
Sunday Programs

August 7

- 9:30 Adult Religious Education. Leader: Rick Spradlin (MH)
- 10:40 Program: Rick Spradlin, Educator and Vice President for UUF Religious Education
Title: "**The Challenge of Tolerance**"
- Service Leader: Paul Lee
Opener: Nikki Rohrs
Closer: Michelle Midgette
Greeters: Patricia Lassiter and Bill Edwards
- 12:00 **First Sunday Potluck Lunch**
Bring donated food or donation for Feeding the Valley Food Bank
Bring a Friend Day

August 14

- 9:30 Adult Religious Education. Leader: Rick Spradlin (MH)
- 10:40 Program: Jim Humphries, Retired Clinical Service Chief at Psychiatric Hospitals
Title: "**A Free and Responsible Search for Truth and Meaning**"
- Service Leader: Rick Spradlin
Opener: Maureen Humphries
Closer: Connie Ussery
Greeters: Ursula King and Justine Wade

August 21

- 9:30 Adult Religious Education. Leader: Rick Spradlin (MH)
- 10:40 Program: Reverend Diana Allende, Minister Emerita, Auburn UU Fellowship
Title: "**Given to Me to Do**"
- Service Leader: Bill Edwards
Opener: Kirstin Mix
Closer: Patricia Lassiter
Greeters: Kirstin Mix and Mark Berger
GATP: PAWS Humane
- 12:00 Social Action Committee meeting

August 28

- 9:30 Adult Religious Education. Leader: Rick Spradlin (MH)
- 10:40 Program: Gayle Alston, MS, Director, Rosalynn Carter Institute for Caregiving
Training Center for Excellence
Title: "**Family Caregivers: the Backbone of Our Health System**"
- Service Leader: Ron Ussery
Opener: Heather Saxton
Closer: Robbie Henson
Greeters: Robbie Henson and Robert Burnham

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A Welcoming Congregation

Thanks to **Maureen and Jim Humphries** for coordinating programs this month



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 Women

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. This month the group will meet on August 11 at 5:30 pm for dinner at **Ezell's** restaurant on Warm Springs Road. RSVP to Brenda by August 9.

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. We will meet on August 23rd and review the book, True Love by Robert Fulghum. We welcome new members!

UU Singers

Practice will resume in September.

Yoga

Yoga is suspended for the summer. Classes will begin again on Thursday, September 8.

Media Lunch Group

This group meets at a different restaurant each Friday at 12:30 to have fun and discuss current events. It was formed by Don Nahley, Bill Harlan, Dick McMichael and Ed Wilson to discuss their experiences as newsmen. It has evolved to inviting all members and friends of the Fellowship to join them for a lively discussion. Please call Bill Harlan at 605.390.0590 to see where they will be meeting this month.

"Where Are We?"

This new group will have its inaugural meeting on Thursday evening, August 4th at 7 PM in the Meeting House. The purpose of this group is to explore and grow in our own spirituality and to learn how our own spirituality expresses itself in our daily lives.

Joys and Concerns

- * WE ARE EXCITED TO HAVE ERNESTINE MATHIS BACK WITH US.
- * GERDA SMITH JOINED THE UU WOMEN FOR DINNER IN JULY. ALTHOUGH SHE CONTINUES TO HAVE SOME HEALTH ISSUES, WE HOPE SHE'LL BE BACK AT THE FELLOWSHIP WITH US SOON.
- * OUR WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS TO PAUL LEE AND TELLAS MURRELL ON THEIR RECENT MARRIAGE!
- * IN JULY, WE DONATED \$50 AND 58 LBS. FOOD TO FEEDING THE VALLEY.
- * OUR GATP DONATION TO ALTERNA HOUSE IN LAGRANGE WAS \$370.50.
- * OUR GATP CHARITY FOR AUGUST IS PAWS HUMANE.



David Smith	August 1
Karen Spradlin	August 3
Elaine Lupo	August 8
Mark Lupo	August 8
John Nix	August 11
Gerda Smith	August 17
Paul Lee	August 28
Grace Jordan	August 30

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Children's RE Programs

August 7	Goals	Kayla Spradlin
August 14	Success	Ashley Walker
August 21	Art Project	Paul Lee
August 28	Heroes	Nate and Molly Gross

For the summer months, the children will be doing a journaling series that can be continued each week. This is a project that is ongoing, but is also one that the children can skip around.

Children's Story



August 7	Maureen Humphries
August 14	John Kamisky
August 21	Kirstin Mix
August 28	Molly Gross

notes from the board.....

Mid year financial report: We've had a few different expenses as we continue to get settled in. Our budget is based on \$7355 a month and we've been averaging about \$5300 a month in contributions. That's a big improvement based on where we were in the old building, but if you haven't considered pledging yet for this year, now might be a good time.

Building use policy: Now that we have this wonderful and spacious facility, we have had some increased interest in other groups using the space. In consultation with our insurance company, we have developed a set of procedures for use of the building for events that are outside of our normal weekly routines. This was done to provide the appropriate liability protection our insurance company required as well as allowing us to cover the costs of cleaning and operating the building. Full details of the policy will be posted.

Increasing variety in our services: Keep posted for some different initiatives to help us increase the variety of our services and provide for different experiences of fellowship and worship. As UUs it is important that we provide different paths for spiritual growth and we are considering some ways to help enhance the spiritual part of our programs such as some variation in music, changes in the service leader script, and having some programs delivered as more traditional sermons or messages with discussions being held privately at the conclusion of the message as well as continuing our traditions of stimulating programs with robust and respectful Q&A sessions.

Bits and Pieces:

Thanks to everyone who helped move tables and chairs to the pavilion last month for our Picnic in the Pavilion. It was a great success although most people ate inside because of the hot weather

Board meetings are held the third Tuesday evening of every month at 7 pm at GFH. Meetings are open to everyone.

Donations for Feeding the Valley Food Bank should be non-perishable food in unbreakable containers (no glass). Checks made out to Feeding the Valley and cash are also welcome.

On the third Sunday of each month our Social Justice Committee designates a local charity to be the recipient of our Give Away the Plate (GATP) offering. The money collected in the offering which is not pledged for the operations of the Fellowship is donated to the charity.

A Community Announcement

The Mental Health Court offers quarterly graduation ceremonies for participants, judges and officers who work with the volunteer and government sponsored mental health programs in Columbus. Their graduations are always the first Monday in February, May, August and November in the Government Center Plaza Level at 5:00 PM.

People transition from 50-60 days/year in jail to one or none after going through this program. It sounds like a very worthy effort and offers hope in this community for people who have been losing at life and are close to giving up. Maybe we can show our support by attending the August graduation. The program takes about 30 minutes.

Notes from the Social Action Committee

There will be a Social Justice Committee meeting after services on August 21.

Standing on the Side of Love T-shirts

For those who would like a T-shirt, please go to the UUA.org website.

Christmas in July

We have a **black** Christmas tree set up in the Social Action Corner. Why black? Because Christmas will be very dark for children in poverty. Your donations of **green \$\$\$** from July 24 to November 13 will provide funds for the Social Action Committee to help local children who have been identified by the Salvation Army as having specific clothing needs. A shopping day will be announced in November for those who would like to participate. Thanks for providing your **green** to support a child!

GATP: PAWS Humane

The mission of PAWS Humane is to enhance and supplement the services offered by Animal Care and Control, and reduce the need for euthanasia of homeless animals because of severe pet overpopulation. It is a nonprofit organization in partnership with the City of Columbus and brings people and animals together through adoption and fostering programs.



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