

Weekly Bulletin

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A Welcoming Congregation

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CREATE COMMUNITY



The FUUN Men's Group meets on **the first and third Sundays of the month, (Sept. 4 and 18)** 6 - 8 p.m., in the Fireside Room. All FUUN men are welcome. Come join us.

-Charlie Akers



Scrabble Group: Like Scrabble? We play Fridays at 1 p.m. in the Emerson Room, and we're starting for fall on **Sept. 16**. You don't have to be a Scrabble whiz, you just have to enjoy playing the game. If you have any questions, contact Carol Cople and Steve Keil by emailing scrabble@thefuun.org.

-Carol Cople and Steve Keil

Wednesday Evening Dinners: Join us in the Social Hall at 6 p.m. every week for a catered dinner served with vegetarian, carnivore and gluten free alternatives. Costs to cover expenses are \$8 - adults, \$5 - children, with family rates available. All people 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. You are invited to participate whether you eat or not.

For more activities, see thefuun.org/church-calendar/

Senior Brunch: The next Senior Brunch will be **Saturday, Oct. 29**, 10 a.m. in the Social Hall. If you plan to attend please RSVP to the church office by Friday, Oct. 28. All are welcome whether or not you receive an invitation. We're looking forward to seeing you!!



-Kathy Hiller

Dinners for Nine is FUUN's dinner group program, a great way to connect! Groups meet monthly. Check the Social Hall on **Sundays, Sept. 4 or 11** for sign-ups or sign up online at thefuun.org/dinners-for-nine-online-sign-up/ no later than **Sunday, Sept. 11**.

NURTURE SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Mid-South Toolbox Event on Stewardship: The one-day training session, "All About Stewardship," is a Mid-South Toolbox Event being offered by UUA Southern Region, **Saturday, Oct. 15** (9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.) in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Stewardship Consultant, Bill Clontz, will provide direction to help congregations get unstuck and on the road to fiscal well-being. See www.thefuun.org/toolbox-stewardship/ for more information and a link to register.

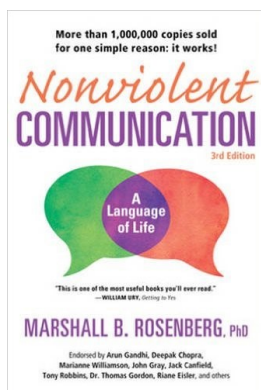
Send children to the Mountain Summer Camp: FUUN and The Mountain have scholarship money available to send your children to UU summer camp!

For more information about the Mountain Camp, including camp information and deadlines, see thefuun.org/mountain/. To speak to parents of FUUN campers, or to receive more information about our camperships, contact the FUUN office or email mountain@thefuun.org.



We have created the FUUN team for the AIDSwalk: Saturday, Oct. 1. Feel free to join and invite your friends. More info will be coming soon. See thefuun.org/aids-walk to share and join.

Weekday Money Counter Needed: Assist the bookkeeper with counting the monies that had been collected during the week. *Time Commitment: weekly approximately two hours.* Contact: Allison Thompson at finance@TheFUUN.org.



Non-violent Communication: Although the sign-up for practice groups is over, anyone who is interested in attending one is welcome. Email nvc@TheFUUN.org.

Groups meet:

- 1st and 3rd Sundays, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m., Fireside Room (Main Building)
- 2nd and 4th Mondays, 6:30-8:15 p.m., Darwin Room (Morgan House) *Childcare is NOT available.*
- 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 7-8:30 p.m., Alcott Room (Morgan House).

Anyone is welcome, with any level of NVC experience.

Covenant Groups: *New groups are starting in September. If you are interested but did not register or need more information, please email covenantgroups@firstuunashville.org.* Covenant groups are made up of five to 12 people, each led by a facilitator, which meet twice a month, usually in participants' homes, for the purpose of supporting individual spiritual growth and deepening a sense of community among participants. Each session gives participants an opportunity to reflect with one another on an engaging topic, which might include: Generosity, Bitterness, Faith, Longing, Racism, etc. Covenant groups are an opportunity to listen and share with a subset of the congregation.

