

East Suburban Unitarian Universalist Church



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

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ESUUC Sunday Services

Sunday, June 6, 10:30 am – *Eenie, Meenie, Minie, Mo*” – How do we make choices? What do we learn from our choices? Is there such a thing as a “bad” choice? Are there things we can do to make decision-making easier? Dr. Waun will draw from various sources as we explore this intriguing topic.

Sunday, June 13, 10:30 am – *“Lily Dale – the ‘Other’ Chautauqua”*— Dr. Waun will give a brief presentation about the Lily Dale Assembly on Lake Cassadaga in north west New York because some people have been asking to hear about the place. This is also TEACHER RECOGNITION SUNDAY for our fabulous RE teachers, as well as FLOWER COMMUNION Sunday. Please bring a stemmed flower to our service for this beautiful and meaningful Unitarian Universalist ritual.

Sunday, June 20, 10:30 am – *“Understanding Autism Disorders”*-- Many people are affected by either a family member or friend who is on the Autism Spectrum but those who are not are usually in the dark about what Autism is. Often families avoid the community to avoid stares and horrible unsolicited advice. Melissa Alcorn-Ferry will talk about and have some exercises to help everyone understand how different Autism Spectrum Disorders can look in every person to raise awareness. Melissa is participating in the Pittsburgh Autism Walk. For more information see her personal web page at www.walkknowforautismspeaks.org/pittsburgh/melissaalcorn.

Sunday, June 27, 10:30 am – *“Amuse Yourself”*- Marylyn Devlin invites members of all ages to come and share a laugh. This service will include UU humor, religious humor, actually any kind of humor. So bring your favorite to share. (Riddles and knock-knock jokes readily accepted.)!

Sunday, July 4, 10:30 am — *“Whose Country Is It Anyway?”* – We have been through some interesting times in our country where first one group complains, “We want our country back”, and then—in another administration—a different group has the same mantra. What is patriotism anyway, and how do we claim “our” country? Dr. Waun will lead an informal summer group discussion on this interesting topic.



Pastor's Column: A Job Well Done by Rev. Renee Waun

Our congregation's Annual Meeting is after church on Sunday, June 13. When these meetings fall on even numbered years that means we are saying Good-bye to our current president and electing a new one. This year is no exception, as we recognize Leona Dunnett, the president of ESUUC for the past two years.

Leona has done a great job as our leader, while still managing her family of three teenagers, a husband working the night shift, her job, going back to school and continuing to be the Youth Sponsor/Leader throughout this time, with the ongoing responsibilities of regular meetings and regional conferences. How DID she do all that? I am inspired.

Leona has been on the Board in positions of leadership almost since the day she first arrived as a visitor. She has been Secretary, Vice-President and then President, and executed each role with growing skill and commitment. Even before being elected to the Board she stepped in to organize and lead a community-wide anti-racism rally just weeks after we moved into our current building. Wow.

Thank you Leona, for a job--actually MANY jobs--well done! We celebrate your good work, your spirit and your leadership in our congregation and in the District. Hip Hip, Hooray for Leona!!

Annual Meeting on June 13th

At the end of this newsletter is the mailing for the upcoming Annual Meeting to be held on June 13th, 2010 after Sunday service. The town hall meeting to discuss the budget will be the week after church on June 6th. We are still need candidates for some offices, so please contact Marylyn Devlin or Brenda Shiring as they are on the nominating committee.

Please contact me directly if you cannot open this document or would like a paper copy. In keeping with the Green Sanctuary idea, we are trying to cut down on the amount of paper items that we are generating. Blessed be, Leona.

Wheel of the Year Celebration: Litha

Litha, also known as Summer Solstice, is a time to reflect on the growth of the season. Seeds planted in the Earth as well as are own seeds of our souls. A time of cleansing and renewal. A time of joyous Love and growth.

