

Sunday Program and Service Leader Schedule

1 August

9:15—Adult Religious Education: The Relationship Between Science and Religion
 10:40—Rev. Janna Nelson and Scott Hooker
 Service Leader: Paul Lee Opener: Michelle Midgette Closer:: Paul Lee
 Greeters: Nancy Awtry & Angie Oliver

8 August

9:15—Adult Religious Education: The Relationship Between Science and Religion
 10:40—Salman Elawad, Ph.D., “Science and Religion”
 Service Leader: Pat Hart Opener: Paul Lee Closer: Barry White
 Greeters: Bill Edwards & Ann Newland

15 August

9:15—Adult Religious Education: The Relationship Between Science and Religion
 10:40—Jack Schley, “What I Learned About China: July 2010”
 Service Leader: Rick Spradlin Opener: Barry White Closer: Rick Spradlin
 Greeters: Marge Hall & Don Nahley

22 August

9:15—Adult Religious Education: The Relationship Between Science and Religion
 10:40—Kirsten Mix, D.V.M., ”The Human -Animal Bond”
 Service Leader: John Nix Opener: Rick Spradlin Closer: Pat Hart
 Greeters: Mark Berger & Mary Lynn Lobello -Hall

29 August

9:15—Adult Religious Education: The Relationship Between Science and Religion
 10:40—Mike Williams, M.D., “Medical Care in Afghanistan”, a slide show and discussion of the medical care provided for service members as well as locals in Afghanistan
 Service Leader: Barry White Opener: Pat Hart Closer: Marge Hall & Carolyn Searcy
 Greeters: Barry White & Mona Crawford

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August Birthday Celebrations

Happy Birthday to the following members and friends!

- Karen Spradlin 3 August
- Huguette May 8 August
- John Nix 11 August
- Milton Jones 13 August
- Gerda Smith 17 August
- Jennifer Gregory 22 August
- Paul Lee 28 August
- Grace Jordan 30 August



Movie Night

Carolyn Searcy and Paul Lee have agreed to become the coordinators for the movie night activity. They need your recommendations for movies to show. If you have a favorite movie that you would like to have shown on the last Friday of each month, give the title to either of them.

There will be movie for viewing in August. The movie has not yet been decided. Watch for an e-mail in coming weeks that announces the movie selection.

A big THANK YOU to Tanya Davis for serving as movie night coordinator this past year.

Social Action

The Social Action Committee would like to thank the Fellowship for their generosity. Every third Sunday any money that is put in the collection plate that is not designated for a specific purpose is donated to a charity. The average third Sunday “Give A way the Plate” donation has been above \$200. The charity that received the donation in July was the Valley Rescue Mission. The money will be used by that agency to purchase fans for the elderly and less fortunate that do not have access to air conditioning. The Social Action Committee feels strongly that part of the mission of the Columbus Fellowship is to help people in our community that are less fortunate. The Social Action Committee feels that we are putting into practice several of the Principles that guide us as a church and responsible citizens.

President's Notes from Board Meeting on July 19, 2010

1. Treasurer's Report—(a) At the end of June 2010, our current assets included: (1) Generous Fellowship Fund: \$1,604.64; (2) Operating Account: \$4,706.87; (3) Reserve Account: \$16,837.64; (4) Building Fund: \$22,751.45 [As of July 19, the Building Fund contained \$32,706.45, but additional pledges in the amount of about \$5,000 are still pending receipt.]
 (b) We had regular income in June in the amount of \$2,293.30, and our expenses were \$2,917.64; thus, we had a negative balance of \$624.34 for the month of June. For the year to date we have a positive cash flow in the amount of \$1,538.47.
 (c) Our Third Sunday collection for the Valley Rescue "Fan" Project on July 17 was \$216.43.

