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Columbus UU News

Sunday Programs

November 1

9:30	Adult RE: The Jewish Messiah and the Christian Messiah (MH)			
10:40	Program: Dr. Dave Walker, Clinical Psychologist			
Title: " <i>Faith and Empathy"</i>				
	Service Leader: Anna Hensley			
	Opener: Ursula King			
	Closer: Linda Hagberg			
	Greeters: Mark Berger and Bill Edwards			
	Music Coordinator: Marj Harlan			
12:00	First Sunday Potluck Lunch			
	Bring a Friend Day			

November 8

9:30 Adult RE: Open Discussion led by Rick Spradlin (MH)

10:40 Program: Mark Erb, Social Studies teacher, Brookstone Upper School Title: "Social Justice" Service Leader: Ron Ussery Opener: Linda Hagberg Closer: Chris Nix Greeters: Anna Hensley and Justine Wade Music Coordinator: Nikki Rohrs

November 15

- 9:30 Adult RE: Open Discussion led by Rick Spradlin (MH) 10:40 Program: Professor Nate Gross, Andrew College, Cuthbert, GA Title: **"Acting-The Method of the Madness: Tied Loosely to Some UU Principles"** 10:40 Service Leader: Pat Hart
 - Opener: Chris Nix Closer: Paul Lee Greeters: Kirstin Mix and Evelyn Roebuck Music Coordinator: John Land GATP: House of Heroes

November22

- 9:30 Adult RE: Open Discussion led by Rick Spradlin (MH)

10:40 Program: John Phillips Title: "The Uptown Drum Circle" Service Leader: Paul Lee Opener: Paul Lee Closer: Rick Spradlin Greeters: Ursula King and Ann Newland Music Coordinator: Connie Ussery

November 29

9:30 Adult RE: Open Discussion led by Rick Spradlin (MH) 10:40

Program: Ron Ussery, Media Specialist, Brookstone School Title: "*Life Lessons from Dale Carnegie*" Service Leader: John Land Opener: Rick Spradlin Closer: John Kamisky Greeters: Robert Burnham and Bill Edwards Music Coordinator: Connie Ussery

Thanks to Ron and Connie Ussery 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. The October meeting will be held on November 12 at 6:30 pm at Mark's City Grill. Please contact Brenda Stevens and let her know if you plan to come.

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 November 24 is George Washington's Secret Six: The Spy Ring that Saved the American Revolution by Brian Kilmeade. The discussion will be led by Pat Hart.

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 October GATP donation of \$179.00 went to Feeding the Valley Food Bank. *
- In November, we will donate to the House of Heroes. *
- Dick McMichael had a bad fall recently and was hospitalized but is now home and is recovering. *
- Carolyn Glover recently had surgery on her shoulder but is out and about now. *
- Joyce Hickson received great news. She will only be at Canterbury one more month, then will move to the * Columbus Regional rehab center to continue her recovery.
- Don and Carolyn Nahley will be leaving us to move to Cumming to live with their daughter. We will miss them very much. Don was an active participant in our Wednesday night discussion group.
- Please keep Gene Camper in your thoughts. Her apartment at Lullwater was gutted by fire last week.
- Luckily she was not at home when the fire broke out. *
- Ernestine Mathis is at Magnolia Manor Nursing Home, Room 102, 2010 Warm Springs Rd., Columbus, GA * 31908

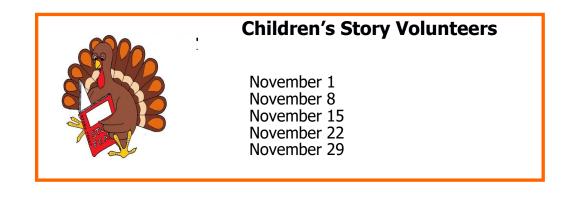


November 4	Katy Clyde
November 11	Mac Smith
November 11	Ed Wilson
November 12	Kristin Hurst
November 15	Evelyn Roebuck
November 19	Shara Nichols

THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

	November Children's R	E Programs
November 1	We Share	Nate ∻ Molly Gross
November 8	Looking for Signs of Community	Ashley Walker
November 15	Art Lesson	Paul Lee
November 22	Signs of Welcome	Kayla Spradlin
November 29	Worshipping Together	Emily Jones

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.



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Dedication ceremony delights and inspires More than 220 attend

It's hard to imagine how our Sunday, Oct. 18, dedication of Grace Fellowship Hall could have been better. We've named Grace Fellowship Hall to honor long-time member Grace Jordan and her late husband George. More than 220 people attended. We filled the hall and learned we can comfortably handle a big turnout.

Service Leader Marj Harlan kept the service on track with warm, funny and gentle (but firm) guidance.

The music was inspiring. The Samford University A Cappella Choir sparkled. Classical guitarist Jacob Jordan, playing "Danny Boy," was flawless. Throughout the service, pianist Joanne Larson demonstrated the beauty of our new baby grand piano. Accomplished vocalist Jean Jordan was excellent, as expected. The Jordan family never fails to amaze.

Adult Education Leader Rick Spradlin distilled the essence of what it means to be a Unitarian Universalist into a short, clear, powerful talk.

