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CREATE COMMUNITY

The FUUN Men's Group meets **the first and third Sundays of the month, Nov. 17, 6 - 8 p.m.**, in the Fireside Room. All men are welcome. -*Charlie Akers*

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. The Holiday Schedule for Wednesday night dinners is: **Nov. 23**—cancelled, **Dec. 28**—cancelled, and **Jan. 4**—potluck

FUUN Outdoors Group's next hike is Saturday, Nov. 19, 9 a.m.: Robert Chatham will be leading the hike at the Richland Creek Greenway, which runs along the edge of McCabe Golf Course and crosses Richland Creek at a couple of spots. The temperature should be in the upper 50's, so it should be pretty pleasant. For more information, join the [FUUN Outdoors Facebook](#) group or email outdoors@thefuun.org.

Meet the Minister: If you are a new visitor to our congregation, we'd love to invite you to our monthly Meet the Minister luncheon on **Sunday, Nov. 20** after the 11 a.m. service in Classroom A. Come meet Meghann Robern, our Sabbatical Minister, along with several other members of FUUN to ask questions and get acquainted! Children are welcome and food will be provided. -*Laurie Stevens*, Membership Coordinator

Fellowship Committee is hosting a Thanksgiving meal: Fellowship Committee is hosting a Thanksgiving meal in the Social Hall of the church, **Thursday, Nov. 24, 1 p.m.** Fellowship provides turkey, some side dishes and drinks. The rest is potluck, so prepare and share your favorite holiday side dishes and desserts! Please make your reservations through the church office, (be sure to indicate how many, including children). Fellowship could use your help to decorate and set-up chairs and tables, kitchen help with preparation and serving and most importantly, table and chair break-down and clean-up. Please volunteer through the Fellowship Committee at fellowship@thefuun.org.

Locking Up: For the safety and security of all who use the buildings we are asking that each group please ensure all doors are locked and tested when exiting as some of our doors do not always latch correctly. Please note that on Sundays our custodial staff will lock up at 2 p.m.

NURTURE SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Chalice Fire Ritual Practice Group meets the first and third **Thursdays (next is Nov. 17)**, 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. Childcare is available in the nursery. Suggested donation \$1. See thefuun.org/chalice-fire-ritual-practice-group/

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.

Do not miss the 6th Annual Craft Fair and Poinsettia Sale, Saturday, Dec. 10, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. 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.



Pre-sales of poinsettias will offered in the Sanctuary during the month of November. Purchase a poinsettia for your home or to be placed in the Sanctuary for the month of December in honor of a family member or special friend.

Spots are still available for vendors. We also could use some help decorating, setting up and cleaning up.

Anyone wishing to volunteer or sell your crafts, artwork and baked goods can email **Skip Rudsenske** at fundraising@TheFUUN.org. For more information about the Holiday Craft Fair and Poinsettia Sale, see thefuun.org/holiday-craft-fair/.



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.

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. For information about camp dates and deadlines, see thefuun.org/mountain/. To speak to parents of FUUN campers, or to receive more information about our camperships, email mountain@TheFUUN.org.

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.

Trans Fishbowl Listening Session: Trans Affirming Collective invites you to "Trans Fishbowl," an opportunity to listen in on conversations about gender identity and the FUUN community. The dialog will be in "fishbowl" style where two trans people will have a conversation in the center of the room and the attendees will form a circle around the perimeter and be the audience. Conversation topics will include techniques for welcoming and engaging trans people at FUUN, the experiences of trans folk in faith communities, and the successes and challenges of living as an authentic trans person. Time will be saved at the end for conversation and questions. Please join us on Sunday, Nov. 20, Transgender Day of Remembrance, in the Fireside Room for this opportunity for listening, learning, and connection.

-Mary Early-Zald, Holling Smith-Borne, and Josh Robern



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! For more information, contact Lisa Pasto-Crosby at herbfairclasses@TheFUUN.org.

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. 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? Contact **Ginger Brown**, Herb & Craft Fair Chair at herbfair@TheFUUN.org for more information.

-Emily Cathcart, Herb & Craft Fair Committee

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

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. See thefuun.org/room-in-the-inn/ for more details about the roles entailed. Each role has different time commitments (2-3 hours) and most do not involve staying over night.

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.



