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Phoenix Witness Project



Have you seen a button that looks like this? Maybe in yellow or maybe in white? What does it mean? Who is it for? and most important, how can I get one? The Phoenix Witness Project is the response of the Ohio Meadville

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Music Notes

Please join me in thanking the following musicians who performed during July worship services: Barb Lubberger, Brad Dana, Lauren Richards, Nancy Gamso, Karen Hedden, Darlene Tschudy, and Marty Keith. We are fortunate to have so many talented members of the

District to the current legislation in Arizona (Senate Bill 1070 now being mimicked by Georgia, Utah and other states) that substantially impacts the civil rights of anyone who cannot pass for a white Midwesterner. In 2010, rather than follow many organizations and impose economic boycotts and pull out of planned conventions in response to SB1070, the 2010 General Assembly, working with the Arizona UU congregations, determined that instead of a boycott, we as a movement will go and bear witness, we will go and do justice, we will reach out into the community to live our values and take a stand on the side of love. So instead of a General Assembly in 2012 in Phoenix, we will have a Justice Assembly.

To be effective, Justice Assembly must be more than a General Assembly with a different name. To that end, the OMD Board has made a commitment to substantially increase our District's participations in Justice Assembly through the Phoenix Witness Project.

With the Phoenix Witness Project, we are going to congregations large and small throughout the district with a simple request; we are asking for a pledge from each congregant, that we will collect and use as grants and scholarships to help people get to Phoenix in 2012. In particular, since Justice Assembly will be a pivotal moment in the history of our faith, we must insure that our youths and young adults can freely participate and live out the values we preach from every pulpit in our District every Sunday.

congregation who gladly share their gifts.

Here's a look at the music being planned for the month of August:

August 7: Scot Hardin will be singing Israel "IZ" Kamakawiwo'ole's version of "Over the Rainbow" with Nancy Gamso on ukulele.

August 14: For the outdoor Blessing of the Animals, a small folk ensemble from the choir will be singing "Church in the Wildwood."

August 21: The Carpenter's "I'll Never Fall in Love Again" will be sung by Scot Hardin, Barb Lubberger, and Marlene Hartzler.

August 28: Nathan Morse will make his NUUC solo debut!

The NUUC Choir is currently accepting new members for the 2011-2012 season.

Rehearsals are Sunday mornings at 9:00a.m., and sifter service is available (no

So we will go as a district to Phoenix; to bear witness, to speak with love to hate, to speak justice to intolerance, to live our faith, to stand on the side of love. We ask you to pledge and to attend Justice Assembly for the same reason we do any justice work, to show that love, that is the doctrine of our faith, does not, and can not, stop at our church's front door. If you wish to help the Phoenix Witness Project, please see our page on the Ohio Meadville District website (www.ohiomeadville.org) or contact us by e-mail at office@ohiomeadville.org.

Hal Walker Concert at First UU Church

Our friends at the First Unitarian Universalist Church of Columbus (93 West Weisheimer Road, Columbus 614-267-4946) have sent us an invitation to the following special event:

See Hal Walker of Kent UU Church (who appeared recently at Summer Institute) in concert Saturday, August 6 at 7:30pm. A natural-born musician, he is a multi-instrumentalist (playing the guitar, piano, harmonica, the khaen, jew's harp and concertina), a composer, and baritone singer whose diverse and unique style engages

enter service is available (no mid-week or evening practices required!). The first rehearsal this fall will be September 11. Current and prospective members should see me (Marlene Hartzler) to pick up a folder of music prior to the first rehearsal.

I'll see you on Sunday!

Marlene Hartzler, Music Director
marlenemetz@yahoo.com

Join Our Mailing List!

Upcoming Events

25th Anniversary--Save the Date!

NUUC's twenty fifth anniversary party will be held at the church, Saturday evening, Sept 10. Details to follow--but expect dessert and drinks under the stars, and some fabulous music.

Service Auction Coming!

audiences of all ages.

Hal grew up in Kent, Ohio blowing the harmonica along the banks of the Cuyahoga River. He is a singer, songwriter and musical explorer. A natural-born musician, he is truly one-of-a-kind. In collaboration, he has developed a modern version of a traditional African instrument called a "Banakula." (Ba-na-'ku-la) www.banakula.com. Hal has released 3 albums of his songs and one CD of instrumental music: Home in Ohio, Shine On, Everywhere and Steam.

Hal's professional highlights include ongoing collaborations with Ohio arts organizations. He is on the roster of artists of the Ohio Arts Council Arts Learning program and Young Audiences of Northeastern Ohio. He is a director and resident composer for the Summit Children's Choir. He is the resident musician for the Kent State University's Wick Poetry Department. He has collaborated with Cleveland's esteemed Groundworks Dance Theater and been on tour with the Mad River Theater Company of West Liberty, Ohio.

Suggested donation for the concert is \$10. For questions, contact the First UU Church office at 614-267-4946 or marian@firstuucolumbus.org

Youth Group Summer Fun

Save The date - the Service Auction is just around the corner! On Sunday, September 25 we will be holding our Annual Service Auction. This is always a fabulously fun event, and it couldn't happen without YOU! It's time to get your creative juices flowing as you consider your offerings. Before you start thinking about what services or items you would like to offer, we want to know: What do you want? What items are you interested in bidding on? What services do you want to buy? Our congregation has a wide range of talents, and it is often difficult to decide what to offer. In past years you've purchased lessons (knitting, musical and belly dancing!); cooked dinners and organized theme parties; and helpful services such as yard work and tax preparation.

