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ESUUC Sunday Services

Sunday, February 6, 10:30am- *“Loveable Heretics, Part II”* - Not all heretics were theologians or preachers. Some were artists, writers or scientists who in ways that just happened to conflict with established church teaching. Join **Dr. Waun** as we will have a look at scientists who defied the church with their teachings, and what happened to them as a result. This program does not assume that you attended Part I. This is also the Sunday we will be unveiling and dedicating our new tapestry, with an artist’s reception for **Adrienne Heinrich** following the service.

Sunday, February 13, 10:30am- *“Francis of Assisi: Poverty, Peace, Prayer & Patron of Animals”* - Francis of Assisi (1182-1226) is celebrated within the Catholic tradition as the patron saint of animals, as a nature-lover, and as an advocate of peace. The founder of the Franciscan order, Saint Francis also practiced radical poverty and left us a legacy of prayer. Francis lived during the time of the Crusades, and came to distrust violence and war. In the year 1219 he sought a non-violent way to solve the conflict between Christians and Muslims. A Catholic by birth, **Dr. Maureen McHugh** will review the stories of Saint Francis for meaningful messages about our relationship to the world, our relations with other beings including animals, and our part in the peace process.

Sunday, February 20, 10:30am- *“Living Our Diversity”* - **At** a recent Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Service, **Joan M. Sabatino** gave the Benediction based on a 1956 pastoral prayer of King’s in which he asks us to “seek the unity in our diversity.” These are words often spoken and written in UU churches and communities. This morning’s sermon will reflect on the hard realities and ultimate benefits of living our diversity.

Sunday, February 27, 10:30am- *“Concerning the Spiritual in Art”* - **Adrienne Heinrich**, the noted Pittsburgh artist who created our wonderful tapestry, will speak about the spiritual motivation for her artwork, past and present, illustrated with slides. Named Pittsburgh’s Artist of the Year in 2001, her work is in the permanent collections of Carnegie Museum, Southern Alleghenies Museum, and the Contemporary Museum, Montecatini, Italy. We are honored to have her latest work become the focal point for our Sanctuary.

Sunday, March 6, 10:30am- *“I Want to do What They Are Doing”* - When you hear someone say that, you know there must be something really exciting going on, and that person wants to be part of it. This image came up at our Church Retreat last month. Can we be the kind of place that people out there can look at and say, “I want to do what they are doing”? Let us take some time to celebrate who we are and the difference

we are making in people's lives inside and outside the church. **Dr. Waun** will help us dream as we prepare to kick off our annual canvas campaign.

Sunday, March 13, 10:30am- Rev. Kyoki Roberts, head priest from the Zen Center of Pittsburgh, will be featured at this service. Details to follow in the March newsletter.



Pastor's Column: Beyond Tolerance

by Rev. Renee Waun

With themes of February that include love (Valentine's Day), Black History and President's Day, we are reminded again of the importance of celebrating diversity, as we include various personalities, ethnicities and political views within our relationships. I want to make a distinction between tolerating and celebrating diversity. Although "tolerance" is a worthy goal for people who are walking down a pathway of fear that leads to discomfort, judgment and eventually hate, we as Unitarian Universalists are called to stretch a bit further, along the pathway of love—which takes us past tolerance to acceptance, affirmation and eventually celebration of difference. A lesbian friend once said to me as I was about to buy a "Teach Tolerance" button at the Pride Fair, "Renee, I don't want you to just tolerate me." Wow. That helped me to nuance the difference between tolerance and celebration, and to see that—as worthy as tolerance is—I can do better. I can move up the continuum of love to truly "Celebrate Difference", as the T-shirt I finally bought says. I hope that when opportunities come this month to enlarge the circle of love, we can be inspired by our own UU Principles and practice "celebrating".



mUUsings from the President:

by Maureen McHugh

Celebrating Community and Bridget

We are all hoping to go home to some place we have never been—a place half-remembered and half envisioned—we could only catch glimpses of from time to time—community. Somewhere there are people to whom we can speak with passion without having the words catch in our throat. Somewhere a circle of hands will open to receive us, eyes will light up as we enter, voices will celebrate with us whenever we come into our own power. Community means strength that joins our strength to do the work that needs to be done. Arms to hold us when we falter, a circle of healing, a circle of friends. Someplace we can be free.
--*Starhawk*

