

# 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

November 2022

**Services are held each Sunday at 11:00 a.m. in person in the Sanctuary of the First Unitarian Universalist Society of Marietta, 232 Third St., Marietta, OH 45750. The services are also available on Facebook (search for FUUSM) and on Zoom.**

FUUSM office hours: 10 a.m.–2 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday. The office is in the Religious Education (RE) building, the white house next to the church on Third Street. Email Dawn at fuusm@suddenlinkmail.com or fuusm.office@gmail.com, or call (740) 373-1238.

## Calendar of Events

### Sunday, October 30

- 9:30 a.m. **Today's Issues** in the RE building parlor and on [Zoom](#).
- 9:30 a.m. **Choir Practice** in the sanctuary.
- 11:00 a.m. **Worship Service** in the sanctuary. **Day of the Dead**. A gathering Sunday. After the service, **tours of the church** are scheduled, and **special coffee will be served** in the courtyard (weather permitting).
- 12:30 p.m., **Samhain (Sautin) ceremony** (pagan new year), FUUSM courtyard.

### Wednesday, November 2

- noon to 1 p.m. **Meditation** via [Zoom](#).
- 5 to 7 p.m. **Worship and Music Committee** in the RE Building parlor or on Zoom.

### Thursday, November 3

- 10:30 a.m., **Tai chi** for beginners in the social hall (a service auction item).

### Saturday, November 5

- 3 p.m. **FaCT Distinguished Speaker Series** presents Tom Haines, author of *Walking to the Sun: A Journey through America's Energy Landscapes*. Zoom

Registration: [Walking to the Sun](#). To learn more about FaCT OH/WV, contact Ginnie McNeil at [cleangreen138@gmail.com](mailto:cleangreen138@gmail.com).

### **Sunday, November 6**

- 9:30 to 11 a.m., **Today's Issues** discussion in the RE Building parlor
- 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., **Choir practice**, sanctuary
- 11a.m. to 12:30 p.m., **Sunday Service** in the sanctuary. **Welcoming and Belonging**. How can I learn more about what Unitarian Universalists believe? Is First UU Society of Marietta a place where I can belong? What do I have to do to become a member of FUUSM? What if I just want to attend worship services or participate in FUUSM activities or events? How can I be more active in the congregation? The Welcoming/Membership Committee may not have the answers to all these questions, but they usually know who does. The committee will introduce themselves, talk about what they do, and explain how you can help them.



On this Membership Sunday, a **New Member Welcome** will be part of the service. If you are a FUUSM friend and would like to become a voting member of FUUSM, please contact Rev. Kat ([revkatgreen@gmail.com](mailto:revkatgreen@gmail.com)), Dawn at the FUUSM Office ([fuusm.office@gmail.com](mailto:fuusm.office@gmail.com)), or Membership Committee Chair Elaine Barr ([elainebarr@gmail.com](mailto:elainebarr@gmail.com)) before the November 6th service.

### **Wednesday, November 9**

- 12 to 1. **Meditation** via [Zoom](#).
- 6 p.m. **Women's Group** at Beth Lapore's house, 607 Washington St., Marietta. Hosted by Beth and Karen Binkley.

### **Thursday, November 10**

- 10: 30 a.m., **Tai chi** for beginners in the social hall.

### **Friday, November 11**

- 3 to 11 p.m., Social Hall reserved for Suzyn Mills.

### **Saturday, November 12**

- 6 to 9 p.m., **Circle Supper** hosted by Beth Lepore. Call or email to reserve, (740) 525-1423, [shimplepore@suddenlink.net](mailto:shimplepore@suddenlink.net).

### Sunday, November 13

- 9:30 to 11 a.m., **Today's Issues** discussion in the RE Building parlor.
- 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., **Choir practice**, sanctuary.
- 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., **Quaker Meeting** for Worship in the RE Building parlor.
- 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. **Sunday Service** in the sanctuary. Our special guest will be [Steve Free](#), an internationally acclaimed award winning singer, songwriter, and recording artist. Steve offers programs to educate children and adults through music and storytelling of the rich heritage of our area—the Appalachian and Native American cultures that have shaped it.



