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March 2012

Rev.Elations!

So I have the very definition of that old problem for you, that "preaching to the choir thing." I want to ask you, gentle and good readers of this newsletter, why more folks don't read the newsletter. Really, I do! Technology makes so many things possible these days. Including the easy retrieval of statistics in terms of, well, how many people read the newsletter. The number of folks who open this newsletter in contrast with the number subscribed is, well, completely underwhelming.

Technology does change how we communicate. When our church building was constructed, if the minister had news to share he (pretty safe bet on gender for 1867) would ring the bell in the tower and the people would gather. That worked for a few decades, before increased mobility meant you weren't necessarily at home when the minister rang, and you didn't necessarily live next to the church. Many years later, in 1996 when I became minister of this congregation, most folks were not yet on email. When I needed to communicate something quickly we had a really awkward phone tree. Which required constant work to maintain, and which rarely actually worked, it being dependent on there not being a single missing link in the chain. All of which, coming back now to the NUUC newsletter, makes me wonder if even in this spiffed up electronically created and delivered form, the newsletter might not be an outmoded genre for delivering information of mutual interest.

What do you think, loyal reader (whom I thank from the bottom of my heart!)? You can email, text, or facebook me your thoughts. Or, talk to me Sunday morning!

To Life,
Rev. Susan

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Annual Meeting: March 11

Your Board has called a Congregational Meeting for after the service on March 11 for the purpose of recognizing our able and worthy outgoing Board members; to elect new members to the Board (the Nominating Committee is reviewing candidates now); and to deliver the Annual Reports of the committees (sitter

InTurnings

I can not believe that March has arrived! Soon it will be spring and time to think about the garden. Will you plant a garden this year? What will you nurture this spring? Beans? Summer squash? Greens? Tomatoes? Your passion for justice? A deeper understanding of Unitarian Universalist identity and theology? With the coming of spring and crocus buds pushing out of the damp earth, comes a new round of religious education opportunities. This spring members of the Social Action Committee and others will be offering an array of ways to learn more about immigration (see details elsewhere in this issue). I will be teaching an evening class which combines Unitarian Universalist history with UU theologies.

Each time we meet we will focus on one Unitarian, Universalist, or Unitarian Universalist of the past or present. We will use this person's theologies as a lens to discover how those theologies influence our worldview or lifstance today. We will develop our own personal theologies, gain a deeper understanding of our UU theological heritage, and better understand the shifting and growing nature of our UU identity. The class will spend time with six of these important and influential people, Hosea Ballou, Margaret Fuller, Charles Chancy, Sophia Lyon Fahs, James Luther Adams, Bill Schultz, and Thandeka.

I read somewhere that the three part mission of liberal religion is to free the mind, grow the soul, and change the world. This spring NUUC will touch all three of these as we gather for worship, deepen our UU identity, and investigate immigration as a moral issue.

In faith,
Rachel
Intern Minister

Music Notes

The NUUC Choir is hard at work preparing music for upcoming worship services. Here's a look at what we are planning on singing this month:

March 4: Korean folk song "Arirang"

March 11: Selections from "Three New Madrigals," modern compositions in an old style.

March 18: Local composer Craig Courtney's sublime "God Thou Art Love."

March 25: A re-setting of an old hymn (and new piece for NUUC) "Because All Men Are Brothers."

Rehearsals have begun with the NUUC Early Music Ensemble. This ensemble will be performing at a worship service soon. Stay tuned!

service extended until 12:15p). All are welcome to attend, though only Members may vote.

Social Justice

The NUUC Social Action Committee typically meets the first Sunday of the month after service. The next meeting will be on Sunday, March 4, 2012, after service in the vestibule off the sanctuary. 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. Won't you join us?

Fair Trade Sale: March 11

The Social Action Committee will hold its monthly Fair Trade Sale on Sunday, March 11 (held the second Sunday of most months). Several varieties of coffees and teas will be available, as well as delicious chocolates. Coffee and tea flavors vary each month, so be sure to check back at each sale to see what is new. See Brandy or Paul Montgomery for more information (brandy.montgomery@gmail.com).

Got Eggs?

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on

Musically Yours,
marlenemetz@yahoo.com
740 972-2264
Marlene Hartzler, Music Director

President's Message

It's already March again, and changes are coming to your Board of Trustees. Three board members (including myself) will be departing, and the congregation will be filling two full terms and one partial term for the board during the March congregational meeting, as well as considering an updated vision statement.

The last year has seen many new members and committee change-overs in our community. Our congregation has had the opportunity to share our space with another church and seen them find their own meeting house. We also have had the opportunity to share our space and hearts with Rachel Baker, our intern minister, who will use what she has learned in her time with us as she moves forward into her own full ministry.

As we passed our 25th anniversary as a congregation, we once again explored the possibility of new construction to support our growth and vision, only to discover that finances precluded any grand ideas. But not to be thwarted, the congregation has formed a committee to prioritize our most important needs and to find a way to meet them. We may not be rich, but we are inventive! I look forward to seeing the creative solutions that will grow organically out of our community.

