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Allegheny Unitarian Universalist Church's Monthly Newsletter

**From
Rev. Dave's
Desk**

I know. I'm the one who advocates for reflection and rejuvenation during the warm months — when brain and body aren't always up to working all that well anyway. But for me this was a summer full of tasks and obligations.

So for this and many reasons, it has been great to be back. Ingathering Sunday offered a particular moment of bliss for me. The choir singing in front of me, smelling the pot-luck below us, tears welled up from the bottom of my soul as I became more than usually aware of how deeply people care about this community. How diligently and sincerely people pour their energy into the work of creating beloved community together. Not to work an agenda. Not to tell others what they ought to do. But to come together with passion. To anticipate grace. And to make room for the sacred in their lives and the lives of others.

So just let me take the “New Year” opportunity to say: Thank you for your willingness and desire to engage in deep soul work. It's a privilege to do the work with you.

Love,

Rev Dave

October 2009

**Uni... Uni... Huh?
New to UU Small
Group Starting
Now!**

Over the next few months a small group will gather to explore together what it means to be a Unitarian Universalist. You are invited!

We'll share and learn about the sources of the UU faith from each other, from Rev. Dave, and from the book, *A Chosen Faith* by Forrest Church and John Buehrens. Sessions are from October 4, to December 6, 2009, and are at 12 Noon in the Unitarian House at 1110 Resaca Place. Please contact Rev. Dave at 412-322-4261 if you're interested. Or just show up!

**Like to Sing?
Join the Choir!**

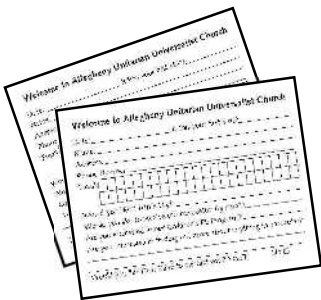


The Choir is looking for new members. If you like to sing and can rehearse with us on Sunday mornings from 9:00 to 10:00 am and/or alternate Wednesday evenings, please come out and give it a try. We have some members who are skilled musicians and others who are not, but we enjoy the music and each other's company. For more info, contact Kiki Barley.

**New Welcome &
Comment Cards**

Please look for the new Welcome & Comment Cards in the Emerson Room of the church. These cards are a way for us to become more welcoming to new guests and to returning visitors. Allegheny UU Church members however, can use the back of the cards in order to communicate concerns, joys, and general comments to the various committees that help keep the church going.

Look for a box in the back of the Emerson Room to drop off your filled out card. Or feel free to place it in the donation plate when the greeters are collecting the offering.



The Committee on Ministry invites you to a congregational meeting after church on Sunday 11 October, from 12 noon to 1:30.

This will be an opportunity to focus on the coming year and discuss what we can do as a congregation to work toward shared ministry, congregational growth and full-time ministry. Bring your ideas, your patience and your understanding. We will hear briefly from the President of our Board of Trustees, Chris Stygar, plus the Chairs of the Worship, Membership and Long Range Planning Committees.

Constructive and respectful discussion will follow. Please plan to attend this important meeting, if at all possible.

Thanks,
Lynn Glorieux

**Ministry
Committee
Invitation:
Sunday 11 October**



Members of this church community should look for some new changes in our Fellowship Hour which follows after each service. This is the time when we all enjoy some refreshments as a community.

Fellowship Hour is the opportunity to create the welcoming atmosphere that we know makes our congregation unique and inviting to friends, guests and regular visitors.

Please feel free to ask any of the membership committee members, Jill Brethauer, Lisa Carvajal, Ellen Kerr, Betty Schwarz, Jane Schwarz and Anne Thompson for how YOU can sign-up for a Sunday that works best for you beginning this fall. After initial sign-up, we will begin assigning Sundays to the members of the congregation who have not yet signed-up.

**Membership
and
Fellowship**



**Stand Up for
BGLT
Equality Across
the Nation!**



This fall, there's a great way that you can stand up for equal rights for bisexual, gay, lesbian and transgender (BGLT) folks in your own community and nationwide:

Join us October 11th in Washington, DC for the National March for Equality!

