

East Suburban Unitarian Universalist Church



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Religious Education - 10:30 AM

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ESUUC Sunday Services

Sunday, March 1, 10:30 am – *“Picture This”* – Dr. Waun will bring a rich commentary about her recent trip to Uganda using visual media and other mementos from the school she helped to found there. The congregation of ESUUC has been a supportive partner in this adventure for the past four years, so you will want to get this first hand report.

Sunday, March 8, 10:30 am – *“In the Footsteps of Charles Darwin”*— An illustrated presentation by Jean and Bob Robl about their recent trip to the Galapagos Islands, which were the inspiration for Darwin's work on the Origin of the Species.

Sunday, March 15, 10:30 am – *“Being Green Inside and Out”* – Merritt Bailey discusses how what we wear and what we put in our bodies can harm not only the environment but our health as well.

Sunday, March 22, 10:30 am – *“Minority Issues”*— Nick Freda discusses growing up as a minority.

Sunday, March 29, 10:30 am – *“The Red Cross”* – Nancy Ryan, the director of volunteers for the Greensburg Red Cross, will discuss the services provided by her organization and volunteer opportunities available.

Sunday, April 5, 10:30 am —*“From Oh Oh to Ah Ha”*- Our mandate as UUs is to find our own spiritual pathways. But it keeps changing over time. We might have an “Oh Oh” experience at some point that leads to an unexpected “Ah Ha” revelation, signaling a new direction for our lives. Dr. Waun will draw from personal narratives for this topic. This is also BRING A FRIEND SUNDAY! Bring someone who may want a different outlook.



Pastor's Column: A Personal Note About Women's History Month

by Rev. Renee Waun

March is Women's History Month, and I always feel a personal connection with that subject since my birthday falls within the month of March. This year will be a landmark year for me, as I will actually be old enough to retire. However, working is so interesting, life-giving and fun for me that I plan to continue for another five years, after which I will seriously consider retirement in 2014.

My personal history has spanned so many diverse and wonderful experiences and I feel really fortunate to have so many exciting projects drawing creative energy through me at this time in my life.

I draw inspiration from so many of the women who have gone before; the ones who have sacrificed and campaigned and shown the way. These are the women whose courageous stories need to be retold again and again during Women's History Month. This is such a fascinating time to be alive in the history of the world. I am grateful to be part of it, and I hope that my life can add some small measure of advancement to the lives of the women who come after me. How gratifying that would be!

Calling All Children!

We invite kids and kids-at-heart to join us for a traditional Easter Egg dying session on Saturday, April 11 at 1 p.m. Have fun in the Community Room as we make dozens of brightly-colored eggs and anticipate the upcoming holiday. Then, following the Easter Sunday (April 12) service, the under-12 set is invited to seek the eggs, which will be placed in various top-secret locations on the church property -- or, if the weather makes it necessary, in the church itself. Let Brenda Shiring know in advance if your children will be participating in the egg hunt, and they'll also get a special sweet treat!

Passover Seder

Celebrate a traditional Passover Seder with your "church family" here at ESUUC. This very special dinner event, open to members and friends of all ages, will be hosted by the Susan Goodis-Matt Mathis family, who brought us last year's popular Seder celebration. This year's Seder will begin at 6 p.m. in the Community Room, on Thursday, April 9.

Whether you miss the Seders of your own childhood, or want to participate in one for the first time (or you're somewhere in between), all are welcome. A fee may be required to defray expenses; please contact Susan for details.

Treasurer's Report

By: Chris Priano

Liquid assets, 7/1/08: \$ 4,311.14

Liquid assets, 1/31/09: \$ 9,398.74

Increase (decrease) in liquid assets: \$ 5,087.60

Net inflows: \$ 5,087.60

Prepaid mortgage funds, 1/31/09: \$12,327.08

Mortgage principal balance, 1/31/09: \$ 30,469.95

Religious Education

Class Schedule for March:

Elementary:

March 1 Children's Chapel - Julia Begg
8 The Teachings of Jesus - Natalie Mendik
15 The Crucifixion of Jesus - Wendy Noe
22 Service Project Sunday
29 Art Project

Middle

March 1 Children's Chapel - Julia Begg
8 The Religion of Ruth - Gayle Pamerleau
15 Fiery Furnaces and Roaring Lions - Tabitha Riggio
22 Service Project Sunday
29 Art Project

COA

March 1 Children's Chapel - Julia Begg
8 Jehovah's Witnesses - Mary Kukura-Straw
15 Jehovah's Witnesses - Dan Begg
(THIS IS ALSO A LIVING GREEN SALE DAY FOR COA!)
22 Service Project Sunday
29 COA work on Living Green Sale items

Caring and Concerns

“Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around.” - Leo Buscaglia

Happy Birthday!

