

# NORTHERN LIGHT

Newsletter of the North Unitarian Universalist Congregation

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## Music Notes

The choir is on a well-deserved break from now until Ingathering Sunday on September 11.

## June 2011

Summer is the time of transitions, and they are everywhere visible. U-Hauls are every other vehicle on the road; the office supply store is selling many boxes. And I find myself stopping, assessing the past year, and wondering what the next year holds. I know, I know, the official New Year is in January; but for me, my whole life lived around schools and congregations, the new year is always September 1, and summer is the time to look backwards and aspire forwards.

Something I am very much looking forward to next fall is the arrival of our Intern Minister Rachel Baker. I am eager to see how Rachel's many gifts change us. And I am glad that our congregation is so willing to take on one of the most sacred responsibilities of our tradition: the development of new ministers. Although most of our ministers will serve small churches, not many experience an internship in a small church. And that's a terrible shame.

But in the meantime we have a little bit of preparation to do. In the classic tradition of church parsonages that are open for educational purposes Sunday morning, Rachel and her partner Andy will be living in Nielsen House even as we still use the space Sunday AM for religious education. So our first step in preparing for the future of our movement begins not with the sacred, although we will get there. We begin with the everyday material world. We need some stuff.

Items that we are looking for include:

- queen sized mattress, box, and frame
- nightstands (2)
- dresser
- desk
- deskchair
- comfortable reading chair
- couch
- endtables (2)
- chairs (not stools) for kitchen island

Let me know if you can donate (or just share for nine months) any of these items. Please don't bring anything around without talking to me first--I'd like to make things as coherent as possible for Rachel and Andy, and, we need to make sure we don't crowd up Nielsen House in a way that impairs our ability to continue to use it for religious education classes.

And whatever transitions we face this summer, may they be prepared for by generous hands and hearts.

To Life!  
Rev.Susan

Musicians of all voices, instruments, and ages are encouraged to share their talents over the summer months; please let me know if you are interested in providing the music for any worship service during that time.

Also, if you are interested in joining the choir when we resume this fall or would like to know more about the process, please feel free to contact me for details. We rehearse on Sunday mornings at 9:00am (no mid-week or evening practices required).

Musically yours,

Marlene Hartzler  
[marlenemetz@yahoo.com](mailto:marlenemetz@yahoo.com)

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## Upcoming Events

### Fair Trade Sale.

The Social Action Committee will hold its monthly Fair Trade Sale after the service on Sunday, June 12 (held the second Sunday of every month). Show Dad how much you care with a gift basket filled with fairly traded coffee, tea and delicious dark chocolates! See Brandy or Paul Montgomery for more info ([brandy.montgomery@gmail.com](mailto:brandy.montgomery@gmail.com))

## News Bytes



### NUUC Directory

The NUUC Directory of

## Summer Potluck Fun

### Social Action Committee Service/Potluck June 26

On Sunday, June 26, the Social Action Committee will present a Sunday service which highlights experiences and spiritual motivations of NUUC members who are social activists. Then, please stay after the service as the SA Committee hosts an informal potluck lunch. Bring your favorite summer side dish. More info to follow...watch the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall and future Orders of Service for details. For questions, see Chair Tracy Steinbrenner [tracystein@att.net](mailto:tracystein@att.net) or any member of the SA Committee.

### Salad and Dessert Pot Luck on July 24

The Wednesday Morning Covenant group and the Social Committee cordially invite you to our annual Summer Salad Pot luck on Sunday, July 24 after service (new this year-desserts!) Please bring a salad or dessert to share with the congregation (drinks and dinnerware provided). Our theme this year is "Ethical Eating" and summer is the best time to buy local produce or perhaps share from your own garden. We would love to have your recipe for your famous dish, so please bring in your recipe to share with the congregation. For questions contact Yvonne Clippinger [yclippin@columbus.rr.com](mailto:yclippin@columbus.rr.com) or Jan Bourke [jdb135@wowway.com](mailto:jdb135@wowway.com)

## Youth Group Summer Fun

We have a few social activities planned for the youth group this summer. Please mark your calendars and come!

