

Sunday Programs

January 1

9:30 Adult Religious Education: "Koranic World View" Leader: Rick Spradlin (MH)

10:40 Program: Hal Midgette
Title: **"Renewal"**

Service Leader: John Nix
Opener: Marjorie Harlan
Closer: Connie Ussery
Greeters: Robert Burnham and Mark Berger

12:00 First Sunday Potluck Lunch
Bring a Friend Day

January 8

9:30 Adult Religious Education: "History of the Bible" Leader: Rick Spradlin (MH)

10:40 Program: Reverend Marti Keller, affiliated minister with UU Women's Federation
Title: **"Comfort and Courage"**

Service Leader: Paul Lee
Opener: Chris Nix
Closer: Michelle Midgette
Greeters: Kirstin Mix and Bill Edwards

January 15

9:30 Adult Religious Education: "History of the Bible" Leader: Rick Spradlin (MH)

10:40 Program: Ken Sizemore, folk singer and guitarist from Panama City, FL
Title: **"The Soundtrack of the Civil Rights Movement"**

Service Leader: Kirstin Mix
Opener: Pat Hart
Closer: Nikki Rohrs
Greeters: Justine Wade and Robert Burnham
GATP: House of T.I.M.E.

January 22

9:30 Adult Religious Education: "History of the Bible" Leader: Rick Spradlin (MH)

10:40 Program: Dusty Nix, Editorial Page Editor, Columbus Ledger-Enquirer
Title: **"Fair" and "balanced" aren't the same thing — on Fox or anywhere**

Service Leader: Bill Edwards
Opener: Nikki Rohrs
Closer: Michelle Midgette
Greeters: Patricia Lassiter and Ann Newland

January 29

9:30 Adult Religious Education: "History of the Bible" Leader: Rick Spradlin

10:40 Program: Jim Humphries, Retired Clinical Service Chief at Psychiatric Hospitals
Title: **"Native Americans": A Journey"**

Service Leader: Nate Gross
Opener: Maureen Humphries
Closer: Connie Ussery
Greeters: Anna Hensley and Ursula King

Thanks to for **Michelle Midgette** for coordinating programs this month.



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A Welcoming Congregation



Activities

Wednesday Night Discussion Group

This group meets every Wednesday night at 7 pm and is open to everyone. The topic to be discussed is announced on the website calendar a few days in advance of the next meeting. (MH)

UU Women

The Women's Group meets monthly on the second Thursday. The time of day and the specific plans vary from month to month. The details are usually announced a month in advance and are found in the newsletter and on the website. Our next meeting on January 12th in Grace Fellowship Hall will be to brainstorm about our 2017 plans. Let's come prepared to put as many ideas on the table as possible.

Women's Book Club

A monthly meeting is held on the fourth Tuesday evening of each month at 5 pm in the Meeting House. The current book is announced a month in advance, giving everyone a chance to read it. The book for January 24 will be The Underground Railroad by Colson Whitehead.

UU Singers

If you are interested in music or singing, please consider joining our UU Singers. Rehearsals are held every Wednesday night at 6 pm and on Sundays at 9:30 am before the service. (GFH)

Friday Lunch Group

This group meets at a different restaurant each Friday at 12:00 to have fun and discuss current events. All members and friends of the Fellowship are invited to join the group for a lively discussion. Please call Bill Harlan at 605.390.0590 to see where they will be meeting this month.

Exploring Spirituality

This new group meets the first and the third Thursdays in the Meeting House at 7 pm. The purpose of this group is to explore and grow in our own spirituality and to learn how our own spirituality expresses itself in our daily lives.

The Third Principle Book Club

New!!!! Brad Griffin wants to discuss The Spirituality of Imperfection; Storytelling and the Search for Meaning by Ernest Kurtz and Katherine Ketcham. If you are interested in meeting to discuss this book, please email Brad at bradg65@yahoo.com to arrange a suitable time to meet.

Joys and Concerns

- * Our December **GATP** donation of \$92.00 was sent to Koinonia Farms to go towards buying backpacks filled with clothing for detainees from the Stewart detention Center who are faced with deportation.
- * Our January **GATP** will go to **House of T.I.M.E.** which is a transitional shelter for homeless chemically dependent women.
- * Congratulations to Justine Wade on the news that she is pregnant with twins!!
- * Please keep Sidney and Ed Wilson, Fran Cox and Brenda Stevens' mother in your thoughts as they are having some health concerns.

THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

Children's RE

Tapestry of Faith—Love Connects Us

January 1	No RE this week but child care is available	
January 8	A Covenant is a Promise	Kirstin Mix
January 15	Art Lesson	Paul Lee
January 22	A Heritage of Love	Nate Gross
January 29	Love is the Spirit of this Church	Emily Jones

Children's Story

January 1	No story today
January 8	Kirstin Mix
January 15	Maureen Humphries
January 22	Molly Gross
January 29	Emily Jones



notes from.....The Social Action Committee

We had a very successful year in 2016. We were able to donate \$2,700 to very needy charitable organizations through our Give Away the Plate program. We donated \$130 plus more than 700 pounds of food to Feeding the Valley. We donated \$214 towards refurbishing bikes and contributed \$800 to buy clothing and toys for 13 kids for Christmas. We also brought 22 casseroles to the Ronald McDonald House to help fill their freezer. Thanks to all who contributed to make that possible.

This year the Social Action Committee is trying something a little bit new. We are going to split the year into quarters and focus on something different each quarter. For instance, January through the end of March we will donate towards three agencies which focus on the homeless. Besides giving them the GATP money, we are planning a **CLOTHING DRIVE**. We want to collect adult clothing, in good condition, which would be appropriate for work or job interviews. This would be a good new year's project.... clean out your closets! We will have a bin where you can drop your clothes off and we will see that they get to the right place.

Feeding the Valley has requested monetary donations instead of food since they can purchase much more food than we can for the same amount of money. We have decided to discontinue our donations to Feeding the Valley for now and focus on our quarterly projects like the clothing drive. You are encouraged to donate privately if you wish.

We invite all interested parties to join our committee and bring us new ideas. If you don't have time to be on the committee, but have some ideas, please contact Maureen Humphries or the office.

HOMELESSNESS GATP DONATIONS FOR JANUARY-MARCH

January-	The House of T.I.M.E.
February-	The SafeHouse
March-	Mission Columbus

Board Members for 2017

President - Bill Harlan	Trustees - Joyce Hickson
VP Programs - Connie Ussery	Maureen Humphries
VP RE - Rick Spradlin	Ursula King
Secretary - Bill Edwards	Patricia Lassiter
Treasurer - John Hart	

The members and friends of UUFC want to extend a heartfelt thank you to those members who are leaving the Board. Most have served during the difficult transition from the Double Churches location and have helped immensely to get this building up and running.

Please extend your thanks to:

Dave Walker	Michelle Midgette
Nikki Rohrs	Kayla Spradlin
Anna Hensley	

January 1	Brenda Stevens
January 4	Nikki Rohrs
January 5	Linda Bass
January 9	Chris Newland
January 12	Ann Newland
January 13	Mary Schley



January 16	Pat Hart
January 20	Joyce Hickson
January 22	Kenny Gray
January 24	Katy Dillard
January 31	Alexandra Paich

Bits and Pieces

Our UU Christmas party was a big success! There were 45 people in attendance and we had great fellowship and a wonderful selection of appetizers and desserts to eat. Then there was the entertainment!! The Jingle Belles entertained us with all kinds of holiday songs and sing-a-longs. And then....we had Ron Ussery perform a perfect hula accompaniment to Mele Kalikimaka. Add some wine and everybody seemed to get into the holiday spirit!! Thanks to all who made this evening possible.

The First Annual Winter Solstice celebration was a great success. Approximately 50 people attended this event which was held around the fire pit in the Meditation Garden. There were songs and tales about the solstice told by Hal Midgette, Robert Burnham and Brad Griffin. We threw pinecones into the fire and told of our wishes and hopes for the future. After the ceremony, people went back into Grace Fellowship Hall for spiced cider and cookies. There was also an episode of Northern Exposure concerning the solstice for those who wanted to stay and watch. A wonderful time was had by all!

Note: When you need to mail something to the Fellowship, please use our post office box address listed on the first page of this newsletter. We do not have a mailbox at the Heiferhorn address.

The Young Adult UU's are meeting again! Please contact Kayla Spradlin for more information. They usually meet in the evening at a local coffee shop. They welcome new members.

***After the first of the year, we will be discontinuing our contributions to Feeding the Valley and focus more on the organizations that we support in our Give Away the Plate outreach. Of course you may still make personal contributions by sending a check to Feeding the Valley. Please do not bring any food donations to the Fellowship.**

On the third Sunday of each month our Social Justice Committee designates a local charity to be the recipient of our Give Away the Plate (GATP) offering. The money collected in the offering which is not pledged for the operations of the Fellowship is donated to the charity.

For the latest news, visit our dynamic new website:
www.uucolumbusga.org for all the latest info about programs, schedules, announcements, etc. Our website is a blog, so click on "subscribe" on the home page and you will be notified by email whenever a new post is made.