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A Welcoming Congregation

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CREATE COMMUNITY

First-time attendees eat free at Wednesday evening dinner:

Join us in the Social Hall at 6 p.m. every week for a catered dinner served with vegetarian, carnivore and gluten free alternatives. If you haven't tried it yet, you eat free! Costs to help cover expenses are \$8-adults, \$5-children, with family rates available. All are invited to share the meal whether you can pay or not. Grace will be offered before the meal. *If you can help to clean up the kitchen after the meal, may eat for free.* Email wnd@TheFUUN.org.

New Member Class Rescheduled: Due to snow, the New Member Class was postponed to **Saturday, Jan. 21**. Registration is still open. Please contact our Membership Coordinator, Laurie Stevens, to register or ask questions: lstevens@thefuun.org. The Signing Ceremonies which follow class participation are **Sunday, Jan. 29** at both services.

Trans Affirming Collective seeks to empower congregation:

The Trans Affirming Collective is a group of trans and gender expansive people and allies who come together to help FUUN affirm community members of all gender identities. We envision a future where transgender and gender expansive people will feel comfortable being themselves on our campus. We meet monthly, on **second Wednesday evenings**, from 7-8:30 p.m. If you are interested in learning more, or joining us to further this vision, please contact us at trans@TheFUUN.org.
-Mary Early-Zald, Holling Smith-Borne, and Josh Robern

Nancy Ransom is moving. She will be in her apartment **Wednesday, Jan. 11 - Saturday, Jan. 21** preceding her move to Delaware on **Sunday, Jan. 22**. You can reach her at her phone number in the directory starting on **Wednesday, Jan. 11**.

Mid-Year Congregational Meeting is Sunday, Jan. 29, 12:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. On the agenda:

- ⇒ Transition Innovation Team Report
- ⇒ Strategic Planning Report
- ⇒ Endowment Trust Report
- ⇒ Updated Budget Report
- ⇒ Approval of Meghann's Ordination

Childcare will be provided.

NURTURE SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Faith Development Offerings: See thefuun.org/faith-development-offerings/ for details on Covenant Groups, Nonviolent Communication Practice Group sessions and current Faith Development class offerings.

FUUN members and friends can help FUUN Prison Ministries by volunteering as musicians, participants in services, teaching classes, and yes, please, donating money to help fund these services which keep religious liberty alive behind bars. For more information, contact Prison Ministries Chair **Edie White**, Pr. Rev., prisonministry@thefuun.org.

Volunteer Initiative: In order to streamline volunteer opportunities, we are asking all committee chairs to email immediate volunteer opportunities to volunteer@thefuun.org.



Chalice Fire Ritual Practice Group meets the **first and third Thursdays of each month**, 7-8:30 p.m. in the Thoreau Room.

In this group, we take a moment to notice what could use a little extra attention and focus in our lives, and then use simple rituals of intention to address it together. This is an open group that welcomes adults at all levels of experience. Child-care is available in the nursery. Suggested donation \$1. See thefuun.org/chalice-fire-ritual-practice-group/

Saving Paper: We encourage each household to take home a copy of our Weekly Bulletin. If you attend the first service, we have placed a basket at the back of the sanctuary for you to place *extra* copies to be reused for the second service. You may also find this and past copies of this bulletin on our website at thefuun.org/bulletin/. They are posted on Fridays.

For more FUUN activities,
see thefuun.org/church-calendar/

ACT ON OUR VALUES

Martin Luther King Sunday Screening of "13TH"

Sunday, Jan. 15, 2 - 4:30 p.m.
The West Nashville Clergy Group hosts a screening of the movie "13TH" with panel discussion to follow at Hillsboro Presbyterian Church, 5820 Hillsboro Pike, 37215. See thefuun.org/13th/ or our newsletter for more information.



MLK March on Jefferson St., Jan. 16: Join Beloved Community for the 10 a.m. march from the Jefferson Street Baptist Church to TSU's Gentry Center on Monday, Jan. 16. Anyone who is interested can meet at church before the march to carpool over to the Baptist church. Questions about Beloved Community at FUUN? Contact **Emily Green-Cain** at 615-449-8514 or email beloved@thefuun.org. We hope to see you there.

Special Requests from the Herb & Craft Fair Committee:

- 1) We are looking for men's neckties. Please drop them in the box in the Social Hall.
- 2) We are looking for people who knit and/or crochet. Please contact the committee for details on how your skills can be put to use for the Herb & Craft Fair. Thank you for supporting the Herb & Craft Fair. Contact the committee at herbfair@thefuun.org.

Our Room In The Inn action team needs your help!

We still have plenty of openings for this year. Here are some great reasons to get involved.



- It is very rewarding work.
- Most jobs require only 2-3 hours.
- Most jobs do not require you to spend the night.
- You can sign up once, or several times.
- You will be helping our congregation continue this important work.

Please visit us at the Social Justice table to see how you can help. Written instructions are available for each job and you will be working with a team. If you have any questions please email socialjustice@thefuun.org. Thank you to all of you who already volunteer.

-Scott Weaver, RITI Action Team

Accepting Endowment Grant Applications until Mar. 31, 2017: Each spring, FUUN's Trustees consider allocating endowment funds to special projects that further the principles of Unitarian Universalism and the First Unitarian Universalist Church of Nashville. See thefuun.org/endowment-trust/ for details.

Tickets are on sale now in the Social Hall for our Habitat Fundraiser, Saturday, Feb. 11. Join us for a night of fun, food, a silent auction (of art and special themed baskets), and entertainment to raise money for our contribution to the 2017 Fall Habitat Build. Our goal for Habitat is to have 15 builders and help buy the family a washer/dryer combo. In order to do that we must raise \$5,000.



Event tickets are \$25 and are available **Sundays** in the Social Hall or online at TheFuun.org/donate. Show-only tickets are \$15. Performers include **Sheri DiGiovanna, Valerie Martin, Tony Jackson, Brian Carlson, Scott Giles, and Bruce Baker**, with music by Ben Travis, **Chris Martin**, and **Tom Surface**. Bring your sweetie, some friends, or your own sweet self and have a fun filled evening while donating to a terrific cause. Help us continue our commitment to making a difference in the lives of a deserving family.

Have you been wondering **how you can help** with this important fundraiser? Let me count the ways!

- 1) Buy an event ticket for \$25 (Includes tapas dinner, silent art auction, live entertainment on **Feb. 11**) or \$15
- 2) Donate art or auction basket items (wine, sport or other event tickets or items that could be used for "date night")
- 3) Buy a paper hammer or helmet (\$5 and \$10) at our ticket sales table to show support
- 4) Donate to "Share the Plate" in February
- 5) Volunteer! We need dozens of volunteers to help the event run smoothly
- 6) Share our [Facebook Event](#) with your friends. The public is welcome (please note: the show is PG 13).

*-Carleen Dowell and Suzanne LeBeau,
Habitat Action Team coordinators, habitat@thefuun.org*

BROADER WORLD INVITATIONS

Volunteer Opportunity: The TN Justice Center is working on a campaign to ensure that everyone can keep their healthcare, but congress may vote to defund the Affordable Care Act as early as next week. This could cause over 20 million people to lose their healthcare. See thefuun.org/tjnc/ for volunteer details.