- 1 p.m., in the sanctuary, *A Celebration of Life* for **Tom Sharretts** - A Man of Marietta, age 71, who died Oct. 8, 2022, in a fatal car accident.

### Wednesday, November 16

- Noon to 1 p.m., **Meditation** on [Zoom](#).
- 6:30 to 9 p.m., **Men's Group** in the social hall hosted by Gary Hamilton.

### Thursday, November 17

- 10:30 a.m., **Tai chi** for beginners in the social hall.

### Friday, November 18

- 9:30 a.m., **Membership Committee** in the RE Building parlor.

### Saturday, November 19

- 10 a.m., **Tai chi** reunion in the social hall.

### Sunday, November 20

- 9:30 to 11 a.m., **Today's Issues** discussion in the RE Building parlor.
- 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., **Choir practice**, sanctuary.
- 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., **Sunday Service** in the Sanctuary. **All Ages Thanksgiving Service.** Let us explore a new mythology about the settlement of this country and the relationships among indigenous people and colonizers. Let us return to the origins and roots, and plant native foods to mitigate invasive

species. How shall we set a place for a [Guest at Our Table](#)? (U.U. Service Committee)

- 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., **Green Sanctuary Meeting** in the RE Building Parlor and on Zoom



### Wednesday, November 23

- 12 to 1. **Meditation** via [Zoom](#).

### Saturday, November 26

- 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., **Planting a Food Forest** at Blue Rock Station Sustainable Living Center and Farm, Philo, OH. Preregister with [annie@bluerockstation.com](mailto:annie@bluerockstation.com) or call for more info (740) 252-6295.

### Sunday, November 27

- 9:30 to 11 a.m., **Today's Issues** discussion in the RE Building parlor
- 9:30 to 10:30 p.m., **Choir practice**, sanctuary
- 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., **Quaker Meeting** for Worship in the Re Building parlor
- 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., **Sunday Service** in the sanctuary. **Welcome the Winter Holidays**. How do you count the days and in what ways do you celebrate? We always have a choice, and we can help others reflect on what means the most to them when we invite them into deeper sharing. Remember that play is fun! Make up your mind to take another step to simplify the season, try something new, welcome or help a stranger, and do something to make the world even more beautiful (with or without snow).
- After the abbreviated worship service, we will gather in the social hall for the **All Ages Holiday Greeting Card Project** workshop. Please join us for a more elaborate coffee hour than usual and then help us decorate the church, inside and out.

### Wednesday, November 30

- Noon to 1 p.m., Meditation via [Zoom](#).

### Thursday, December 1

- 10:30 a.m., Tai chi for beginners in the social hall

## Rev. Kat's Korner      Healthy Through the Holidays

Last month I was relieved to know I didn't test positive for COVID, but I didn't know that my immune system was so depleted it would take four weeks of medicine and vitamins, tea, and rest to get over a strep throat infection. For me, the final boost came from a two-day gathering of colleagues who listened and learned and laughed together, restoring my spirit.

We know different strains of influenza are going around, and worry about future outbreaks of all kinds. Will more people get vaccinated? Our health care system seems to be just skin and bones. Buildings get a facelift, but the budgets are bare bones and staff are stretched thin. What a blessing it is to find kindness in people who are going through so much, but have not given up on caring.

The gaps in economic status are growing wider. In some fields, those who can retire are getting out of the rat race, hoping to enjoy something of what they hoped and planned for. Many families are squeezed in terms of space and resources, struggling to be creative and flexible and focus on basic needs for children and grandchildren. Those who can help are called to do so, and we are finding new and innovative ways to live sustainably and save for the future. Service and sacrifice are part of daily living and can help us be resilient, and at the same time anxiety is wearing down our resistance. What can save us?

Shall we simplify our holidays, and focus on deepening our relationships and connections? Can we be mindful about buying gifts that make a difference in the economy and support our values? May you find rest in the simple joys of the changing season. May there be warmth in your home and heart. May you be well.

May the winter holidays remind us to nurture our spirits, show care and kindness, and help heal the world, one action at a time. This is what will save us all, now and in the future.

