

# Weekly Bulletin

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## CREATE COMMUNITY

The FUUN Men's Group meets the first and third Sundays of the month, 6 - 8 p.m., in the Fireside Room. -*Charlie Akers*

**Senior Brunch:** The next Senior Brunch is **Saturday, Oct. 29**, 10 a.m. in the Social Hall. Please RSVP to the church office by Friday, Oct. 28. All are welcome whether or not you receive an invitation. We're looking forward to seeing you. **We need volunteers** for this event, if you can help, please email [fellowship@TheFUUN.org](mailto:fellowship@TheFUUN.org). -*Kathy Hiller*

**First Time Attendees Eat Free at Wednesday Evening Dinners:** 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 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, you can eat for free.* Email [wnd@TheFUUN.org](mailto:wnd@TheFUUN.org).



October's Family FUUN night celebrates Halloween along with FUUN's pagan group, Chalice Fire. **Saturday, Oct. 29**, 6-7:30 p.m., Social Hall & Sanctuary. Costume craziness, games, and treats for kids! For adults, there's comedy, parody, and music for the season featuring Puddle of Uke and comedian Jason Conan! **The kids** will be whooping it up in the Social Hall 6-7:30 p.m., **and the adults** will have their fun in the Sanctuary 6:15-7:30 p.m.

Don't miss out on the FUUN Halloween!

For more FUUN activities,  
see [thefuun.org/church-calendar/](http://thefuun.org/church-calendar/)

## NURTURE SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Tickets:  
\$10 Chili  
\$25.00 Chili & Alcohol  
Kids under 6 are free \$30/\$60 Family Max

**BARN DANCE  
CHILI SUPPER AND AUCTION**  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2016  
6-9:30 PM

FUUN Fundraiser for the Whole Family  
Featuring Nashville Ceili Band with Square Dance  
Caller Emma Ruston

First Unitarian Universalist Church of Nashville • 1808 Woodmont Blvd.  
Chili Cook Off, S'Mores, Square Dancing, Silent & Live Auctions

The first annual **Barn Dance, Chili Supper & Auction** is **Sat., Nov. 12**, 6 - 9:30 p.m. at the FUUN Barn (Social Hall). Polish your boots and iron your skirts because there's gonna be a hoedown. No dance skills required, you just have to know how to have fun. There will be live music by [Nashville Ceili Band](http://NashvilleCeiliBand.com) with Emma Rush-ton as our square dance caller. We'll have a chili cook off (complete with a blue ribbon and a year's bragging rights). You'll vote with your mouth and your dollars. We'll serve beer and wine for the adults and a fire pit to cook s'mores for the young'uns.



**Tickets** are \$10 per person. Kids under 6 are free with a max family price of \$30; **Tickets with Alcohol** are \$25 per person for adults with a max family price of \$60. Tickets available in advance at a table in the social hall during October or at the door on the night of the event. Get more details, make a donation or volunteer to help, see [thefuun.org/barn-dance-auction/](http://thefuun.org/barn-dance-auction/)

-*Skip Rudenske, Fundraising Chair*



The Committee of the Larger Faith is holding a **Thanksgiving Food Drive: October and November**. Look for the bins in the Social Hall. Any canned or packaged non-perishable foods are welcome. All the food collected will be distributed to families in need. Thanks!



### **The Strategic Planning Task Force hosting conversations:**

The task force has been analyzing data and grouping information to write goals and objectives. We will be holding community conversations to review our progress and to gather your thoughts on initiatives that are less clear. All are invited! Conversations are 10:45-11:45 a.m. and 12:30-1:30 p.m. on **Sunday, Oct. 23** and 7-8 p.m. on **Wednesday, Oct. 26**. Watch for more information. Please plan to join us – there will be snacks!

–*Ibba Surface* and *John Mott*, Co-Chairs – SPTF

**The Sunday Food Table** provides money for Mountaincamp scholarships for our youth as well as money for other church sponsored groups. You can assist in raising these much needed funds by working the table a few times a year or by donating food once a month or whenever you have leftover food that could be easily and safely sold at the table. Come by the food table for more information or email Food Table at [foodtable@TheFUUN.org](mailto:foodtable@TheFUUN.org).

**Both FUUN and The Mountain have scholarship money available** to send your children to UU summer camp. Parents wanting more information about scholarships should email the Mountain Committee [mountain@thefuun.org](mailto:mountain@thefuun.org). For information about camp dates and deadlines, see [thefuun.org/mountain/](http://thefuun.org/mountain/). To speak to parents of FUUN campers, or to receive more information about our camperships, email [mountain@TheFUUN.org](mailto:mountain@TheFUUN.org).

