

Sunday Programs

June 4

- 9:30 Adult Religious Education: The Shocking Truth About Spirituality, Religion and Faith (and why we should care), part 1 (MH)
- 10:30 Coffee and Conversation
- 10:45 Program: Katie Howard, Director, Area Agency on Aging
Title: **"What is the Area Agency on Aging and How Can We Help You?"**
- Service Leader: Bill Edwards
Opener: Marj Harlan
Closer: Michelle Midgette
Greeter: Bill Edwards
- 12:00 First Sunday Potluck Lunch and Bring a Friend Day**

June 11

- 9:30 Adult Religious Education: The Shocking Truth About Spirituality, Religion, and Faith (and why we should care), part 2 (MH)
- 10:30 Coffee and Conversation
- 10:45 Program: Dr. Larry Meisel, Clinical Counselor
Title: **"Common Wisdom: An Interactive Discussion of Brief and Hopefully Thought Provoking Ideas About Life"**
- Service Leader: John Nix
Opener: Chris Nix
Closer: Patricia Lassiter
Greeters: Ursula King and Patricia Lassiter

June 18 **Homecoming Celebration**

- 9:30 Adult Religious Education: Moving On From Where You Were to Where You Are (MH)
- 10:30 Coffee and Conversation
- 10:45 Program: Rev. Norm Horofker, Universalist Unitarian Church of Halifax, Nova Scotia
Title: **"The UU Gospel—Five Things You Never Expected to Hear from a Minister"**
- Service Leader: David Smith
Opener: Pat Hart
Closer: Michelle Midgette
Greeters: Ann Newland and Robert Burnham
GATP: Brown Bag of Columbus

June 25

- 9:30 Adult Religious Education: Samples of "This I Believe" PBS (MH)
- 10:30 Coffee and Conversation
- 10:45 Program: Rick Spradlin, Educator and Vice President of Religious Education
Title: **"The Sacred Question" - For us it is the questions that are sacred**
- Service Leader: Rick Spradlin
Opener: Maureen Humphries
Closer: Connie Ussery
Greeters: Orm Burnham and Bill Edwards

**Children's Religious Education Programs are on hiatus until September
Childcare is provided every Sunday from 9:30 until noon**

Thanks to **Maureen Humphries** for coordinating programs this month.

* A Program Coordinator is still 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. The June meeting will be June 8th at 5:30 pm in Grace Fellowship Hall. Several members of the group will provide dinner.

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 June 26th will be 1984 by George Orwell.

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.

Spirituality Book Club

The group will discuss The Spirituality of Imperfection by Ernest Kurtz and Katherine Ketchum. This meeting will be held on June 22 at 7 PM at the home of Joyce Hickson, 7803 Edgewater Drive, Columbus.

Joys and Concerns

- It is a Joy to welcome our newest member, Tim French, to our Fellowship. He is already an active participant at our Friday Lunch group.
- Welcome to Koki Sato who is substituting for our pianist, Hongling Liang, while she visits China.
- We bid the Gross family a sad goodbye, but wish them well in their next adventure in Kentucky. They will be missed.
- Justine Wade is experiencing serious complications with her pregnancy. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.
- Fran Cox has been ill with pneumonia. We hope to see her back at UU soon.
- Marge Hall has moved to Covenant Woods.
- Mona Crawford is out of the hospital and sends thanks for the cards and well wishes.
- Jennifer and Matt Elmatti welcomed their first child.
- Paige Sturm accepted a position in Kentucky.



Norm & Janet Horofker to visit Columbus June 18

Reverend Norman Horofker, minister of the Universalist Unitarian Church of Halifax, Nova Scotia, will keynote our Homecoming Service scheduled for Sunday, June 18. Norm and Janet will visit us as part of their trip to New Orleans, where Norm will receive his final fellowship in UU ministry. He is the first and only minister so far to be ordained by our fellowship.

The topic of Norm's keynote sermon will be, "The UU Gospel—Five Things You Never Expected to Hear from a Minister!" Regarding the sermon, Norm said, "Unitarian Universalism is a unique religion. For those not familiar with it, it can be quite surprising and for those who call themselves UU it continues to challenge in unexpected ways."

This will be the first visit by Norm and Janet to Columbus in the 5 years since they moved to Halifax. While a member of the Columbus UU fellowship, Rev. Horofker served several years as fellowship president and was also active in other congregational leadership roles. His wife, Janet, also served as fellowship president, served several terms as fellowship treasurer, and was active in leadership of children's religious education and music programs throughout their time in Columbus.

Reverend Ed Wilson, a fellowship member who was involved in scheduling the Horofker visit, said "Norm and Janet made so many friends during their 17 years in Columbus. We are so happy they will make this return visit, and we want it to be a great homecoming service. So, let's spread the word among friends, former fellowship members and people who may just want to know more about UU and our fellowship. This will be a good time to show Norm and Janet our appreciation for their friendship and for all they did as active members of this fellowship."

Summer Solstice Celebration June 21 in the Meditation Garden



To celebrate the Summer Solstice, come to the Meditation Garden on Wednesday, June 21. The program will begin at 7:00, but a grill will be available at 5:30 for those who want to bring something to grill. Don't forget to bring your favorite beverage! For more info, call Hal Midgette at 706.561.1771. For those who have not attended one of our solstice events, they are a lot of fun! This time we won't have a fire, but use candles to set the mood. No smoke!

GREETING POLL



We have changed the order of the service a little and inserted a few different elements. One of these elements is to take a few moments during the service to greet people around us. Some people are in favor of this and some aren't. Please give us your opinion. Vote: YES, I like it! or NO, not so much.

Email your vote to uucolga@bellsouth.net or tell Bill Harlan after the service.

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 if you are interested in serving on this committee.

Brad Griffin June 3
Mary Farmer June 9
Daniel Zok June 9
Michelle Midgette June 10



Emily Jones June 12
Matt Williams June 14
Brett Gardner June 18
Bill Hurst June 22
Carolyn Glover June 28

notes from.....The Social Action Committee

We collected **\$265.00** for Meals on Wheels in May.
GATP this month will go to Brown Bag of Columbus.
Both of these programs help seniors meet their food needs.

Our "Fan Project" brought in over **\$400** and will provide some of our neediest seniors respite from the hot Georgia summer.

There will be a Social Action committee meeting on Tuesday, June 13 at 10 AM in the Meeting House to plan for the coming quarter.

The focus for the third quarter will be Immigration.

STANDING ON THE SIDE OF LOVE

Bits and Pieces

The Board is actively looking at ways to improve the sound in Grace Fellowship Hall and in the Meeting House. Also in the works is an inspection of the stove/oven to see if we can get it in working condition. Stay tuned.....

Thanks to Ursula King for facilitating our parking lot patching.

Reverend Dawn Cooley is our Congregational Care liaison to the UUA. If you would like to get in touch with her, please use as her email...dcooley@uua.org. We really enjoyed meeting her and hearing her thoughts.

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.