In January members of the congregation met for an all day workshop on creating community through ESUUC. Through a series of facilitated discussions we celebrated communities in which we live and work, and we envisioned, as in the Starhawk quote above, idealized communities to which we would like to belong. Through these exercises we reflected on how to build community here at ESUUC. Some of our ideas included sharing, caring, consensus, acceptance, balance, diversity, creative tension, purpose, and harmony. We would like to have a community with a purpose, one that embraces us and makes us feel good about what we are doing, and a community, even to outsiders, is inviting and joyous. We brainstormed

a number of projects and actions that could contribute to community, both internally and in relation to a broader community. These possibilities are listed on newsprint posted at the church. The dots represent individuals' pledges to support, engage in or lead these activities. If you haven't already, please consider your role in creating community here at ESUUC.

In February a group of us will begin what we hope will become a series of pagan Sabbath rituals. In some ways these rituals are an extension of what we have been doing at ESUUC and in UU congregations internationally. The seventh principle of UUs acknowledges the value of earth-based religious traditions and the interdependent web of life. Through the past ten years we have had Sunday programs and other meditations that are based on ancient, earth-based traditions. We have, in our congregation, a group of individuals who are interested in further explorations and celebrations. Since these traditions are based on the seasons and the turning of the Wheel of the Year, it is important to hold them on particular days. For example, a celebration of the summer solstice needs to be held at summer solstice not a week before or 10 days after, just as a salute to the full moon requires a full moon. So we will begin a new tradition based on ancient ones. We intend to celebrate Imbolc or Feast of Bridget on February 2. You are welcome to join us.

Bridget or Imbolc is a traditional celebration of the visibly longer days of the year, and the stirring of the seeds deep within the womb of the earth. Imbolc comes from ancient Ireland and means ewe's milk because at this time of year baby lambs were born and their mothers' milk flowed. Bridget refers to the Celtic goddess of water, wells, fire and flame, of healing and of creative energy. Ceremonies often involve drumming as a method for stirring the seeds and awakening our own energy after the inactivity of winter. Bridget marks a time of beginnings; at this time we look forward to the plans and projects for the spring. To return to the beginning of this column, in our celebration we will plant the seeds and create the fire to move forward with our plans and projects to strengthen our community.

Mailbox

We received a greeting card with a photo of the Mallick's new home, from **Sue Mallick**:

"Here's a picture of our new home—really a lovely rural spot on 45 acres. It certainly is a change of life style, learning about generations and tractors. I've joined the Meadville Church, but don't expect to have the same type of sweet relationships that I've had at ESUUC. But I'm glad to get the newsletter...Love to all. Our door is always open! Sue"

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UU Online Course "A Chosen Faith"

Author/pastors John Buehrens (former President of the UUA) and Forrest Church wrote a little book called *A Chosen Faith* that is included in every New Member packet here at ESUUC. Now there is an online course using that book adapted from a study guide of the book by Joan Goodwin. Structured around the sources section of our principles and purposes statement, the course guides participants through looking at who we are and what we believe as individuals and as an association. You can access the course at <http://222.uurgl.com/learn>. The book itself is available through the UUA bookstore that can be found at <http://www.uua.org/bookstore> or phone 1-800-215-9076.

Clay Goddess Workshop Offered

In preparation for the Festival of Bridget, there will be a clay workshop held on **Saturday, January 29, 2005 from 1:00- 4:00pm** at ESUUC. We will be using FIMO clay to produce small women/goddess figures. Participants are permitted to construct other items or images to suit their own interests. Maureen McHugh and guest, Linda Fleming, will facilitate the workshop. For the workshop fee of \$10.00, clay, molds, tools, instructions, examples and a kiln/oven are provided. Workshop participation will be limited to 12. To register, contact Maureen McHugh at 724-733-3620 or mcmchugh@IUP.edu.