June 3 - Movie Night - 5:30 PM - 11:00PM, pizza and s'mores provided. At the Rosenberg's house.

July 22 - John Bryan State Park Intergenerational Camping Trip - Please join the Youth Group for an intergenerational camping trip to John Bryan State Park on July 22nd. We will depart about 1:00 PM from the NUUC parking lot on Friday, July 22nd and return Saturday the 23rd about 6:00 PM. The youth will be staying in the group camping area, while families will be staying close by in the family campground. We will post some intergenerational activities; such as gathering around the campfire or going on a hike. Each family needs to provide their own food and supplies. A sign up sheet will be posted (but does not replace the registration requirements below-see separate instructions for adult/families and for youth):

To register: If you are an adult and/or a family: Pre-register and pay on line at [www.ohio.reserveworld.com](http://www.ohio.reserveworld.com). The campground is reserved non-site specific. To locate near other NUUC campers, we will need to go down early on Friday to claim the sites. If you are a youth: Contact Melinda Rosenberg by June 15th, pay \$40 to cover your food and camping fee, and turn in a permission slip. I will be emailing the permission slip to all of the current youth and youth moving up from Explorers. Any one else should contact me at [Rosenberg21@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Rosenberg21@sbcglobal.net) for more information.

August 12 - Save the date (evening) - something fun, details to come.

Melinda Rosenberg  
[Rosenberg21@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Rosenberg21@sbcglobal.net)

## Pride Parade June 18

Members and Friends was distributed via e-mail in late April to save printing and postage.

You can receive an electronic or paper copy at any time upon request; please contact Jeri Dill at [nuucjdill@aol.com](mailto:nuucjdill@aol.com) or 740-657-8081, ext. 1, noting whether you want to receive via e-mail or get a printed copy (please note whether you are able to pick it up at church to save postage or you need it mailed to you.)

Help us keep the directory information current--please notify Jeri if your address, phone, or e-mail information needs updating.

## Projects for the Homeless

The following is a recent appeal from our local "Share" coordinator Donna Imel in Delaware...

"...I want to THANK each and every one of you that 'shares' your concern for the Homeless....on behalf of every one of them....thank you!

As the warm weather approaches there is a tremendous need for products to help people keep clean and healthy. Right now I'm in great need of SHAMPOO. ANY size will do. (no conditioner). The large 99 cent bottles work great! (We break them down into smaller bottles)

If you can help with the need of SHAMPOO or any other item on the Health Kit List (check our web site at [www.shareyourbest.us](http://www.shareyourbest.us)), we appreciate it VERY much!

When we work together....we can do SO much!

Thank you!

Donna  
"Share"  
Donna Imel  
177 N. Union Street  
Delaware, Ohio 43015  
[www.shareyourbest.us](http://www.shareyourbest.us)

Once again NUUC will be marching in the Columbus Pride Parade scheduled for June 18. Our theme this year is "We March For Those Who Can't." There are 93 countries or territories with laws against homosexuality. Many do not enforce the laws at all or minimal fines are imposed. But in some countries where it is illegal to be gay, being caught can result in prison sentences ranging anywhere from months to life in prison and even death. There are 36 countries with prison sentences ranging up to 25 years, 6 countries that impose life in prison, and 7 countries with the death penalty. To proudly walk down the street carrying a banner of pride or support for the GLBT community is not an option for anyone in these countries. For some, to even be suspected of being gay can endanger them - as many are beaten to death before the law is even called. While we love the freedom that we have to march openly and we celebrate every small step we take towards equality for all Americans, we cannot ignore the plight of our brothers and sisters who face harsh sentences and even death just for being who they were created to be. We hope you will join us on June 18th as we march in solidarity for all those who cannot.

Connie Grossman and Jeanne Casanova are again hosting a Pride "Wine & Sign" party at their home in Delaware on Saturday, June 11 at 6:00pm to make posters for the parade. This will be a 'covered dish' event with meat provided. Due to accessibility to open alcohol, this is an "adults only" event and you must be 21 to attend. All NUUC GLBT folks and allies are invited. Even if you can't march in the parade but would like to help make signs and show your support, you are welcome. We do ask that you RSVP.