So, help your fellow NUUC members by telling them what you want...this month, email Becca Morse at beccamorse@gmail.com with "SERVICE AUCTION - WANTED" as the subject of your e-mail to place a "Wanted Ad" for the service auction in next month's newsletter.

We have one remaining social activity planned for the youth group this summer. Please mark your calendars and come!

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

Melinda Rosenberg
Rosenberg21@sbcglobal.net

Volunteers Wanted

Annual School Supply Drive

It seems summer has hardly started, and it's time to think about back-to-school!

NUUC members and friends have another 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 donation of school supplies is one way for the congregation to express our 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.

Fair Trade Sales resume in August

"The Social Action Committee will hold a Fair Trade Sale on Sunday, August 14 (held the second Sunday of most months). Plan to purchase your fairly traded coffee, tea and delicious dark chocolates! See Brandy or Paul Montgomery for more information (brandy.montgomery@gmail.com)

News Bytes



T-Shirts going, going...gone (soon)!

There are a few remaining NUUC t-shirts in green or blue (\$9.00)

This program serves approximately 150 middle school and high school students, ranging in age from 13 to 19. The items most needed are heavy duty book bags, Trapper Keepers, pencils, pens (black or blue), loose leaf notebook paper (lined), calculators (scientific & algebraic), and folders with pockets.

(At press time, Juvenile County Probation Department staffers Darlene Miller and Dave Andrews are scheduled to speak with us on Sunday, July 31 regarding the importance of our efforts in behalf of these high-risk kids.)

A collection box will remain on the coat rack at NUUC near the greeter's area entrance through Sunday, August 14. 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. And if you have any questions, please contact Becky Mullis at 614-352-1343 or bmullis@sbcglobal.net. Thank you for your continued support!

Volunteer Opportunity-Summer Lunch Program

NUUC member Sheryl Hardin continues her all volunteer-run free summer lunch program for kids in her school's

t-shirts in green or blue (\$9.00) and white (\$8.00). They have our name, a chalice, and "25 years of covenant" on the front upper right and our covenant on the back. Please contact Laura Howe at 614-301-8168 or howe_l@yahoo.com to check availability of your size and preferred color.

NUUC Directory

The NUUC Directory of 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 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.

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 through August 12 (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.

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 October--see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for available dates, or please contact Teri Cornell at imuuteri@yahoo.com or 614-891-59.

Projects for the Homeless

A special appeal from the folks at "Share" of Delaware County (who provide needed support for the homeless in our area):

As summer descends upon us 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, please).

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), we appreciate it VERY much!

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

Thank you!

Donna Imel
"Share"
177 N. Union Street
Delaware, Ohio 43015
www.shareyourbest.us

Open Invitation from Social Action Committee

The NUUC Social Action Committee will meet the second Sunday of the month, after service, in Nielsen House for the next two months (August and September). We will revert to our "first Sunday" schedule beginning in October. For more information, please feel free to attend a committee meeting or talk to any member of your Social Action Committee. Contact Chair Tracy Steinbrenner at tracystein@att.net for questions or to reconfirm the next meeting date (planned for Sunday, August 14). Won't you join us?

Spruce-Up Help Still Solicited

A reminder from the Building & Grounds Committee: We do have some remaining tasks that we would like to get done this summer. If you are interested, contact B&G Committee Chair Bob Keith at 740-369-1919 or bobkeith@frontier.com . Thanks to everyone who pitched in during "Spring Spruce-Up Day" in June for your help in making the church and Nielsen House "ship shape."

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 or contact NUUC Coordinator Lynn Foreman sbgmacb@hotmail.com or 740-513-4876.



Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report for June 2011

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, 2011:

	Actual \$ Received and Paid	Budget (Planned Receipts and Payments)
June, 2011		
2011 Pledge Offerings	11,413	12,419
Non-Pledge Offerings	580	0
Rental Revenue	1,245	900
Ways and Means-Fundraising	245	353
Total Income	13,483	13,672

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.

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 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

Total Expenses	12,178	13,672
	Year-to-Date	
2010 Pledge Offerings	4,665	0
2011 Pledge Offerings	70,742	74,511
Non-Pledge Offerings	5,918	0
Rental Revenue	4,471	5,400
Ways and Means-Fundraising	756	2,118
Total Income	86,552	82,029
Total Expenses	78,452	82,029

Respectfully submitted,
Koralleen Stavish

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).

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, August 14, as it has on the second Sunday of each month throughout the past several years.

The Loose Change collections for July and August are earmarked to benefit the School Supply Drive, our annual project to support the youth served by the Delaware County Juvenile Probation Department. (see article elsewhere in this newsletter for more details about this project). In July we collected \$78.85.

Additional deserving recipients of our monthly Loose Change collections are always under discussion. For questions regarding the "Loose Change" project or to suggest a recipient, contact Chair Tracy Steinbrenner at tracystein@att.net or any member of your Social Action Committee.

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