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Sunday Program and Service Leader Schedule

3 May

9:00—“Articulating Your Unitarian Universalist Faith”
 10:40—**Janna Nelson and Scott Hooker** will present a musical celebration and a sermon entitled, “Bread and Roses.”

Service Leader—**Paul Lee**, Opener—**Chris Nix**, Closer—**Paul Lee**
 Greeters—**Marge Hall & Ann Newland**

10 May

9:00—“Articulating Your Unitarian Universalist Faith”
 10:40—**Rev. Ed Wilson**, “Mother’s Day”
 Service Leader—**Sidney Wilson**, Opener—**Paul Lee**, Closer—**Barry White**
 Greeters—**Mona Crawford & Shirley Gray**

17 May

9:00—Adult Religious Education: “Articulating Your Unitarian Universalist Faith”
 10:40—**Chaplain (Major) John Kaiser** will be speaking on “WHINSEC and the Role of an Army Chaplain.”

Service Leader—**Mona Crawford**, Opener—**Barry White**, Closer—**Rick Spradlin**
 Greeters—**John Studstill & Nancy Awtrey**

24 May

9:00—Adult Religious Education: “Articulating Your Unitarian Universalist Faith”
 10:40—**Milton Jones** "GAIA Hypothesis, 'The Blue Marble' and Trees Columbus" will be speaking about “Celebrating Nature: Trees (Confessions of a Bunny Loving Tree Hugger).”

Service Leader—**Pat Hart**, Opener—**Rick Spradlin**, Closer—**Pat Hart**
 Greeters—**Barry White & Huguette May**

31 May

9:00—Adult Religious Education: “Articulating Your Unitarian Universalist Faith”
 10:40—**Mona Crawford** will be presenting a program entitled, “Zoroastrianism 101.”

Service Leader—**Norm Horofker**, Opener—**Pat Hart**
 Closers—**Marge Hall & Carolyn Searcy**, Greeters—**Tanya Davis & Bob Gross**



Movie Night

The Friday night movie for May 29 will be “Slumdog Millionaire.” The Netflix summary states: After coming within one question of winning 20 million rupees on the Indian version of “Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?” 18 year old Mumbai “slumdog” Jamal Malik is arrested on suspicion of cheating. While in custody, Jamal regales a jaded police inspector with remarkable tales of his life on the streets as well as the story of Latika, the woman he loved and lost. Danny Boyle’s film won a Golden Globe and Oscar for Best Picture.

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President's Notes from Board Meeting, 20 April, 2009 by John Nix

1. Leadership Training - "Southland Unitarian Universalist Leadership Experience" will be conducted at The Mountain Retreat & Learning Center July 19-24; cost is \$750. See <http://www.uusouthland.org/> for details.
2. Wednesday Night Discussions - On April 22, in lieu of the regular meeting at the Fellowship Hall, we met at the new Infantry Museum to see an IMAX documentary on Egypt followed by dinner at the new restaurant. Next week, on April 29, at 7:00 PM, we will meet again at the Fellowship Hall to discuss the following topic: "What Would You be Willing to Die For?"
3. Movie Night - On Friday, April 24, we saw "I Heart Huckabees"; the movie on May 29 will be "Slumdog Millionaire" (Sidney Wilson's suggestion). Movie begins at 7:00 P.M. Pop corn and soft drinks will be available. Discussion will follow movie.
4. Job Descriptions - Board members and committee chairs are requested to provide a written description of their positions, duties, and procedures not later than the end of June 2009. The purpose is to define responsibilities and insure that successors understand clearly what is expected of the various positions within our Fellowship. The written descriptions will eventually be published in a handbook available to all members. Of course, we expect to build on these initial written descriptions and continue to make improvements in procedures. (Repeat item.)
5. Treasurer - We were \$326.01 "in the red" for the month of March 2009, i.e., we took in \$326.01 less than we spent for operations during March. However, the shortfall for the quarter (January - March 2009) was only \$139.00. A shortfall of this amount is not a problem because the Board maintains an emergency fund of about two months' operating expenses. Of course, over the long run we want to insure we do not spend more than we take in. (See the administrator for a detailed report of income and expenses.)
Our Treasurer will determine the status of a CD in the amount of \$5,000.00 which we have with "The Mountain." The CD has matured, and the Board will request that the money be repaid to our Fellowship.
6. Finance Committee - The Board reviewed performance during the first quarter versus the approved budget for the year. The Board had anticipated income of \$8,470 for the first quarter; in fact, we had income of only \$7,449, but we avoided a significant shortage by spending less than the amount budgeted. The Board determined to make no adjustments to our budget until our next review in July 2009. (See the administrator for a copy of the budget for the year.)
7. Program Committee - The Board reviewed compensation for ministers and outside speakers. For each occasion, we offer to pay our ministers \$200.00 (including our two adjunct ministers Ed Wilson and Ernestine Matthews), seminary students \$100.00 (Norm Horofker has always declined any payments); and other non-member speakers \$50.00. When speakers come from out of town, we offer payment for travel in the amount of thirty-six cents per mile. We also offer to pay overnight hotel or motel expenses, but the out of town speakers have routinely stayed with Fellowship members (mostly Janet and Norm Horofker).
8. Adult Religious Education - The UUA program, "Articulating Your UU Faith," began April 19. It is a five session course taught by Rick Spradlin. The class meets on Sunday mornings at 9:00.
9. New Sign - Rick Spradlin has ordered the new sign. Don Nahley contributed \$100 toward the purchase of the sign; we have most of the balance from our last yard sale.
10. Yard maintenance - John Studstill has volunteered to insure that the grass is cut and bushes are trimmed. Shawn Woods will assist him.
11. Old mail box - Paul Lee removed the old mail box located across the street from the Fellowship Hall. We have determined to receive all our mail through a post office box.
12. Committees - The Board encourages all members to consider serving on one or more committees. (A list of committees can be found at our web site: www.uucolumbusga.org). Do not wait to be asked; simply inform the committee chairman that you want to serve on the committee.

