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## WORSHIP SERVICES

*May Theme: Family*

**May 17, 2009 - 9:00 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.**

**Rev. Mark Belletini**

**"Functional Families"**

*Social Justice Offering*

**May 24, 2009 - 9:00 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.**

**Rev Eric Meter**

**"Soldiers in the Family"**

**May 31, 2009 - 10:00 A.M.**

**ONE SERVICE ONLY**

**Rev. Mark Belletini**

**"That Other Family (The Family of All)"**

► **Getting to Know** UU meets on Sunday mornings in Slowter Lounge after each Worship Service.

A special *Wendy's Perspective* appears on page 7!

**Wednesday, May 13, 2009**

1:00p Archives Organizing  
 7:00p Board of Trustees  
 7:00p Memoir Writing Group  
 7:30p Men's Spirituality (off site)  
 7:30p Healing Journey; Hatha Yoga  
 8:00p Women's Spirituality

**Thursday, May 14, 2009**

9:30a Improvisational Dance  
 7:00p Soul Collage; First UU Allies  
 7:30p Chalice (11:00 A.M.) Choir

**Friday, May 15, 2009**

9:00a UU Food Co-op  
 12:00p Cooking for Faith Mission

**Saturday, May 16, 2009**

8:30a Zen Meditation  
 9:00a Path to Membership  
 9:00a Voluntary Simplicity  
 7:00p Sing-Along Concert

**Sunday, May 17, 2009**

8:30a Breakfast  
 9:00a/11:00a Worship Service/Sunday School  
 10:15a/12:15p Getting to Know UU  
 12:30p Youth Group  
 12:45p Pastoral Team Meeting  
 1:00p Teacher Retreat; Green Team  
 1:00p Afghan Knitting Bee  
 4:00p Voluntary Simplicity II

**Monday, May 18, 2009**

11:00a UU Handcrafts & Book Society  
 6:00p COA Team  
 6:45p Sunday School Committee  
 7:00p UU Social Dance; BREAD Team  
 7:00p Building Committee

**Tuesday, May 19, 2009**

10:00a Archives Organizing  
 1:00p Cancer Support Groups  
 5:00p Memoir Writing  
 7:00p Zen Meditation; Book Bites  
 7:00p Sound Techs; Finance; Stewardship  
 7:30p BYOT; UU History & Worship

**Wednesday, May 20, 2009**

1:00p Archives Organizing  
 7:00p Membership Com.; UU Humanists  
 7:00p Year of Science; Writing Ethical Will  
 7:30p Men's Spirituality  
 8:00p Women's Spirituality

**Thursday, May 21, 2009**

9:30a Improvisational Dance  
 6:00p Communications Committee  
 6:45p Nonviolent Com. Practice  
 7:30p Chalice Choir; Job Explor. Wkshp.

**Friday, May 22, 2009**

7:00p Other Friday Film Series

**Saturday, May 23, 2009**

8:30a Zen Meditation  
 9:00a Voluntary Simplicity

**Sunday, May 24, 2009**

8:30a Breakfast  
 9:00a/11:00a Worship Service/Sunday School  
 10:15a/12:15p Getting to Know UU  
 12:45p YASC  
 4:00p Voluntary Simplicity II  
 6:00p Bridge Club

**Monday, May 25, 2009**

7:00p UU Social Dance

**Tuesday, May 26, 2009**

9:00a Newsletter folding  
 10:00a Archives Organizing  
 1:00p Cancer Support Groups  
 7:00p Zen Meditation; Atheist/Agnostic  
 7:30p Men's Spirituality

**Wednesday, May 27, 2009**

1:00p Archives Organizing  
 7:00p Memoir Writing; Board of Trustees  
 7:00p Writing Your Ethical Will  
 7:30p Men's Spirituality; Hatha Yoga  
 8:00p Women's Spirituality

*7:30p Wednesdays, FOCUS meets in the OSU Campus area. Call 330-805-0207.*

The next issue of *The Discoverer*: **Sunday, May 24, 2009**. Deadline: **1:00pm** – hard copy in the church office; or **6:00pm** – e-mail copy to [olwfire@yahoo.com](mailto:olwfire@yahoo.com).

