

# Weekly Bulletin

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A Welcoming Congregation

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## CREATE COMMUNITY

**The Men's Group:** Our next meeting will be **Sunday, Feb. 19**, 6-8pm, and all FUUN men are invited to join us.

-*Charlie Akers*

**Wednesday Night Dinners have been reorganized:** Join us **the first, second, third and fifth Wednesdays of the month** for a meal catered by FUUN's own Ken Fagan or Gene Dixon. We will not be announcing menus before the meal: instead, please know that those who attend will engage in good fellowship and a tasty meal. Our chefs will also cook a vegetarian and a gluten-free dish. The **fourth Wednesdays** will be a potluck. While many people only have time to pick up food for the potluck, we are hoping that people who enjoy cooking will show up with a favorite dish to be shared.

The Potluck is free and beverages will be provided. The catered meals are \$8 for an adult, \$5 for children. Families are encouraged to attend, and will pay a reduced fee depending on family size. We have approximately 30-35 people who regularly attend our dinners so come join us!

- *Lynn Harris, Chair, Fellowship Committee*

**Request from the Herb & Craft Fair:** Looking for donations of clay or ceramic pots that are not chipped or cracked for the Eco-Center at Herb & Craft Fair. We also need a lot of black trays that hold flats of plants. Contact [herbfair@thefuun.org](mailto:herbfair@thefuun.org).

**The next Senior Brunch** will be **Saturday, March 25**, 10 a.m. in the Social Hall. Please RSVP to the church office by **Friday, March 24**. All are welcome whether or not you receive an invitation. We're looking forward to seeing you!

**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, please contact us at [trans@thefuun.org](mailto:trans@thefuun.org).

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

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

## NURTURE SPIRITUAL GROWTH

**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.

**Our Whole Lives (OWL) for 4th-5th Grade: Mandatory Parent/Student Orientation: Saturday, Feb. 25**, noon-3 p.m., Palmer Room, Morgan House. Please RSVP now to RE Administrator, Jonah Eller-Isaacs at [REadmin@thefuun.org](mailto:REadmin@thefuun.org). For details, see [www.thefuun.org/owl-4-5-orientation/](http://www.thefuun.org/owl-4-5-orientation/).

**Carpenter bee trap build workers and supplies needed** for the third annual Bee Build which includes a lunch and good camaraderie, March 18 at the Brown Farm in White Bluff. We will be making carpenter bee traps to sell at the Herb & Craft Fair. You can help by donating your carpentry skills at the bee build. It's fun! You can also help by donating materials. See [thefuun.org/bee-trap-build/](http://thefuun.org/bee-trap-build/) for details. Contact **Ginger Brown** at [herbfair@thefuun.org](mailto:herbfair@thefuun.org).

**Join the Transitions Innovations Team for a community conversation** about ministry in the Morgan House Palmer Living Room. What are your experiences with FUUN ministry? What would you like to see? **Wednesday, Feb. 22**, 7 p.m. in the Morgan House Palmer Living Room or **Sunday, Feb. 26**, 10:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room.

## ACT ON OUR VALUES

**Save the Date:** FUUN is this year's host for the annual Mid-South meeting, **April 8**, 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. There will be opportunities for fellowship, learning, and worship with UUs from all around the district. Watch for more details!

-*Gail Sphar, Committee for the Larger Faith*

**NOAH Property Tax Relief Meeting:** Will rising property taxes speed up gentrification? Will elderly, lower-income homeowners be pushed out of their neighborhoods? Will FUUN members or friends be affected? At the NOAH Property Tax Relief Meeting on **Sunday, Feb. 19**, 3 p.m., at the First Baptist Church of East Nashville, 601 Main Street, you'll learn about property reassessment and tax freeze and relief programs and about NOAH's plan for action on tax relief.

-*Carol Copple, NOAH Task Force*

**Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) President Rev. Peter Morales and Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) President and CEO Hon. Thomas Andrews invite you to sign the Declaration of Conscience**, committing to put Unitarian Universalist values into action to resist hate, fear and bigotry. "We will oppose any and all unjust government actions to deport, register, discriminate, or despoil. As people of conscience, we declare our commitment to translate our values into action as we stand on the side of love with the most vulnerable among us. We welcome and invite all to join in this commitment for justice." Join us in transforming faith into action! Sign on today at [thefuun.org/sign-the-declaration-of-conscience/](http://thefuun.org/sign-the-declaration-of-conscience/).

