

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.

REV. DR. MARIAN STEWART SENIOR MINISTER

Mary Oliver, beloved poet who spoke to many hearts, died on January 17, at her home in Florida. She was born just outside Cleveland and had lived most of her adult life in Provincetown on Cape Cod with her partner of over 40 years, photographer Molly Malone.

When I read Mary Oliver's poetry, her words open up a space of infinite knowing and connection deep in my being. This place is hard to describe, it is not logical, it is more of a feeling. The words paint an image that resonates as if I know the places and beings she describes—the trees, shorelines, birds in flight. Oliver doesn't leave the reader with mere pictures though. She has a way of commenting on human nature as if it was a reflection of what happens in the woods, sky, water just beyond our everyday knowing. Oliver opens up vistas in the soul with deep, seemingly innocent questions. In her poem, "The Summer Day," after closely observing a grasshopper in its routine, she asks, "...what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?"



Mary Oliver's words beg us to pay attention more closely to the world around us. In a tribute to her partner Molly, whom she lovingly referred to as M., Oliver notes that in observing M. she understood that "Attention without feeling...is only a report. An openness—an empathy—was necessary if the attention was to matter."

Our monthly theme for February is *surrender/letting go*. I wonder if Oliver's ability to help me go beyond, to find connection in that space of infinite knowing, is one of surrender. Surely, the ego has to step aside. This knowing is not about knowledge in the traditional sense, but a knowing that every breath I take is connected to the cosmos of all being. Like Wild Geese, I have a "place in the family of things." No less, no more. A blessing beyond words—even though Oliver's poetry helps me get there.

Regardless of where you find yourself in your wild and precious life, what are your plans? Do you know how to pay attention? To surrender? To know your place among the grasshoppers and wild geese?

Blessings and deep breaths,
Rev. Marian

LINKS

Rev. Eric Meter, Associate Minister

Bundling up the other night to go out and take in the so-called Wolf Moon, the first lunar eclipse of the new year, I couldn't help but remember another night, many years ago now, when the night sky taught me a very important lesson.

I fear I've told this story before. Please forgive me if I have.

It would have been in the spring of 1987. I had finished the work for my undergraduate degree the year before, after which I really didn't know what I wanted to do for, as the saying goes, a living. So, like many who had the opportunity to, I went back home and stayed to live with my parents for a while.



During those months, I worked on a small construction crew, building new home renovations and tearing others down to be completely rebuilt. I had two goals for my paychecks: build up a small cushion to launch myself with, and enough to give myself a vacation as a graduation present.

You see, when I was a baby, my mother and I joined my father for several weeks during a long business trip he had to Dublin, Ireland. My folks had lots of stories and photos from the trip, which they often told and pulled out at family functions, reliving experiences of which I had no memories.

In Ireland, we stayed with a woman who was a member of the Dublin Unitarian Church. Apparently, she was glad to take in this young family from America, but when she saw me something didn't sit right with her. I wasn't sporting the traditionally Irish ruddy cheeks. I didn't look healthy enough for her. So, she set me up in the high chair and spoon fed me that most Irish of health foods for babies – Guinness Stout. And in the photo we have to prove it, my eyes are as wide as my smile.

But that was then. Going to Ireland to form some memories of my own was a priority for me.

This was the first time I had ever traveled for any more than a day or two on my own. I had big plans for the trip. I was going to talk to the locals and glean meaningful nuggets from the stories they would tell me, then write a travelogue that might even get published and launch a career as a nonfiction essayist. Surely, stranger things had happened to others.

Well, two weeks in to the three weeks there, my plan was nowhere. The most interesting conversation I'd had was with a barkeep, who was none too pleased when it looked to him like I was writing down a list of his inventory when in fact I was writing a letter home.

So, one night when I felt all of this was going to be for naught, I looked up at the night sky and took in the stars. And then it came to me: In the overall scheme of things, my hopes and disappointment didn't account for much. So, I might as well let go and not try to force things.

It worked. While the young American woman at the local bar in Clifden didn't give me the time of day, one of the locals told me a story of saving a young girl from a vacationing family who had fallen from his boat while he was giving them a tour of the nearby coastline. In all likelihood, he probably had told that story a hundred and one times since to anyone who would listen. But I didn't care. I had let go of expectations, and the world had responded.

Last night's red wolf's-eye moon was spectacular. I can't count how many total lunar eclipses I've lived through, but I certainly don't remember seeing anything like it before.