All blessings, your minister,  
Rev. Kathryn E. Hawbaker

## Circle Supper November 12

The November Circle Supper will be on November 12 at 6 p.m., at Beth Lepore's home in Marietta. Covid vaccinations are required, but masks are optional. Children are very welcome.

The Circle Suppers are small group potluck dinners and are purely social affairs. They are a great way for people in the congregation to get to know each other better in a quieter, more relaxed setting than our boisterous Sunday coffee hours. They are especially good for newcomers as a way of expanding their circle of familiar faces within the congregation.

You are cordially invited to celebrate fall with a fun evening of good food and enjoyable company. If you'd like to attend, please contact:

Beth Lepore (740) 525-1423, [shimplepore@suddenlink.net](mailto:shimplepore@suddenlink.net)  
Dawn Hewitt at the church office (740) 373-1238, [fuusm.office@gmail.com](mailto:fuusm.office@gmail.com) or  
[fuusm@suddenlinkmail.com](mailto:fuusm@suddenlinkmail.com)

Please let us know by Sunday, November 6, so Beth knows how many to plan for.  
Submitted by Darryl Ting for the Membership Committee: Adeline & Mike Bailey, Elaine Barr, Nina Redd, Cynthia & Darryl Ting

PS – A reminder: To avoid holiday fatigue, there will be no December Circle Supper. But I am still looking for a host for January!



FUUSM members and friends at the annual Pig Roast at Rev. Kat and Leroy's home on the Muskingum. *Photo from Ralph Olander, for more go to [Photo Gallery](#).*

## In Service of Season's Greetings

***After an abbreviated worship service on November 27, we will gather in the Social Hall for the All Ages Holiday Greeting Card Project workshop. Please join us for a more elaborate coffee hour than usual and then help us decorate the church, inside and out.***

And after two years of keeping it going during COVID, we're ready to return to the original plan as designed by John Maddox: a **"workshop" in the Social Hall** after the Sunday service where young and old(er) can work together and share the fun of writing messages of love and holiday cheer on cards that will be distributed to residents in area nursing care facilities.



**John has generously donated almost 900 cards** for us to fill with happy seasonal greetings! All we need to do is add the greetings and sign the cards. As in past years, we will post some suggested greetings that you may add to the cards, but your own words are most welcome. We're hoping to involve the young people with the project. We will have some holiday-themed coloring sheets for children to add with the cards, or they can create their own art work or messages. No stamps required! Serving as the organizing team, the membership committee will combine your cards with others and deliver them to local nursing homes during the first week of December.

If you'd like to participate, but you're not ready to gather in person, you can add some special greetings to extra holiday cards (with envelopes) from supplies that you have at home, and bring them to the FUUSM office by November 30th to be added to the deliveries.

This community service project has been very well received in past years. ***Let's make it a success in 2022!***

- FUUSM Membership Committee/Holiday Card Project Organizing Team

## Men's Group to Meet in the Social Hall

The November 16th Men's Group will be hosted by Bill McClain and Gary Hamilton at the FUUSM Social Hall. As customary, the gathering is planned for 6:30 PM. Further details will be provided through the Men's Group email list and announcements a week or so before the gathering.

- Gary Hamilton

## The story of the Uru-eu-wau-wau and the Settlers



FUUSM members joined Green Sanctuary and Mid-Ohio Valley Climate Action to view [The Territory](#). Not an easy film to watch! If you saw the film, please take a few minutes to respond to this survey sent by Picture Motion. Here is the link: <https://picturemotion.typeform.com/to/iK0RUM7o>

[*Editor's note:* If you didn't see the movie with us, you can [view the trailer on National Geographic.com](#). It says it is available only in theaters, but I doubt any theater in our area will show it. The trailer gives you a feel for it.]

Since our discussion period ended rather abruptly, I am sharing some resources from the discussion guide. For even more background information, see the full [Discussion Guide here](#).