Festival of Bridget

Celebrate the Festival of Bridget on **Wednesday, February 2 at 7:30pm** at ESUUC. See the President's column for more details.

Family Drumming

Family Community Drumming Circle on **Saturday, February 5 at 3:30pm** - come one, come all to play, chant (and maybe even dance!) together. Don't let the lack of a "proper" drum stop you. Playing together on made or found instruments is a gratifying part of the ancient human musical tradition. If you need some ideas, check out www.rhythmweb.com and follow the link to on the left to Homemade Percussion. No experience is required and everyone is welcome - and encouraged!!! Contact Jen Osborne at 412-608-2725 or jenifer.trout@adelphia.net

Tapestry Unveiling & Artist's Reception

Join us on **Sunday, February 6**, for the unveiling and dedication of the chancel tapestry designed and created by well-known tapestry artist **Adrienne Heinrich**. Adrienne will be with us to share in our joy and to greet folks at an artist's reception following the service that day.

The tapestry project (which was privately funded) originated through the Aesthetics Committee as an artistic solution to the prominent glass block cross in the chancel wall. The arms of the cross will be masked, leaving the center strip of light to filter through translucent fabrics forming part of the design.

The tapestry is in two large panels, each being hung from rods extending across the back wall. To coordinate with the tapestry, the current tie-dye looking fabric frames in the side windows will be replaced with sheer panels. The sanctuary doors will also be painted according to a master design plan developed by architect Norm Harai last year.

Interfaith Peace Event at Carlow Interfaith Center

You are invited to celebrate with interfaith friends on **Sunday, February 6 at 3:00pm** as they gather for an afternoon of interfaith peace. The organizers say that they are aware that world peace will not become a reality until we have religious peace. They have established an Interfaith Library and Sanctuary within the beautiful St. Agnes Church at 3333 Fifth Ave. between Craft Ave. and Robinson St., which is Carlow University's core worship site. There, celebrations occur which respect all the faith traditions of the world.

The Vienquang Buddhist Pagoda, the Blessed Gospel Choir and Renaissance Drums will lead in a joyful celebration. The vision and hope for the future of the Interfaith Center will also be presented. The program will by 4:30pm with refreshments.

Winter Institute

The 5th Annual Winter Institute, which is a District-wide intergenerational event, will be held on the **weekend of February 18-21** at the Salt Fork State Conference Center in Cambridge, Ohio. It is a time of relaxation, with frosty activities for outdoor types, and a crackling fireplace for indoor folk. You can stay 1, 2 or 3 nights. Rooms are about \$100 per night and the Conference Fees (covers some meals) are \$90 (adult) and \$40 (ages 12 and under). For registration information, call Cheryl Napsha at 412-400-9162.

RE-Sponsored Movie Night

We will be having a Family Movie Night on **Friday, Feb. 25**. Doors will open at **7:30pm** and the movie will start at 8:00. Please feel free to bring snacks and beverages. Kids are welcome to bring sleeping bags and pillows for comfort.

This month's movie will be "Second Hand Lions." This movie is rated PG and has a run time of 107 minutes. Everyone is invited to attend. Please join us!

Editorial Reviews

Amazon.com

If you can get past its thick layer of syrup and molasses, *Secondhand Lions* reveals itself as a thoroughly decent family film that anyone can enjoy. It gets a little sappy sometimes, but there's something to be said for a movie in which Michael Caine and Robert Duvall play eccentric old brothers who take the easy approach to fishing: instead of a peaceful rod and reel, they use 12-gauge shotguns. When 14-year-old Walter (Haley Joel Osment, teetering on puberty) spends an eventful summer with his great-uncles on their vast Texas farmland (he's been dumped there by his delinquent mom, played by Kyra Sedgwick), he soon discovers they've lived lives full of adventure, excitement, passion, and mystery. Either that or they're old-time bank robbers with a long criminal record, and writer-director Tim McCanlies (who invested similar warmth into *The Iron Giant*) does a nice job of concealing the truth until the very end. Full of enriching lessons and homespun humor, *Secondhand Lions* has more substance than most family films. If you enjoyed *Holes*, you'll probably enjoy this movie, too. --Jeff Shannon --This text refers to the [Theatrical Release edition](#).

