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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, Mar. 6**, from 6 to 8, in the Fireside Room. Last time we talked about sabbaticals, volunteering, the value of church services, and counter-intuitive puzzles. Come join us. You may leave at 7:45 if you 'must' see Downton Abbey." -*Charlie Akers*



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!

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.



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*



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.

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 we 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.

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:

Holiday Animal Cards

Saturday, March 5, 12:30-4 p.m., Pasto-Crosby home

Work with **Lisa Pasto-Crosby** and **Paige DeBenedittis** to make holiday cards with animals. We'll make cards with penguins and owls, as well as mice and bunnies. All supplies are included, no experience is necessary. See the church directory for Lisa's contact information or email herbfair@firstuunashville.org for directions to her home. childcare is NOT available.

YOU Can Speak Up for Climate Change Solutions!

Wednesday, March 9, Classroom A

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, we will learn about our vital role in creating the political will for a livable world.

Faith Development Classes Next Week:

Social Media

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

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 answer these questions and more.

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 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 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 for more information.

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



Bee Build, Saturday, March 12: If you're handy with hammer, nails, or drill, please join us for a day at **Ginger and Dan Brown's** barn to construct carpenter bee traps to be sold at this year's Herb & Craft Fair. The "build" is scheduled for **Saturday, March 12, 10 a.m.** (9:15 a.m. in the church parking lot if you want to car-pool) at the White Bluff home of the Browns.



In response to numerous requests last year for carpenter bee traps, we plan to make 20 to 25 of them to sell at the fair. Carpenter bees, often mistaken for bumble bees, are pollinators with large, sturdy, black-colored bodies with yellow marking on their head. Unfortunately, they build their nests by burrowing 5/16" holes into dead wood, bamboo or building timbers, e.g. a deck, which can lead to serious structural damage. The traps are a way to cut back on the damage they cause without the use of chemicals.

If interested in participating, please contact **Ginger Brown** at herbfair@thefuun.org to sign up. She will provide directions to her home.



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/>

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.

March Youth Programs

March 6 - Stay for full 11 a.m. service; mini-meeting after, 12:30-1 p.m.

March 13 - Program pending

March 20 & 27 - Spring Break; no Youth Group

-Jonah Eller-Isaacs, Religious Education Administrator

Pictures needed for website and history: Deborah Wilbrink is looking for pictures of the Rev. Gail Seavey in action and Director of Communications, Sheri DiGiovanna is looking for pictures of our church members and staff in action: special events at the church, services, social justice work, etc. to grace our new website. If you have any, please send them to Sheri@thefuun.org. It would be great if you would also identify those in the picture if you are able. I'd also like to encourage you to ask first and take picture of classes, dinners, groups and so on in which you take part. Let's show seekers what we do and what FUUN is.

Our Stewardship Campaign Kicks off March 13

Testimonial brought to you by our Stewardship Committee

Margy May, At-Large - Board Member

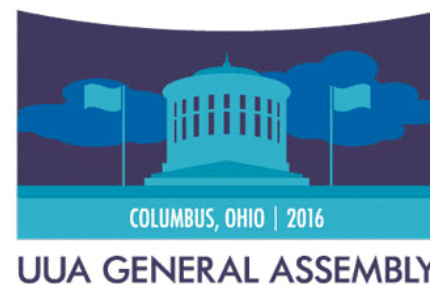
I was raised outside of the U.S. and attended non-denominational churches in Mexico, Argentina and the Philippines. I attended many mission trips as a teenager while living in the Philippines. My husband, Tom was raised Presbyterian and attended Columbia Theological Seminary in Atlanta after college. He worked briefly as a Presbyterian Minister in Nashville prior to getting his Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology. My daughter Sarah was baptized in the Episcopal Church in Murfreesboro. Despite these multiple beginnings, we found a home at FUUN when we moved to Nashville in the Fall 1995.

In 1997, Tom and I were asked to chair the Auction and we agreed. We quickly realized why we had been asked – no one else wanted to do it and it was a lot of work!! However, that year we assembled a great team, got the “good ju ju” going and together with the congregation raised over \$18,000 (past years had always hovered around \$9,500). Tom and I chaired the auction again the next year, and I chaired or co-chaired for another 3-4 years. Since that first year, the auction has never made less than \$18,000 and most years the average is between \$21-22,000. Sometimes, even if you can't be a huge donor, you

can still make a significant difference with your time and creativity.