FUUN's Committee for the Larger Faith (CFLF) has joined with Chalice Fire to gather food for those in need in Middle TN. Our goal is to collect 1,000 pounds of food by the end of November, and to deliver it to Feed America First for distribution. Food bins will be available in the Social Hall on Wednesday nights and on Sunday mornings (under the food table in Social Hall). Each week, we will concentrate on collecting specific food types, as noted below:

Nov. 13-19	Peanut butter & jelly
Nov. 29-27	Beans & rice
Nov. 28-Dec. 3	Pasta & sauce



Guest at Your Table

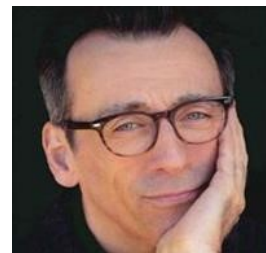
Every year, the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC), a nonsectarian group, invites others to participate in the intergenerational program Guest at Your Table. This program, which focuses on a new theme each year, increases awareness about and support for the organization's work in the area 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 the 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

Mark Cabus will once again bring his acclaimed one-man production of *A Christmas Carol* to FUUN on **Wednesday, Dec. 7**, at 7 p.m., single-handedly playing all 18 characters from this classic Dickens tale of transformation and redemption, from Scrooge to the ghosts to Tiny Tim. Bring the whole family!*

Mark is a skilled actor, writer, and director, classically trained both stateside and abroad. He has worked all over the world in film, television, and theatre.



There is no admission fee, but we will have a "love offering" to show our appreciation to Mark, and to honor **Rita Frizzell**, Mark's dear friend and beloved former FUUN member, in whose name Mark will donate 10% of the proceeds to two organizations that meant a great deal to her: Agape Animal Rescue and the Sarah Cannon Research Institute.

*This performance is suitable for children in upper elementary and above. In fact, Mark needs some of them to make the story happen! But please know that the tone and the "ghosts" may be scary to younger or more sensitive children. Child care will be available for those children who do not attend the performance.

*–Marguerite Mills,
Director of Lifespan Religious Education*

Opening to Change workshop: Building Connections across Cultural Differences 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, our 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?

Using a broad definition of culture that includes race, ethnicity, class, gender identity and other factors, Opening to Change will provide both an analytic framework and concrete skills for effectively developing relationships across difference—also known as intercultural communication. While this workshop will focus on change in a congregational context, the development model and specific strategies covered are equally relevant in personal and professional settings. Participation is open to everyone regardless of previous experience with this kind of work.

About the Leader



Rev. Rob Keithan is a faith organizing and training consultant specializing in reproductive health, rights and justice issues as well as congregational social justice programs. He is a certified facilitator in the UU Minister's Association Intercultural Communication Training Program and recently led the UU Leadership Institute's online course "Intercultural Skills for a Diverse World." Previously, Rev. Keithan served as a consulting minister at two Unitarian Universalist congregations and Director of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations Washington Office. He is an affiliated minister of All Souls Church Unitarian in Washington, DC.

To register, call **Emily Green-Cain** at 499-8514, contact beloved@thefuun.org or sign up at thefuun.org/opening-to-change/

Joe and Joan Moore Award Nominations: The Joe and Joan Moore Award was established a number of years ago to recognize individuals who have displayed long-term service at three levels:

1. to the church
2. to the community in the name of the church, and
3. to the Unitarian Universalist denomination.

This award is in honor of two members who demonstrated those traits for many years, Joe Moore and Joan Moore. We are now accepting nominations for this prestigious award until January 2017.

See thefuun.org/joe-and-joan-moore-award/ to fill out the online nomination form.

-Vicky Tataryn, President

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Stop the Slavery: a concert to benefit childhood survivors of sex trafficking in Cambodia. Sun., Nov. 20, 7 pm at the Basement East \$15 Adv, \$20 Door featuring Anna Haas and others. *-David Haas, member*

EXTERNAL INVITE

Nashville Friends Meeting will host a presentation by Boulder, Colorado Friend, Paula Palmer, entitled "The Quaker Indian Boarding Schools: Facing Our History and Ourselves" on Sunday, Nov. 20. Paula is the director of Toward Right Relationship with Native Peoples. In light of current events involving the treatment and rights of Native American Indians in North Dakota, it is timely to consider past treatment of Native peoples by faith communities, including our own Quaker tradition. This can be a step toward establishing reconciliation and our own right relationship with Native Peoples.

The presentation will be 7-9 p.m. at Nashville Friends Meeting House, 530 26th Avenue North, Nashville, 37209. We invite the public to join us for this presentation. Seating in our Meeting House is somewhat limited, so if you will be attending with a group, an estimate of the number of attendees would be appreciated. Please RSVP susanpking@hotmail.com

For more information on the presentation and the presenter, see <http://www.boulderfriendsmeeting.org/ipc-right-relationship>

Live in harmony. Walk in beauty.
Susan Parker King
Nashville Friends Meeting