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UPCOMING SERVICE INFORMATION

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

September 4, 2011, 11:00 a.m.

Strength in Vulnerability

Worship Leader: Rev. Mary Grigolia

Musician: Karin Tooley

As we approach the 10th anniversary of the attacks on the World Trade Center, Rev. Mary Grigolia will explore how the American psyche has changed in the last 10 years, dynamics of fear, the surprising gift of vulnerability, and how congregations may lead in the emerging world.

September 11, 2011, 11:00 a.m.

Mingling of the Waters

Worship Leader: Rev. Colin Bossen

Musician: Karin Tooley

We invite everyone to bring actual or symbolic waters from places of personal and spiritual significance to our annual ingathering service. During the service we will mingle and bless the waters, which represent the many journeys of exploration we experience before our paths converge in sacred community. Once collected, we use the waters from this service for child dedications and other rites of passage over the year. This year's service will include a commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the September 11th terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

On Facebook?

If so, check out the Society's Facebook page. A link to it can be found on our website at www.uucleveland.org.

UUSC Podcast

Listen to Sunday services online, and more.
Visit: <http://uucleveland.podbean.com>.

Wheelchair Available

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

September 18, 2011, 11:00 a.m.

Diamond Anniversary: Do You Need a Root Canal?

Worship Leaders: Rev. Colin Bossen,
Rev. John Corrado, and Rev. Peggy Clason

Musician: Karin Tooley

Join us for our 60th anniversary worship celebration. The Rev. Corrado, our anniversary preacher, joined the Society in 1960 before starting a more than forty year career as a Unitarian Universalist minister. Of his sermon, he writes: "Fifty-one years ago I walked through the doors of the Cleveland Unitarian Society and began to take root in what became the Unitarian Universalist movement. My pilgrimage has led me to appreciate how much deeper my roots really go. Archetypal stories that are part of our heritage reveal lessons from the past, illuminate the present, inspire hope." The service will include recognition of those who have been members of the Society of ten, twenty-five and fifty year members and the dedication of a new bell!

September 25, 2011, 11:00 a.m.

The Root of It All

Worship Leader: Rev. Colin Bossen

Musician: Roy Zimmerman

The roots of our liberal religious tradition lie in our dissent from the historic Christian doctrines on salvation, human nature and the Trinity. In this service we will explore the roots of those doctrines and why our religious ancestors found them so problematic. Guest musician Roy Zimmerman has been described as America's premier satirical songwriter. His work is featured on public radio and he has shared the stage with musical and comedic legends including George Carlin, k.d. lang, former Pixies front man Black Francis and Bill Maher. He will also be performing an evening show starting at 7:00 p.m.

NOTES FROM OUR MINISTER

Starting this month the subject of my monthly column will change. We are experimenting for the year with theme-based ministry. Each month will have a theme around which the worship services and at least one adult religious education event will be organized. In addition, starting September 7th, I will be posting a common meditation on the theme to my blog (infidelity.blogsome.com) and the Society's Facebook page. The meditation will also go out with the Flame. The meditations will be taken from a variety of sources: poetry, nonfiction, fiction, scripture... If you have a suggestion for a meditation related to the theme please share it with me.

The theme for September is Roots. Our September 18th and 25th services are directly tied to it. On September 18th, as part of our Diamond Anniversary, Rev. John Corrado will be preaching sermon touches on the roots of our congregation. My September 25th sermon will explore the roots of our liberal religious tradition.

Behind both services lies the question: What are our roots? Our adult religious education offering for September will focus on similar questions: What are your roots? How do they continue to influence you? How have you moved beyond them? In order to facilitate your exploration of these questions I will be hosting a discussion on September 20th starting at 7:30 p.m. The format of the discussion will be similar to the format that we used for the essential conversation series this past spring. A sign-up sheet for the discussion will be available at the back of sanctuary.

It is my hope that our experiment with theme-based ministry will help deepen the spiritual life of our congregation. If you have any feedback or ideas about it that you would like to share--or a religious education opportunity you would like to help facilitate--please do not hesitate to contact me.

love,

Colin

INTRODUCING OUR NEW DRE!