The Unitarian Universalist Association has officially endorsed the March, and the president of the Association, Rev. Peter Morales, will be preaching at All Souls Church, Unitarian, that morning. The UUA Washington Office will be coordinating gathering places for both the March and Rally. How will you and your congregation stand up for equality? Please contact Orelia Busch <obusch@uua.org>, 202-393-2255 x12 at the UUA Washington Office for Advocacy to let us know. We want to hear from you and we want to help!

**Roast Beef and
Mashed Potatoes!**



Full belly, happy heart!

Over 25 kids from the neighborhood surrounding Jefferson Recreation Center recently feasted on roast beef and mashed potatoes. Through the efforts of the AUUC Racial Justice Ministry the kids at the Jefferson Recreation Center will now be provided a full evening meal every weekday evening at 5pm and a light snack at 8pm. Staff at the center tell us that many of the kids coming up for the meal have little or no food in their homes for an evening meal. The evening food program sponsored by Allegheny county will not only be for the kids at the Jefferson Recreation Center but also the kids at all of the city recreation centers. Without the efforts of the Racial Justice Ministry this would not be happening. WAY TO GO!!!

Looking for a way to help in our church neighborhood? Join us on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 6 pm at the Jefferson Rec Center as we do arts, crafts, and cooking with the kids there. Or maybe you could help by giving us a great idea, with supplies, for a project with the children there (we look for projects that will appeal to girls and boys and which kids as young as 4 can participate, but could also appeal to teens). Contact Jay Poliziani or Kim Winbush.

Tuesdays at the Jefferson Recreation Center



The Racial Justice Ministry is looking forward to several exciting events in the next few months. On October 18th after service, we will be sponsoring a showing of the movie “Race to Execution” which details the racial issues that are a part of the capital punishment system in America. On November 2nd we will hold our annual All Souls Vigil to recognize those who have been victims of gun violence in the neighborhood. There will be a short service at Allegheny followed by a candlelight vigil through the neighborhood. We will also be hosting an anti-racism workshop with facilitators from the Unitarian Universalist Association at the beginning of December (more information below). Join us to help us achieve our goals! If you are interested in helping us promote racial justice on the North Side, please email Jay Poliziani or Liz Dell. Racial Justice Ministry has worked with the staff at the Jefferson Recreation Center to bring a city-sponsored hot meal program to the kids at the Center, and the well-fed kids are very happy to see us! In September we made no-bake cookies and decorated treasure boxes, and plan to make salsa as well as other crafts in October.

Racial Justice



The Third Annual Association Sunday

The theme of the third UUA Association Sunday is *Growing Our Diversity* and will be celebrated on Sunday 11 October 2009. There will probably be a special collection that day, so come prepared!

Last year, over 1,000 Unitarian Universalists (UUs) shared their opinions on what projects should be funded by Association Sunday 2009 through an electronic survey. Using this collaborative feedback, the programs which your generous contributions will benefit have been selected. The following initiatives represent the top choices:



- Expand the *Building the World We Dream About* curriculum and associated resources and training.
- Support congregations that are working to create a Unitarian Universalism that is racially, culturally, and economically diverse; a part of this support will be in the form of grants.
- Enable UU congregations and districts to minister effectively to youth and young adults who identify

Want to join a Knitting, Crocheting, Crafting Circle?



On Sunday 18 October a knitting, crocheting, crafting circle will begin to meet at the U House around 9AM. Anyone is welcome to join the circle; just bring yourself and a handcraft you enjoy doing. Maybe you'd like to bring a friend along, too. We'll meet in the big front room to the right as you enter the U House. There's plenty of natural light, as well as many chairs. We will "close" the circle at 10-10:15, so there's time to get over to the service at the church. The circle will try to meet once a month before the Sunday service. If you want more information, please speak with Lisa Carvajal by phone or by email. Future dates for the circle will be posted to the church's Yahoo Groups Calendar.

Every Sunday at Allegheny:

- 10:30 am Sunday Service

Sunday 4 October

- 10:30 am Story for All Ages Service
- 10:30 am Coming of Age

Speaker: Rev. David McFarland
“Walking Together”

Rev Dave explores what covenant can mean to a sassy 21st century congregation like ours.

