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CREATE COMMUNITY



The FUUN Lay Ministry Team will be hosting an **Election Night Fellowship Gathering** from 6-9 p.m., **Tuesday, Nov. 8** in the Social Hall. Pizza and drinks will be provided. FUUN makes no endorsement, but many of our members and friends have experienced trauma during this election, and we wish to offer a space for community support. For more information, see thefuun.org/election-night/



Prayer Vigil and Labyrinth Walk, Monday—Tuesday, Nov. 7-8, 5 p.m.- 8 a.m. Chalice Fire, (FUUN's CUUPs chapter), and the Committee for the Larger Faith, offer an opportunity for our larger community (earth-centered or not) to participate in a Prayer Vigil & Labyrinth Walk at FUUN.

This year, our indoor labyrinth will be laid out (location tba) using the canned and dry goods donated to our food drive to feed the hungry in Middle TN. We will also have a small cairn along with floating candles. Children who can honor this period of prayer and reflection are welcome to attend with their parents.

Sign up for a particular time, or come as you are so moved (see sign up sheets in the Social Hall). We invite you to bring items for our food drive. Whether coming to honor the dead or pray for the living, or experience a labyrinth walk, people of all spiritual paths seeking a time of quiet prayer and media-

tion are welcome. If you just need a quiet place, you will find it here. For more information, see thefuun.org/prayer-vigil-and-labyrinth-walk/

NURTURE SPIRITUAL GROWTH



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 Ruston 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/
-Skip Rudsenske, Fundraising Chair

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 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.

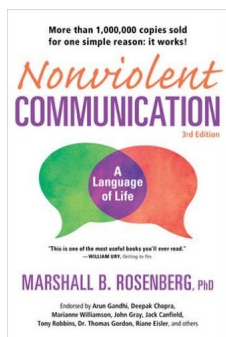
Non-violent Communication:

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

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.



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.



6th Annual Poinsettia Sale: 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 Rudenske** at fundraising@TheFUUN.org. For more information about the Holiday Craft Fair and Poinsettia Sale, see thefuun.org/holiday-craft-fair/.



The FUUN Men's Group will meet with Jessica Himmelreich from the Transition Team on Sunday, Nov. 6. Come give her your opinions and feedback about the transitions. This is an important topic for our church community, so please come join us. Check-ins will be moved back to the second hour, 7-8. Men's group meets **the first and third Sundays of the month**, 6 - 8 p.m., in the Fireside Room.

-Charlie Akers

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*



Frost Moon Drum Circle, Friday, Nov. 11: Join us for our Frost Moon Drum Circle! This month we will be in the main church building (Social Hall), instead of the Morgan House. Bring a potluck snack and a suggested donation of \$1 to contribute to the cause. We will provide wine, juice, and water. Kids and instruments always welcome!

We gather at 7 p.m., with a short ritual promptly at 8 p.m.; feel free to join us or opt out, depending on your comfort level. Everyone is welcome! Our Frost Moon ritual will work with the freedom that comes with the first frosts, and how it helps us focus on our needs and clarify our intentions.

-*Chelsea Henry, Chalice Fire*



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 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. 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 for more information.

-*Emily Cathcart, Herb & Craft Fair Committee*

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

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.



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, our *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/

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



Food Drive Now thru Thanksgiving: 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.

Each week, we will concentrate on collecting specific food Types, as noted below:

Nov. 6-12	Pasta & sauce
Nov. 13-19	Peanut butter & jelly
Nov. 29-27	Beans & rice
Nov. 28-Dec. 3	Pasta & sauce

Food bins will be available in the Social Hall on Wednesday nights and on Sunday mornings (under the food table in Social Hall). If we reach our goal by Dec 3, we will end there.