

## Sunday Programs

### May 7

9:30 Adult Religious Education: How Did Jesus Become God?: The Disciples' Visions of Jesus (MH)  
10:30 Coffee and Conversation

10:45 Program: UU Women's Book Club  
Title: **"The UU Flower Ceremony"**

Service Leader: Pat Hart  
Opener: Paul Lee  
Closer: Rick Spradlin  
Greeters: Ursula King and Robert Burnham

**12:00 First Sunday Potluck Lunch and Bring a Friend Day**

### May 14

### *Mother's Day*

9:30 Adult Religious Education: How Did Jesus Become God? : The Backward Movement of Christianity  
10:30 Coffee and Conversation

10:45 Program: Donna Tompkins, Muscogee County Sheriff  
Title: **"Security"**

Service Leader: Bill Harlan  
Opener: Rick Spradlin  
Closer: John Kamisky  
Greeters: Ann Newland and Orm Burnham

### May 21

9:30 Adult Religious Education: How Did Jesus Become God?: Paul's View (MH)  
10:30 Coffee and Conversation

10:45 Program: Rev. Dawn Skjei Cooley, UUA Southern Region Congregational Life Staff  
Title: **"Roller Derby Religion"**

Service Leader: Maureen Humphries  
Opener: John Kamisky  
Closer: Emily Jones  
Greeters: Patricia Lassiter and Justine Wade  
**GATP: Meals on Wheels**

### May 28

9:30 Adult Religious Education: How Did Jesus Become God?: Once Jesus Became God (MH)  
10:30 Coffee and Conversation

10:45 Program: David Smith  
Title: **TBA**

Service Leader: Ron Ussery  
Opener: Joyce Hickson  
Closer: Marjorie Harlan  
Greeters: Mark Berger and Robert Burnham

***Children's Religious Education Programs can be found on page 3***

Thanks to **Patricia Lassiter and David Smith** for coordinating programs this month.

\* A Program Coordinator is needed for December\*



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***A Welcoming Congregation***



**\* You do not need to be a member of the Fellowship to attend any of these activities \***

## 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. **Date change: This month we will meet on May 25th at 3:30 PM at the Wynn House for a garden tour. Please see item on page 4.**

### 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. The book for May 23rd will be The Swerve by Stephen Greenblatt.

### 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 the Mandarin Cafe each Friday at 12:30 to have fun and discuss current events. All members and friends of the Fellowship are invited to join the group for a lively discussion.

### 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.

### Spiritual Book Club

This group will meet on Thursday, May 11th, at 7 PM at the home of Joyce Hickson, 7803 Edgewater Drive, Columbus, GA to discuss the book "Who Needs God?" by Harold Kushner.

## Joys and Concerns

- ◆ Welcome to our newest members Brett and Giulia Gardner and their son Matteo.
- ◆ Beth Cooper is getting married. Congratulations!
- ◆ We offer our condolences to Connie Ussery on the death of her mother, Dorothy Copeland Roe and to Pam Mulvaney on the death of her father, Marshall Simpson.
- ◆ Mona Crawford has been ill, please keep her in your thoughts.



### The UU Flower Ceremony, May 7

This is an annual ritual that celebrates beauty, human uniqueness, diversity and community. In this ceremony, everyone in the congregation brings a flower. Each person places a flower in a shared vase. The congregation blesses the flowers and they are redistributed and everyone brings home a different flower than the one they brought. It is an opportunity to celebrate our Sixth Principle: **We covenant to affirm and promote the goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all.**



## Children's RE

### Tapestry of Faith—Love Connects Us

May 7	A Matter of Perspective	Kirstin Mix
May 14	Art Lesson	Paul Lee
May 21	Our Heritage's Calling	Rick Spradlin
May 28	All Work Together	Emily Jones

## Children's Story

May 7	Kirstin Mix
May 14	Maureen Humphries
May 21	Rick Spradlin
May 28	Emily Jones

Bhawna Sinha  
Florence Wakoko  
Johanna Walker

May 5  
May 5  
May 25





## UU Women's Garden Tour

May 25th from 2-4 PM

We will meet in the parlor of the Wynn House, across from the Columbus Museum, for afternoon tea or punch and then tour their gardens. The cost will be \$5.00. Send checks made out to Pat Hart and mailed to 2829 Hart Dr., Columbus, GA 31904 to be received by May 21st or pay Pat or Brenda at UU by that date.

## May Day Celebration

On May 1st, a Monday, there will be a "gathering" at 7 P.M. in the Meditation Garden to discuss and celebrate this Wiccan/modern Pagan "cross quarter" day (day midpoint between a solstice and equinox). We will also discuss May Day as Workers' Day. This is not a major celebration, such as on the equinox or solstice, just a time to relax and enjoy each other's company. Bring your favorite beverage to sip. A small fire is planned.



## Carolyn's Path

This is the beginning of the trail which winds around our property, beginning at the Meeting House and ending at the pavilion. It was named in honor of Carolyn Searcy who loved nature.

She would be so happy....

## notes from.....The Social Action Committee

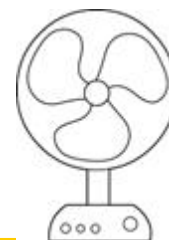
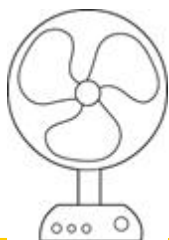
**GATP** in April went to El Refugio Ministries.  
**GATP** this month will go to Meals on Wheels.

Jim and Maureen Humphries distributed clothing collected during the last quarter to the following agencies: the SafeHouse, Grace House, Trinity House, House of T.I.M.E., Men's Addiction Program, Damascus Way, and the Goodwill Training Center. Thank you for your generosity.

Our special activity for this quarter will be to collect money for cooling fans for distribution to clients of several agencies in Columbus which serve the elderly.

It is hoped that this will help "beat the heat" in a hot Columbus summer.

Donations may be made at a table near the coffee area. Thanks for your help!



STANDING ON THE SIDE OF LOVE

### Volunteers Needed for Congregational Care Committee

The mission of the Congregational Care Committee is to recognize and assist in meeting the needs of our members and friends whose lives have been touched by painful circumstances resulting in bereavement, various losses and illnesses.

The Committee strives to respond with love and compassion. Please contact Joyce Hickson at [jhcatsmeow425@gmail.com](mailto:jhcatsmeow425@gmail.com) if you are interested in serving on this committee.

## Bits and Pieces

The **Greeter Team** is looking for additional volunteers! It is an easy, but very important job. See Brenda to learn more.

From the Treasurer, John Hart:

If you make a cash donation and want it recognized as part of your 2017 pledge, you must put it in an envelope, label it "Pledge 2017" and include your name. At the end of 2017 you will be mailed a statement of your donations for tax purposes.

**Note:** When you need to mail something to the Fellowship, please use our post office box address listed on the first page of this newsletter. **We do not have a mailbox at the Heiferhorn address.**

On the third Sunday of each month our Social Action 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.

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.