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UPCOMING SERVICE INFORMATION

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

October 2, 11:00 a.m.

Association Sunday

What Has Money Got To Do With It?

Worship Leader: Rev. Kimi Riegel

Musicians: Adam Whiting and
Laura Anne Cotney

The evils of money are well publicized; especially right now. How did money and spirit get so disconnected? If we don't believe in conservative religious principles why do we buy into that understanding of money? Our money can do good things for our community. Rev. Kimi Riegel is the minister of the Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church in Southfield, MI. She is preaching at the Society as part of an Association Sunday pulpit exchange with Rev. Bossen.

October 16, 2011, 11:00 a.m.

Walking Together

Worship Leader: Rev. Colin Bossen,

Musician: Karin Tooley

In this sermon Rev. Bossen will consider what we expect from and promise to each other as members of a religious community. The conversations on community in the adult religious education classes on October 9 and 13 will help inform the content of the sermon.

October 23, 2011, 11:00 a.m.

Where Do We Come From?

Worship Leader: Rev. Joan VanBecelaere

Musician: Karin Tooley

Where do we come from? What are we? Where are we going? We Unitarian Universalists are facing some really tough questions right now. Collectively, do we make a difference? How do we work together -as a team - to really change lives? How do our faith communities differ from other non-profit organizations? Are we more than a drop in the bucket? We will explore these questions with Rev. Joan Van Becelaere, Ohio-Meadville District Executive.

October 9, 2011, 11:00 a.m.

By Their Groups You Shall Know Them

Worship Leader: Rev. Colin Bossen

Musicians: UUSC Choir, Barbara Boyd,
Director, and Karin Tooley

James Luther Adams was probably the most influential Unitarian Universalist theologian and social ethicist of the 20th century. He taught that humans are fundamentally social creatures and that the most important decision contemporary people make is which groups they join. How do the groups we belong to shape us? And is Adams right, is choosing to affiliate with a group our most important decision?

October 30, 2011, 11:00 a.m.

Day of the Dead

Worship Leaders: Rev. Colin Bossen and

Rina Shere, DRE

Musician: Karin Tooley

The Day of the Dead is celebrated throughout Latin America. It is a time to remember family and friends who have died and to reflect upon our own mortality. As part of this intergenerational service of remembrance and reflection we will be building an altar to commemorate our ancestors. Please bring photographs, stories and other mementos of your departed loved ones to share. You are also invited to wear your Halloween costume.

NOTES FROM OUR MINISTER

Our theme for October is Community. During the month we'll be exploring what it means to be a member of a religious community and asking questions like: What are the benefits of being a member of a religious community? What do we expect from each other as members of a religious community? What do we promise each other?

I will be looking at different aspects of community during my October 9th and 16th sermons. On October 9th I will discuss the teachings of the 20th century Unitarian Universalist social ethicist James Luther Adams and how they continue to inform liberal religious understandings of community. That week there will also be two adult religious education discussions on community. These will involve reading and discussing sections of Conrad Wright's essay "Walking Together" as well as sharing personal stories about the impact of community on our lives. Wright's short essay (10 pages) is available at the back of the Sanctuary or by contacting the office. People attending the sessions are encouraged but not required to read it. My sermon on October 16th will reflect on some of the issues that come up during the sessions.

I hope that these efforts to link religious education and the services will help us deepen our shared life as a community. And as the year progresses I look forward to your feedback on what you think of our monthly themes.

love,

Colin

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS 2011

September 25th: InterAct Cleveland—\$173.58

August 28th: UUA UUSC Africa Fund—\$158.24

August 14th: Inter-Religious Task Force for Latin America—\$202.65

July 10th: The Sierra Club Inner City Outing—\$125.65

June 12th: Seminarians and College Students Affiliated with Our Congregation—\$359.00

June 2: Mid-South District 2011 Severe Storm Fund—\$228.00

May 12th: CASA—\$103.00

May 8th: Planned Parenthood—\$354.00

April 10th: UUA Japan Relief Fund—\$192.50

March 13th: Home Repair Resource Center—\$307.00

February 13th: CASA—\$103.00

January 9th: UUA/UUSC Emergency Relief Fund for Haiti—\$232.90

Total to Date: \$2,539.52

FROM OUR PRESIDENT

As wind,
As water,
As fire,
As life,
God
Is both creative and
Destructive,
Demanding and yielding,
Sculptor and clay.
God is Infinite Potential:
God is Change.

