

# The Confluence

News of the First Unitarian Universalist Society of Marietta, OH  
A Voice of Liberal Religion in the Mid-Ohio Valley  
Open Minds, Helping Hands, and Loving Hearts  
May 2022

## WORSHIP SERVICES

Services are held each Sunday at 11:00 am in person in the Sanctuary of the  
**First Unitarian Universalist Society of Marietta -232 Third St. Marietta, OH. 45750**  
(It is OK to park in Huntington Bank lot on Sundays but don't block the drive through lanes)  
**Coffee Hour has resumed after each service.**

The services are also available on Facebook (search for FUUSM) and at this Zoom link:

<https://zoom.us/j/94822183499?pwd=ZVhkMHZWSnR1bTI5czZWRk1zdFFmQT09>

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### **May 1 Homecoming Sunday**

Annie Warmke, Worship Leader. Art, Music and the Maypole

### **May 8 Intentional Family Day**

Megan Krivchenia & Suzyn Mills, Worship Leaders

### **May 15 Art and the A-may-zing Month of May**

Rev. Kathryn Hawbaker

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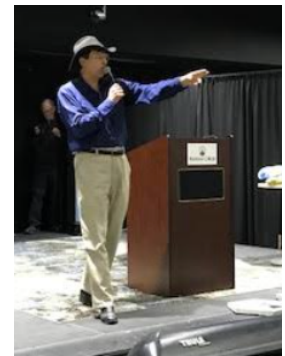
As we invest in new cleaner energy sources and advanced technologies, can we give more energy to peace-making in our neighborhoods and in the world? Conflict over resources is a recurring theme of war and lack of imagination leaves us stuck in a rut.

We will conclude the service in the Memorial Garden (as weather allows).

## Annual Meeting Recognizes the AV Wizards and the Auctioneer



The Board of Trustees announced its annual service award to Mike Bailey, Ralph Olander and Al Tuttle, the AV Wizards who have kept FUUSM services online throughout the pandemic, working with and updating our outdated equipment and who continue to work on upgrading the audio and video in the Sanctuary. The monthly Service Award went to Chris Jacobs for his rousing performance as Service Auctioneer. In other business, the Congregational Meeting passed the annual budget and heard reports from the committees. The pledge drive exceeded expectations with \$114,980 pledged for next year, exceeding the goal of \$100,000,. Two committees are in special need of more members: Social Action and Membership. There are three positions open for delegates to the Annual UUA convention in Portland, Oregon, June 24-28. Attendance can be online or in person.



## Family Picnic Party in the Courtyard

Homecoming 2022 will feature a Friday Family Night picnic in the FUUSM courtyard. With the help of some young people we are planning two fun activities that involve a treasure map and adults who are willing to have a little fun with the young folk. Perhaps you would like to volunteer to help with the evening's activities or you would like to sponsor the games. The game activities will cost about \$65 each. If you want to be a sponsor your name or business name will be included in the thank you poster that will be featured at the Homecoming 2022 event. Contact Roger Kalter at (740) 373-1833 for more information about volunteering or donating. *From Annie Warmke.*

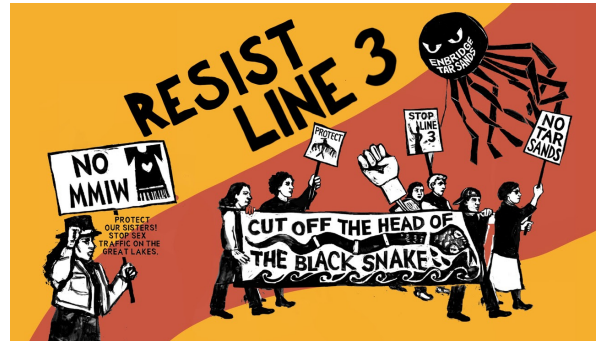
## Building and Grounds is On the Job

"The Audio-Visual Control Center project is actively underway. The main platform is under construction at Harrison Construction and will be installed in an area to the right of the entrance into the sanctuary within the next few weeks. The installation will result in a change in the sanctuary landscape, but the construction is designed to harmonize with the wainscoting and other historical characteristics in the sanctuary. At the same time, it may also

require moving a few items that currently reside in that space, like the antique organ, pew, etc. We are currently searching for more information about the organ, so if you know anything about it, please contact me or Jann Adams. Thanks for your help; we will keep you posted as the project moves forward."

