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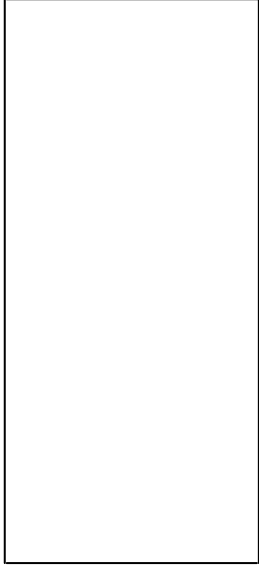
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*Board Meetings are held on the
3rd Wednesday of the month at
7:00 p.m.*



UUUC DEADLINES:

Beacon Articles: Deadline for August (July 26)

Order of Service/Announcements:

Wednesday a.m. before the Sunday Service

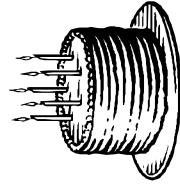
Board Reports: Wednesday a.m. before the Board Meeting

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!!*

JULY

Rev. Peggy & Don Clason anniversary	6
Wes & Muriel Senseman anniversary	20
Nathan Staples	29
Krissie Wells	29
Lisa Bohlander	31



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THE BEACON

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF
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UPCOMING SERVICE INFORMATION

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

July 5, 11 a.m.

Wholly, Holy, Holy

Guest Worship Leader: Lisa Bohlander

Musician: Karin Tooley
Welcoming: Dana Bjorklund, Stephanie Cohen,
Betty Lau, Maureen Meslovich

Who are you? Self-awareness is a spiritual practice that can cultivate wholeness, compassion and wisdom. Self-awareness can help us to actualize our inherent worth and open us up to deeper truth. Lisa is a friend of the Society and a practicing Buddhist. Following the service, all are invited to join in the traditional 4th of July Weekend Potluck Picnic at Forest Hills Park.

July 12, 11 a.m.

The Women

Worship Leader: Amy Collins, CLL

Musician: Karin Tooley

Welcoming: Brett Cohen, Sharon Cook,
Jeri Kask and Nancy Simpson

Liberal women ministers of the 19th and 20th centuries helped to shape the liberal religious movement of the time, and greatly impacted Unitarian Universalism specifically. They brought a different approach and philosophy to ministry that has had a lasting impact on our faith expression as we know it today.

July 19, 2009, 11 a.m.

**To Seek the Truth in Love:
A Dialogue**

Worship Leaders: Bob Rudolph and Amy Collins, CLL

Musician: Karin Tooley

Welcoming: Sharon Cook, Daria Hutchinson,
Nina McLellan and Marie Nighthalingale

Amy Collins joins Bob Rudolph, CLL of First Church Toledo in a dialogue sermon between two friends, one a traditional thinker about religious matters and the other a progressive, who are sharing their deeply-held views. The dialogue models the meaning of a phrase from a well-known Unitarian Universalist covenant - "to seek the truth in love."

Is God Keeping You From Church?

Worship Leader: Jeremy Elliott
Musicians: Paul Minkler (horn) and Karin Tooley (piano)
Welcoming: Ben Austin, Marie Nighthalingale,
David Schatzman and Stephanie Sweeton

Not long ago, the UUA began a national marketing campaign that asked, "Is God keeping you from church? We will explore this question and our search for the life-giving forces I our lives. Theist or atheist, please leave your idols at home this Sunday.

Jeremy Elliott is a UU minister and chaplain in Cleveland and member of West Shore UU Church in Rocky River. He was the Killam Fellow at First Unitarian Church of Cleveland this past summer. He served as the intern minister at the largest church in the UUA, All Souls Unitarian Church in Tulsa, OK. Jeremy studied at Starr King School for the Ministry in CA, and holds degrees from Baldwin-Wallace College and Case Western Reserve University.

August 2, 2009, 11 a.m.

The Zen of Pluralism

Worship Leaders: Worship Team: Amy Collins, CLL,
Michael Hugill, Marianne Ingalls and Emily Trzson

Musician: Karin Tooley
Welcoming: Jeri Kask, Shirley Skeellenger
and Stephanie Sweeton

Our Living Tradition draws upon many spiritual practices and sources. Over the years we have looked at how Christianity, Transcendentalism and Humanism have impacted Unitarian Universalism. There are a growing number of Buddhist UU's. Today we will look at how Eastern religions such as Zen Buddhism have enriched our religious tradition.