Rina Shere, M.A., Ed.D., will start as our new Director of Religious Education on September 12th. Rina has more than twenty years of diverse non-profit management and programming experience with churches, universities, art centers, and social service organizations. She recently relocated from Virginia to NE Ohio. While in Virginia, Rina served as the Director of Religious Education for the First Unitarian Church of Lynchburg. During her time in Lynchburg the religious program there experienced substantive growth.

Rina is delighted to be serving as the Director of Religious Education at the Unitarian Universalist Society of Cleveland working with children, youth and adults. In this capacity she will be responsible for implementing the Our Whole

Lives comprehensive sexuality education program, Coming of Age and parenting classes, along with the Sunday morning classes for infants through teens. Rina is also pursuing her Master of Divinity at the Methodist Theological School of Ohio.

She lives in Shaker Heights with her husband and two sons. Her interests include religion, politics, gardening, yoga and the arts.

FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Your teachers
Are all around you.
All that you perceive,
All that you experience,
All that is given to you
Or taken from you.

September is historically the beginning of the school year, and also the beginning of our congregational program year. We have some really exciting things happening this year. And some problems.

I really hate it when our house leaks and needs repairs. Well, this happens at the UU Society also. We're working on getting the damage repaired before it gets worse.

We're also going to get the downstairs area in better shape. Hopefully, the inconvenience will be something we can live with.

Things I am excited about include the Greater Cleveland Congregations. During the 6 years we have been members here at UUSC, I have seen some good justice work being done. The thing is, it has been pretty unfocused. We live in a society which has increasingly critical need of an effective, coherent religious response. In the past, it has been an easy out to say that we are a tiny denomination, and folks like the Catholics are so much better at running soup kitchens. Well, we have a unique approach that is desperately needed, and now we have found allies, and the potential for authentic action is within our grasp. More information is included elsewhere in this newsletter.

During the 31 years I have been a Unitarian Universalist, I have learned the importance of religious education. For kids, for youth, for adults young and older. Unitarian Universalist religious education is vastly different from what was taught to me in the tradition I was raised in, and I love it. It is so important, and we have so much potential. For me, what is exciting this year is our new DRE, and all that she brings to us and represents for us.

At the risk of having you think I've really gone over the edge, I'm also excited about the Board. There is a really good energy, and a willingness to work, and an enthusiasm for what we can do this year. One really important task for the Board this year is working with congregational committees. I would like to share my excitement, and I invite conversation about what would inspire and energize you.

Mary Schatzman
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CHOIR PRACTICE STARTS SEPTEMBER 11TH

Choir practice starts September 11th at 9:30 a.m.
and new singers are needed!

RE-VIEW

This is my last Beacon article as DRE and I'll keep it simple. I've been incredibly lucky over the last several years to serve our community and I appreciate the opportunity you have all given me. I believe that we have a very special group of people here and that we've got a lot to offer others. I'll still be a part of the congregation and may actually be able to see a service with the rest of you now. I encourage you all to work with the new DRE to continue the progress we've made over the last few years and to help the congregation continue to grow. Thank you again and I'll see you at coffee hour.

Thanks,
Nathan Staples

The religious education program is still looking for teachers to teach our youngest group of students (our 4-8 year olds). It's not as big of a commitment as you may think and it's incredibly rewarding. Please consider it and contact me (or the new Director of Religious Education) at dre@uucleveland.org.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL: MEET & GREET NEW DRE!

September 24th at 7:00 PM

Love ice cream? Want to show the new Director of Religious Education what a wonderful community they are joining? Come welcome the new DRE to our congregation on Saturday, September 24th, at 7:00 p.m.! Eat ice cream, play games, talk with this year's teachers, and find out what the children and youth will be learning this year in their Religious Education classes. ALL are invited!

