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Sunday Program and Service Leader Schedule

5 April

9:00—No Adult Religious Education Class Today
 10:40—**Rev. Ed Wilson** will present a sermon entitled, “Powerful Rose”.
 Service Leader—**Mona Crawford**
 Opener—**Pat Hart**, Closer—**Gerda Smith**
 Greeters—**Nancy Awtrey & Marge Hall**

12 April

9:00—No Adult Religious Education Class Today
 10.40—Norm Horofker will be speaking on “How Have you Been Shaped by Jesus”?
 Service Leader—**Pat Hart**
 Opener—**Gerda Smith**, Closer—**Paul Lee**
 Greeters—**Mark Berger & Shirley Gray**

19 April

9:00—Adult Religious Education: “Articulating Your Unitarian Universalist Faith”
 10.40—Fred Howard, M.D. will be speaking on “Humor and Faith”.
 Service Leader—**Paul Lee**
 Opener—**Julie Bouchard**, Closer—**Janet & Norm Horofker**
 Greeters—**Barry White & Tanya Davis**

26 April

9:00—Adult Religious Education: “Articulating Your Unitarian Universalist Faith”
 10:40—Pat Hart, Ph.D., will present a program on “Prayer, Meditation and Tai Chi”.
 Service Leader—**Barry White**
 Opener—**Janet & Norm Horofker**, Closer—**Chris Nix**
 Greeters—**Bob Gross & John Studstill**



April Birthdays

Barry White 18 April
 Jamie Williams 9 April

Joys and Concerns

A new sign for our Fellowship is being made and will soon be installed. **Rich Spradlin** has taken on the responsibility for the installation.

Continue to remember our members and friends who are suffering ill health in your thoughts prayers.

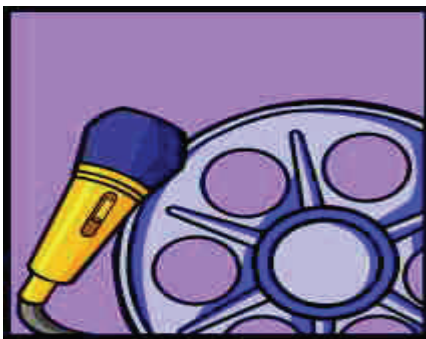
Thank you to our program chair (**Bill Edwards**) and members of the program committee for such great Sunday programs.

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President's Notes from Board Meeting on March 23, 2009

1. Movie Night - On Friday, March 27, we will see "Religulous"; the movie for April 24 will be "I Heart Huckabees." Movie begins at 7:00 P.M. Pop corn and soft drinks will be available. Discussion will follow movie.
2. 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 clearly 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.
3. Budget - In February, we had some unusual expenses including UUA dues, building maintenance, and equipment repair resulting in a shortfall for the month of \$1,297.88. Nevertheless, because we had extra contributions in January, we still have a positive balance for the year in our operations account. At our next Board meeting on April 20, the Board will review all expenditures during the first quarter and determine if we need to make adjustments in our budget for the remainder of the year.
4. Adult Religious Education - We will take a break in the Adult RE program until April 19. At that time we will continue with the UUA program, "Articulating your UU Faith: A Five Session Course". Rick Spradlin will be the leader for the course. Members may order the course book through Rick (possible discount) or directly from the UUA Bookstore.
5. New Members Ceremony - On April 5, 2009, we will have a special ceremony to welcome new members into the Fellowship, including Nikki and Chris Rohrs, Dr. Mary Schley, and Shawn Woods.
6. Book for New Members; The Board authorized the purchase of fifteen copies of Welcome: A Unitarian Universalist Primer. Cost is \$5.00 each. Ed Wilson has reviewed several possible references and recommended this book be included in the packet for new members. This book introduces Unitarian Universalist prayers and readings, including the seven Principles and six Sources, chalice lightings, and more.
7. Long Range Planning/Dinner Meeting - Next meeting is scheduled for April 18, 2009. We will have guests from Auburn Fellowship to tell us about their experience in increasing their membership.
8. Note Cards: Board approved purchase of 200 cards and matching envelopes, per Brenda's request. Cards will have drawing of UU Fellowship Hall on outside. Since the inside is blank, they can be used for multiple purposes (for example, thank you, sympathy, get well, visitors, etc.) Total cost: \$112. 40.
9. New Web Address: We now have a new web address for our local Fellowship: www.uucolumbusga.org.
10. New Sign: The Board authorized Rick Spradlin to proceed with the purchase and installation of our new sign. We anticipate it will be visible from the highway in both directions. We also plan to install spot lights so it will be visible at night.
11. Tree Cutting: The Board authorized John Studstill to spend another \$100.00 to cut up and dispose of the two diseased pine trees which were cut down behind the Fellowship Hall.
12. Cards and Flowers for Family Loss - A committee consisting of Sidney Wilson, Tanya Davis, and Paul Lee, will make a recommendation to the Board at the next meeting as to what actions the Fellowship ought to take in the event of the death of a family member.
13. Yard Maintenance - Board discussed hiring of someone to maintain our yard for the next few months—grass cutting, trimming of bushes, etc. John Studstill has kept up the yard during the winter months; we will coordinate with him on this issue.

