



# FIRST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH *of Columbus*

*2018-2019 Engagement Catalogue*



# Welcome!

Here you will find information about programming that runs a significant portion of the year. Information on workshops and shorter duration classes can be found in the gallery and at the Welcome Table in Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings. As well as in the Order of Service, The Discoverer, Tuesday Talks and via the Announcements e-mail list. For a complete listing of youth and Children's Religious Exploration programming please pick up a brochure from the RE table in the hall on Sunday or from a literature rack in the Gallery.

The Discoverer, our newsletter, is available to download from the website, [firstuucolumbus.org](http://firstuucolumbus.org), look in the quick links section of the homepage.

To receive Rev. Marian's Tuesday Talk e-mail or the Friday Update contact Marian Garcia at [marian@firstuucolumbus.org](mailto:marian@firstuucolumbus.org) with a request to be added.

Would you like to offer a class? Contact Rev. Eric Meter at [ericm@firstuucolumbus.org](mailto:ericm@firstuucolumbus.org) or 614-267-4946



Building & Grounds  
Workday

## Events

- 9/1-9/3 Labor Day Retreat
- 9/16 First Day of Sunday School
- 12/16 Winter Choirs Concert
- 12/24-1/2 Holiday Office Closure
- 12/26-1/1 Labyrinth
- 2/23 Church Service Auction
- 2/16 All-Church Talent Show
- TBA Member Mid-Year Meeting
- 5/19 Choirs Spring Concert
- TBA Member Annual Meeting
- 6/19-6/23 General Assembly in Spokane, WA
- 7/7-7/13 Summer Institute in Oberlin, OH



Summer Institute

## Special Services

- 9/9 Return to two services, Water Communion
- 10/28 \*Remembrance Sunday
- 11/18 \*Ingathering
- 11/25 \*One Service at 10:00am for Thanksgiving
- 12/23 \*Winter Holiday Service
- 12/24 \*Christmas Eve Services
- 2/3 \*Ingathering
- 3/24 \*Transgender Day of Visibility
- 4/21 \*Easter Sunday
- 5/12 \*Flower Communion
- 5/19 \*Coming of Age Service
- 5/26 Change to one 10am service for Summer

\* All ages service, no  
Sunday School, Toddler  
room still available for 3 &  
under



Animal Blessing Service

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**Columbus, OH**  
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# Growing Deeper

## Covenant Groups

Engagement

### Time and Location Varies

small group; registration required

Covenant groups are small discussion groups that help develop active listening skills while forming deeper connections to fellow group members. Groups form in September and meet once or twice a month through May.

Rev. Eric Meter, [ericm@firstuucolumbus.org](mailto:ericm@firstuucolumbus.org)

## Gender Specific Spirituality

Engagement

### TBD

small group; registration required

Are you interested in joining a small group focused on gender specific spirituality? Contact Marian Garcia in the office and add your name to the interest list. New group will form when there is enough interest.

## Path To Membership

Engagement

**Wednesday, November 7, 6pm-9pm; Saturday, November 10, 9am - 1pm;**

**Wednesday, March 6, 6-9pm; Saturday, March 9, 9am - 1pm, Room 7**

class; registration required

Path to Membership class is for people who are thinking of joining the church. It's a great way to meet others and to learn more about First UU and Unitarian Universalism. Childcare provided upon request. The class consists of just one meeting. You can choose from one of the above dates.

Please register with: Marian Garcia, [marian@firstuucolumbus.org](mailto:marian@firstuucolumbus.org), 614-267-4946, ext. 21,

## Wellspring

Engagement

### Time and location varies

small group; registration required

The next step of small group ministry after participating in a covenant group. Wellspring will begin in October and meet once or twice a month through May.

Rev. Eric Meter, [ericm@firstuucolumbus.org](mailto:ericm@firstuucolumbus.org)

## Young Adult Covenant Group

Engagement

### TBA

small group; registration required

A covenant group for participants 18-35.

## Zen Meditation

Zen Columbus Sangha

**Tuesdays 7pm-8pm; Saturdays 8:30am-9:45am, Fellowship Hall**

workshop; drop-in

Zen Columbus Sangha invites you to participate in a traditional Zen sit. The practice of meditation can be described as physically and mentally stepping back from all involvements, activities and considerations; letting judgments concerning good and bad, right and wrong fall away, abandoning ideas about outcome; and simply resting in our own fundamental awareness. Each sit includes two 25 minute periods of silent meditation (cushions and chairs are provided), walking meditation, chanting and prostrations.