There will be sign-up sheets for both the parade and party in the Fellowship Hall or you can email Connie and Jeanne at [bumblebeeismydog@yahoo.com](mailto:bumblebeeismydog@yahoo.com).

## Red Lake Reservation Update

Thank you all for your donations to the Red Lake Nation Project. Our partnership with the students of the Red Lake Nation is ongoing, and we continue to solicit and collect journals, gift cards, pens and pencils, underwear, and monies for the girls to purchase needed items.

I am still corresponding regularly with Donna Hrabcakova, our contact at the reservation, and she continues to express her gratitude for our outpouring of support. She is making good use of our monetary donations to buy groceries, personal care and hygiene items, more journals, hair supplies, cough drops, more underwear, and art and paper supplies.

We will continue to collect items and if you wish you can bring in journals and gift cards to Target or Wal-Mart and place them in the box in Fellowship Hall, or you may make a cash donation by making your check out to North Unitarian Universalist Congregation and put "Red Lake Nation Project" in the memo line.

Sadly, Donna had to postpone her planned visit with us on Sunday, May 29 where she had hoped to speak to us about her life on the Reservation and our partnership with her students. We have now rescheduled so she will be us for worship on August 7. It will be a special day as she shares with us first-hand how our ongoing support is helping these girls.

Yvonne Clippinger  
[yclippin@columbus.rr.com](mailto:yclippin@columbus.rr.com)

## Adopt a Flowerbed

Sign-up for Adopt-a-Flowerbed is underway. For this activity, we are dividing up all the flowerbeds around the church and Nielsen House into 4-foot wide plots, and people can select up to 4 plots. Then you can plant flowers in your plot(s) and care and tend them during the growing season. Participants are

Also, please remember the Sleeping Bag Project: If you have used (but stain-free) towels and washcloths that you would like to get rid of, please consider donating them to "Share" for their use in making sleeping bags for the homeless. (Other items that are needed are fabric, blankets, and men's ties.) Donation is easy- just leave the items in or near the box located on the white desk in the corner of Fellowship Hall with a note marked "for Share project.") There is always an urgent need to make more sleeping bags-see the website for info about how to help with the assembly. So...clean your linen and clothes closets and drawers and ask friends!

For more information about either of the above projects, visit [www.Shareyourbest.us](http://www.Shareyourbest.us) or contact NUUC Coordinator Lynn Foreman [sbgmacb@hotmail.com](mailto:sbgmacb@hotmail.com) or 740-513-4876.



## Shop for NUUC

The Delaware County Community Market is a fascinating new venture in downtown Delaware. A year-round, non-profit market, you can shop there for groceries, handmade foods and other items, and household goods, and then direct 20% of the profits to your favorite non-profit. (Yes, NUUC is on the list of nonprofits to choose from!) The market is open 7 days a week (10-6 weekdays and 10-4 weekends). For more information, go to [www.dccmc.com](http://www.dccmc.com).

Our Kroger rewards continue to add up - NUUC received \$235.77 in Rewards in March. Way to shop, NUUC! If you haven't already registered (or renewed) your Kroger Plus card with the Community Rewards program, please consider designating NUUC as your recipient. Individual participation must be renewed annually, so be sure you have updated your record. If you

encouraged to make "catchy" signs for their plot(s). Some of the names being discussed include "Jan's Jungle," "Grimshaw's Gardens," "Keith's Korner," etc.

A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Use this chart to select your specific plot(s) from a drawing showing all the available flowerbed plots.

Participants in the Adopt-a-Flowerbed activity are asked to abide by the following:

- 1) Only flowers should be planted, which can be either annuals or perennials. But no bushes or trees (flowering or otherwise) should be planted.
- 2) No rocks or timbers should be placed on a plot.
- 3) Participants will be responsible to water, weed, and tend their flowerbed plot.