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

New UUUC Website: Check out our new Website at www.uucleveland.org. Our email address is office@uucleveland.org.

Notes from our Minister

I will be on vacation and study leave July 3 to August 13. During this time my family and I will be traveling throughout Europe. We will primarily be in the United Kingdom, France and the Czech Republic. While we are in the UK and the Czech Republic we plan to visit some Unitarian historical sites and I will record some of my impressions about them on my blog [The Latest Form of Infidelity \(infidelity.blogspot.com\)](http://The Latest Form of Infidelity (infidelity.blogspot.com)). I have been invited to preach in London and Edinburgh, at the Croydon Unitarian and Free Christian Church and St. Mark's Unitarian Church, respectively.

As I prepare for my vacation I can't help but reflect upon our last year together. We have accomplished a lot and experienced a lot of change. Our membership reached 100 in April. This marks the first time that the congregation's membership has exceeded 100 since 1987. It also caps four years of steady growth, the longest continued period of growth since the Society moved to Cleveland Heights and possibly the longest continual period of growth in our congregation's history.

Our growth has not just numerical. In the last year we have expanded our programs and deepened our connection to the surrounding community. Our new community garden is providing a place for people from Musicians Tower and within the congregation to grow some of their own. Almost everyday a group them can be seen working outside in the garden and adding a certain vitality to our grounds.

We should also be proud of our continuing work with the five refugee families from Bhutan. The program is growing in strength and it seems that more members of the congregation are becoming involved. Additionally, our monthly special collections have raised more than \$3,000 to support work in our community and the work of our broader Unitarian Universalist movement.

Perhaps most exciting of all has been the completion of our first successful Coming of Age program. I am very proud of Ben, Dylan and Taiesha, the youth who participated in the program. Their faith statements suggested to me that they are beginning their religious and life journeys on a firm foundation. The congregation's support throughout the year demonstrated that they will held by the loving embrace of this community over the next many years as they continue to grow and learn.

All of this growth has brought a lot of change. The congregation is continuing to move from informal and to more formal decision making. Many of new members are actively taking leadership roles. There have been changes made to the appearance of the building, staff and elements of the Sunday worship.

These changes can be exciting and sometimes disorienting. When they are disorienting I hope that you will faith that we as a religious community can work through the issues involved. I am confident that we can and as we do our future will continue to be bright and we will continue to grow both in numbers and in spirit. I look forward to our future together. I will see you when I return to the pulpit August 16th.
love,
Colin

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 outside the Office.

CG = Covenant Group

JULY 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5 4th of July Weekend Potluck Picnic at Forest Hills Park	6	7	8	9	10 First Friday Game Night 7-10 p.m.	11 Independence Day
12	13	14	15	16 J. Campbell Round Table 7:30 p.m.	17	18
19 Earth-Centered Spirituality 1 p.m.	20 Green Sanctuary Group 7 p.m.	21	22 No Board Meeting in July	23	24	25
26 <i>Bacon Deadline</i>	27	28	29	30	31	1 August

Resistance and Transformation

Rev. Bossen is currently co-writing an adult religious education curriculum for the Unitarian Universalist Association on Unitarian Universalist social justice history. The curriculum is due for release January 2010. Between now and then each month the Beacon will contain a sneak-peak of the curriculum. This month we present a section on the social justice strategy known as the temporary autonomous zone.

The Temporary Autonomous Zone

The history of Brook Farm demonstrates the difficulty of creating a successful and lasting utopian community. However strong the desire, the actual possibility of sustaining a community that is organized around different values than those of the dominant culture is slight. Financial and other outside pressures are often too much bear and most efforts to create an enduring utopian community have failed within a few years.

However, the experience that utopian communities seek to create, a vision of a justice and equality realized in a particular time and place, is more common than many suspect. These experiences can be had at almost any time. They occur whenever two or more people gather and treat each other with equity and compassion. The Sufi Hakim Bey has named this phenomena the "temporary autonomous zone."

