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Board Meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

UUSC DEADLINES:

Beacon Articles: Deadline for July is *July 4*

Order of Service/Announcements:
Wednesday a.m. before the Sunday Service

Board Reports: Tuesday a.m. before the Board Meeting

Birthdays and Anniversaries

This is only a partial list. To make it complete, send your special dates to the Office at office@uucleveland.org or just call and leave a message on the machine. Thanks!!

June

Richard Wortman	14
Peggy Lagodny	17
Amy Collins	21

THE BEACON

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UPCOMING SERVICE INFORMATION

Musical Prelude at 10:45 a.m.✻ Service at 11:00 a.m.

June 13, 2010, 11 a.m.
The Bible and the End of Times
Worship Leader: Rev. Colin Bossen
Musicians: UUSC Choir, Barbara Boyd, Director and Karin Tooley

Apocalypse, Armageddon, the Rapture...The tenth and final service in this year's series on the Bible will focus on how Biblical images and ideas of the end of times have influenced and continue to influence our culture.

June 20, 2010, 11:00 a.m.
FLOWER COMMUNION
Worship Leader: Rev. Colin Bossen
Musician: Karin Tooley

To mark the end of another year together, we gather for our annual Flower Communion. The Flower Communion originated with Dr.. Norbert Capek, founder of the modern Unitarian movement in what is now the Czech Republic. Please bring a flower to be blessed during the service.

June 27, 2010, 11 a.m.
Putting the Glass Down
Guest Worship Leader: Rev. Jennifer Steinfurth
Musician: Karin Tooley

Can coming to church actually help with stress reduction? Worship and a faith community may actually be good for our mental health! Let's look at just one more benefit to being a part of our UU Congregation.

Rev. Jennifer Steinfurth is currently an ordained Elder in The United Methodist Church. She is a member of the UU Society and has been attending for about 2 years.

July 4, 2010, 11 a.m.
For Such a Time as This
Guest Worship Leader: Tom Beck
Guest Musician: George Foley

Some people call it "fate" while others claim that we are just in the right place at the right time. Nevertheless, each generation finds itself in a place and time that is unique to history. We are Unitarian Universalists – a people who represent liberal religious philosophies and traditions. What role will we be called upon to play as we face the challenges of the 21st Century?

Tom Beck is a member of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent. Tom is an Administrator and Teacher at The University of Akron. Tom is the father of three sons and has two grandchildren.

July 11, 2010, 11 a.m.
From Chaos, Creation
Guest Worship Leader: Kate Landis
Musician: Karin Tooley

The holy scriptures of Jews and Christians tell us that from a stormy, wet chaos emerged the world that we call home. Can chaos birth creation? Can creation birth chaos?

Kate Landis is a member of the Society. She is currently studying to by a Unitarian Universalist Minister at Andover Newton Theological School

See What UUSC Has to Offer: Visit our website at www.uucleveland.org.

Wheelchair Available: The Society has a wheel chair available for use during congregational events.

Notes from our Minister

Last Sunday's letter writing campaign was a success. Members and friends of the Society wrote more than 60 letters—most of them handwritten—to a variety of public officials including Arizona Governor Jan Brewer, Ohio Governor Ted Strickland, Senator George Voinovich, Senator Sherrod Brown and President Barack Obama protesting Arizona State Bill 1070 and calling for immigration reform. Many pledged to boycott Arizona until SB 1070 is repealed.

In the wake of such a strong congregational response I am going to ask the Board to consider a motion at the June Board meeting urging the Unitarian Universalist Association to boycott Arizona. As some of you may know, the 2012 UUA General Assembly is scheduled to be held in Phoenix. This year General Assembly will be debating whether or not hold the 2012 Assembly in Phoenix as scheduled. I think it is important that we. How we spend our money is an expression of our values.

The actual business resolution that will be debated on the floor of the Assembly reads as follows:

Business Resolution on Phoenix General Assembly 2012

"Whereas the state of Arizona has recently enacted a law—SB 1070—that runs counter to our first principle, *affirming the worth and dignity of every person,*

Whereas the Association stands in solidarity with allies using a widespread economic boycott of Arizona as leverage for Love against this hateful legislation;

Be it resolved: we will not meet in a state of fear.

