Sunday Programs

December 6

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

10:40 Program: Major Thomas Sturm Title: "Peace and Remembrance"

> Service Leader: Rick Spradlin Opener: John Kamisky Closer: Volunteers

Greeters: Bill Edwards and Kirstin Mix Music Coordinator: Nikki Rohrs

12:00 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

First Sunday Potluck Lunch

Bring donated food for Feed the Valley Food Bank

Bring a Friend Day

December 13

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

10:40 Program: Reverend Marti Keller, affiliated minister, UU Women's Federation Title: **"She's Beautiful When She's Angry"**—Exploring the possibilities of anger as a tool in the struggle for human worth and dignity.

Service Leader: Anna Hensley Opener: Sidney Wilson Closer: Marj Harlan

Greeters: Justine Wade and Ann Newland

Music Coordinator: John Land

December 20

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

10:40 Program: The UU Singers

Title: "Go Tell It on the Mountain"—Telling the UU story of Christmas with song.

Service Leader: Paul Lee Opener: Marj Harlan Closer: Connie Ussery

Greeters: Anna Hensley and Mark Berger

Music Coordinator: UU Singers GATP: The House of T.I.M.E.

December 27

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

10:40 Program: John Land

Title: TBA

Service Leader: Mari Harlan

Opener: Chris Nix

Greeters: Robert Burnham and Ursula King

Music Coordinator: Marj Harlan

Thanks to Michelle Midgette for coordinating programs for this month

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A Welcoming Congregation







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 December meeting will be held on December 10 at 6:30 pm at Ann Newland's house. We will decorate for the UU Christmas party. 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 December meeting has been cancelled. We will resume on January 26, 2016 and review the book, <u>George Washington's Secret Six: The Spy Ring that Saved the American Revolution</u> by Brian Kilmeade. Pat Hart will lead the discussion. We will also choose books for 2016, so bring your recommendations. We welcome new members!

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)

Joys and Concerns

- * Our November GATP donation of \$254.00 went to House of Heroes.
- * In December we will donate to **House of T.I.M.E.** which is a residence for addicted homeless women.
- Ernestine Mathis is at Magnolia Manor Nursing Home, Room 102, 2010 Warm Springs Rd., Columbus, GA 31901
- * Joyce Hickson is doing well and has decided to remain at Canterbury for more intensive rehab rather than going to Columbus Regional Rehab. She is grateful for all the cards, gifts and visits from UU members.
- * Don and Caroline Nahley have comfortably settled into their new accommodations in Cumming and would be happy to hear from their friends at UU. Their address is 3025 Pleasant Valley Trail, Cumming, GA 30028. Their phone number is 706.200.1446.

Dave Walker	December 1
Mark Berger	December 2
Bill Edwards	December 5
Sanjay Lal	December 5



Connie Ussery December 6
Ralph Puckett December 8
Ashley Walker December 15
Patricia Lassiter December 22

THE CHILDREN'S PAGE



December Children's RE Programs

December 6 Stewardship is a Sign Kirstin Mix

December 13 Finding Beauty in Uniqueness Kayla Spradlin

December 20 Art Project Sidney Wilson

December 27 No Program

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. PLFASF....



Children's Story Volunteers

December 6 Kirstin Mix
December 13 Heather Saxton
December 20 Sidney Wilson
December 27 No Children's Story

Bits and Pieces:

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

December 6, 2015

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.

President - Dave Walker
VP Adult RE— Rick Spradlin
VP Children's RE - Kayla Spradlin
VP Programs – Michelle Midgette
Secretary – Connie Ussery
Treasurer - Nikki Rohrs
Trustees
Anna Hensley
Bill Harlan
Bill Edwards
Patricia Lassiter
Maureen Humphries

Financial Matters

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End of year financial planning time is upon us. It is a significant time for our Fellowship, and for us as individuals, too, where our tax and estate planning may match up with Fellowship needs.

There are numerous opportunities to help the Fellowship, including end of year gifts of cash or appreciated stocks and other securities. There is even now a tiny window to step forward to participate in a lending initiative to pay off our mortgage debt (loan window will close Dec. 10).

You might even check with Treasurer Nikki Rohrs for an update on where you stand in giving for the year, while there is still time to meet your objectives. If you would like more information on the mortgage initiative (involving loans to UUFC of a minimum \$5000) or on donating stocks and bonds, or even on a codicil to your will, see President Dave Walker, Development Committee Bill Edwards, or Ron Ussery. If you prefer, you can email Ron at usseryron@hotmail.com for more info.

There is a need for volunteers to help clean Grace Fellowship Hall on a regular basis. The next cleanup will be December 17 and December 18. It doesn't take long if we all help! A sign up sheet will be available on December 13. Please consider helping.

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.