Wendy Noe
Kate Zingarelli
Renee Waun
Susan Goodis
Chaka Khan
Leo Buscaglia

Happy Anniversary!

Karen and Gerard Katilius

As a community, we share our positive energies to help those who are having difficult times...

Sydney Dunnett has her foot in a cast
Melanie Riggio with an extended illness
Kate Zingarelli spent three weeks in east Texas and placed her parents in a nursing home
Merrit Bailey's friend had an accident.

Congratulations:

Tabitha Riggio on her new full-time job
Zea Zingarelli married Adam Elkins on Christmas Eve
COA, Merritt Bailey, Tom Dunnet, and Dan Begg on having another successful truffle fundraiser
Ryana Faigen for adopting a new puppy in honor of her 16th birthday.

Condolences and Remembrances:

Gayle Pamerleau for the passing of University of Pgh Greensburg Professor Randy Kesky
Let us also remember all those who have passed in wars and while fighting for peace and liberty.

“Life is not a brief candle... It is a splendid torch that must be made to burn as brightly as possible before it is handed on to the next generation.”

Each month, we will post this column for birthdays, anniversaries, honors, illnesses, or memorials. Please contact Susan Goodis at Caring@ESUUC.org or call 412-609-1232 with events you wish to have included in our newsletter. Thank-you.

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. It works out, on average, to about one turn per person/couple per year. We also have Sharing Sundays, on which anyone who desires can bring in a goody or goodies to share.

To ensure fairness, we assign each adult member/couple a date on which to bring refreshments. These don't have to be homemade or fancy; store-bought treats work well, too. If you haven't brought refreshments before, or are unfamiliar with how things are set up, you may want to come in the weekend before your turn to see how it's done. There are also instructions in the kitchen on how to use the coffeemaker and hot water pot. If you are still confused, or need assistance, contact Brenda Shiring at brennyren@yahoo.com or 724-334-1507. If I'm at the service and you want a hand, just come and get me. The only thing I WON'T do is let you off the hook – we need your participation to keep this fun tradition alive (and everybody fed)!

If the week you're assigned doesn't work for your schedule, please switch with someone else for that month.

March 1	April Soule
March 8	Mary Warwick
March 15	Kate & Mark Zingarelli
March 22	Melissa Alcorn-Ferry
March 29	Merritt Bailey

April 5	Coming of Age Youth (luncheon)
April 12	Sharing Sunday
April 19	Dan & Kate Begg
April 26	Keith & Jill Born

Global Connections

Uganda Update

Dr. Waun has returned from Uganda on Feb. 13 and is eager to share her experience with all of you on Sunday, March 1. While there, she and the volunteers:

- Documented the improvements made on campus since last year
- Distributed 2000 mosquito nets and provided malaria prevention training
- Purchased books, supplies and sports equipment for the school
- Presented over 100 items of new and used clothing to the children
- Visited Trinity Campus where the proposed vocational training institute will be
- Identified 22 new student sponsorships
- Enjoyed singing and dancing programs presented by the students
- Provided funds for an English language specialist for the school
- Presented every staff member with a gift of a modest cash bonus
- Interacted with children and parents and did public relations for the school
- Had a fabulous experience!

Transylvania Update

Rosalyn Maholland from the Sunnyhill Church has been the coordinator of the activities that keep us in the partnership between Sunnyhill, ESUUC and the Kopec Unitarian Church in Romania. Here is part of the report she filed recently with the Partnership Church Council of the UUA:

*Here is my report on behalf of South Hills UU.
Yes, we have been in contact with Kopec in 2008.*

I share short e-mail conversations with Alpar Kiss on occasion, throughout the year and also with Jean from the Summit Church (who are partners with the large nearby Barolt church). Jean shared the photos with me of their trip to Barolt Church and Romania last summer. I do have some nice Christmas news to share about Kopec in a moment.

I know the Summit NJ church talks with Rev. Kiss over Skype on a regular basis and I'm going to see if anyone at South Hills thinks this is an option.

I knew the congregation in Kopec was small and elderly from the beginning so my expectations were modest and Rev. Kiss was clear about this when we visited, I felt that was honest and I appreciated it.

