

# Weekly Bulletin – Feb. 21-27, 2016



**First Unitarian Universalist Church of Nashville**  
A Welcoming Congregation

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## CREATE COMMUNITY

**The FUUN Men's Group** meets **Sunday, Feb. 21**, 6-8 p.m. in the Fireside Room. Bring food and/or beverages if you want. Come talk about what's going on in your life and learn what's up with other FUUN men. *-Charlie Akers*



**Young Adults Cook and Dine Together the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.** Next is **Feb. 28**: Meet in the Social Area after second service to coordinate rides. We will buy some groceries at Kroger and then cook them together. For more information, contact **Kate Brady** at [youngadults@firstuunashville.org](mailto:youngadults@firstuunashville.org).

**Join our team!** There's much FUN in the FUUN office! Our newsletter team has grown and having a great time each month. We always welcome new hands to join us! Our next gathering to assemble our monthly newsletter will be on **Thursday, Feb. 25**, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. If you are available please contact our office administrator Mary Lindsay at [office@firstuunashville.org](mailto:office@firstuunashville.org) or [615-383-5760](tel:615-383-5760). We could not do what we do without *you*.

**Wednesday Evening Dinners:** Join us in the social area at 6 p.m. **every week** for a catered dinner served with vegetarian, carnivore and gluten free alternatives. Costs to partially 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 at 6:05 p.m. followed by joys and concerns. All are invited to participate whether eating or not.



**Senior Brunch:** The next Senior Brunch will be held on **Saturday, Mar. 12**, at 10 a.m. in the Social Area. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to the church office by **Thursday, Mar. 10**. All are welcome whether or not you receive an invitation. We're looking forward to seeing you!

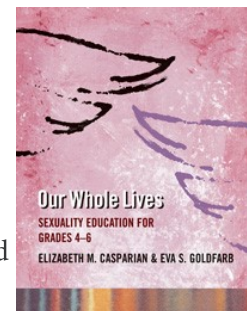
**Meet the Minister Luncheon:** Are you new here? The Membership Committee hosts *Meet the Minister* luncheons for visitors and newcomers several times a year. The next luncheon will be on **Sunday, Mar. 6**, immediately following the second service. The Membership Committee will provide a light lunch; please bring your questions about Unitarian Universalism or our congregation and enjoy informal conversation with the **Rev. Gail Seavey** in Classroom A. Children are welcome, and no reservations are necessary.



*-Denise Gyauch, Membership Coordinator*

## NURTURE SPIRITUAL GROWTH

**OWL for Grades 5 & 6 Starts in February:** *Our Whole Lives*—or OWL—is our Unitarian Universalist sexuality education program. It helps participants make informed and responsible decisions about their sexual health and behavior. It equips participants with accurate, age-appropriate information in six subject areas: human development, relationships, personal skills, sexual behavior, sexual health, and society and culture. Grounded in a holistic view of sexuality, *Our Whole Lives* not only provides facts about anatomy and human development, but also helps participants clarify their values, build interpersonal skills, and understand the spiritual, emotional, and social aspects of sexuality.



This February, FUUN is pleased to offer the OWL curriculum for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Graders. Your trained OWL Facilitators are FUUN's RE Administrator, Jonah Eller-Isaacs, and Emi Canahuati, an experienced sexuality educator, founder of Thrive Education and coordinator of the Nashville Alliance for Sexual Health. Classes will take place Sundays, 3-5:30 p.m., **Feb. 21 - Mar. 13**.

Please RSVP so we are able to properly plan for the event. We are providing childcare for younger siblings, so your RSVP should include any children joining you - email **Jonah Eller-Isaacs** at [REAdmin@firstuunashville.org](mailto:REAdmin@firstuunashville.org)

**FUUN Herb & Craft Fair is April 30, 9 a.m.—3 p.m.:** The garden gnomes et al. are working behind the scenes preparing another sensational Herb & Craft Fair to herald spring and green things that grow. Be sure the date is on your device and look for upcoming announcements regarding participation opportunities. The Herb & Craft Fair is our spring fundraising extravaganza featuring plants, handcrafted and garden themed items of all sorts, baked goods, preserved foods and much, much more. Thanks to the earth's tilted axis, spring is coming and so is the Herb & Craft Fair. Contact **Ginger Brown**, Herb & Craft Fair Chair at [herbfair@firstuunashville.org](mailto:herbfair@firstuunashville.org) for more information.



