



# First Unitarian Church of Cincinnati

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## Calendar Highlights Fall 2010

### Especially for Visitors

**Are You Ready to Become a Member?** The next opportunity to sign our membership book will be at 10:15 a.m. on Sunday, September 19 (between the two services). You need to have attended a "Meet the Minister" session or taken part in a "New U" Orientation first. Contact Sondra Ouzts (513.271.0393, [ouztsey@comcast.net](mailto:ouztsey@comcast.net)) no later than Wed., September 15 to make arrangements. Future signings will take place on the first Sunday of the month.  
New U Orientation

**New U Orientation** — All newcomers are invited to attend our next New U orientation on Saturday, October 16, from 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. The orientation will give visitors a chance to meet one another and learn about First Church. Rev. Foerster will discuss Unitarian Universalist history, beliefs, and principles. She will also lead participants in sharing their own spiritual journeys. There will be plenty of time for questions and answers, and even a personalized tour of our entire church facility. The orientation will conclude with a delicious lunch. Childcare will be provided and children will join us for lunch at the end. Please make reservations no later than Wednesday, October 13, by contacting Anna Moore at [amoore007@cinci.rr.com](mailto:amoore007@cinci.rr.com) or 513.793.0500.

**Meet the Minister**— Rev. Annie Foerster will hold her next "Meet the Minister" session after the service on Sunday, October 3, from 12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. This is a great opportunity for visitors to learn about Unitarian Universalism and First Church. Annie will give a brief introduction to our faith and answer any questions you may have. If you need childcare, make reservations with Lori Payne no later than Wednesday, Sept. 29, at [alpayne@fuse.net](mailto:alpayne@fuse.net) or 513.481.1330.

### Upcoming Events – All Are Welcome

**HUUMANISTS Presentation** — John Heideman and Jim Powell will be making a special presentation to our local group of HUUMANISTS September 12 upstairs in the Senior High Room after the second service at 12:15 p.m. This will be a multi-media presentation asking, "Was Ayn Rand a humanist?" Multiple sources will be quoted and you will be invited to offer your opinion. Come and enjoy this opportunity to talk about a personality whose name and ideas keep resurging as focal points in our national dialogues about religion, politics, economics, philosophy, and literature. —*John Heideman*

**Spirit in Practice Series**— Beginning September 17, the Adult REE (Adult Religious Education and Enrichment) Committee, will offer eight monthly workshops that will help you explore the expression of your spirituality and learn ways to make your spirit grow. Details about the workshop series can be found on the church website under "Upcoming Events and Updates" and at the sign-up table in the church vestibule. Sign up for any or all sessions at that table or contact registrar Rebecca Algenio, Jr. at 513-561-0124 or [algenio@hotmail.com](mailto:algenio@hotmail.com) (please note "Adult REE Class" in subject line.) Child care is available by request and sessions will be preceded by Community Builder dinners.

**Let's Play!**— We want you at Games! Wednesday on September 15, at 1:30 in the Ellen Hall Room. Spend the afternoon SITTING with friends, and playing board games, chess, cards, dominoes, or whatever you decide to bring. Also, feel free to create a light snack to share with these friends. Looking forward to another jovial time together! —*Noelle Masukawa*, [noellem@zoomtown.com](mailto:noellem@zoomtown.com)

## 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.

**Adult RE/Odyssey Linton Writers meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 Google Groups, search for "Cincinnati Unitarian", and choose "First Church YAGUU"