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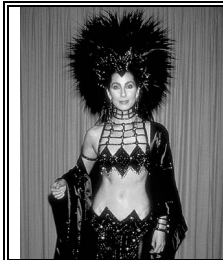
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9:00am **Gathering**

9:30am **Opening Worship**, area clergy

10:00am **Keynote Address** given by **The Rev. Paul Rasor**, UU minister, director of the Center for the Study of Religious Freedom at Virginia Wesleyan College and author of *Faith Without Certainty*.

**NOON Lunch**

Afternoon **Panels and Workshops** featuring:

- **Ms. Scilla Wahrhaftig**, an activist, community organizer and head of the American Friends Service Committee's state office
- **Mr. Art Gish**, civil rights advocate for 40 years, leader of Christian Peacemaker Teams in Hebron, whose most recent book is *Hebron Journal: Stories of Nonviolent Peacemaking*.

3:45pm **Closing Worship**

What would it mean for UUs to be identified as a “**Peace Church**”? How would that change the way we speak and act and relate? Is this desirable and achievable? The issue may eventually become a resolution coming before the General Assembly. What feedback can we put forth from participating in this crucial study?



**Saturday events:** Adults \$15, Children and Youth \$8, includes lunch.

[PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR THE SATURDAY EVENTS.](#)

Pre-REGISTER ONLINE for Saturday events at:  
[www.alleghenyuu.org](http://www.alleghenyuu.org) Contact # for Allegheny Church: 412/322-4261  
 Deadline to register: Oct. 29.

## *Uganda Trip: How You Can Help*

Dr. Waun is taking several volunteers to Uganda January 28-February 13, 2008. They will be dedicating the new Trinity Campus on the 5 acres of land recently purchased with the contributions large and small from supporters in this church and elsewhere.

**At this time Dr. Waun is collecting donations to help with the expenses of the trip**, such as lodging, daily transport to the work site, school supplies, additional computer accessories for improved communication, etc.

If you would like to offer a gift to help with this project, you may write a check to ESUUC with the memo “Uganda Trip” and place it in the offering plate. Every contribution will help this trip to be a big success. THANK YOU!

## *Congregational Committees*

### **Committee – Chair (email)**

Aesthetics – Jean Robl and Maureen Lilly  
 Building and Facilities – open  
 Caring & Concerns – open  
 Committee on Ministry – open  
 Community – Kate Codd-Palmer  
 Drumming – Frank Nemeth ([drumming@esuuc.org](mailto:drumming@esuuc.org))  
 Finance – Chris Priano  
 Landscaping – Laurie Montgomery

Membership – Marylyn Devlin  
 Music – Alan Halperin  
 Pastoral Care – Maria Luczkow  
 Religious Education – Kate Zingarelli  
 Signs and Symbols – Leona Dunnett  
 Social Enrichment – open  
 Sunday Programs/Celebrations – Mary Kukura-Straw  
 Welcoming Congregation – Matt Mathis

## *Newsletter Deadlines*

November 2006 newsletter deadline: **Sunday, October 21<sup>th</sup>.**

Please email your articles to [newsletter@esuuc.org](mailto:newsletter@esuuc.org) or call Mary Warwick (724) 327-3092 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.

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### **Thursday, October 4**

7:00pm ACIM reading group

### **Sunday, October 7**

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10:30am- Sunday Service

5:30pm Youth Group

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7:30pm Board Meeting

### **Thursday, October 11**

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8:00pm Movie Night

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7:00 pm ACIM reading group

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9:00am Non-ESUUC Event (Mixed Media Art)

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7:00pm ACIM reading group

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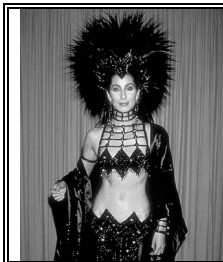
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## *ESUUC Sunday Services*

**Sunday, October 7, 10:30 am** – “*Extraordinary Knowing*”- How do we know what we know? There is a Gestalt that has been identified that might encourage us to stretch our comfort zone a bit, as we explore the limits of our perception. **Dr. Waun** will help us to understand this concept and then invite us to use it in our everyday lives to expand our conscious awareness.