Budget Reports are now online. Staff, board members and committee chairs, note that the following reports are now online instead of delivered to your respective mailboxes.

- Restricted Funds Report and Committee
- Restricted Accounts (Detail Ledgers)
- Committee Operating Accounts with Budget (Detail Ledgers)

These can be found in the member's area of our website: See thefuun.org/members-area/



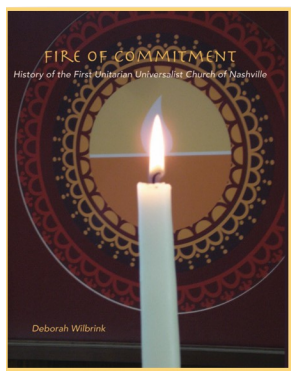
Friday, Sept. 16, 7-11 p.m., Morgan House: The Harvest Moon is the most famous of the moons, perhaps because it comes when it is easiest to understand the fruitful ripeness of a full moon. See thefuun.org/harvest-moon-drum-circle/ for more info.

All our full moon gatherings are grounded in the UU Principles and open to all experience levels. It is good to drum, and good to dance, and good to gather around food and drink. If that also feels good to you, please join us. If the ritual also sounds good to you, please join us for that, too. If not, feel free to take a 15-20 minute break while we do our thing and then rejoin us. We will gather at 7 p.m., have ritual promptly at 8 p.m., and then begin (or continue) the drumming and dancing. Bring a potluck snack to share, and we will provide wine, juice and water. Ages 0-100+ welcome.



New Member Class: Interested in joining our congregation? Our upcoming New Member Class will introduce new members to Unitarian Universalism, FUUN, and each other! This is an interactive class with activities, discussion, and food! **Saturday, Sept. 10** from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Please email membership@thefuun.org to register **by noon, Sept. 5**. Child-care provided upon request.

–*Laurie Stevens, Membership Coordinator*



Release of *Fire of Commitment: A History of First Unitarian Universalist Church of Nashville*: Proceeds go to FUUN, Books may be purchased through the Fundraising Committee. Hardback copies are \$35, paperback copies are \$25. -*Skip Rudenske, Chair, Fundraising, Fundraising@TheFUUN.org*



The Robert C. Palmer Lecture is Oct. 22: The Robert C. Palmer Lecture on Human Rights will take place Saturday, Oct. 22, 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. The lecture was established in 1983 to honor the Reverend Robert Palmer's service to the church and his extensive social activism on behalf of civil rights, the United Nations and nuclear disarmament. The inaugural speaker in 1983 was the Reverend Kelly Miller Smith, minister of First Baptist Church, Capitol Hill. His church played an important role in training the students who participated in the lunch counter sit-ins at downtown department stores. Other speakers have included Mary Calderone, Abby Rubinfeld, Lionel Barret, Jr., Father Charles Stroebel, the Rev. James Lawson and John Seigenthaler. Last year's speaker was Dr. Lisa Guenther, a philosophy professor at Vanderbilt, who spoke on the need for prison reform.

See thefuun.org/palmer-lecture-2016/



Our Whole Lives—or OWL—is our Unitarian Universalist lifespan sexuality education program that 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.

We're currently consulting with our OWL facilitators to schedule classes. This year, we are offering OWL for: **Kindergarten-First Grade, Fourth-Fifth Grades, and Seventh-Eighth Grades.** For more information and to register online, see thefuun.org/owl-classes/



Kroger Community Rewards now requires annual renewal of your request to have FUUN be the recipient of the 5% of your dollars spent at Kroger. Please go to their website at Kroger.com and re-up! Thank you.

