

Sunday Programs

April 5

- 9:30 Adult RE: "Sacred Texts of the World, Abandoned Scriptures– Egyptian and Mayan" (MH)
 10:40 Children's RE: Easter Egg Hunt– Volunteer: Kayla Spradlin
 (Children should bring baskets to collect eggs in)
 10:40 Program: Reverend Ed Wilson
 Title: "Easter and the Sun and Hope and Renewal"
 Service Leader: Paul Lee
 Opener: Linda Hagberg
 Closer: Michelle Midgette
 Greeters: Kirsten Mix, Robert Burnham
 Music Coordinator: John Land

April 12

- 9:30 Adult RE: "Sacred Texts of the World, Secular Scripture– U.S. Constitution" (MH)
 10:40 Children's RE: "New Friends" - Volunteer: Rick Spradlin
 10:40 Program: John Land
 Title: "The One True Path of Spiritual Growth"
 Service Leader: John Nix
 Opener: Michelle Midgette
 Closer: Ursula King
 Greeters: Ursula King, Barry White
 Music Coordinator: Marjorie Harlan

April 19

- 9:30 Adult RE: "Sacred Texts of the World, Heavenly Books– Earthly Connections" (MH)
 10:40 Children's RE: Art Project –Volunteers: Sidney Wilson and Paul Lee
 10:40 Program: Major Randy Robertson, Muscogee County Sheriff's Office
 Title: "Challenges to the Mission of Protecting the Public"
 Service Leader: Thomas Sturm
 Opener: Ursula King
 Closer: Paul Lee
 Greeters: Bill Edwards, Anna Hensley
 Music Coordinator: John Land
 GATP: Valley Interfaith Promise
 Noon: Social Action Committee Meeting

April 26

- 9:30 Adult RE: "Sacred Texts of the World," TBA (MH)
 10:40 Children's RE: "Forgiveness" - Volunteer: Kirstin Mix
 10:40 Program: Mark Lupo, Area Director, UGA Small Business Development Center
 Title: "What Is Our Why? - -Communicating Our Message Person to Person"
 Service Leader: Pat Hart
 Opener: Paul Lee
 Closer: Elaine Lupo
 Greeters: John Land, Ann Newland
 Music Coordinator: Marjorie Harlan

Noon: **Annual Meeting**

Thank you to Mark Lupo for coordinating the April programs.

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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)

Mindfulness Meditation Group

This is a weekly meeting, held every Thursday evening at 7 pm. The group is led by Jon Kendrick, a mindfulness instructor. The Mindfulness/Meditation website is www.pathofmindfulness.com which contains links to videos and articles about meditation with a page about the group and updates on the schedule. (GFH)

UU Coffee House/Young Adults

This gathering is held on the second, third and fourth Mondays of each month at 7:00 PM in the Meeting House.

Women's Group

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. On April 9th, the group will meet for "The Great Hall Pot Luck Social" at 6 pm. Please bring a dish to share. (GFH)

Women's Book Club

A monthly meeting is held on the fourth Tuesday evening of each month at 5 pm. The current book is announced a month in advance, giving everyone a chance to read it before the meeting. The book for April 28 is Marmee and Louisa: The Untold Story of Louisa May Alcott and Her Mother by Eve La Plante. (MH)

UU Singers

If you are interested in music or singing, please consider joining our newly formed UU Singers. Connie Ussery and Marj Harlan will lead the rehearsals every Wednesday night at 6 pm. (GFH)

Movies, Anyone?

On the occasional Tuesday afternoon a group meets at the local cinema to catch a new movie. If you would like to get on the contact list, let Carolyn Searcy know.

Joys and Concerns

- * It was a joy to have a children's dedication ceremony on March 15 for Isobel and Sylvia Holzmeister, daughters of James and Carrie Holzmeister. It was also a joy to have their grandparents in attendance.
- * Our March GATP donation of \$255. went to the MountainCamp Scholarship Fund. In April we will support **Valley Interfaith Promise**. Valley Interfaith Promise (VIP) is an unique sheltering program for eligible local homeless children and their families.
- * Please remember our Friends and Members who may be experiencing health issues and keep them in your thoughts and prayers. All would probably appreciate a card or a call.
- * Gerda Smith is recovering from a bad fall.
- * Elaine Lupo had a total knee replacement on March 10. She is at home recovering.
- * Ernestine Mathis is experiencing some mobility issues.

Angie Oliver April 1
 Paige Sturm April 4
 Betty Forman April 5
 John Kamisky April 9



Carrie Holzmeister April 18
 Barry White April 18
 Jennifer Elmatti April 22

UU Update:

March 8 was a wonderful day! That day we held the first service in our new building. We were all able to see the progress that had been made to make this big space into a building to suit all our needs. Leading up to that day, work parties had been in place helping to pack up everything in the old space and unpacking and putting it all in its proper place at Grace Fellowship Hall. A group made the children's area ready for their first lesson, lights were replaced, the kitchen was organized and floors were vacuumed and mopped. New floor tiles were put down. These are but a few examples of the efforts of many people to accomplish this move.

Everyone noticed the new divider walls that are being erected to cozy up the space as well as house our wonderful stained glass art. There were lovely flowers, a new projection screen to help guide everyone through the service and music from our newly formed choir. Ron Ussery gave a short history of the different homes of the Fellowship and also recognized people for their exceptional work toward making this day happen. He introduced Jerry Jordan and Grace Jordan, thanking them for their significant help in obtaining this property. Grace was presented with a bouquet of red roses.

In his sermon, Rev. Ed Wilson reminded us that though we now have a wonderful new building, it is important to keep strong to our values and sense of Fellowship family. He encouraged us to "open wide these welcome doors" to all members, friends and visitors. We want to make everyone feel welcome and included.

In the following weeks and months there will be much more to be accomplished. The Great Hall has been painted and Design Committee Chairman, Brenda Stevens, is requesting short quotations from well-known UUs. Send your quotations to Brenda at uucolumbusga@bellsouth.net. A few selected quotes will be used as wall art. Also, the divider walls will be finished, the stained glass installed and lighted, a new advertising campaign will begin, our picnic shelter will be made safer and who knows what else! None of this can be accomplished without volunteers. When the call goes out, please consider helping. A new Renovation Registry has been established so you can donate for specific needed items. Please see the last page of this newsletter.

Dave Walker held a meeting with parents to make plans for the children's program. It was decided that Deni McDowell, Sidney and Ed Wilson's granddaughter, would be hired for Sunday morning childcare. Parents wanted to have the swing set moved from the Double Churches house to the grassy field behind Grace Fellowship Hall. A group of parents volunteered to disassemble, move, and reassemble the swing set.

The Annual Meeting for UUFC will be held on April 26 after the Sunday service. Members are encouraged to stay and hear the latest news of the Fellowship. Dave will present financial information, discuss the sale of the Double Churches building, dedication plans and other needs for the new building. There will be time allowed for questions and new business.

Renovation Registry

You have heard of Bridal registries, baby registries and new home registries, right? Well, we are launching our very own Renovation Registry! When committees are aware of specific needs, we will list them and people may donate towards a specific item. If you would like to contribute towards a certain item, let Brenda know. The Design Team wants to select and purchase these items so they will best suit the needs of the Fellowship and are harmonious with the overall design plan. Other upcoming needs may be from the Landscaping Committee in the form of specific plants, etc.

Needs:

1. Library carts for our hymnals for about \$250. each (need 2)
2. Hymnals:
 - Hardcover Living Tradition hymnals for \$28. each (need 5)
 - Softcover Singing the Journey hymnals for \$18. each (need 16)

For all 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.