I often think that autumn is my favorite time of year. This year has been splendid for the community garden next to our east parking lot. It is such a combination of nature and human artistry. Given the right conditions, plants just grow. But the garden has been shaped by humans, and the shaping has been a cooperative venture with nature. The payoff is in beans and tomatoes.

The garden also is a tangible marker of a connection between the UU Society of Cleveland and the community around us. Joining the Greater Cleveland Congregations is another tangible marker. Every connection serves to shape us, even while we influence the others in the connection. I think this is what Covenant is about. We can be intentional about how we want to interact with our world. Our Principles and Purposes state some of these ways of interacting very succinctly. We acknowledge worth and dignity, we maintain compassion, and we act democratically.

This year, we will reconsider how (or if) we want to re-phrase our Congregational Covenant. In work of this sort, the more voices that are heard, the better. Your board is working to make our actions consistent with our mission.

So – back to the parking lot. The west parking lot is for us to use anytime. Our east parking lot is rented out, and renters are expected to have their cars gone on Sunday mornings, so we can use the spaces for people attending worship. But other times, we need to park elsewhere. Let's be considerate; let's honor our agreement with the renters; let's honor their right to those spaces, and make parking a part of our intentional relation to our community. Parking as a spiritual practice. And special kudos to the bike riders.

Mary Schatzman

JOIN THE CHOIR!

Choir rehearsals have started . . .
Sunday Mornings at 9:30 – 10:30 AM.
We want to hear your voice. Please join us!

RE-VIEW

First, a big thank you to the congregation and the Religious Education Transition Team for the warm welcome I have received at UUSC. This is a faith community that understands the important ministry of religious education to all members big and small. I look forward to learning and growing with you and the children over the next several years.

The Religious Education program is now in full swing at UUSC. Our youth group is working with a wonderful curriculum called **Popcorn Theology**. Each session the teens will watch a clip from a movie and talk about the moral and ethical issues raised in the characters' lives. For example, one Sunday morning in October they will watch a scene from *Forrest Gump* and then explore the concept of gratitude in developing a positive outlook on life. Our youngest group will be learning from **Dr. Seuss**. A sample Sunday morning will be reading And To Think That I Saw It On Mulberry Street and then hunting around the church to learn fun facts and make new discoveries.

October is also a time for celebrating Day of the Dead and Halloween. The subject of death can be very abstract and troubling for our young ones. The RE program will be talking about life, death and memories on Sunday, October 23rd in preparation for the Multigenerational Day of the Dead service at the end of the month. I will share the Mexican traditions of decorating the graves of loved ones and celebrating life with stories of people who have passed on. We will decorate sugar skulls and make paper flowers to place on the large memory alter that will be in the sanctuary for Day of the Dead. Parents are always encouraged to volunteer as helpers for All Together Fundays!

Lastly, a special thank you to Ron McClellan for helping me clean out the RE supply closet on a dreary Friday afternoon.

Rina Shere

RE Calendar for October 2011

Sunday, October 2 – regular RE classes

Sunday, October 9 – regular RE classes

Sunday, October 16 – regular RE classes

Sunday, October 23 – All Together Funday. All ages will be working with Rina on decorating traditional Mexican sugar skulls and paper flowers for the Day of the Dead alter

Sunday, October 30 – Multigenerational Day of the Dead service. This Sunday will include the butterfly tree, a Halloween Parade and a Parade of Colors. Dress festive!! No scary masks or weapons!!!



