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A Welcoming Congregation

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CREATE COMMUNITY

Fellowship Committee is looking for a few good people! If you are interested in helping with some of the "fun" events at FUUN, please contact the new chair, Lynn Harris, at fellowship@thefuun.org. We welcome your energy and new ideas for FUUN Fellowship.

The FUUN Men's Group will be meeting on **Sunday, March 20**, 6 - 8 p.m., in the Fireside Room. Last time we talked about sabbaticals, volunteering, the value of church services, and counter-intuitive puzzles. Come join us.

-Charlie Akers

New Member Class and Signing: "People become members of this church by signing the membership book ..." and we have turned that simple act into a celebration! Our next celebration will take place on **Sunday, April 17**, during both services. The New Member Class (required prior to signing the book) will be held on **Saturday, April 9**, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (brunch and childcare provided). To register for the class or to ask questions, please see our Membership Coordinator on a Sunday morning or be in touch with her (**Denise Gyauch**, 383-5760 ext. 306 or dgyauch@thefuun.org) before noon on Monday, April 4.

-Denise Gyauch, Membership Coordinator

FUUN Outdoor Group: We'll hike the Hidden Lake Double Loop which is of Harpeth River State Park on **Saturday, March 19**, 10 a.m. sharp, led by **Steve Jones**. The loop is an easy 2 mile loop that eventually circles the lake with some cliff-top vistas. The area was once a resort and there are some interesting items remaining. Afterward, you're invited to our little house in Pegram for snacks and drinks, and maybe some more hiking of some old logging roads. See <https://thefuun.org/hike-march-19/> for more details. *-Steve Jones*

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 for adults and \$5 for 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.



Young Adults cook and dine together the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. 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.

Seeking Communications Advisory Committee Members: Do you have advice on communications for our church? Ideas on policy? Procedure? Social Media? How the weekly bulletin should look? What should be included in the weekly email? If so, we would love to have you join us on the Communications Advisory Committee which will meet once a month. Email Communications@thefuun.org if you are interested.

-Bill Latimer, Communications Committee Chair

Sunday, March 20, Ostara & Full Moon, Drum Circle, Morgan House, 6 -10:30 p.m. Ostara is a festival celebrated on the spring equinox. It is a time of preparation for all that will be planted, grown, and nurtured both within the earth and within ourselves.

Join us as we celebrate the coming of Spring. Please bring a finger food dish to share. We will provide plates, cups and plastic ware. (Wine available for adults small donation. to cover cost).

There will be an Ostara egg hunt before dinner, make sure your kids bring a bag or a basket to collect their eggs.

March 20 Spring Equinox & Drum Circle

5:30 p.m. Doors open
6:00 p.m. Ostara Ritual
6:30 p.m. Food & Fellowship at FUUN:
+ egg & bunny hunt for registered**
Drum Circle

**To register for the egg & bunny hunt (no live bunnies)– send email to sol@firstuunashville.org or reply on Facebook: Sanctuary of Light -FUUN <https://www.facebook.com/groups/261701560624085/>

NURTURE SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Faith Development Classes This Week:

Social Media

Sunday, March 13, 10:45-12:15 a.m., Fireside is CANCELLED

This class has been rescheduled for **Sunday, April 17.**

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? 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? Join **Sheri DiGiovanna**, FUUN Director of Communications, to discuss these questions and more.

Faith Development Classes Next Week:

Finishing Projects

Wednesday, March 16, 7-8:30 p.m., Classroom A

Join **Lisa Pasto-Crosby** and **Paige DeBenedittis** to finish projects for the Herb Fair, and possibly beginning some packaging. Come be the first to see the products coming together! There'll be laminating, gluing, cutting, folding and stuffing.

You may also wish to check out these upcoming events suggested by our Director of Lifespan Learning, Marguerite Mills:

Webinars: "Getting at the Root: White Supremacy in our Communities and Ourselves"

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

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

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. 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 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/>

The Fundraising Committee creative round-table regarding auction fundraising is **Wednesday, April 13,** in the Palmer Room, 7-8:30 p.m. Anyone that has participated in an auction or major fundraising events, please join us. Childcare is available and refreshments will be served. We will start and end promptly. For more information contact **Skip Rudsenske** at fundraising@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 see our bulletin board for 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 more. For more information, contact **Ginger Brown**, Herb & Craft Fair Chair at herbfair@firstuunashville.org.



