
Sunday Programs

September 3

- 9:30 Adult Religious Education: The Nuns on the Bus, part 1 (MH)
- 10:15 Coffee and Conversation
- 10:45 Program: John Studstill
Title: "**The Three Gods of A Congolese Animist Religion—What does it all mean?**"
- Service Leader: Bill Harlan
Opener: Paul Lee
Closers: Volunteer Closing Team
Greeters: Patricia Lassiter and Orm Burnham
- 12:00 **First Sunday Potluck**

September 10

- 9:30 Adult Religious Education: The Nuns on the Bus, part 2 (MH)
- 10:15 Coffee and Conversation
- 10:45 Program: Patti Henry
Title: "**Are We UU's Too White?**"
- Service Leader: John Land
Opener: John Kamisky
Closers: Volunteer Closing Team
Greeters: Mark Berger and Maureen Humphries

September 17

- 9:30 Adult Religious Education: This I Believe, part 1 (MH)
- 10:15 Coffee and Conversation
- 10:45 Program: Bill Harlan
Title: "**The Sandinista Revolution of 1980's and Liberation Theology**"
- Service Leader: Pat Hart
Opener: Linda Hagberg
Closers: Volunteer Closing Team
Greeters: Ursula King and Judy Barnett
GATP: Double Churches Elementary School Media Center

September 24

- 9:30 Adult Religious Education: This I Believe, part 2 (MH)
- 10:15 Coffee and Conversation
- 10:45 Program: Rev. Ed Helton
Title: "**Can't We All Just Get Along?**"
- Service Leader: Rick Spradlin
Opener: Connie Ussery
Closers: Volunteer Closer Team
Greeters: Bill Edwards and Robert Burnham

Childcare is provided every Sunday from 9:30 until noon

Thanks to **John Studstill** for coordinating programs this month.



SEPTEMBER

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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 p.m. 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 September 14th gathering will be at 6:30 p.m. at Dixie Turman's house. We will have a baby shower for Justine Wade. Details to follow.

Women's Book Club

A monthly meeting is held on the fourth Tuesday evening of each month at 5 p.m. in the Meeting House. The current book is announced a month in advance, giving everyone a chance to read it. The book for September 25 is "Lilac Girls" by Martha Hall Kelly.

UU Singers

If you are interested in music or singing, please consider joining our UU Singers. Rehearsals are held every Wednesday night at 6 p.m. and on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. 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 group meets the first and the third Thursdays in the Meeting House at 7 p.m. 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 next meeting of this group will be on Thursday September 28th at 7 p.m. in the Meeting House. The book to be discussed is "An Altar in the World" by Barbara Brown Taylor.

Mindfulness 101

This class is full and will run until September. Stay tuned for further classes.

Joys and Concerns

- * We congratulate Beth Cooper and Nick Terry on their recent marriage.
- * Congratulations also to Kayla Spradlin and Josh Greer on their engagement.
- * Robert B. suffered a stroke and is in the Northside Hospital Rehab unit. He is progressing well and enjoys visitors. (Please visit after 4 pm.)

GRACE JORDAN

August 30, 1918– July 29, 2017

Grace Jordan was born and raised in Hawkinsville, Georgia. Upon graduation from college, she became Director of Family and Children’s Services in Talbotton, GA. She resigned from that position in 1945 only to return to that position 23 years later after she had raised her 3 children. After her retirement in 1981 she served on welfare and hospital boards and volunteered in other service capacities.

Grace was a beloved member of the Fellowship since 1985. She served on the board of trustees and the fellowship hall is named in her honor. She was a friend to all and loved by all. We already miss her sweet smile and twinkling eyes. Her concern for others was the hallmark of her life.

Children’s Religious Education

(meets in the Meeting House)**

- September 3 We Are All One
- September 10 Conscience– Hearing the Inner Voice
- September 17 Faith, Hope, and Prayer
- September 24 In Another’s Shoes

Volunteers are needed to teach RE and also to read the Children’s Story. Contact Rick Spradlin at spradlin.rick@yahoo.com .

**Children come to the sanctuary for the beginning of the service, then are dismissed to the RE classroom.

* RE is for age 4 and above, childcare is provided for children under age 3 upstairs.

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- 6 Robert Burnham
- 6 Sidney Wilson
- 9 Cole Trahan
- 9 Dixie Turman
- 10 Steve Granich
- 10 Justine Wade
- 16 Julie Bouchard
- 17 Jean Puckett



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- 18 Hal Midgette
- 18 Beth Terry
- 19 Maureen Humphries
- 21 Aiden Ellis
- 22 Kayla Spradlin
- 22 Ron Ussery
- 26 Anna Hensley
- 27 Koki Sato
- 30 Ben Pike

notes from.....The Social Action Committee

- **GATP** in August donation went to the **Southern Poverty Law Center**.
- **GATP** in September will go to the **Double Churches Elementary School Media Center** to purchase books designed for the Accelerated Reader program, which builds on reading skills at different levels.
- The focus of the **GATP** efforts from Sept—December will be on **CHILDREN**.
- Our Christmas Project this year will be a focus on supplying duffel bags for children coming into foster care. Please read about the project below.

UU Christmas Project

Duffel Bags for Foster Kids

Foster kids often arrive at their new foster home with all of their property in a plastic trash bag or paper bags. This is the only way they are able to transport their meager belongings.

This year we plan to fill duffel bags with items that will provide some comfort as well give the children somewhere to store some of their things. We are asking your help to make this a successful endeavor. We plan to present these bags to Benchmark Services, which administers the foster care program, at their Christmas party in December. A duffel bag will then be given to each child who enters the foster care program.

It is estimated that each bag will cost \$15-20 filled. We plan to fill the bags with a blanket, stuffed animal, personal hygiene products, and a journal with pen or coloring book and crayons.



Bits and Pieces

- ⇒ We will have a celebration of the Fall Equinox in the Meditation Garden on Wednesday, September 20th at 7 p.m. Please mark your calendars.
- ⇒ The Mountain is hosting UUWomenspirit 2017, a fall retreat for all UU women, on Oct. 11-13. For more information, go to www.themountainrlc.org.
- ⇒ If you would like to send a note of condolence to Grace Jordan's family, their addresses have been posted on the bulletin board and extra copies have been placed on the welcome table.
- ⇒ Please note that Children's RE will begin meeting in the Meeting House this month. Childcare for children 3 and under will still be held upstairs.
- ⇒ UU Yard Sale October 7 from 8 AM until 2 PM. We need donations and volunteers to help fund our projects--AC unit for Children's Room upstairs, Sound System and new seating for the Great Hall. Look for sign-up sheets on the bulletin board and see Ursula King or Ron Ussery for information. Flyers will be placed in the Great Hall soon with more information.



CONCERT

Pianist Koki Sato, one of our talented accompanists at UUFC, will perform at Grace Fellowship Hall at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 3. The 50-minute concert is free and open to the public. (Optional, totally-up-to-you, free-will donations gratefully accepted.) Koki is studying piano performance at the [Schwob School of Music at Columbus State University](#). He also studied at the prestigious [Toho Gakuen School of Music](#) in his native Tokyo. Koki will play a program that he will record in September as part of his studies at the Schwob School. Anyone who heard Koki play at one of our Sunday services this summer will know how special this concert will be. Please join us. You will not be disappointed.

For the latest news, visit our dynamic new website:
www.uucolumbusga.org for all the latest info about programs, schedules,
announcements, etc.