



August 2013

Worship

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Annual Salad & Dessert Potluck

The Summer Salad & Dessert Potluck is becoming an annual event!

Join us on Sunday, **August 4th**, as we celebrate the dog days of summer.

Bring a salad to share OR dessert to share! Iced tea and lemonade will be available.

If you have a small wading pool, suitable for our younger members (or for those who would like to take a chair outside and just stick their feet in), please feel free to bring it.

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RevElations!

As you may know, the Unitarian Universalist Association recently made a decision to sell our headquarters on Beacon Hill in Boston and set up shop in a new old building in Boston's "Innovation District." The new space will afford us many opportunities that were just not possible in the old space, including the chance to construct a ground level Visitor's Center and Unitarian Universalist Heritage Center. And so it was the recently some of us interested in UU History had a chance to gather together and discuss what that Heritage Center might look like.

My first thought was to think of who might already be in the local neighborhood, and what might help draw their interest. The new headquarters is next door to the Boston Children's Museum, and a half a block away from the Boston Tea Party Museum (completely with ship replicas floating on the river). So what do you get when you think children, history, and add a nautical theme: Pirates! I am embarrassed to say I thought almost seriously about the connection between Unitarians and Pirates (there are a few...) and a "Unitarians of the Caribbean" exhibit for almost three complete minutes. My next thought was about uniquely Unitarian foods for a snack bar (that was easy: we invented carbonated beverages and ice cream Sundays, no joke). Then I got serious.

It is a very interesting thought problem. What are the one, two, or three things about Unitarian Universalism that you would want to convey, if you had to do so very quickly? What would have captured your interest had you passed by the building before you knew about Unitarian Universalism? Some folks talked about a giant projected flaming chalice on the front of the building. I, for one, know that I want to see some first person oral histories as a part of center, as a testimony to how our faith honors the experiences of ordinary people, and how we embrace, rather than resist, how that experience changes our tradition. How about you?

To Life!
Susan

From our Music Director

MUSIC NOTES

Ways and Means

Save The Date!

The annual NUUC Service Auction is just around the corner! Sunday, September 29th we will hold our annual Service Auction.

What, you might ask, is a Service Auction? It's a rather competitive fun event to competitively raise money for the church and also compete with one another in competitive service to competitive each other.

How does the Service Auction work? Each year, members of the congregation place offerings of services up for "Sale" in the service Auction. We then Auction those services off in an auction that is calm, orderly, and not at all competitive. (Or maybe just a little.) This is a fun-filled event for the whole family that you won't want to miss! Keep an eye out in future Newsletters and Bulletins for how you can participate.

Also in ways and means:

The next Fair Trade sale will take place on Sunday, August 18th in Fellowship Hall after the service.

If you are interested in volunteering for these opportunities, or if you have other ideas for fundraising opportunities for our congregation, Please contact Becca Morse at beccamorse@gmail.com. Thank you!

Sign up for the Kroger Community Rewards card

Here's a look at the music being planned for worship services this month:

August 4: Julianna Nemeth will sing "We Are" by Ysaye M. Barnwell
August 11: A small ensemble led by Sue Frederick will sing "Simple Faith."
August 18: At the annual Blessing of the Animals, John Rodeheffer will play a flute solo.
August 25: Amelia Petras will sing one of her favorite solos.

Both the NUUC Choir and the Recorder Ensemble are looking for new members, and this is the perfect time to join us! Perspective choir members should talk with Marlene Hartzler before the first rehearsal of the season to receive a folder of music. The Recorder Ensemble meets twice a month on Tuesday afternoons. Members of this ensemble must be able to read music and should own at least one recorder. Lessons can be arranged for those wishing to brush up their skills before joining either group.

The NUUC Choir will resume regular rehearsals on Sunday, September 8, at 9:00 am. Folders of music for the 2013-2014 season will be available at the church beginning August 25.

Musically yours,
Marlene Hartzler
marlenemetz@yahoo.com

Why Summer Institute?