2. Building Committee Report—Norm Horofker informed the Board about the progress on the search for a new building. The committee has identified a church which some members think would be a good fit for our congregation. Photographs of the building have been posted in our meeting hall. The committee will continue to gather additional information about the building prior to making any recommendations to the Board.

3. Admin Handbook—Substantial progress has been made on preparation of a handbook for our local procedures, but we are still awaiting input from one officer and several committee chairs. You may contact our administrator Brenda Stevens to review our progress to date.

4. Chalice Lighter Program—Nikki Rohrs has agreed to serve as coordinator of the Chalice Lighter Program for our congregation. The Chalice Lighter Program is sponsored by the Mid-South UUA District. Congregations may apply to be selected for awards of up to \$14,000 for new initiatives and growth projects in their congregations. Participants in the Chalice Lighter Program agree to donate a total of \$30.00 during the year at the rate of \$10.00 each time a request goes out from the Mid-South District.
 Nikki will assist in publicizing the program and drafting any applications for awards to our congregation.

5. Rental of Fellowship Building—We received an inquiry about renting our building for a wedding. This circumstance caused the Board to review established rates for rental.
 (a) The Board agreed future rates for rental of our Fellowship Building will be \$125.00 per occasion for persons who are not members of our Fellowship. In addition, we will require a damage/cleanup deposit of \$100.00; this deposit will, of course, be refunded if it is not needed. Guests will not be permitted to throw rice after weddings, since there is some evidence birds may be injured by eating the rice (guests may instead throw bird seed).
 (b) There will no charge for members of our Fellowship for weddings or other non-profit activities.
 (c) Members who engage in a profit making activity may rent the building for \$25.00 per occasion. The Board will determine the rate on a case by case basis for non-members who engage in profit making activities.

Members may contact our administrator, Brenda Stevens, to obtain a copy of the official minutes for this meeting.

Mid South District and UUA News

Southeast UU Summer Institute, July 18 -24, 2010
 Our Whole Lives Training, August 20 -22, 2010
 Southland UU Leadership Experience, August 8 -13, 2010
 MSD Healthy Congregation Conference, October 9, 2010 at the Auburn UU Church
 UUA Board of Trustees meeting, October 14 -17, 2010

Can't make it to church on a Sunday? Then check out the Church of the Larger Fellowship. Even though this website is primarily for isolated UU's, it is worth a visit to help stay spiritually connected to UU when you can't come to church on Sundays.

Pickett and Eliot House, the UUA's bed and breakfast in downtown Boston for Unitarian Universalists is offering discounted rates. Make reservations before September 30, 2010. You can find a link on the UUA website.

Information about any of the above activities can be found at the Mid-South District website or the UUA website.



"Watercolor Crash Course!"

Instructor, Brenda Stevens

www.brendaswatercolors.com

This one day, four hour workshop, is a unique and condensed method of teaching watercolor painting to adults. It serves as an introduction to this exciting medium without the usual prerequisites; no drawing skill or previous painting experience is needed. A line drawing of the subject, created just for this class, will be provided, along with all of the supplies you will need to complete the painting; paint, brushes, paper and palette. You will get right to work mixing colors and learning basic watercolor techniques. Demonstrations and plenty of personal attention will walk you, step by step, through the painting process and in just four hours you will have the satisfaction of completing a small painting to take home.

Tuition: \$ 65. (Brenda will donate 20% of this tuition to the UUFC Building Fund. Minimum class size is 5, maximum is 10)

Call Brenda to register: 706-888-1110, or email brenda@kennygray.com, Checks, Credit Card, or Cash Accepted

Saturday September 18, 2010, 12:30 to 4:30—Subject: The Veggie Barn at Callaway Gardens

Joys and Concerns

Continue to remember Shirley Gray in your thoughts and prayers as she continues to recuperate at Magnolia Manor.

Mona and Claire Crawford's dad is also recuperating at Magnolia Manor. They request that you remember him in your thoughts and prayers.