**The Chalice Lighter call to help First UU Church of Richmond extend their Pledge to End Racism program throughout the Southern Region** continues to accept contributions. By spreading the Pledge to End Racism program throughout the South, Unitarian Universalist congregations can have a recognizable impact on the rise in racial tensions and division and can play an essential part in building stronger communities imbued with justice, equity, and compassion. This is our first Region-wide Chalice Lighter call. To date, approximately \$6,000 has been contributed to this call. Thank you to all individuals and congregations who have already donated to this Chalice Lighter call. If you haven't contributed toward this call, please consider doing so today.

For more information and to donate online, see [thefuun.org/end-racism-call/](http://thefuun.org/end-racism-call/). This Chalice Lighter call will end **March 6**.

**Accepting Endowment Grant applications until March 31.** 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/](http://thefuun.org/endowment-trust/) for details.

**Kids can be stewards, too.** This year the Stewardship Committee is working with the Children and Youth Committee and Mountain Committee to involve the children and youth in classroom activities and discussions about stewardship and in a special project through which they can actively contribute to the church. In the **March 19** Sunday school classes they will be learning about sharing and stewardship. On the same day, the children, parents, and youth will staff the food table. All proceeds will go to the annual stewardship campaign that raises funds for the church. In the weeks before the event there will be a sheet at the RE table for families to sign up for items to sell at the table. If enough people sign up to bring food, the table's revenue on additional Sundays in March will be contributed to FUUN on behalf of the children, youth, and families. *-Dan Hiller, CRE and Carol Copple, Stewardship*

**Sign up for the UU Bulletin** a monthly email from the UUA connecting us to all the resources our Association has to offer and features helpful information for committee chairs, board members and interested UUs. Find the sign up box at [www.thefuun.org/](http://www.thefuun.org/), on the left hand column under the sign up box for our FUUN weekly email.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Volunteer initiative:** In order to streamline volunteer opportunities, we are asking all committee chairs to email immediate volunteer opportunities to [volunteer@thefuun.org](mailto:volunteer@thefuun.org).

**The Worship Committee** has immediate openings for volunteers to be part of a new and exciting team who will be running the sound system during **Sunday morning** services. Team members will take turns running the sound on a rotating basis. Training is provided. For more information, contact [worship@thefuun.org](mailto:worship@thefuun.org)

The **Herb Fair Committee** is looking for committee members to help plan the event on **Saturday, Apr. 22** and volunteers to work the day of the fair. This is a great opportunity for new and prospective members to get involved! For more information contact [HerbFair@thefuun.org](mailto:HerbFair@thefuun.org).

**FUUN Spring Clean-Up, Saturday, Mar. 11, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.** Everyone is invited to come join the fun sprucing up our space! We'll be painting, cleaning the windows, deep cleaning and working on the grounds. Lunch will be provided around noon, so please let us know if you will be here. Sign-ups will take place before-hand, but walk-ups are always welcome. Many hands make for quick work! For more info contact [Operations@thefuun.org](mailto:Operations@thefuun.org)

The **FUUNdraining Committee** needs three members to sit on the advisory committee, and co-chairs to work with Skip Rudsenske to organize and supervise the Barn Dance/Auction and Holiday Craft Fair events. Please contact Skip for more information at [fundraising@thefuun.org](mailto:fundraising@thefuun.org).

Come help **FUUN Prison Ministries** by playing music, participating in services, teaching, classes, or donating money to help fund these services, which keep religious liberty alive behind bars. For more information, contact Prison Ministries Chair Edie White, Pr, [prisonministry@thefuun.org](mailto:prisonministry@thefuun.org)

Our **Room in the Inn** Action Team needs workers. It is very rewarding work. Most jobs require only 2-3 hours and do not require you to spend the night. Please visit us at the Social Justice table to see how you can help. If you have questions please email [socialjustice@thefuun.org](mailto:socialjustice@thefuun.org). Thank you to all of you who already volunteer.

*-Scott Weaver, RITI Action Team*