By Allison Fagan, Commissioned Lay Leader

All too many times you have heard those of us who attend Summer Institute (S.I.) go on and on about why it is so fabulous, why you must go next year, blah, blah, blah. Very often I am asked why S.I. is a whole week, not just a weekend, and we discuss the challenges of taking a full week away.

If you look at the brochure or the website (www.omdsi.org) one sees all the programming available for the week, the opportunities for worship about 4 times daily (if one includes the youth worship and young adult worship), the places to tie dye and hair dye, the times for a bike ride, the ways to be involved in the music that we create, the opportunities for evening entertainments. All of this is fantastic, and enriching, and many people put much time into making each one of these programs and events work. In the brochure you see how we live for a week on a college campus, walking (or catching a ride on a golf cart) rather than driving, how we eat together in the dining hall (and help those that need it with trays of food), how we sleep in the residence halls (and lament that we did not pay the extra \$50 for an air conditioned room), and how we take time for self, for quiet, for naps. All of this sounds lovely, like a family oriented summer camp. But as Phyllis Frye of the Oberlin U. U. Fellowship challenged the community while encouraging people to donate to the SI Scholarship fund, "Calling S.I. a summer camp is like calling an oak tree an acorn."

What you don't see in the brochure is the very thing that has made S.I. integral to our family's summer. S.I. is really about the community that gets created and re-created each summer as everyone leaves their 'real life' and lives fully as a Unitarian Universalist. The programming stands on its own as enriching, but it also gives us a structure, gives us something to learn, something to do, something to talk about as we are together. It allows for perfect strangers to begin a conversation at something deeper than a discussion of the weather. Some meals we choose to sit with people we know. But there are

Do your regular grocery shopping, and earn money for NUUC at the same time! If you need help signing up, someone will be available on the second Sunday of each month to walk you through the process.

Did you know? We are a registered Non-Profit organization at the Delaware County Community Market. You can buy groceries from Local vendors AND have a portion of your purchase donated to us! Check it out! <http://www.dccmc.com/>

Brown Bag Books

Meets at Noon the Third Tuesday of the month. Get all the details by [clicking here](#).

Looking for something to do something meaning filled this Summer?

Member **Sheryl Hardin** runs the all-volunteer Dublin Free Summer Lunch Program and is looking for volunteers.

The program is being held at Daniel Wright Elementary School, where Sheryl teaches, and where there is a 59% free and reduced lunch population.

The address is **2335 West Case Road, Columbus, 43235.**

Volunteers are needed each day from 10:45-12:45 to interact with kids from ages 1-18 during activity time

times when we sit down adjacent to folks we don't know. It is easy to begin an interesting conversation because we have some shared experiences or shared structure.

"Are you taking a morning seminar?"

"What did you think of the theme speaker today?"

"Didn't I see you at beer tasting yesterday afternoon?"

S.I. is not utopian. Whenever you gather 550 people something is going to happen to create some sort of conflict, people get sick or hurt, we mourn and grieve those who have touched us and have died. Some children do things that they shouldn't, teenagers challenge limits, and at the same time challenge the adults to live up to covenant. I am challenged to be fully who I am, with all of my warts and imperfections. I am challenged to accept others for who they are. The result is something quite spectacular.

No, S.I. isn't summer camp. It is a chance to learn and grow and to live for a week in a covenantal community as a Unitarian Universalist.

Curious? Check out the SI Facebook page, and watch the slide show (<http://omdsi.org/index.php/media/videos/84-2013-slideshow>). NUUC had 25 people there this year, populating all aspects of the S.I. community (children, youth, young adult, and regular old adult), making us the 6th largest congregation. So ask us what we thought, what we did, and perhaps most importantly, ask us why.

Have an idea about a morning seminar or afternoon workshop? We are accepting proposals, due October 1st. Again, check the website, www.omdsi.org, for links to the workshop proposal forms.

NUUC Threshold Committee

The Threshold Committee met again in August to continue discussions on possible growth goals for NUUC.

Members of the committee include Laura Howe, Bob Keith, Cathy Rodeheffer, Sydney Schardt, John Rodeheffer and Kim Poderys.

