

Proposed Share The Plate Recipients

Kaleidoscope Youth Center (KYC)

<https://www.kycohio.org/>

“Since 1994, KYC has been the largest and longest-standing organization in Ohio solely dedicated to serving and supporting queer youth. KYC works to provide a safer place, programming, and leadership opportunities so that youth can be free to explore who they are and empowered to become their confident, truest self.”

KYC is not a part of any one of JAM’s focus groups, but provides a safe space for queer youth in Central Ohio, including some First UU youth. We also hope to draw on KYC as a resource for learning to be a more welcoming church for people of all genders.

BREAD Focus Group

Pathway Clubhouse

<https://pathwayclubhouse.org>

“Pathway Clubhouse is a community-based program of psychosocial rehabilitation for people who have a mental illness. The Clubhouse model began in New York in 1948 with Fountain House and has grown nationally and internationally as a holistic (addressing the whole person) approach empowering people living with mental illness. Pathway Clubhouse is certified by Clubhouse International and is nationally accredited by CARF. Membership in the Clubhouse is lifelong and is at the member’s discretion. Opportunities for social interaction, developing relationships, employment, education and building community are integral to the holistic approach of the Clubhouse model.”

Through BREAD, First UU fought to bring Pathway Clubhouse to Columbus, and we hope to continue our relationship with Pathway.

Democracy and Human Rights

UU the Vote

www.uuthevote.org

“One of the fundamental principles of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) is the use of the democratic process. As an expression of our faith, many Unitarian Universalist congregations engage in voter registration, election reform, protecting voting rights and democracy, and Get-Out-the-Vote drives.”

We have worked with UU the Vote in the past, and hope to continue this important pro-democracy work with them in the future, including through our state network, UU Justice Ohio.

Food (In)security

Sedona Grace

<https://sedonagracefoundation.com>

The Sedona Grace Foundation was created to keep pets with their families through difficult times through providing 74+ tons of pet food to central Ohio food pantries, including the Mid-Ohio Food Bank, Feed & Read Ohio, and Clintonville-Beechwold Community Resource Center. A pet is a source of comfort and security for a family. When families are going through financial hardship, the love pets provide decrease stress levels and improve mental and physical health.

While we provide funding directly to organizations that feed people through JAM, we know that animals and pets are also important to First UU.

Green Team

Buckeye Environmental Network (BEN)

<https://benohio.org>

BEN is a non-profit committed to empowering grassroots organizations, individuals, and local communities to advocate for environmental justice. There is no Planet B. Now is the time to get serious about making long-term changes that prioritize a healthy environment and economy. The network pushes back against injustice and protects our vital resources like water, air, and food.

We hope to continue to work with BEN on systemic issues concerning environmental justice.

Friends of the Lower Olentangy (FLOW)

<https://www.olentangywatershed.org/>

FLOW's mission is to keep the Olentangy River and its tributaries clean and safe for all to enjoy, through public education, volunteer activities, and coordination with local decision-makers.

FLOW partnered with First UU to build a small rain garden by our memorial garden and the larger one near our church entrance off Weisheimer. These were some of the first rain gardens in Columbus and are a great example of First UU leading the way on environmental issues.

Healthcare

SPAN

www.spanohio.org

“The Single-Payer Action Network Ohio (SPAN Ohio) is a statewide coalition of organizations and individuals in Ohio seeking fundamental health care reform in our state and country so that every resident is guaranteed full and comprehensive coverage. This includes the full range of medical services, hospitalization, prescriptions, vision care, dental care, mental health care, home care, long-term care, and care for all injuries and illnesses.”

SPAN is one of the two main projects of our Healthcare Focus Group, and is one of First UU’s longest standing partnerships with local organizations.

NARAL Pro-Choice Ohio & Ohio Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice (RCRC)

www.prochoiceohio.org

“NARAL Pro-Choice Ohio Foundation supports and protects a woman’s right to make personal decisions regarding a full range of reproductive choices. These choices include preventing unintended pregnancy, bearing healthy children and choosing safe, legal abortion.”

www.ohiorcrc.org

“Ohio RCRC elevates the moral power of faith communities to ensure that all people can access the reproductive health care they need. Regardless of income, race, sexual orientation, gender identity, or background. Free from judgment and intimidation.”

NARAL is one of the two main projects of our Healthcare Focus Group, and Ohio RCRC works closely with NARAL, as well as with Faith in Public Life, of which First UU is a member.

Racial Justice and Immigration

Fund for Immigration Legal Assistance (FILA)

<https://firstuucolumbus.org/justice/fila-immigration-assistance>

First UU affirms and promotes the inherent worth and dignity of every person. As an outreach to and with the larger community, we have established a Fund for Immigration Legal Assistance (FILA) to provide direct assistance to immigrants in Central Ohio in need of help. Beneficiaries of the fund are residents of Central Ohio, with preference given to parent(s) of underage children, and young persons who fit within the DACA age guidelines.

People’s Justice Project (PJP)

<https://www.facebook.com/OhioPJP>

Our Share-the-Plate recipient for February is People’s Justice Project. Founded in 2015, People’s Justice Project organizes the Black working class and other oppressed people who are leading the struggle against institutions that oppress or occupy our communities. People’s

Justice Project has supported the families of Casey Goodson Jr., Andre Hill, Ma'Khia Bryant, and many others killed by local police as part of their work for change.

First UU has partnered with PJP in multiple ways since 2016, from providing meeting space to doing research on Columbus Policing. We hope to continue and strengthen our relationship.

Proposed Share The Plate Schedule

July/August - Single Payer Action Network (SPAN) (may move based on worship schedule)

September - UU the Vote (September for voter registration or Jan/Feb before primaries)

October - Fund for Immigration Legal Aid (FILA) (may move based on worship schedule)

November - Sedona Grace (Near Thanksgiving when people are thinking about food insecurity)

December - Holiday Appeal, no Share the Plate

January - Buckeye Environmental Network (BEN) (may move based on worship schedule)

February - People's Justice Project (PJP) (Feb for Black history month)

March - NARAL Pro Choice Ohio & Ohio RCRC (women's history month)

April - Friends of the Lower Olentangy (FLOW) (April to do a project with FLOW for Earth Day)

May - Pathway Clubhouse (May for Mental Health month)

June - Kaleidoscope Youth Center (June for Pride month)