

**Sunday Programs****July 5**

9:30 Adult RE: *"Who Wrote the Bible"* by Bart Ehrman (video) MH

10:40 Program: Patricia Lassiter, Political Organizer  
Title: *"I Now Pronounce You...Equal"*

Service Leader: Marjorie Harlan  
Opener: Pat Hart  
Closer: Nikki Rohrs  
Greeters: Bill Edwards, Ursula King  
Music Coordinator: John Land

12:00 **First Sunday Picnic in the Pavilion**

**July 12**

9:30 Adult RE: *"Who Wrote the Bible"* by Bart Ehrman (video) MH

10:40 Program: Dave Hudson, Member, UU Metro Atlanta North  
Title: *"The Pursuit of Happiness"*

Service Leader: Carolyn Searcy  
Opener: Nikki Rohrs  
Closer: Michelle Midgette  
Greeters: Alexandria Paich  
Music Coordinator: Marjorie Harlan

**July 19**

9:30 Adult RE: *Hinduism*

10:40 Program: Christie Bevis, Executive Director, Home for Good: The Alliance to End Homelessness  
Title: *"Home for Good: Changing Lives, Changing Community"*

Service Leader: John Land  
Opener: Michelle Midgette  
Closer: Ursula King  
Greeters: Evelyn Roebuck, Mark Berger  
Music Coordinator: Carolyn Searcy  
**GATP: Ramp Builders (Wheelchair ramps for the disadvantaged)**

**July 26**

9:30 Adult RE: *Hinduism*

10:40 Program: John A. Tures, Associate Professor of Political Science, LaGrange College  
Title: *"The Role of the Unitarian Church in Civil Society"*

Service Leader: Rick Spradlin  
Opener: Ursula King  
Closer: Linda Hagberg  
Greeters: Robert Burnham, Anna Hensley  
Music Coordinator: John Land

Thanks to Linda Hagberg for coordinating programs for this month.

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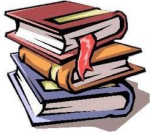
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## Activities

### 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)

### 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 July meeting will be held on July 9. It will be a Ladies Night Out at Fuji Steakhouse at 6:30 pm. Details will follow.

### 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 July 27 is Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption by Bryan Stevenson. (MH)

### 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.

## Joys and Concerns

- \* Our June GATP donation of \$243.00 went to the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Chattahoochee Valley for camp scholarships.
- \* In July we will donate to **Ramp Builders** who build wheel chair ramps for those in need.
- \* It is a JOY that our UU Coffee House group continues to clean GFH on the first Monday of each month!
- \* We are thankful for all our volunteers and donors who are making all the improvements on the UUFC campus!



### *First Sunday Picnic in the Pavilion July 5, 2015*



*We will hold our First Sunday potluck in our newly renovated picnic pavilion by Heiferhorn Creek. Please plan to bring a picnic for yourself and a dish to share. We have lots of tables and chairs, but remember, we have no oven, freezer or grills. We do, however, have plenty of ice! We are grateful to everyone who has worked to get this pavilion ready. Thanks to Bill Hurst who led the power washing detail and to Bill and Kristen for donating the fans and the new roof.*



July 2	Marj Harlan
July 19	Bill Harlan
July 25	Ernestine Mathis
July 25	Tom Sturm
July 28	Demari Jones

## UU Update:



The words "Reason, Tolerance, Freedom" have been highlighted and a handrail has been installed on the wall behind the dais. New windows have also been installed and should provide better energy efficiency. The cap (top) of GFH has been painted and the fire escape has been cleaned and primed for painting. The exterior of the Meeting House is almost all painted.

Next on the agenda: The two air conditioning/heating units on the tower in back of the blue building are being replaced and the new units will be at ground level so the tower can be removed. Several generous donors are making this possible. This should also be an energy saver and reduce heating/cooling costs.

We hope to repair the exterior Masterwall (stucco), trim out the windows and paint the exterior of both the two story building and the blue building soon. The Design Team has met with our architect and has a blueprint ready to get bids from contractors for the front of GFH. Long range plans are to construct a new extended stoop and portico. The blueprint will be displayed at GFH and members will have an opportunity to vote on the final plans. Donations will be needed to make all of this a reality.

## 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.** Volunteers are needed to read the Children's Story each Sunday. 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. Invite them to come to our *Picnic in the Pavilion* this month!

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 long term improvements.

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. Since we do not have a Pest Control service, we must take extra care and precautions. 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. Thanks!

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 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.

**For the latest news, visit our dynamic new website:**  
**[www.uucolumbusga.org](http://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.**