Members may contact our administrator, Brenda Stevens, to obtain a copy of the official minutes for this meeting.

Joys and Concerns

The Columbus UU is pleased to welcome four new members into our community: Shaun Tarkington, Chris and Nikki Rohrs, and Mary Schley.

Mother's Day Prayer By Kathleen Rolenz (Reprinted from UUA Website)

Spirit of life,
 You've been a father and mother to us all
 We enter into this time of silence and reflection
 With mixed emotions.
 This is mother's day--a day set aside to honor, celebrate, and in some cases, simply to reflect on those women who gave us birth.
 Some of us come to this day with joy,
 With strong and tender feelings
 for the women who have earned the right to be called "mother."
 They not only gave us our lives, they are responsible for shaping our spirit.
 They have fed us, played with us, nurtured us, listened to us.
 They have given unselfishly for us. They have loved us unconditionally.
 If our mothers are still living, we make the extra effort to stay in touch,
 And find ways to give back a portion of the love which we have so abundantly received.
 If our mothers have died, we take time to cherish our memories of them
 Memories which may flood our eyes with bittersweet tears of longing.
 We miss her...and we feel that loss even more acutely on this day,
 While also being grateful for her strength, her wisdom and her beauty--
 And the gifts of life which she has passed onto us.
 For others, this day is not a time for celebration,
 But rather, a time for reflection.
 Perhaps we cannot bring ourselves to buy that Hallmark card,
 The ones that waxes poetically about a mother's love, or her presence in our lives.
 Rather, we may feel her absence, through death or indifference.
 We may have complicated, difficult, unhappy associations with "mother."

Instead, may we use this time to reflect on those who have mothered us.
 The women in our lives who have been shown their love for us,
 Whether through motherhood or mentoring,
 Those tough, gentle, truth-telling, loving, wise, whimsical women
 Who have served as our teachers, our mentors, our guides, our friends.

And on this Mothering Day,
 May we remember the Great Mother that sustains us,
 Whose body is the very substance of our existence
 The very ground we walk upon,
 The very source of our being.

From whatever place of the spirit we come this morning,
 Let us once again, enter into a time of silence,
 Knowing that it is in silence, where great things fashion themselves.

(silence for a time) Amen.

Mid South District Annual Assembly

The annual assembly for the Mid-South District is being held from May 1-3 in Nashville, Tn. at the First UU Church. Rev. Tom Owen-Towle is the keynote speaker. He is the author of [Growing a Beloved Community](#). Online registration for this event is closed, however anyone interested in attending can register at the door Friday evening. Visit the UUA Mid-South District website for more information

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