## Off with the Head of the Black Snake

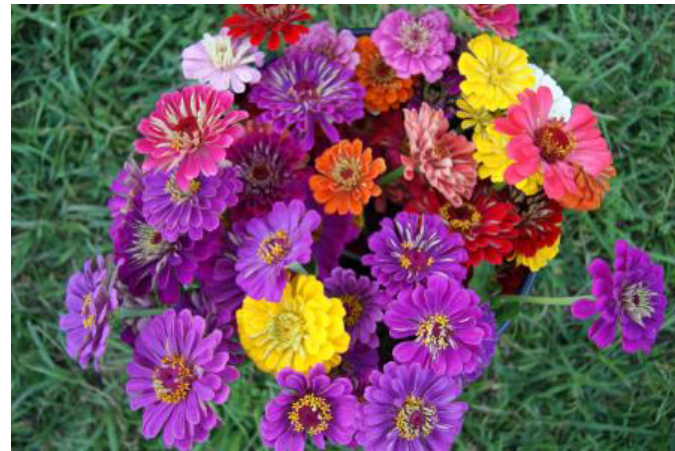
The HIP committee of Green Sanctuary is working to raise funds for the indigenous water protectors of line3 resistance, according to Jane Tumas-Serna. To illustrate the broad concern for UUs she shared an email that "hundreds of water protectors are still facing criminal charges for the action they took to resist construction of the Line 3 pipeline. After many months of procedural hearings and collective legal organizing, defendants are headed to trial in counties across the pipeline route to speak truth to power, fight unjust laws, and tell the story of the Line 3 movement. This is of concern for the UU Ministry for Earth and local UUs of Minnesota who are actively involved. We here at FUUSM are developing programs to show our support and to better understand indigenous ways of caring for the Earth. *From Jane Tumas-Serna*



## Plant Sale May 21

Mark your calendars! The 2022 FUUSM Plant Sale will take place on Saturday, May 21, from 10-2 in the courtyard and along Third Street. We don't know yet what all we will have, but Chris Hoke's fabulous zinnias are definitely making an appearance.

If you have plants to donate, please label them: our volunteers may not know what they are. And if you can let us know ahead of time what you will be bringing, that would be great for publicity. Email Rebecca Phillips (bennphil@hotmail.com) with your list, and she will create teaser ads for the sale's Facebook page. Plant and garden item donations should be dropped off in the church courtyard by 8:00 AM on Friday, May 20, for pricing.



Thanks, all, for your many years of support for this church fundraiser. *Submitted by Rebecca Phillips. Picture of Chris's Benary Giant zinnias.*

## Board Briefs

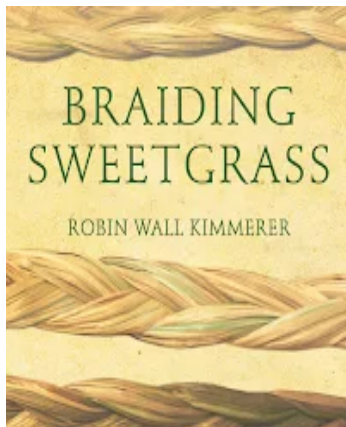
The Treasurer reported that pledges are above anticipated and that the service auction was a rousing success. Ted also reported from Buildings and Ground that the Sexton's pay will increase from \$12/hr, to \$15/hr. as per contractual agreement.

