Sunday Programs

November 6

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

10:40 Program: Rick Spradlin

" The Right of Conscience and the Democratic Process" Title:

> Service Leader: John Nix Opener: Maureen Humphries Closer: Connie Ussery

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)

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 Usserv 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)

Program: Reverend Ed Wilson 10:40

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

Thanks to for *Michelle Midgette* for coordinating programs this month.



NOVEMBER

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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)

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 November 10 at Country's Barbeque at 5:30 pm. Let Brenda know if you plan to attend.

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 Club will be on hiatus until January, 2017.

UU Singers

If you are interested in music or singing, please consider joining our UU Singers. Rehearsals are held every Wednesday night at 6 pm and on Sundays at 9:30 am before the service. (GFH)

Friday Lunch Group

This group meets at a different restaurant each Friday at 12:00 to have fun and discuss current events. All members and friends of the Fellowship are invited to join the group for a lively discussion. Please call Bill Harlan at 605.390.0590 to see where they will be meeting this month.

Exploring Spirituality

This new group meets the first and the third Thursdays in the Meeting House at 7 pm. 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.

Spirituality in Life Book Club

New!!!! This group will have its first meeting on Monday, November 7 at 7 pm in the Meeting House. Discussion will be led by Brad Griffin and the book to be discussed is *Wrestling With God: A Unitarian Universalist Guide for Skeptics and Believers* by Tom Owen-Towle. There is a sign up sheet on the Welcome Table in the Great Hall.

Joys and Concerns

- * Our GATP donation in October was \$204.00 for Christmas wreaths to be placed at the Ft. Mitchell cemetery.
- * GATP in November will be for clothing and toys for children designated by the Salvation Army. We will add this amount to that which we have collected already. Please be generous.

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 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!