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



Movie Nite—I Heart Huckabees

When a mystery needs to be solved and it's not a whodunit but a maze involving emotions, it requires the expertise of intellectual and perhaps slightly kooky, detectives: Vivian (Lily Tomlin) and Bernard (Dustin Hoffman). The husband and wife existential team helps untangle questions of purpose. Their client Albert (Jason Schwartzman), a do-gooder who's plagued by twists of fate. Co-stars are Jude Law and Naomi Watts. Showtime is at **7 pm** on **April 24** at the **Fellowship House**. Bring your favorite snack and a drink, maybe enough to share. See you at the movies.

Very Special April 18 Fellowship Dinner

Saturday evening April 18 all of our members and friends are invited to our third “Long Range Planning Dinner Party.” The evening will be a pleasant mix of relaxed social engagement over dinner, followed by a stimulating discussion about our future together.

We are very fortunate to have a quest panel made up of members of the UU Fellowship of Auburn who will reminisce after dinner about the trials and tribulations of growth. They have made the transition from a congregation the size of Columbus to their present 120 members and they have learned in the process. The panel will include Rev. Diana Jordan Allende and five other members who were instrumental in their growth.

In addition our speaker for Sunday April 19, Dr. Fred Howard, will also be in attendance. Fred returned to seminary after 20 years as a family practice physician and is serving the Valdosta congregation. His topic for Sunday is “Humor and Faith”.

Arrangements for the food are being coordinated by Katy Clyde. If you want to help out with food arrangements, don’t wait for Katy to call you, give her a call now!

Come out and “Practice Hospitality Religiously” with your UU friends.

Time and Date: 6:30 PM (Eastern) Saturday April 18

Place: UU Fellowship of Columbus, Ga.

1442 Double Churches Road, Columbus, Ga.

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Preparing New Leaders—Drive Time Essay by Reverend Bill Zelazny

Recently in a conversation the Publicity Committee chair in a church told me that she had been told by the nominating committee member who recruited her that “all I had to do was hang a few posters.” Of course she soon discovered there was a lot more to do, or that could be done to be effective. Many congregation leaders tell me they have problems finding volunteers. In a recent issue of BoardMember, Kelly Felice, a professor at Metropolitan State College of Denver, gave some suggestions which I think are good to follow when trying to recruit volunteers. (Note that I said recruit, not ask). Recruiting is taking time to help a person understand the position and getting to see the contribution they can make to the institution that is important to them. Recruiting takes time. It needs to be started months before the position is to be filled. Asking is just trying to get a yes out of someone as quickly as possible. Here are recommendations for leaders and Nominating Committees:

Invest in honesty with prospects. Tell them what is really being asked of them. Give them a written job description.

When possible divide work into time-specific tasks. While organizations are used to working with operational committees., such open-ended committee assignments frighten people. Ask the volunteer to work for a specific length of time with the option to re-up.

Provide in-depth training of new volunteers. Do not just throw volunteers into the job. The former chair or the board president should be sure the new volunteer sees the whole picture and understands every aspect of the programs and projects.

Respect the work of the volunteers; do not redo their work at board meetings.

Make hard decisions if you have to. Sometimes a volunteer is not the right person for the job.

The role of the leader is to find the right spot for the person and if necessary not let them take on a assignment that will not be beneficial to them or to the church. Being a good recruiter is an important part of making church work effectively.

April In Columbus UU History

Poverty expert Deepa Narayan visited Americus on April 12 and 13, 2002.

Horseback riding was scheduled at Butts Mill Farm on April 13, 2002.

Bill Edwards returned from a trip to Ecuador in April 2002.

Marge Hall reported college students who were in town helping Habitat for Humanity.

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