**COMMUNITY IN CHALLENGING TIMES** A catalog of services is available each Sunday at a special table, next to the Caring Table, and by a link on the First UU website. Get help with the following:  
**May 17** - Job Search Help: Identifying Skills/New Job Ideas, Networking and Resumes. Signup in Fellowship Hall.  
**May 24** - Realtors; **May 31** - the Spring Fair

## LINKS

Every year my grandfather's argument becomes more compelling.

Howard, my maternal grandfather, was a walker. I don't think I ever saw him wearing anything other than white dress shirts, dark slacks and ties and dress shoes. During the one game of baseball I remember him joining my father, uncles and a handful of us kids, he simply tucked in his tie and rolled his sleeves up higher.

He may have always been a walker, or as the years have passed I have skewed a particular memory or two out of proportion. Still, I remember arriving for our visits to his and Granny's house, and it seems as if he was always either just about to leave, or was just getting back from one of his walks.

He must have been part of just about every walk for a cause held in his home of Madison, WI. "I'm waging peace by walking," he would tell me proudly. Walking for a cure, walking for justice, or walking simply to be out under the sun listening to whatever birds were singing that day, Howard would be out there, doing his thing and logging the miles.

I was still young enough then to think that running and riding a bike were so much cooler than boring old walking. Well, that was then.

Now that the weather is warmer and I'm walking more frequently again, I'm aware that the people I meet on the street or on the trails are smiling more often than people I meet just about anywhere else. Yes, a gym would probably give me a little better work out, but I'm not inclined to say goodbye to the intangibles walking provides. Remember those smiles and bird songs? If you are able to, all you need is a pair of shoes in good enough repair, and a little time on your hands. See you out there,

In peace,



Rev. Eric Meter

## CHURCH NEWS

**ADMINISTRATOR SEARCH** We are nearing the end of the search for our next Administrator after reviewing many resumes and conducting many interviews. We have several strong candidates. By the time of our June 14 Congregational Meeting (if not sooner) we expect to announce that we have hired someone, to start at a time to be determined. --Kevin O'Neil, Chair of the Administrator Search Committee

**BROADWAY SING-ALONG** All are invited to join in a sing-along of great Broadway hits from Gershwin to Rodgers and Hammerstein to Sondheim and everything in between. *Saturday, May 16, 7:00 pm*, Worship Center. 🎵

**BOOK BITES** *May 19, 7 to 9* in Slowter Lounge. The April topic continues *Little Known Women*. Marguerite Molk will coordinate. Kathleen Boston, 262-4025

**VOLUNTARY SIMPLICITY II** *May 24, 4-5:30pm*. Call 433-0363 to register. Info at [www.simplyliving.org/EarthInstitute](http://www.simplyliving.org/EarthInstitute). And, a third group is forming NOW to meet Wednesdays. Dates and time to be decided by group. Course book, \$25.

**WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY:** May 13 - "Have I Got a Story for You"; May 20 - "Remembrance"; May 27 - Talking Circle. -- Jeanni Ray, 985-6176

**GAY PRIDE PARADE** First UU hopes to have a strong presence at this year's Gay Pride Parade on *Saturday, June 20*. First UU t-shirts may be ordered after services on May 24, May 31 and June 7. Please consider joining us as we spread the good news of Unitarian Universalism to the Columbus community. Contact Jack Wisniewski at [JJWis@yahoo.com](mailto:JJWis@yahoo.com), or 975-5411.

## **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**

*At the April meeting of the Board of Trustees, the following Motion was adopted for vote at the annual meeting, June 14.*

That Article V, Section 5, regarding the Committee on Church Ministry, and Article VII, Section 3C, relating to the nomination of a candidate for election to the Committee on Church Ministry be REPEALED.

Further, that the congregation require the Board to appoint an ad hoc committee to study models for a similar committee to the Committee on Church Ministry for churches of our size, and that this committee make recommendations and report to the Board and congregation at either the mid meeting or the annual meeting in 2010.