I hope to remember it as a reminder of what the beauty the universe has in store for us, if we simply let go of our expectations and take in what is.

In peace,
Rev. Eric

PIECES OF PEACEFULNESS

Elizabeth Mount, Director of Religious Exploration

Let It Go, Let It Go

Well, since we're over here in the Religious Exploration area of things, I'm going to go out on a limb here and bet that some of you are aware of the movie *Frozen*? And that great song, *Let It Go*! If you're not, don't worry too much. It came out like five years ago, which all the RE kids tell me is when they were babies! (Some of them claim they weren't even born yet when it came out. The year 2013 was probably before the last ice age.)



Anyhow, if you're an *ancient fossil* like me, you may recall *Frozen*, even though it did come out when dinosaurs roamed the earth. And back in that time, I was teaching RE at another congregation, where I met a five-year-old who had seen this movie at least 30 times. She was word perfect on the entire song. And listening to her, I noticed something magical...this was a kid who was so quiet that I sometimes worried about her being able to form equitable friendships and advocate for herself in play. As she sang this song to me though, she actually "let it go." Really. She let go of being nervous about getting something wrong. She let go of doubting herself. She knew this song, words and melody, and she was confident in that moment in a way I had never seen her at church before. Afterward, it was like she'd had a power boost of confidence. For weeks, she was less nervous at church and more willing to speak her opinions, and she smiled more during play.

This month's theme is about Surrender/Letting Go, and I wonder what there is to let go of, in terms of the assumptions or expectations around us that hold us back from being our truest selves.

In *Frozen*, Elsa has been suppressing her power for so long, and it's such a relief and a joy to let it go and to finally use all of her talent in building a beautiful snow castle in defiance of her own internalized rules about not using it. Then she learns about how to use that power in relationship to the needs of other people, too! In that RE class, I watched a little girl blossom in confidence by letting go of her worry about whether her voice ought to be heard and simply singing a song she loved, and out of that moment, she grew friendships. For me, I am working for a Religious Exploration program where we welcome and support kids who are letting go of arbitrary societal norms and building community through covenant. They are getting to make mutual agreements so that they can let go of what seems like it won't work for them because they've built safety nets with their parents, teachers, friends, and mentors in common expectations.

Here we are, in a community that tries to create a container to support being bold and letting go of some of the hesitation about being vulnerable and showing what matters to each of us. What will you try? How can this community support you, or the children you nurture, so that we can let go of some expectations and shine a little more brightly here?

In faith,
Elizabeth Mount

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

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Rev. Eric Meter, Associate Minister
Rev. Kathleen Fowler, Minister Affiliated
Rev. Suzan McCrystal, Minister Affiliated
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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Seth Kraut, Board Chair

I'm writing this on a snow day. This morning, as I was shoveling the driveway, it struck me that this was a good metaphor for the Board year so far. Sometimes big snowstorms happen, and you just have to dig your way out of it.

Many of you now know that the Board spent much of the year working on issues involving a congregant. It took time in Board meetings. It required supplemental meetings. It was hard, emotionally taxing work. Ultimately, the congregant chose to resign very publicly. This was our snowstorm, and we've been digging out of it all year.

I appreciate everyone who showed up to the congregational conversation about these events. I was particularly surprised and impressed that some people showed up who didn't know what had happened, but saw the invitation for conversation and showed up. I hope everyone found it helpful and informative.

Now, the Board should be able to move forward with our regular work. This has pointed to areas of more work, but those are now less urgent and can happen at a normal pace. In the meantime, the Board can return to other Board work, including hosting town halls.

The work of the church continues even when the Board is busy. The next month will highlight what's going well at the church. There are some positive surprises that will be revealed at the Mid-Year Meeting, and we'll celebrate our School for Young Children (SYC) at the service on Sunday morning, February 3.

MUSIC PROGRAM

Tony McDonald, Music Director

The **All-church Talent Show** is coming up on **Saturday, February 16, 7:30pm**. It's been a blast in the past, and even though it was absent last year, I'm sure it will be great again this year.

The show displays all ages and all types of talent, including musical (instrumental and vocal), poetry and dramatic readings, dance, magic, comedy, theater, high wire, or anything else.

If you have been in the Talent Show before, we invite you to return again this year. If you have not, but want to be, just send me an email at: musicdirector@firstuucolumbus.org. It is a ton of fun.

FIRST UU AUCTION 2019
Take a Chance on Fun!

