

# East Suburban Unitarian Universalist Church



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

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## *ESUUC Sunday Services*

**Sunday, Sept. 5, 10:30am** - *"Annual Potluck Picnic Lunch"* -- Murrysville's Bear Hollow Park. Bring a dish to share, plates and flatware. There is a playground and a stream where the children can play. Grills/charcoal will be provided. Directions: Take Heather Drive one block to end in a T-junction. Turn right onto Forbes Trail Road. Take the first left onto Truthaven Drive. Go almost to the top of the hill. On the right will be a driveway leading into the park. See brown sign: Bear Hollow Park.

**Sunday, Sept. 12, 10:30am** - *STARTUP SUNDAY: "Culture War Fallout"*- We are seeing a clash of ideologies being played out here in our country and around the world. Dr. Waun will look at how mainstream churches are embroiled in some of the issues at the heart of the conflict.

This is also WATER COMMUNION SUNDAY- Be sure to bring a small vessel of water from your summer adventures, wherever they may have lead you, near or far. We will mingle the waters together as we share our experiences with one another.

**Sunday, Sept. 19, 10:30am** – *"Around the World with Jean and Bob Robl"*- The Robls recently spent months travelling around the world. They have many entertaining and educational stories and photos to share. Not many of us have the time or wanderlust for such a journey, but we can all see the world vicariously through Bob and Jean's eyes.

**Sunday, Sept. 26, 10:30am** - *"Where Do You Stand?"*- Today's political questions and the culture war battlefields have raised many issues that have great significance for the evolution of our democratic republic. Come and give your input on these topics, in this signature exercise.

**Sunday, October 3, 10:30am**- *"All in the Family"*- As Unitarian Universalists, we are part of an organization that includes our congregation, a Cluster, a District and a national association. Dr. Waun will help us to understand how all these fit together as we participate, enjoy and take responsibility for our share of this liberal religious movement.



*Pastor's Column:*  
*Summer at ESUUC* by Rev. Renee Waun

Now that summer is over, school is in session and people are coming back to their usual routines, we are ready to welcome everyone back to the startup of a new program year at ESUUC! On Sunday, September 12 we hope to have a full complement of smiling faces as we meet and greet one another after such a long, hot summer. Our Religious Education program will be resuming, the choir will be singing and we will be off and running for a terrific schedule of meaningful programs, activities and projects. We look forward to your participation as the fun begins. See you in church!



## President's Column:

### Retreat Survey *by Melissa Alcorn-Ferry*

Every year the ESUUC board plans a special retreat. Renee always comes up with great themes and fun activities. Throughout the day we enjoy each other's company, learn about others and ourselves.

Before we start planning this year I'd like to gather some information so we can reach as many people as possible. I developed a survey that mostly asks questions about the retreat to get your opinions on the what, where, when and why. I also took the opportunity to tack on a few questions about RE issues which you can simply skip if it doesn't apply to you. Please go to the following link <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/S339CB7> to complete the short survey (It's only nine questions). I will also have a few paper copies available at church.

I will look at the results on September 15th so I can discuss it at the board meeting and then let you all know what the results were for the October newsletter. I greatly appreciate you taking the time to provide us with this information so we can make the most of our retreat!

### *Caring and Concerns*

#### Happy Birthday!

Mary Kukura-Straw

Chuck Shiring Sr

Judy Graham

George Ratcliff (81 years young)

Mary Warwick

#### Happy Anniversary!

Bob & Jean Robl

Bob & Mary Warwick

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

Mary Warwick's nephew Chris is doing great & is going to go back to school. His heart function is excellent.

Chris Priano has sold his house (in two weeks) and will be moving to Erie

Kelly, Chris Clifton's daughter is temporarily living with Chris due to a fire in her home

Jenifer & Steve Ewart – congratulations on the birth of Rhiannon

Mildred and Walter Courtley were long time members and contributors to East Suburban UU Church. Walter is deceased and Mildred is relocating within her retirement community in Greenville, PA due to the challenges of dementia. Contact from friends would be welcomed. Her new address:

Mildred Courtley

The Heritage at St. Paul's

339 E. Jamestown Rd. Apt. 324

Greenville, PA 16125

Her phone number remains the same, 724-588-0762.

