

Sunday Programs**August 2**

- 9:30 Adult RE: Hinduism– Hinduism in the World and the World of Hinduism (MH)
 10:40 Program: Reverend Ed Wilson
 Title: *"Is This Place Holy?"*
 Service Leader: John Nix
 Opener: Linda Hagberg
 Closer: Chris Nix
 Greeters: Ann Newland and Bill Edwards

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

August 9

- 9:30 Adult RE: Hinduism– The Early Cultures of India (MH)
 10:40 Program: Ken Sizemore, folksinger, "the Old Folkie"
 Title: *"Family Ties—Songs of Family Relationships from Infants to Grandparents"*
 Service Leader: Paul Lee
 Opener: Chris Nix
 Closer: Paul Lee
 Greeters: Kirstin Mix and Ursula King

August 16

- 9:30 Adult RE: Hindu– The World of the Veda (MH)
 10:40 Program: Rev. Ed Helton, Executive Director, the Leadership Institute & Client Relations, CSU
 Title: *"Community"*
 Service Leader: Thomas Sturm
 Opener: Paul Lee
 Closer: Rick Spradlin
 Greeters: Evelyn Roebuck and Kirstin Mix

GATP: Chattahoochee Valley Pride House

August 23

- 9:30 Adult RE: Hindu– From the Vedic World to Classic Hinduism (MH)
 10:40 Program: Reverend James Evans
 Title: *"Buttons in the Offering Plate"*
 Service Leader: Ron Ussery
 Opener: Rick Spradlin
 Closer: John Kamisky
 Greeters: Robert Burnham and Anna Hensley

- 12:00 **Business Meeting**

August 30

- 9:30 Adult RE: Hindu– Caste (MH)
 10:40 Program: David Johnson, Poet and Professor Emeritus, CSU
 Title: *"On Becoming"*
 Service Leader: Pat Hart
 Opener: John Kamisky
 Closer: Carolyn Searcy
 Greeters: Bill Edwards and Mark Berger

Thanks to Ed Wilson 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)

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. In July we had a group of 14 meet at the Fuji Steakhouse for dinner! The August meeting will be held on August 13th and we will meet at 6:30 pm at Bombay Bay, a restaurant featuring Indian cuisine. Please RSVP to Maureen Humphries or the UU Office by 8/11.

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 before the meeting. The book for August 25 is Lila (Gilead #3) by Marilynne Robinson.

UU Singers

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

The Mindful Meditation group and the Young Adult Coffee House group are on hiatus until September.

Joys and Concerns

- * Our July GATP donation of \$177.00 went to Ramp Builders who build wheelchair ramps for the disadvantaged.
- * In August we will donate to the **Chattahoochee Valley Pride House**.
- * It is a JOY that our UU Coffee House group continues to clean GFH on the first Sunday.
- * We are thankful for all our volunteers and donors who are making improvements on the UUFC campus!
- * Condolences are sent to the Spradlin family on the death of Rick's mother.

August 3 Karen Spradlin
 August 3 Harper Nelson
 August 4 Fran Cox
 August 8 Elaine Lupo
 August 8 Mark Lupo
 August 11 John Nix



August 13 Milton Jones
 August 17 Gerda Smith
 August 26 Latia Gibson
 August 28 Paul Lee
 August 30 Grace Jordan
 August 30 Emmie Williams



PICNIC IN THE PAVILION

Thanks to all who made our "Picnic in the Pavilion" a success. Our Adult RE group and other volunteers moved all the tables and chairs from Grace Fellowship Hall to the pavilion. There were two tables loaded with delicious food and drink. We had a wonderful covered pavilion with three fans to keep us cool. All the tables and chairs were filled and people sat on the ledges of the pavilion. Next time we'll bring out even more tables and configure the space differently. Who knew we would have so many people on a holiday weekend! A great time was had by all!!!

IMPORTANT NOTICE

WHAT'S NEXT FOR UU?

Our President, Dave Walker, along with the Board of Trustees has called a congregational Business Meeting to be held after our Sunday service on August 23. This meeting will be to discuss our next steps as a Fellowship and to clarify our needs and wants. This will help in strategic planning as well as addressing some necessary votes for upcoming financial decisions. All members are urged to attend.

UU Update:

In the last month we have replaced all the windows and two air conditioning units. This makes a total of three AC units that have been replaced. This was all necessary and should help to reduce heating/cooling costs. The cap of GFH has been painted and a new roof and ceiling fans were installed in the pavilion. The fire escape has been power washed and primed. Most of these repairs were made using donated funds.

The Design Team has a blueprint ready and is getting bids from contractors* for the front of Grace Fellowship Hall. Long range plans are to remove the existing "duckbill" covering over the entrance and to build a new extended porch and portico. The blueprint is on display at GFH near the coffee area.

Members are encouraged to check it out. We do not have the funds on hand to begin these exterior changes, so please consider a donation to make these plans a reality. A "to do/wish list" has been created to show the order in which we think we should proceed.

To Do/ Wish List

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| 1. Paint blue building | \$2900 | |
| 2. Repair and patch Masterwall (stucco) | \$600 | Donated |
| 3. Paint exterior of Grace Fellowship Hall | \$2900 | |
| 4. Band windows on GFH | \$2400 | |
| 5. Replace porch and overhang of GFH
to improve facade | \$40,000 (estimate) | |

We will also need funds for a sign for Grace Fellowship Hall (\$900) and a dedication plaque (\$1400).

*If anyone knows of any contractors that they would like to recommend, please contact Brenda.

If you would like to make a donation, large or small, please contact our Treasurer, Nikki Rohrs. All contributions will be gratefully received.

Bits and Pieces:

Our Children's RE program will be suspended for the months of July and August, but will resume in September.

Child care will still be provided from 9:30 until noon each Sunday in July and August for children between the ages of 2 and 10. Carrie Holzmeister will read the Children's Story on August 2 and David Michael Smith has signed up to read on August 9. **Volunteers are needed to read on August 16, 23 and 30.** Books are provided. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board or you can let Kayla or Brenda know.

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. Bill Edwards and John Kamisky have volunteered to help with this effort.

A reminder to bring in non perishable food for the Feed the Valley Food Bank on First Sunday. The donation box is right under our coffee station.

Speaking of food, please be mindful of where you leave your food scraps, leftovers and crumbs. Don't leave food on the counters, in the sink or in the empty trash container after the trash has been taken to the curb on Sunday. We don't want to encourage pests. Thanks! The city is no longer recycling glass. Glass should now be included with other trash.

On the third Sunday of the month our Social Action Committee designates a local charity to be the recipient of our Giving Away the Plate (GATP) offering. The money collected in our offering that is not pledged for church operations is donated to the local charity.



STAGESOUTH THEATRE COMPANY

The StageSouth Theatre Company will be staging a play, "1812", 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 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.

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.