Description

This comedic and touching family film follows the adventures of a shy young boy (Haley Joel Osment) who is sent to spend the summer with his eccentric uncles (Michael Caine, Robert Duvall). At first shocked by his uncles' unconventional behavior that includes ordering African lions through the mail, the boy soon becomes enthralled with unraveling the mystery that has followed the uncles for years. Hearing tales of their exotic adventures involving kidnapped princesses, Arabian sheiks and lost treasure, not only brings him closer to his uncles but also teaches him what it means to believe in something... whether it's true or not.

PIIN Banquet and Program Book Opportunities

The Pittsburgh Interfaith Impact Network is having its second Annual Banquet on **Saturday evening, February 26, 2005** at the Omni William Penn Hotel in Pittsburgh, with keynote speaker Mr. C.T. Vivian, colleague and co-worker with Martin Luther King, Jr. in the sixties. He will address the issues of equity and justice that resonate with the mission of PIIN. Tickets cost \$45 each. We hope that several people from our congregation will attend this exciting event!

An important aspect of the banquet is the program book that includes opportunities for people to purchase advertisements and tributes on behalf of a person, family, business or organization.

Last year our church raised nearly \$1200 worth of ads and tributes for the book, and we are asking you to consider making a contribution to this important work this year. For as little as \$5 you can get your name

and tribute on the “Supporters” page of the book. Several of our members and friends donated much more than that.

Nancy Fitzgerald and Renee Waun will have a signup sheet available at church for donations to the “Supporters” page. The book is 8 ½ by 11, and space for advertisements is sold by full page (\$500), half page (\$300), quarter page (\$175) and eighth page (\$100) for camera ready art, or text to be type set. Let’s help to support this worthy cause!

Important Council of Committees Meeting

There will be an important Council of Committees meeting on **Sunday, February 27 at 12:00 noon** after services to kick off our annual budget process. All committee chairs (or their representatives) are strongly encouraged to attend. We will be outlining the budget process and providing helpful guidelines for everyone who is expecting to spend church funds. Worthy projects that do not participate in this process will be at a disadvantage when funds are requested.

We will also discuss some draft documentation on internal church procedures and committee organization.

Refreshments

(Also posted on the bulletin board in the kitchen)

Each Sunday immediately following service we gather in the community room for coffee, juice, a tasty treat and spirited conversation. It is an opportunity to catch up with old friends and meet some new friends at church. Each member of ESUUC is asked to take a turn throughout the year. When we all take a turn it is only once or twice that each of us is asked to help out in the year. Don’t worry if you are not a cook—store bought treats work quite well. There is a “guide to setting up refreshments” posted in the kitchen. If this is your first time, please review it a couple of weeks before you take your turn to get an idea of the flow. Also, a copy is included at the end of this month’s newsletter. Feel free to tear it off and save it for reference. If you have any questions or are daunted by the thought of serving refreshments, please call Kate Codd-Palmer at 724-325-3903. Don’t think she will let you off the hook from having to do it, however, we all seem to like to eat. If the week you are assigned doesn’t work with your schedule, please try to switch with someone else for that month.

We are trying something a little different in an attempt to clear away some of the congestion in and out of the kitchen entrance. The refreshment table has been moved to the far end of the community room. Please try to prepare the table before service starts. There is a cart in the kitchen under the sink that you can use to place food items on to be brought in after service ends.

Feb 6	Jerry and Maureen Lilly
Feb 13	Jane Longdon
Feb 20	Maria and Tom Luczkow
Feb 27	Maureen McHugh

Mar 6	Laurie Montgomery
Mar 13	Ken and Andrea Noble
Mar 20	Gayle Pamerleau
Mar 27	Chris Priano

RE Class Schedule

Nursery:	<u>Day</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
	Feb 6	Mary Warwick
	13	Merritt Bailey
	20	Maria Luczkow
	27	Cathy Serventi

