

Weekly Bulletin – Feb. 7-13, 2016



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A Welcoming Congregation

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CREATE COMMUNITY

The FUUN Men's Group will NOT meet tonight due to the Super Bowl. The next meeting is **Feb. 21**, 6-8 p.m. in the Fire-side 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 Dine Out Feb. 14 and 28: Meet in the Social Area after second service to decide where to go. For more information, contact **Kate Brady** at 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 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.

The Community Conversation–Religious Education for Children & Youth has been rescheduled (*due to snow*) from Jan. 24 to **Sunday, Feb. 14**, 10:30 a.m.-noon. These conversations have been fruitful in the past; family dinners for nine and a parent covenant group came out of them. Our first Family FUUN Night this month also came out of a past Conversation. Please join us this year so that we can see what the future holds...Summer FUUN Camp, children's chapels, the new drills with Campus Preparedness, what else? What do you want to talk about?

Where: Capek Room (Morgan House, downstairs)

How: Breakfast snacks will be served.

Who: Everyone is invited because we are the Village!

The Nursery is prepared to take more children during the Conversation, but please also feel free to bring them with you. Their thoughts count too!

NURTURE SPIRITUAL GROWTH

LAST CHANCE TO GET TICKETS!!!!

Love In All Its Forms - Make Habitat Your Valentine

Tickets are on sale now in the social area for our annual Habitat for Humanity build

*Valentine dinner, art auction
and show fundraiser*

Saturday, Feb. 13, 6 p.m.

Habitat for Humanity is a wonderful organization that helps many people every year obtain home ownership. It takes \$60,000 to build one house. Our goal is to raise \$4500 during the month of February toward our part of the Unity build that we work on during September.

Shari Tisch will be making a return visit to cook for us. The menu includes the following: Mediterranean style chicken breast (with mushrooms, tomatoes, onions, capers), French onion rice (vegetarian), veggie medley (cauliflower, broccoli, carrots) salad and rolls. Our veggie option is quinoa stuffed peppers. Wine and desserts will be available.

During the dinner, 2D and 3D art pieces by artists in our congregation will be displayed, and a silent auction will be available for bidding. All money made on the art auction goes directly to benefit our *Habitat for Humanity* Unity Build.

Topping off the evening is a musical cabaret featuring **Sheri Lynn DiGiovanna, Valerie Martin, RJ, Gail Sphar, Bruce Baker, Scott Weaver, Tom Surface on guitar** and **Jeff Stein and Meghann Robern** as our comedic MCs.

Bring your sweetie, a friend or just your own sweet self and have a fun-filled evening while supporting a great cause.
\$25 for dinner and a show, \$10 for show only tickets

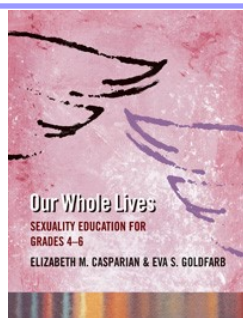
Credit cards will be accepted.

If you cannot get your ticket at church, please contact **Suzanne** or **Carleen**.

Child care will be provided for the entire evening.

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 5th and 6th 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**.

The Parent Orientation for this class will take place on **Sunday, Feb. 7**, 1-3:30 p.m., in the Čapek Room (Morgan House lower level). *This session is mandatory for all custodial parents as well as students.*

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

Auction Fundraiser Roundtable: The Fundraising Committee is hosting a creative roundtable to present ideas of what a future auction fundraising event looks like. The fundraising committee will lead a discussion to obtain creative ideas from different perspectives. Afterwards, those ideas will be given to the Auction Committee for inspiration. Anyone that has participated in our auction, another auction or major fundraising events for other organizations, is encouraged to attend. Please join us for an engaging and creative dialogue that will benefit the Church for years to come.

Childcare is available and sweet treats and coffee/tea will be served. The roundtable will be held on **Wednesday, Feb. 10**, in the Čapek room from 7-8:30 p.m. We will start and end promptly. For more information contact **Skip Rudenske** at fundraising@firstuunashville.org.