### Additional Resources:

- [Cultural Survival Quarterly Magazine](#) | Cultural Survival
- [Eight Principles for Indigenous Media Presence](#) | Climate Outreach
- [Earth Defenders Toolkit](#) | Digital Democracy & Amazon Frontlines
- [Fight Against Native Invisibility and Erasure Resources](#) | Illuminative
- [Indigenous Climate Action Podcast](#) | Indigenous Climate Action
- [Indigenous Resistance Against Carbon](#) | Indigenous Environmental Network
- [Indigenous Women Fighting for Climate Justice](#) | MADRE & Indigenous Environmental Network
- [In Our Power Podcast](#) | NDN Collective
- [Mobilizing an Indigenous Green New Deal](#) | NDN Collective
- [Seedcast Podcast](#) | Nia Tero

- [Violence on the Land, Violence on the Body Report and Toolkit](#) | Women's Earth Alliance & Native Youth Sexual Health Network

—Adeline Bailey

## The Indigenous, The Settlers, and the Lungs of the Planet

I thought the film was remarkably balanced in portraying the lives of both the settlers and the indigenous people. The settlers are poor people trying to eke out a living from the land, much like the pioneers who settled our area. It's sad because it isn't possible for them to make any kind of decent living on small plots in this day and age. The indigenous people can't either unless they want to go back to being hunters and gatherers. There are "uncontacted" indigenous people who may live that way a while longer. The discussion guide is much less balanced than the film itself.

If there are true villains in this story they are the illegal loggers and the large corporate farmers and ranchers, although some of the latter are making a real effort to pursue sustainable agriculture. The filmmakers didn't really get access to these groups, although they certainly cover them in the discussion guide.

In our discussion, several FUUSM members expressed concern that the Amazon was the "Lungs of the Earth" and needed to be preserved to save the planet. This is a common misconception that Brazilians don't like. They don't think they should forgo development so the rest of us can breathe. In fact, the Amazon is not the lungs of the planet. If you are uncertain about this you might read [The Amazon Is Not Earth's Lungs](#) in the *Atlantic*, it is too much for me to go into here. The movie did not present this misconception, it just came up in discussion.

—Ted Goertzel

## A Move About Environmental Pollution Right Here in the MOV

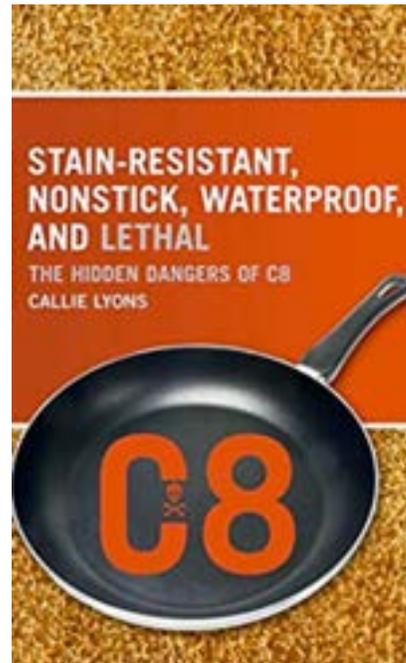


On October 9, several of us met in the Social Hall to hear from local environmentalist Callie Lyons and to watch the video, available on YouTube: [Burden of Convenience](#). We all think you all should see it, as it is a thorough, shocking report of dangerous, man-made toxicity RIGHT HERE in the MOV. You can also find the link to the video and other materials on the [Green Sanctuary Resources and Links](#) page on the FUUSM.org site.

- Mike Bailey



The woman holding the book is [Callie Lyon, journalist author and podcaster](#).



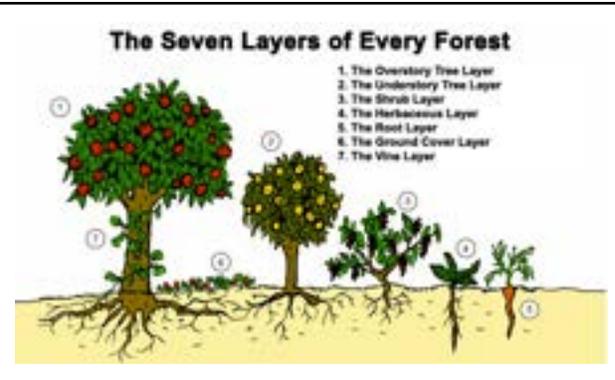
Callie Lyon's 2007 book is [available on Amazon](#) for \$102.56, apparently it's a collector's item. It can be borrowed for free at the [Washington County Public Library](#). The [movie is free on YouTube](#) and features a lot of local scenery and interviews.