As the summer solstice draws near, the noonday sun rises higher and higher in the sky each day. On the day of the solstice, it rises an imperceptible amount, compared to the day before, thus appearing to "stand still." In the magical sense, Summer Solstice brings us to the halfway point of the Wheel of the

Year. The sun is in full reign, reaching a peak in the sky and shedding beams of truth. The brilliance of the sun allows us to see things clearly, banishing shadows and releasing the past.

We will be celebrating Litha on June 19, at the church. Exact time has yet to be determined, but will be announced at Sunday service and in the weekly updates.

ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND! HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Please bring a chair or blanket to sit on as we hope to be outside, and drums and a dish to share if you would like.

If you have questions or would like more information, please see Kate Begg, Leona Dunnett, Mary Kukura-Straw, Michele Devlin, or David Schwartz

Sunday Refreshments

One of the most popular Unitarian traditions is the social hour after each service, a tradition that continues to be observed, and enjoyed, even during the summer months. However, since many of our members take vacations, travel, or make other plans that might keep them away from church during the summer, we don't make refreshment assignments as we do during the rest of the year. Instead, we rely on the generosity of volunteers.

To be sure, there are some benefits to volunteering for summer refreshments. One, summer volunteers get to skip a turn during the fall-spring months. Two, there are fewer members at the services, so fewer refreshments are needed. And this year we have one additional benefit for our summer chefs: thanks to the lovely garden planted and maintained by our Green Sanctuary Committee and avid volunteer gardeners, they will be able to select some of their goodies from our very own "backyard." In fact, they're HIGHLY ENCOURAGED to do so!

If you are a summer volunteer, here are a few simple guidelines. Please don't think you have to provide a lunch – a snack is really all we're asking. 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.

There will also be several Sharing Sundays during the summer. On those days, everyone is invited to bring a treat to share.

June 6	Ice Cream Sunday/Sundae*
June 13	Annual meeting with lunch provided
June 20	Mary Kukura-Straw
June 27	Linda Deer & Betty Rostcheck

July 4	Sharing Sunday
July 11	Jane Longdon
July 18	Jean Robl
June 25	To be determined

* Community Relations will provide refreshments on the indicated date.

Daytime Book Club

The daytime book group meets at Penn Center Panera at 1:00. For discussion on June 2: "The March of Folly: From Troy to Vietnam" by Barbara W. Tuchman. To be discussed on July 7: "The White Tiger" by Aravid Adiga.

Evening Book Club

The evening book club is now reading "To Kill a Mockingbird" by Harper Lee. The group will meet at Mary Warwick's home on Friday, June 11. Grilled burgers and hot dogs will be served.

Uganda Connection

WALK FOR THE KIDS (at the Ugandan School) on Saturday, July 17

Please join in the first 5K Walk for the Kids, benefiting the African Rural Schools Foundation, on Saturday morning, July 17th at 10:30 A.M. (registration starts at 9:30 A.M.).

We have a goal of raising \$5,000, which will be used for 2 primary purposes:

- To purchase musical instruments to support the school's own fund raising efforts.
- To help build an Assembly Room / Dining Hall

The walk will begin and end in Schenley Park. All are welcome.

If you have questions, you may contact David Goldstein at 412-951-3143, or by e-mail at dpgold@yahoo.com.

The registration form and other materials that you can print out, post and complete are at the end of this newsletter. Thank you enormously!!

Green Sanctuary

Well as summer begins, the GS elves have been up to their greening tricks again...

Our recent Green Movie, "Food Inc." has reminded me that while praying before a meal is not part of my family's mealtime traditions, we should be more thoughtful about the food we have before us and thanks should be given for the animals who nourish us, the local farmers who raised the animals and the fruits and vegetables that grace my table each evening.

Along those lines, I'd like to give thanks to all the "elves" that worked so hard on our community garden. We now have a wide variety of fruit and veggie plants, bushes and trees taking root to hopefully nourish our bodies and souls for many years to come, thanks, thanks, thanks!!! A special thank you also goes to Erica Miller's sister for the donation of a new rain barrel with which we'll be watering our wonderful garden.

