

Sunday Program and Service Leader Schedule

6 June

9:15—Adult Religious Education

10:40—Rev. Cathy Rankin, from the Church of the Spiral Tree, will speak to us about the Pagan church.

Service Leader: Paul Lee Opener: Pat Hart Closer: Marge Hall & Carolyn Searcy

Greeters: Mona Crawford & Tanya Davis

13 June

9:15—Adult Religious Education

10:40—Chris Rohrs will be speaking on, “Religion in Science Fiction”.

Service Leader: Barry White Opener: Marge Hall & Carolyn Searcy Closer: Gerda Smith

Greeters: Mary Lynn Lobello-Hall & Mark Berger

20 June

9:15—Adult Religious Education

10:40—John Studstill will be presenting “Fundamentalists in Modern Religions”.

Service Leader: John Nix Opener: Gerda Smith Closer: Julie Bouchard

Greeters: Marge Hall & Barry White

27 June

9:15—Adult Religious Education

10:40—Mona Crawford will present, “Common Themes in the World’s Religions”.

Service Leader: Pat Hart Opener: Julie Bouchard Closer: Janet & Norm Horofker

Greeters: Nancy Awtrey & Ann Newland

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June Birthday Celebrations

The Fellowship extends Happy Birthday Wishes to the following:

- 12 June Michelle Midgette
- 14 June Elaine DeMarco



Joys and Concerns

Fellowship members and friends are requested to keep Shirley Gray in your thoughts and prayers as she continues to recuperate.

Remember Ann Newland’s family and Sidney Wilson’s family in your thoughts and prayers as they continue to feel the loss of loved ones.

Tanya Davis is resigning as the director for the Friday Movie Night. If you are willing to take on this responsibility, let one of the Board members know.

Fellowship Picnic

If you haven’t had the joy of spending some time at Grace Jordan’s cabin on the lake, you have missed a rare treat. The cabin is nestled in tall pines and near the lake shore. You can sit on the screened porch and let gentle breezes keep you cool or be a little more energetic and take a hike, boat ride, or swim. Another opportunity to rejuvenate the spirit at Grace’s Cabin is coming up in the near future. A Fellowship picnic is planned for June 12, 2010 at Grace’s cabin. Everyone is invited to come share the atmosphere. The Fellowship is paying for the meat entrée and members and friends are requested to sign up to bring other food items. There is a sign up sheet at the back table in the Fellowship House. You can also call Michelle Midgette (706 -561-1771) or e-mail her (midgette.mic@gmail.com) to find out what items are needed. The picnic is scheduled to start at noon. Brenda Stevens will have printed directions to the cabin available during Sunday services. If you cannot pick up a sheet of directions at the Fellowship house you can phone Brenda and she can mail one to you. You will not want to miss this opportunity to enjoy the atmosphere of being close to nature and the camaraderie of Fellowship members and friends.

YOUR BUILDING COMMITTEE HAS A CHALLENGE FOR YOU!

Everyone should be aware by now of the generous anonymous gift of \$10,000 that was recently made to our Building Fund. This gift has sparked your Building Committee to action. It is the intention of the Building Committee to make a report to the Board of the Fellowship at the October meeting. At that time we will have concluded our work by making clear the options for an exciting new larger sanctuary with adequate parking.

In order to make this report more than simply wishful thinking we intend to demonstrate that we have raised some additional funds for the project. Clearly we can not expect to have a bigger and better Fellowship building without substantial contributions from our members and we feel that this money will be forthcoming when we have a specific site ready for action. Before then however, by October, but we would like to have a substantial "seed money" in hand.

The above mentioned anonymous donation has doubled our building fund to a present total of \$20,000.00. We now have five members of the Fellowship who have combined to put up an additional \$5000.00 in the form of a matching donation. If other members of the Fellowship will come forward with donations or pledges to be paid by October 1, 2010 they will be matched by these donors up to stated \$5000.00. The Building Committee has set a goal of raising this total of \$10,000.00 by July 4, and we are hopeful that we will go well beyond that. Contributions at all levels are encouraged.

If you believe as we do that Columbus needs a growing UU Fellowship this is your chance to lend some initial financial support. If you have questions or suggestions please speak to any member of the Building Committee. Contributions will be accepted by any member of the committee, they can be made using the special envelopes provided during Sunday Services or they can be made to Nikki Rohrs, our Treasurer. Checks should be made payable to the UU Fellowship of Columbus.