An evening of food, drinks, live auction, silent auction, bake sale and socializing. So just **PASS GO** and join us for fun!

Saturday February 23, 2019
5pm - 9:30pm

Tickets on Sale Now!
Visit our table in Fellowship Hall, Sundays after services.

AMANDA HAYS
MINISTERIAL INTERN

Dear First UU,

It's good to be back with you again! I've just gotten back from Chicago, where I was taking my intensive classes at Meadville Lombard Theological School during the first half of January. This time, I was taking Leadership Studies and Unitarian Universalist History and Polity. One of my assignments for my history class was to do a presentation for the rest of my class about the history of First UU, connecting our history with the broader story of what was going on at the same time in the world, the US, and our denomination(s).

Our Archives team was kind enough to show me around their room and permit me to do some hands-on research. I only had the time to look through a fraction of the materials that they have carefully saved and sorted! But as I was looking through the archives one evening, I began to feel a sense of awe. Our history stretches straight back to 1940, and the Universalist and Independent Protestant churches in Columbus that are part of our family tree go back to the 1840s. And through all of those years, so many people have been touched by our church, been a part of our church, and worked very hard for the good of our church. This church is so much bigger than one moment or one person. As your intern minister, I feel I'm just skimming the surface of this place and all the love and commitment that has brought it into being and sustained it over the years. I feel humbled and thankful to be part of First UU.

In our political climate today, "Never Surrender" or "Just Hold On" are much more popular catchphrases than "Surrender/Letting Go," which is our theme for this month. There's a passage in the Hebrew Scriptures book of Ecclesiastes about how there is a context, a time, for everything: "a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot...a time to weep and a time to laugh...a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing, a time to search and a time to give up...a time to be silent and a time to speak." We often think of birth as better than death, of planting as better than uprooting, of laughter as better than tears, but the wisdom of this passage is that no action is inherently better than its opposite; different actions are appropriate at different times.

Similarly, I think surrender and letting go have their time and place, just as refusing to surrender and holding on have another time and place. Wisdom is about knowing when to surrender and when to stand your ground. What to let go of and what to hold on to. There are no easy, black-and-white rules that will ensure we get it all right. Our shared life as a spiritual community of 79 years is a product of what we and those who came before us have held onto, what we let go, what we surrendered to, and when we refused to back down. We do our best, we sometimes get it wrong, and we're always learning.

What do you wish you could let go of? What do you want to hold onto? When have you surrendered? When would you refuse to back down?

Peace and Love to all of you,
Amanda Hays

SCHOOL FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

Amy Rudawsky, Co-Director

As SYC continues our celebration of 50 years, we would like to extend an invitation to a special parent education evening. This 50th year, we have recommitted to honoring play and honoring the philosophy set by our co-founders, Lee Row and Janet Stocker. Over the years, we've been asked, "How do we continue to parent with the SYC philosophy when our kids have moved on beyond their preschool years?"

Join us Wednesday February 13, 7-8:30pm, for a special 50th Anniversary Parent Ed. We will host a panel of SYC teachers, and parents of former SYC students who are now school-aged students, youth, and young adults. Come for an open discussion on how to take what you've learned in these early years and how it carries over as your children's growth and development continues through young adulthood.

There is no cost to attend. Childcare will be provided for children eight years and younger, at \$8 per child. Please contact the SYC office, 614-267-0254, to sign up for childcare. Space is limited to 28 children.

Also: Registration materials are available for the 2019-20 school year. Processing of applications will begin February 15, at 12pm. Currently-enrolled students, children of church *members*, and children from SYC alumni families receive priority consideration, as long as their applications are received by February 15 at 12pm.

SYC offers part-time classes for children aged 2½ through 5. If you have a preschool child who will turn 2 no later than June 30, 2019, we urge you to act promptly since we usually fill up quickly. Information and registration materials can be downloaded from SYC's website, www.sycolumbus.org, or you can call the school office, 614-267-0254.

Join us for a special church service celebrating SYC's 50th year! Sunday February 3, 9:15 and 11am. All of us, young and old and in between, are learning what it means to be human. Come sing and play with us at this all-ages service as we explore ways that we all, at SYC and at First UU, are learning to be human. Optional childcare for is toddlers available however all children are welcome to come to the service. There will be a small reception in Fellowship Hall following. Come celebrate with us!