This does limit what can happen in many ways so those who may have had different expectations - or want a really lively group with kids - may be disappointed. This is not true, however, for myself or for South Hills Church at this time.

We also know that not everyone who lives in the home where they meet is Unitarian - and that they are included in the gift we send we think this is actually very nice and a form of being inclusive - especially important in a small environment where people have historically fought about differences...

We will probably share cards and photos at Easter...

This year (for the third year) at Christmas funds combined from both congregations were sent to provide gift packages for the Kopec Congregation, and the folks at the assisted living facility where they meet...

I received a lovely card in the mail with many signatures and some photos over the internet from Rev. Kiss - photos of both Christmas in Barolt and photos in Kopec. [Ros will be sharing these with our congregation soon, but right now she is busy doing other people's taxes] The photos show the larger celebration at the Barolt Church, the communion being given in Kopec and the gifts from Pittsburgh (45 packages were made) being distributed at Christmas Eve service in Kopec. It always makes me happy to see them use the silver communion cup given 2006.

Our efforts are very small, but I think sweet, and maintain a friendly tie, perhaps even more appreciated by elderly people whose resources are very limited than children who haven't experienced so much meanness of the world yet...Roslyn

District Assembly

That annual fun time when all the Ohio Meadville UU congregations meet, greet and do business together is scheduled for March 27-28 at Shaker Heights, near Cleveland. For times and registration details, visit the OMD website:

<http://www.ohiomeadville.org/annmtg/districtassembly.html>

A flyer is attached at the end of this newsletter.

Congregational Committees

Committee – Chair (email)

Aesthetics – Jean Robl and Maureen Lilly	Membership – Marylyn Devlin
Building and Facilities – John Graham	Music – Alan Halperin
Caring & Concerns – Susan Goodis	Religious Education – Kate Zingarelli
Committee on Ministry – Gayle Pamerleau	Signs and Symbols – Leona Dunnett
Community – Brenda Shiring	Social Enrichment – open
Drumming – Bill Dunham (drumming@esuuc.org)	Sunday Programs/Celebrations – Mary
Finance – Chris Priano	Kukura-Straw
Landscaping – Laurie Montgomery	Welcoming Congregation – Matt Mathis

Newsletter Deadlines

March 2009 newsletter deadline:

Please email your articles to 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.

Calendar

Friday, February 27

7:00pm Manly Men's Meaningful Monthly Movie

Sunday, March 1

9:30am Choir Rehearsal for today's Service

10:30am Sunday Service

12:00pm Program Committee

12:30pm OWL session 4

Wednesday, March 4

1:00pm Wednesday Book Club

Sunday, March 8

10:30am Sunday Service

12:00pm Membership Committee meeting

Sunday, March 15

10:30am Sunday Service

12:00pm CoA Candidate-Mentor meeting

12:30pm OWL session 5

11:00pm Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday, March 18

1:00pm Current Events Group

Sunday, March 22

10:30am Sunday Service

12:30pm OWL session 6

Sunday, March 29

10:30am Sunday Service

Wednesday, April 1
1:00pm Wednesday Book Club

Sunday, April 5
9:30am Choir Rehearsal for today's Service
10:30am Sunday Service
12:00pm Program Committee

Sunday, April 12
10:30am Sunday Service

Monday, April 13
10:00am OWL session 7 & 8

Wednesday, April 15
1:00pm Current Events Group

Friday, April 17
All day Spring YAC Meeting (tentative)

Saturday, April 18
All day Spring YAC Meeting (tentative)
10:00am OWL possible makeup day

Sunday, April 19
All day Rev. Bernice King
10:30am Sunday Service
12:00pm CoA Candidate-Mentor meeting
11:00pm Newsletter Deadline



March 27-28, 2009
First Unitarian Church of Cleveland and
Shaker Heights, OH

What will be happening?

- Theme Speaker: Michael Durall will speak, and each congregation will receive a copy of his book *Beyond the Collection Plate* before District Assembly to read ahead of time.
- Candidates' Forum: the UUA Presidential Candidates, Rev. Laurel Hallman and Rev. Peter Morales will answer questions in a moderated forum.
- Networking time for **Treasurers and Presidents** and other leaders.
- Workshops on a variety of topics.
- Exhibits and items for sale by district congregations and committees.
- Presentation of this year's District Award Winners.

Don't miss this year's District Assembly. Mark your calendar now!