Looking for host/co-hosts

Remember the neighborhood get togethers last summer? Laura Howe is looking for host or co-hosts for this fall.

The focus is a chance to meet each other and discuss future plans. Please contact Laura at howe_l@yahoo.com or (614) 301-8168.

From your Social Action Committee

ANNUAL SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE: It's back to school! In Delaware, the first day of school is August 14. NUUC members and friends have an opportunity to help others by participating in the Social Action Committee's annual School Supply Drive to benefit students who are served by the Delaware County Juvenile Probation Program. The

and lunch. Teen volunteers (ages 14-17) will be working with our younger students.

If you have younger children, they are welcome to come and participate in the activities with their appropriate age group.

You can register for any days you are available at our [website](#).

Any questions, contact Sheryl Hardin at dublinfreesummerlunch@gmail.com or (614) 571-6415

Mowing Season is here

Mowing at NUUC - We Need Some Help

For this mowing season, the Building and Grounds Committee plans to handle the mowing using the same approach as last year, which will avoid us having to contract out the mowing and save about \$2,400 in the budget. We plan to do the mowing on a rotating basis with a little help from the congregation. Building and Grounds members will mow 3 weeks in each month and we are asking for volunteers from the congregation to handle the mowing for a month's 4th week and the occasional 5th week. This plan will spread the work so each committee member will mow only once a month, and each congregational volunteer would mow just one time during the season.

The area to be mowed includes both the church yard (bounded by the driveway and the parking lot) and the yard around Nielsen House. The field at the rear of our property will be mowed by Gary Rusk, who has volunteered to mow that area for the season. We have a riding mower, which

donation of school supplies is one way for the congregation to express its belief in the importance of education to a group of students who are at higher than average risk for failing and dropping out of school.

This program serves approximately 150 middle school and high school students, ranging in age from 13 to 19. A collection box for school supplies will be available at the church through Sunday, August 11. The #1 needed items are book bags appropriate for middle school and high school boys, and items always needed are paper, pens, pencils and folders. Your donation of school supplies, or money to purchase supplies, will be greatly appreciated. If you choose to donate money, please write your check to NUUC and put "School Supplies" on the memo line. This can be dropped in the offering basket or mailed to: NUUC, P.O. Box 541, Lewis Center, OH 43035.

Donations will be accepted through August 11th. If you have any questions, please contact Becky Mullis at 614-776-5569 or b.mullis@hotmail.com. Thank you for your continued support!

LOOSE CHANGE OFFERING: Our Loose Change offerings in July and August will go to the School Supply Drive sponsored by the Delaware County Juvenile Probation Program.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP GROUP: The next meeting of the Adventures in Green group is scheduled for August 11th at 6:30. We will be discussing recycling including how to reduce your 102 ton lifetime trash legacy, what happens to waste once it magically disappears from your curbside, and what to do with those hard to recycle items. Check out the NUUC Adventures in Green Facebook page and the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall for more information and ideas. If you are interested in joining the group, please come to a meeting or contact Pam Patsch at pgp723@aol.com.

Adventures in Green Recycling Tip: Staples is giving \$2 for old notebook binders to be used toward the purchase of a new binder. This is a great way to recycle old binders and save money as you buy Back to School supplies. You can even donate the new binders to the Delaware County Juvenile Probation Program school supply drive!

MOVE TO AMEND PRESENTATION OF 'THE PROSECUTION OF JUDGE WAITE': We had a very successful evening with over 30 people attending this very informative presentation followed by lots of delicious refreshments and stimulating discussion. Heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped with the planning, set-up, refreshments, hosting, and clean-up! If you missed the event, check out the SAC bulletin board for more information about Move to Amend.

Move to Amend: Unitarian Universalists to lead the way on Restoring Democracy! 3,000+ UUs at the Louisville General Assembly, on June 23rd took a huge step forward in approving an "Action of Immediate Witness" (AIW) titled: "Amend the Constitution - Corporations are not Persons and Money is not Speech"! AIWs are actions that can be proposed, discussed, debated and voted on during the GA that have urgency and the opportunity for

is used for almost all of the mowing. For a few small, tight areas, which the riding mower cannot handle, we use a push mower.