Parenting Post-SYC: A Special 50th Anniversary Parent Ed

Recommitting to PLAY

A panel discussion and Q & A featuring SYC teachers and parents of former SYC students who are now school-aged students, youth, and young adults.



Wednesday
February
13,
2019

7-8:30 PM

FIRST UU AUCTION

Danya Furda, Auction Team

First UU Auction 2019: *Take a Chance on Fun!* The game of Monopoly will come to life at our church fundraiser auction **Saturday, February 23, 5–9:30pm**. Please stop by the auction table in Fellowship Hall after each service to ask questions, buy advanced tickets, volunteer, sign up to bring a finger-friendly appetizer, or sign up for childcare. Here is our website: <http://firstuucolumbus.org/auction>.



Can I Still Donate? Yes, you can still make a donation! Even though the donation will not be in the printed catalog, everyone will be able to bid on it auction night.

Printed Auction Catalogs & Gift Certificates Pick up a printed catalog at the auction table beginning **Sunday, February 3**. You can browse the catalog online at <http://www.togethераuction.com/firstuu>. You can buy someone an auction gift certificate at the auction table and they can use it for purchases at the auction.

Volunteers Volunteers make the auction possible! Please volunteer for a large or small role by contacting Candee Rothert at can431@sbcglobal.net, Nancy Rafert at nrafert@yahoo.com, or Peggy McKee at pmckee7@columbus.rr.com. You can also sign up at the auction table.

Tickets & Childcare

- Get your discounted tickets for \$15 at the auction table in Fellowship Hall after both services on February 3, 10, and 17.
- Tickets are \$18 at the door.
- New church members (those having joined since the last auction) can purchase tickets at \$10 per person, whether in advance or at the door.
- Children between 11 and 16 are \$5 in advance or at the door.
- Children 10 and under are free, but please sign up for childcare at the auction table.

Pre-bidding or Advance Bidding Advance auction ticket buyers may place bids online **until Wednesday, February 20, by 11:59pm**. At that time, your bids will be transferred onto the bid sheets, where bidding will continue auction night. To bid, log in using your phone number, and you'll see the bid links at the far right side of each item. The auction website is <http://firstuucolumbus.org/auction>. If you cannot attend the auction, you can still bid online by purchasing an advance bidding number for \$3 at the auction table or by arranging for someone to bid for you auction night.

Bring an Appetizer or Bake Sale Item We are no longer asking you to bring a side dish for the auction. Instead, we are asking you to bring your favorite **finger-friendly appetizer** or an item for the bake sale table. The auction committee will provide the main courses, including meat and vegan entrées, side dishes, and a large dressed salad.

Silent Auction Items If you have donated physical items to the auction, please bring them to the church on **Saturday, February 23** (auction day), **between 10am and 3pm**.

How Should I Dress? Feel free to dress for the Boardwalk or Park Place, if you're so inclined, but there's no obligation to do so.

Aftersales We will sell physical auction items on Sunday, February 24 after each service. Non-physical items will be available for purchase on the following three Sundays: February 24, March 3, and March 10.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

UU Art: *For the Beauty of the Earth*, photography by Marcia Lang Canter, is the newest exhibit at First UU, through February 20. Join Marcia for an artist reception **Sunday, February 10, 12:30-2pm**. She will speak about inspiration and her methods. Purchase info? Deb Baillieul, debbsyc@yahoo.com

Personal Finance Budgeting Class:

Budgeting, Spending, and Saving

Practical 90-minute hands-on workshop about budgeting and tips to help you reach your financial goals. Great for reinforcing those New Year's resolutions! The same workshop will be offered several times:

- Friday, February 1, at 7:30pm, after the First Friday potluck
- Tuesday, February 5, 7pm (dinner included at 6:30pm)
- Sunday, February 10, 12:30pm (lunch included)

Please sign up for food count. Let us know if you need childcare. Led by Patricia Boughton, who has a degree in finance, and who refined her budgeting skills while she was a stay-at-home parent when her children were young. She has worked in marketing for eight years and she understands how companies entice you to spend money.

Patricia Boughton,
patriciaboughton@gmail.com

UU Dance Fellowship Mondays, 7pm, in Fellowship Hall. Hour-long lesson at 7pm; open dance 8-9:30pm. \$5, or whatever you can. Dancing includes ballroom and swing. Beginners especially welcome! No partner needed. Lately, the class has been all men, so women, please join us; you all would really be welcome!