## Key

Program Title

sponsoring team

Date, Time and Location

type of activity; registration requirements

Description of program

Contact Information and Cost



# Building Community

## All Ages YA Book Group

**Tuesdays, 7pm-8:30pm**

Junior High, High School and Adults are invited to discuss outstanding young adult literature. New participants are welcome at any time.

Erin Reilly-Sanders, reillyef@yahoo.com

RE  
discussion; drop-in

## All Soles Contra and Square Dance

**Friday 9/14, 10/26; Saturday 11/24; Friday 12/14, 1/11, 2/8, 3/8, 4/12, 5/24**

**Saturday 6/22, 7/27, 8/17**

**introductory session at 7:30pm; dancing from 8pm-10:30pm, Fellowship Hall**

Contra and square dancing are social dancing. No partner is needed and all dances are taught. Each dance starts with a half hour beginners' session. Free child care is provided in a nearby classroom. All dances are to live music and a caller leads the dances. Contra and square dancing is energetic fun, a good way to both socialize and get some good exercise. It's really hard not to smile while dancing! . Each dance starts at 7:30 PM with a beginners' session. Each dance starts at 8:00 PM and goes until 10:30 PM.

Jan Phillips, 614-261-3234, jan-allsolesdance@att.net

Cost of the dance portion is \$8, \$4 for ages 12-26, under 12 free

Engagement  
dance; drop-in

## Atheists-Skeptics-Humanists

**4th Tuesdays, 7pm**

A monthly gathering with programs focusing on topics of interest to atheists and agnostics within the community. Look for us on Facebook at First UU Atheists Agnostics and Skeptics. We are also a member of the Columbus Coalition of Reason, columbuscor.org

Engagement  
discussion; drop-in

## Book Bites

**3rd Tuesdays, 7:00pm**

The readers pick a topic each month and each reads a book fitting the topic. At the meeting, each reader has a brief time to describe their choice. Group discussions of the books follow. Open to all at no cost, currently 8 to 10 readers attend each meeting.

Kathleen Boston, 614-262-4025, kboston@columbus.rr.com

Engagement  
discussion; registration required

## Bridge Group

**4th Sundays, 6:30pm-8:30pm, Blue Room**

Interested in playing bridge? Join in the monthly game.

Vickie Steiner, 614-499-2434, vwsteiner@gmail.com

Engagement  
social; registration required

## Care and Share Timebank

**Watch the Order of Service, Fellowship Hall**

A time bank is a community of people who support each other. When you spend an hour to do something for a member, you earn a Credit. Then, you can use that Credit to buy an hour of a member's time. It's that simple. Come share food and conversation, review services offered and make new offers.

Michael Greenman, 614-499-2434, mgreenmanoh@gmail.com

CSTB  
registration required

## **Dinner & Conversations**

### **Dates set by group participants each quarter**

Commitment time - 3 pot luck dinners in a quarter, Purpose - to get to know other adult UUs.

There is no cost except to bring a dish to the dinner - and the willingness to get to know others

Dates are set by the approximately 8 people in each dinner group.

Marcia Canter, Marciacanter@gmail.com

Engagement  
social; registration required

## **Expressive Collage**

### **2nd and 4th Thursdays, 7:00pm-9:00pm, Rooms A/B**

It has been said, "a picture can say a thousand words." This forum enables those interested to make a picture soul collage, a pleasing and meaningful picture that can be created using only scissors, paper, and glue!

Jeanni Ray, jeanni1954@gmail.com, 614-985-6176

Engagement  
creative; registration suggested

## **Families With Young Children**

### **2nd Saturdays, 10am-Noon, Toddler Room**

This playgroup is a wonderful way to meet other parents and caregivers of young children (0-5ish).

Seth Kraut, 614-499-2434 or sethkraut@gmail.com

RE  
play; drop-in

## **First Friday**

### **1st Friday, 6:30pm, Fellowship Hall**

All church potluck the first Friday of each month. Kids' movie and programming for adults at 7:30pm.

Laurie Brown, 614-499-2434, laurie@brownj.net

Engagement  
potluck; drop-in

## **Francophones Bavard(e)s, the French conversation group**

### **Wednesdays, 6:00pm-7:00pm, Library**

This small, informal group meets in the First UU Library, for an hour, starting at 6pm. We'd welcome new members! This weekly gathering is for anyone who has had some background in French (back in high school?), wants an opportunity to practice speaking and listening, or is trying to develop skill in a new language. We usually spend some time looking at a short text (a news item, a story, a song) to learn new vocabulary and review a few points of grammar, and then we take turns sharing what we have been doing over the past week and carrying on a conversation. 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

CSTB  
conversation; drop-in

## **Hispanohablantes, the Spanish conversation group**

### **Saturdays, 11:00am, Room 7**

Newcomers of all levels are welcome.

