
Sunday Programs

November 5

9:30 Adult Religious Education: "The Spiritual Work of Black Lives Matter", part 2 (MH)
 10:15 Coffee and Conversation

10:45 Program: Rick Spradlin
 Title: **"Charity and Sacrifice"**

Service Leader: Rick Spradlin
 Opener: Sidney Wilson
 Closers: Volunteer Closing Team
 Greeters: Justine Wade and Judy Barnett

12:00 **First Sunday Potluck**

November 12

9:30 Adult Religious Education: "Why I Left the Westboro Baptist Church" (MH)
 10:15 Coffee and Conversation

10:45 Program: Maureen Humphries
 Title: **"Advent"**

Service Leader: Pat Hart
 Opener: Paul Lee
 Closers: Volunteer Closing Team
 Greeters: Robert Burnham and Mark Berger

November 19

9:30 Adult Religious Education: "Muhammad—a Biography", part 1 (MH)
 10:15 Coffee and Conversation

10:45 Program: Mark Schmidt
 Title: **"Gratitude/Happiness"**

Service Leader: Bill Harlan
 Opener: John Kamisky
 Closers: Volunteer Closing Team
 Greeters: Ursula King and Bill Edwards
GATP: Helping a DACA family for Christmas

November 26

9:30 Adult Religious Education: "Muhammad—a Biography", part 2 (MH)
 10:15 Coffee and Conversation

10:45 Program: Steve Scott
 Title: **"A Community of Celebration"**

Service Leader: John Land
 Opener: Linda Hagberg
 Closers: Volunteer Closing Team
 Greeters: Orm Burnham and Maureen Humphries

Childcare is provided every Sunday from 9:30 until noon

Thanks to **Joyce Hickson** and **Connie Ussery** for coordinating the programs this month.



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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 p.m. 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. This month we will meet on Thursday, November 30 at 2 p.m. to decorate for the holidays. Please note that this is a change of our normal date.

Women's Book Club

A monthly meeting is held on the fourth Tuesday evening of each month at 5 p.m. in the Meeting House. The current book is announced a month in advance, giving everyone a chance to read it. The Book Club will not meet in November and December. The next meeting will be on January 23rd where we will bring suggestions for books to read in 2018.

UU Singers

If you are interested in music or singing, please consider joining our UU Singers. Rehearsals are held every Wednesday night at 6 p.m. and on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. 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 group meets the first and the third Thursdays in the Meeting House at 7 p.m. 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.

Spirituality Book Club

There will be no meeting in November.

Calm Abiding Meditation ****New****

This group will be led by Joanie Andras who led our Mindfulness 101 group. It will start on October 28th and run through the end of December except for holiday weekends. The group will meet every Saturday from 10 - 11:30 a.m. in the Meeting House. There is no charge for this class but Joanie encourages donations to the UU Fellowship.

Each class will begin with a description of Calm Abiding meditation and then a 20 minute meditation. After the meditation you will read and discuss the Buddhist path of cultivating loving-kindness, compassion, and wisdom using the book, The Buddhist Path, A Practical Guide from the Nyingma Tradition of Tibetan Buddhism by Khenchen Palden Sherab Rinpoche and Khenpo Tsewang Dongyal Rinpoche. Joanie has copies of the book to share and/or people can buy a copy.

This is a free and open format (come for some or all of the sessions.) The public is welcome.

Save These Dates

December 8, 2017

Christmas Party

Our Fellowship Christmas party will be held in Grace Fellowship Hall on this date. More details to follow.

December 10, 2017

Annual Business Meeting

This will be a meeting to elect our Board and anything else that needs to be voted upon.



Children's Religious Education

(meets in the Meeting House)**

November 5	Do Unto Others
November 12	Generosity: Give and Ye Shall Receive
November 19	Art
November 26	Footprints: Treading Softly on Earth

**Children come to the sanctuary for the beginning of the service, then are dismissed to the RE classroom.

* RE is for age 4 and above, childcare is provided for children under age 3 upstairs.

**Volunteers are needed to teach RE and also to read the Children's Story.
Contact Rick Spradlin at spradlin.rick@yahoo.com .**



Kya Dillard	November 1
Kierstin Ellis	November 4
Mac Smith	November 11
Ed Wilson	November 11
Kristin Hurst	November 12
Evelyn Roebuck	November 15
John Land	November 26
Robbie Henson	November 28

notes from.....The Social Action Committee

- **GATP** donations of \$341.00 in October went to the Double Churches Elementary School.
- **GATP** in November will go towards helping a DACA family for Christmas.
- The focus of the **GATP** efforts from October—December will be on **CHILDREN**.
- Our **Christmas Project** this year will focus on supplying duffel bags for children coming into foster care. Please read about the project below. Donations may be made at a table in the coffee area. Checks may be made out to UUFC with "Duffels" in the notation line.
- November will be the last month to donate towards our Christmas Project. The bags will be presented in December at a Christmas party for the foster children.

UU Christmas Project

Duffel Bags for Foster Kids

Foster kids often arrive at their new foster home with all of their property in a plastic trash bag or paper bags. This is the only way they are able to transport their meager belongings.

This year we plan to fill duffel bags with items that will provide some comfort as well give the children somewhere to store some of their things. We are asking your help to make this a successful endeavor. We plan to present these bags to Benchmark Services, which administers the foster care program, at their Christmas party in December. A duffel bag will then be given to each child who enters the foster care program.

It is estimated that each bag will cost \$20 filled. We plan to fill the bags with a blanket, stuffed animal, personal hygiene products, and a journal with pen or coloring book and crayons.



Bits and Pieces

- ⇒ BE SURE TO TURN BACK CLOCKS ON NOVEMBER 5, 2017 AT 2:00 A.M.
- ⇒ Please note: The Chili Cook Off scheduled for Oct. 27 has been postponed until winter for a better turnout.
- ⇒ Thanks to Carolyn Glover for donating the sofa and love seat for the Meeting House.
- ⇒ Thanks to Connie Ussery for painting the safety stripes on the steps at the front entrance.
- ⇒ Thanks to Ron and Connie Ussery for donating and placing the carpet squares in the Meeting House.
- ⇒ Women's clothing left from the yard sale and our Spring clothing collection has been distributed to Hope Harbour, Trinity House and the Working Women's Closet.
- ⇒ If you wish to make a donation to fund a replacement van for Neil Barron, you may make a check payable to UUFC with a notation for Neil's van and the donation is tax deductible.
- ⇒ The Board has voted to donate \$500. to "One America Appeal" for aid to Puerto Rico. A donation has previously been sent to the UUA to aid Texas and Florida.
- ⇒ **An Inconvenient Sequel: Truth to Power** will be shown at the Columbus Public Library on November 13th at 7 p.m. This documentary follows Al Gore as he continues his tireless fight, traveling around the world training an army of climate champions and influencing international climate policy.

Join us in the Meditation Garden on November 1st for a celebration of Samhain (Summer's End) or the Day of the Dead or Halloween



Hal will start the fire and the grill at 6:00. BYOBAF (bring your own bottle and food) and the festivities will begin at 7.

Yard Sale

The Yard Sale Committee is pleased to announce that the profits from the yard sale totaled \$4,291.27. Thanks to all who donated items, bought items, worked at the yard sale, and planned the yard sale. It was a VERY successful project.

Proceeds from the yard sale coupled with a few generous donations will cover the cost of the soon to be installed sound system.

For the latest news, visit our dynamic new website:
www.uucolumbusga.org for all the latest info about programs, schedules, announcements, etc.