Accordingly, the Assembly hereby:

- *Directs the UUA General Assembly Planning Committee to recommend to the Board of Trustees an alternate location for General Assembly 2012 at a location outside the state of Arizona;*
- *Pledges to generate from Member Congregations the amount sufficient to cancel arrangements in Phoenix for GA 2012;*
- *Pledges further to generate an equal or greater amount to fund ongoing efforts to Stand on the Side of Love in Arizona.*
- *Pledges to renew and redouble our efforts to become a multicultural, anti racist Association; to live as a people standing faithfully in opposition to systemic racism in our congregations, local communities, and in our own lives.*

It is estimated that cancelling the Assembly in Arizona will cost the UUA as much as $600,000. If passed, this resolution would pledge congregations to raise this money and an additional $600,000 to fund organizing efforts in Arizona. It is my hope that our congregation will take part in raising some of these funds.

Incidentally if you are serious about boycotting Arizona some of the businesses you might want to boycott include US Airways, Best Western, PetSmart, Discount Tire Company, U-Haul, Coldstone Creamery, Mesa Airlines and P.F. Chang's China Bistro. If you regularly buy goods or services from any of these companies, why not take a few moments to write or call them and tell them you won't be their customer again until SB 1070 is repealed?

love,

Colin

PS In the interest of transparency I should note the Society's web site is hosted by Go Daddy, an internet hosting company based in Arizona. All of the fees for hosting our site with them have been paid through 2013. If in 2013 the boycott against Arizona is still in effect we will move our site to another web hosting service.

From Our President

Greetings!

Guess I was getting ahead of myself last month. This is my last column. First, I want to thank all of you that offered to help during my recovery. I get to lose the sling, straighten the arm, and maybe even drive this week. I want to remind everyone that if you haven't sent in your pledge card, please do so ASAP There are blank cards in the back of the sanctuary. You may also pledge online on the UUSC website. It appears that the pledge drive has not met its goal this year, even with the outstanding pledges. The Board and staff have looked at the budget to see where some cuts can be made, so we aren't taking more from our investments than we approved at the annual meeting. The board has submitted our proposed cuts to the finance committee. After the finance committee review, the board will present the changes to the 2010 - 2011 budget to the congregation. No vote will be necessary for these changes. The meeting will be informational. We will not be cutting any staff positions, including Membership Coordinator. Any concerns you may have, please talk to a member of the board. I hope everyone has a great summer!

Cheers!

Maureen

June 2010

CG = Covenant Group

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 First Sunday Lunch 12:30 p.m.	7	8	9	10 Pagan 101 Covenant Group 7:00 p.m.	11	12
13 GLBT Group 1 p.m. Newcomer Orientation 12:30-2:30 p.m.	14	15	16	17 Joseph Campbell Round Table 7:30 -9 p.m. Board Meeting 7pm	18	19 Youth Movie Night 6:30-9p.m.
20	21	22	23 UUA General Assembly in Minneapolis	24 UUA General Assembly in Minneapolis	25 UUA General Assembly in Minneapolis	26 UUA General Assembly in Minneapolis
27 Earth Centered Spirituality Celebrates Summer Solstice 1 p.m. GA	28	29	30	1	2	3

Pastoral Associates

Pastoral Associates, applications enclosed with this Beacon, are now being accepted. Pastoral Associates assist the minister with the ongoing pastoral care of the congregation. Under the supervision of the minister, they visit and coordinate aid for sick and shut-in members of the Society. Pastoral Associates meet on a quarterly basis and communicate regularly about the pastoral needs of the congregation. Please complete your application by June 30 and put it in the mail box of Rev. Colin Bossen. Please let Rev. Bossen know if you would like an electronic version of the application. You may also submit applications electronically to minister@uucleveland.org.

Worship Associates

Worship Associates applications, enclosed with the Beacon, are now being accepted for a two-year term beginning in September. The Worship Associates have opportunities to create and write elements of the worship service such as chalice lightings, opening words, offertory introductions, meditations, stories, or messages/homilies. They may assist with researching appropriate readings for sermon topics. During services they may be asked to contribute or read any of these elements of a service. They communicate with service leaders and, when appropriate, compile orders of service, coordinate with musicians, and communicate with the office regarding service information. On designated weeks, they participate in the logistics and set-up of Sunday morning services such as supplying candles, changing microphone batteries and distributing hymnals.

Additionally, as a team, the Worship Associates lead Sunday service about four times a year. The program is an excellent opportunity for worship participation, collaborative worship development and spiritual growth.

For a complete description of the position, see the "Worship Associate Description" on the information table in the sanctuary. Please complete your application by June 30 and put it in the mail box of either Rev. Colin Bossen or Amy Collins, CLL. Please let Amy know if you would like an electronic version of the application. You may also submit applications electronically to amymcollins@sbcglobal.net and minister@uucleveland.org.throughout the year

Candidates complete a Worship Associate Application which is reviewed by the Minister and the Commissioned Lay Leader. Candidates will be notified of their acceptance into the Worship Associate Program. Terms begin in September.