UUSC NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

William Shorter's Last Day—September 30: UUSC Custodian, William Shorter, has served us well and his last day of work is September 30th. We wish him all the best!

First Sunday Potluck—October 2: We will be having a First Sunday Potluck after service on October 2nd downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. If you don't bring a dish, the cost is \$3 per person or \$5 per family. First time guests are free.

Rev. Bossen Out of Office—October 3-6 and October 17-22: Rev. Bossen will be out of the office October 3-6 at the CENTER Committee of UUMA, and again on October 17-22 for study leave.

Welcome Teams and Chalice Lighter's Needed: The Welcome Teams and Chalice Lighters are significant participants in the Order of Service every Sunday. This is one of the responsibilities of the Membership Coordinator, but with the position being vacant it would be helpful to have several members sign up each week for the Welcome Team and one person for Chalice Lighter. Please contact the office administrator at office@uucleveland.org or 216-932-1898 and indicate when you are available to participate.

Next Circle Supper—October 8: Come to our Circle Suppers and get to know other members of our congregation which are generally held on the second Saturday of each month! These are semi-potlucks held at various hosts' houses in the area. If you have any questions or would like to be a host contact Ken Nightingale at father.nature@sbcglobal.net or call 216-470-7643.

October Adult Religious Education: Community, October 9 and 13: The theme for October is community. What does it mean to live in a religious community? What obligations do community members have to each other? What are the benefits we receive? Participate in discussions on October 9 immediately following the service, and Thursday, October 13 at 7:30 p.m. Sign-up sheets are in the back of the sanctuary. Attendees are encouraged to read Conrad Wright's "Walking Together" in advance as portions of the essay will be discussed. The content of these discussion will help Rev. Bossen prepare his October 16 sermon.

Young Adult Discussion Group—October 11: Our young adult discussion group is starting up again. Join together with other young adults from the congregation and the community on October 11th at 7:30 p.m. We'll meet at the Stone Oven (2267 Lee Road) and discuss what it means to be a young adult in a religious community.

Social Justice Training: Anti-Racism for Collective Liberation—October 14-15: Registration for the October 14-15 Catalyst Anti-Racism/Multicultural Training will be held at the First Unitarian Universalist Church of Columbus, OH. Learn about ways to challenge racism and build a vibrant multiracial movement for justice. The training starts at 7 p.m. on Friday and ends at 5 p.m. on Saturday. Register online at: <http://www.ohiomeadville.org/conference/catalyst2011.html>.

Hal Walker Concert—October 15: Hal Walker has been voted Cleveland's "Best Musician" in the Scene Magazine Reader's Poll. He will be appearing at the West Shore Unitarian Universalist Church on Saturday, October 15, at 7:30—9:30 p.m. Register in advance with Nancy Meyer-Emerick at 216-267-5713 or NME79@juno.com. For more information visit <http://www.halwalkermusic.com>.

Adult Religious Education Forum, October 16: On October 16 at 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. at the Society, Harriet Applegate, Executive Secretary of the North Shore Federation of Labor, will provide a presentation and question and answer session on SB5, the bill on the Ohio ballot to limit the collective bargaining rights of public employees.

No Impact Week—October 16-23: Sustainable Heights Network 2nd Annual Sustainability Week invites everyone to participate in No Impact Week, a one-week personal carbon cleans from October 16-23. Beginning October 16th participants will work through a series of eight daily challenges, from decreasing trash production to eating locally and sustainably. (noimpactproject.org)

Stewardship Planning Workshop—October 23: A Stewardship Planning Workshop is scheduled for October 23 at 1pm after Sunday service. All are invited to attend. We will be working with Rev. Joan Van Becelaere, a stewardship resource from the Ohio Meadville District to plan for next year's Stewardship Campaign.