Commentary: The Committee on Church Ministry has not fit the needs of our growing congregation for several years. The Board and Ministers recommend the abolishment of the current structure of the Committee on Church Ministry to allow a committee to study for a year the models for similar committees at other churches of our size and make recommendations to the Board and congregation before going forward.

**STEWARDSHIP UPDATE** We have received \$594,000 in pledges for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009. That's very close to the \$610,000 we hoped to raise. It is also more than \$100,000 higher than what had been received this time last year. You have made it possible to base the budget on actual numbers rather than projections. In this year of financial uncertainty, that is especially helpful. Thank you!

If you have not yet pledged, it's not too late. Please stop by the bookkeeper's office on Sunday morning or go to the website to print off a pledge form. If you pledged online and have not received an email thanking you for your pledge, please check with me or the bookkeeper. We have discovered a few pledges made online that

did not come through, and do not want to miss yours. Help us close this final gap and support our beloved community.

**NPR JUNKIES!** Do you contribute to WCBE or WOSU (FM) or WOSU (AM)? Then why not double your contribution? We have just set up three restricted funds to accept donations for each of the local public radio stations. This will allow us to pool the money and gain exposure on those stations for the church. Just think of all those loyal NPR listeners who might just learn that they are UU too. Please make your contributions to First UU Columbus and put the radio station you wish to support in the memo line. We will collect the funds until we have enough to sponsor a day, or an appropriate program, and then forward all the contributions. If you have any questions, please contact Debra Boyd at [debra\\_boyd@columbus.rr.com](mailto:debra_boyd@columbus.rr.com).

**FAMILY CAMPING** at 1) *Delaware State Park* on May 29-31. Join other UUs for campfires, s'mores and hikes. Cost is \$30 per night for campsite or \$15 if you share. 2) *Caesar Creek State Park* (north of Cincinnati) on June 19-21. Contact Patricia Boughton at [patkap@wowway.com](mailto:patkap@wowway.com) or 614-860-1164

**NEW ART SHOW** Come view the 45 new artworks in the First UU Gallery: *Wonderful Creations: the art of our youth* from May 5- June 27. Bright colors and sparkling designs fill the two- and three-dimensional works of 27 young artists in grades K-High School. There will be a reception for these artists at the First Friday potluck on June 5 at 6:30pm. Meet the artists and encourage our future!

**ALL SOLES CONTRA DANCE**  
*Friday, May 29 at 8:00pm* (no teaching session). A "Zesty Contra Dance" featuring higher level, challenging contras for those

who've mastered the basics, yet are eager to stretch their comfort zones! Caller Kate Power will bend your minds to the hot, front-porch, string band sounds of Stump Juice Trading Co. of Athens. Cost is \$7; \$4 for under age 25. Childcare provided. Questions – call Kate at 789-0652.

**PLAN AHEAD** Potluck and Dancing: Please join Mark, Debra & Emma Merchant for a short vow renewal ceremony August 8, 6:30pm. Enjoy cake and punch, then dance the night away to the music of P.J. & the Hipsters. Please - no gifts, but do bring a dish to share. - Deb Boyd

**ANNUAL REPORTS** Committee Chairs and Group leaders: Please turn in your group's annual report. It should contain the group's mission statement, a list of group members, and a summary of the year's accomplishments, activities, and changes. Email to [marian@firstuucolumbus.org](mailto:marian@firstuucolumbus.org) or leave in the Administrative Assistant's mailbox in the Workroom by **Thursday, May 14**. For info: call 267-4946, ext. 21. If you have turned yours in, and you have not received a reply from me, please call me at 267-4946, ext. 21. – Marian Garcia

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### ***SOCIAL JUSTICE***

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**EYE GLASS PROJECT** The 11:00 AM fourth/fifth grade Sunday School class will be collecting your unwanted eyeglasses and sunglasses to donate to Onesight, a charitable organization that donates vision care and eyewear to those in need. Please bring your eyeglasses and sunglasses to the box in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, May 17.-  
- Sherri Stubbs, 577-9277, or [stubbscpa@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stubbscpa@sbcglobal.net)