UUSC SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY

September 17th & 18th

Join us as the UUSC celebrates 60 years – its Diamond Anniversary! On Saturday, Sept. 17, plan to attend the celebration at the UUSC from 6-9 p.m., for an evening filled with entertainment, food, friends and reflection on the congregation's rich history. Look for a formal invitation in the mail. Also, plan to attend services on Sunday, Sept. 18, as the Rev. John Corrado will serve as the speaker. Rev. Corrado joined the Unitarian Society of Cleveland in 1960, and served as a Unitarian Universalist minister at four congregations from 1966 until his retirement in 2009. Please join us for this very special service!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

September 25th

The board is calling a special congregational meeting on September 25 to discuss membership of the UU Society of Cleveland in the Greater Cleveland Congregations. This is a new and exciting affiliation for the purpose of joining together for social justice initiatives in an effective manner. In part to provide information about what is happening, and in part to discuss approval of financial commitment, the UUSC Board and the Core Group for GCC are requesting all interested (or at least willing) members to stay after the service for a short meeting on Sunday, September 25.

UUSC News / ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Sunday Potluck—September 4: We will be having a First Sunday Potluck after service on September 4th 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.

Religious Education Curricula: The religious education curricula for our children and youth for this coming church year are available for pick-up by teachers and review by the congregation. A review copy of each curriculum is available on a table at the back of the sanctuary.

Meet the Author of "Celluloid Activist: The Life and Times of Vito Russo" —September 9: Michael Schiavi, Professor of English at the New York Institute of Technology has written a biography titled "Celluloid Activist: The Life and Times of Vito Russo". Film historian Vito Russo's groundbreaking book, "The Celluloid Closet: Homosexuality in the Movies" (1981), is the foundational text for gay and lesbian film studies. A presentation, dialogue and book signing will be held at Liberation United Church of Christ at 13714 Madison Avenue, Lakewood, OH at 7:30 p.m. For more information call 216-521-5556 or email info@liberationucc.org.

Circle Supper Hosts Needed for September 10: Now that the weather is a bit cooler, it's time for Circle Suppers again. Hosts are needed, especially for Sept. 10th. If you would like to be a host, e-mail Ken Nightingale at father.nature@sbcglobal.net or call 216-470-7643.

New Member Orientation—September 11: To become a member of UUSC, there are three steps: 1) Attend a Newcomer Orientation. 2) Sign a pledge card. 3) Sign the membership book. The next Newcomer Orientation is September 11. We encourage newcomers to meet with Rev. Bossen.

Possibilitarian Puppet Theater Presents "In The Belly" - September 12: PPT presents Insurgent Theater from Columbus, OH and their play "In The Belly" on Monday, September 12, at 8:00 p.m. "In The Belly" depicts long term solitary confinement in order to begin a critique of the entire US prison system. Location: 2909 E. 117th Street, Cleveland. Contact Diana at 216-752-1307 for info.

Young Adult Potluck—September 16: All Young Adults, friends, and any one else who is interested, is invited to attend a potluck on Friday, Sept. 16th at 7 p.m. at Melissa Vandergriff's home at 1003 Woodlane Drive, Mayfield Village 44143. Please bring a main dish or desert to share with everyone. RSVP to Melissa or Rachel Webb by Sept. 13th (melissa.vandergriff@gmail.com) or (rmwebbyn@gmail.com).

Movie Night—September 18: Movie Night is scheduled for the third Sunday instead of the fourth Sunday this month, and has been changed to Sept. 18th. The movie is Vera Drake, which is about a woman in England who provided illegal abortions to poor women back in the 1950's.

NAMI Fundraiser Brunch—September 24: Member, Ben Miladin, is holding a brunch to benefit his walk for the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) chapter of Greater Cleveland on Saturday, Sept. 24th at 11:30 AM, after the walk. The brunch will be at Ben's Tremont house on 808 College Ave (upper unit). There will be lots of yummy, vegetarian friendly food, with amateur cooking demonstrations by Ben, Ben's wife Jennifer, the UUSC's own Rachel Webb, and others. There is also a rumor that homemade ice cream will be available for tasting. All that is required for entrance is a small donation to Ben's walk. Contact Ben at bmiladin@gmail.com for more info.

UUSC Banner: Our fine Unitarian Universalist Society banner has been around this year! In the spring, it went to the district annual meeting, then in June it went to GA, and in July it was at Summer Institute. The banner is holding up well. It has a matching bag, for carrying it and its poles, and those who have dealt with it have become aware of 2 problems. The first is a hole at the bottom which now is large enough to allow a pole to fall out. This could be easily repaired. The second is that the drawstring top becomes difficult to carry after several hours. It would be nice if it had a shoulder strap. Someone with a sewing machine could probably fix this. The banner bag is in the cloakroom. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Schatzman at maryschatzman@sbcglobal.net.

