

East Suburban Unitarian Universalist Church



Sunday Services - 10:30 AM
Religious Education - 10:30 AM

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ESUUC Sunday Services

Sunday, July 6, 10:30 am – *“The Seven Principles”* – This is the theme of our summer informal programs, introduced today by Dr. Waun. We will have an opportunity to voice our opinion about the idea of the principles, and the intention of the UUA to revisit and possibly revise them in the coming months.

Sunday, July 13, 10:30 am – *“The Second UU Principle”* – Presented by Marylyn Devlin. We will explore our own personal views on our second principle.

Sunday, July 20, 10:30 am – *“The Third UU Principle”* – We will explore our own personal views on the third principle. Melissa Alcorn-Ferry will facilitate.

Sunday, July 27, 10:30 am – *“Tell Me the Truth!”* – The fourth principal, *A Free and Responsible Search for Truth and Meaning*, is examined. New member, **John Graham**, will present an overview of this principal, with the hope of stimulating a lively and thought provoking discussion around such questions as: What is *Truth*? What does *Responsible Search* entail? Is *Free* really free? And what is the *Meaning* of any of this?

Sunday, August 3, 10:30am -- *“Worlds Apart”*—There is a tribe in South America that has never encountered civilization as we know it. They have been completely isolated from whites and others in the remote jungle villages. This morning Dr. Waun will take a little break from the 7 Principles to lead a discussion about the idea of being worlds apart.

Sunday, Aug. 10, 10:30 am -- *“Why Does the Fifth Principle Commit UUs to the use of a Political Process?”* John Adams and Thomas Jefferson (both Unitarians) and Benjamin Rush (a Universalist) were leaders of the American Revolution who signed the Declaration of Independence. When the Unitarians and Universalists joined in 1961 their Association's by-laws committed our denomination to use of the democratic process in human relations. The UU commitment continues today in our revised Fifth Principle. Glenn Klepac facilitates.

Sunday, Aug. 17, 10:30 am -- *“Unitarian Universalists Building World Community”* -- UUs strongly support the United Nations and other efforts toward building a world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all. UUs further their efforts through the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee and other

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organizations fostering kinship and cooperation among peoples of different faiths. This talk will explore the role of the UUSC and other international organizations in improving our world community.

Sunday, Aug. 24, 10:30 am -- To Be Announced

Sunday, August 31, 10:30 am – “*Annual Potluck Picnic*” -- Please join us at Murrysville's Bear Hollow Park at our usual time, with a dish to share and whatever plates and flatware you need. Let's be Green about this! There is a lovely stream for the children to play in, so buckets, water shoes, and especially Towels are good to bring too. There is also nice playground equipment for those who prefer to stay dry. Grills for the cooking of whatever you desire to sizzle over coals are available too. Charcoal will be provided. E-mail or call the newsletter editor if you need directions.

Sunday, September 7, 10:30am --“*Risky Business*”— What is your tolerance for risk? How do we differentiate risk from simple trust (or fool heartedness)? What, if any, guidelines do we use to manage risk in our own lives? Dr. Waun will help us to reflect on these questions. It is also WATER COMMUNION Sunday, so do remember to bring a vessel of water from your summer adventures.



Pastor's Column: Welcome

by Rev. Renee Waun

Let us welcome Leona Dunnett as our new President of ESUUC. She will bring an ebullient, impassioned style of leadership to our church. Leona has been active in our congregation from the day she joined, and now she is stepping up to our highest elected position. Thanks, Leona, for all you do for our church. We will do everything we can to make your administration smooth, productive and enjoyable. We are fortunate to have you and your family in our congregation!

News from the Treasurer

By Chris Priano

Liquid assets, 7/1/07: \$ 20,034

Liquid assets, 5/31/08: \$ 17,218

Increase (decrease) in liquid assets: (\$ 2,816)

Net inflows: (\$ 2,816)

Pledge payments through 5/31/08: \$ 38,469 (84.6% of target)

Collection cash through 5/31/08: \$ 2,749 (55% of target)

Operating expenses through 5/31/08: \$ 43,500 (79% of budgeted)

Many thanks to those members who made an effort to get in for their current pledge before the fiscal year

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closes June 30.

Religious Education

By Kate Begg

Summer is here and RE classes for the 2007 to 2008 church year are over, now it's time to prepare for the 2008 to 2009 year! First thing, and one of the most important, is to register the kids who will be participating. A blank registration form is at the end of this newsletter. Please feel free to share it with anyone you know who might be interested in participating.

Please get the form back to me by August 1st. You can send it to me via e-mail (nikitazeema@comcast.net), mail it to me at the church or at home, or put it in the RE mail slot at church. Please let me know if you are interested in teaching as soon as you can - we are in need of teachers! If you haven't taught before, and might be interested in trying it, let me know. I will help!

Labyrinth Entry

We are continuing to make progress on building a Labyrinth here at ESUUC. A mock up of the Labyrinth, which will be located to the left of the church on the side with the big pine trees, is in the Community Room. We hope to begin building this summer, with a goal of having the Labyrinth in place and dedicated by the fall of 2008. However, we have many miles to go before we get there! Once we are ready to begin building, we will need all the hands we can get. We will need to place approximately 600 bricks! If you are interested in participating in this project, in any way, please send me a note at redirector@esuuc.org. I have started a Google group to make communication easier, and will gladly add you to the list!