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**Sunday, October 28, 10:30 am** – “*Iran*”-- We will have a special guest speaker this week. Leona Dunnett will facilitate.

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## *Pastor's Column: What would happen if...*

*by Rev. Renee Waun*

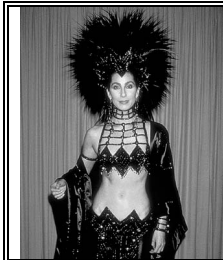
What would happen if our country re-instituted the draft, your family member's number got called up and, because he (or she?) is a Unitarian Universalist, can claim exemption as an authenticated conscientious objector? No questions or problems from the draft board!

Does that sound completely outlandish? Well, this is part of the subject of the Area UU Peace Palooza coming on November 2 and 3. It is our chance as UUs, to contemplate the current Study Action issue mandated by the UUA. We are to STUDY whether the UUA should become the fourth religious community to be identified with peace (along with the Quakers, Brethren and Mennonites), and then how to take ACTION on this proposal.

I, along with the four other UU pastors in the greater Pittsburgh area have been planning this event for months, and we think we have something you will want to participate in. Please have a look at the article on the UU Peace Palooza to see what we came up with. I earnestly encourage you to attend. We are hoping for a combined area UU attendance of **200 people for the Saturday events**, so your attendance will be valued and appreciated!

The Peace Palooza will be enlightening and engaging. Mark your calendar now, and see the related article in this newsletter for details and registration. ESUUC is providing the evening reception after the Peace Concert that Friday evening, I will help lead worship.

What would happen if you came, you saw, and you learned what being a Peace denomination would mean to you, to me, to our whole religious community? Please come! (Online pre-registration is required at [www.alleghenyuu.org](http://www.alleghenyuu.org))



## *Musings from the Editor: The Beat Goes On*

*by Mary Warwick*

Well, it's only taken me one month to hijack Matt's column and make it my own. Since it's almost Halloween, I thought I'd include a picture of Cher instead of me. Don't worry though, Matt will be back next month if full presidential form.

As your new newsletter editor, I just wanted to say hi and apologize for not getting the newsletter out in a timelier manner. I feel like Klinger when he took over Radar's position at the 4077<sup>th</sup> – a bit overwhelmed and incapable. I'm sure in a few months things will be running more smoothly. Or perhaps I'll just show

up on Marianne's doorstep crying hysterically and begging her to be editor again. Either way, the newsletter will go out.

This is really your newsletter, so if you have any comments or suggestions just e-mail me at [newsletter@esuuc.org](mailto:newsletter@esuuc.org) or give me a ring at (724) 327-3092. All constructive suggestions are welcome. I thank you for your patience!

## *Religious Education*

### **RE Class Calendar for October:**

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October 7 -- Children's Chapel Julia Begg  
October 14 -- Inner Peace (Session 3) - Kate Zingarelli  
October 21 -- Teachers and Learners (Session 4) - Natalie Mendik  
October 28 -- Service Project Sunday

#### **Middle**

October 7 Children's Chapel Julia Begg  
October 14 Churches are Places of Acceptance and Growth (Lesson 3), Tabitha Riggio  
October 21 Search for Truth and Right (Lesson 4) - Gayle Pamerleau  
October 28 Service Project Sunday

#### **COA**

October 7 Children's Chapel Julia Begg  
October 14 Mistakes and Forgiveness, Rosh HaShana (Lesson 6), Mary Kukura-Straw  
21 Heresy Sunday (Lesson 8) Marianne Jew  
28 Service Project Sunday

#### **Nursery Helper**

October 7 Chris Clifton  
October 14 Merritt Bailey  
October 21 Mary Warwick  
October 28 Mary Kukura-Straw

## *Movie Night Time Change!*

We will have our first Movie Night of 2007 on Saturday October 20 (NOT October 13). We will be showing "Practical Magic" in the sanctuary and "Mulan" in the community room. Please feel free to bring refreshments. Kids might want to bring a sleeping bag - that's OK! Doors will open at 7:30 and we will show the movies at 8. Hope to see you there!!