*-Emily Cathcart, Herb & Craft Fair Committee*

**Youth Group:** All youth in ninth–12th grades are invited to Youth Group. We meet **Sundays** from about 11:15 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the Youth Room (aka Norris House Conference Room). Join us in the sanctuary for the beginning of the 11 a.m. worship service - we sit together at the back of the section closest to the piano. We'll go down to the Youth Room together after the Story for All Ages. If you have questions, please email [REAdmin@firstuunashville.org](mailto:REAdmin@firstuunashville.org), or check in at the FUUN Family Welcome Table in the social area.

Feb 21 - The Poetry and Music Within Us with *Anne Bacon*  
February 28 - Youth Sunday - no Youth Group

*-Jonah Eller-Isaacs, Religious Education Administrator*

### Faith Development Classes:

**Social Media Class:** Review the anatomy of a tweet, what's a hashtag and why are they so important? What are the pros and cons of a closed Facebook group for church groups? What are the dos and don'ts of social media? How can we be more effective with social media? Do we need Pinterest, Instagram, and/or Periscope? **Wednesday, Mar. 2,** 6:30 – 8 p.m., and Sunday, Mar. 13, 10:45 a.m. with Sheri DiGiovanna, Director of Communications. Room tba.

**Introduction to NVC:** Have you wanted to learn about Nonviolent Communication, but not wanted to commit to a practice group? Here's an opportunity! Francois Beausoleil, certified NVC trainer from Montreal, Canada will give a two hour session on the basics of NVC as part of a weekend of NVC activity. The Intro to NVC, which is at no cost, is **Friday, Mar. 4,** in the FUUN sanctuary, 7-9 p.m. There is also a workshop, Living in the Blame-Free State, cost on Saturday and Sunday, March 6 and 7, at Green Door Gourmet, 7011 River Road Pike, Nashville, TN 37209. There is a cost for the workshop.

### YOU Can Speak Up for Climate Change Solutions!

As the world heats up, governments around the globe are finally beginning to act on climate change. What can we do in Tennessee to make a real difference in national policy? In this presentation from Citizens' Climate Lobby local volunteer, Frankie Fachilla, on **Wednesday, Mar. 9,** we will learn about our vital role in creating the political will for a livable world.

**The FUUN Endowment Trust is sponsoring a presentation on Retirement Planning, Wednesday, Mar. 30,** by expert consultant, Mr. Zach Glaser of The Glaser Group (SunTrust Investment Services). One of the biggest questions of all is: Will my money last? The days of counting on Social Security and pension benefits to cover retirement income needs are in the past. We are now more personally responsible for funding our own retirements, and our expectations around lifestyle may be higher than those of our parents and grandparents, which may also mean we're spending more. The good news is that we've probably saved more, and we may have spent our entire lives in the stock market. Of course, this has added yet another layer of complexity to the situation. In this discussion, Mr. Glaser will show just how easy it can be to come up with a road map to chart our way through the new territory ahead.

Please RSVP to [mmills@firstuunashville.org](mailto:mmills@firstuunashville.org) so that we can send you a questionnaire that will allow Mr. Glaser to tailor the class to participants' needs or fill out our online form at <https://thefuun.org/retirement-planning/>

**FUUN Focus Groups Are Here:** Where do we come from? What are we? Where are we going? These are the kinds of questions your Strategic Planning Team is asking about how we exist and grow in our beloved community. Please come share your thoughts and questions and dreams with us in Small Group Sessions (aka Focus Groups).

Each of these Small Group Sessions will be guided by one of the three themes that emerged from our initial Needs Assessment: **Leadership/Shared Ministry, Nurturing Spiritual Growth, and Engaging in the Larger Community.**

**Use this link for the meeting schedule, more information and to sign up for these important meetings:**

[bit.ly/1IUwmGm](http://bit.ly/1IUwmGm) You can also reserve a spot by calling the church office: 615-383-5760. See chart below for sessions.