I have chaired Fundraising and Fellowship, worked with RITI, served on the Endowment Trust, and Sanctuary Expansion Task Force. When our daughter was young, we were involved with Children's RE and I took over as coordinator for the Parents Night Out group when another member's child had outgrown the program. I have cleaned out the attic when it got too full, organized the kitchen when it became overwhelming, and cataloged books. While some church members like to be in the fore front, I'm one of the people who prefers to lurk in the shadows, so I can get my tasks done!

ACT ON OUR VALUES



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.



LGBT & Allies

Tennessee Equality Project Day on the Hill

This year's event is **Tuesday March 8**, at the Legislative Plaza. “Advancing Equality Day on the Hill” remains one of TEP's most significant events of the year. On March 8, an incredible group of advocates from Memphis, Jackson, Nashville, Murfreesboro, the Upper Cumberland, Chattanooga, Knoxville, Maryville, and the Tri-Cities met with their legislators to discuss bills important to the state's gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender community. More information is available at <https://www.facebook.com/events/923951157685008/>



NOAH Economic Equity and Jobs Task Force meets Monday, Mar. 14, 6 p.m. at Napier Community Center (73 Fairfield Ave).

This Week's FUUN Events

	Committee/Group	Event	Location
Sunday, March 6, 2016			
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
9:45 a.m.	Youth Adult Committee	Meeting	Norris House - Conf. Room
10:15 a.m.	Caring Committee	Meeting	Church Bldg. - Emerson
10:20 a.m.	Children's Choir	Rehearsal	Church Bldg. - Classroom A
10:30 a.m.	Faith Dev - Nonviolent Communication	Practice Group	Church Bldg. - Fireside
11 a.m.	Membership Committee	Meet the Ministers Luncheon	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
2:45 p.m.	Children's RE Committee	Our Whole Lives (Owl) Class	Morgan House - Palmer Liv
3 p.m.	Stewardship Committee	Visiting Stewards Training	Morgan House - Capek Rm
6 p.m.	Fellowship Committee	Men's Group Meeting	Church Bldg. - Fireside
Tuesday, March 8, 2016			
6 p.m.	Communication Committee	Communications Committee Meeting	Norris House - Conf. Room
6:30 p.m.	Program Council	Program Council Meeting	Church Bldg. - Social Area
7 p.m.	Finance Committee	Finance Committee Meeting	Church Bldg. - Emerson
7 p.m.	Lead Minister's Advisory Committee	LMAC	Church Bldg. - Fireside
Wednesday, March 9, 2016			
5 p.m.	Committee for the Larger Faith	Meeting	Church Bldg. - Emerson
6 p.m.	Fellowship Committee	Wednesday Evening Dinner	Church Bldg. - Social Area
6 p.m.	Stewardship Committee	Meeting	Church Bldg. - Anthony/Bride
6 p.m.	Worship Committee	Prison Worship Planning	Church Bldg. - Thoreau
7 p.m.	Faith Development Class	Speak Up for Climate Change Solutions!	Church Bldg. - Classroom A
7 p.m.	Faith Development Class	Intro to Caring Congregation Program	Church Bldg. - Fireside
7 p.m.	Faith Development	Nonviolent Communication Meetings	Morgan House - Alcott
Thursday, March 10, 2016			
2 p.m.	Children's RE Committee	Faith Development Team Meeting	Church Bldg. - Fireside
7 p.m.	Adult Choir	Adult Choir	Church Bldg. - Sanctuary
6 p.m.	Stewardship Committee	Stewardship Advisory Council	Church Bldg. - Thoreau
6 p.m.	Children's Religious Ed Committee	Meeting	Church Bldg. - Fireside
Saturday, March 12, 2016			
10 a.m.	Fellowship Committee	Senior Brunch	Church Bldg. - Social Area
9 a.m.	Children's RE Committee	Meeting	Morgan House - Palmer Living Rm
3 p.m.	Stewardship Committee	Visiting Stewards Training	Church Bldg. - Social Area
Sunday, March 13, 2016			
8 a.m.	Stewardship Committee	Meetings / Interviews	Church Bldg. - Pott Library
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
10:45 a.m.	Faith Development Class	Social Media Class	Church Bldg. - Fireside
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