3, the Board is hosting a town hall on what it means to be part of the church. We look forward to hearing why you show up on Sundays and other days. In addition, the Board and the ministers will be at First Friday with a pasta dinner.

I hope that all church members feel that their voice is heard. The Board can be contacted at board@firstuucolumbus.org. We are around before and after services. Our job is to represent the congregation. All of us are part of this work.

MUSIC PROGRAM

Tony McDonald, Music Director

Longtime Columbus musician **Bill Cohen** will present a concert and sing-along based on the music of John Denver on **Saturday, March 16, 7pm**, in the Worship Center. Cohen plans to sing more than 20 of Denver's most popular and compelling songs, backed up by a tight-knit top-notch group of fellow singers and instrumentalists. Many of the songs will be done concert-style, but on many others, the audience will be invited to join in and sing-along.

Some of the tunes on the night's play-list are *Rocky Mountain High*, *Jet Plane*, *Sunshine on My Shoulder*, *Annie's Song*, *Thank God I'm a Country Boy*, and *Country Roads*, among others. Backing up Bill will be harmony vocalists Joanne Blum and Joe Lambert, plus banjo wizard Carl Yaffey.

All ages are welcome, and admission is free. Donations will be welcomed, with half of the proceeds going to the Care and Share Time Bank, a Clintonville-based non-profit project that allows members to collect time credits for providing services to others, so the time credits that are earned can be used to receive services from others.

SCHOOL FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

Susan Roscigno, Co-Director

“When you stop reflecting, you stop serving the kids.” Is this true with those you serve in your various roles, in your family, your profession, your passions? Are you able to serve others without reflection?

Last Monday, many of the teachers from SYC were fortunate to see a presentation by early childhood professional, Teacher Tom Hobson (<http://teachertombsblog.blogspot.com/>). In addition to discussion about risk, play, and building a democratic society through our work with young children, Teacher Tom dropped this line about reflection. At SYC we plan generous amounts of time for teachers to reflect together as a team about what they saw and heard during class, what they did and wish they'd done, who they saw engaging with whom, and what this all means for the next class. We have time set aside, an expected practice. Finding time to reflect individually, though, can be tricky. Carving out time, building a ritual or routine for reflection, finding a format for that reflection that feels right, holding ourselves accountable—this takes an effort. It's not something I've been able to build into my daily life, but Teacher Tom's words have given me a renewed commitment to find the time and make the effort.

Whom do you serve? How and when do you take time to reflect on your practice?

FIRST UU AUCTION

Danya Furda, Auction Team

First UU Auction 2019: Take a Chance on Fun! Thank you to all our volunteers, donators, bidders and attendees! The auction would not be successful without all of you. We especially want to thank our food preparers, David Douglass, Rick Voithofer, and Roger Hansen. You can still purchase events (meals, fellowship activities, services, excursions) in our aftersales in the corner of Fellowship Hall after both services on Sunday, March 3, and Sunday, March 10. Also if you purchased items the night of the auction and didn't get a chance to pay, you can do so at the auction table after each service in Fellowship Hall.



CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

First Friday is changing! For the next First Friday, March 1, leave the cooking to us. At 6:30pm, join us for a pasta dinner in Fellowship Hall. At 7:30, there will be programming for adults, and games and crafts for kids. Gluten-free and vegan options will be provided. If you'd like to bring something to share, you're more than welcome to, but the important thing to bring is YOU. See you at First Friday! Contact christine@firstuucolumbus.org with any questions.

Bookbites will meet Tuesday, March 19, 7-9pm, in Slower Lounge. The topic will be *Women in Politics*. The April 16 topic is *National Treasure*.
Kathleen Boston, 614-262-4025

Drum Circle Saturday, March 2, 3:30-5:30pm, Room 9. A percussion and drum circle, facilitated by Wahru Cleveland, will be held at First UU on every first Saturday of the month, 3:30-5:30pm. The circle welcomes drummers of every level, dancers, and observers. No drum, no problem. If it rattles, bangs, or shakes, bring it and join in the fun, or just come and dance! The circle is facilitated and designed such that all participants will find a space to enjoy the experience. Though it is not necessary, donations for the facilitator are appreciated. Helene Roussi, admin@westwoodlabradoodles.com

