

Weekly Bulletin

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CREATE COMMUNITY

Photo Directory Pick Up: It's finally here! Each person/family who sat for their photo will receive a new photo directory. They will be available for pick up between services in the social hall this month. A big thanks to **Peggy Wilkerson** for all her hard work on the design.

New Member Signing Ceremony: Please join us **April 23** at both services to welcome our new members.

Are you expecting? If you are expecting a new little blessing in your family whether through birth or adoption, we would love to hear about it! Please contact the church office at office@theFUUN.org with the names of the expecting parents and the due date.

Join us on Wednesdays Nights for dinner, 6 p.m. in the social hall. For all but the fourth week of the month, the meal is catered by FUUN's own **Ken Fagan** or **Gene Dixon**. Those who attend will engage in good fellowship and a tasty meal. Our chefs also provide vegetarian and a gluten-free options. The **fourth Wednesdays** are potluck. Bring a favorite dish to share. Beverages are 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. Questions? Email wnd@thefuun.org.

NURTURE SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Stewardship Campaign for 2017-18 fiscal year : Please, support OUR church. It wouldn't be FUUN without you!

SHINING OUR LIGHT
SHARING OUR LOVE

Thank you to all who have pledged. Pledges total \$433,189 to date and our goal is \$600,000. Please fill out the

online pledge form at thefuun.org/online-pledge/.

Selfies: In keeping with the theme for April, the Worship Art subcommittee will be growing a playful display of selfies. The source of the selfies is you, so as part of the services in April there will be a 'selfie moment' during which you haul out your phone and take a pic. Folks without a phone may request help from a friend or stranger nearby. Or send yours to selfies@thefuun.org.

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Our Whole Lives (or OWL) lifespan sexuality education program for K-1st grade and 4th-5th grade originally scheduled for this Spring has been delayed until Fall 2017. For details, please see thefuun.org/k-1-4-5-delayed/.

Faith Development Offerings:: See thefuun.org/faith-development-offerings/ for details on Covenant Groups, Nonviolent Communication Practice Group sessions and details for the current Faith Development class offerings.

FUUN Faith Development Classes at a Glance

<u>Date, Day</u>	<u>Class</u>
April 9, Sunday	Listening Circle (see below)
April 12, Wednesday	Thinking of traveling to Cuba?!
April 12, Wednesday	Herb Fair Class: Marbled Botanical Bookmarks

Listening Circle: Sunday, April 9, 10:30 a.m.-noon, Fireside Room (main building): Many of us are feeling distressed right now with additional fear, anger, grief, and worry lying heavy on our hearts. This circle is an intentional and covenantal space to acknowledge this distress, give voice to it, and to feel heard.

Facilitated by **Chelsea Henry**, former Covenant Group facilitator, this is a small group ministry like Covenant Groups and NVC Practice Groups *except* that there is no long-term commitment. Simply drop in when you feel the need or desire. If attendance warrants, it will become a regular part of the Faith Development schedule on 2nd and 4th Sundays.

Rituals for Daily Life: First and Third Thursdays (April 20) 7-8:30 p.m., Thoreau Rm Distress happens. It can wrap us up and leave us feeling tangled. Other times, the universe or our subconscious mind sends us flashing neon signs. Maybe we can read



them, and maybe they are written in "Greek." Bring what is on your mind/heart and together we will work on creating ease, clarity, and mutual support. No pagan beliefs required. This is an open group that welcomes all adults. Childcare is available.

-*Chelsea Henry, Chair, Chalice Fire*

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



The FUUN Passover Seder is sold out. We still need helpers to set tables **Friday, April 14**, starting at noon and to help clean up the social hall and wash dishes starting at 8 p.m. Please sign up to volunteer at seeder@thefuun.org. If you have registered but not yet paid, payment will be accepted after services **Sunday, April 9** at the Seder table or at the FUUN Office during work hours. Prices are \$20 for adults, \$10 for children under 12 years of age, with a maximum price per nuclear family of \$55. Please let us know if your plans change and you cannot come, as we have a long waiting list of folks who would like to attend. For more information, see thefuun.org/passover-seder-april-14/

FUUN Spring Clean-Up Day will be **Saturday, April 29**, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. All are invited to join in sprucing up our space. We'll be painting, cleaning windows, deep cleaning and working on the grounds. Lunch will be provided at noon, so please sign up in the social hall beforehand if you can, but walk-ups are always welcome. Many hands make for quick work! For more info contact **Chris Wood**, operations@thefuun.org.

The 2017 Herb & Craft Fair –All Hands on Deck! The Herb & Fair is **April 22**, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. The success of this exciting spring fundraiser depends on the help of many volunteers. There are so many different ways you can give your time to make this event (in its ninth year!) another big hit. The Herb & Craft Fair committee has a recruitment table in the social area after each service, where you can ask questions, find out about the various volunteer opportunities and sign up. What a great way to be a part of this community and to celebrate spring! Also, remember that the Herb & Craft Fair is asking for donations of native plants from your garden and old yard signs to be re-purposed for parking/direction signage. These donations may be left on the back patio outside the social hall.

ACT ON OUR VALUES



Our favorite dining out event “Dining Out For Life,” is **Tuesday, April 18**, and we’re planning a FUUN gathering for dinner around 6 p.m. at Table 3 in Green Hills next to the Regal Cinema. For details, see thefuun.org/dofl-2017/. If you have any questions, see **Scott Weaver**, **Victoria Harris** or **Richard Bird**, or DOFL@firstuunashville.org.

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Take in New Orleans and General Assembly: Registration is open for our annual national celebration of Unitarian Universalism with workshops, music, worship, service projects and our democratic processes. GA is **June 21—25**. You can find all the details at <http://www.uua.org/ga>.



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UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The combined FUUN and All Souls Washington, DC choirs will be performing *The Ruby Bridges Suite* on **June 22**. This will honor the first African American to attend a white public school in the South, an event that took place in New Orleans. Buddy up on rides and housing and delve deeper into our faith tradition. It'll be an experience you won't forget.

Virginia Grantham Service Award nominations due May 26

The award(s) will be presented at the Congregational Annual Meeting, **June 18, 2017**. This award was established in 2005 to honor individuals whose volunteer contributions to the church during the year have been exemplary. The name of the award stands as a tribute to **Virginia Grantham**, a longtime leader and volunteer. You are invited to nominate qualified members of FUUN for this year's Award. A committee drawn from current board members, past award winners, and the professional staff will review all nominations that are received by **May 26**. They will determine which nominee(s), if any, will receive the award. Nomination forms are available from Mary Lindsay, church office administrator, or you may fill out the online form (thefuun.org/virginia-grantham-award/). Please submit completed forms to **Rev. Gail Seavey**, Board President **Vicky Tataryn**, or Mary Lindsay, church office administrator.



The Spring 2017 UUWomenspirit event registration is open. See thefuun.org/uuwomenspirit-may-2017/ for more information.

INVITATIONS

Save the date: FUUN invites you to celebrate with us as we ordain **Meghann Teresa Robern** into the Unitarian Universalist ministry **Sunday, June 11** at 4:30 p.m.

Larry Bullock & Eva Close request the pleasure of your presence at their wedding celebration, on **Saturday, April 22**, Jonny's Restaurant, 5805 Nolensville Pike, 37211, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. for a champagne toast. Please RSVP on or before **Wednesday, April 12** (to Eva) so they will know how much champagne or sparkling cider to order. In lieu of gifts or flowers, a thoughtful donation to FUUN would be appreciated.

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