

Sunday Programs**May 3**

- 9:30 Adult RE: "Who Wrote the Bible" by Bart Ehrman (MH)
 10:40 Children's RE: "Love Surrounds Us Without Boundaries" - Dave and Ashley Walker
 10:40 Program: Cameron Bean, Executive Director, Columbus Symphony Orchestra
 Title: *State of the Arts*
 Service Leader: Ron Ussery
 Opener: Elaine Lupo
 Closer: Rick Spradlin
 Greeters: Bill Edwards and Barry White
 Music Coordinator: John Land
 First Sunday Potluck Lunch

May 10

- 9:30 Adult RE: "Who Wrote the Bible" by Bart Ehrman (MH)
 10:40 Children's RE: "Acceptance" - Carrie Holzmeister
 10:40 Program: Reverend Kim Miner, member of the High Street Church (UU), Macon, GA
 Title: *God Our Mother*
 Service Leader: Carolyn Searcy
 Opener: Rick Spradlin
 Closer: John Kamisky
 Greeters: Mark Berger and Anna Hensley
 Music Coordinator: Marjorie Harlan

May 17

- 9:30 Adult RE: "Who Wrote the Bible" by Bart Ehrman (MH)
 10:40 Children's RE: Art Lesson with Sidney Wilson and Paul Lee
 10:40 Program: Major Thomas Sturm, U.S. Army
 Title: *Our Message of Hope: or Why I Wish You Were Here*
 Service Leader: Marjorie Harlan
 Opener: John Kamisky
 Closer: Carolyn Searcy
 Greeters: Ann Newland and Kirstin Mix
 Music Coordinator: Connie Ussery
 GATP: Open Door (for fans)

May 24

- 9:30 Adult RE: "Who Wrote the Bible" by Bart Ehrman (MH)
 10:40 Children's RE: "Love Surrounds Us in Ritual" - Kirstin Mix
 10:40 Program: John Nix
 Title: *Determinism and Free Will*
 Service Leader: Rick Spradlin
 Opener: Carolyn Searcy
 Closer: Marjorie Harlan
 Greeters: Ursula King and John Land
 Music Coordinator: Carolyn Searcy

May 31

- 9:30 Adult RE: "Who Wrote the Bible" by Bart Ehrman (MH)
 10:40 Children's RE: "Love Surrounds Us in Our History" - Rick Spradlin
 10:40 Program: Michelle Midgette
 Title: *In Honor and Remembrance: A Memorial Day Tribute*
 Service Leader: John Land
 Opener: Marjorie Harlan
 Closer: Connie Ussery
 Greeters: Robert Burnham and Evelyn Roebuck
 Music Coordinator: John Land

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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 May 14th, the group will meet at Pat Hart's house at 6 pm. The theme will be "Shoes". Please bring an anecdote, poem or joke about shoes and a gently used or new pair of shoes to donate to a charity. Bring some finger food and Pat will provide drinks.

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 May 26 is Year of Wonders by Geraldine Brooks.

UU Singers

If you are interested in music or singing, please consider joining our newly formed UU Singers. Connie Ussey 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

- * Our April GATP donation of \$179.00 went to Valley Interfaith Promise. In May we will support **Open Door** to help purchase fans for clients to help alleviate the summer heat.
- * It is a JOY that our UU Coffee House group has volunteered to clean GFH on the first Monday of each month!
- * 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 at home recuperating from a fall but is getting around well on a walker.
- * Ernestine Mathis continues to struggle with mobility issues.
- * Elaine Lupo continues her rehab of her knee and is thankful that she is now allowed to drive.
- * Ed Wilson's daughter in law is still in serious condition after surgery.

James Holzmeister
 Florence Wakoko
 Bhawna Lal

May 3
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Joanna Walker
 Michelle Jordan

May 25
 May 31

UU Update:



The stained glass art has been installed! "The Seven Principles" was created by Nikki Rohrs and the late Nancy Awtrey and had been hanging in the front window at the Double Churches location. When we learned we would be moving to Grace Fellowship Hall, there was a question of how we could display it. Brenda Stevens came up with the vision of building a light box in one of our divider walls. Hal Midgette went right to work, building all the divider walls and figuring out how to make Brenda's vision happen. He had help from Kenny Gray and John Land. They checked the internet and took a field trip to the Springer Opera House to learn about lighting techniques. After the divider walls were finished and primed, Kenny Gray applied a textured wallpaper before the trim was put on and the walls were painted. Bill Edwards and Ron Ussery also helped on the project.

It was finally time to move and install the stained glass. On April 22, movers carefully wrapped and boxed up the art and brought it to GFH. After a slight realignment, they guided it into the opening and permanently attached it to the wall. It makes such a statement when you walk through the front door and see this beautiful stained glass at the entrance to the sanctuary. Thanks to all who worked so hard to make this happen. Our Fellowship owes them much gratitude.

UU Update (cont.)

On an earlier Saturday, parents and friends moved the children's play set from Double Churches and reassembled it on the back lawn. Thanks to all who helped in that effort.

We held our first First Sunday potluck lunch on Easter Sunday. We had a large turnout and made good use of our eating area. We may even have to add some tables. A reminder...we do not have a working oven, so please bring items that can be reheated in a microwave or be served at room temperature.

On April 25 a prayer vigil was held at UU in support of the Freedom to Marry initiative. Several area ministers joined supporters in praying for the safety and success of the initiative which will be heard by the Supreme Court beginning on April 28.

Barry White has developed week retreats of hikes at The Mountain, a UU retreat center in Highlands, NC. They will be held in April, May and June. These will be hikes of moderate difficulty of 2 to 5 miles to mountain tops or hidden waterfalls during the peak blooming season of flowers, shrubs and trees. It is truly a magnificent time of year to be hiking in the southern Appalachian Mountains. These are usually morning hikes with free time to do one's own exploring in the afternoon or to take organized trips that are optional to some attractions around the Highlands, NC area. A social hour, all meals and evening recreational activities are included.

April 26– May 1	Sun-Fri	5 nights \$455
	Sun-Wed	3 nights \$285
May 17– May 22	Sun-Fri	5 nights \$455
	Sun-Wed	3 nights \$285
June 1-4	Mon-Thu	3 nights \$285

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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.