Vivivi Vanak, vilvivanak@gmail.com or Susan O'Donnell, sodonne@columbus.rr.com, 614-354-1872

CSTB  
conversation; drop-in

## **Improvisational Dance**

### **Thursdays, 9:30am, Worship Center**

Guided free dance sessions. All are welcome regardless of experience. Join us for fellowship and fun.

David Krohn, davidjonkrohn@yahoo.com

Engagement  
dance; drop-in

## **Memoir Writing Group**

### **2nd Wednesdays, 7pm, Library**

We'd love to have new members. Contact for more details.

Wanda Hambrick, 614-433-0363

Engagement  
creative; registration required



Preparing in the kitchen

**Open Art Studio**  
**Mondays, 3pm-5pm**

Enjoy fellowship with others while creating.  
Marcia Canter, [Marciacanter@gmail.com](mailto:Marciacanter@gmail.com)

Engagement  
creative; drop-in

**Rainbow Connexion**  
**2nd Fridays, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall**

A diverse community of people who identify as LGBTQIA. This time, however, the "A" doesn't stand for "Ally." This is a group of people seeking to build relationships on shared experiences, both happy and otherwise. It's a safe place where people can express themselves, with the knowledge that the people surrounding them are people who understand their struggle personally—a solidarity built on kindness and empathy. We're a colorful group. Come join the rainbow!

For more information email: [revmarian@firstuucolumbus.org](mailto:revmarian@firstuucolumbus.org)

Engagement  
social; drop-in

**This Month In Science**  
**2nd Tuesdays, 7pm, Room 7**

This monthly discussion group explores current topics in science drawn from the popular press, the internet, or one of several science journals. After a brief review of the science behind the story, participants will discuss the implications of the research in questions—its moral, ethical, social, practical, spiritual, and "gee whiz" dimensions.

Chris Johnson, [chris@underspecified.com](mailto:chris@underspecified.com), 614-946-1287

Engagement  
discussion; drop-in

**UU Dance Fellowship**  
**Mondays, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall**

Hour-long lesson starts at 7pm; open dance is from 8-9:30pm. Dancing includes ballroom and swing. Beginners especially welcome! No partner necessary!

Laurie Brown, 614-246-0170, [laurie@brownj.net](mailto:laurie@brownj.net), Admission is \$5.00 or whatever you can

Engagement  
dance; drop-in

**Walking in Nature at Highbanks Metro Park**  
**Fridays, 9:30am, Highbanks Nature Center Parking Lot**

A weekly 3 mile walk in the woods, year round, to appreciate the seasons, nature and the web of life.

Erica Scurr, 740-549-1518, [scurr@gmail.com](mailto:scurr@gmail.com)

Central Ohio UU Walkers  
social; drop-in

**Wednesday Book Group**  
**4th Wednesdays, 1:00pm, Slowter Lounge**

The books are chosen by the members of the group. This fall's selections are from The PBS Great American Read list.

Sylvia, [sylhowe42@gmail.com](mailto:sylhowe42@gmail.com), 978-317-0013 or Evonne, [evonabb38@yahoo.com](mailto:evonabb38@yahoo.com), 614-906-716

Engagement  
discussion; registration required

**Words!Words!Words**  
**1st Sundays, 6pm-8pm, Fellowship Hall**

Come and join us for an evening of all things dealing with words. Open Mic, all are welcome. Bring a poem; it can be yours or someone else's or sing a song, tell a joke or read an essay no longer than 5mins. As long as it is words. We will have a sign up sheet...Each month will deal with different ideas...Oct is Ohio poetry month so think of Ohio in what you may offer.

Jeanni Ray, [jeanni1954@gmail.com](mailto:jeanni1954@gmail.com), 614-985-6176

Engagement  
poetry; drop-in

# Making a Difference

## Building and Grounds Work Sessions

### Check Order of Service for Upcoming Dates and Times

Several times a year we gather together to keep our church home tidy inside and out. For more information on what's coming up.

## Faith Mission Dinner

### 1st and 3rd Fridays, Kitchen

Twice a month we prepare and serve a hot meal at the Faith Mission downtown. If you are interested in helping cook, transport or serve the meal contact Tom for more information.