**7th Annual Holiday Craft Fair needs volunteers:** One or two volunteers are needed immediately to help contact past and new potential vendors for the fair. Anyone with connections to the craft and arts communities is definitely welcome to help, but not necessary. We also could use some help setting up, decorating, and cleaning up. Anyone wishing to volunteer or sell your crafts, artwork and baked goods can email Skip Rudsenske at [fundraising@TheFUUN.org](mailto:fundraising@TheFUUN.org). For more information about the Holiday Craft Fair and Poinsettia Sale, see [thefuun.org/holiday-craft-fair/](http://thefuun.org/holiday-craft-fair/)

**Trans Affirming Collective Seeks to Empower Congregation:** The Trans Affirming Collective is a group of trans and gender expanding people and allies who come together to help FUUN affirm community members of all gender identities. We envision a future where transgender and gender nonconforming 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](mailto:trans@TheFUUN.org).



**SoUUthern Hospitality:** Would you be willing to host UU travelers to Nashville in your home to help raise funds for FUUN? FUUNd Raising is looking for 10-20 members who have an extra bed and private bath who would be willing to host guests no more than once or twice per year. We will be advertising nationally, so if you provide the space, the church will provide the guests. Guests will be asked to donate directly to FUUN. This is a great way for you to help us raise thousands of dollars externally and to make new friends from all over the U.S. If you are interested or have questions, please email [SoUUthernHospitality@TheFUUN.org](mailto:SoUUthernHospitality@TheFUUN.org).

**Holy Listening** Wednesdays, 7-8:30 p.m., Oct. 19 and 26, Nov. 9 and 30, Dec. 7, Fireside Room (main building)

This class, led by Sabbatical Minister **Meghann Robern**, is for anyone who has asked, “How can I help?” when a friend or family member is, for example, in the hospital or experiencing a difficult transition such as the death of a loved one. It will cover the ministries of visiting, listening, and sending cards. This class, which uses *How Can I Help* by Ram Dass and Paul Gorman, is open to all who are interested. Additionally, it is required of anyone considering joining the FUUN lay ministry team, and will include discerning one’s gifts for lay pastoral ministry. Contact **Meghann Robern** if you have any questions.

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

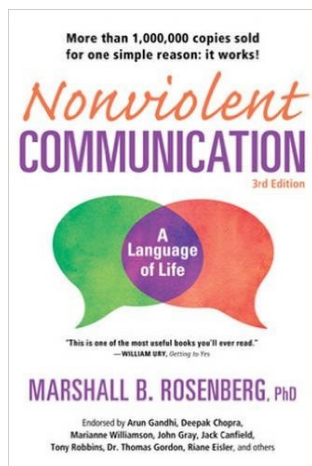
### Non-violent Communication:

Although the sign-up for practice groups is over, anyone who is interested in attending one is welcome. Email [nvc@TheFUUN.org](mailto:nvc@TheFUUN.org).

Groups meet:

- **1st and 3rd Sundays**, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m., Fireside Room (Main Building)
- **2nd and 4th Mondays**, 6:30-8:15 p.m., Darwin Room (Morgan House) *Childcare is NOT available.*
- **2nd and 4th Wednesdays**, 7-8:30 p.m., Alcott Room (Morgan House).

Anyone is welcome, with any level of NVC experience.



**Book Discussion: Towards the "Other America,"** by **Chris Crass** *First Wednesdays, now through May 3, 7-8:30 p.m., Alcott Room (Morgan House)*

Want to use your spiritual superpowers to dismantle systems of white supremacy? Unitarian Universalist Chris Crass has a book of essays titled *Towards the "Other America"*, *Anti-racist Resources for White People Taking Action for Black Lives Matter*, which **Emily Green-Cain** and **Van Cain** will use as a primer for to facilitate discussion of how to use the power of love and courage to equip ourselves politically, spiritually and emotionally to work for the liberation of us all, with Black Lives Matter at the center.



The Herb & Craft Fair committee is searching for people who know how to make various types of candy, such as peanut brittle, fudge, caramels or other kinds of candy that we could sell at the Fair. If you don't know how to make candy, but would like to learn, we would love to hear from you, too! Contact Lisa Pasto-Crosby at [herbfairclasses@TheFUUN.org](mailto:herbfairclasses@TheFUUN.org) for more information.