Mtg #	Date	Day	Time	Location	Theme
10	2/21	Sun	1:30	Fireside	Nurturing Spiritual Growth
11*	2/24	Wed	6:30	Norris Conference	Shared Ministry/Leadership
12*	2/28	Sun	1:30	Fireside	Engaging the Larger Community

\* Childcare Available

## ACT ON OUR VALUES

FUUN's **Room in the Inn Task Force** is in need of volunteers to sign up this week for our **Friday, Mar. 4 - Saturday, Mar. 5** hosting. We need clothes laundry pick up, and vegetables for the dinner, then a morning breakfast server for **Saturday, Mar. 5, 4 - 7 a.m.**



On our last hosting weekend for the year, **Friday, Mar. 18**, we need an entire for 10 servings, clothes laundry pick up, and linen laundry done; then on **Saturday, Mar. 19**, we need 2 morning servers and also need an AM driver. To read more about our RITI program, see our website. To sign up email [riti@thefuun.org](mailto:riti@thefuun.org). Your help is greatly appreciated.

- Sara Plummer

### Check out these upcoming events:

Webinars: <http://alliesforracialequity.wildapricot.org/>

Leadership Institute: <http://www.uuinstitute.org/>



Plan to attend a dynamic and interactive workshop with Unitarian Universalist educator, Chris Crass: **“Developing Leadership to Stand for Black Lives Matter and Act Against Racism”** held Feb. 27 (10 a.m.-3 p.m.), UU Church of Chattanooga. The workshop will be on using our spiritual superpowers of prayer, ritual, song, and community to act with courage against racism. Utilizing story sharing, small and large group discussion, this participatory workshop will focus on how we can help create supportive and healthy leadership and culture that enables each of us to be effective racial justice leaders. Join this collaborative day of discussion, reflection and planning as we dive into acting together against racism.

The day will feature Chris Crass, whose work is dedicated to building powerful movements for collective liberation. Chris is a white anti-racist activist, also a UU, who leads anti-racism trainings around the country, and is the author of *Toward Collective Liberation: Anti-Racist Organizing, Feminist Praxis and Movement Building Strategies*.

Visit our post at <https://thefuun.org/chris-crass-workshop/> to register. For carpooling information, contact [beloved@firstuunashville.org](mailto:beloved@firstuunashville.org) or talk to Emily or Carleen.

-Emily Green-Cain and Carleen Dowell,  
co-chairs Beloved Community Committee

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**FUUN Endowment Trust is accepting grant applications until March 31.** Please consult the trust web page <https://thefuun.org/endowment-trust/> for a list of guidelines. Feel free to ask any of the Trustees for clarification or help: **Susan Warner, Ibba Surface, Kathy Sowell, Carl Johnson and John Mott.**



### NOAH Task Force and Public Meetings:

- **Criminal Justice Task Force: Forum “Stop School to Prison Pipeline”** program, with an introduction by Mayor Barry with panelists, **Thursday, Feb. 18, 7 p.m.**, at the West End Synagogue (3810 W. End Ave). Presented by West End Synagogue Social Action Committee
- **Affordable Housing Task Force** meets **Sunday, Feb. 21, 3 p.m.** at the Neighborhoods Resource Center (1312 3rd Ave North).
- **Economic Equity and Jobs Task Force** meets **Monday, Mar. 14, 6 p.m.** at Napier Community Center (73 Fairfield Ave).

The next **NOAH** task force meeting is **Monday, Feb. 22, 6 p.m.** at Greater Bethel AME Church (1300 South St).

### NOAH’s Criminal Justice Task Force will hold a Public meeting “Unite Against the “School-to-Prison Pipeline,” Thursday, Feb. 25, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church, S. Inglewood (1515 Ann St).

RSVP [www.tinyurl.com/SchoolDisciplineEquity](http://www.tinyurl.com/SchoolDisciplineEquity)

For tens of thousands of African Americans the way to prison began in our nation’s schools. In the Metro Nashville Schools black and minority students make up less than half of the student population, but they account for some three quarters of all expulsions and out-of-school suspensions

Working to halt the “school to prison pipeline,” the Criminal Justice Task Force of NOAH (Nashville Organized for Action and Hope) asked the Board of Metro Nashville Public Schools to set up a committee to focus on racial disparities in school discipline. The Board agreed, and the “Community Engagement: Equity in School Discipline” committee will begin meeting in March. It will bring together board members, parents, teachers, students, and principals. This school-community partnership will give the Board genuine, ongoing insight into community concerns and allow it to play a constructive role in addressing racial disparities in school discipline.