It is with deep sorrow to report that Elaine DeMarco has passed away. She passed away on July 21. Her family would appreciate your thoughts and prayers as they mourn the loss of a loved one. There is an obituary on page four of the newsletter.

Thank you to Salman Elawad. He has donated a lap top to the Fellowship. Now individual members do not have to bring a lap top when they are making presentations to the Fellowship. In addition to this generous donation, Salman is coordinating the building of bookshelves to create additional space for a library in one of the unused back rooms of the Fellowship.

Thank you to the following people who originated Sunday programs for the Fellowship. We have had inspiring and diverse programs because of their efforts. Following is a list of the people who originated programs for Sunday worship and the month for which they were responsible: Don Nahley -February, Dick McMichael-March, Pat Hart-April, Connie Ussery -May, Chris Rohrs -June, Sidney and Ed Wilson -July, Hal and Michelle Midgette -August, Barry White -September, Ron Ussery -October, John Studstill-November, Rick Spradlin-December. Thanks again to you all. We appreciate you and your efforts.

How Do I Become a Member of the Columbus Fellowship?

Sometimes members are asked by friends and visitors how do I become a member of the Fellowship. The following is the process that has been developed for that purpose.

1. Our staff will provide a copy of the booklet, [Welcome-A Unitarian Universalist Primer](#).
2. We will provide a copy of our UUFC bylaws for your review.
3. You will have an opportunity to meet with our adjunct minister or representative
4. You will be officially welcomed during Sunday service.
5. You will be required to sign the membership book.

This is an easy process, but in doing so you are making a pledge combine your time, talents, and resources with the Fellowship. If anyone is ready to make a commitment then contact Rev. Ed Wilson or any of the board members.

Elaine Carter DeMarco

Elaine Carter DeMarco June 14, 1927 - July 21, 2010 **COLUMBUS, GA**— Elaine Carter DeMarco, 83, of Columbus, GA died Wednesday, July 21, 2010 at The Medical Center. Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Sunday, July 25, 2010 at McMullen Funeral Home Chapel with Mr. Ed Wilson officiating. A private interment will be held on Monday, July 26, 2010 at Ft. Benning Main Post Cemetery. The family will receive friends Saturday evening from 5 to 7 p.m. according to the funeral home 3874 Gentian Blvd. Columbus, GA 31907. Mrs. DeMarco was born June 14, 1927 in Jackson Co., GA daughter of the late Lissie Clayton Carter and Daisy Bailey Carter. In her early professional career, she became the Executive Assistant to the Vice President of RCA in Atlanta, GA. Later in her life, she was a business leader in Columbus through the Chattahoochee Valley Fair where she was employed from 1968 until 1999. The last five years she served as the General Manager. Elaine was involved with many civic groups from the Muscular Dystrophy Association to the Boys and Girls Clubs of Columbus, from the Future Farmers of America to the Future Homemakers of America, from the Carver Elementary PTA to the Band Boosters for Rothchild Jr. High, Arnold Jr. High and Columbus High School. Elaine was a member of just about every club and association in town including being the past President of the Professional Secretaries Association, past President of the Quota Club, board member of Columbus Boys and Girls Club, Red Hat Ladies, Columbus Garden Club, Columbus Women's Club, Friends Unlimited, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Lady Auxiliary, Elks Lodge, Woodman of the World, Order of the Eastern Star, member of Green Island Country Club and a member of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Columbus. Elaine was born a patriot. She was born on Flag Day. Her brother fought in WWII, and she married Sgt James DeMarco, a Soldier, becoming even more patriotic. After her husband's death, she became known as the "Flag Lady". She accompanied her friend John Sanders traveling all over Georgia displaying American flags and flags representing each branch of the military in numerous civic ceremonies and parades. She was also a member of the VFW and the ELK's Lodge and she loved the flag and her country. Other than her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, James W. DeMarco, Sr. and her brother, Clayton Carter. Survivors include her son, James W. DeMarco, Jr. (Kimberly Judah) of Mobile, AL, five sisters, Colleen Ledbetter of Lavonia, GA, Betty Spence of Jefferson, GA, Bobbie Hurndon of Loganville, GA, Lois Atha (Herbert) of Loganville, GA and Alice Buffington (Douglas) of Loganville, GA, two grandchildren, Lauren M. DeMarco and James Weston DeMarco both of Mobile, AL. and her friend Oscar Boyles of Phenix City, AL In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made to the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Chattahoochee Valley Inc. 1700 Buena Vista Rd. Columbus, GA 31906.