WOW! What a congregation! 231 of you, your friends, neighbors, and colleagues came to BREAD's Nehemiah Action Meeting on Monday, May 4, to help increase the total attendance to more than 2,500. As more people attend this once-a-year meeting every year, the news coverage gets more extensive. (See two Columbus Dispatch articles on the BREAD bulletin board in the window hallway, and come to the BREAD area in Fellowship Hall this Sunday or next to see both the Channel 4 and Channel 10 coverage as well as the names of all who attended for First Unitarian Universalist.)

More attendees and news coverage, of course, mean more cooperation from officials on not just BREAD's new issue but on all of the social justice problems that BREAD is working to alleviate. There is power in numbers. Contact Alice Rathburn at [alice37@insight.rr.com](mailto:alice37@insight.rr.com), 895-2109, or 563-0536 for more information about BREAD ([www.breadcolumbus.org](http://www.breadcolumbus.org)) and/or come to First UU's BREAD Team meeting Monday, May 18, 7:00pm, at the church.

**APPALACHIA MINISTRY** Many adults and children have been to the pantry to witness rural poverty and help to prepare food boxes for the families. I am making myself available for "ride alongs." Please contact me, 888-8052.

Donations of peanut butter, canned meats, vegetables and fruit are needed.

And don't forget your empty aluminum cans. Please bring cans and food donations to the Social Justice Table. Children's books would be much appreciated also. *Please do not bring more clothing until next winter!*

-- Jacques Angelino

**WARM UP APPALACHIA** The afghan knitting continues! Contact Gretchen Curtis, 734-1214, for time and place.

## ***CARING CORNER***

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May 10 was the anniversary of **Rev. Mark Belletini's** call to be our Senior Minister.

We send our healing thoughts to **Laura Adams** in St. Anne's Hospital for treatment of COPD.

Eric Miller, grandson of **Gordon and Jo-E. Miller** and son of Rev. Joel Miller and Wendy Bachhuber, came in first place in his 4 team-member crewing event on April 25, at the Ohio Governor's Invitational Regatta.

We send our healing thoughts to these members: **Jeanne Desy** who was hospitalized with a kidney infection and related foot problems; **Olwen Firestone** who is home recuperating from surgery; **John Dickinson** who had a TIA and underwent surgery for a blockage in his right carotid artery; and **Meredith Farmer's** son, Mark, who underwent successful surgery to correct an aortic aneurysm.

**GRADUATES** Are you or a family member graduating this spring? Would you like a card signed by the congregation in honor of that event? Please contact Jane Reisman at 237-3572 or [jnreisman@aol.com](mailto:jnreisman@aol.com).

**MEMORIAL SERVICES** On Saturday morning, May 9 a service was held at the church to celebrate the life of Phil Mercer a participant in the church's cancer support group; and on Saturday afternoon, May 9 a

service was held for George Schoyer, long time member of First UU. A big "thank you" goes to the volunteers who provided food and/or hosted: Olwen Firestone, Kay Fisher, George Graham, Sue Griffin, Jane Reisman, John Reisman, Linda Royalty, Carole Wilhelm, Jane Young. And a special thank you to Nan Beamish who co-coordinated these services and was at the church from early morning to late afternoon.

-Jo-E. Miller, Memorial Service Coordinator

**FCACO** The Funeral Consumers Alliance of Central Ohio (formerly called *The Memorial Society*) will be holding its annual meeting on *Saturday, May 16, 2009* at the church. The buffet luncheon begins at noon and costs \$10.00. The program follows and will feature Dan Pallay, the funeral director of Cook & Son – Pallay Funeral Home, one of our cooperating funeral homes.

## ***DENOMINATIONAL CONCERNS***

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**SUMMER INSTITUTE** SI is a week long family friendly UU camp held July 12-18 on the beautiful campus of Kenyon College in Gambier, OH. This year's theme speaker is Thandeka. The SI Committee has several new things and many long time favorite activities planned for this year. Visit [www.omdsi.org](http://www.omdsi.org), where you can download a pdf copy of the brochure; browse the brochure online and register online; or download registration forms. Printed copies of the brochure will be available in the church office.