We are looking for more gardening sprites to help us tend the weeds, water and harvest throughout the summer, so if you can come early on a particular Sunday and don't mind coming to service with dirt under your nails, please contact Merritt at m Bailey02@zoominternet.net and we'll give thanks for you too.

A river clean-up trip is in the works, if you have a canoe, rowboat or inner tube and would like to join us for a day on the Youghiogeny in late summer, let us know, we'll have more details soon.

In the meantime, I encourage you to plant a garden, install a rain barrel, visit a farmer's market or just drive a dirty car. From our hymnal, Dorothy Day reminds us that "A pebble cast into a pond causes ripples that spread in all directions."

There's much work to be done, so let's get too it people!!!

The Green Queen

Newsletter Deadlines

July/August 2010 newsletter deadline: **Wednesday, June 16.** 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.

Congregational Committees

Committee – Chair (email)

Aesthetics – Jean Robl and Maureen Lilly	Green Congregation - Merritt Bailey
Building and Facilities – John Graham	Membership – Marylyn Devlin
Caring & Concerns – Susan Goodis	Music – Alan Halperin
Committee on Ministry – Gayle Pamerleau	Religious Education – Mary Kukura-Straw
Community – Brenda Shiring	Sunday Programs/Celebrations – Brien Palmer
Social Justice – Marylyn Devlin and Judy Graham	Welcoming Congregation – Matt Mathis
Finance – Chris Priano	

Calendar

Wednesday, June 2

1:00pm Wednesday Book Club

Sunday, June 6

9:30am Choir Rehearsal for today's Service

10:30am Sunday Service

12:00pm Town Hall meeting - preview 2010-11 Budget

12:00pm Program Committee

Sunday, June 13

10:30am Sunday Service

11:30am Annual Membership/Budget Meeting

Wednesday, June 16

1:00pm Current Events Group

7:30pm Board Meeting

Saturday, June 19

6:30pm Summer Solstice

Sunday, June 20

10:30am Sunday Service

Wednesday, June 16

11:00pm Newsletter Deadline

Sunday, June 27

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Sunday, July 4

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12:00pm Program Committee

Wednesday, July 7

1:00pm Wednesday Book Club

Sunday, July 11

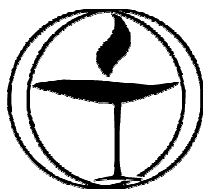
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Wednesday, July 14

7:30pm Board Meeting

Wednesday, July 21

1:00pm Current Events Group



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Dear Members of the Congregation,

We are happy to announce our annual meeting will be held Saturday, June 13th starting at 12:30p. At this meeting we will be acknowledging various people's contributions to the church, electing several Board of Trustee members and deciding on the budget for the next fiscal year. We will also be having dinner so please bring a dish to share.

Enclosed you should find:

- a) A tentative agenda
- b) A proxy voting form if you are unable to attend the meeting and wish to allow another member to cast votes for you
- c) Descriptions of the Board of Trustees positions that are open
- d) A request to update your information and preferences for the directory, newsletter and email announcement lists
- e) Descriptions of the current committees

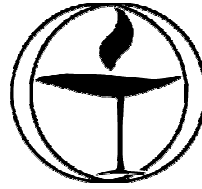
At the meeting you will be provided with a finalized agenda and reports from the various committees about their accomplishments this year and their plans for next year.

In the interest of raising awareness and improving the quality of the discussion about the various issues that we will be voting on a special informational meeting will be held Sunday, June 6th at 12:30 p.m. (after services). New members are especially encouraged to attend.

If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact any of the current members of the Board. We're looking forward to seeing everyone in a few weeks.

Sincerely,

Leona Dunnett
President, ESUUC



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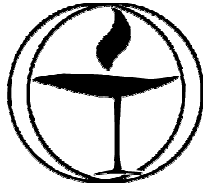
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Tentative Agenda

- 12:30 p.m. Lunch!!!
- 1:15p.m. Honor Members of the Congregation
- 1:30 p.m. Election of New Officers
- 1:45 p.m. Approval of Budget

**with a some entertainment and fun interludes



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Proxy Vote Authorization for the Annual Meeting, June 13, 2010

Note: Only members that have signed the membership book as of May 13, 2010 are authorized to vote on financial matters of over \$750 or on changes to the bylaws.

