

Sunday Programs**September 6**

- 9:30 Adult RE: Hinduism—Men, Women and the Stages of Life (MH)
 10:40 Program: Bill Edwards, Ph.D., Communications Professor (retired), CSU
 Title: *"The Unitarian Universalist Water Ceremony"*
 Service Leader: Bill Edwards
 Opener: Chris Nix
 Closer: Chris Nix/Paul Lee
 Greeters: Ann Newland, Ursula King
 Music Coordinator: John Land
 12:00 **First Sunday Potluck Lunch and
 Bring a Friend Day**

September 13

- 9:30 Adult RE: Hinduism—The Way of Action (MH)
 10:40 Program: John Land, Artistic Director for StageSouth Theatre Co.
 Title: *"Talking at Cross Purposes: the Conflation of the How and the Why"*
 Service Leader: Thom Sturm
 Opener: Marj Harlan
 Closer: Connie Ussery
 Greeters: Bill Edwards, Kirstin Mix
 Music Coordinator: Marj Harlan
 12:00 **Social Action Committee Meeting**

September 20

- 9:30 Adult RE: Hinduism—The Way of Wisdom (MH)
 10:40 Program: Cathy Williams, President and CEO of Neighborworks
 Title: *"Housing the Most Severely Underserved Market—The Elderly: the Columbus Cottage Program"*
 Service Leader: John Nix
 Opener: Connie Ussery
 Closer: Carrrie Holzmeister
 Greeters: Anna Hensley, Mark Berger
 Music Coordinator: Connie Ussery
GATP: Back Packs for Kids

September 27

- 9:30 Adult RE: Hinduism—Seeing God (MH)
 10:40 Program: Patricia Hart, Ph.D.
 Title: *"Natural Faith: How the Darwinian Evolution Transformed Liberal Religion"*
 Service Leader: Rick Spradlin
 Opener: Pat Hart
 Closer: Elaine Lupo
 Greeters: Justine Wade, Robert Burnham
 Music Coordinator: John Land

Thanks to Pat Hart for coordinating programs for this month

CAROLYN SEARCY

We mourn the loss of Carolyn Searcy who volunteered tirelessly in many capacities for this Fellowship. She passed away suddenly on August 23, 2015. Carolyn was a Service Leader, on the Opening and Closing team, a member of the UU Singers, sent out our birthday cards, organized the Fellowship's movie nights, and headed up our Social Action committee. She also spearheaded our First Sunday food drive for the Feed the Valley Food Bank which netted over 1000 pounds of donated food last year. Carolyn was a gentle soul who put everyone else before herself and genuinely lived our 7 Principles. She will be greatly missed.

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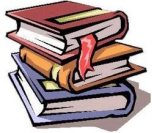
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Activities

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)

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 August, we had a group of 14 meet at Bombay Bay for dinner! The September meeting will be held on September 10. We will meet at the Fellowship at 6:30 pm and have a potluck supper. Each person should bring a dish to feed four people.

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 September 22 is The Swerve: How the World Became Modern by Stephen Greenblatt. Ursula King will lead the discussion.

UU Singers

If you are interested in music or singing, please consider joining our 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. We need to start a new contact list for this group, so if you are interested in being notified, please let Linda Hagberg know.

Joys and Concerns

- * Our August GATP donation of \$286.00 went to the Chattahoochee Valley Pride House.
- * In September we will donate to **Back Packs for Kids**, a program which provides food for school children on the weekends.
- * We welcome new members: Justine Wade, Emily Jones and David Michael Smith to the Fellowship. Please take time to introduce yourself to them.
- * Joyce Hickson, a regular participant of the Discussion Group and the UU Women's Book Club was in a bad accident on August 26. She is at Midtown Regional Hospital now but will probably be transferred to a rehab center after she recovers from her surgery. Please keep her in your thoughts. No visits unless you call first, but cards and flowers would be much appreciated.