It's been nearly a year since you bestowed on me the honor of Minister Emerita. I feel a very strong heart connection to you, and I feel grateful for the news that comes my way through *The Discoverer*. I cheer your many milestones and grieve your hurts.

I promised periodic updates from Portland, Oregon, and so I want to offer a glimpse into the life of a hospital chaplain. My first assignment was with women who worried their way through the last months of a difficult pregnancy, families who would not be celebrating on Mother's Day, and with infants who were born early and spent their first months in intensive care. It was both heart wrenchingly hard and fulfilling work. Most recently, I've been working in the Children's Hospital, sometimes following a child from the Emergency Department and Intensive Care right through their healing on a regular floor and discharge. As many of you know, I love being around children, and I've found great satisfaction being with youngsters who are not at their physical best. Much of the ministry in Pediatrics is to parents, and as you can imagine, that leaves an imprint on one's heart. Some moments are unspeakably sad. My next and last assignment in my year-long training program is still to be determined; it will be in some combination of the burn unit, trauma or perhaps adult psychiatry. Time will tell. What I do know is that I love working in the hospital setting, and so now I begin the task of finding a permanent position.

One of my dear friends in Columbus is soon to be the mother of the groom, and so I'm heading your way to celebrate with the whole family. Revs. Mark Belletini and Eric Meter have graciously invited me to attend church while I'm in the neighborhood, and I look forward to seeing many of you in person on May 24. Go gently, Rev. Wendy Fish, Minister Emerita

...Continued from page 8, "Markings"

**The Inner Flame** *Two of the 25 Sermons on the Big Joy by James Broughton 1994*

Thaw with the flux  
Giving birth to yourself  
is a life work.  
Be a launching pad  
not a cow catcher.  
Be a raft on a lifestream  
Let no sibyl or guru  
annex your soul  
to remodel it.  
Pursue your own  
risk of happiness.  
Honeymoon with Big Joy.

Uncork the vintage  
Pass the sweetmeats  
Give the bandwagon  
a brand new push  
Bypass karmas  
the block traffic  
in the Bardo tunnel  
En route to disaster  
insist on canticles  
Nothing perishes  
Nothing survives  
Everything transforms.

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Rev. Mark Belletini, Senior Minister  
Rev. Eric Meter, Consulting Minister  
Rev. Carol Brody, Minister Emerita  
Rev. Wendy Fish, Minister Emerita  
Dick Dawson, Chaplain  
Jolinda Stephens, Director of Religious Education  
Stephanie Rottmayer, SYC Director  
Tony McDonald, Music Director  
Doug O'Neal/Elizabeth Woodhouse, Choir Directors  
Nathan Hamm, Pianist/Accompanist

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Marian Garcia, Administrative Assistant  
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Don Hippensteel, Events Coordinator  
Naoko Kobayashi, Facilities Assistant  
Cathy Hausmann, Facilities Assistant  
David Easter, Chair, Board of Trustees  
Bob Graffagnino, Co-Webmaster  
Kevin O'Neil, Co-Webmaster  
Olwen Firestone, Newsletter Editor

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First, I want to thank the almost 40 folks who showed up for the work day to paint, weed, clean, sort, organize, throw away, recycle etc. The place looks great! Mike Bethel gets special kudos for organizing all the diverse tasks.

Second, I want to offer a spiritual approach to all of the orange barrels clogging up the traffic. (It took me an extra 20 minutes to get to the office on Wednesday because the bulldozer had to block traffic to continue its good work.) That approach is mindfulness. Mindfulness is a word often associated with certain forms of Buddhism. It means several things: it means to be “heedful.” It means to “pay attention deliberately.” It means to “be aware, awake and attentive, without judgment or critique.” It means “to notice.” What does that have to do with mundane traffic blockage?