Temporary autonomous zones are places where--for however brief a time--a community with values counter to those of the dominant culture flourish. They are primarily experiential rather than intellectual. Instead of talking about a community where they live according to their values participants in a temporary autonomous zone actually embody those values in their interactions with each other. The experiences that people have in temporary autonomous zones can be transformative. They suggest that another world, one with different values and social norms, is possible. Those who have experienced a temporary autonomous zone understand that such a reality is possible because they, if only briefly, lived in it.

In his work "The Temporary Autonomous Zone," Bey argues that temporary autonomous zones come in many forms and occur at many times throughout human history. He believes that everything from revolutionary communes and 18th century pirate enclaves to all night dance parties and the common dinner party can be conceived of as temporary autonomous zones.

For many Unitarian Universalists, the Association's many camps and conferences can become temporary autonomous zones. They offer spaces where over the course of a weekend or a week Unitarian Universalists can create a transient community that reflects Unitarian Universalist values. Many Unitarian Universalists report the experiences that they have at camps and conferences to be transformative. For some, especially youth, the time spent in the transient and temporary communities of camps and conferences is as central to their understanding of Unitarian Universalism as their participation in a congregation. The congregation is a place where they talk about Unitarian Universalist values. Camps and conferences are places where they live them. This suggests that, for at least some Unitarian Universalists, temporary autonomous zones play an important part in their religious lives.

Special Collection

The July 12 Special Collection will benefit Reaching Heights.

The June 14 Special Collection raised \$235.00 for to help fund the Rebuilding Together Cleveland. Thank you for your generosity!

Reflections

We've now officially reached the end of our curriculum year and it's been wonderful. Our children have a better understanding of Unitarian Universalism and our Coming of Age youth have taken an important step towards a mature spiritual life. The children and youth will still have class throughout the summer, but they will be combined into one larger group that will do a variety of different lessons and projects. We'll be looking for volunteers from the congregation to help out once during the summer to work with the children and lead a project if you're interested. I'd also like to mention that last week was Teacher Appreciation Sunday where we treated our teachers to a thank you breakfast for a year worth of hard work. The Society has a wonderful, vibrant RE program that wouldn't even be remotely possible without the dedication of our RE committee, teachers, and volunteers. I'd like to give a heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped to make this year's program so successful and look forward to an even better program next year!

Thanks,

Nathan Staples; Director of Religious Education

UUA General Assembly Report

The 2009 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations was an eventful one. A new President for the Association, the Rev. Peter Morales, was elected. Rev. Morales is the first Latino President of the UUA. He currently serves as the senior minister of Jefferson Unitarian Church in Golden, CO.

More information about Rev. Morales can be found on his web-site www.moralesforuua.com/president.org.

In addition to the Presidential election, the Assembly considered adopting changes to Article II of the UUA's By-laws. This article contains the UUA's Purposes and Principles as well as a statement about the Six Sources of Unitarian Universalism. The motion to adopt the by-law changed largely because many objected to proposed changes to the Six Sources. The Study Action Issue on Peacemaking was also referred back to congregations for a further year of study. More information on the events at GA can be found at www.uuworld.org/news/ga/

It would be wonderful to have a larger group from the Society attend GA next year. General Assembly has engaging guest speakers, inspiring workshops, and is the only place where you can worship alongside thousands of other Unitarian Universalists. The 2010 General Assembly will be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota from June 23-27. For more information check www.uua.org or feel free to contact ask me about my experiences. Hope to see you there.

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 concern form up until the start of the service. The forms, and a box to receive them, are available in the back of the sanctuary starting. 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 to be 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.

UUSC News/Announcements

Visitor Parking Spaces: Due to our increasing membership and worship attendance our parking lots are often full on Sunday mornings. To help ensure that we remain welcoming and accessible to visitors, two visitor parking spaces have been created in the West parking lot. Please leave these spaces for visitors on Sunday morning. Doing so is a great way to be hospitable to our guests!

Adopted Refugee Families: If you would like to help our Refugee families contact Heather Moise at 216-921-0939.

Pastoral Care Coverage: While Rev. Bossen is out of town, Rev. Clason, Amy Collins, CLL, and Rev. Kathleen Rolenz, co-minister at West Shore Unitarian Universalist Church, will be providing Pastoral Care for the congregation. Their schedule is:

July 3-July 10 - Peggy Clason - 440-255-9573
 July 11-July 18 - Kathleen Rolenz - 440-333-2255 (office)
 July 19-July 25 - Amy Collins - 216-739-1928 (home) or 216-410-4985 (cell)
 July 26-Aug. 1 - Peggy Clason - 440-255-9573
 Aug. 2-Aug. 9 - Amy Collins - 216-739-1928 (home) or 216-410-4985 (cell)
 Aug. 10-Aug. 13 - Peggy Clason - 440-255-9573

No Board Meeting in July: The next Board Meeting will be Wednesday, August 19.

