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July 2011

Good Job, NUUC!

Thank You for Spring Spruce-up Day

The Building & Grounds Committee thanks everyone who helped with our recent Spring Spruce-up Day held on Saturday June 4th. The event was a success, with a good amount of work getting done around the church and Nielsen House. Some of the items we accomplished were weeding, trimming bushes, and cleaning recycling bins. We also installed sod, raked leaves, cleaned windows, and installed parking space stops. Plus, we got some things done that we have been trying to get accomplished for some time, such as permanently fixing the leaning shed behind the church. Many people who had also signed up for the Adopt-a-Flowerbed activity began working on their plots and planting attractive flowers. They also made creative signs for their plots thanks to Jan Bourke providing blank

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Music Notes

The choir is on a well-deserved break from now until Ingathering Sunday on September 11. Musicians of all voices, instruments, and ages have graciously stepped forward to share their talents over the summer months.

wood signs and a variety of paints and a wood burning tool.

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. Again, thanks for your help in making the church and Nielsen House "shine."

NUUC Blood Drive A Success!

Thanks to all of you who donated blood (and your time!) during our annual NUUC Blood Drive held Monday, June 6. We had an amazing turnout and the Red Cross advises us we helped provide a record number of pints this year! Way to go, NUUC! A special thank-you to NUUC coordinator John Rodeheffer.

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 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!)

A heartfelt thank you goes out to all the volunteers who provided music for worship during the month of June: Karen Hedden, Daniel Mallett, Nancy Gamso, and Elowen Conley. Your instrumental selections hit all the right notes.

I need someone to play piano on July 10. Our wonderful staff pianist Wade Jones will be enjoying a week off.. In his absence, I will need someone to play the hymns for the worship on July 10. Please contact me ASAP if you are willing to help out!

During the month of July, you will hear soprano Barb Lubberger, tenor Brad Dana, soprano Lauren Richards, our multi-talented instrumentalist Nancy Gamso, tenor Scot Hardin, and pianist Karen Hedden, plus Darlene Tschudy and Marty Keith performing a flute and piano duet. We are fortunate to have so many talented members of the congregation who gladly share their gifts.

Also, if you are interested in joining the choir when we resume this fall or would like to know more about the process, please

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 or Jan Bourke 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!

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. 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

more about the process, please feel free to contact me for details. We rehearse on Sunday mornings at 9:00am, and sitter service is available (no mid-week or evening practices required).

I'll see you on Sunday!

Marlene Hartzler, Music Director
marlenemetz@yahoo.com

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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.

Save the Date-Service Auction!

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend our annual NUUC Service Auction scheduled for Sunday, September 25 after the

youth and youth moving up from Explorers. Any one else should contact me at Rosenberg21@sbcglobal.net for more information.

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

Melinda Rosenberg
Rosenberg21@sbcglobal.net

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.

I am happy to report that Donna has rescheduled her visit with us and will be in the pulpit on Sunday, August 7 (rescheduled from May 29), where she plans to speak to us about her life on the Reservation and our partnership with her students. It will be

service. Becca Morse has graciously agreed to again coordinate this year's effort. This is NUUC's biggest fundraiser of the year and is always a fun time of fellowship for all. Please be thinking of what services or items you might offer for purchase to benefit NUUC.. In past years you've offered lessons (knitting, musical and belly dancing!); cooked dinners and organized theme parties; and helpful services such as yard work and tax preparation. Let your imagination run wild; watch for updates in this newsletter, on the bulletin board, and in Sunday Orders of Service. For more information, contact Becca at beccamorse@gmail.com or 614-543-1404.

The Social Action Committee will not hold a Fair Trade Sale for the month of July. Sales will resume in August (held the second Sunday of most months). The next sale date is after service on Sunday, August 14. Plan then to purchase your fairly traded coffee, tea and delicious dark chocolates! See Brandy or Paul Montgomery for more information (brandy.montgomery@gmail.com)

a special day as she shares with us first-hand how our ongoing support is helping these at-risk girls.