Francophones Bavard(e)s, the French conversation group, meets every Wednesday at First UU, at 6-7pm. If you've had some background in French (back in high school?), and want to practice, please join us. We are a small, informal group, and we'd welcome new members! Our skill levels vary, so you are welcome to participate at whatever level seems comfortable to you. Tout le monde est bienvenu!
Kristen Figg, kfigg@kent.edu

First UU Bookstore Volunteers Needed
Book lovers, if you are able to help sell books in Fellowship Hall one Sunday morning a month, please contact Will Whicker swwhicker@gmail.com, 614-560-9975. Bookstore proceeds help the church, and volunteers get a 10% discount.

Feed My Sheep food pantry March is Dandy Diapers month. Please bring diapers for children and adults, all sizes. Also, we need gently-used children's clothes all sizes, feminine hygiene products, peanut butter, gloves and mittens, scarves, dog and cat food, stew, chunky soup, refried pinto beans, and children's books. Please bring items to the JAM table Sunday morning.
Jacques Angelino, 614-439-0245



Dinner & Conversation Sign up now for the second quarter (April, May, June). This is an easy way to get to know other UUs. Once a month, groups of about eight meet for a potluck dinner and conversation. The same groups meet during each month of the quarter. Signing up means that you'll attend the three dinners. The group decides on the dates.
Marcia Canter, marciacanter@gmail.com

Immokalee Workers 4 for Fair Food Tour will visit four universities in Florida, Michigan, Ohio, and North Carolina. They'll be in Columbus for an exciting major action on March 5-6. Please plan to join us! Also, join the Wendy's Boycott online at <http://chnq.it/QYOZQmQRZ7>. Please let us know you signed at ohiofairfood@gmail.com.
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Immigration Assistance

- **First UU Benevolence Fund for Immigration Assistance** Beneficiaries will be residents of Central Ohio, with preference to parents of underage children, and young people who fit within the DACA age range.
- **Meals for Edith Espinal** Edith remains in sanctuary at Columbus Mennonite Church. You can help by preparing a meal or by giving a grocery store gift card. To sign up, visit: www.mealtrain.com/trains/r3y3ed.

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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, founded by First UU and ten other congregations over 20 years ago. Last May over 2500 people, including 313 from the First UU community showed up at our annual Nehemiah Action to hold local decision-makers accountable for evidence-based solutions to the problems we see in our community.

How do we build the power we need to make a difference? Each BREAD congregation organizes a **Justice Ministry Network (JMN)**. Network members commit to getting at least three people in addition to themselves to attend the Nehemiah Action. Being a JMN member is not a big time commitment, but it's crucial to turning out large numbers of people. Are you interested in being part of First UU's BREAD Justice Ministry Network? Come to our **organizing meeting** in the Sanctuary **Sunday, March 10, 12:45pm**. We'll share updates about our campaigns: **Elder Care, Affordable Housing, Jobs, Municipal ID, and Juvenile Justice**. We'll make a plan to invite people of all ages at First UU and beyond, to the Nehemiah Action. And we'll give you the tools to be successful in your invitations.

BREAD Justice Ministry Network members from First UU and every other BREAD congregation will meet once more before the Nehemiah Action at the **BREAD Rally on Monday, April 8, 6:30pm**, Rhema Christian Center (2100 Agler Rd). There you'll get fired up for the Action by reporting your commitments and receiving tickets, hearing the latest issue updates, and helping us refine our asks. And, for everyone, put the Action on your calendar now:

BREAD Nehemiah Action
Monday, May 6, 6:40pm
The Celeste Center at the Ohio State Fairgrounds
717 E 17th Ave, Columbus, OH 43211

Together we can make a real difference in our community. BREAD Rises!

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UU GENERAL ASSEMBLY

General Assembly is the annual meeting of our Unitarian Universalist Association. Attendees worship, witness, learn, connect, and make policy for the Association through democratic process. Anyone may attend; congregations must certify annually to send voting delegates. The 2019 General Assembly will be June 19-23 in Spokane, Washington. Most General Assembly events will be held in the Spokane Convention Center.

