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Allegheny Unitarian Universalist Church's Monthly Newsletter

Message from the President of the Board of Trustees

By now, you should have all received the announcement and report package for our upcoming annual meeting. Unfortunately, we sent out the wrong date on the first announcement, but you should have received a follow up announcement with the correct date of May 17th. There will be lunch available (with a donation) or brown bagging is also very welcome. Also we are working to get child care for the meeting.

I encourage everyone to make an effort to show up to this meeting. Not only do we need members there to vote in a new slate of trustees, we need both friends and members there for important discussions on our mission and our shared goal of moving to full time ministry. In addition, this is simply one of the most important functions to attend in our democratically based faith and I would love to see you there to acknowledge how fortunate we are to exercise this level of freedom in our beliefs.

I don't need to tell you that the current state of the economy is enough to make any thought of expansion seem risky. Yet it is in this atmosphere that we must plan our steps forward. Please gather your thoughts and feelings about the what we want the future of our church to be and come ready to respectfully share your views. This is your chance to help direct our combined energies to help build the church we will call home for the years to come.

Respectfully,
Chris Stygar

May 2009

Northside Leadership Conference



The Northside Leadership Conference Annual Awards Dinner will be held on Thursday 11 June 2009 at the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church on North Avenue. The Dinner is a celebration for residents and community leaders on the Northside. This celebration commemorates the accomplishments in economic and residential development, and neighborhood planning which occurred in the Northside throughout the year.

The purpose of the dinner is to honor neighborhood leaders who have made significant contributions to their communities. Each of the 15 NSLC member groups selects an individual they wish to recognize. In addition, the Conference joins with corporate sponsors to award \$1,000 scholarships to high school seniors in recognition of their volunteer activity.

Please email Kelly MacKay if you'd like more information about this event:

<kelly@pittsburghnorthside.com>

Allegheny UU Church's Rev. Dave is to receive one of these awards.

UU Niagara Experience 19 - 22 July 2009



UU Church of Niagara

Hear the roar! Feel the mist! See the mighty Falls! Join UUs from around the country in Niagara Falls 19-22 July 2009. Come experience the wonder of Niagara Falls including some great educational opportunities while being taken care of like royalty. The UU Church of Niagara is conducting a four day UU Niagara Experience which is a lifetime opportunity to encounter the Falls up close from every perspective. Spend four days with us exploring the rich history and natural beauty around the Falls. For information visit our website <www.uunex.net>.

You don't have to be UU to join us!

The Racial Justice Ministry has some exciting events for the congregation and the community this summer and fall. On May 2nd from 9:30-noon we are sponsoring a showing of the movie “Making Whiteness Visible” with the Women’s International League of Peace and Freedom. After the movie there will be a discussion. Stay tuned for more events, including a Juneteenth celebration and an anti-racism workshop in the fall. Join us at one of our upcoming meetings to help us achieve our goals! We meet the third Thursday of every month from 6:30-8pm in the Emerson Room at the church. Our next meetings will be on Thursdays, May 21st and June 18th.

Racial Justice



We have had a great April with the kids at Jefferson Recreation Center, tissue-papering Easter eggs and making sun catchers. We are excited about our upcoming projects, including making dream catchers, as well as a summer mural project to honor Jolesa Barber, a young girl who was shot and killed in the neighborhood in January 2008. Come for more fun on May 4th and 11th from 5:30-7:00pm! Send an email to Jay Poliziani or Kim Winbush for directions and/or any questions. We can’t wait to see you there!

Also we are trying to start a hot food program at the Center, with free food provided by the county. What we need is people who are willing to go through a food-handling certification program with one of the staff members at the Center. If you are interested, please contact Willie Dawson.

Tuesdays at the Jefferson Recreation Center



**Save the Date!
Saturday 6 June**

On Saturday 5 June, the Northside Common Ministries will have their annual Shelter Walk. Shelter Walk '09 registration and activities will begin at 8:00am at the Pleasant Valley Men's Shelter at 1601 Brighton Road. The walk begins at the Pleasant Valley Shelter and usually proceeds through North Side neighborhoods, where the shelter's homeless lodgers walk. Call 412-323-1163 to pre-register.

**Save the Date!
Sunday 7 June**



Mark the date on you calendars: Sunday 7 June will be our annual summer picnic in North Park. We will have the same shelter we had last year; lots of picnic tables,, lots of sun and shade, and a playground with swings and slides. Refreshments after the service will be canceled that day and the potluck picnic will begin at 1 pm. Look for a sign-up list in the next week or two to see what you can bring to this annual fun filled event.

**Save The Date!
Sunday 14 June**



Who doesn't love a parade? Sunday June 14 will be our annual Pride Day Breakfast, Service, and March festivities. After a light breakfast the worship service begins at a special time of 9:30 am, followed by our own bus from church to the march. The downtown Pride March begins at 12 pm. We'll be marching with other Pittsburgh area UU's so make sure to wear a UU t-shirt. The bus will return to the church after the march. This is one of our biggest public events of the year so please come out and show your support of our local LGBT community!