Circle Suppers: There will be a break during the summer, and Circle Suppers will resume in September.

OMD Summer Institute July 12-18: It's not too early to start planning for Summer Institute, the annual UU summer family camp. This year the theme speaker will be UU theologian the Rev. Dr. Thandeka. Join UUs from Ohio, New York, Pennsylvania and West Virginia for an inspiring and spirit-filled week at Kenyon College. For more information, visit <http://www.omdsi.org>.

Earth-Centered Spirituality Group Sun., July 19: The next gathering of the Earth Centered Spirituality Group will be at 1:00 p.m. Watch The Flame for location. For more information contact Mary Schatzman or Laineey Warren.

After-Service Nature Walk Sun., July 26: Bring a lunch from home or buy it on Coven-try for a picnic and a walk at Forest Hills Park. All are welcome. For questions ask David Schatzman or Peter Dillard.

Anna Fritz Memorial Service Sat., Aug. 22: Anna Fritz's Memorial Service will be held Sat., Aug. 22, at 11 a.m. at the First Unitarian Church of Cleveland, 21600 Shaker Blvd., Shaker Heights 44122. Rev. Bossen and Rev. Peggy Clason will co-officiate.

Share Your Home, Change the World: Since 1951, Youth For Understanding has helped American families promote peace and understanding by hosting students from around the world. Families select international students to live as family members for the school year. Students come with spending money, insurance, conversational English and an eagerness to experience life in the United States. If you are interested, contact Ann Hoffmann, Northern Ohio Field Director, at 800-872-0200 x 215 or hoffmann@yhu.org.

Important OMD Fall Events: Mark your calendars for these District events:

Webinar - Committee on Ministry training - August 29
 OMD Committee Chairs Web Meeting - September 10
 Presidents' Day - Akron - September 12
 Webinar - Assessment of Congregational Ministry - September 17
 Healthy Congregations 1 - Shaker Heights - September 19
 Healthy Congregations 2 - Shaker Heights - October 3
 Leadership Conference - Leadership in a Multicultural World - October 10
 Healthy Congregations 3 - Shaker Heights - October 17
 Webinar - Congregational Website Management - October 24
 Healthy Congregations 4 - Shaker Heights - October 31

Membership Coordinator and Facilities Manager

The UUSC is looking for a part-time Membership Coordinator to start on September 1, 2009. This position is an important part of the ongoing growth and vitality of the UUSC. This person will work with current members, new members and visitors to create a welcoming environment for all who attend the UUSC. The Membership Coordinator reports to the congregation's Minister.

Responsibilities:

- Organize welcoming teams for Sunday morning service and welcoming table for community events
- Facilitate new member classes
- Identify and follow-up with visitors to the UUSC
- Coordinate volunteers for UUSC outreach projects and other community events
- Assist new members in becoming involved with the congregation
- Develop and implement a member exit interview process and visitor follow-up process

Qualifications:

- Strong interpersonal and communication skills
- Basic computer skills
- Must work Sunday mornings

Hours: 8 hours per week **Salary:** \$5,200 per year

The UUSC is looking for a part-time Facilities Manager. This person performs regular cleaning duties in all parts of the building with moderate supervision. Handles minor maintenance duties. Sets up furniture and fixtures for events and meetings. May be responsible for opening and closing the building for functions.

Essential Functions:

- Custodial duties for the building
- Landscaping/grounds keeping and snow removal
- Manage parking lot
- Minor repairs and maintenance – light plumbing and electrical work
- Oversee contractors
- Organizing store rooms and ordering supplies as needed
- Set up and tear down for events as needed

Qualifications:

- High school diploma or equivalent
- Must possess interpersonal skills to communicate effectively
- Must work Sunday mornings as needed

Hours: 8 hours per week **Wages:** Based on experience

To apply: Cover letter must clearly explain how your skills and experience align with the job above.

To apply for either position, please submit a resume with cover letter to:

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