The Power of We What do we want Unitarian Universalism to be? It is a time when we are asking big questions in our faith, and GA 2019 will be focused on digging into those questions together. It is a critical chance for congregational leaders and passionate UUs to set new goals and aspirations for our religious community. Help begin to reshape our Association and our congregations in new and powerful ways.

This year's theme is about collective power, "The Power of We," as well as the possibility, the purpose, the struggle and the joy of what it means to be together in faithful community. In the past two years, Unitarian Universalism has recommitted to the work of liberation inside and outside our faith community. The antidote to a time of dangerous dehumanization is a love that connects us to our deeper humanity.

Registration and Housing Open March 1, 9am, at www.uua.org/ga.

Spokane is located driving distance from Glacier National Park and Yellowstone, on interstate I-90, 110 miles from the Canadian border and 18 miles from Idaho Spokane International Airport. Spokane is accessible by rail via Amtrak's Empire Builder route. It is also reachable by Greyhound Bus.

Excellent Programming GA will offer more than 100 programming selections over the course of five days. More details are available at www.uua.org/ga.

Financial Aid Available The UUA is committed to the goal of making GA accessible to as many attendees as possible. Go to uua.org/ga in the month of March to learn about scholarships to support delegates, particularly those from marginalized groups, and volunteer opportunities (work in exchange for registration).

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Linda Thompson, Historian

Although many UU ministers participated in the Selma marches in the 60s, three stand out in our history and the nation's history.

After Bloody Sunday, March 1965, Rev. Clark Olsen flew in from California. He and two other UU ministers, Rev. James Reeb and Rev. Orloff Miller, were eating in a traditionally black cafe. When they came out, they encountered four white men, who taunted and followed them. One had a club with which he hit Reeb twice in the head. The other two were beaten but not seriously injured. Olsen held Reeb's hand until he lapsed into unconsciousness. They did not get him to a hospital immediately. He never woke up, and died two days later. The nation took notice.

Rev. Miller died in 2015, and Rev Olsen died on Martin Luther King Day this year.

UU JUSTICE OHIO (UUJO)

UUJO Spring Gathering April 6, 9am-2:30pm. Gatherings will be held in Toledo, Akron, Columbus, Cincinnati, and Cleveland.

The keynote speaker will be Ohio Senator Nickie Antonio, ranking minority member of the Health, Human Services and Medicaid Committee in the Ohio Senate. Senator Antonio is also a Unitarian Universalist. We will broadcast her keynote speech to the different locations by Zoom.

Afterward, participants will identify and discuss local/regional issues that we might address as clusters of congregations.

Joan Van Becelaere, uujoanvanb@gmail.com

CARING CORNER

Caring Team Workshop

Sunday, April 14, at 12:45pm.

The Caring Team is very excited to present the workshop *Societal Effects of White Privilege*.

The panel will discuss three topics:

- Racism vs. Bias
- Institutional Racism
- Trends

We are very privileged to have the following three people on the panel:

- **Noel Williams**, who is associated with BREAD, and who also has a past association with the ACLU
- **Katelin Hansen**, Ph.D., who serves as Strategic Initiatives Director for the nonprofit Community Development for All People
- **Tina Pierce**, Ph.D., who is the CEO and Founder of WORTH (Working thru Obstacles, Reaching True Heights)

Happy Birthday to:

- **Rev. Suzan McCrystal**, who celebrated her birthday Sunday, February 17.
- **Dick Dawson**, who will celebrate his 80th birthday on March 2.

Caring thoughts to:

- **Michael Greenman**, rotator cuff surgery
- **Bob Rice**, surgery
- **Pat Peterson**, broken left elbow

Sympathy to:

- Friends and family of **Tom Porch**, who died February 9.
- **Farrell Brody**, whose wife, **Carolynn Aurnou**, died January 26,
- The family of **Marian Clover**, who died on February 16.

