

Sunday Programs

October 7

9:15 Adult Religious Education: "Zoroastrianism Then and Now" (MH)  
10:15 Coffee and Conversation

10:45 Program: Rick Spradlin  
Title: **"Can Two People Have the Same Religion?"**

Service Leader: Rick Spradlin  
Opener: John Kamisky  
Closers: Volunteer Closing Team  
Greeters: Chris Nix and Jeff Gordon

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

October 14

9:15 Adult Religious Education: "Latter Day Saints: The Mormon Church" (MH)  
10:15 Coffee and Conversation

10:45 Program: Mark Berger  
Title: **"Thinking About Our Thinking To Make Better Decisions"**

Service Leader: Ellen Harlan  
Opener: Linda Hagberg  
Closers: Volunteer Closing Team  
Greeters: Judy Barnett and Orm Burnham

October 21

9:15 Adult Religious Education: "A Look at Scientology" (MH)  
10:15 Coffee and Conversation

10:45 Program: Rick Spradlin  
Title: **"Where Did We Go Wrong? The Parable of Horatio the Heretic"**

Service Leader: Rick Spradlin  
Opener: Connie Ussery  
Closers: Volunteer Closing Team  
Greeters: Mark Berger and Maureen Humphries  
**GATP: Christmas for Two Undocumented Families**

October 28

9:15 Adult Religious Education: "Catholicism in China" (MH)  
10:15 Coffee and Conversation

10:45 Program: Rev. Pat Jobe  
Title: **"Humor and Tenacity As Tools For Overcoming"**

Service Leader: Pat Hart  
Opener: Michelle Midgette  
Closers: Volunteer Closing Team  
Greeters: Bill Edwards and Robert Burnham

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## *Children's Religious Education*

October 7	A Miracle Inside
October 14	The Miracle of Social Change
October 21	Miracles We Can Make
October 28	Still a Mystery

### Notice about our Children's Program:

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.

We welcome our new director of the Children's Religious Education Program, Susan Henderson.

## *Bits and Pieces*

- ◇ A special Stewardship Award was presented to Hal Midgette for all that he does to help the Fellowship. He tends our Meditation Garden, hosts all our special events in the garden, maintains the trails, plans trips for the guys, and helps whenever called upon. Thanks, Hal, for all you do.
- ◇ Our sympathy goes out to John Land on the death of his friend, Jason Russell who died on August 29.

### **Climate training Nov. 3 at Grace Fellowship Hall**

Here's a way to take action to support the Seventh Principle of Unitarian Universalism—"respect for the interdependent web of all existence, of which we are a part."

Earlier this year, a representative from the Citizens Climate Lobby presented that group's plan to reduce carbon emission. Their "carbon fee and dividend" proposal that would gradually increase the cost of fossil fuels by collecting a "fee" at the source, then returning the money raised by the fee, on an equal per capita basis, to U.S. households. Search for the Citizens Climate Lobby website for details about this intriguing idea.

The organization has more than 400 chapters throughout the United States. Bill Harlan is working to start on here. On Saturday, Nov. 3, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. a CCL team from Atlanta will hold a free "climate activists" workshop at Grace Fellowship Hall. CCL is nonpartisan and issue-oriented. Their strategy emphasizes building relationships with citizens and policy makers from across the political spectrum.

For more information, or to sign up, contact Bill Harlan [bill.harlan47@gmail.com](mailto:bill.harlan47@gmail.com) or at 605 390-0950.

### **Magazines at UU library**

Bill and Ellen Harlan subscribe to three magazines UUs might find interesting. The New Yorker (weekly), and the Atlantic and Harpers (monthly) regularly report on human rights, the environment, economic justice and other issues important to all of us.

Ellen and Bill hope people will borrow these magazines. Return them when you're finished or keep them. Give them to friends. Recycle them. Whatever. No sign-out necessary. And if you have magazines of interest to UUs, leave them in the box on the shelf in the library.

**YARD SALE**  
**OCTOBER 13, 2018**  
**7 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the**  
**UU Fellowship of Columbus**

You may drop off items daily at the Fellowship starting Sunday, October 7, from 12-6 p.m. If you need something picked up, call the office.



**Samhain Celebration**  
**Meditation Garden**  
**October 31**

On 31 October, Wednesday, we will celebrate Samhain, which is a festival of the Dead, meaning "Summer's End" and pronounced *saah-win* or *saa-ween*. Samhain is a celebration of the end of the harvest; start of the coldest half of the year; and for many, the beginning of the spiritual new year. We also know this day as Halloween. We recognize the Day of the Dead (Dias de los Muertos) for neighbors to the south. As usual, grill starts at 6 p.m. and the celebration begins at 7 p.m. People should bring their own libations and items to grill and maybe some to share.

## Origin of UU “watchwords,” Reason, Tolerance and Freedom

By Rev. Ed Wilson

The late Dr. Earl Morse Wilbur’s two-volume *A History of Unitarianism* is recognized as the definitive work on the subject of Unitarian history. Reason, Tolerance and Freedom—words that characterize the Unitarian movement, and the local Unitarian Universalist Fellowship—were set forth by Wilbur in the introduction to Volume I, thus becoming part of the historic foundation of Unitarian Universalism. So the following quotation is worthy of study by UU’s today as a source of information and as a subject for contemplation:

“It is intended here, therefore, to present not so much the history of a particular sect or form of Christian *doctrine*, as to consider broadly a movement fundamentally characterized by its steadfast and increasing devotion to these three leading *principles*: first, complete mental **freedom** in religion rather than bondage to creeds or confessions; second, the unrestricted use of **reason** in religion, rather than reliance upon external authority or past tradition; third, generous **tolerance** of differing religious views and usages rather than insistence upon uniformity in doctrine, worship or polity. **Freedom, reason and tolerance**: it is these conditions above all others that this movement has from the beginning increasingly sought to promote; while if emphasis upon certain doctrinal elements has often or for long periods seemed to characterize it or even to dictate its name, it has been largely because insistence upon contrary doctrines seemed to conflict with the enjoyment of the conditions above named. For the movement has throughout its whole course strenuously resisted any attempt at dogmatic fixity, has made reason its ultimate court of appeal, and has normally been hospitable to changes and restatements in its forms of thought; being at all times far more concerned with the underlying spirit of Christianity in its application to the situation of practical life than with intellectual formulations of Christian thought.”

(*A History of Unitarianism*, by Earl Morse Wilbur, Volume I, p. 5)

(NOTE: **Bold type** in the foregoing quotation was inserted by the writer of this article.)

### October

- 2 Dick McMichael
- 5 Elaine Chambliss
- 6 Jeff Gordon
- 7 Christina Truesdale



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- 14 Phil Chan
- 16 Rick Spradlin
- 18 Dean Walker
- 22 Pam Mulvaney