ESUUC Recycles Ink Cartridges!

In an effort to support recycling and the Green Church project, ESUUC has made arrangements to recycle household and business ink cartridges. We are working through two separate companies for each type. In addition to being a good thing to do, the church will get a small amount of money for each cartridge we return that meets the company's criteria. You may have noticed one rather large, and one rather small box in the RE hallway. The large one is for commercial cartridges, and the small one is for household cartridges. I have also posted a list of the cartridges each company will accept. The lists include the amount we get for each type of cartridge. Many companies and families don't recycle their ink cartridges. This is a way for us to help reduce, reuse, recycle - and has the added benefit of supporting the church too. Please help!

Caring & Concerns

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

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Happy Birthday!

July

Bella Zingarelli
Erin Palmer
Justice Dunnett
Chuckie Shiring
Brenda Shiring
Katie Katilius
Twila Katilius
Kate Begg
Kate Codd-Palmer

August

John Shea
Leona Dunnett
Ben Faigen

Anniversaries

Gayle & Bill Pamerleau

Congratulations Graduates!

Zea Zingarelli
Kim Katilius

As a community, we share our positive energies to help those who are having difficult times...
Gayle Pamerleau and Mary Warwick for their mothers

“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 the next generation.”

-George Bernard Shaw

In Memoriam:

Genevieve Shaffer (Brenda Shiring's mother)

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.

The Panera Book Club

The Wed. book club has chosen to read "The Namesake" by Jhumpa Lahiri in August. The book for September will be "A New Earth" by E. Tolle. The book for October will be "Under the Banner of Heaven" by J. Krakauer. This group meets the first Wed. of each month at the Paneras in Penn Ctr. at 1 pm. All are welcome whether they have read the book or not. (We usually eat lunch there first. Perhaps we can bring new book choices, fiction and nonfiction in Sept. and Oct. for upcoming months.)

The Lite Book Club

The Lite Book Club's choice for July is "The Omnivore's Dilemma" by Michael Pollan. The club will meet on Thursday July 17th 7:00 PM at a location to be determined. Please send e-mail to SGoodis@hotmail.com to be added to the e-mail list.

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Scrip Program Starting Again

The Scrip program resumes in August: buy gift cards for use at Giant Eagle, Panera, bookstores, gas stations, retailers, restaurants, etc. and our Coming of Age program earns funds. You pay face value for the cards; for example, you pay \$100 for a \$100 Giant Eagle card that you can use for groceries or for gas at the GetGo pumps. The church is able to purchase the cards at a discount, that's how we earn the funds. List of hundreds of gift cards: <http://www.glscrip.com/retailerlist/index.aspx>

See Marianne to purchase cards after service. She will have Giant Eagle and Panera cards. You can also order any cards you like, simply email scrip@esuuc.org with your request, then prepay by placing your check in the lockbox in the foyer, or place both your order and payment in the lockbox. If you have any questions, email scrip@esuuc.org or talk to Marianne.

Congregational Committees

Committee – Chair (email)

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

Newsletter Deadlines

September 2008 newsletter deadline: August 17th, 2008. We're going to try to get the newsletter out in a timelier manner after a few months of slacking. 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.

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Calendar

Tuesday, July 8

7:30pm Board Meeting

Sunday, July 13

10:30am The Second Principle

12:00pm Program committee

Wednesday, July 16

1:00pm Current Events Group

Sunday, July 20

10:30am The Third Principle

Sunday, July 27

10:30am Sunday Service

Sunday, August 3

9:30am Choir Rehearsal for today's Service

Description All are welcome - come practice with us at 9:30 am and sing at the today's Service. We practice and sing on the 1st Sunday of each month. Contact Alan Halperin or Jean Robl if you have any questions.

10:30am Sunday Service

12:00pm Program Committee

12:30pm Board Retreat

Wednesday, August 6

1:00pm Wednesday Book Club

Sunday, August 10

10:30am The Fifth Principle

Sunday, August 17

10:30am The Sixth Principle

11:00pm **Newsletter Deadline**

Wednesday, August 20

1:00pm Current Events Group

Friday, August 22

All day OMD SUMMER YAC

Saturday, August 23

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**Registration Form
ESUUC RE Program
2008 to 2009 Year**

Childs Name: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Phone No.: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Grade on Sept. 1, 2008: _____

Please note any allergies or other special conditions:

Parent(s) Name(s): _____

Are you interested in teaching/participating in the RE program? Yes No

My preference would be to teach the following section: (Please circle all that apply)

Nursery Elementary Upper
Coming of Age
Through 3 4 yrs 3rd 4th 6th
8th and 9th grade

Class assignments are based on age on Sept. 1, 2008.

Do you or your children have any concerns we should be aware of?

Any other comments?

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Would you be interested in having you child attend OWL? (No OWL sessions are scheduled for this year but we are planning for the future.)

(Class parameters are subject to change depending on number and ages of children registering for the program)

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