

Sunday Programs**In This Issue****June 7**

- 9:30 Adult RE: "Who Wrote the Bible" by Bart Ehrman (video) MH
 10:40 Children's RE: "Love Surrounds Us in Our Search" - Rick Spradlin
 10:40 Program: Rev. Marti Keller, a UU parish and consulting minister
 Title: "Going Somewhere, Going Nowhere" (Exploring the tradition of pilgrimage)
 Service Leader: Pat Hart
 Opener: Connie Ussery
 Closer: Chris Nix
 Greeters: Bill Edwards, Alexandra Paich
 Music Coordinator: Connie Ussery
 First Sunday Pot Luck Lunch

June 14

- 9:30 Adult RE: "Who Wrote the Bible" by Bart Ehrman (video) MH
 10:40 Children's RE: "Our Words Matter" - Kayla Spradlin
 10:40 Program: James Holzmeister, Ph.D., Columbus Technical College
 Title: "Ludwig Feuerbach and the Evolution of Christianity"
 Service Leader: John Nix
 Opener: Linda Hagberg
 Closer: Carrie Holzmeister
 Greeters: Ursula King, Anna Hensley
 Music Coordinator: John Land

June 21

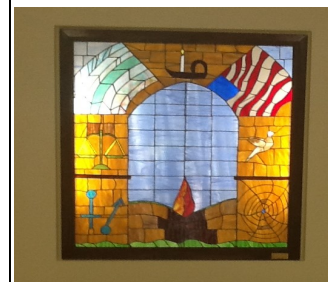
- 9:30 Adult RE: "Who Wrote the Bible" by Bart Ehrman (video) MH
 10:40 Children's RE: Art Lesson - Paul Lee and Sidney Wilson
 10:40 Program: Major Tom Sturm, U.S. Army
 Title: "Dad: A Love Song"
 Service Leader: Paul Lee
 Opener: Carrie Holzmeister
 Closer: Elaine Lupo
 Greeters: Robert Burnham, Katie Dillard
 Music Coordinator: Carolyn Searcy
 GATP: Boys and Girls Clubs towards scholarships for summer camps

June 28

- 9:30 Adult RE: "Who Wrote the Bible" by Bart Ehrman (video) MH
 10:40 Children's RE: "Hear Our Voices" - Kirstin Mix
 10:40 Program: John Land, Artistic Director for StageSouth Theatre Co.
 Title: "Gimme That Old-Time Religion: Is UU Our Opium?"
 Service Leader: Tom Sturm
 Opener: Elaine Lupo
 Closer: Pat Hart
 Greeters: Mark Berger, Evelyn Roebuck
 Music Coordinator: Marjorie Harlan

Thanks to Michelle Midgette for coordinating programs for this month.

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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

The Meditation group leader, Jon Kendrick, is moving to Atlanta, so the group will take a hiatus during June and July and will try to continue with meditation techniques taught by Jon when the group reconvenes in August. We wish all the best for Jon in his new location and appreciate all he has done to teach Mindfulness Meditation. Check the UU website and newsletter in August for information about the time and date the next Meditation group will meet.

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. The June meeting will be held on June 11 at 6 pm at the home of Chris Nix where she will make us homemade pizza.

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 June 23 is Still Alice by Lisa Genova. (MH)

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 May GATP donation of \$ 308.00 went to Open Door for fans. In June we will support the **Boys and Girls Clubs of the Chattahoochee Valley** to help fund scholarships for summer camps.
- * It is a JOY that our UU Coffee House group has volunteered to clean GFH on the first Monday of each month!
- * Gerda Smith has now progressed from her walker to a cane. That is certainly a joy!
- * Elaine Lupo continues her rehab of her knee but still has a lot of pain.
- * Ernestine Mathis continues to experience mobility issues.
- * It is a sadness to say goodbye to Barry White, one of the founders of this Fellowship. He and his wife, Pam, will be relocating to the Raleigh/Durham area this month to be closer to their daughter's family. They plan to be active and involved grandparents to their little granddaughter. We will miss them and wish them well.

Dr. Michael Williams

We mourn the sudden loss of Dr. Mike Williams. He was the husband of Kirstin Mix and the father of Matt and Emmie Williams. Kirstin is an important member of this Fellowship, very involved in the children's program and a regular story reader. We send condolences to the entire Williams family. Memorial contributions can be made at any Sun Trust Bank for Kirstin Mix—Children's Education Fund.



June 3	Brad Griffin
June 9	Mary Farmer
June 10	Michelle Midgette
June 14	Matt Williams
June 22	Bill Hurst

UU Update:

As reported last month, the stained glass is in place and very visible as you enter the building. A new addition is a beautiful Italian tapestry, "The Tree of Life" donated by Kristen and Bill Hurst. It has been hung on the back of the same wall partition that holds the stained glass. Take a look at the tapestry as it coordinates beautifully with all the colors in the sanctuary.

A few other changes will be in store this month. The words "Reason, Tolerance, Freedom" will be highlighted on the wall behind the dais. A handrail will also be installed on that wall. The Board has approved new windows for Grace Fellowship Hall as the sills had dry rot, possible insect damage and allowed the outside air to come in. These new windows will have much newer technology and should provide some energy savings. One of the air conditioners which services the first floor of GFH has also been replaced as it could not be repaired.

The Meeting House has been power washed in preparation for painting thanks to Bill Hurst and Hal Midgette. Others who helped prepare the fascia were Dave Walker, Pat and John Hart, Connie and Ron Ussery, Bill Edwards, Michelle and Hal Midgette and Bill Harlan. Volunteer labor will be used to paint the Meeting House and should be completed in early June. We also have a rock barrier between the parking lot and the back meadow thanks to Hal. He reclaimed rocks from the drainage work that has been done by the City.

The cap (top) of GFH will be painted. Painting of the rest of the building and the blue building will be on hold until further funds become available.

Bits and Pieces:

The Board has designated First Sunday as "Bring a Friend Sunday" giving everyone an opportunity to ask a friend to join us for our service and enjoy our pot luck lunch.

The Board has authorized the formation of a Capital Fund Committee. They are charged with raising funds to help pay off the mortgage and to provide resources for renovations.

A reminder to bring in non perishable food for the Feed the Valley Food Bank on First Sunday.

Thanks to Pat Hart for hosting the UU Women in May. We had some great munchies, told funny stories about shoes, and some lucky people got to take home decorative shoe trees which had been hand painted by Shirley Gray. Donations of gently worn or new shoes were accepted to give to a local charity. If anyone has shoes that they would like to donate, please bring them to the Fellowship and they will be added to the donation. Thanks!

Barry White has developed week retreats of hikes at The Mountain, a UU retreat center in Highlands, NC. The last one will be held June 1-4. 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. 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. \$285.

828.526.5838 or info@mountaincenters.org for reservations

For all the Thespians out there...from John Land

The StageSouth Theatre Company will be staging a play this fall in Columbus. The current plan is to present the play in Grace Fellowship Hall of UUFC at 8827 Heiferhorn Way. (The theatre company is not affiliated with the Fellowship, although some who will be participating are members or friends of the Fellowship.) Performance dates are currently set for early November, so auditions should happen in mid-late September. This is a non profit company, so participation will be primarily voluntary; part of our mission is to give all interested parties, irrespective of background or experience, an opportunity to participate, while striving for the highest quality in production values for live performances that entertain and challenge audiences of all ages. John Land will be directing and Nikki Rohrs will be stage managing. We are currently looking for someone to serve as Technical Director, so if anyone knows of someone, please contact John Land.

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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
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whenever a new post is made.**