- Pick Up Giant Eagle certificates
- 2:00 pm NA Regional Meeting

Sunday 11 October

Association Sunday Service
“Growing Our Diversity”

- 12 PM Ministry Committee Church Chat
- 6:30p Theologies Small Group

Sunday 18 October

Parking Alert: Steelers Home Game at 1pm

- 9:00AM Knitting/Crocheting Circle at U House
- 9:30AM Communion Service
- 10:30 am Coming of Age

Speaker: Annabelle Clippinger
“UU Pagans on the Margin”

Sunday 25 October

Parking Alert: Steelers Home Game at 1pm

- 9AM Jubilee One Workshop

Speaker: Rev. David McFarland
“Building the Church of All Souls”

Why are so many of our churches called “All Souls”? Rev. Dave reflects on the significance of our Universalist heritage in building beloved community.

- Order Giant Eagle certificates

Allegheny UU Church October



October 2009

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
			1 6:30p Girl Scout Mtg 8p T8p Tai Chi	2	3
5 7p NA Mtg	6 5:30p Jef Rec AUUC Night 6p Sandwich Making	7 7:30p Choir Practice 7p Medita- tion 7p BOT Mtg	8 7p PIIN Board 8p Tai Chi	9	10
12 7p NA Mtg 7p CNNC Mtg.	13 5:30p Jef. Rec. Center-AUUC Night 6p Sandwich Making	14	15 6:30p Girl Scout Mtg 8p Tai Chi 8:30p Shelter Meal	16	17 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>
19 7p NA Mtg 7:30p Facilita- tors Small Group	20 6p Sandwich Making	21 6p Girl Scout Mtg 7:30p Choir Practice	22 8p Tai Chi	23 <i>Jubilee One Wkshp</i>	24 <i>Jubilee One Workshop</i> 9a Grove of Gaia Fest 2009
26 7p NA Mtg 7p Worship Cmtee Mtg	27 6p Sandwich Making	28 7p Exec. BOT Mtg	29 8p Tai Chi	30	31

Racism remains a calamity in our society and local communities. But as UUs, we're pretty sure we don't contribute to the problem.

Should we be so smug?

The Allegheny UU Church Jubilee Workshop on December 4th and 5th will help us answer this question. Sponsored by the Racial Justice Ministry, the workshop objectives are to:

- Increase awareness of racism within the church and the larger community;
- Recognize the power/privilege of racism from personal and institutional perspectives;
- Identify activities and responses that promote the elimination of racism;
- Identify the challenges and barriers to working toward eliminating racism;
- Examine our denominational values, principles, and purposes; and
- Begin the process of building an anti-racism transformation team.

The workshop will begin Friday evening with a reception, film and discussion. Saturday is dedicated to anti-racism activities led by UUA facilitators Helen Boxwill, of the Journey Toward Wholeness Transformation Committee and Rev. Chester McCall, former minister of Unitarian Universalist Church of the Restoration in Philadelphia. Our facilitators will also participate in Sunday morning worship which will reflect the workshop themes of anti-racism, racial justice and multiculturalism.

Please register your attendance at this milestone AUUC event with Gloria.

Allegheny UU Church Jubilee Workshop

Finance Committee Report

The Finance Committee welcomes two new members. Betty Luff and Cathy Serventi join continuing members Jennifer Burke, Kathy Graham, Kathleen Kenney, Mac McMahon (Treasurer), Betty Schwarz, and Jill Brethauer. Cathy's presence on the Committee will facilitate coordination with the Stewardship Committee, while Mac's and Peggy's presence ensures that there is good communication between the Board of Trustees and the Finance Committee.

The Finance Committee has compiled a draft budget for FY 2010 (July 1, 2009–June 30, 2010). Among other things, the budget reflects the congregation's plan to hire an administrative assistant within the next few months, an important step on the way to achieving full-time ministry. The Board will review the budget in October.

As Mac explained in his report to the congregation in May, our membership and contributions need to grow in order to support and sustain the many programs and activities that make our congregation and ministry so appealing. The Board and the standing committees, together with the reinvigorated planning committee, will focus on these issues during the coming months.