Laurie Brown, 614-246-0170

Bookbites will meet Tuesday, February 19, 7-9pm, in Slowter Lounge. The topic will be *The Challenge of Disability*. The topic for the March 19 meeting will be *Women in Politics*.

Kathleen Boston, 614-262-4025



The Welcome Team Needs You Are you interested in being more involved at First UU but have no free time? Join the Welcome Team and help out while you're already at church Sunday morning! Most tasks are only once a month, starting about a half-hour before each service and finishing up shortly after, so there's still time to socialize in Fellowship Hall, and even participate in the majority of the service. For more information, visit the Welcome Table in Fellowship Hall.

Christine Davidson

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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

Feed My Sheep food pantry Please bring winter-warm socks for children and adults, to the JAM table Sunday morning. We also always need peanut butter, toiletries, dog and cat food, and children's books.



Jacques Angelino, 614-439-0245

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!

Sue Carter, susanjtcarter@gmail.com

Fair Food Actions Join the Wendy's Boycott online. Please take a minute to sign the Wendy's Boycott Petition online at <http://chng.it/QYQZQmQRZ7>. Please let us know you signed at ohiofairfood@gmail.com.

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.



- **Sunday, March 10**, 12:45pm First UU's BREAD Justice Ministry Organizing Meeting
- **Monday, April 8**, 7pm BREAD Rally to prepare for the Nehemiah Action
- **Monday, May 6**, 6:40pm BREAD Nehemiah Action meeting, to hold public officials accountable for a commitment to solve serious community problems in Central Ohio

For more information, contact:

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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.
- **Yoga Fundraiser** Saturday, February 23, 10:45am, at Columbus Mennonite Church. Childcare will be provided. Proceeds will go to Edith Espinal for family expenses. Suggested donation is \$10. This class is accessible for advanced yogis and beginners. Bring your own mat and blocks, if you have them. Come and relax in the new year.
- **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.

Youth Ministry Revival (YMR): *Answering the Call of Love*. In Bethesda, MD, March 1-3. Open to Sr. High youth in grades 9-12, as well as young adults and adults who support youth ministry in congregations. Register at <https://www.uua.org/central-east/events/youth/youth-ministry-revival-0>

Elizabeth Mount, 720-560-5680,
elizabeth@firstuucolumbus.org

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.

Touchstones Theme: Surrender / Letting Go

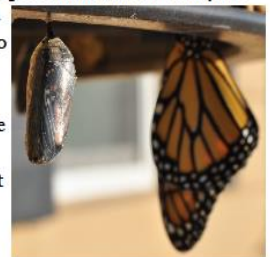


"Letting go" means letting go of not only distressing and unpleasant things, but also every kind of fixed idea. We carry around so many fixed ideas such as "you" and "I," "good" and "bad." You made all of these fixed ideas, and as long as you cling to them, it's impossible for you to become one with your true nature.

The worst prison in the world is the prison of thought. The most difficult wall in the world to overcome is the wall of fixed ideas. From a certain perspective, spiritual practice means freeing yourself from such prisons of thought. Thus, if you keep thinking "I'm just an unenlightened being," then, because of that thought, you cannot play any role other than that of an unenlightened being. Be very aware of the great difference a single thought can make. *Daehaeng Sunim*

Lao-tzu wrote, "This is a path of letting go so there will be room to live. / If we hold on to our opinions, our minds will become dull and useless. Let go of opinions. / If we hold on to possessions, we will always be at risk. Let go of possessions. / If we hold on to ego, we will continue to suffer. Let go of ego. / Working without thought of praise or blame is the way of true contentment. / This is a path of letting go so there will be room to live."

Developing a cocoon is a natural ... part of being a caterpillar. But the time comes when the cocoon ... wears out and opens up. ... What if, when the cocoon of ego opens, instead of the feared abyss we find a butterfly? *William Martin*



Join us in exploring Surrender / Letting Go

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CARING CORNER

Thank you The luncheon for the December Senior Gathering was made possible by these many volunteers: Leonore Abruzzo, Donna Adassa, Eve Catus, Sandy Coen, Larry Drake, Paula Egbert, Su Farnlacher, Barb Fiorini, Barb Fisher, Kay Fisher, Michael Greenman, Amanda Hayes, Paula Hook, Rich Humenick, Florence Jain, Oliver Jones, Judy Kleen, Suzanne Koebel, David Krohn, Steve Lovejoy, Dave MacDonald, Bob Mills, Elizabeth Mount, Frank Phillips, Debbie Shaw, Betsy Smalley, Chris Sullivan, and Chas Williams. Thanks to each, especially to Karen Keenan, who organized the event.