Therefore, we would like to get 1 or 2 volunteers from the congregation each month to mow one time in the season. The mowing season runs from mid-April through early November.

But volunteers from the congregation will be needed only for the months of April through October, which is 7 months. Two of those months have 5 weeks, so we need a total of 9 volunteers.

Please consider volunteering to mow one time this season. If you would like to help the church handle the mowing, you can sign up on the mowing sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall. Just pick a date that works for your schedule. If you have questions or would like more information, just contact Bob Keith at 740-369-1919 or

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generating real change.

Following up on the fact that the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA), UU Service Committee (UUSC), and UUs for a Just Economic Community (UUJEC), as well as 20+ UU Congregations and committees around the country have endorsed www.movetoamend.org (MTA), the AIW does the following: instructs the UUA to make their endorsement formal and public; encourages congregations and social justice committees to pass resolutions of support and to endorse an amendment to accomplish these objectives; asks State Legislative Ministries and other UU groups to join this important cause; and encourages us to work with other faith communities to accelerate the progress towards an amendment! Move to Amend is a national coalition to amend the constitution to restore democracy.

This major commitment, if we can get together behind it, has the possibility of accelerating the process from a slow walk to a sprint! Our JAM sub-committee and MTA affiliate, "Move to Amend - Central Ohio", is reaching out to other faith communities to discuss collaboration. NUUC members believing in our Seven Principles are invited to join us in this task, as our principles are violated every day by damaging actions of multi-national corporations. Our first action will be a workshop in Madison, Wisconsin, as part of the second "Democracy Conference" (7-11 AUG 13) titled: "Engaging the Faith Community into Move To Amend: Unitarian Universalists as a Case Study". To get involved or for more information, contact Michael Greenman (898-5825 or mgreenmanoh@gmail.com)

MONEY TALKS! Let your money speak for you. Look for members of the Social Action Committee after Sunday services to get your money stamped with "A corporation is not a person. Money is not speech." When you spend your money, you spread the word.

STANDING ON THE SIDE OF LOVE/UU JUSTICE OHIO T-SHIRTS:

Let your UU values show! These yellow shirts are a great way to make us visible at social justice events and to let others know what we stand for. See the bulletin board or contact Pam Patsch at pgp723@aol.com for more information about ordering a shirt. The UUJO Facebook page www.facebook.com/UUJusticeOhio and website <http://ohiomeadville.org/uujo/> provide an opportunity to share what is happening in Ohio related to different justice issues. Additional UUJO information is on the SAC bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE BULLETIN BOARD: We have so many exciting things to share that we needed to expand our space. Check out the folding divider in Fellowship Hall with information about upcoming SAC activities as well as issues and actions at the local, state, and national level. If you have information about social justice issues you want to share with the congregation, please post it on the bulletin board or email it to Pam Patsch at pgp723@aol.com. The next SAC meeting will be on August 4th at 11:30. We welcome new members. For more information about the Social Action Committee, contact Pam Patsch at pgp723@aol.com

From Your Board of Trustees Meeting

Board Minutes

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The Board did not meet in July

Treasurer's Report for June 2013

Outlined below is a summary of the financial report presented to members of your Finance Committee and Board of Trustees for the month of June, 2013:

	Actual \$ Received and Paid	Budget (Planned Receipts and Payments)
1. June, 2013		
2013 Pledge Offerings	5,532	12,259
Non-Pledge Offerings	199	0
Rental Revenue	0	154
Ways and Means - Fundraising	115	361
Total Income	5,846	12,774
Total Expenses	12,322	12,726
1. Year-to-Date		
2012 Pledge Offerings	6,187	0

2013 Pledge Offerings	71,583	73,552
Non-Pledge Offerings	3,353	0
Rental Revenue	675	925
Ways and Means-Fundraising	1,980	2,167
Total Income	83,778	76,645
Total Expenses	71,855	76,356