



The Chattahoochee Chalice

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

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SUNDAY SERVICES



February 02 | First Sunday

9:15 Adult RE: *Commemorating Februa*
9:15 Children's RE: *How Do We Love Ourselves?*
10:30 Coffee, Conversation, and Donuts
Opener: [donuts] Chris Nix
Greeters: Jeff Gordon and Orm Burnham
11:00 Sunday Service: Rev. Paul Beedle presents *Blight: What's Up with That?*
Service Leader: Rick Spradlin
12:00 Congregation Pot Luck

February 16 | Give Away The Plate

GATP Recipient: NAACP Scholarship Fund
9:15 Adult RE: *The Origin of Days*
9:15 Children's RE: *How Do We Love Our Friends?*
Opener: Robbie Henson
Greeters: Bill Edwards and Robert Burnham
11:00 Sunday Service: Rick Spradlin presents *Theology of Evolution, in honor of Charles Darwin*
Service Leader: Rick Spradlin
12:15 UUFC Board Meeting

February 09

9:15 Adult RE: *The Physiology of Faith*
9:15 Children's RE: *How Do We Love Our Families?*
Opener: Sidney Wilson
Greeters: Judy Barnett and Jorge Lopez
11:00 Sunday Service: Lt. Anthony Jenkins, a Unitarian Universalist Chaplain serving in the US Air Force
Service Leader: Bill Harlan

February 23

9:15 Adult RE: *Will Millennials Go Back to Church?*
9:15 Children's RE: *How Do We Love Our Community?*
Opener: Danielle & Jason Neale
Greeters: Chris Nix and Karyann Hull
11:00 Sunday Service: Norman Easterbrook presents *The Performing Arts = Community Change Agent*
Service Leader: Ron Ussery

Bill of Particulars by Ed Wilson

We owe a big Bill. Matter of fact, it's a Bill that probably never will be paid. The Bill we owe is Bill Harlan, who has completed five years as president of the fellowship. And particulars? There are plenty. Far too many to list every single one here. It's not that I agree with everything Bill has said or done as fellowship president. I don't. But I will not let any disagreement I may have with him shade my evaluation of Bill as president of the fellowship. In short, he has done a wonderful job leading our fellowship through a time of transition and growth—growth largely attributable to his progressive leadership.

Throughout his tenure in office, Bill dealt with so many, many particulars. Where shall I begin? Well, let me begin with Bill and Ellen finding the fellowship. When they walked into the little house-become-church on Double Churches Road, it was a lucky day for our fellowship. They became part of us. Very soon, they became active in our UU congregation--in a very positive way. A retired newspaper journalist and later a corporation spokesman, Bill helped organize and implement the move to our present building. A professional musician, a singer and music teacher, now retired, Ellen has shared her marvelous talents with the fellowship, mainly as choir director. I hope you are beginning to see why I say the arrival and involvement of Bill and Ellen is one of the best things that has ever happened to UU Fellowship of Columbus.

Under Bill's presidential leadership, a partial list of particulars might well include: Kept us solvent, secured and monitored building repair and maintenance; found and employed pianists (mostly from the Schwob School of Music at CSU); produced free Sunday afternoon concerts by student musicians; refined our Sunday services (Haven't we enjoyed Bill and Ellen in their time-to-time role as service leaders! Both do it so smoothly!); looked after our building and property, to the extent of opening and closing the fellowship hall (as a sexton would do, if we had one); kept track of members and visited the sick (as a pastor might do, if we had one); even found time to be a member of the choir (the UU Singers); set up countless board and committee meetings (and often chaired the meetings); resolved controversial issues that arose in the board and the congregation (as a pastor might do, if we had one); took a genuine interest in the multitude of details of fellowship life.

At the end of 2019, when he gave his last Sunday morning talk as Fellowship President, he said he would continue to serve the fellowship as a volunteer by looking after programs. Another particular by Bill! No way can we pay our Bill of Particulars. His service is worth much more than we can pay. But we can and will say a heartfelt thank you. And knowing Bill, I think he'll say that's enough. **So, here's to our great Bill of Particulars: Thank you, Bill!**





OTHER UU EVENTS

Board Meeting 2/16
3rd Sundays, 12:15pm

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.

****Mindfulness 201 starts February 15th. 6 consecutive Saturdays. 12:30-2:00pm. Contact Joanie**

Cultivating Kindness + Loving-Compassion Meditation 2/24*
4th Monday, 6:30pm
**Followed by Losar celebration (Losar is the Tibetan New Year)*

Children's Ministry Committee 2/16
3rd Sunday, 9:30am

Earth-Centered Spirituality
1st and 3rd Saturdays, 7:00pm
2/1 *Basics of Runes + Imbolc Celebration*
2/15 *Cleansing Ritual/Removing Negativity*

Exploring Spirituality
3rd Thursday*
**Will not meet again until March*

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

Fundraising Committee 2/9
2nd Sunday after Service

Dr. Ben Pike Passes Away

Dr. Ben Pike, one of the founding members of our UU fellowship, passed away 1/14/2020. He was 81.

After graduation from the University of Georgia, Ben's first career was as a pharmacist but after two years he went to the University of Tennessee medical school becoming a gastroenterologist and serving in the Air Force for 10 years. In 1975 he came to Columbus and went into practice at St. Francis Hospital until his retirement. His medical office was where UUs gathered before they had a building to call home. Ben was instrumental in finding and financing the first UU Fellowship house on Double Churches Rd.

Over the years, he made many trips to two countries he loved, Ireland and Mexico, where he offered his medical services. He was a licensed pilot and as an athlete he was a passionate biker. At our UU he was a member of the discussion group, where his extensive knowledge of history and ability to make everyone laugh with his humorous anecdotes were much appreciated. We will miss him and remember the contribution he made to our Fellowship.

He is survived by his wife, Linda, and three adult children.

Introduction to Unitarian Universalism 2/16
3rd Sunday, 7:00pm
Presented by Rick Spradlin. Please let Rick know you plan to attend by adding your name to the sign-up sheet.

Social Action Committee 2/19
3rd Wednesday
NEW TIME! 10:00am, in the Meeting House

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

UU Women's Group 1/9
2nd Thursday
*Dinner at Chef Lee's Peking Restaurant
6100 Bradley Park Drive, 6:00pm. Please let Brenda know if you plan to attend*

Wednesday Night Discussion Group
Every Wednesday, 7:00pm in the Meeting House

Women's Book Club 2/25
4th Tuesday
"Coming of Age in Mississippi" by Anne Moody

Winter's End Yoga Series with Erika
Spark your inner light as you move your way into spring in this 6-week yoga series that will help you cultivate what you want for your life.

9:00-10:00am Fridays, 2/14, 2/21, 2/28, 3/6, 3/13 and 3/20. \$25 for all 6 classes. All welcome. No experience necessary.

Contact Erika erikabloodworth@gmail.com with questions.