## *Scrip Fundraising Continues*

This past year (Sep 06-June 07), the Coming of Age program raised over \$800 in funds by selling scrip cards. This is an easy and painless way to help raise funds for our church. You simply buy a gift card at face value. ESUUC buys the cards at a discount (1.5-9% and up). You don't spend any extra money, and

the church gets to keep the difference. We regularly have cards for Giant Eagle (\$100/\$25) and Panera's (\$10), and you can special-order scrip for hundreds of other merchants. See <http://www.glscrip.com/retailerlist/index.aspx> for a full list. Watch in November for our special scrip order - a great way to purchase gift cards for holiday gift-giving and help our church at the same time! See Marianne for details.

### *Book Club Meeting*

October's book will be "Uncivilized Beasts and Shameless Hellions" written by John Burnett - NPR correspondent. Meet at Panera's Penn Center, 7:30 PM on October 2nd.

### *Book Club Meeting, Part Deux*

ESUUC's second book club will be meeting at Cher's Mary Warwick's house on Saturday, Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> around 7:15 p.m. This month's selection (Mary's pick) is "Eat, Pray, Love" by Elizabeth Gilbert. A woman's journey of self-exploration takes her to Italy, India, and Indonesia. This is chick lit -- the book will be featured on the Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> edition of Oprah. Mary lives in Heather Highlands off of Sardis Rd. --- 4200 Lochner Court, Murrysville. It should be an interesting discussion.

### *Choir Opportunity/Concert*

On the afternoon of Sunday, October 14th the ESUUC Choir will be taking a road trip to the Allegheny UU church to participate in a combining of all the UU church choirs in the Greater Pittsburgh area. At this momentous event, each choir will sing one piece by themselves and then we are invited to sing as a combined choir. Choir rehearsal will be this first Sunday of October at 9:30 a.m. Anyone who would like to participate is welcome.

### *Rev. Waun Accepts Award Presented to Ministerium*

On September 23 Rev. Waun, as President of the Monroeville Interfaith Ministerium received, on their behalf, the Pittsburgh Dialogue Award, from the Pittsburgh Dialogue Foundation (PDF). The PDF is a group of Turkish Muslims who have been working in the wake of 911 to provide many opportunities to learn about, understand and appreciate the Muslim people, religion and culture. They are doing a superior job with this.

The PDF dialogue award goes to the individual or group who has made significant contributions to interfaith and intercultural dialogue and devoted themselves to promoting mutual understanding, and peace. The Ministerium is such a group, thus the award!

For the past several years Rev. Waun has participated in PDF dinners, dialogues, presentations and cooking classes—all aimed at closing the gap in understanding and “difference”. The PDF is also bringing a rare performance of the Whirling Dervishes to Pittsburgh on October 23. See details below.

## *Whirling Dervishes Come to Pgh*

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Time: 8:00 PM

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Pittsburgh Dialogue Foundation is bringing a rare, live performance of the world famous **Whirling Dervishes of Rumi** from Turkey to Pittsburgh on Oct. 23rd, to commemorate Rumi's 800th birthday.

2007 is announced as the "Year of Rumi" by UNESCO. Today, more than seven centuries later, Rumi's works continue to inspire people around the world, transcending all cultural and religious lines.

This wonderful event will start with an introductory speech on Rumi by **Dr. Paul Parker**, Professor and Chair of the Dept of Theology and Religion at Elmhurst College, Chicago. The ritual dance, called Sema, is among the most exquisite ceremonies of spirituality. The whirling of the dervishes is an act of love and a drama of faith, accompanied by beautiful, authentic Sufi music that echoes Rumi's poetry.

For tickets with your credit card or personal check: ProArts Tickets (412) 394-3353 [www.proartstickets.org](http://www.proartstickets.org). Tickets range from student (\$14) to \$25, \$35, \$45, \$65, depending on seat location.

## *Sunday Refreshments*

One of the most popular Unitarian traditions is the social hour after each service. At ESUUC, each adult member (or couple) takes a turn bringing refreshments – on average, about one turn a year. That way, everyone has one week to show off their culinary skills, and the rest of the year to enjoy!

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