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A Welcoming Congregation

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CREATE COMMUNITY

Chalice Fire Rituals for Daily Life, Nov. 2 and 16, 7 p.m., Thoreau Room. Bring what is weighing you down, lifting you up, and/or what is just very present for you right now. We will work with it to co-create a feeling of support, of being heard, and an increased sense of well being. Rituals often help create ease and clarity, affirm what works, and release things that are not best serving you.

Join us for Wednesday Night Dinners, 6 p.m. in the social hall. The first through third (and the fifth) Wednesdays of the month are catered and include a vegetarian and a gluten-free option. **The fourth Wednesdays** are potluck— bring a favorite dish to share. To help cover expenses, the catered meals are \$8 for an adult, \$5 for a child. Families will pay a reduced fee depending on family size. Your first meal is free. The potluck is free. *You are invited to share the meal whether you can pay or not.* If you are willing to help clean up after the dinner, you get a free meal. Questions? Email **Lynn Harris**, Chair, Fellowship Committee at wnd@thefuun.org.

The Book Group normally meets on the **3rd Tuesday**, from noon–1:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room, but because of Thanksgiving we will meet a week earlier. Please join us on Nov. 14—same time, same room—to discuss **Good Morning Midnight** by Lily Brooks-Dalton. All are welcome.



Samhain Ritual for Our Elders and those Unjustly Killed, Sunday, Oct 29, 7-8 p.m., in the social hall. Our ritual honors the dead who have passed before us and now show us a way forward. We will also speak our deep grief and righteous anger at the killings of our community members. We remember them, our elders and those killed, and we allow their existence and presence to inform our work in the world. All are welcome to join us, including kids. No specific beliefs are expected or required.

Halloween Party for Children & Youth, in the Morgan House, Sunday, Oct. 29, 10:45 a.m.- noon. Wear your costumes to church! Bring your bag for treats! We will have a costume parade games and crafts prizes for all (no candy). Parents/Guardians, please accompany your children in 5th grade and younger.



Yee-Haw!

It's the annual Barn Dance, Chili Supper & Auction, Nov. 4, 5-8:30 p.m. Polish your boots and iron your skirts because there's gonna be a hoedown with live music and a square dance caller. We'll have a chili cook off (complete with a blue ribbon and a year's bragging rights). We'll have beer and wine for the adults and have a fire pit to cook s'mores for the young-uns. We'll be selling tickets in the social hall during the month of October. Chili dinner is \$10 with \$30 family max. Kids under 6 are free. Chili dinner with alcohol is \$25 with a \$60 family max. Each sponsor gets a couple of tickets to the event and will get to sit at a head table and be recognized as a true barn dance supporter. **Need Y'all's Help.** See next page.

Frost Moon Drum Circle is Saturday, Nov. 4, 7-11 p.m., Morgan House. Bring a potluck snack. This is a child-friendly event, all are welcome. There is beauty as we strip down to the bones and branches at the center of things, and clarification as we better understand the underlying structures that define our shape. Our ritual will support this process of letting go.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Concert: FUUN is participating in the "Together in Gratitude. Together in Song" Interfaith Thanksgiving Concert, **Sunday, Nov. 19, 6:30 p.m.,** at The Temple, 5015 Harding Pike, Nashville.

NOAH Fundraiser Appeal: For the past 2 years, many of you helped us match an anonymous donor's \$25,000 contribution to hire an African-American NOAH Organizer for work on key social justice issues in Nashville. Our donor has renewed the offer this year. Donations will fund the position and allow several members to attend a reception Nov. 19, 4-6 p.m. To support the effort, please stop by the Social Justice table in the social hall after services. All contributions are welcome.

NURTURE SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Raising Sexually Healthy Children Workshop with Sexuality Educator/OWL Facilitator **Emi Canahuati, Sunday, Nov. 5, 9-11 a.m.** in Classroom A. As a complement to this Fall's *Our Whole Lives* classes, we're delighted to offer this free workshop. Friend of FUUN **Emi Canahuati** has been a sexuality educator for over 18 years and through her practice, [Talk and Thrive Education, LLC](http://www.thefuun.org/sexuality-wkshp/), helps parents raise sexually healthy children through workshops and coaching. Read more at www.thefuun.org/sexuality-wkshp/.