We'll have a sign-making activity at the Spring Spruce-up Day on Saturday June 4<sup>th</sup> for which all the materials will be provided to make signs for the flowerbed plots. We'll have bare wood sign cutouts, a wood burner to do lettering, paints, and sealer.

The Building and Grounds Committee is organizing and administering the project (a special thank-you to Jan Bourke for suggesting this activity). If you have questions, please contact Bob Keith at 740-369-1919 or [bobkeith@frontier.com](mailto:bobkeith@frontier.com).

## Volunteers Wanted

**Summer Religious Education Assistants.** Rev. Ritchie is looking for volunteers to assist with the summer time religious education program. No preparation required--the assigned teacher will handle the program--you can just enjoy it with the kids! Sign up for even just one Sunday--it all helps.

[RevRitchie@aol.com](mailto:RevRitchie@aol.com)

## Summer Lunch Program

NUUC member Sheryl Hardin is starting an all volunteer-run free summer lunch program for kids in her school's attendance area, where 50% of the kids are on free and reduced lunch plans during the school year. The program will run Monday through Friday from 12-1:30PM from June 13 through August 12, except for the Fourth of July (volunteers are needed from 11:30AM-2PM).

Volunteers can sign up at <http://dublinfreesummerlunch.volunteerhub.com>. If you are interested in making donations of either non-perishable food or wish list items, there are lists of needed items on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. You can contact Sheryl at 614-760-0067 or at [scothardin@columbus.rr.com](mailto:scothardin@columbus.rr.com).

**Refreshments:** One NUUC tradition that carries on week to week is coffee, cookies, and conversation after services. A very special thank you to all of you who have taken a turn at setting up and clean-up after our weekly refreshment tasks this year. The process is easy--all you have to do is follow instructions that are already posted in the kitchen on where everything is and how to make coffee. And then clean up after and put things back. Everything is provided for you. (But, feel free to try out a new cookie recipe or bring a dessert left from a meeting or family function!) We are currently scheduling through April-see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for available dates, or please contact Teri Cornell at [imuuteri@yahoo.com](mailto:imuuteri@yahoo.com) or 614-891-59.

## June 6 blood donation sign up sheet is now up in Fellowship Hall

**Did you know:** The Central Ohio Blood Services Region serves 27 counties, and needs to collect about 650 pints of blood each day to meet patient need in 41 hospitals? In addition to providing blood to our community the American



haven't registered or need to update your participation: Go to <http://www.kroger.com> and select Kroger Community Rewards at the bottom of the page. You'll need your account information or your Plus card number to complete the registration. It is a little cumbersome, but the sooner you do it the sooner your purchases start counting toward another nice donation from Kroger. (Should you need it, our NUUC Nonprofit Organization Number is 84869).

## Board Minutes

### North Unitarian Universalist Congregation

Board of Trustees Meeting  
May 28, 2011-9:00 A.M.

**Present:** Darlene Tschudy, Gary Rusk, Mary Ann Wojton, Nina Webb-Lawton, Susan Ritchie, Laura Howe, Marty Keith, Kim Poderys

Present for Treasurer's Report:  
Koralleen Stavish (treasurer)  
Absent: Scot Danforth

Chalice Lighting and Mission Statement: *We are an inclusive community of seekers pursuing deeper meaning through the process of spiritual engagement, learning, reasoning, and action.*

Acceptance of minutes of previous board meetings. Nina motioned, Gary seconded. **MINUTES ACCEPTED.**

Treasurer's Report We are running behind on monthly pledge payments, but we are ahead \$1900 YTD because of January payments. Pledge payments go down during summer. Finance committee suggested dissolving money market account at PNC and putting all capital \$\$ in Vanguard Prime Money Market account. Koralleen will check on interest rates at both places and if we will be charged fees by PNC if we dissolve money market account. Darlene moved, Laura seconded that if there is no effect on PNC banking fees, Koralleen can move the PNC account to the Vanguard Prime Money Market account. Nina motioned, Gary

at hospitals. In addition to providing blood to our community, the American Red Cross also provides relief to victims of disaster, trains millions in lifesaving skills, serves as a communication link between U.S. military members and their families, and assists victims of international disasters or conflicts. NUUC contributes to southern Delaware County's reputation of having the most donated blood contributed in the region. Surgeries are scheduled based blood donation quotas set by the Red Cross at the various contribution sites. To meet our quota, we must schedule at least twenty donors for June 6.