Jerry Jordan, our most generous benefactor, paid touching (and humorous) tribute to his parents, Grace and George. Jerry has been a major force in the move to our new campus on Heiferhorn Way. (And he rounded up all the musicians for the service.)

Adjunct Minister Ed Wilson described our "Journey to Heiferhorn," and he closed the service with an original and moving "Act of Dedication."

The above is an incomplete account. Many, many others deserve recognition and gratitude for making this service a landmark event in the history of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Columbus. (Be sure and click through the slideshow of the event on our homepage at www.uucolumbusga.org.)







The Universalist Unitarian Church of Halifax

5500 Inglis Street, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, B3H 1J8 On the Occasion of the dedication of Grace Fellowship Hall, October 18, 2015

To the congregation of the Unitarian [Universalist] Fellowship of Columbus Georgia:

Although unable to join you in person, we are eager to join in the spirit as you celebrate the dedication of Grace Fellowship Hall and your new and beautiful location in Columbus. This dedication marks an act of spiritual leadership that will strengthen the cause of liberal religion in Columbus that will reverberate throughout Georgia.

For those who have worked hard and long over many years to make this achievement a reality, I commend you. You are building a legacy that you can be justifiably proud of.

I know that our words will be shared with many who have joined the UU Fellowship of Columbus in the years since we moved to Nova Scotia. To the newest members and friends of the Columbus Fellowship we extend our best wishes. Thank you for your commitment. You have found a wonderful spiritual home.

Finally to Grace Jordan and the Jordan family we extend special warm wishes and our heartfelt thanks. Grace holds a very special place in our hearts. The naming of the Grace Memorial Fellowship Hall is a wonderful and well deserved tribute to you Grace and to your family.

We wish you many many happy years growing beloved community in your beautiful new home. And it is our hope to visit you there before too long.

The Reverend Norm Horofker and Janet Horofker.

We received a note from Rev. Marti Keller:

"Thanks for the invitation to the dedication of your fellowship hall. Your new home is indeed wonderful and will provide both sanctuary and inspiration (and call to prophetic witness) for years to come." Cordially, Rev. Marti Keller

Barry White also sent a note of love and congratulations.

SAVE THE DATE....DECEMBER 6, 2015 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Please make it a point to be here at Grace Fellowship Hall on this date. We will have an abbreviated worship service before we begin our business meeting. Dave Walker will bring us up to date on all our finances and will conduct the election of our Board of Trustees for 2016. After the meeting concludes, we will enjoy our normal First Sunday lunch.

A nominating committee has been chosen to select a slate of officers and board members for 2016. If you are interested in serving on the Board for 2016, please contact Paul Lee, Rick Spradlin or Linda Hagberg.

Many Thanks to the Design Team Members from Brenda Stevens

This project took so long we didn't end up with exactly the same people we started out with. I want to thank everyone who helped us along the way. I think Hal Midgette deserves special recognition for believing enough in our vision of the free standing walls and giant lightbox for the stained glass window to design and build them for us. Michelle Midgette was at every meeting, and we met weekly for about nine months. She has worked tirelessly toward each goal. There were times when it was hard to make progress, but all of you kept me going. Thanks to John Land for moving anything we asked him to and for keeping meticulous notes from every meeting we had. Elaine Chambless and Sidney Wilson had great artistic input and are responsible for ordering the bronze dedication plaque. Connie Ussery was a big asset when it came to answering technical questions regarding sound and visual apparatus. Linda Hagberg is a great shopper and web researcher, as is Connie. In fact, everyone had talents to bring to the table and all of those talents were put to the test with this project. Thanks for the team spirit and that goes to all the many volunteers that made our goals a reality. Brenda Stevens

There is a need for volunteers to help clean Grace Fellowship Hall once each month. There will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board. In October there was a wonderful group who accomplished this task in record time. Please consider volunteering for this effort.

Please invite a friend to our First Sunday service and pot luck lunch. It is a great time to visit with each other and get to know each other better over some wonderful food. First Sunday is also the time to bring in some non perishable food to give to the Feeding the Valley Food Bank. They are always so appreciative of our donation. Thanks to Robert Burnham who has volunteered to bring the food to the Food Bank.

Once each month, usually on the third Sunday, 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

Opening night is rapidly approaching for StageSouth Theatre Company's inaugural production, "1918," a full-length historical drama by Pulitzer-Prize-winning playwright Horton Foote. Performances will be Fri. & Sat. Nov. 6 & 7 and Nov. 13 & 14 at 7 PM, with a matinee at 3 PM on Sunday, Nov. 8. Proceeds from the matinee ticket sales will be donated to the UU Fellowship, in appreciation of the Fellowship's generosity in sharing their facilities with StageSouth for this project. If you would like to purchase your tickets in advance, please go to our website, www.StageSouthTheatre.org, and follow the link to our ticketing service. Tickets are \$15 for adults, and \$12 for seniors, students, and military personnel. Please be sure to pass the word to anyone else who may be interested in attending. We look forward to seeing you at the show!

> Please visit our dynamic new website: <u>www.uucolumbusga.org</u> 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.