I am aware that I may have to leave an extra 15 minutes for travel on certain days, especially after 315 is narrowed down to a lane or two. But many folks will have to travel extra time to get to this building because they will reverse traffic flow from east to west once they finish the south lane. This means everyone who lives in Arlington etc. will have to “go around” via Broadway or 161...at least an extra 15 minutes there.

All of my habits, and yours, will have to change. Habits are the lack of mindfulness. Habits are done without thinking much about it. But all of that is going to have to change if we are to continue our vital congregational life for the next two years without everyone, including me, straggling in ten minutes after the service, meeting, class or concert begins.

Mindfulness coming and going is the spiritual response to this change. People often associate the word “mindfulness” with serene Buddhist abbots and magical Zen stories; with smiling images of Thich Nhat Hahn and simple tofu suppers. Such associations, for me, romanticize the very practical Buddhist attitude I always find when I read stories of Siddhata Gotama himself. I say, mindfulness about orange barrels and blocked traffic on Henderson is just as sacred as still, still silence in the Zendo, and is a most meaningful spiritual practice. Mindfulness about leaving a few minutes early; mindfulness about traffic stalls... all of it: an unusual but strong opportunity to deepen our lives.

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Jolinda preached a deep and thoughtful sermon this morning, and those of you who were not there to hear it might look online in a week or two to read it. Especially as we look at a new mission statement. I think it was very insightful for that proposed document.

Rev. Wendy Fish, our minister Emerita, will be here for Celebrations on May 24, the Memorial Day weekend. She is here to attend a friend’s son’s wedding, but will be here to greet us and let us greet her. She has written something in another section of this issue. See page 7.

**REMEMBER THAT THE FIRST, AND SINGLE, 10 AM CELEBRATION BEGINS ON MAY 31, THE SUNDAY AFTER MEMORIAL DAY. THE REGULAR TWO SERVICES SCHEDULE RESUMES IN SEPTEMBER.**



Rev. Mark Belletini

*The Inner Flame reading for this issue appears on page 7.*



## Faith Development for All Ages

The final concert for the Spirit of Life, Rising Voices and Peace Pals choirs, as well as Elizabeth Woodhouse's OSU choir, made me realize that the end of my first church year with you is upon us. There is just one more regular Sunday School class of the year on May 17. On May 31 the Summer Sunday School starts and then on June 7, our amazing Coming of Age group puts the icing on the year with their service in which they share their faith statements.

I was a little teary-eyed at the concert. First, I will miss Elizabeth. She has done such a great job of leading the choirs and creating a program that the children look forward to being a part of. She has created a great sense of community. Adrienne Novak has added greatly to that budding community by providing supper for each rehearsal. It has been a delightful part of my year.

The concert got me to remembering all the great things this year. Getting to know the children in those choirs has been a real highlight, as has been getting to know children in many classes. I look forward to getting to know children and youth as individuals even better next year. I look forward to learning more about individual interests and talents that we can tap to make Sunday School richer and fuller this next year.

The on-going conversation in the Adult Enrichment Programs committee has been exhilarating. What is our mission as a congregation, as a committee? What are the best ways to do what we do? What is ours to do and what should be done within another part of the church? These are always stimulating.

I'm just so excited about the work that the Safety Task Force is doing. It is exemplary work that grew out of a need identified in the religious education retreat last September. Other congregations have already requested their matrix.

Being a part of the group of forward-thinking people who shaped the proposed strong new version of the Mission/Vision Statement is certainly a high point.

I also think of all the support that I've gotten from the committees, from the Board of Trustees and David Easter, the Board Chair, from my colleagues, from so many people. Words of encouragement and advice; food when I was ill; Sharon Stout-Shaffer going to bat with the hospital to see that I got what I needed. So many things crowd in when I think about the year.

Such an amazing year. Thank you so much for asking me to join you.

Jolinda, Religious Education Director

Check the parents' blog regularly: <http://firstuoparents.blogspot.com>.

### **REGISTER NOW FOR THE LAST AEP SPECIAL EVENTS OF THE YEAR**

**Writing Your Ethical Will** begins May 20 at 7 pm. You don't want to miss this opportunity to participate in a workshop that will guide you step-by-step to create a piece of work to pass on your values and insights to your family and friends.