Yvonne Clippinger
yclippin@columbus.rr.com

Adopt a Flowerbed

Sign-up for Adopt-a-Flowerbed is underway and plots are still available. 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 any number of the plots available. Then you can plant flowers in your plot(s) and care and tend them during the growing season. If you would like to participate, just sign up and select your plot(s) using the sign-up sheet located on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. The Building and Grounds Committee is organizing and administering the project. If you have questions, please contact Bob Keith at 740-369-1919 or bobkeith@frontier.com.

Volunteers Wanted

Can You Help?

Do you have a vehicle large enough to transport a queen sized mattress and box spring from Clintonville to church? Please contact Rev. Ritchie at 740-657-8081, ext. 2 or RevRitchie@aol.com. Also, we are looking for donations of these items for Nielsen House: nightstands (2)

dresser
desk

deskchair
comfortable reading chair
couch

chairs (not stools) for kitchen island
Please let Rev. Ritchie know if you can donate any of these items.

Annual School Supply Drive

School supplies in July? 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.

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.

A collection box will be placed on the coat rack at NUUC near the greeter's area entrance from July 3 to 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

News Bytes



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

There are a few remaining NUUC 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.

Projects for the
Homeless

support!

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.

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 or 614-891-59.

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 three months (July, 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

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

Also, please remember the

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 (Sunday, July 10). Won't you join us?

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 May, 2011:

	Actual \$ Received and Paid	Budget (Planned Receipts and Payments)
May, 2011		
2011 Pledge Offerings	14,023	12,419
Non-Pledge Offerings	1,657	0
Rental Revenue	770	900
Ways and Means-Fundraising	2	353
Total Income	16,452	13,672
Total Expenses	13,057	13,672

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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.



Shop for NUUC

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Date**

2010 Pledge Offerings	4,665	0
2011 Pledge Offerings	59,329	62,093
Non-Pledge Offerings	5,338	0
Rental Revenue	3,226	4,500
Ways and Means-Fundraising	511	1,765
Total Income	73,069	68,357
Total Expenses	66,274	68,357

Respectfully submitted,
Koralleen Stavish

Loose Change Update

"Loose Change" Project Update

Your Social Action Committee will continue its "Loose Change" project in 2011 by collecting your loose coins during the worship service on Sunday, July 10, as it has on the second Sunday of

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.

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 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

each month throughout the past several years. The Loose Change collection for June (\$67.40) will 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. Our July and August 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 or any member of your Social Action Committee.

Board Minutes

Attendees: Darlene Tschudy, Gary Rusk, Kim Poderys, Scot Danforth, Susan Ritchie, Laura Howe, Marty Keith

1. Chalice Lighting
2. Motion to accept minutes by Marty Keith, seconded by Scot Danforth, motion passed
3. Motion to accept treasurers report as submitted by Laura Howe, seconded by Marty Keith, motion passed
4. Minister's Report Discussed 25th anniversary plans
5. Old Business

Update on septic change over - Work has begun. Next step is to change plumbing from church to new septic system (Not weather dependent)

Status of investigation into feasibility consultant - Motion to secure capital campaign management service from Ackley made

you do it the other year
purchases start counting toward
another nice donation from
Kroger. (Should you need it, our
NUUC Nonprofit Organization
Number is 84869).

by Gary Rusk, seconded by Scot Danforth, motion passed

Committee Fair/POP Party (board to review list and provide
feedback to Darlene)

Summer Social (board sponsored)-running into committee
planned events so will not occur this summer

Policies update: Sexual Harassment- will be reviewed next
month

6. New Business

Scot's upcoming departure - Nominating committee to present
candidate to the board next month

Social Justice focus for next year - discuss after GA

CLL request Motion made by Gary Rusk, seconded by Laura
Howe to endorse Darlene Tschudy for the CCL program, Motion
passed (Darlene abstained)

Motion by Gary Rusk, seconded by Darlene Tschudy to thank
Scot Danforth for his service, Motion passed