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

ACT ON OUR VALUES

Stewardship Theme Requests: You have an opportunity to get creative and suggest a theme for FUUN's 2018 pledge campaign. As you contemplate your entry, please keep in mind that stewardship is not just about giving money to the church. It is so much more . . . it includes your commitment of time, your participation on committees and at church events, and the many other ways of contributing to FUUN.

The UU Justice Ministry of TN is accepting members. Acting on social justice issues is a foundation of our UU faith tradition. We know our individual voices are stronger if we unite with others in common cause. Join today. To learn how to become a voting member, and for the link to "like" and follow their [Facebook page](#), where UUs from across the state can share, connect, and support causes that reflect our values, see www.thefuun.org/uujm/ or www.uujm-tn.org/.

The FUUN Zone (formally known as the "Nursery") is hiring a part-time caregiver. Being a caregiver in the FUUN Zone involves caring for and playing with children ages 6 weeks to 10 years, maintaining a welcoming, safe, and child friendly environment, as well as working with a great team of people. Hours: 4-6 hours weekly (16 to 20 hours a month). Sunday 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and a few hours during the week (typically Wednesday or Thursday evenings 6:30-9 p.m.). Additional hours available throughout the year based on varying church activities. Pay: \$12-\$13/hour. Must be at least 18 years old. Email resume and cover letter to office@thefuun.org if interested or stop by and see Kendra Andersen, Childcare Coordinator, on Sundays.

NOAH's Public Meeting with Mayor Barry is Sunday, Oct. 29, 3-4:30 p.m. at The Temple Church, 3810 Kings Lane. Show Mayor Barry that NOAH has the support of the people on critical issues.

Save the Date. Craft Fair & Poinsettia Sale: The 7th annual Holiday Craft Fair and Poinsettia sale **Saturday, Dec. 2, 9 a.m. —4 p.m.** will feature a variety of original arts and crafts including paintings, ceramics, pressed flowers, woodworking, handmade jewelry, ornaments, cards, hand sewn and knitted items, soaps and candles will be featured. There will also be baked goods for your holiday parties and family gatherings. We hope you can join us for *all* the holiday fun.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Craft Fair & Poinsettia Sale participants and volunteers: Stop by the table in the social hall on Sunday mornings to sign up as a vendor, volunteer and to pre-order a poinsettia for your home or to place in the sanctuary in honor of a loved one, or email **Skip** at fundraising@thefuun.org.

Barn Dance volunteers: We need folks to decorate, make chili, donate auction items or sponsor items needed for the event. You can sponsor the band, the beer, or a prize. Please stop by the Barn Dance table in the social hall or see thefuun.org/annual-auction/ for details and email fundraising@thefuun.org to talk about sponsorship or volunteering.

Be an office assistant: The FUUN Office is seeking help on **Tuesdays, 1-5 p.m.** to answer the phone, greet guests, and help with projects that support the staff. We offer lots of appreciation and chocolate. Please contact Mary in the office at office@thefuun.org or [615-383-5760](tel:615-383-5760) for more information.

Room in The Inn: Our first night hosting Room in The Inn for the 2017-2018 season is **Friday, Nov. 3.** There's a job for everyone. Sign up online or the folks at the Social Justice table in the social hall are happy to help you on Sunday mornings if technology isn't your thing. You can sign up from home at <http://signup.com/go/mFL53e>.

Safe Haven Family Shelter: FUUN has been serving food to families at Safe Haven for 27 years. This is a great experience for individuals, families, and covenant groups. Food is brought to the shelter in downtown Nashville on the **3rd Tuesday of every-other-month** at 5:45 p.m., and volunteers leave by 6:45 p.m. Our volunteers feed up to 40 family members. You can pick a date and what you'd like to bring at signup.com/go/PqzDpvH or at the Social Justice table in the social hall on Sunday mornings. For more information, contact Pat Lynch at safehaven@thefuun.org or see www.thefuun.org/volunteer-for-safe-haven/.

*****Committee and Event Leaders*****

In order to streamline volunteer opportunities, we ask event and committee chairs to email volunteer opportunities to volunteer@thefuun.org or fill out the online form at www.thefuun.org/volunteer-support/.