Movie Night—October 23: Movie Night will be Sunday, October 23, at 5:00 p.m. at the UU Society. The movie will be "Sicko", the Michael Moore movie about the US health care system. With a little luck, we will also have a vintage movie short to start the evening. This is an open program with no registration or RSVP. Brown-bag your supper and come on over. For questions, see Mary Schatzman (maryshatzman@sbcglobal.net).

SOCIAL JUSTICE TRAINING

ANTI-RACISM FOR COLLECTIVE LIBERATION

OCTOBER 14-15, 2011

LED BY CATALYST PROJECT TRAINERS: CHRIS GRASS & AVI CLEMENZI

STARTS 7 PM ON FRIDAY, ENDS 5 PM ON SATURDAY

FIRST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF COLUMBUS, OH

Co-sponsored by the Ohio-Meadville District and the OMD UUMA Chapter.

Come out for a weekend workshop to build community, learn about ways to challenge racism and build vibrant multiracial movement for justice.

Why come?

Because we want justice in the world. Because we want to build up the beloved community and make change. Because we know that when people come together and find strength in their differences, rather than be divided by their differences, we are powerful. Because racism is a fundamental division in our society and holds back all of our efforts for justice.

In this workshop led by the Catalyst Project, we will:

- Strengthen our relationships as community
- Develop our visions for justice in society
- Explore the history of white supremacy in the United States
- Learn more about how institutional racism operates in society
- Learn the ways white privilege undermines social justice movements
- Study anti-racist organizing principles to build up powerful multiracial movement for collective liberation.

What is the Catalyst Project?

The Catalyst Project is a center for political education, leadership development, and movement building. Catalyst works in white communities to develop anti-racist politics, leadership, and action. The workshop is open to anyone who would like to attend and it is designed specifically for white people to learn about racism, white privilege, and anti-racism. Youth (13+) young adults, and adults are encouraged to attend.

What is the cost?

Registration will include the training and materials and breakfast, lunch, and a mid-afternoon snack on Saturday. Overnight arrangements are on your own; youth are invited to bring sleeping bags to stay at North UU (Lewis Center, OH).

Registration is \$40 per participant. Youth and young adults through age 35 are \$25. Those who are members of a full fair share congregation will receive a \$5 discount. This discount will be automatically calculated when you select your congregation on the registration form.

Questions? Contact the registrar at office at ohiomeadville.org.

Registration deadline is October 7, 2011.

October 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Choir Rehearsal Sunday's at 9:30—10:30 am						1
2 1st Sunday Potluck 1 pm	3	4	5	6 Shifting Gears 1:30 pm Joseph Campbell RT 7:30 pm	7	8 Circle Supper 6:30 p.m.
9 Adult Religious Ed. Community— 12:30 pm	10	11 Young Adult Discussion at Stone Oven— 7:30 pm	12	13 Adult Religious Ed. Community 7:30 pm	14	15
16 Adult Religious Ed. Forum —1 pm	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 Stewardship Planning Workshop—1 pm Movie - 5pm	24	25	26	27 Board of Trustees Mtg. 7 pm	28	29
30 <i>Beacon Deadline</i>	31					

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Thurs. 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Shirley Nelson
Administrator/Beacon Editor

Tues. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Wed. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Thurs. 9:30 a.m.- 5:30 p.m.

Amy Collins
Commissioned Lay Leader

Rina Shere
Director of Religious Education

Thurs. 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Friday 11 a.m.—3 p.m.
Sun. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Position Vacant
Membership Coordinator

Position Vacant
Custodian

Barbara Boyd
Choir Director

Rev. Peggy C. Clason
Minister Emerita



UUSC DEADLINES:

Beacon Articles: Deadline for November is October 30th.

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!!

October

Ken Nightingale	8
Ed Fritz	11
Sharon Cook	19
Steve Doell	23
Rina Shere	23
Dana Bjorklund	25



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

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Wheelchair Available

The Society has a wheelchair available for use during congregational events.