I, _____
Please print

Authorize: _____
Please print

To vote on my behalf on (choose one):

_____ all matters before the congregation.

_____ only on the following matters (please be specific)

Attach additional sheets if necessary.

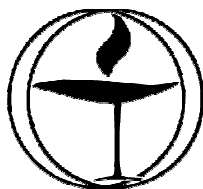
Signature

Date

Forms should be presented at the Annual Meeting or returned by 6/13/10 to:

ESUUC
Attn: Secretary
4326 Sardis Rd.
Murrysville, PA 15668

If you have any questions please contact Leona Dunnett @724-327-3841 or secretary@esuuc.org.



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Description of Officers to be Elected (from the Bylaws)

President

The President shall be President of the Church and Chairperson of the Board. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Church and of the Board, but shall not vote at these meetings except to break a tie. The President shall exercise all of the powers and perform all of the duties normally pertaining to the office of President of a Church unless otherwise specified. The President is an ex-officio member of all committees and shall sign all agreements and formal instruments, except those pertaining to the office of Treasurer.

Vice-President

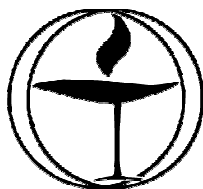
The Vice-President shall be Vice-President of the Church and Vice-Chairperson of the Board. The Vice-President shall perform the duties and exercise the powers of the President in the President's absence and shall be the coordinator among the Standing Committees. The Vice-President shall convene and preside over meetings of the chairpersons of the Standing Committees with the intent to coordinate the activities of the Church, and report at meetings of the Board. The Vice-President is an ex-officio member of all committees and, in the absence of the President, may sign agreements and formal instruments.

Program Chair

The Program Chairperson shall assemble and chair the Program Committee which will be responsible for setting Sunday programming goals, considering a variety of adult liberal religious education needs and arranging for their implementation. Opportunity shall be made for ESUUC members to present programs or services on topics of their own interest and design.

Community Facilitator

The Community Facilitator shall coordinate committees responsible for community outreach as well as our congregational community. The committees that will be coordinated by the Community Facilitator would be as follows: Cares and Concerns, Community Enrichment, Social Action and the Welcoming Committee.



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Help us update our records!

Please bring to the annual meeting, leave in the secretary's mailbox or mail to:

Membership Committee
4326 Sardis Rd.
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Information as you would like it to appear in the directory:

Please Circle One

Member or Friend Name _____

Member or Friend Name _____

Children's Names _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

Email Address _____

Note: Partners with different last names are listed alphabetically in the directory.

We need name tags:

Name _____

Name _____

We would prefer to receive the newsletter by:

Email _____

Email _____

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Regular Mail

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We would like to receive announcements and reminders of church events by email:

Email _____

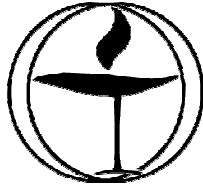
Email _____

Are you receiving a copy of the magazine UUWorld? Yes or No

This magazine is free to members.

I would like someone to contact me about participating in the following committees:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aesthetics | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Building and Facilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Music |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cares and Concerns | <input type="checkbox"/> Program / Sunday Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Enrichment | <input type="checkbox"/> Religious Education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Committee on Ministry | <input type="checkbox"/> Signs & Symbols |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Finance Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Justice |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Information Management | <input type="checkbox"/> Welcoming Congregation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Landscaping | |



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List of Committees

Aesthetics

Create and present proposals about the decoration of the Sanctuary.

Building and Facilities

Maintain the building and the areas surrounding it such as the yard and parking lot.

Cares and Concerns

Working with the minister, assist members in times of crisis.

Community Enrichment

Coordinate refreshments for the Coffee Hour. Plan social activities for the church.

Committee on Ministry

Provide a means for members to bring forward concerns about church governance. Conduct an annual survey about how well we are meeting our goals. Review the performance of church officers and staff on a regular basis.