## Plant a Food Forest on November 26

Have you ever planted a food forest? Join Annie Warmke in the fun on November 26th 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Blue Rock Station Sustainable Living Center and Farm, Philo, OH. You will select three plants and with a trowel or a pre-dug hole you will learn how to bury the plant roots. Children are most welcome. In a year there will be a chance to visit to keep track of how your part of the forest is growing. You can also sponsor a tree or shrub to support the food forest, or a gift card will be sent in your name to honor someone. Pre-register with [annie@bluerockstation.com](mailto:annie@bluerockstation.com) or for more info (740) 252-6295. *Sent by Annie Warmke.*

Put simply, a food forest is an area where you plant multiple levels of plants that are all edible. It's part of a concept called permaculture, which is basically a term for a growing system that is both sustainable and self-sufficient – like a forest.

[How to Start a Food Forest - The Ultimate Low-Maintenance Garden \(morningchores.com\)](http://www.morningchores.com)



## Buildings and Grounds Projects are Underway

B&G is currently working on three projects that were approved by the Board of Trustees and the Board of Trust Governors in September. The first project is to add up lighting to the front of the church building during limited hours of the evening to highlight our beautiful church to the community. We will be testing the light fixtures for effectiveness and brightness and also evaluating the landscaping in front of the church to see what combination of lighting and shrubbery works best. The second projector is to restore and repair plaster, window frames, and paint the walls in the bell tower room just off the loft. This room has been in need of attention for quite some time. The third project is to remove the defunct side wall speakers in the sanctuary. This work will consist of removing these heavy speakers and repairing and painting the wall behind each one. These projects will probably begin in late November or early December. Many thanks to the Board of Trustees and the Board of Trust Governors for their assistance in getting them up and running. We will try to keep you posted on our progress.

Buildings and Grounds is looking into the malfunctioning lights on the courtyard side of the church building. It appears that 2 of the light fixtures are not working and the problem is in the fixture not in the wiring or the electrical system. We hope to have the lights replaced or repaired very soon but in the meantime please be very careful on the stairs into and out of the courtyard around dusk and after dark. We will let you know when the problem has been resolved.

Thanks for your cooperation,

- Joe Baker

## FUUSM is an Honor Congregation

Every year the UUA asks member Congregations to support the Annual Program Fund. Our Congregation gave the full amount requested which means we are "an Honor Congregation, honoring the covenant among and between our congregations."



The Honor certificate is placed on the bulletin Board next to the Nursery. It was sent Sept. 27 and signed by Rev. Susan Frederick Gray, UUA President .

*Sent by Nancy Luthy.*

## Service Recognition Awards

### The Board voted Service Recognition Awards to Adeline Bailey and Ted Goertzel

**Adeline Bailey** and her husband, Mike, moved to Marietta in 2000 from Frederick, Maryland where the family had been part of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Frederick for more than 20 years. The Baileys found Unitarian Universalism when they sought a church where their children would be nurtured to grow into the people they were meant to be. As it turned out, with their children grown, Adeline and Mike had discovered that they themselves were meant to be UUs. When they moved to Marietta, where Adeline had grown up, they almost immediately began attending FUUSM services because they knew this UU congregation was where they belonged. FUUSM has certainly been lucky to have the Baileys as active members.



Adeline has been a choir member for many years. In past years she was a member of the committee on ministry, and editor of *The Confluence*. Currently, she serves on the Membership Committee and the Worship and Music Committee; she is a member of the Green Sanctuary Committee, focusing on protecting the environment. We had no idea how fortunate we would be when the Bailey family became such an important part of FUUSM!