Did you know that you can simplify your life and speed the cash flow to the church by having your pledge payments automatically deducted from your checking account and deposited into the church's account? For a nominal transaction fee that is paid by the church, Vanco Services handles the transactions. All you have to do is complete a simple enrollment form and return a hard copy of the form to Kathy Graham, along with a voided check.



To minimize transaction costs, monthly withdrawals are recommended, on the 1st or 15th of the month. With a 2-week notice, you can change or discontinue the amount at any time. Go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/auuc/files/> to download "Automatic Deposit Application" form.

-Jill Brethauer

If you are a member of Allegheny UU Church, you can now access our on-line directory to simply look up an individual's information, or to print your own paper directory. (Please note: The resulting printed directory is formatted differently than our annual published directory.)

Directions for logging in can be gotten from Betty Schwarz or Lisa Carvajal. Once in the system, you can search for fellow members, print out lists of members or view the entire congregation.

If/when you see any mistakes, please let Betty Schwarz know.

Finance Committee Report *continued*

Allegheny UU Church's On-line Directory



National Equality March

The UUA has asked congregations to participate in the National Equality March in Washington, D.C., on Sunday 11 October 2009. Are any congregations in the area participating in this event? We are going to try to get a delegation from the Society. Depending on the number of participants we get from the area, maybe we can work out joint transportation. Just a thought here. Wondered what other congregations were doing.

Maureen Meslovich
UU Society of Cleveland
Cleveland Heights

Ohio-Meadville District News

Rock from a Hard Place

Have you lost your job, your business, savings or home? This workshop is for you. In this workshop we create a safe place to explore: What happened? Who am I now? Who am I becoming? How is this loss shaping my relationships – with my partner, family, friends, and God/Life? How does it shift my sense of meaning and hope? At the end of the workshop, you'll have the opportunity to share your story and insights with other participants – as a narrative, in prose, poetry or as a song (yes, coaching is available!) This workshop is led by Rev. Mary Grigolia and cost is a sliding scale. For more information visit www.ohiomeadville.org/conference/rockworkshop.html

Friday 7-9 pm and Saturday 9-4 pm
30-31 October 2009

Olmsted UU Congregation
5050 Porter Rd., N. Olmsted



*Learn About Becoming A Multicultural
Congregation*

Don't miss this great workshop on Saturday 10 October 2009 at the First Unitarian Church of Toledo. The Rev. Hope Johnson will help participants learn how to create a welcoming, multicultural UU community and what resources are available from the UUA to help you and your congregation. Rev. Johnson is minister of the UU Congregation of Central Nassau, NY.

The congregation is the 2007 recipient of the UAs Eugene Pickett Award for Growth. Hope is the chair of the Committee on Ministry and Anti-Racism/Anti-Oppression and Multicultural Committee of the UU Minister's Association.

For details and registration visit:

<www.ohiomeadville.org/conference/multiculturalworld.html>

Interested in Learning About Growth?

The workshop "Choosing Wisely: A Biomimetic Approach to Nurturing Growth in Congregation" a four part webinar series still has a few seats open. This free web-based training series is designed for lay leaders within Unitarian Universalist congregations. Biomimetics refers to the process of taking ideas from nature and applying them to other fields such as organizational structures and leadership processes. This seminar series will use the model of plants to highlight the critical components of leadership in sustaining significant and lasting growth in congregations. The series meets on Wednesday evenings in October. Groups can log in together and share the experience. A four session Webinar Series October 7, 14, 21 & 28: 7 - 8:30 pm. For details, visit: <www.ohiomeadville.org/conference/growthweb.html>

**Ohio-Meadville
District News**



**October Interfaith
Calendar**

- 3-9 • (3-4 Primary Obligation Days)
Sukkot - Jewish
- 4 • St Francis Day - Catholic Christian
- 10 • Shemini Atzeret - Jewish
- 11 • Simchat Torah - Jewish
- 12 • Thanksgiving - Interfaith - Canada
- 17 • Diwali (Deepavali) - Hindu, Jain
- 20 • Installation of Scriptures as Guru Granth -
Sikh
- Birth of the Bab - Baha'i
- 25 • Reformation Day - Protestant Christian
- 28 • Milvian Bridge Day - Christian
- 31 • All Hallows Eve - Christian



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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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