For more PrideFest details check out:
<<http://pittsburghpride.org/>>

Every Sunday at Allegheny UU:

- 9:00 am Choir Practice
- 10:30 am Sunday Service

Sunday 3 May

- 10:00 am Family Choir Practice
- 10:30 am Story for All Ages Service

Worship Leader: Paul Lawson

RE Appreciation Sunday – Story for All Ages

Speaker: Rev. Dave McFarland

The Web of Which We Are Part

Rev. Dave explores the UU Seventh Principle of the interdependent web of existence.

Wear your UU Shirt to Worship!

Greeters: Jane Coll, Nancy White & Andy Schwarz

Refreshments: John Engberg & Anne Thompson

- Pick Up Giant Eagle certificates
- 2:00 pm NA Regional Meeting
- 6:30 pm Theologies Small Group

Sunday 10 May

- 9:30 am Communion Service

Worship Leader: Jane Dirks

Speaker: Janice Parks

The Song That Never Ends

A conversation in music, joy and dancing with our mothers. Kids are especially encouraged to bring their mothers to this lively intergenerational service.

Greeters: Annabelle & David Clippinger

Refreshments: Lisa Carvajal, Doug & Miriam Weisz

AUUC May Events



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Sunday 17 May

Worship Leader: Kate Tomlinson

Speaker: Rev. Dave McFarland

Living the Principles, Living the Good

After spending a year with the UU principles, Rev. Dave tries to get to the heart of the matter. Wear your UU Shirt to Worship!

Greeters: Lynn Glorieux & Nicki Perfetti

Refreshments: Kathy Graham & Charlie Snowden

- 12:00 noon Annual Congregational Meeting
- 6:30 pm Theologies Small Group

Sunday 24 May

Worship Leader: Donald Zeilman

Speaker: Joe Marsaglia

Cemeteries as Spiritual Places

Joe Marsaglia of the Pittsburgh Institute for Mortuary Science will discuss how cemeteries have evolved as places for spiritual reflection and connection.

Greeters: Pete McQuillin & Barbara Stolarz

Refreshments: Rebecca Davis & Sara Lickey

- 6:30 pm Theologies Small Group

Sunday 31 May

Worship Leader: Hazel Leroy

Speaker: Rev Lynn Acquafondata

Flower Communion and "On Ministry"

Join us to celebrate Flower Communion and to hear Rev Lynn discuss how professional and lay and congregational ministry is at work in our midst and between us all.

Greeters: Andy Schwarz, Bryan & Jessica Vogelsang

Refreshments: Lynn Glorieux & Gloria Skillings

- Order Giant Eagle Certificates

May 2009

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
				1	2 11a Northside Peace Vigil
4 7p NA Mtg 7p BOT Mtg	5 5:30p Jef Rec AUUC Night 6p Sandwich Making	6 6p Health Services Single Payer	7 6:30p Girl Scout Mtg 8p Tai Chi	8	9 11a Northside Peace Vigil
11 7p NA Mtg	12 5:30p Jef Rec AUUC Night 6p Sandwich Making	13 7:30p Choir Practice	14 8p Tai Chi 8:30p Shelter Meal 7p PIIN Board	15	16 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> 9a Healthy Congregation Workshop 11a Northside Peace Vigil
18 7p NA Mtg 7:30p Worship Cmtee	19 6p Sandwich Making 7p MWSS Gen. Mem. Mtg 7p Finance Cmtee Mtg	20	21 6:30p Girl Scout Mtg 6:30p Racial Justice Mtg 8p Tai Chi 8:30p Shelter Meal	22	23 11a Northside Peace Vigil
25 7p NA Mtg 7p Exe. BOT Mtg 7:30p Worship Cmtee	26 6p Sandwich Making	27 7:30p Choir Practice	28 8p Tai Chi	29	30 11a Northside Peace Vigil

Host a High School Exchange Student

CIEE is a non-profit organization in operation for more than 60 years and specializing in international work and education. Our mission is "to help people gain understanding, acquire knowledge and develop skills for living in a globally interdependent and culturally diverse world." Please consider opening your heart and your home to a student this year and give your family the experience of being an Ambassador for our country while learning about another country.

We consider all families and you do not have to have children to host.

Host Families:

- Accept a student into their home as a "host son or daughter" for one academic school year
- Provide a bed and room
- Share meals (can claim \$50/month tax deduction)
- Provide an opportunity of a lifetime for a young person
- Learn about another culture and enjoy a life long relationship

Students:

- Aged 15 to 18
- Well screened
- Speak English
- Have own money to buy what they need
- Have full coverage health insurance

If you are interested in becoming a host family visit www.ciee.org/hs/host/ or contact kirsten.raether@gmail.com.