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.

ROY ZIMMERMAN CONCERT AT UUSC

September 25 at 7:00 PM

"Live From the Starving Ear" is 90 minutes of Roy Zimmerman's wickedly inventive satirical songs. The Tea Party, the economy, same-sex marriage, Socialism, Creationism, guns, taxes, abstinence and yes, Obama all come under tuneful scrutiny. "There's a whole new political landscape," he says, "painted by Jackson Pollock."

In twelve albums over twenty years, Roy has brought the sting of satire to the struggle for Peace and Social Justice. His songs have been heard on HBO and Showtime. He has recorded for Warner/Reprise Records. He's been profiled on NPR's "All Things Considered," and he's a featured blogger for the Huffington Post. Roy's YouTube videos have garnered over six million views and tens of thousands of comments, many of them coherent. And yes, he has a website: <http://royzimmerman.com/>.

The Los Angeles Times says, "Zimmerman displays a lacerating wit and keen awareness of society's foibles that bring to mind a latter-day Tom Lehrer."

Tom Lehrer himself says, "I congratulate Roy Zimmerman on reintroducing literacy to comedy songs. And the rhymes actually rhyme, they don't just 'rhyme.'"

Joni Mitchell says, "Roy's lyrics move beyond poetry and achieve perfection."

THE GREATER CLEVELAND CONGREGATIONS

The Greater Cleveland Congregations (GCC) Team is gathering information from our membership relating to the 5 GCC issue areas: Education; Jobs/Economic Development; Food Issues; Criminal Justice; Health Care.

We want to hear from you if you, or anyone you know, has information regarding any of these areas. In addition, we have two specific requests:

1. The Jobs/Economic Development group is looking for people who have experience with unemployment, job/economic development, job search/job training, temp-agencies or connections with other persons or agencies that would help us as GCC moves toward developing possible strategies.
2. We have not yet identified anyone with an interest in and experience with the criminal justice system. If you have an interest and can help the team, please let us know.

Please reply briefly including your name and telephone number at your earliest convenience to Ninamac15@sbcglobal.net.

An Interfaith Remembrance on the 10th Anniversary of September 11

A public Interfaith remembrance and commemoration of 9/11/2001 will be held on Sunday, September 11, starting at 3:30 p.m. Leaders from several faith congregations from Greater Cleveland will participate in the service that will be held in the Atrium of the 200 Public Square Building (formerly the BP building). This is a free public event.

September 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Shifting Gears 1:30 pm Joseph Campbell RT 7:30 pm	2	3
4 1st Sunday Potluck 1 pm	5	6	7	8	9	10 Circle Supper 6:30 p.m.
11 Newcomer Orientation 12:30 pm	12	13	14	15	16 Young Adult Potluck @ Melissa's 7 pm	17 Sixtieth Anniversary 7-9 PM
18 Sixtieth Anniversary Worship Service 11 am Movie Night 5 pm	19	20	21	22 Board of Trustees Mtg. 7 pm	23	24 Ice Cream Social—Meet & Greet New DRE 7 pm
25 <i>Beacon</i> <i>Deadline</i> Congregational Mtg. 12:30 pm Roy Zimmerman Concert 7 pm	26	27	28	29	30	

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

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Sun. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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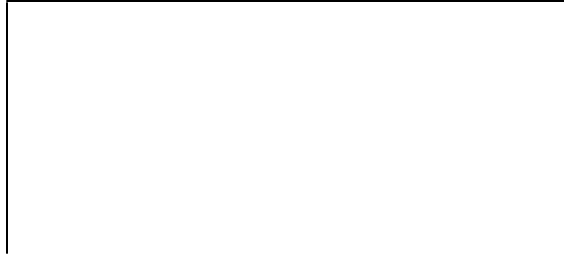
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*Board Meetings are held on the 4th
Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.*



UUSC DEADLINES:

Beacon Articles: Deadline for October is September 25th.
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!!

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