



First Unitarian Church
of Cincinnati

Calendar Highlights January – February 2012

Especially for Visitors

Are You Interested in Learning More About First Unitarian Church or Ready to Become a Member?

If you are interested in learning more about First Unitarian Church, we hope you will join us for one or both of the following opportunities:

Our next **Meet the Minister** program will be held on **Sunday, February 19th from 12:15–1:15 pm**. This program offers you the opportunity to meet with Reverend Sharon Dittmar in a small group setting to ask questions about First Unitarian Church and its members and Unitarians in general. RSVP to Shelly Wallace (513) 324.5628, swallace6275@gmail.com by Wednesday, February 15th.

Upcoming Events – All Are Welcome

Identity: Beginning a Dialogue on Race and Class in America - 7-8:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 24, in the sanctuary. This month we will watch Episode 4 of *African American Lives 2*. Rev. Dittmar will then lead a discussion of this provocative film. Everyone aged 15 and up is welcome.

Religious Education Volunteer Training will be held Sunday, January 29, 12:30-2 p.m. If you would like to volunteer, but have never been approached please contact Meredith Plummer at dre@firstuu.com or 513.238.9912 or a member of the RE Committee. Lunch and Childcare will be provided. Topics which

will be covered include: Lesson sequencing, Children's development by age group, classroom management, emergency procedures, and "how to make the UU connection."

Our 31st annual Heart and Hand Auction takes place on February 11, 6-9 p.m. Come and enjoy a night filled of fun, food and camaraderie of your church friends. The silent auction is 6 – 7:30 p.m. and the live auction is from 7:45 – 9 p.m. Contact M.C. Brennan at MCBrennan50@gmail.com or 513.631.1455 or Barb Rider at Barb1rider@aol.com or 513.324.8862 to donate or find out more information.

First Church HUHumanists meeting Sunday, February 12 at 12:20 p.m. in the Senior High room on 2nd floor. Psychologist John Heideman will be leading a discussion of two interesting and opposing books: Richard Dawkins *The God Delusion* and David Berlinski *The Devil's Delusion, Atheism and It's Scientific Pretensions*. You don't have to read the books to participate. For more information, contact Dick Bozian at rcbozian@hotmail.com or 513.521.2391.

Film and Speaker Series – Friday evenings in Ellen Hall Room 7-9 p.m.

Fixing the Future: Building a Just and Sustainable Economy

The Woman's City Club joins the Social Justice Committee of the First Unitarian Church in co-sponsoring a program of films and speakers that address the current economic crisis and the growing urgency to restructure our world's energy economy.

- **February 3:** "Growth Busters" – A documentary premier. Discussion with environmental architect Peter Seidel.
- **March 2:** Urban Farming and Local Food Security. Includes Speakers from Gabriel's Place, Civic Garden Center and Enright Ridge CSA.

For information, contact Heather Zoller at zoller@fuse.net or 859.442.0011

Ongoing Activities

Children's Choir (Chalice Choir) practices every Sunday from 10:20–10:35 a.m. in the Imagination Room. Contact our music director, Jera Cox 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. On the first Thursday of the month, we enjoy a potluck dinner together at 5 p.m. For more information, call Jera Cox at 513.281.0233.

First Unitarian Church Women's Group – 3rd Saturday of month, 10 a.m.-noon

All women, both members and visitors are invited to this informal gathering to discuss topics and have fun meeting new friends. Watch newsletters for topics and locations. For information, contact Lois Gish at gishkraus@fuse.net or 513.542.5587.

Adult RE Linton Writers meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month from 9:30–11:30 a.m. 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@gmail.com for more information.

The FUUn Parenting Group is now on Facebook. Please join to connect with other First Church parents, find out about social activities, and share ideas. Events have included a Family Campout in Yellow Springs, Potlucks in the Park, Ladies Night Out and more. For more information contact Tamara Schweitzer at tnschweitz@gmail.com. —Tamara Schweitzer

Meditation – Mondays, 11:30 a.m.

Reverend Sharon Dittmar and member Fran Turner led the group in 20 minutes of meditation, followed by a brown bag lunch. Experience is not necessary. For information, contact Fran Turner at fturner@fuse.net or 513.271.0834.

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.

Third Wednesday Games—Bring a board game and a light snack and join in the fun on the third Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m. in the Ellen Hall Room. An spin-off of Third Wednesday Games involving the chess players meets every other Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the Ellen Hall Room.

“Women Singing in Sacred Circle” - 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.