CALENDAR

- Adult Programs: 1st Thursday, 7-9pm
- All-Ages Book Group: 3rd Wednesday, 7pm
- Archives Team: Tuesdays, 9:30am
- Atheists/Skeptics/Humanists: 4th Tuesday, 7pm
- Bookbites: 3rd Tuesday, 7pm
- Board of Trustees: 4th Wednesday, 7pm
- BREAD Team: 3rd Thursday, 7pm
- Breakfast: Sundays, 8:45am
- Bridge Group (614-499-2434): 4th Monday, 6pm
- Care and Share Timebank: 3rd Sunday, 6:30pm
- Caring Team: 1st Tuesday, 7pm
- Chalice Choir: Thursdays, 7:30pm
- Coming of Age Team: 3rd Wednesday, 6:30pm
- Contra & Square Dance: 2nd Friday, 7:30pm
- Cooking for Faith Mission: 1st & 3rd Friday, 12pm
- Covenant Group Facilitators: 2nd Wednesday, 6:30pm
- Drum Circle: 1st Saturday, 3pm
- Engagement Team: 1st Thursday, 7pm
- Expressive Collage: 2nd & 4th Thursday, 7pm
- Families with Young Children: 2nd Saturday, 10am
- Finance Committee: 3rd Wednesday, 7pm
- Food Co-op: every 4th Wednesday, 1pm
- First Friday Dinner: 6:30pm
- Francophones Bavard(e)s: Wednesdays, 6pm
- Getting to Know UU: Sundays, after each service
- Grief Recovery: Mondays, 7pm (starts 3/25)
- Hispanohablantes: Saturdays, 10:45am
- Improvisational Dance: Thursdays, 9:30am
- Interfaith Association of Central Ohio (IACO) Spiritual Sharing: 1st Wednesday, 12pm
- Justice Action Ministry: 2nd Wednesday, 7pm
- Library Team: 2nd Tuesday, 1:30pm
- Memoir Group: 2nd Wednesday, 7pm
- Monday Men's Spirituality: 1st & 3rd Monday
- Move to Amend: 3rd Saturday, 12pm
- Navigator Scouts: 1st & 3rd Sunday, 3:30pm
- Nominating Committee: 1st & 3rd Tuesday, 6:30pm
- Peace Pals Choir: Sundays, 10:25am
- Rainbow Connexion: 3rd Friday, 5:30pm
- RE Team: 2nd Tuesday, 6:30pm
- Rising Voices Choir: Tuesdays, 6:45pm
- Sacred Song Circle: Wednesdays, 6pm
- Scriptures Class: 3rd Saturday
- Spirit of Life Choir: Tuesdays, 7:30pm
- Stewardship: 3rd Tuesday, 7pm
- This Month in Science: 2nd Tuesday, 7pm
- Town Hall: 1st Sunday, after each service
- Trans Youth Support Group: 3rd Saturday, 2pm
- Transparenting: 3rd Thursday, 5pm
- Wednesday Women's Book Group: 4th Wednesday, 1pm
- Women's Creative Circle: Mondays, 3-5pm
- Worship Team: 1st Tuesday, 7:30pm
- Young Adult Covenant Group: 1st & 3rd Sunday, 6:30pm
- Zen Meditation: Saturdays, 8:30am; Tuesdays, 7pm
- Zen Meditation Orientation: Sundays, 8:45am

Friday, March 1, 2019

- 6:30pm First Friday Pasta Dinner
- 7:30pm Little Minyan Kabbalat Shabbat

Sunday, March 3, 2019

- 10:30 & 12:15 Town Hall

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

- 6:00pm Path to Membership

Friday, March 8, 2019

- 7:30pm All Soles Contra/Square Dance

Saturday, March 9, 2019

- 9:00am Path to Membership
- 2:00pm Inner Views
- 4:00pm Performance by David Krohn

Sunday, March 10, 2019

- 12:45pm BREAD Justice Ministry Network

Monday, March 11, 2019

- 6:30pm Care & Share Time Bank Orientation

Saturday, March 16, 2019

- 7:00pm Bill Cohen's "John Denver Sing-Along"

Sunday, March 17, 2019

- 6:30pm Care & Share Timebank Potluck

Saturday, March 23, 2019

- 2:30pm The Poetry of Caregiving

Saturday, March 30, 2019

- 9:00am Move to Amend Statewide Conference

Sunday, March 31, 2019

- 7:30pm Otterbein Choirs Concert

Touchstones Theme: Truth



There is not much truth being told in the world. There never was. This has proven to be a major disappointment to some of us. When I was a child, I thought grown-ups and teachers knew the truth, because they told me they did. It took years for me to discover that the first step in finding out the truth is to begin unlearning almost everything adults had taught me, and to start doing all the things they'd told me not to do....