Tuesday, June 2 at 7 pm we will meet at the North UU Congregation for the second part of our series with the Rev. Dr. Susan Ritchie based on her Minns Lectures, *Building a New Andalusia*. The lecture focuses on how we can reclaim our historical collaboration with Judaism and Islam to develop a new Andalusia - a theological place for serious multi-religious engagement - and recover a core identity. **Meet at the church parking lot at 6:30 to car pool.**

Friday, June 5, we will screen the movie *Milk*. On Tuesdays, June 9 and 16, Bob Gordon and Steve Kraynak will lead a discussion based on the guide developed by Rev. Mark for the whole denomination. Increase your own awareness of sexual identity and gender issues.

**Registration for AEP events and classes** is available at the AEP Table in Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings, or on line at <http://firstuucolumbus.org/oldsite/signmeup/form-rg01.htm> .

Don't miss the last two movies in the Other Friday Film Series: *May 22 at 7 pm Spike Lee's* satire *Bamboozled*. The music and dance are both stereotypical and technically excellent. It stars Daman Wayans and Jada Pinkett Smith. In June, the documentary *Traces of the Trade* chronicles the journey of the descendants of the Rhode Island DeWolf family, the largest slave holders in the country, as they visit the sites of the slave trade.

On Tuesday, May 19 at 7:30, join one of our own candidates for ministry to delve more deeply into our worship themes. Dr. Jeff McGee joins us on Wednesday, May 20 at 7 pm for our Science series which this month examines **what genetic changes make us uniquely human**.

**GET YOUR PLEDGE CARD FOR WORSHIP TIMES IN** Last week you received a letter from congregational leadership asking those of you who regularly attend 2nd service to switch for a year to first service. Please send your pledge in now to [WorshipTimes@firstuucolumbus.org](mailto:WorshipTimes@firstuucolumbus.org). Please note the number of children and adults. The letter outlined the Sunday School offerings at each time. Please email [dre@firstuucolumbus.org](mailto:dre@firstuucolumbus.org) or call Jolinda at the church on weekday afternoons with questions about specific classes.

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### **A UU Morning at CRC -- Kathleen Boston**

On a Sunday morning in May, my covenant group served breakfast at the Clintonville Community Resource Center (CRC). We arrived at 9:45 am and people were already seated and waiting for the church group food. We put our casseroles, scrambled eggs, juice, fruit, and apple crisp on the serving table and breakfast was on.

We mingled with the breakfasters and had many interesting conversations. I sat across from an older woman named Linda. Her first request to me was, "Tell me a Bible verse." I have read the Bible, but I was stumped. She quoted a few verses and then we talked about her four grandchildren and her buckeye necklace and other topics.

I went back to the serving table to ask Randy, a CRC volunteer and board member, some questions and Linda came to the table to gather some food for her grandchildren who were at her home and hungry. She asked Randy and me to pray so the three of us held hands while Linda said a lengthy prayer, asking God to provide food for these people at CRC.

Shortly after, there was a commotion at the entrance to CRC. In marched the first graders from First UU with Carol Ballog and other teachers. These were the children who had been selling their hand crafted greeting cards in Fellowship Hall to raise money. Carol told us they had raised \$280 and spent most of it on food which they brought in via grocery carts and cardboard boxes. It was a wonderful moment, the children helping to place the cans of food in the food pantry and the teachers explaining their project. And, it was a complete surprise to our covenant group to see them there!

I told Linda that the children were from First UU and had raised the money for the enormous amount of food they brought. Linda said, "I told you that if you pray to God for something, he provides!"