-Emily Cathcart, Herb & Craft Fair Committee



Percussion ensemble Heritage O.P. and the First Unitarian Universalist Nashville Adult Choir have joined together to present an evening of music that will make your spirit sing and your body groove! Heritage O.P. (organic percussion) has a vision to heal and unite, believing that music is truly the healing force of the world. The groups will present a suite of newly-composed music for chorus and percussion, and then break into an all-out dance party! **Thursday, March 17, 7-9 p.m.**

Childcare will be available, and this is a FREE show. Of course donations will be accepted, and we'll be pre-selling our new CD that night (which will help defray the cost of producing the CD). We hope to see you all there, and please bring a friend or two!

- The Rev. Jason Shelton

Stewardship Campaign Kick Off



The 2016 Stewardship Campaign kicks off this Sunday, March 13. What is stewardship? Quite simply, it's everything. Without the money you pledge during our Stewardship Campaign, there is no FUUN. You really are that important. This year's goal is \$600,000 — and we know we can do it together.

So, what's new in Stewardship this year?

- First, you can **pick up your pledge packet** from the Stewardship table in the Social Area after each service. There's some chocolate in it for you if you do. (If you can't pick it up at church this Sunday, we'll mail it to you.)
- There are also prizes! There will be **a drawing every week** until April 17, so the earlier you pledge, the more chances you get to win.
- Some generous longtime members of our church have agreed to **add on to first-time pledges**. If you've never pledged before, this is the year to do it — even a small commitment will go that much further.

You can pledge by mail, during your Stewardship Visit (see the newsletter for more information about visits), or at <https://thefuun.org/online-pledge/>. However you choose to do it, your pledge is the reason FUUN continues to thrive and grow. We truly can't do it without you.

-**Steve Haruch** and **Sally Ross**, Stewardship Co-Chairs

Testimonial brought to you by our Stewardship Committee
Chris Wood, Operations Council Chair

I have been a member of FUUN since the early 1980s and have always been pleased and proud that our church and our denomination have been on the correct and progressive side of issues like Civil Rights and full civil rights for our LGBT brothers and sisters. This church provides me and everyone else here an opportunity to affect change and make a difference on issues like homelessness, affordable housing, immigration, a living wage and others. It is important to me that

the church be sustained as a thriving entity to leverage our individual passions for social justice into meaningful, positive action and change. Additionally it is important to me that the church calls for each individual to explore, expand and develop his or her own personal theology. I want the church to be available to as many people as possible to make this spiritual journey.

Finally, the fellowship I experience through the church is an important part of my life. I enjoy going to church and seeing familiar faces, doing things like Dinners for Nine and even the usually positive interactions with other members realized through work on committees.

Youth Group: All youth in grades 9-12 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.

March Youth Programs

March 13 - Conversation with Jason Warner of SAFE and Foster a Farm Pet

March 20 - Studio NPL Mobile Technology Lab

-*Jonah Eller-Isaacs, Religious Education Administrator*

ACT ON OUR VALUES



UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

UUA General Assembly is **June 22 - June 26**: Registration and housing is now open. For information and links to register, see <https://thefuun.org/ga2016/>

