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### Economics of Happiness February 26

Stay after service on Sunday, Feb. 26 to see "Economics of Happiness," a remarkable film that documents the impact of economic globalization on our communities and explores "localization" as a viable alternative. "Going local" is a powerful strategy to help repair our fractured world - our ecosystems, our societies and our selves. Far from the old institutions of power, people are starting to forge a very different future... the film

## February 2012 (supplement)

### A Special Thank You to All Our Blood Donors

Thanks to all our faithful blood donors and those who attempted to donate. Although we did not quite meet our goal of 20 units, we had 23 on the schedule and 20 donors showed up. Flu and cold season took its toll. There were several willing donors who were unable to donate because of illness. Had it not been for the illness factor, we would have exceeded our goal.

As most of you know, we are teaming with the United Methodist Church down the road to provide four opportunities per year for our congregations to donate much needed life saving blood. I will be working closely with the Red Cross Rep. and the coordinator from the UMC to insure that this partnership is successful.

The next UMC drive is scheduled for **Friday, February 17 from 1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.** A signup sheet is posted in our Fellowship Hall. If you donated at our December 19 blood drive, enough time has passed that you could be eligible to donate on the 17<sup>th</sup> (barring illness or some other disqualifier). Let's continue to show our willingness to contribute to this life saving opportunity **"TO SERVE HUMANITY"** and show our neighborly and ecumenical support to the UMC by participating on their blood drive on February 17<sup>th</sup>.

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Features Vandana Shiva, Bill McKibben, David Korten, Michael Shuman, Juliet Schor, Richard Heinberg, Rob Hopkins, Samdhong Rinpoche and others!

65 minutes; optional Q&A discussion to follow. See the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. To view a movie trailer and for more info:

<[theeconomicsofhappiness.org](http://theeconomicsofhappiness.org)

> or contact NUUC member Chuck Lynd

<[chuck.lynd@gmail.com](mailto:chuck.lynd@gmail.com)> or call 614-354-6172.

## "Share" Project Reminder

Cold weather is nearly upon us... please remember the "Share" health kit and sleeping bag projects which benefit the homeless in the vicinity of Delaware Co. and into Franklin Co.

The SHARE Health Kit items are so greatly needed. There are virtually no public facilities for a homeless person to take a shower in the areas where the Health Kits are delivered. Imagine how nice it is to have your own items (towel, washcloth, soap, razor, toothbrush & paste, comb, deodorant, wet wipes, etc.). Many will simply have to use the small sink in a bathroom....some wash up in the local rivers.

You can view a list of the most-needed items on the "Share Card" found at the website at [www.shareyourbest.us](http://www.shareyourbest.us) For the winter months, please consider adding Men's socks. (women wear men's socks because they are warmer).

Share is always in need of supplies to make more sleeping bags - please donate your used but clean bedding and towels. For additional details, visit the website at [www.shareyourbest.us](http://www.shareyourbest.us)

For info about these projects or other ways you can help, please contact Donna Imel at Share at [donna@shareyourbest.us](mailto:donna@shareyourbest.us) (177 N. Union St., Delaware, OH 43015) or contact our NUUC coordinator Lynn Foreman [sbgmacb@hotmail.com](mailto:sbgmacb@hotmail.com) or 740-513-4876.

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## "Freedom to Love, Freedom to Marry" Celebration Feb. 12 at First UU

Our own Rev. Susan Ritchie will be one of the speakers at "Freedom to Love, Freedom to Marry," an Interfaith Rededication and Solidarity Celebration, at First Unitarian Universalist Church at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 12. The celebration is designed to allow any couple who has made a lifetime commitment to each other -- either publicly or privately, with benefit of legal standing or not, whether straight or same-sex -- to publicly reaffirm and rededicate the vows that bind them together in a loving relationship. Individuals are also invited and welcome to participate to demonstrate their support and solidarity. Organizers hope the event will help bring the issue of marriage equality into the public conversation in central Ohio.

Please plan to attend, and invite others as well. The church is located at 93 W. Weisheimer Road, Columbus. For more

information, see the event website at <http://bit.ly/F2LF2M>, search for the Freedom to Love, Freedom to Marry event on Facebook, ask NUUC member Martha Filipic ([tonymartha@columbus.rr.com](mailto:tonymartha@columbus.rr.com)), or contact organizers Bob Rice (614-313-7158 or [bricejr@gmail.com](mailto:bricejr@gmail.com)) or Ray Nandyal (614-594-3230 or [rkn312@gmail.com](mailto:rkn312@gmail.com)).

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