#### **In loving memory of our departed:**

Nancy Shea (John's wife)

Mary Warwick's mother

Susan Goodis' cousin, Norman Dyson

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

## *Treasurer's Report*

**By Marianne Jew, Treasurer**

Fund balances (net assets) as of 7/31/10:

ARSF:	\$	367.71
Chalice Lighters:	\$	1,330.00
Coming of Age:	\$	1,923.08 (including unsold scrip inventory)
General Fund:	\$	3860.45 (not including building or land)
Green Sanctuary:	\$	323.55
Labyrinth:	\$	60.66
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>7865.45</b>

## *Assistant Treasurer Needed*

Our previous Assistant Treasurer, Chris Priano, has moved to Erie! We need a new Assistant Treasurer immediately to help with weekly deposits. Please e-mail Marianne Jew ([treasurer@esuuc.org](mailto:treasurer@esuuc.org)) if you have any questions.

## *Mabon at ESUUC*

It is the time of the autumn equinox, and the harvest is winding down. The fields are nearly empty, because the crops have been plucked and stored for the coming winter. Mabon is the mid-harvest festival, and it is when we take a few moments to honor the changing seasons, and celebrate the second harvest. On or around September 21, for many Pagan and Wiccan traditions it is a time of giving thanks for the things we have, whether it is abundant crops or other blessings.

Please join us as we carry on our tradition of Wheel of the Year celebrations. Our Mabon ritual will be held on Saturday, September 18, at 7PM. Weather permitting, we will be outside. You may want to bring a chair or blanket to sit on, drums for the ritual, and a dish to share as we continue our celebration with a pot luck of nature's bounty! ALL ARE WELCOME!

If you have any questions, or would like to know more, please contact Kate Begg, Leona Dunnett, Mary Kukura-Straw, Michelle Devlin or Dave Schwartz. Hope to see you there!

## *ESUUC Greens Present the Planet Earth for Movie Nights!*

Beginning this September, the Green Sanctuary Committee will be showing the Planet Earth DVD series at church. There are 11 one hour episodes in the series, and we will plan to show two episodes each time, except for the last in the series which will be a one episode event.

Be on the lookout for dates/times to be announced. We will be testing your Planet Earth knowledge following the movies while enjoying some tasty homemade treats. Any questions can be directed to Kate Begg or Merritt Bailey

## *Green Sanctuary News*

Well, we are heading into a new church year and the little Green elves have planned several activities to keep us on track toward achieving Green status...

On **September 12th**, we invite you to **bring something harvested from your garden** to be prepared by our Green chefs for a delicious **community garden lunch** to be enjoyed by all following our water communion service. Don't have a garden??? Bring something local, bread from a local bakery, meat or eggs from a local farmer or fruit from a local orchard.

On **November 6th** the ESUUC ladies are invited to join us for another **Swap & Spa Day from 1-4pm**. For those of you who missed this event last time, bring gently used clothing that no longer fits your body or

taste (accessories & shoes are welcome also), and trade them for something more your style. This is also an opportunity to indulge in a refreshing facial, mani or pedi that are good for you and earth friendly. Henna tattoos will be available too. A great time was had by all who attended, so tell a friend and join us for a fun afternoon.

### *A Message from Gail Simmons*

I am writing to ask you if you would pass on to the members of the congregation the news that my mother, Barbara Simmons, has passed away. Many of your current members are old friends of my mother's so if there is a way to send an email or publicize in your newsletter, I would greatly appreciate it.

Mom died after several years of suffering with Alzheimer's Disease; if you can point people to the website:

<http://act.alz.org/goto/barbara.simmons>

There is a memorial to her there. Many thanks for your help and kindness.