Early School Age:	Day	Class Description	Teacher
	Feb 6	Kids will attend first part of service. Love Means Saying and Doing (33)	Gayle Pamerleau
	13	We Need Our Families (19)	Mary Kukura-Straw
	20	We All Belong to the Family of Earth (20)	Kate Zingarelli
	27	Everyone is Afraid of Something (15)	Mary Kukura-Straw

Elementary:	Day	Class Description	Teacher
	Feb 6	Kids will attend first part of service. Who Belongs Here (RC10)	Dan Begg
	13	Valuing Both the Group and the Individual (IOH 1)	Lew Ruffing
	20	From Being Affirmed to Self-Affirmation (IOH 2)	Marianne Jew
	27	Listening, Talking, Sharing (IOH3)	Kathy Ruffing

Middle School:	Day	Class Description	Teacher
	Feb 6	Kids will attend first part of service. Defining Justice (IOH2)	Ken Noble
	13	Work on Intergenerational Service	Kathy Begg
	20	A Framework for Peace and Justice (IOH3)	Karen Katilius
	27	Affirmation of Self (IOH4)	Leona Dunnett

OWL (Our Whole Lives) Programs

OWL Program for 5th and 6th Graders

We are planning to have OWL training for 5th and 6th graders beginning in late February or early March.

Susan Goodis and Matt Mathis, our OWL trainers, will be hosting a meeting for parents who are or may be interested in having their children participate. The meeting will be held at the church on **Saturday, February 19 at 9:30 am**. This is an important meeting for parents. Susan and Matt will tell us about the program and will answer any questions you may have. This is also the meeting where we will decide when the OWL sessions will be held.

If you have any interest in having your children participate in this wonderful program our church sponsors, please plan to attend.

Youth Group

Youth Group meetings (all are **Sunday evenings, from 6-8pm**): **February 13, 27**

Any questions, please contact Leona Dunnett, Youth Advisor

Congregational Committees

Committee – Chair (email)

Aesthetics – Jane Longdon	Music – Jean Robl
Building and Facilities – Lew Ruffing	Religious Education – Ken Noble
Caring & Concerns – Maria Luczkow (caring@esuuc.org)	Signs and Symbols – Leona Dunnett
Committee on Ministry – open	Social Enrichment – open
Community – Kate Codd-Palmer	Drumming – Karen Katilius
Finance – Cathy Serventi	(drumming@esuuc.org)
Landscaping – Laurie Montgomery	Sunday Programs/Celebrations – Brian Ogle
Membership – open	Welcoming Congregation – Matt Mathis

Calendar

(Sunday Services and Forums are listed on the first page)

Wed. Feb 2	Festival of Bridget – 7:30 pm at the church
Thurs. Feb 3	Board Meeting – 7:30 pm at the church
Sat. Feb 5	Family Drumming – 3:30 pm at the church
Sun. Feb 6	Choir Practice – 9:30 am at the church: #326, "Let All the Beauty We Have Known"
Sun. Feb 6	Program Committee Meeting – 12 noon at the church
Sun. Feb 13	Youth Group – 6-8 pm at the church
Sat. Feb 19	OWL parents meeting – 9:30 am at the church
Sun. Feb 20	Aesthetics Committee Meeting – following coffee/social hour
Fri. Feb 25	Movie Night – 7:30 pm at the church
Sun. Feb 27	Council of Committees – 12 noon at the church
Sun. Feb 27	Youth Group – 6-8 pm at the church
Thurs. Mar 3	Board Meeting – 7:30 pm at the church
Sun. Mar 6	Choir Practice – 9:30 am at the church
Sun. Mar 6	Program Committee Meeting – 12 noon at the church

Newsletter Deadlines

March newsletter deadline: **February 20**. Please email your articles to newsletter@esuuc.org or call Marianne at (724) 325-1548 and leave a message with your news, stories, and other information.

Get the Weekly Email News

If you would like to receive a weekly email that includes items not in the newsletter and reminders of upcoming events for the week, please send an email from the address you would like subscribed to esuuc_news@esuuc.org. You can also send a message to that address if you would like it included in the weekly email announcement to the congregation. If the message can't wait for the weekly announcement, please contact Cathy at treasurer@esuuc.org or 724-387-1155. No attachments please.