Tom Dodge, tdodge77@yahoo.com

## Justice Action Ministry

### 4th Mondays, 7pm

JAM members are interested in participating in social justice activities. Some members are involved with particular projects or programs and some are members-at-large. Any member or friend is welcome to attend our meetings.

Chris Johnson, chris@underspecified.com, 614-946-1287

## Preparing for the Inevitable; End-Of-Life Planning

### Saturday 11/11, 2/10, and 5/12 at 12:30pm and 8/11 at 11:30am

What happens when you die? Are you ready with a tidy package for your family or a trusted friend? Join Funeral Consumers Alliance of Central Ohio for presentation and discussion about end-of-life planning. Learn about documents you will need to ensure that your wishes will be followed. Meet at First UU the second Sunday on a quarterly basis: 11/11/18, 2/10/19, 5/12/19 at 12:30p.m. and 8/11/19 at 11:30 a.m. (room to be determined.) Refreshments will be provided. In addition there will be a concert by local folk singer and guitarist Bill Cohen with songs about love, life and death. Concert will be held at First UU on Saturday, June 29 at 7pm followed by a reception and conversation with Bill.

Cathy Elkins, 614-267-5884

## YWCA Dinner

### 4th Fridays, between 4pm-8pm, YWCA Family Center

Once a month a group of church members prepares and serves tacos at the YWCA family center off of E 5th Ave. The tacos are served family style, we make bowls of lettuce, tomato, onion, shells, salsa, sour cream, and some fresh fruit for each table. We cook taco meat and put that in a bowl. There are two seatings. We end with a total of about 20 tables. We put everything on the tables for each seating and serve seconds. We also do the dishes. It's a fun group.

Tim Hooks, hookstj@gmail.com, 614-592-9279

JAM  
work session; registration required



Marching at the State House



# Making Music

## Chalice Choir

**Rehearsal Thursdays 7:30pm-9:30pm; Performance 11am Sunday**

music; registration required

Adult choir open to all ability levels and backgrounds--All are welcome!

Brandon L. Moss, [brandonlmoss@gmail.com](mailto:brandonlmoss@gmail.com)

## Peace Pals

**Sundays, September-May, 10:25am-10:55am**

music; drop-in & register

Peace Pals is our children's choir for ages 5-10. They sing for services four to five times a year, participate in the Holiday and Spring concerts, and perform for special occasions. Peace Pals sings music of many styles that is appropriate for younger voices and reflects UU ideas. PP often incorporates movement and gestures, and always lots of fun, into their music.

Leigh Mamlin, [mamlin1@gmail.com](mailto:mamlin1@gmail.com) or Cath Saveson, [cath.saveson@gmail.com](mailto:cath.saveson@gmail.com)

## Rising Voices Choir

**Rehearsal Tuesdays 6:30pm-7:30pm; Performance 9am at Sunday**

music; registration required

Teen choir for all: if you can speak, you can sing! We sing our joys, sorrows and beliefs together and, with Spirit of Life, serve as song leaders at the 9:15 service. Come as you are. (Ages about 11-18) Weekly rehearsals, please try to attend at least 50 - 75% of Tuesday night rehearsals.

Karen Madden, [karen@firstuucolumbus.org](mailto:karen@firstuucolumbus.org)

## Sacred Song Circle

Engagement

**Wednesdays, 6pm-6:30pm, Worship Center**

music; drop-in

A time honored history of village singing will be given a modern and UU twist at this drop-in a cappella 30 minute sacred song circle. Join fellow singers and non-singers as we sing to learn and sing to deepen our understanding and experience of UU theology. All are welcome!

Debra Boyd, 614-499-4434, [debra.boyd@gmail.com](mailto:debra.boyd@gmail.com)

## Spirit of Life Choir

**Rehearsal Tuesdays 7:30pm-9pm; Performance 9am at Sunday**

music; registration required

Adult choir for all: if you can speak, you can sing! We sing our joys, sorrows and beliefs together and, with Rising Voices, serve as song leaders at the 9:15 service. Come as you are, all are welcome. Weekly rehearsals, please try to attend at least 50 - 75% of Tuesday night rehearsals

Karen Madden, [karen@firstuucolumbus.org](mailto:karen@firstuucolumbus.org)



Peace Pals

If an you would like to help the Engagement Team with publicity contact [Christine.davidson@outlook.com](mailto:Christine.davidson@outlook.com). Or if you notice an event that was not included and should be listed here, or are planning an event, workshop or class and would like fliers or posters made up.