Sincerely,

Gail M. Simmons, Ph.D.  
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Manhattanville College  
2900 Purchase St.  
Purchase, NY 10577

### *Thanks to Supporters of the African Rural Schools Foundation Band Instrument Project*

In July, Dr. Waun and some of her friends organized a Walk for the Kids to raise money to purchase band instruments for the students at the school we support in Uganda. She is happy to announce that the Walk raised almost \$4000, and so a big THANK YOU goes out to all those who made a contribution to this effort. Very soon, next steps will be taken to get the music program going there.

If anyone would like to contribute to this effort, you may still do so. If you have a brass instrument to donate, contact Dr. Waun 412-731-2834. For cash donations, make out your check to ESUUC with memo ARSF Walk, and send to ESUUC, 4326 Sardis Road, Murrysville, PA 15668, ATTN: Treasurer. Thank you so much!

### *Sunday Refreshments*

**Please note a change in the September schedule!**

One of the most popular Unitarian traditions is the social hour after each service. Here at ESUUC, many of us welcome the chance to enjoy some light refreshments while we discuss the service (and other things!). To ensure fairness, each member or partnered couple is assigned a week during the year to take a turn at providing those refreshments.

Please note the "light" in "light refreshments" – you don't need to provide a lunch, just a snack. And, while homemade treats are always welcome, store-bought ones are more than acceptable. 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. (Please use the small coffee pot for most services.) If you are still confused, or need assistance, contact Brenda Shiring at [brennyren@yahoo.com](mailto:brennyren@yahoo.com) or 724-334-1507. If I'm at the service and you want a hand, just come and get me.

Special note for September: don't forget to check the congregation's garden (sponsored by our own Green Sanctuary Committee, and maintained by our volunteer gardeners) to see if there's any produce to share!

If you cannot bring refreshments on your assigned week, please make arrangements to switch dates with someone else who's scheduled that month.

Sept. 5	Annual Church Potluck Picnic
Sept. 12	“Stone Salad” Sunday – bring a homegrown veggie!*
Sept. 19	Wendy Noe
Sept. 26	Gayle Pamerleau

Oct.. 3	George Ratliff
Oct. 10	Tabitha Riggio
Oct. 17	Nancy Ritsko
Oct. 24	Mike & Michelle Rudnick
Oct. 31	Kathy & Lew Ruffing

\* This event sponsored by the Green Sanctaury Committee. All are invited to bring something for the salad bowl!

### *Newsletter Deadlines*

October 2010 newsletter deadline: **Sunday, Sept. 19.**

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](mailto: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 Building and Facilities – John Graham Caring & Concerns – Susan Goodis Committee on Ministry – Gayle Pamerleau Community – Open Social Justice – Marylyn Devlin and Judy Graham Finance – Marianne Jew	Green Congregation - Merritt Bailey Membership – Marylyn Devlin Music – Alan Halperin Religious Education – Mary Kukura-Straw Sunday Programs/Celebrations – Brien Palmer Welcoming Congregation – Matt Mathis
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### *Calendar*

#### **Sunday, August 29**

10:30am Sunday Service

#### **Wednesday, September 1**

1:00pm Wednesday Book Club

#### **Sunday, September 5**

9:30am - No Choir Rehearsal today

10:30am Sunday Service

12:00pm Program Committee

#### **Sunday, September 12**

9:30am Choir Rehearsal

10:30am Sunday Service

#### **Wednesday, September 15**

1:00pm Current Events Group

7:30pm Board Meeting

#### **Saturday, September 18**

7:00pm Mabon at ESUUC

#### **Sunday, September 19**

10:30am Sunday Service

11:00pm Newsletter Deadline

#### **Sunday, September 26**

10:30am Sunday Service

#### **Sunday, October 3**

9:30am Choir Rehearsal

10:30am Sunday Service

12:00pm Program Committee

#### **Wednesday, October 6**

1:00pm Wednesday Book Club

