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## Sunday Programs

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**November 6**

9:30 Adult Religious Education: Building Your Own Theology. Leader: Rick Spradlin (MH)

10:40 Program: Rick Spradlin  
 Title: "*The Right of Conscience and the Democratic Process*"

Service Leader: John Nix  
 Opener: Maureen Humphries  
 Closer: Connie Ussey  
 Greeter: Bill Edwards and Anna Hensley

12:00 First Sunday Potluck Lunch  
 Bring donated food or donation for Feeding the Valley Food Bank  
 Bring a Friend Day

**November 13**

9:30 Adult Religious Education: Building Your Own Theology. Leader: Rick Spradlin (MH)

10:40 Program: UU Women's Book Club presents Sebastian Junger's  
 Title: "*Tribe: on Homecoming and Belonging*"  
*(a war correspondent's theories on common purpose, disaster survivors and veterans)*

Service Leader: Ron Ussey  
 Opener: Heather and Sonya Saxton  
 Closer: Patricia Lassiter  
 Greeter: Ursula King and Robert Burnham

**November 20**

9:30 Adult Religious Education: Building Your Own Theology. Leader: Rick Spradlin (MH)

10:40 Program: Reverend Ed Wilson  
 Title: "*Thanksgiving — To Whom? For What?*"

Service Leader: Dave Walker  
 Opener: Chris Nix  
 Closer: Robbie Henson  
 Greeter: Patricia Lassiter and Justine Wade  
 GATP: *The Salvation Army*

12:00 Social Action Committee meeting

**November 27**

9:30 Adult Religious Education: Building Your Own Theology. Leader: Rick Spradlin (MH)

10:40 Program: Reverend Duncan Teague, UU Congregation of Atlanta  
 Title: "*More Than Moist Turkey*"

Service Leader: Bill Edwards  
 Opener: Sidney Wilson  
 Closer: Paul Lee  
 Greeter: Mark Berger and Kirstin Mix

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NOVEMBER

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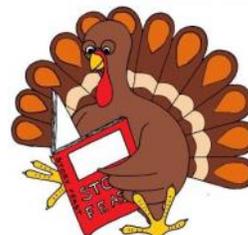


*A Welcoming Congregation*



### Children's Story

November 6	John Kamisky
November 13	Molly Gross
November 20	Emily Jones
November 27	Maureen Humphries



### Bits and Pieces

**Note: The Caring for You, Caring for Me** workshop has been rescheduled to meet on Saturday, October 29th from 9:30-4:00. Call the UUFC office (706.660.1442) to register.

The Fellowship is in need of a large (6'-8') artificial Christmas tree to be used in Grace Fellowship Hall during the month of December. If you have one to loan or donate, please contact Brenda, Maureen Humphries or Linda Hagberg. Thanks!!

The next Board Meeting is November 21 at 7PM in the Meeting House. Everyone is invited to attend.

The Young Adult UU's are meeting again! Please contact Kayla Spradlin for more information. They usually meet in the evening at a local coffee shop. They welcome new members.

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.

November 4	Kierstin Ellis
November 4	Katy Clyde
November 7	Mark See
November 11	Monica Russell
November 11	Mac Smith



November 11	Ed Wilson
November 12	Kristin Hurst
November 15	Evelyn Roebuck
November 26	John Land
November 28	Robbie Henson

## Save These Dates

**December 9, 2016**

### Annual Christmas Party

This year we will hold our Christmas party in Grace Fellowship Hall so we can better accommodate everyone who wants to attend. Please keep this date open so you can join the fun. If you wish to help in the planning, please contact Maureen Humphries or Linda Hagberg.



**December 11, 2016**

### Annual Business Meeting

Please make it a point to be here in Grace Fellowship Hall on this date. We will convene our annual business meeting right after the service. Dave Walker will bring us up to date on all our finances and will conduct the election of our Board of Trustees for 2017.

If you are interested in serving on the Board for 2017, please contact Maureen Humphries by November 20.

### Give Away the Plate

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!

***PLEASE NOTE: The GATP collection in November will be the last chance to donate to this worthwhile project. If you would like to be part of the shopping experience, please let Maureen know. Please be generous.***

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.



## WORTH AND DIGNITY by Rev. Ed Wilson

John Wayne Gacy? Hitler? Stalin? Osama Bin Laden? Saddam Hussein? Do we affirm and promote their worth and dignity? No. Do we affirm and promote their “*inherent* worth and dignity”? Yes. So what’s the difference? The key to understanding the first of our seven UU principles is in the word “inherent.” That word reminds us that being human brings with it embryonic worth and dignity—a status of worth and dignity—with a potential that exceeds that of any other creature. So, affirming “the inherent worth and dignity of every person” is affirming the capacity of all humans for great good and decency.

A human has capacity for worthy thoughts and actions— capacity for marvelous achievements—because she has inherent worth. A human can pursue lofty goals because he has inherent dignity. Every person has the option of utilizing the status of being human for noble ends. Sad to note, some have done the opposite, degrading their humanity to low levels, denying their own worth and dignity.

Worth and dignity exist in all humans at birth. So the universal human attributes of worth and dignity are marks of being a human. We are talking here about the essence of humanness. So, doesn’t that leave humans with some special responsibilities? And shouldn’t we UU’s do everything we can to tap into the inherent worth and dignity of every person? And should we not link with any cause or program that works to reduce the degradation that is manifested in those named above—that resists such squandering of human worth and dignity? To engage in cultivation of worth and dignity—the essence of humanity!  
What a challenge! What an exciting endeavor!