Seven principles for UU vitality From Interconnections

Posted in Events, Growth on July 16th, 2010 by Don Skinner

One document that was developed by participants at the UUA Growth Consultation, held May 5 –7 in Colorado, was a list called “The Seven Principles for UU Vitality.” The Rev. Thom Belote, a participant and minister of Shawnee Mission UU Church in Overland Park, Kans., notes, “This document was produced using a process of brainstorming, the grouping of emerging themes, and reflection on our own experiences.”

Here are the Seven Principles for UU Congregational Vitality. More description of each is on Belote's blog, RevThom.

The congregation has a clear and powerful purpose and mission.

The congregation is aware of and responsive to the world around it.

There is vital worship and a vital Sunday experience for all ages.

Church is done well.

The congregation cultivates religious community.

The congregation builds skills to lead and nurtures gifts to serve.

Strong ministerial leadership supports the fulfillment of the previous six principles.

There were 17 participants in the consultation, including nine parish ministers, plus religious educators and UUA staff. The consultation was charged with developing a growth plan for the UUA. A list of the participants, a description of what the group attempted to do, and commentary about the process, is all available on RevThom. A program called Leap of Faith is being developed as a result of the conference. More information on it will be available this fall.

Skinner House offers new military resource From Interconnections

Skinner House Books has published *Bless All Who Serve: Sources of Hope, Courage and Faith for Military Personnel and Their Families*, a pocket-sized book of readings and songs from many faith traditions. Free copies are available to military chaplains and enlisted personnel of all faiths. Chaplains and ministers should contact Julie Shaw for those copies. Other service personnel may contact Lorraine Dennis at the Church of the Larger Fellowship.

Copies may also be purchased through the UUA Bookstore for \$8. An article about the book, edited by the Revs. Matthew and Gail Tittle, both military veterans, is on the UUA website. The book is similar to one published in 1941 by Beacon Press.

Norm Horofker brought a copy of this book from the recent General Assembly meeting. Seeing as how Columbus has a large military population because of Fort Benning, perhaps funding and providing this booklet to Fort Benning soldiers could become a project for the Columbus Fellowship. Just a thought.

August 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 Janna Nelson & Scott Hooker</p> <p>Service Leader: Paul Lee Opener: Michelle Midgette Closer: Paul Lee</p>	2	3	<p>4 Discussion Group</p> <p>7 PM</p>	5	6	7
<p>8 Salman Elawad</p> <p>Service Leader: Pat Hart Opener: Paul Lee Closer: Barry White</p>	9	10	<p>11 Discussion Group</p> <p>7 PM</p>	12	13	14
<p>15 Jack Schley</p> <p>Service Leader: Rick Spradlin Opener: Barry White Closer: Rick Spradlin</p>	16	17	<p>18 Discussion Group</p> <p>7 PM</p>	19	20	21
<p>22 Kirsten Mix</p> <p>Service Leader: John Nix Opener: Rick Spradlin Closer: Pat Hart</p>	23	24	<p>25 Discussion Group</p> <p>7 PM</p>	26	<p>27 Movie Night</p> <p>7 PM</p> <p>Title to be an- nounced</p>	28
<p>29 Mike Williams</p> <p>Service Leader: Barry White Opener: Pat Hart Closer: Marge Hall Carolyn Searcy</p>	30	31				