

## Sunday Programs

### September 2

9:15 Adult Religious Education: "The Syncretism of Santeria" (MH)  
10:15 Coffee and Conversation

10:45 Program: Rick Spradlin  
*Title: "Black Lives Matter - A Spiritual Calling"*

Service Leader: Rick Spradlin  
Opener: Chris Nix  
Closers: Volunteer Closing Team  
Greeters: Justine Wade and Robert Burnham

12:00 **FIRST SUNDAY POT LUCK LUNCHEON**

### September 9

9:15 Adult Religious Education: "Shinto Shrines" (MH)  
10:15 Coffee and Conversation

10:45 Program: Hal Midgette  
*Title: "The UU Water Ceremony"*

Service Leader: Ron Ussery  
Opener: Ellen Harlan  
Closers: Volunteer Closing Team  
Greeters: Judy Barnett and Chris Nix

### September 16

9:15 Adult Religious Education: "What is Buddhism Really About?" led by Joanie Andras (MH)  
10:15 Coffee and Conversation

10:45 Program: Rick Spradlin  
*Title: "Forrest Church's Cathedral of the World"*

Service Leader: Rick Spradlin  
Opener: Pat Hart  
Closers: Volunteer Closing Team  
Greeters: Maureen Humphries and Jeff Gordon  
**GATP: Homeless Resource Network**

### September 23

9:15 Adult Religious Education: "Jainism: the World's Oldest Religion?" (MH)  
10:15 Coffee and Conversation

10:45 Program: Dr. Susan Copeland  
*Title: "Heinz Gaertner and the Georgia/German POW experience of WWII"*

Service Leader: Bill Harlan  
Opener: Maureen Humphries  
Closers: Volunteer Closing Team  
Greeters: Orm Burnham and Mark Berger

### September 30

9:15 Adult Religious Education: Experience vs. Belief: Animism  
10:15 Coffee and Conversation

10:45 Program: John Land  
*Title: "No Grand Finale: Fading Out in America"*

Service Leader: John Land  
Opener: Sidney Wilson  
Closers: Volunteer Closing Team  
Greeters: Bill Edwards and Justine Wade



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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 in the Meeting House 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 usually 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. On Thursday, September 13th, the women will meet at the Columbus Museum at 5:45 p.m. They will attend the Rothschild Distinguished Speaker Series presented by American Artist Mark Dion. A reception follows the presentation. If there is interest they may go to dinner following the presentation.

### **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 next meeting will be on September 25th to discuss "*The Great Alone*" by Kristin Hannah. The discussion will be led by Joyce Hickson.

### **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 on the third Thursday 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. On September 20th we will discuss "Paganism: What is it and what are the misconceptions about it?" The discussion will be led by Brad Griffin.

### **Caregivers Support Group**

This group meets on the first and third Thursday mornings of each month at 10:30 a.m. in the Meeting House.

### **Calm Abiding Meditation at 9:45 followed by Buddhist Studies at 10:30**

This group meets on Saturday mornings and has a free and open format (come for some or all sessions) and is led by Joan Andras. It is held in the Meeting House. The public is welcome.

## Committee Meetings

**Congregational Care**—Second Tuesday of each month at 10:30 in the Meeting House

**Design Team** — Fourth Tuesday of each month at 3:00 in Grace Fellowship Hall

**Fundraising** — Second Thursday of each month at 10:30 in the Meeting House

**Social Action** — Second Wednesday of each month at 10:30 in the Meeting House



## *Children's Religious Education*

Sept. 2	No Children's RE
Sept. 9	Naming Miracles
Sept. 16	The Miracle of Close Attention
Sept. 23	The Miracle of Transformation
Sept. 30	It's All in the Timing

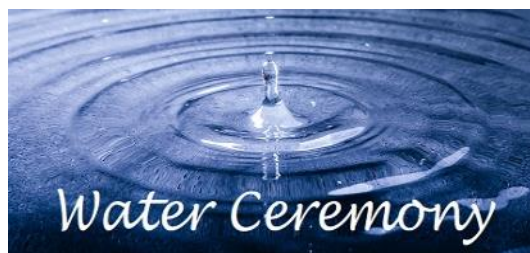
### Notice about Children's Program:

Children's Religious Education will resume on September 9th. Our new start time is 9:15 a.m. and we will meet upstairs in the main building. Following Religious Education, children and youth are welcome to attend any or all of the Sunday service with their parents.

Childcare is available from 9:15 a.m. to noon for kids too young for RE, and following RE for kids who don't wish to attend the Sunday service.

## *Bits and Pieces*

- \* **Please remember to bring water to add to our container of water for the water ceremony on September 9th.**
- \* **We send our sympathy to Joanie Andras on the loss of her daughter in law.**
- \* **We also send our sympathy to Maureen Humphries on the death of her mother.**
- \* **Fall Equinox begins on Saturday, 22 September, but we will have a pre-Fall Equinox celebration on Wednesday, 19 September in the Meditation Garden. The grill will fire up at 6 P.M. and the celebrations begin at 7:00. Bring food to cook or eat and your own libations. In the Wiccan and Pagan calendars, this is Mabon, which starts on Friday, 21 September. There are two themes for this celebration: the shifting from light to dark, and the second harvest. In case of inclement weather, we will gather at the Meeting House. Our inclement weather has usually been in the form of thunderstorms, and the associated lightning makes the pavilion less safe of a meeting site.**
- \* **The UU Guys and guests went to Alabama in August and explored the Southern Poverty Law Center's Civil Rights Memorial Center, followed by the Alabama History Museum, then onward to the First White House of the Confederacy, then munching lunch at Baumhower's, then a drive to the Bus Rides Museum, followed by an amble through the Southern Garden and Home Store on the way home. It was a packed adventure and moving in so many ways. Everything was great and the group was fantastic!  
Contact Hal Midgette for info on their next adventure!**



The UU Water Ceremony was first used at a UU worship service in the 1980's. Many UU Congregations now hold a Water Ceremony once a year, often at the beginning of a new church year. Our ceremony will be held September 9th.

Members bring to the service a small amount of water from a place that is special to them. During the appointed time in the service, people one by one pour their water together in a large bowl. As the water is added, the person who brings it tells why this water is special to them. The combined water is symbolic of our shared faith coming from many sources.

*Please Welcome Mari Ito*



Our new pianist, Mari Ito, is classically trained with degrees from Toho Gakuen School of Music and the Schwob School of Music.

She is prolific as a soloist and has found success in competitions of all levels, having won prizes locally and internationally. Currently she works as a collaborative pianist at the Schwob School of Music.

**September Birthdays**

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



**September Birthdays**

- 18 Beth Cooper
- 18 Hal Midgette
- 19 Maureen Humphries
- 22 Kayla Greer
- 22 Ron Ussery
- 26 Anna Hensley
- 27 Koki Sato
- 30 Ben Pike

# UU Field Trip to Montgomery