To schedule an appointment to donate, you may sign up for a time on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall or call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) for more information.

If you would like to volunteer to help with the blood drive on June 6 or you have any questions, contact John Rodeheffer via email ([jrodeheffer@insight.rr.com](mailto:jrodeheffer@insight.rr.com)) or call 740-369-9659

### Spring Spruce-up Day on Saturday June 4th

On Saturday June 4th, we will be holding Spring Spruce-up Day to get both the church and Nielsen House ready for summer. We'll be working in the morning and early afternoon and doing a variety of tasks both indoors and outdoors. Please consider helping out on this day. You could work for a few hours, half a day, or more... whatever works best for you. Any help will be appreciated. If June 4th doesn't fit your schedule, you can select a task and do it when you can. Look for the sign-up sheet and list of tasks posted in Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions about this event, please contact a member of the Building & Grounds Committee (Bob Keith, Don Dillemath, Roger Orwick, John Rodeheffer, or Gary Rusk).

## Treasurer's Report

Outlined below is a summary of the financial report presented to members of your Finance Committee and Board of Trustees for the month of April, 2011:

	Actual \$ Received and Paid	Budget (Planned Receipts and Payments)
<b>April, 2011</b>		
2011 Pledge Offerings	150	0
2011 Pledge Offerings	10472	12419
Non-Pledge Offerings	1054	0
Rental Revenue	856	900
Ways and Means-Fundraising	1	353
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>12533</b>	<b>13672</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>13697</b>	<b>13,672</b>

### Year to-Date

2010 Pledge

seconded. **Treasurer's Report ACCEPTED.**

Minister's Report Board appreciates the new website. Members only section is for those who are manipulating the website, it was suggested to change that tab to admin. RE: Nielson House, we are planning to repair the electric stove. Susan will put a list of furniture needed in the June newsletter.

Old Business Update on septic change over: Septic change will occur when soil dries out. It may be one month before we are actually using it due to line changes, but it is moving forward. Capital Campaign: Discussed possibility of Feasibility study, Susan was asked to do additional research and report back to the board. Mary Ann and Laura will look into member needs survey. Idea of Memory Garden was introduced.

New Business: Scot Danforth's upcoming departure Nominating committee (chaired by Nina) is looking for someone to replace Scot (until next election). We would like to invite that person to attend next meeting. Committee Fair/POP Party: This will occur after in-gathering. Darlene will put together an outline. Laura suggested making use of the website for enhanced committee communication. Summer Social (board sponsored): August 13 on church property

Mary Ann motioned, Laura seconded to adjourn the meeting. **MOTION PASSED.**

Offerings	4665	0
2011 Pledge		
Offerings	45306	49674
Non-Pledge		
Offerings	3681	0
Rental Revenue	2456	3600
Ways and Means- Fundraising	509	1412
Total Income	56617	54686
Total Expenses	53217	54686

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## Loose Change Update

Your Social Action Committee will continue its "Loose Change" project in 2011 by collecting your loose coins during the worship service on Sunday, June 12, as it has on the second Sunday of each month throughout the past several years. The Loose Change collection for May benefited Act Out Delaware [www.actoutdel.org](http://www.actoutdel.org) (\$82.02).

June's proceeds are scheduled to benefit the Red Lake Nation project (see article elsewhere in this newsletter for more details about our ongoing commitment to the Red Lake Nation). Additional deserving recipients of our monthly Loose Change collections are always under discussion. Later this summer the proceeds will be earmarked for our annual School Supply Drive project which benefits the Delaware County Juvenile Probation Department. For questions regarding the "Loose Change" project or to suggest a recipient, contact Chair Tracy Steinbrenner at [tracystein@att.net](mailto:tracystein@att.net) or any member of your Social Action Committee.



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