Joys and Concerns

Once a month, on the first Sunday, we invite people to individually share their Joys and Concerns while a Worship Associate lights a candle in honor of the Joy or Concern. The rest of the month Joys and Concerns are incorporated into the service leader's spoken meditation. If you have a Joy or Concern you would like shared, there are three ways you can communicate it to the service leader:

1. You can contact the Society's Office up until 6:00 p.m. on the Thursday before the service;
2. You can fill out a Joys and Concerns Form up until the start of the service. The forms, and a box to receive them, are available in the back of the Sanctuary. They are collected by a Worship Associate immediately before the service starts. On the form you can indicate whether or not you would like to be contacted by the minister or if you would like your Joy or Concern included in the Beacon.
3. On those weeks he is leading the service, you can send an e-mail to Rev. Colin Bossen at minister@uucleveland.org up until 10:00 a.m. Sunday morning.

REflections

Last week was the final week of our RE curriculum year and what a year it was! This year we had record signups and attendance for our covenant groups, we had excellent attendance at our Sunday Forums, our RE program grew both in terms of overall numbers and in average attendance, and that just some of the things that have happened this year. I feel comfortable saying that this has been our best RE year yet and that's because of you. One of the records we broke this year was in volunteerism to the RE program but there is A LOT of room for improvement. We're going to need your help this coming RE year to make our program even better. There are all kinds of Volunteer positions that we need to fill from substitute teachers to nursery helpers to summer teachers. The RE committee respects your time and energy so most volunteer jobs only require you for one Sunday a month or less. Please contact me if you're interested but would like more information about getting involved.

Thanks,

Nathan Staples: Director of Religious Education

Kelsey's Corner

Thanks to everyone who volunteered to help out this year, and a special thanks to Welcome Team volunteers, Membership Committee members, and all of you who ever greeted anyone on a Sunday or told a friend or co-worker about the Society. It's been a good year for membership, thanks to you!

Even as summer slows things down at the Society, there is plenty we can do to keep our momentum going. We still need volunteers every Sunday for our Welcome Team. If you know you'll be available to help greet on a Sunday, please try to let me know ahead of time. It saves me a lot of time and saves you from being hounded by me later! We also plan to participate in quite a few community events this summer, including the Coventry Street Fair on June 17 and the Cleveland Pride Festival on June 26. If you'd like to volunteer to staff a table at these events, or if you know of another event, please contact me. Happy Summer!

Thanks,

Kelsey, Membership Coordinator

Update on our Nepali Friends

Our friends on South Green Road are doing well. There are now 16 families. Parbat, Tika and Durga just graduated from Middle School –all on the merit roll! I attended the ceremony at Memorial Middle School(South Euclid) along with their proud parents.

Narayan graduated from Brush H.S.last week. Sudarshan has 3 jobs and a car! Many have entry level part time jobs and are paving the way for others who are still attending English classes downtown every day.

Our help is always appreciated: practicing English at all levels, bicycles, activities for kids(especially during the summer), help with job applications and rides to Drs appointments, odd jobs, gardening, housecleaning,etc. Check out their garden next to our parking lot!

See Claire Brugnoletti if you have an hour or 2 to spare:. 216 932 6618

Parking as a Spiritual Practice

Every Sunday, when I arrive at the UUSC, I appreciate how convenient and spacious our parking lots are. And then I park on the street. I really like to park in the lots, and I assume that everyone else does, too. But I am able-bodied, and have no small children. So its not particularly difficult for me to take a spot on the street. I leave the convenient parking spaces for those who need them. And for visitors, to make their experience of the UUSC as pleasant as possible.

Likewise, I've recently started sitting in the first couple of rows of the sanctuary. It takes some getting used to, and at first I felt a bit uncomfortable up there. But as uncomfortable as it is for me, I can only image how awkward it would feel for a visitor to have to choose between sitting in the first row, or squeezing in the back between strangers. So I try to give visitors the gift of a really good seat – the seat that I would like best for myself. Plus, I don't have a squirmy toddler, who might require a speedy exit.

With intention and love, I choose to leave the "best" seats, and the "best" parking spaces for others. Although it feels like a tiny gesture, it also feels like one concrete thing that I can do to become more welcoming and generous. An act of random kindness.

I invite you to adopt this little spiritual practice as your own, and join me in the front row and on the street. Give the gift of an inconspicuous seat to a cautious first-time visitor, or the blessing of an open parking space to someone who might struggle with the steps up to the building.

Yours in faith,

Emily

UUSC News/Announcements

Help Needed for June/July Coffee Hours: Please contact Patrick Laughlin if you are able to help. If you do, everyone at the Society will love you!