Room In The Inn needs a new leader: September is upon us which means Room In The Inn is right around the corner. We host eight homeless men in the Morgan house two Friday nights each month from November through March, and preparations begin in October. This has long been a successful and meaningful part of our church's social justice ministry, but we need a new leader to make sure it all runs smoothly. We have people who have agreed to take on some of the many tasks the former leader took on, but no one to make sure all these parts work together. Without a leader, this work cannot continue.

We are inviting anyone who is interested in the work of Room In The Inn, particularly in the new team approach to leading it, to come for light snacks and conversation with those who have been involved in the past as well as members of the Social Justice Committee on **Sept. 18, 12:30 p.m.** or as soon as the second service ends. Please email us at socialjustice@theFUUN.org if you have any questions.

- **Scott Weaver** and **Jessica Moore-Lucas**,
Social Justice Co-Chairs

Registration for Children and Youth Programs: If your child or youth will participate in Religious Education programming this year, please complete the online registration form. It is necessary to confirm your information at the start of each church year. This is an important part of our efforts to best serve and ensure the safety and well-being of our church community's children and youth.

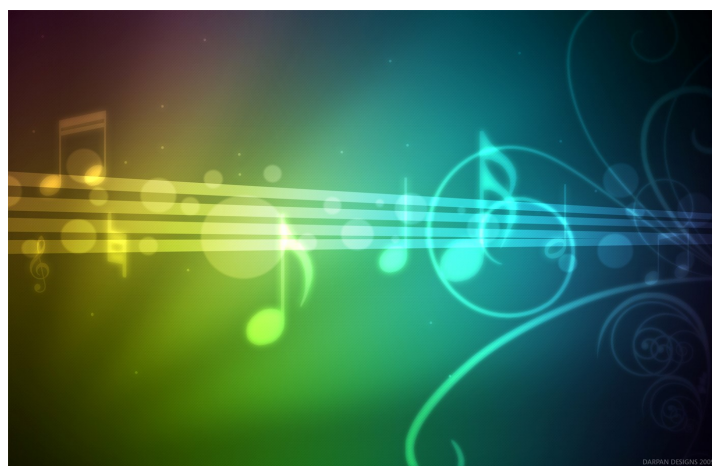
You only need to register once. Please complete a separate registration for each child or youth. The online form can be found at: thefuun.org/cre-yg-registration-2016-2017/



UU Women Spirit Fall Retreat: Moon Energy: Rhythm, Mystery, Illumination is **Oct. 19-23** at The Mountain Retreat and Learning Center in Highlands, NC. UU Women spirit is a non-profit, volunteer-run organization that has hosted all-women retreats since 1987. Our retreats emphasize and celebrate the Divine Feminine in her many forms. See thefuun.org/uuwomenspirit-fall-retreat/ for more information.



Greeters are needed for our Sunday services. See more in the newsletter or email greeters@theFUUN.org.



From the Associate Minister of Music

Portara Ensemble presents Musica Sacra Mundi, vol 2, A Prayer for Peace

- Sunday, Sept. 18, 3 p.m., The Temple (Congregation Ohabai Shalom), 5015 Harding Pike, Nashville
- Sunday Sept. 25, 3 p.m., St Paul's Episcopal Church, 510 W Main St, Franklin

Invoking the beauty of the human voice, Portara Ensemble uses choral music as the gateway to elevate and inspire audiences through the transformative power of artistic collaboration. Led by FUUN's Jason Shelton, Portara features several of our church's singers as well. Our September program is the continuation of a series celebrating the music of a sacred world. Drawing from a diverse array of cultural and religious expressions, "A Prayer for Peace" acknowledges our human need for connection that transcends our differences.

The concert will feature music from composers Daniel Elder, Joan Szymko, Frank Ticheli, and many more, including the Tennessee premiere of "The Hope of Loving" (a multi-movement work for chorus and string quartet, with texts inspired by Christian mystics like Teresa of Avila and St Francis) by Minnesota-based composer Jake Runestad.

"If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other." – Mother Theresa

-Rev Jason Shelton