- **J Scott "Skip" Rudenske**, Fundraising Chair

FUUN Herb & Craft Fair is April 30: 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 for more information.



-**Emily Cathcart**, Herb & Craft Fair Committee

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, Feb. 7, immediately following the second service. (There will be another on Mar. 6.) 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

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@firstuu.nashville.org, or check in at the FUUN Family Welcome Table in the social area. See newsletter for February topics.

-**Jonah Eller-Isaacs**, Religious Education Administrator

ACT ON OUR VALUES

Shop for FUUN: Fulfill your need to support fair trade and support two great organizations with one purchase. FUUN is partnering with the retail store *Ten Thousand Villages* for a Community Shopping Event. On **Wednesday Feb. 17**, FUUN will receive up to 15% from all purchases in the store that day. *Ten Thousand Villages* of Nashville is a volunteer-run 501(c)(3) organization that helps provide fair wages to artisans in developing countries. A fair price is offered for all the wonderful handmade products in their stores so that a fair wage can be paid to the artisans from the various countries. More information can be found at <http://www.tenthousandvillages.com/nashville>. Ten Thousand Villages is located at Greenbriar Village, 3900 Hillsboro Pike, Suite 20 in Green Hills in the same shopping center as The Donut Den, China Gardens and Parnassus Books.

FUUN Focus Groups Are Coming: 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 You can also reserve a spot by calling the church office: 615-383-5760.

Meeting #	Date	Day	Time	Location	Theme
4	2/4/16	Thursday	1:30	Norris Conference	Engaging the Larger Community
6	2/11/16	Thursday	1:30	Norris Conference	Nurturing Spiritual Growth
7	2/13/16	Saturday	10:00	Norris Conference	Engaging the Larger Community
8* / **	2/17/16	Wednesday	6:30	Norris Conference	Engaging the Larger Community
9*	2/20/16	Saturday	10:00	Fireside	Shared Ministry/Leadership
10	2/21/16	Sunday	1:30	Fireside	Nurturing Spiritual Growth
11*	2/24/16	Wednesday	6:30	Norris Conference	Shared Ministry/Leadership
12*	2/28/16	Sunday	1:30	Fireside	Engaging the Larger Community
* Childcare Available					
** Designated for new members					

Visit our new **TheFUUN.org** website and please send feedback to Sheri@thefuun.org. "firstuunashville.org" redirects to the new site, but any other url from the former website will no longer work. If you are looking for something on the new site and cannot find it via the menus, please use the search box found to the right at the top of the page, or to the left on the side bar, under the slider post. Visit often.

The "member's area" password uses the same two words we used for the "members only" area on the former site. But with only one field required to get into the new site, type both words (lower case) together with no space in between.

The online credit card donation button is now working on our new site: **thefuun.org**: It includes the ability to pay for previous year pledge, current year pledge, offertory, memorial (endowment trust fund) donations or to make a general donation.

FUUN Weekly Email: The spam level has gone up with our weekly email due to the addition of an increased number of convenient links and pictures. If you have not been receiving it, please check your spam folders and add it to your contacts list.

Email aliases have been set up using @firstuunashville.org and @thefuun.org: you may use either.

See our **Getting the Word Out** website page in the "Members Area" to submit your committee's announcements.

<https://thefuun.org/getting-the-word-out/>

-*Sheri DiGiovanna, Director of Communications*

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. Visit our post at thefuun.org/leadership-for-black-lives-matter-and-act-against-racism/ for more information.

An Evening with Nashville's Public Defenders: Thursday, Feb. 11, 7-8:30 p.m., at The Temple, Congregation Ohabai Sholom, 5015 Harding Pike, 37205: Every day, the staff at the Public Defender's Office bears witness to a criminal justice system that dehumanizes clients, and values efficiency over fairness, wealth over poverty. To try to change that, the Public Defender's Office has launched a new initiative called *Defend Nashville*. We are honored to have Dawn Deaner, Nashville's Public Defender, and other lawyers on her staff, join us in sharing their experiences so that the public can learn what those experiencing injustice see as the biggest problems. Deaner says, "While we strive to represent every client as if they were a member of our family, we sometimes fail – not for lack of trying, and certainly not for lack of skill, ability and desire. When we fail, it is most often due to the impossible volume of work, and our inability to do everything necessary in the time we have to defend every client as the law requires. I believe anyone who understood this reality would find it unacceptable, but unfortunately very few people know." The Public Defender's hope is that these shared conversations will unite their Office, the client community, and other Nashvillians into a grassroots group powerful enough to transform our criminal justice system into one of fairness and equal justice for all.