Summer Social Youth Events Sara Bossen and Ryan Byrd have been working to set up some summer social events for the youth. They have pulled together a schedule of when they are planning to have the events, below. If your young person is participating, please bring the youth to the **Society at 6:30pm.** Game night and movie night should be **over at around 9:00pm**. The Lock-In will last until the next day. Please feel free to contact Ryan or Sara with any questions or if we need to work together for transportation for your child.

Saturday June 19th Movie Night
Saturday July 24th Game Night
Saturday August 14th Lock-In

Youth Summer Visitations: What better way is there to learn about Jewish and Christian traditions than visiting places of worship? That is exactly how the middle class and youth will close out this RE year. Each month this summer they will visit someplace new. Strike up a conversation with these explorers to hear more about their experiences.

Coventry Street Fair June 17: The Society is participating in the Coventry Street Fair again this year. Don't miss the chance to participate in an evening of music, food and community! Help is needed to staff the table from 6-9pm, and we need at least one person to help set up starting at 4:30. If you can help for any amount of time, talk to Kelsey.

Earth Centered Spirituality Group: We will gather on Sunday, June 27th to celebrate the Summer Solstice. Pot luck at 1:00. Ritual/discussion at 2:00. More information to come in The Flame. Contact Lainey Warren or Mary Schatzman.

Treasurer Search: The Board is recruiting for the position of Board Treasurer. If you are interested, see any board member, Steve Doell or Colin Bossen for more information.

New Online Pledging: We are now accepting pledges and donations online through Vanco. Look for more information on our web site www.uucleveland.org.

Volunteer for Welcome Teams: Greeters are needed for Welcome Teams throughout the summer. If you are available, please see Kelsey or find a sign-up sheet at the welcome table or at coffee hour.

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Board Minutes

If you would like to receive the minutes from Board Meetings via email, please contact the Society's Office. Alternatively, the minutes from the previous month's Board Meeting are posted on the Bulletin Board in the Social Hall.

More Announcements

UUA General Assembly in Minneapolis June 23-27: Join thousands of Unitarian Universalists from across America for wonderful and uplifting morning and evening worship services. Actions of social witness are passed at GA, and elements that make up future policies are discussed. For registration and information, visit www.uua.org/events/generalassembly/.

Share Your Story & Contribute to Worship at Summer Institute! Do you have a great short story that makes you glow, snap your fingers, and exclaim, "And THAT'S why I'm a Unitarian Universalist!" Well then SI Worship Minister Rev. Dave McFarland from Allegheny Unitarian Universalist Church in Pittsburgh, PA, wants to hear from you!

This Summer Institute will be devoted to telling our stories. During worship each morning, Rev. Dave will invite another SIer to the worship space to share his or her story that exemplifies why they remain, why they value, or just what they love about being a Unitarian Universalist.

If you have, or somebody you know has such a story and would be able to share it with the 200 or so SIers who gather in the auditorium for morning worship, please pass along your name, contact information, and your story to Rev. Dave at AUUCMinister@yahoo.com. (Please make the subject line "SI Story Offering.") We'll only need four or five, so please be gentle with him if yours is not picked among the stories considered.

Summer Institute, Sunday July 11 to Saturday, July 17
Join Rev. Bossen and hundreds of other Unitarian Universalists from the Ohio Meadville District for the annual Summer Institute. This year the theme is "Our Stories, Ourselves: Seeking..." and the featured theme speaker will be Odds Bodkin (www.oddsbodkin.com). Summer Institute is a week long institute with programming for adults, young adults, youth and children, and is a family-friendly camp. This year as part of the program Rev. Bossen will be leading a five day workshop entitled "Resistance and Transformation; Our Unitarian Universalist Social Justice History." If you would like more information visit the Summer Institute web-site at http://www.omdsi.org/ Registration deadline is July 1.

Staff Transitions: Carol Splaver is no longer with the Society, and Joel Prater has announced his intention to resign within the next few months. The Society is in the process of looking for a new Office Administrator. The title of the Facilities Manager position is being changed to Custodian. In the meantime, Kelsey is filling in as Office Administrator. Job postings for both of these positions are on the Society's web site. Deadline to apply is June 15.

Electronic Copies of the Beacon Starting in July the Beacon will be mailed out electronically. If you wish to continue to receive a paper copy of the Beacon please contact the office. Transitioning to an electronic Beacon will save the Society approximately $1,000 every year

Special Collections

The May 9 Special Collection raised $152.75 for Planned Parenthood. The June 13 Special Collection will benefit Rebuilding Together Cleveland. The July 11 Special Collection will benefit Sierra Club Inner City Outings.