### Request for testimonials from the Herb Fair Committee:

Did you have fun and purchase something wonderful at the Herb & Craft Fair last year? We would love to hear from you and use your statements in this year's promotional campaign. Simply briefly describe your experience, what you bought, how you are enjoying it, and whether we may use your name. Send it to [herbfair@TheFUUN.org](mailto:herbfair@TheFUUN.org). Pictures of your purchase encouraged. Thank you for helping to promote the Herb & Craft Fair.

**Volunteer !** The 2017 Herb & Craft Fair committee is recruiting volunteers to help create products to sell. We need your willing and able hands to sew, knit, bake, preserve or construct. There is a wide variety of unique and high-quality wares to be made. The Herb & Craft Fair is a fun and successful fundraiser, and it is also a wonderful opportunity to become involved in the happenings within the FUUN community. The fair takes place in April, but volunteers are needed throughout the fall and winter months to help prepare.

How do your interests and skills match the needs? Come to the Herb & Craft Fair volunteer sign-up table before or after services on **Oct. 30** to find out. Contact **Ginger Brown**, Herb & Craft Fair Chair at [herbfair@TheFUUN.org](mailto:herbfair@TheFUUN.org) for more information. **-Emily Cathcart**, Herb & Craft Fair Committee

## ACT ON OUR VALUES



**Room in the Inn needs volunteers:** Many of you have signed up to help with Room in the Inn this year. We are still in need of several volunteers for November. If you can help, please stop by the Social Justice table on Sunday to sign up. If you have any questions or cannot make it to church to sign up please contact us at [socialjustice@TheFUUN.org](mailto:socialjustice@TheFUUN.org).

**TODAY: “Driving While Black: Report on Racial Profiling in Nashville”** presentation will take place between services on **Sunday, Oct. 23**, Alcott Room. Mr. Kyle Mothershead will present the key findings from the newly-released report Racial Profiling in Metro Nashville Police Department (MNP) Traffic Stops. The report is principally based on MNP’s own database of traffic stop records. Mr. Mothershead is a local civil rights attorney, recurring FUUN visitor, and member of NOAH’s Criminal Justice Task Force.



**Opening to Change workshop: Building Connections across Cultural Differences** workshop will be presented by Beloved Community, **Saturday, Nov. 19**, 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. in the FUUN Social Hall. Led by Rev. Rob Keithan, The *Opening to Change* workshop addresses a critical question facing both UU congregations and the country: Do people of different cultures feel welcomed as whole people? Or are they forced to suppress parts of their identities—in other words, to assimilate—in order to fit in, to survive? To learn more and to register, see [thefuun.org/opening-to-change/](http://thefuun.org/opening-to-change/)

**GATHER**  
*Come together with your family, friends, community, and UUSC.*

**LEARN**  
*Read about UUSC’s grassroots partnerships around the globe.*

**MOVE BEYOND STATISTICS**  
*Hear stories of real people connected to UUSC.*

**REFLECT**  
*Use our worship resources to consider a theme related to UUSC’s mission and model for change.*

**SUPPORT**  
*Work together toward a fundraising goal to support UUSC’s groundbreaking human rights programs.*

**SPREAD HOPE**  
*Become inspired in your own efforts to contribute toward positive change in the world.*

## Guest at Your Table

Every year, the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC), a nonsectarian group, invites others to participate in the intergenerational program *Guest at Your Table*. This program, which focuses on a new theme each year, increases awareness about and support for the organization’s work in the area of human rights. The organization began its work in 1939 when Rev. Waitstill and Martha Sharp traveled to Europe to help others escape from Nazi occupation and persecution. This year’s theme, **Defying Hate**, honors the work that was done by the Sharps and the work that UUSC continues today to confront hatred, bigotry, and threats to human rights. To learn more about the Guest at Your Table program and how you can support UUSC, please refer to the UUSC posters and brochures that appear in the social hall.

–Shaie Dively,  
Committee for the Larger Faith

## MEMBER NEWS



Oakleigh Elizabeth McMillan was born to our Childcare Coordinator, **Aubrey McMillan**, on Sept. 25, 2016 at 3:34pm. She weighed 7.6 and was 20.5 inches long.

## EXTERNAL INVITES

**Free Community Health Fair for 65+, Saturday, Oct. 29**, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Margaret Maddox YMCA in East Nashville. In collaboration with the Margaret Maddox YMCA, SHIP, Lipscomb College of Pharmacy, Vanderbilt Law School and the TN Commission on Aging and Disability.