September 6 Sidney Wilson
 September 6 Robert Burnham
 September 9 Dixie Turman
 September 10 Justine Wade
 September 15 Molly Gross
 September 16 Julie Bouchard
 September 17 Jean Puckett



September 18 Hal Midgette
 September 18 Marshall Simpson
 September 19 Maureen Humphries
 September 22 Kayla Spradlin
 September 22 Ron Ussery
 September 22 Don Nahley
 September 26 Anna Hensley

THE CHILDREN'S PAGE



September Children's RE Programs

September 6	<i>Signs, Symbols and Rituals</i>	Carrie Holtzmeister
September 13	<i>We Lead</i>	Nate and Molly Gross
September 20	<i>Art Lesson</i>	Paul Lee
September 27	<i>Our Faith is a Journey</i>	Ashley Walker

We are in need of volunteers to help with future Children's RE Programs and also people who would read the Children's Story at the Sunday service. You can sign up online, on the bulletin board, or just see Kayla. All materials are provided and you wouldn't have to sign up for a long time commitment.



Children's Story Volunteers

September 6	Carrie Holtzmeister
September 13	Kirstin Mix
September 20	John Land
September 27	Sidney Wilson

Results of Business Meeting:

On August 23 a congregational business meeting was held and it was unanimously voted to authorize the Board to exercise our option to buy the building from Jerry Jordan. It was also voted to accept the Design Committee's proposal for the façade of Grace Fellowship Hall. Mark Berger proposed a resolution to thank benefactors and others who have worked tirelessly to bring the vision of our new facilities to fruition. Ron Ussery seconded and asked that the audience express their agreement by acclamation. The audience responded with applause.

Volunteers were urged to come forward to help with the Children's RE program. Interested participants can sign up online, on the bulletin board or talk to Kayla. Dave also stressed the need to have volunteers clean the building once a month as no money has been budgeted for this expense. There will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board. Michelle Midgette will coordinate for the month of September.

Bill Harlan gave a short report on our publicity efforts. He said that over 14,000 people viewed the TV commercial and the Facebook advertising has been very successful. The advertising efforts will be ongoing especially before our Dedication Celebration.

UU Update:

There will be lots happening in September! By the end of September you should see all of the buildings painted, the Masterwall repaired, the old "duckbill" removed and a new portico in the finishing stages, if not already finished. Jerry Jordan and some other generous donors have donated funds to make the portico a reality. The work was scheduled to begin shortly after the business meeting in August and due to be finished by the end of September. **During the construction phase the front entrance will be closed and everyone must use the handicapped ramp to gain entrance to the building.** We are very grateful to all our donors for their generosity in making our dream for the front entrance a reality.

Save the date: It looks like the Dedication Celebration for Grace Fellowship Hall will take place on October 18. Be sure to mark your calendar and plan to be here. It will be a very exciting day!

Wednesday Night Discussion Group



The discussion on this particular Wednesday evening focused on our UU Bucket List. The discussion was led by Bill Harlan (not pictured) and Anna Hensley. It was a brainstorming session designed to get us thinking about our present and future wish lists for the Fellowship. The sticky notes on the wall represent over 120 ideas which were listed in the categories of Membership, Grounds, Equipment, Programs and "Other". Bill plans to compile a list and have members vote on their favorite ideas in each category.

Bits and Pieces:

There is a need for volunteers to help clean Grace Fellowship Hall. Michelle Midgette is putting together a list of things that need to be done and coordinating volunteers. Please consider volunteering for a task. If we can get a work party together, that will lighten the load for everyone. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board.

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

This fall, the StageSouth Theatre Company will present the full length historical drama, "1918", by award-winning playwright Horton Foote. The opening performance will take place on Friday, November 6, in Grace Fellowship Hall, with a free preview on Thursday, November 5. (The theatre company is not affiliated with the Fellowship, although some who will be participating are members or friends of the Fellowship.) Open auditions will be held on September 19 and 20, beginning at 2 p.m. both days: anyone interested is encouraged to try out. StageSouth is a nonprofit company, relying on your volunteer participation and contributions. 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 a range of live performances that entertain and challenge audiences of all ages. John Land will be directing and Nikki Rohrs will be stage managing.

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.