Congratulations to:

- **Rev. Eric Meter**, who was called to First UU on December 6, 2009.
- **Charlie Mamlin**, who has been accepted into Haverford College's class of 2023, where he is also a basketball recruit.
- **Elizabeth Mount**, our Director of Religious Exploration, for passing the Unitarian Universalist Ministerial Fellowship Committee.
- **Rev. Suzan McCrystal**, who was ordained by First UU on December 5, 2009.
- **Jerry Robinette**, whose translated short story "The Price of Eternity" was published in the January issue of the webzine Samovar (<http://samovar.strangehorizons.com/>). Both his translation and the Spanish original by Costa Rican author Laura Quijano Vincenzi are available from the website free of charge.

Happy Birthday to:

- **Marcy Baird**, who celebrated her 95th birthday on January 17.

Caring thoughts to:

- **Bob Aldridge**, chemotherapy.
- **Elaine Fujimura**, broken wrist.
- **Patrick**, father of **Lindsay Oak**, lung cancer.
- **Marguerite Molk**, who fell and was hospitalized. She is now home.
- **Carolynn Aurnou**, major surgery.
- **Pat Peterson**, broken elbow.

Sympathy to:

- Family and friends of **Janet Stocker**, co-founder of the SYC. Janet had moved to California years ago, and died recently, from a severe stroke.
- **Evonne McNabb** and family. Evonne's mother, and matriarch of the entire McNabb clan, Thelma Draffler, died at her home in Arizona on December 8.
- Former member and neighbor **Craig Stuntz** and his daughters Evelyn and Ester. Craig's wife and the girls' mother Chrys Gee died December 1. A memorial service was held December 19 at Shaw David funeral home.
- **Ken Ackerman** and family. Ken's wife and long-time First UU member, Gene, died on December 13. Gene was also a teacher in our School for Young Children. A memorial service was held at First UU on January 12.
- **Bob Letcher** and family. Bob's wife, Terry LeMaster, died on December 30, after an extended illness. A memorial service was held at First UU on January 6.
- **Carolynn Aurnou** and **Farrell Brody**. Carolynn's son died Saturday December 15.
- **Brenda Synder** and family. Brenda's husband, Roger Synder, died on January 6. A memorial service will be held at First UU on Saturday, February 16, at 1pm.
- **Michael McCarty**, a friend of First UU, died on Monday, December 3.

Funeral Consumers Alliance of Central Ohio End-of-Life Presentation & Discussion

Sunday, February 10, 12:30pm, at First UU. 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 a presentation and discussion about end-of-life planning. Learn about documents you will need to ensure that your wishes will be followed.

Refreshments will be provided.

Sponsored by First UU's Caring Team. For more information, call Cathy Elkins, 614-267-5884.

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
- 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 Potluck: 6:30pm
- Francophones Bavard(e)s: Wednesdays, 6pm
- Getting to Know UU: Sundays, after each service
- 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
- UU Dance Fellowship: Mondays, 7pm
- 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, February 1, 2019

- 6:30pm First Friday Potluck
- 7:30pm Personal Budgeting Class

Sunday, February 3, 2019

- 10:30/12:15pm Town Hall
- 5:00pm New Member Potluck

Tuesday, February 5, 2019

- 6:30pm Personal Budgeting Class

Friday, February 8, 2019

- 7:30pm All Soles Contra/Square Dance

Saturday, February 9, 2019

- 4:00am Memorial Service for Judy Field

Sunday, February 10, 2019

- 12:30pm Art Reception with Marcia Canter;
Funeral Consumers Alliance End-of-Life Planning Presentation;
Personal Finance Budgeting Class

Saturday, February 16, 2019

- 1:00pm Memorial Service for Roger Snyder
- 7:30pm All-Church Talent Show

Sunday, February 17, 2019

- 6:30pm Care & Share Timebank Potluck

Saturday, February 23, 2019

- 5:00pm FIRST UU AUCTION:
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UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES

February's theme: *Surrender/Letting Go*

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

Learning to Be Human at SYC and First UU

All-Ages Service

School for Young Children

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

UU Principles Series: (5th principle)

Rev. Dr. Marian Stewart

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

Inner Views

Rev. Dr. Marian Stewart

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

Loving the Hell Out of the World