Finance Committee

Assist the treasurer in the creation of the annual budget. Coordinate church fundraising efforts.

Information Management

Publish a monthly newsletter. Maintain the church library. Coordinate email mailing lists and discussion groups.

Landscaping

Design and maintain the landscaping of the church.

Membership

Maintain a current list of members. Publish a directory of members and friends annually. Coordinate the greeters for Sunday Service.

Music

Provide music for Sunday Services. Hold choir practices.

Program / Sunday Services

Coordinate Sunday Services and Forum programs.

Religious Education

Coordinate religious education programs for both adult and children.

Signs & Symbols

Ad hoc committee to present proposals on how the Chalice Lighter's grant will be used to provide signs in front of the church and on roadways, as well as other appropriate symbols throughout the church

Social Justice

Leads community activism efforts working toward social and economic equality.

Welcoming Congregation

Coordinates the efforts of the church to receive "Welcoming Congregations" status from the UUA to demonstrate our commitment towards creating a safe and welcoming place for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered members of the congregation and community.



African Rural Schools Foundation

2010 Walk for the Kids

Saturday, July 17, 2010, 9:30 A.M.

Name: _____

Dear Sponsor,

I am participating in the ARSF Walk for the Students. All proceeds will help fund initiatives to assist the more than 400 students at the school. You can sponsor me for any amount that you are willing to contribute. Please turn in your contribution to me by Thursday, July 15, 2010. Make checks payable to ARSF. All contributions are tax-deductible.

Thank you!

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I hereby indemnify and waive all claims against African Rural Schools Foundation, its agents, sponsors, its assignees, or representatives for any injury that I (or my minor child, in the event of parental permission) may suffer in this event. I further grant all rights to the organizers to use my image in photographs of this event.

Signature or Parent's Signature (required for participants under age 18)

Participants please bring this form along with your collected pledges to the Walk on July 17th.

African Rural Schools Foundation 2010 Walk for the Kids

Saturday, July 17, 2010, 10:30 A.M.



What is ARSF?

African Rural Schools is a nonprofit organization providing funds for special projects at the ABC Divine Foundation Primary School in Uganda, which serves over 400 day and boarding students, half of whom are AIDS orphans.

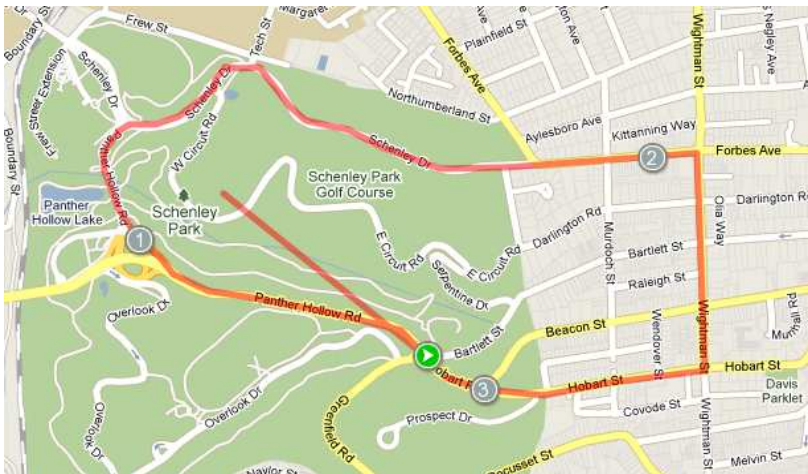
How will be the money is used?

Money will be used for 2 primary purposes:

- To purchase musical instruments to support the school's own fund raising efforts.
- To help build an Assembly Room / Dining Hall

Meeting Place

Corner of Panther Hollow Road and Hobart Street in Shelley Park



Picnic Lunch

Please bring a brown bag lunch and join us for an informal social gathering immediately following the walk

**Registration 9:30
Walk starts at 10:30**

*For more information
Call David Goldstein at 412-951-3143
Or email dpgold@yahoo.com*