NOAH has asked students, parents, and teachers to share their experiences with discipline in the Nashville schools at the meeting. Eric Brown of the Children’s Defense Fund will show how school suspensions and expulsions factor into the pipeline. Lorraine Stallworth, MNPS Trainer in Restorative Practices, will talk about how the schools are using the principles of restorative justice in the classroom. - **Len Walker**

# This Week's FUUN Events

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	Committee/Group	Event	Location
<b>Sunday, February 21, 2016</b>			
8:30 AM	Children's Religious Education Committee	Children's Religious Education	Morgan House - whole house
9:00 AM	Worship Committee	Sunday Service	Church Bldg - Sanctuary
10:15 AM	Membership Committee	Meeting	Church Bldg - Emerson
10:20 AM	Children's Choir	Rehearsal	Church Bldg - Classroom A
10:30 AM	Faith Dev - NVC	Faith Dev. NVC Practice Group	Church Bldg - Fireside
10:45 AM	Social Justice Committee	Meeting	Morgan House - Capek
11:00 AM	Worship Committee	Sunday Service	Church Bldg - Sanctuary
11:00 AM	Youth Group	Youth Group	Norris House - Conference Rm
12:30 PM	Endowment Trust Committee	Endowment trust lunch	Church Bldg - Social Area
1:00 PM	Task Force	Focus Group Meeting	Church Bldg - Fireside
1:00 PM	Task Force	Focus Group Meeting	Norris House - Conference Rm
3:00 PM	Children's Religious Education Committee	Owl	Norris House - Conference Rm
6:00 PM	Fellowship Committee	Men's Group Meeting	Church Bldg - Fireside
<b>Monday, February 22, 2016</b>			
6:00 PM	Faith Dev - NVC	Faith Dev. NVC Practice Group	Morgan House - Darwin
<b>Tuesday, February 23, 2016</b>			
6:30 PM	Leadership Development Committee	Meeting	Norris House - Conference Rm
7:00 PM	Faith Dev - Class	Covenant Group Facilitators Meeting	Norris House - Min. Office
<b>Wednesday, February 24, 2016</b>			
6:00 PM	Fellowship Committee	Wednesday Evening Dinner	Church Bldg - Social Area
6:00 PM	Stewardship Committee	Stewardship Advisory Council	Church Bldg - Thoreau
6:00 PM	Task Force	Focus Group Meeting	Norris House - Conference Rm
7:00 PM	Children's RE Committee	Coming of Age Meeting	Morgan House - Bell
7:00 PM	Faith Dev - Class	Faith Development Classes	Church Bldg - Emerson
7:00 PM	Faith Dev - Class	Faith Development Classes	Church Bldg - Fireside
7:00 PM	Faith Dev - NVC	NVC Meetings	Morgan House - Palmer Liv
<b>Thursday, February 25, 2016</b>			
10:00 AM	Communication Committee	Newsletter folding	Norris House - Conference Rm
6:00 PM	Adult Choir	Adult Choir	Church Bldg - Sanctuary Norris House - Conference Rm
6:30 PM	Leadership Development Committee	Leadership Development Committee	Room
<b>Saturday, February 27, 2016</b>			
10:00 AM	Children's RE Committee	Youth Sunday Rehearsal	Church Bldg - Sanctuary
4:30 PM	Children's RE Committee	Family FUUN Night	Morgan House - whole house
<b>Sunday, February 28, 2016</b>			
8:30 AM	Children's Religious Education Committee	Children's Religious Education	Morgan House - whole house
9:00 AM	Worship Committee	Sunday Service	Church Bldg - Sanctuary
10:20 AM	Children's Choir	Rehearsal	Church Bldg - Classroom A
10:45 AM	Faith Dev - Class	Faith Development (Class)	Church Bldg - Fireside
11:00 AM	Campus Preparedness Committee	Campus Preparedness Committee	Church Bldg - Emerson
11:00 AM	Worship Committee	Sunday Service	Church Bldg - Sanctuary
11:00 AM	Youth Group	Youth Group	Norris House - Conference Rm
1:00 PM	Task Force	Focus Group Meeting	Church Bldg - Fireside
1:00 PM	Task Force	Focus Group Meeting	Norris House - Conference Rm
3:00 PM	Children's RE Committee	Owl	Norris House - Conference Rm