



The Chattahoochee Chalice

The official newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Columbus, GA

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SUNDAY SERVICES



January 05 | First Sunday

9:15 Adult Religious Edu: The Perspective of Janus
9:15 Children's Religious Edu: What Are You Excited For in the New Year?
10:30 Coffee, Conversation, and Donuts
Opener: [donuts] Chris Nix
Greeters: Jeff Gordon and Jorge Lopez
11:00 Sunday Service: Rick Spradlin presents *The Pagan in Us All*
Service Leader: Rick Spradlin
12:00 Congregation Pot Luck

January 19 | Give Away The Plate

GATP Recipient: Tree of Life (free medical services for the poor and under-insured)
9:15 Adult RE: MLK and Religious Faith
9:15 Children's RE: Managing Our Emotions
Opener: Michelle Midgette
Greeters: Bill Edwards and Emily Timmins-Wilde
11:00 Sunday Service: Rick Spradlin presents *The Serious Unitarian*
Service Leader: Rick Spradlin

January 12

9:15 Adult RE: The Physiology of Faith
9:15 Children's RE: Mindfulness for Kids
Opener: Connie Ussery
Greeters: Judy Barnett and Karyann Hull
11:00 Sunday Service: Larry Summerour presents *My Spiritual Journey*
Service Leader: Ron Ussery

January 26

9:15 Adult RE: Will Millennials Go Back to Church?
9:15 Children's RE: How to Stay Graceful When Life Gets "Big"
Opener: Pat Hart
Greeters: Chris Nix and Orm Burnham
11:00 Sunday Service: Ellen Harlan presents *How Music Affects our Well Being*
Service Leader: Bill Harlan

Treasurer's Report with Ron Ussery

In our final Board meeting of the year, the new budget was approved, amounting to \$103,780 in expenses and in offsetting income. One of the changes from the old budget was dropping the mortgage expense, since we are paying off that debt at the end of the year, and instead adding a Building Long-Term Maintenance and New Roof Expense Accrual, where we aim to begin to set aside money for over \$30,000 in new roofs that we have been advised we will be needing in the fairly near future.



Other budget highlights: \$11,250 in utility expense, \$9,500 in children's programming and childcare expenses, \$7,800 for insurance, \$6,200 for the music program, \$5,000 for equipment repair and maintenance, and \$5,000 for advertising/social media/marketing. We also budgeted \$5,000 for social action/charities.

Also discussed were ways to cut utility expenses. We are planning a telephone/Internet vendor change that will halve our expense and increase Internet speed from 6 mbps to 240 mbps. And we will be measuring how much it costs us to run our commercial refrigerator and icemaker. We will also be looking at insulation in the Meeting House.

Farewell 2019 Board, Welcome 2020!

A huge THANK YOU to our 2019 Board Members as they pass the chalice flame to 2020. Please welcome our new officers: Hal Midgette, President, Barbara Owens, Secretary, and Ron Ussery, Treasurer. Welcome Board Trustees at Large: Orm Burnham, Joyce Hickson, Jorge Lopez and Susan Stephenson.



OTHER UU EVENTS

Board Meeting 1/21
3rd Tuesday, 7:00pm

Buddhist Studies*
Saturdays, 10:15-11:15am in the Meeting House;
Calm Abiding Meditation 11:15-noon.
Led by Joan Andras. Free and open format; public welcome.

*Special January Announcements from Joanie: 1/4
10:15am Special viewing of documentary *When the Iron Bird Flies*.
95min; short discussion after video
1/18 & 1/25 No Classes

Cultivating Kindness + Loving-Compassion Meditation 1/27
4th Monday, 6:30pm

Children's Ministry Committee 1/19
9:30am Sunday preceding Board Meeting

Earth-Centered Spirituality Study Group
1st and 3rd Saturdays, 7:00pm
1/4 *Witchy Workshop*
1/18 *Short Business Meeting & Sharing Pagan Music*

Exploring Spirituality 1/16
3rd Thursday

Friday Lunch Group
Every Friday at Madarin Cafe, 12:30pm
Contact Bill Harlan to join.

First Comes the Waiting

By: Erika A. Hewitt, UUA's Minister of Worship Arts and Editor of Braver/Wiser

This is the season of endings and beginnings, when the small signs of dawn pierce through the night and something new is born.

But first comes the waiting. First come the lessons of endings and beginnings.

The Presence of Life, the sheltering Spirit of Love, grieves with those sweeping up the debris of loss; waits with those who restlessly reach out for change; grants us courage in the night to guard each other's dreams for this holy, wondrous universe.

Grant us, oh Universe unfolding in mystery, a sense of your timing.

May we loosen our grip on that which doesn't serve us, leaving behind that which we have outworn and outgrown.

Teach us the lessons of beginnings. Remind us that such waitings and endings may be a starting place, a planting of seeds which bring to birth what is ready to be born – something right and just and different; a new song, a deeper relationship, a fuller love – in the fullness of time.

Fundraising Committee 1/12
2nd Sunday after Service

Introduction to Unitarian Universalism 1/19
3rd Sunday, 7:00pm
Presented by Rick Spradlin.

Social Action Committee 1/22
Wednesday following Board Meeting, NEW TIME!
10:00am

UU Singers Choir Practice
Wednesdays at 6:00pm & Sundays at 10:00am

UU Women's Group 1/9
2nd Thursday
Dinner at Bonefish Grill, 6:00pm

Wednesday Night Discussion Group
Every Wednesday, 7:00pm

Women's Book Club 1/28
4th Tuesday
Winter Garden by Kristin Hannah

Yoga for the New Year with Erika
9:00-10:00am Saturdays, 1/4, 1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2/1 and 2/8. \$25 for all weeks.
Contact Erika erikabloodworth@gmail.com with questions.

