Sunday Programs

April 2

9:30 Adult Religious Education: How Did Jesus Become God? (1) Leader: Rick Spradlin MH)

10:45 Program: Dr. Michael Dentzau, Director, Oxbow Meadows Title: "What Does 'Sustainability' Mean in 2017?"

> Service Leader: Rick Spradlin Opener: Chris Nix Closer: Michelle Midgette Greeter: Orm Burnham

12:00 First Sunday Potluck Lunch and Bring a Friend Day

April 9

9:30 Adult Religious Education: How Did Jesus Become God? (2) Leader: Rick Spradlin (MH)

10:45 Program: Rev. Marti Keller, Affiliated Minister with the UU Women's Federation

Title: "Comfort and Courage"

Service Leader: Ron Ussery Opener: Pat Hart Closer: Patricia Lassiter Greeter: Patricia Lassiter

April 16

9:30 Adult Religious Education: How Did Jesus Become God? (3) Leader: Rick Spradlin (MH)

Program: Claudya B. Muller, Former director of Chattahoochee Valley Libraries Title: "*Economics and Reading"* 10:45

Service Leader: Kirstin Mix Opener: Maureen Humphries Closer: Michelle Midgette Greeter: Mark Berger **GATP: El Refugio**

April 23

9:30 Adult Religious Education: How Did Jesus Become God? (4) Leader: Rick Spradlin (MH)

10:45 Program: Hal Midgette

Title: "The UU Path: Fireflies in the Dark"

Service Leader: Nate Gross Opener: Chris Nix Closer: Connie Ussery Greeter: Ursula King

April 30

9:30 Adult Religious Education: How Did Jesus Become God? (5) Leader: Rick Spradlin (MH)

Program: Anton Flores, co-founder of Alterna and coordinator for GA Detention Watch 10:45 Title: "Welcoming the Stranger"

> Service Leader: Mari Harlan Opener: Sidney Wilson

Closer: Robbie Henson Greeter: Ann Newland

Children's Religious Education Programs can be found on page 3

Thanks to **John Nix** for coordinating programs this month.

* Program coordinators are needed for July, August, November and December*



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A Welcoming Congregation







* You do not need to be a member of the Fellowship to attend any of these activities *

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 April 13th will be held at 5:30 pm at the Rankin Arts Photography Center, 1004 Broadway. Kenny Gray will give us a private showing of photographs by Atlanta artist, Ms. Dale Niles. Check out her website: http://www.dalenilesphotography.com After the showing we will go to a nearby restaurant.

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 April 25th will be Thank You for Being Late by Thomas Friedman.

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 the Mandarin Cafe each Friday at 12:30 to have fun and discuss current events. All members and friends of the Fellowship are invited to join the group for a lively discussion.

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.

Joys and Concerns

- ♦ The GATP in March was for the SafeHouse. We donated \$285.02.
- GATP donation this month will go to El Refugio in Lumpkin, GA
- Ed Wilson has been "under the weather." Hope he feels better soon.

John Kamisky April 9
Brad Huff April 11
Gene Camper April 24
Michael Lamb April 26



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Tapestry of Faith—Love Connects Us

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	April 23	Science and Religion	Emily Jones
	April 30	Seeing Truth/Truth Seeing	Rick Spradlin
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Children's Story

April 2	Molly Gross
April 9	Larry Meisel
April 16	Egg Hunt
April 23	Emily Jones
April 30	Rick Spradlin



EXTRA ADDED ATTRACTIONS



The UU Women had a going away party for Nikki Rohrs, a longtime member and treasurer of the Fellowship. A good time was had by all. The group presented her a basket filled with cards and money to purchase yarn for her knitting addiction!!!



After some hot dogs, marshmallows and appropriate libations, Hal led us in celebration of the Vernal Equinox. The salute to Spring was held around the fire pit in the Meditation Garden on March 20.

Community Activities of note.....

April 1- The annual Kaleidoscope Concert at RiverCenter

April 7– The annual Wine Mingle benefitting the Homeless Resource Network

notes from.....The Social Action Committee

We had a successful first quarter as we gave away the plate to three wonderful organizations that serve the homeless population: The House of T.I.M.E., Mission Columbus, and the SafeHouse. In addition, we held a clothing drive. We collected a great deal of clothing that will be donated to clients of these agencies.

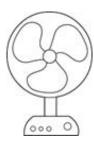
The focus for our Give Away the Plate donations for the next 3 months will be the Elderly:

April- El Refugio, Lumpkin, GA

May- Meals on Wheels

June- Brown Bag of Columbus

Our special activity for the quarter will be to collect money for cooling fans for distribution to clients of several agencies in Columbus which serve the elderly. It is hopeful that this will help "beat the heat" in a hot Columbus summer. A table will be set up near our coffee area where you may make your donations.



STANDING ON THE SIDE OF LOVE



Bits and Pieces

Ron Ussery was elected to Assistant Treasurer, a new position on the Board, approved by the membership in a special business meeting on March 12.

The Greeter Team is looking for additional volunteers! It is an easy, but very important job. See Brenda to learn more.

From the Treasurer, John Hart:

If you make a cash donation and want it recognized as part of your 2017 pledge, you must put it in an envelope, label it "Pledge 2017" and include your name. At the end of 2017 you will be mailed a statement of your donations for tax purposes.

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.

On the third Sunday of each month our Social Action 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.