(One day) I pecked a hole out of the cocoon (I was in) and saw the sky of ingredients that would constitute my spiritual path ... love, poetry, prayer, meditation, community. ... I knew that no one (is) holier than anyone else, that nowhere is better than anywhere else. I knew that the resurrection of the mind was possible. (And) I knew that no matter how absurd and ironic it was, acknowledging death and the finite was what gave you life and presence. *Anne Lamott*

Of course I want the truth, / but here's the rub: / Truth doesn't sit around / still as a rock, / it breathes and flows / and turns inside out. / Ever seen a lion in a cage? / He paces and glowers. / That must be how God feels / locked in our little religions. / Look how big the sky is, / the deep distances between stars. / Little speck, that's you; / laughable speck, that's me. / How could we contain The Truth, / all that overwhelming light? / Our truth is just a pinprick / in mystery's velvet curtain. / Even so, see how we struggle / to fix an eyeball to that— / peepshow's tiny window. *Janet Hutchinson*



Join us in exploring Truth

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Central East Region

There are several camps and institutes that take place in the Central East Region every year. Some of these are run by the region, others are independent groups. The camps listed at the top comply with all CER youth and child safety policies.

Summer Institute

Summer Institute is a week long family friendly, multigenerational camp held at Oberlin College, Oberlin, OH in July each year. Registration opens in April. Learn about [Summer Institute](#).

Winter Institute

Winter Institute is a schedule free, relaxing weekend usually held on President's Weekend at Salt Fork State Park and Lodge near Cambridge, OH. Learn about [Winter Institute](#).

UUMAC

Unitarian Universalist Mid-Atlantic Community (UUMAC). This multigenerational conference meets for a week in July at DeSales University in Center Valley, PA. Learn more at the [UUMAC website](#). Please note it is not a program of the Central East Region, but is independent.

Independent Camps and Conferences

Please note that these groups are not required to abide by CER youth and child safety policies and we do not endorse them as such.

- **Sophia Fahs UU RE Camp** This yearly camp is sponsored by the LIAC cluster. Sophia Fahs RE Camp is held at the 25 acre Camp Quinipet on the western shoreline at Jennings Point of Shelter Island. The facility includes recreation fields, a swimming area, dining hall, recreation hall, dorms/ cabins, nurse's station and more. It is held for a week in August each year. Learn more at the [Camp website](#).
- **Camp Unirondack** This is a year round traditional camp located in the Adirondack mountains of upstate New York. In the summer there are week long camps for youth, children and families. Other events are scheduled in fall and spring. Learn more at the [Camp Unirondack website](#).
- **Murray Grove Retreat and Renewal Center** This is a year round retreat center in Lanoka Harbor, NJ. It is on the location where Murray preached the first Universalist sermon in the United States. They host a number of different retreats and camps along with being available for rentals. Details at the [Murray Grove website](#).

For a list of camps and conferences outside of our region check out the [UUA's related organizations page](#).

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March 2019

UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES

March's theme: *Truth*

Sunday, March 3, 9:15am & 11am

Counting the Stars

Rev. Eric Meter

Sunday, March 10, 9:15am & 11am

What I Learned in Beloved Conversations

Rev. Dr. Marian, Rev. Eric Meter, Ministerial Intern Amanda Hays

Sunday, March 17, 9:15am & 11am

Truth at the Edge

Rev. Dr. Marian Stewart

Sunday, March 24, 9:15am & 11am

Intergenerational Service

Sunday, March 31, 9:15am & 11am

Annual Canvass Kick-off