Here is your chance to show your support for our long term growth!

Your Building Committee: Norm Horofker, Tanya Davis, Pat Hart, Rick Spradlin, Ed Wilson

Movie Night

The June Movie Night is scheduled on June 25, 2010 beginning at 7 PM. Everyone is invited to come out and enjoy the movie. Our own Dixie Turman will share a slide show of her trip to Greece and Rome. Get a close up view of all the sights of these two historic places narrated by Dixie. Bring your favorite snack and beverage with enough to share with other movie goers.

As mentioned in another part of the Newsletter, Tanya Davis is resigning as Coordinator for Movie Night. Tanya has done a great job of lining up interesting and thought provoking movies and making sure that the building is open and the necessary equipment has been set up properly. In addition to those duties she has also made sure that the equipment has been put away and secured and that the building has locked.

It takes dedicated volunteers to help make the Columbus UU Fellowship a vibrant organization. If anyone or a group of individuals is willing to take on the responsibility of coordinating the Movie Night activity, let one of the Board members know of your intentions.

Giving Away the Plate

Our current practice of giving the away the undesignated money collected from the third Sunday offering has been very successful. Local charities have benefited greatly from the Fellowship members generosity.

Three hundred dollars was collected on the third Sunday in May and given to the Russell County Child Advocacy Center, Inc.

As has been noted in previous Newsletters, this practice has not had a negative impact on giving to the Fellowship. Anecdotal evidence suggests that perhaps giving from members and friends of the Fellowship has increased as a result of our "Giving Away the Plate". Perhaps the cosmos or whatever God entity you believe in or not rewards generosity.

The proceeds from the June "Give Away the Plate" will be going to Feeding the Valley Food Bank.

The Social Action Committee, headed by Carolyn Searcy, sends out a big **THANK YOU** for the generosity of the Fellowship.

Columbus UU Fellowship Committee Information

The Columbus UU Fellowship depends on volunteers in various committees to keep the Fellowship a warm, inviting place in which to worship. Brenda Stevens has provided a list of the various committees and the members of those committees. You are invited to review the list with the purpose of perhaps selecting a committee in which you might be able to lend your support. The Fellowship needs a many participants as possible in the various committees.

Congregational Care

Contact: Ernestine Mathis,
Members: Brenda Stevens, Norm Horofker, Ed Wilson

Finance

Contact: Pat Hart
Members: Nikki Rohrs, Norm and Janet Horofker

Guest Response Team

Contact: Brenda Stevens
Greeters: Nancy Awtrey, Mark Berger, Mona Crawford, Tanya Davis, Bill Edwards, Marge Hall, Mary Lynn Lobello -Hall, Don Nahley Ann Newland, Barry White
Membership: Norm Horofker, Ed Wilson, John Nix

Long Range Planning

Contact: Norm Horofker
Members: Katy Clyde, John Nix, Rick Spradlin, John Studstill, Ed Wilson

Building Search

Contact: Norm Horofker
Members: Tanya Davis, Pat Hart, John Nix, Rick Spradlin, Ed Wilson

Maintenance and Grounds

Contacts: Rick Spradlin, John Studstill, Hal Midgette, Shaun Woods

Openers/Closers:

Contact: Chris Nix
Members: Marge Hall, Pat Hart, Janet and Norm Horofker, Paul Lee, Chris Nix, Nikki and Chris Rohrs, Carolyn Searcy, Gerda Smith, Rick Spradlin, Barry White

Social Action

Contact: Norm Horofker
Members: Mona Crawford, Ernestine Mathis, Caroline Searcy, Rick Spradlin, John Studstill, Paul Lee

From Around the UUA

There is a Social Justice Conference taking place on September 11, 2010 at the High Street UU Church in Macon, GA. For more information contact Debra Greenwood at debra404@gmail.com or Barbara Burnham at barbburn2@aol.com.

The UUA General Assembly is taking place in Minneapolis, MINN. on June 23 -27, 2010. Visit the UUA website for more information.

The recent floods in Kentucky and Tennessee have created hardships for many UU's in that area of the country. A flood relief fund has been set up at the following url: <http://bit.ly/bR5NbC>. Checks can be mailed to UUA -Flood Relief Fund, 25 Beacon St, Boston, MA 02108, attn: Stewardship and Development Gift Processing.