Committee/Group	Event	Location
Sunday, February 07, 2016		
8:30 a.m. Children's RE Committee	Children's Religious Education	Morgan House - whole house
9 a.m. Worship Committee	Worship Service	Church Sanctuary
9:45 a.m. Youth Adult Committee	Meeting	Norris House Conf. Rm
10:15 a.m. Caring Committee	Meeting	Church Emerson Rm
10:20 a.m. Children's Choir	Rehearsal	Church Classroom A
10:30 a.m. Faith Development - NVC	Nonviolent Communication Practice (NVC) Group	Church Fireside Rm
11 a.m. Worship Committee	Worship Service	Church Sanctuary
11 a.m. Youth Group	Youth Group	Norris House Conf. Rm
12:15 p.m. Membership Committee	Meet the Minister Luncheon	Church Classroom A
1 p.m. Children's RE Committee	Owl parent orientation	Morgan House
Monday, February 08, 2016		
6 p.m. Faith Development - NVC	Nonviolent Communication Practice (NVC) Group	Morgan House - Darwin
6 p.m. Faith Development - NVC	Nonviolent Communication Practice (NVC) Group	Church Fireside Rm
Tuesday, February 09, 2016		
6 p.m. Communication Committee	Meeting	NH - Conf. Room
6 p.m. Program Council	Meeting	Church - Social Area
7 p.m. Finance Committee	Meeting	Church Emerson Rm
7 p.m. Lead Minister's Advisory Commit-	Meeting	Church Fireside Rm
Wednesday, February 10, 2016		
6 a.m. Membership Committee	Book Discussion Group	Church Emerson Rm
5 p.m. Committee for the Larger Faith	Committee for the Larger Faith Meeting	Church Emerson Rm
6 p.m. Fellowship Committee	Wednesday Evening Dinner	Church - Social Area
6 p.m. Worship Committee	Prison Worship Planning Meeting	Church - Thoreau
6:45 p.m. Fundraising Committee	Fundraising Committee Auction Brainstorming Mtg	Morgan House - Capek
7 p.m. Faith Development Classes	Parents and Caregivers as Sexuality Educators	Church Emerson Rm
7 p.m. Faith Development Classes	Introduction to the Caring Congregation Program	Church Fireside Rm
7 p.m. Faith Development - NVC	Nonviolent Communication Meetings	Morgan House - Palmer Liv
Thursday, February 11, 2016		
1 p.m. Task Force	Focus Group Meeting	Norris House Conf. Rm
2 p.m. Children's RE Committee	Faith Development Team Meeting	Church Fireside Rm
6 p.m. Adult Choir	Rehearsal	Church Sanctuary
6 p.m. Children's RE Committee	CRE Committee Meeting	Church Fireside Rm
Saturday, February 13, 2016		
9 a.m. Task Force	Focus Group Meeting	Norris House Conf. Rm
6 p.m. Social Justice Committee	Habitat for Humanity Fundraiser-Dinner, Auction, Show	Church Social Area, Sanctuary
Sunday, February 14, 2016		
8 a.m. Children's RE Committee	Children's Religious Education	Morgan House
9 a.m. Worship Committee	Worship Service	Church Sanctuary
10 a.m. Membership Committee	Meeting	Church Emerson Rm
10:20 a.m. Children's Choir	Rehearsal	Church Classroom A
11 a.m. Worship Committee	Sunday Service	Church Sanctuary
11 a.m. Youth Group	Youth Group	Norris House Conf. Rm
12 p.m. Fundraising Committee	Herb Fair Committee	Morgan House- Palmer Liv
12 p.m. Fellowship Committee	Movie Group	Church Emerson Rm