Kirsten Räther
CIEE Local Coordinator
Member of First Unitarian Church Pittsburgh



This year's OMD Summer Institute experience is in place and waiting for you. From our 2009 SI Chairman's Introduction, we see a glimpse of what we may come away with:

"These are uncertain times, and for some of us even scary times. FDR's famous statement, "We have nothing to fear but fear itself" is now apropos for another generation of Americans. I can think of no better way of addressing our fears and uncertainties than attending Summer Institute 2009 and helping to celebrate SI's 30th anniversary. Just being a part of such a large UU Community is soothing to the soul in and of itself. We begin each day with whole community, intergenerational, family worship. This year our morning worship will be led by Rev. Dr. Susan Ritchie, minister at North UU Congregation in Lewis Center, Ohio. I guarantee this will be a meaningful experience for the whole family."

ONLINE REGISTRATION

New and Improved Online Registration! This year the OMD staff has started managing and hosting SI's online registration process. We have gained many new features because of their expertise and capabilities. Please see how easy it is to register online:

www.ohiomeadville.org/onlinereg/siregistration.html

Less than three months before Summer Institute!

The electronic version of the May Issue of District Doings is now available for download from the OMD web site:

www.ohiomeadville.org/pubs/doings/509DD.pdf

Please note that this will be the final issue of District Doings in this format. Beginning in August the OMD Congregational Packet and District Doings will be combining.

Ohio Meadville District 2009 Summer Institute



OMD District Doings

**May 2009
Interfaith Calendar**

- 1 • Beltane - Wicca Northern hemisphere
- Samhain - Wicca Southern hemisphere
- 2 • Twelfth Day of Ridvan - Baha'i
- 7 • National Day of Prayer (USA) - Interfaith
- 9 • Buddha Day - Visakha Puja - Vesak - Buddhist
- 12 • Lag B'Omer - Jewish
- 21 • Ascension of Jesus - Christian
- 23 • Declaration of the Bab - Baha'i
- 28 • Ascension of Jesus - Orthodox Christian
- 29-30 • Shavuot - Jewish
- 29 • Ascension of Baha'u'llah - Baha'i
- 31 • Pentecost - Christian

May UUA Events

15 May - 17 May 2009
Universalist Convocation 2009
Unitarian Universalist Church
4300 Hampton Heights Drive
Birmingham, AL 35209
<www.uucbham.org>

Participants: Public, Must Register
Sponsor: Universalist Convocations
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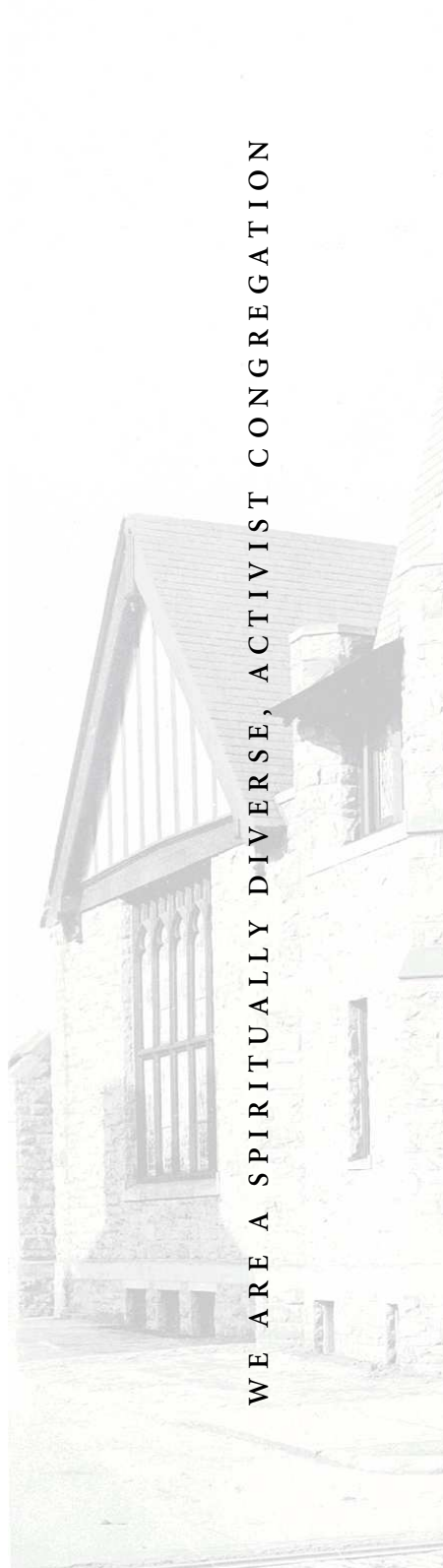
Our mission is to create a caring, nurturing liberal religious community centered on the celebration of life; to deepen awareness of the history of our Unitarian Universalist movement, its principles, and sources of wisdom; to engage in ethical discourse and action in order to maintain social justice as a central concern.

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