Nancy reported that the Sr. Minister's Evaluation is on track. Kat has completed her self-evaluation. The Team will complete their evaluation and then meet with Kat to share information and design any improvement plans needed. Kat reported that she and Ralph interviewed 3 candidates for the Office Assistant Job. Their recommendation was Geannie Martin. Ted moved to hire Geannie Martin, Anita 2nd the motion. Passed with a unanimous vote. The need for a Religious Education Leader was again discussed. Laura Cejka and Kat have been planning weekly activities and hope to offer a "Summer Sampler" in preparation for a Fall program. The Annual Meeting Agenda was discussed. The Board recommended Gary Hamilton for the Nominating Committee. He accepted. The Nominating Committee is searching for 3 new Board members. COVID regulations will now be made by the Board. Al Tuttle presented the CDC recommendations. Chris moved that "Effective immediately, the wearing of masks will be optional unless the rate of infection in Washington and Wood counties increases above 5%". Beth 2nd the motion. Passed with a unanimous vote. Service Recognition: This month: Chris Jacobs (auctioneer xtrordinair) . ANNUAL; Our Audio-Visual Wizzards: Al Tu'ttle, Ralph Olander, Mike Bailey  
*From Nancy Luthy*

## News from the "HIP" (Honoring Indigenous Peoples) Committee

We're a subcommittee of the Green Sanctuary Committee, and we hope you will join us --**and volunteer to work with us** - on the activities and events we have planned for the next few months. Our next planning meeting will be on thursday, May 12, at 7:00 pm on Zoom. Let Adeline know you'd like to join us, and she will send you the meeting link.

### You are invited to join in a book discussion



"In *Braiding Sweetgrass*, botanist Robin Wall Kimmerer tackles everything from sustainable agriculture to pond scum as a reflection of her Potawatomi heritage, which carries a stewardship 'which could not be taken by history: the knowing that we belonged to the land.' . . . It's a book absorbed with the unfolding of the world to observant eyes—that sense of discovery that draws us in." —NPR

**Discussion meetings will be held in person and on Zoom at 12:30 p.m. on May 8, June 12, and July 10 at FUUSM (specific location to be announced).**

To register and receive the syllabus, Zoom link, and more information, email Maggie at [meyer45750@gmail.com](mailto:meyer45750@gmail.com), with "Braiding Sweetgrass discussion" in the subject line.

Include your name, phone number, and email address.

### Save the Date! July 16, 2022 - A special event to honor native peoples

Our first fundraising event, **Honoring Indigenous Peoples: Three Sisters Dinner**, is on the calendar, to be held at FUUSM in the Social Hall. All proceeds will support the efforts of the Indigenous people who are actively seeking climate justice. They are the land and water protectors who are the most affected by climate change.

**Watch for more information coming soon!**

Contact: [cv162@yahoo.com](mailto:cv162@yahoo.com) with Three Sisters in the subject line.

## Have fun at the MOV Multi-Cultural Festival June 17 - 19, 2022

We're planning to help with FUUSM's exhibit and booth at the **MOV Multi-Cultural Festival in Parkersburg City Park, June 17 - 19**. We'd love to have more people to staff the booth during the festival's open hours! Please let Adeline (adesign4199@gmail.com) or Rev. Kat know if you are willing to take a shift or two.

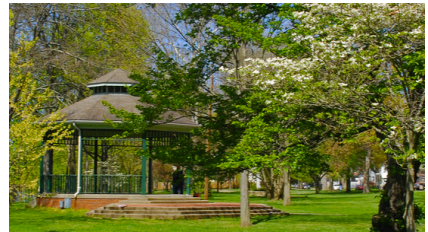
## Road Trip to Native American powwow at Hannibal Locks

Here's a great opportunity to learn more about the tribes in our region. We've been invited to visit this gathering, usually held on the weekend closest to July 4th. We're thinking carpool if we have enough people interested. Contact Jane Tumas-Serna (jtumas.serna@gmail.com) to find out more.

*Submitted by Adeline Bailey, for the former Condor and Eagle project team, now known as the HIP Committee*

## Women and Men and Koffee Klatch

FUUSM's Women's and Men's Groups have both been meeting in person, although this may change if the pandemic should take a turn for the worse. This month, the women will be meeting at Shari Ballantine's home at 6 p.m. on May 11. The women will be making presents to hand out for Father's day. All women are welcome. Please let [Shari](#) know by May 10 if you are planning to come. The men will meet at 6:30 at Jim Grecni's place in Devola, no RSVP required. The Koffee Klatch group meets informally at the Gazebo in Muskingum Park in Marietta each Monday at 4 p.m. Bring your own coffee. It has been mostly men, but women have occasionally joined and are most welcome. These social groups are a great way for new people to get acquainted.



