



# First Unitarian Church of Cincinnati

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## Calendar Highlights Spring/Summer 2010

### Especially for Visitors

**Meet the Minister**— Rev. Sharon Dittmar will hold her next “Meet the Minister” session after the service on Sunday, August 15, from 11:15 a.m. –12:15 p.m. This is a great opportunity for visitors to learn about Unitarian Universalism and First Church. Sharon will give a brief introduction to our faith and answer any questions you may have. If you need childcare, make reservations with Linda Miltner at 513.661.6993 or lamiltner@gmail.com by Wed., Aug. 11.

**Are You Ready to Become a Member?** The next opportunity to sign our membership book will be at 11:15 a.m. on Sunday, August 22 (after the 10 a.m. service). You need to have attended a “Meet the Minister” session or taken part in a “New U” Orientation first. Contact Linda Miltner (513.661.6993, lamiltner@gmail.com) no later than Wed., August 18 to make arrangements. The next signing date will be on September 19.

### Upcoming Events – All Are Welcome

**The First Church Women Annual Potluck** will be held July 17 at 10 a.m. at Jean Rohling’s home, 824 Kingfisher Lane, Glendale. **Directions:** From I-75 take exit 14 toward Glendale. At the corner of Sharon Road and Chester (Princeton High School) turn left onto Chester Road. Kingfisher is 3/4 mile on the right. 824 is on the right, just before the cul-de-sac. All women are invited.

**Book Discussion, Monday, August 23** — “The House at Sugar Beach,” by NY Times diplomatic correspondent, Helene Cooper, has been chosen for our summer book discussion. Laurie Rivers will facilitate. Last month, several of us viewed the documentary about the courageous women of Liberia whose protest against the cruel and corrupt Taylor regime eventually precipitated the coup d’état. Cooper, a descendent of one of the founding families who developed Liberia in the 1800’s, vividly portrays the early settlement of Liberia, her childhood years prior to the violent uprisings of 1980 that ravaged the country and its inhabitants, and finally, her family’s exile and narrow escape to America.

The Cincinnati Public Library has a number of copies of the book. I can also provide a few paperbacks for purchase if there is a call for them. *RSVP to Joy Haupt (joyhaupt@fuse.net; 221-7726).*

### Ongoing Activities

**Children’s Choir (Chalice Choir):** Contact our music director, Tom Sherwood at 513.281.0233

**First Church Adult Choir (Chancel Choir):** Join us every Thursday night at 7 p.m. in the Ellen Hall Room. If you are looking for great camaraderie and an outlet for your love of singing, the choir welcomes your participation. For more information, call Tom Sherwood at 513.281.0233.

**First Church Art Group meets on 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month from 2:30-5:30 p.m. in the Ellen Hall Room.** In true UU form, everyone does their own thing and benefits from the free exchange of ideas and inspiration. For many of us, this one session is the only time each month to break away from busy schedules and be creative in the encouraging company of like-minded folks. Forget your fears about talent: a desire to create is all that matters. Bring in your materials and join us! For more questions about the Art Group, contact Jan Connelly at 513.521.9536 or [jc.connelly@yahoo.com](mailto:jc.connelly@yahoo.com).

**The Second Sunday Playreaders meet 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday each month from 6:30-9 p.m. in the Art Wall Area.** All are welcome. For questions, contact Joy Haupt at 513.221.7726 or [joyhaupt@fuse.net](mailto:joyhaupt@fuse.net) or Donna Hoffman at 859.441.6882.

**“fUUn with Parents and Kids” - Second Friday of each month, 10 a.m.-noon in the Ellen Hall Room.** If you are available in the mornings, would like your children to benefit from a playgroup, and would like conversation with other UUs, please join in the fun. Contact Tamara Schweitzer at [tnschweitz@yahoo.com](mailto:tnschweitz@yahoo.com) for more information and to let us know you are interested.

**Lunch Bunch** – The Lunch Bunch meets after the last service each Sunday at a different area restaurant. All are welcome to attend. For more details, contact Carol Carlson at 513.288.8424.

**Adult RE/Odyssey Linton Writers meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month from 10 a.m. until noon in the Fisher Room.** All are welcome to join this small group of First Church members and friends to share our memoirs, fiction, or poetry, and receive gentle feedback. Contact Joy Haupt at 513.221.7726 or [joyhaupt@fuse.net](mailto:joyhaupt@fuse.net) for more information.

**Adult RE/ Odyssey “Singing in Sacred Circle” from 7-9 p.m. every fourth Monday in the Ellen Hall Room.** All women, regardless of singing experience, are invited to share their voices in a relaxed, safe space. Shelley Graff, nationally-known singer/songwriter is our facilitator. Bring your friends, a snack to share, and any percussion instruments you may have. If you are interested just come or contact Jane Kay at 513.662.9320 or [janejinx1@aol.com](mailto:janejinx1@aol.com).

**SMART Recovery meets at First Church each Monday at noon.** SMART is an acronym for *Self Management and Recovery Training*. This is a self-help program that is an alternative to traditional 12-step programs, such as Alcoholics Anonymous or Narcotics Anonymous. The SMART program avoids labels and considers addictive behavior as a learned behavior that can be unlearned. Contact Dick Bozian at 513.521.2391 for information.

**Young Adult Group (YAG)** – The First Church Young Adult Group is always looking for new members and visitors are encouraged to join us for monthly brunches and other events. We meet the third Sunday of the month after the last service at Parkside Cafe (1026 E. McMillian St., 45206). Please join the listserv to receive emails about other special events: navigate to Yahoo Groups, find YACincyFirstChurch, and click "join!"