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.**



This Week's FUUN Events

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	Committee/Group	Event	Location
Sunday, March 13, 2016			
8 a.m.	Stewardship Committee	Meetings / Interviews	Church Bldg. - Pott Library, Anthony Rm
8:30 a.m.	Children's RE Committee	Children's Religious Education	Morgan House - whole house
9 a.m.	Worship Committee	Sunday Service	Church Bldg. - Sanctuary
10 a.m.	Membership Committee	Meeting	Church Bldg. - Emerson
10:20 a.m.	Children's Choir	Rehearsal	Church Bldg. - Classroom A
11 a.m.	Worship Committee	Sunday Service	Church Bldg. - Sanctuary
11 a.m.	Youth Group	Youth Group	Norris House - Conf. Room
noon	Fundraising Committee	Herb Fair Committee	Morgan House - Palmer Living Rm
12:30 p.m.	Fellowship Committee	Movie Group	Church Bldg. - Emerson
2:45 p.m.	Children's RE Committee	Owl	Morgan House - Palmer Living Rm
Monday, March 14, 2016			
8 a.m.	Stewardship Committee	Stewardship Meetings / Interviews	Church Bldg. - Pott Library, Anthony Rm
6 p.m.	Faith Development	Nonviolent Communication Practice Group	Morgan House - Darwin
6:30 p.m.	Faith Development	Nonviolent Communication Practice Group	Church Bldg. - Fireside Rm
Tuesday, March 15, 2016			
8 a.m.	Stewardship Committee	Stewardship Meetings / Interviews	Church Bldg. - Pott Library, Anthony Rm
4:30 p.m.	Faith Development - NVC	NVC Nashville Board Meeting	Church Bldg. - Fireside Rm
6:30 p.m.	Board of Directors	Board Meeting	Norris House - Conf. Room
Wednesday, March 16, 2016			
8 a.m.	Stewardship Committee	Stewardship Meetings / Interviews	Church Bldg. - Pott Library, Anthony Rm
6 p.m.	Fellowship Committee	Wednesday Evening Dinner	Church Bldg. - Social Area
7 p.m.	Beloved Community Committee	Beloved Community Meeting	Church Bldg. - Thoreau
7 p.m.	Faith Development Classes	Finishing Herb & Craft Fair Projects	Church Bldg. - Classroom A
7 p.m.	Faith Development Classes	NVC Meetings	Morgan House - Alcott
7 p.m.	Ministerial Intern Committee	Intern Minister Committee	Norris House - Intern Office
Thursday, March 17, 2016			
8 a.m.	Stewardship Committee	Stewardship Meetings / Interviews	Church Bldg. - Pott Library, Anthony Rm
9 a.m.	Faith Development - NVC	Faith Dev - NVC Team Mtg	Church Bldg. - Emerson
10:30 a.m.	Committee on Ministry	Committee on Ministry (Cathy Chang)	Norris House - Conf. Room
4:30 p.m.	Faith Development - NVC	NVC Nashville Board Meetings	Church Bldg. - Fireside Rm
5:45 p.m.	Adult Choir	Soup and Rehearsal	Church Bldg. - Sanctuary
Friday, March 18, 2016			
8 a.m.	Stewardship Committee	Stewardship Meetings / Interviews	Church Bldg. - Pott Library, Anthony Rm
4 p.m. - 7 a.m.	Social Justice Committee	Room at the Inn Hosting	Morgan House - whole house
Saturday, March 19, 2016			
8 a.m.	Stewardship Committee	Stewardship Meetings / Interviews	Church Bldg. - Pott Library, Anthony Rm
Sunday, March 20, 2016			
8 a.m.	Stewardship Committee	Meetings / Interviews	Church Bldg. - Pott Library, Anthony Rm
8:30 a.m.	Children's RE Committee	Children's Religious Education	Morgan House - whole house
9 a.m.	Worship Committee	Sunday Service	Church Bldg. - Sanctuary
10:20 a.m.	Children's Choir	Rehearsal	Church Bldg. - Classroom A
10:30 a.m.	Children's RE Committee	Navigators	Morgan House - Capek
10:30 a.m.	Faith Dev - NVC	Faith Dev. NVC Practice Group	Church Bldg. - Fireside Rm
10:45 a.m.	Social Justice Committee	Social Justice Committee	Morgan House - Palmer Liv
11 a.m.	Worship Committee	Sunday Service	Church Bldg. - Sanctuary
11 a.m.	Youth Group	Youth Group	Norris House - Conf. Room
5:30 p.m.	Sanctuary of Light Committee	Ostara Full Moon	Morgan House - whole house
6 p.m.	Fellowship Committee	Men's Group Meeting	Church Bldg. - Fireside Rm