## Confluence Calendar of Events

To add an item to the calendar, email the Office at:

[fuusm@suddenlinkmail.com](mailto:fuusm@suddenlinkmail.com)

This calendar is updated regularly

[Click here for the latest updated version.](#)

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### Sunday, May 1

- 9:30 am Today's Issues group meets in the parlor of the RE building and on Zoom. [Click Here for Information.](#)
- 11:00 a.m. Church Service in the Sanctuary and on Zoom: **Homecoming Sunday** Annie Warmke, Worship Leader. Art, Music and the Maypole

### Monday, May 2

- 4:00 p.m. Koffee Klatch at the Gazebo in Muskingum Park

### **Sunday, May 8**

- 11:00 a.m. Church Service in the Sanctuary and on Zoom: **Intentional Family Day** Megan Krivchenia & Suzyn Mills, Worship Leaders
- 11:00 a.m. Quaker Meeting in the parlor of the Religious Education building

### **Monday, May 9**

- 4:00 p.m. Koffee Klatch at the Gazebo in Muskingum Park
- 6:30 p.m. The Board of Trustees meets on Zoom, all are welcome.

### **Wednesday, May 11**

- 6:00 p.m. The Women's Group meets at Shari Ballantine's house. We will be making presents to hand out for Father's day. Everyone is welcomed. Please let [Shari](#) know by May 10 if you are planning to come.

### **Sunday, May 15**

- 9:30 am Today's Issues group meets in the parlor of the RE building and on Zoom. [Click Here for Information.](#)
- 11:00 a.m. Church Service in the Sanctuary and on Zoom: **Art and the A-may-zing Month of May** Rev. Kathryn Hawbaker FUUSM has a long tradition of celebrating the visual arts and artists of the congregation in the month of May. Visual arts help us to see in new ways and help us to think deeply. As our neighborhood is bursting into bloom, we know the planet is in peril and our global community is struggling with violence and deprivation. Art calls us to attention, and calls us home to our humanity.

### **Monday, May 16**

- 4:00 p.m. Koffee Klatch at the Gazebo in Muskingum Park

### **Wednesday, May 18**

- Men's Group at Jim Grecni's place in Devola, 6:30

### **Sunday, May 22**

- 9:30 am Today's Issues group meets in the parlor of the RE building and on Zoom. [Click Here for Information.](#)
- 11:00 a.m. Church Service in the Sanctuary and on Zoom: **Moving in Migration** Rev. Kathryn Hawbaker George Ella Lyons offers a poetic portrait of a parent in her work- *Where I am From*. A strong sense of place shapes our identity and our sense of belonging. Our FUUSM community continues to welcome new people and other travelers on a spiritual journey. What stories do we tell about ourselves? How are we enriched by the stories of others?
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### **Monday, May 23**

- 4:00 p.m. Koffee Klatch at the Gazebo in Muskingum Park

### **Thursday, May 26**

- 11:30 The Women's Democratic Society meets at 227 Putnam Street the last Thursday of every month. Bring your lunch at 11:30, meeting starts at 12

### **Sunday, May 29**

- 9:30 am Today's Issues group meets in the parlor of the RE building and on Zoom. [Click Here for Information.](#)
- 11:00 a.m. Church Service in the Sanctuary and on Zoom: **Memorial Day Sunday**  
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### **Monday, May 30**

- 4:00 p.m. Koffee Klatch at the Gazebo in Muskingum Park

### Sunday, June 5

- Homecoming: "LGBTQ: I Am Who I Am" – Wayne Waldeck & Lee Rector

### Sunday, June 19

- Father's Day Multicultural Festival – Interfaith Service, Booth (combine Condor & Eagle & FUUSM)