For at least the past 2½ years, Adeline has focused on bringing important issues to light as a member of the Green Sanctuary Committee, even though she would be the first to inform others that she is simply part of a wonderful team of volunteers, working cooperatively. For example, last fall the Green Sanctuary hosted a community screening of the documentary film, *The Condor and the Eagle*, sponsored by the UU Ministry for Earth. A number of GSC members and friends felt called to “do something” in support of the Indigenous people they learned about in the film. The “HIP” (Honoring Indigenous People) subcommittee formed and began planning events and activities. To learn more about Indigenous people’s relationship with the environment, the group offered a discussion group on Robin Kimmerer’s book *Braiding Sweetgrass*. Next, taking inspiration from Kimmerer’s book, the HIP team planned and prepared the “Three Sisters Dinner,” offering the foods that Indigenous people were likely to have eaten. The dinner was a successful fundraiser for the Indigenous water and land protectors, and a donation was directed to them through UUMFE.

The group has continued to want to learn even more about the wisdom that Indigenous people can share with us about taking care of our environment. Thanks to all those who

have helped others to develop an interest in protecting the environment in which we live. *Sent by Karen Binkley and Nancy Luthy*

**Ted Goertzel** is a familiar face in our congregational orbit and has readily given us the benefit of his talents since he and his wife, Linda Lawton, joined FUUSM almost 12 years ago. Ted serves as FUUSM's treasurer and has been a past Board of Trustees member. As the editor/publisher of *The Confluence*, he quickly and consistently gives credit to the FUUSM members and friends who contribute to this "collectively written" monthly newsletter, and never seems to tire of urging us to submit new content. You won't see Ted in the sanctuary for our Sunday services every week because he stays true to his Quaker roots by worshipping with the Mid-Ohio Valley Friends (Quakers), who meet in our parlor at the same time on the second and fourth Sundays of the month.

*(The Quaker hat in the photo is a prop from a costume company. MOV Quakers dress the same as Unitarians, and several are also members of FUUSM.)*



Earlier on Sundays in the parlor, Ted facilitates the Today's Issues discussion group, often serving as our resident "news hound" to identify articles for discussion, and communicating the topics and articles to the group and the larger FUUSM community. (Join us any Sunday at 9:30 a.m.!).

Ted regularly attends Wednesday's meditation sessions at FUUSM, and can always be found at monthly FUUSM Men's gatherings. A retired professor, he continues to research and write in his spare time, and he recently finished writing a science fiction novel about life when computers will be smarter than people.

Ted, we salute you for your talents and thank you for all you contribute as a faithful FUUSM member!

—Tom Cunningham

## Board Notes

At the October 10 Board meeting, Roger Kalter, guest speaker, expressed concern about the Board's decision to maintain only one "sign-in" book. Roger presented safety issues he felt could be addressed by maintaining all four sign-in books. The Board values Roger's commitment to safety; however, the Board was not convinced that additional sign-in books would provide the desired protection.

Owen Cejka was approved as a child care attendant. The position "nursery attendant" was changed to "child care attendant," since the attendants share duties for different ages.

Annie Warmke agreed to serve as project manager for the Chalice Lighter grant.

Plans for a memorial service for Tom Sharretts were discussed.

The Committee on Ministries is updating Kat's "Letter of Call" and the Board is updating the bylaws.

Service Recognition awards went to Ted Goertzel and Adeline Bailey.

A special Congregational Meeting was held on September 18 to rectify an oversight by the Board. Board members Karen Binkley and Nancy Luthy were completing their first 3-year term and had agreed to serve a second 3-year term. The bylaws state that they should have been nominated and voted on at the April Congregational Meeting. The motion to elect Nancy and Karen to second terms passed.

Board goals were presented by Acting President Tom Cunningham: updating the bylaws, and updating the policies and procedures, committee work, employee, and service providers documents.

Tom announced the Board Officers for 2022-2023:

President - Karen Binkley  
Vice President - Tom Cunningham  
Secretary - Nancy Luthy

George Banziger presented information about our Chalice Lighters grant. These funds will help us in our efforts to increase our membership. It is a 3-year project that includes hiring a consultant to help create an improved website, increase our social media exposure, and design new programs.

—*Nancy Luthy*