**2009 Annual First UU All-Church Labor Day Weekend Retreat  
at Camp Oty'Okwa**

Saturday September 5 (11 AM) through Monday September 7 (11 AM)

COST (Includes 6 meals and all accommodations): Adults (25 and up): \$85;

Young Adults (19-24): \$55; Kids (5 - 18): \$55, 4 and under: No charge

Name(s) (please list ages of kids):

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# of adults \_\_\_\_\_ # of kids 4 and under \_\_\_\_\_

# of young adults \_\_\_\_\_ # of kids 5 and up \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Total amount included: \_\_\_\_\_ Checks to First UU Church of Columbus

Do you eat meat?  Yes  No

Do you need a ride?  Yes  No Can you give a ride?  Yes  No

Accommodations: Lodge \_\_\_\_\_ Cabin \_\_\_\_\_ Tent cabin \_\_\_\_\_

Anything else we need to know?

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Will you run a workshop? (On what?)

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**Do you want to help? Call Julie Pinsonneault: 447-8407**

Would you be interested in the following activities for extra cost?

(We're gauging interest only – this does not obligate you!!)

Archery Ropes Climbing Wall

**⇒ Sign up by Sunday August 23 ⇐**

Send completed forms and payment to: Beth Jewell, Registrar

238 Longfellow Ave.

**Worthington, OH 43085**

**Beth's phone: 847-6141**

Please don't leave yourself out because of the cost! We have camperships available.

Call Julie or Beth for more info.

**ANNUAL MEETING-**  
**June 14, 2009**

**Candidates for Nominating Committee**

At the June 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, the congregation will elect four of the following seven candidates to serve a two-year term on the Nominating Committee. (Recent unforeseen circumstances required the eighth candidate to withdraw and a replacement candidate is being sought.) The biographies and pictures will be posted in Fellowship Hall.

**Ross Schifano:** I first became a member about 10 years ago. At that time, I was on the Religious Education Committee. I also taught Sunday school for a mixed ages class during the early service and I was a mentor in Coming of Age. Currently, I am on the Worship Committee and spearheading Interweave (the GLBT group). I live on a small farm in Marengo where I have rescued various farm animals and practice organic gardening in a fruit orchard.

**Kirsten Chan:** I joined First UU in 1998 though I feel as if I have been a UU for life. I have taught RE and love going to First Friday. When not playing with my family I enjoy bird-watching, Pilates and sarcasm.

**Ron Rathburn:** If elected, I would work to generate greater involvement from “new blood” in leadership positions. My First UU activities include: BREAD Justice Ministry Network, Sunday School team teacher, Spring Workday participant, Coming of Age mentor, Nominating Committee facilitator, founding member of Men’s Spirituality group, Board of Trustees member, Minister Review Team, Board Secretary, and Worship Committee. Member since 1984.

**George Byrd:** I joined First UU in 2000. I was a member of Worship Committee for five years, member of the Same Sex Marriage Task force, elected to Committee on Church Ministry for two years, taught Sunday School and OWL, and coordinated and led lay services.

**Dennis A. Rankin:** I have worked for the last 19 years at ISP Chemicals where I am the Regulatory Affairs Manager. I have been involved in volunteer work all my professional life – member of the Columbus Health Department Hazardous Analysis Committee (CEPAC) for 20 years; BRAVO (Buckeye Regional Antiviolence Organization). At First UU I am on the Stewardship Committee. My partner, Wolfgang Salazar, and I joined First UU in June, 2008

**Gary Allread:** I have been a First UU member for nearly ten years; served for nearly three years as an officer for Interweave, the church’s GLBT group. I spent two years participating in and facilitating a Covenant Group and for the past six years I’ve spear-headed the Roving Cocktail Party, a First UU auction item that raises about \$1,000 annually. I have a PhD in engineering from OSU and work there now in ergonomics, the science of designing work environments and products to enhance users’ safety, health, and productivity.

**Lauri E. Nandyal:** I have been a member of First UU since 1997 coming out of an evangelical Christian background. Wife of Ray, mother to three daughters from 10-17, I have served as an RE teacher, participant and facilitator for the Multiracial Families Group, Adult RE co-leader with my husband in topical book discussions regarding racial justice and an ongoing antiracism “Allies” group. I am a physician and direct the Women Veteran’s Health Clinic of Columbus with special interest in racial disparities and nutrition. I am a member of our BREAD Social Justice Network.