My own personal goal for this year was to ensure that our septic system was reconstituted so that it was no longer an agenda item at board meetings or in congregational conversations. As you know, this came to pass. So, I can retire from my position feeling at least a tiny bit satisfied. But what I will most remember about this year is you, our/my congregation: the people who manned the casserole brigade; the people who showed up to clean windows, wash shelves, mow the lawn; the committees that met diligently to see that our community could function, and the people whose faces, voices, smiles, and hugs, made our every encounter warm and welcoming. As many people faced losses-jobs and family members-this congregation served as bedrock we could all lean on. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to serve as a board member of NUUC. Through this experience I learned a lot about congregational life and responsibilities. I hope that you, also, feel that I am leaving this position having been a positive influence. May you all be blessed by that which you consider holy. And may we all have, in the words of the Navy blessing, "fair winds and a following

Sunday, April 8th following the service. If you have clean, unmarked plastic eggs from previous Easter Egg hunts and would like to recycle them, we'd love to have them. Please give them to Jan Bourke, Yvonne Clippinger or Launia White by Sunday, March 25th.

Passover Seder, 4/10

Join us for NUUC's annual Passover Seder--the traditional Jewish dinner on the theme of liberation! We'll have a Potluck style dinner (although Rev. Ritchie promises to bring her famous Smoked "not your Grandmother's" Brisket), and observe the ritual elements of the dinner in a family friendly style. Tuesday, April 10 at 6:00pm in Fellowship Hall. Watch for details in the coming weeks about how to sign up and signify what you'll bring.

What Sustains You?

Intern Minister Rachel Baker invites you to join her in a yearly spiritual fast, April 2 - 5. Come consider the questions: What do you truly hunger for? What do you crave? What sustains you? We will begin the fast with a brief ritual on Monday, April 2 at 6:00PM. Those fasting will support each other and share experiences by email throughout the three days. We will then celebrate the

sea."

Darlene Tschudy
President, Board of Trustees

Immigration as a Moral Issue: Education & Events

MOVIE MATINEE: WHICH WAY HOME - March 25

While we have the luxury of debating about immigration reform, thousands of American migrants travel hundreds of miles to the United States. About 5% of those traveling alone are children who face this dangerous journey with amazing courage and resourcefulness. "Which Way Home" is a documentary that follows the journey of several unaccompanied child migrants as they journey through Mexico toward the U.S. riding on top of a freight train called "The Beast," and facing violence and criminal predators along the way. Fito (age 13) was abandoned by his mother and has been living with his impoverished grandmother in Honduras. He is hoping to find work and to be adopted in the U.S. Yurico (age 17) has lived on the streets for 10 years, begging, stealing, and abusing drugs. He hopes to find a loving family and to live a life free of drugs and violence. Jairo (age 14) had lived on the streets following his mother's death. School is important, but he can't afford to continue an education. He hopes to find work in Texas so that he can return to Mexico with money for a tutor. Jose (age 9) has lived with his aunt in El Salvador and has not seen his mother for 3 years. He hopes to be reunited with his mother in the U.S. Olga and Freddy (age 9) are also hoping to be reunited with family. Juan Carlos (age 13) left a letter for his mother telling her he was going to the U.S. Since his father abandoned the family, he feels it is his responsibility to provide for his mother and siblings. The film also features the families of two young migrants, Eloy (age 13) and Rosario (age 16) whose bodies were found in the desert. "Which Way Home" documents many of the reasons why these often invisible children are making adult decisions to undertake an extremely dangerous journey with dreams of changing their lives.

Please join us after the service on March 25th to watch this moving documentary (82 minutes). Those interested can participate in a discussion following the movie. Subs will be provided. Please sign up on the sheet posted in Fellowship Hall to bring drinks, sides, or desserts. For questions, contact Pam Patsch at pqp723@aol.com

ADULT AND YOUTH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Immigration as a Moral Issue

Sunday, April 1, 15, 22, & 29, 7:00 - 9:00PM, NUUC

NUUC is offering an education class for teens and adults

closing of the fast with a shared meal of fruit and bread on Thursday, April 5 at 6:00PM.

If you are interested in learning more or joining the fast please contact Rachel at InternMinisterNUUC@gmail.com.

Lobby Day, May 16

Save the Date: Lobby Day is Wednesday May 16. Come join the many Ohioans and UU's while they talk to their State Representative and Senators about the rights of the GLBT community. Each year many UU's from across the state attend Lobby Day; this year we would like to see more UU's in attendance. If you don't have any plans for May 16, please consider attending.

You may go to Equality Ohio's web site to register for the event come April 1st. For more information about the event see any member from your Social Action Committee or www.equalityohio.org.

Pride Parade, NUUC Organizer Needed

The Social Action Committee is looking for an organizer for the Columbus Pride Parade for our congregation. The parade date is Saturday, June 16. If interested in organizing the event for the NUUC congregation

using parts of the curriculum developed by UUA. The class will meet for 4 weeks in April on Sunday nights from 7-9 (no class on April 8 due to Easter). Each week will be facilitated by NUUC members:

Week 1(Tracy Steinbrenner) - Why people immigrate and U.S. immigration policies;

Week 2 (John Rodeheffer) - Economic forces that drive immigration and the impact of low wage labor on working conditions

Week 3 (Pam Patsch) - Security, enforcement, and human rights; and

Week 4 (Rachel Baker) - Who benefits from a broken system?

We will also be inviting guest speakers from the community to provide personal stories related to the issues covered in the curriculum each week. Look for the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Readings and handouts for the curriculum can be accessed on the UUA website (www.uua.org). For questions, contact Pam Patsch at pqp723@aol.com.

IMMIGRATION PANEL DISCUSSION

Please join us after the service on May 6 for a Potluck Lunch and panel discussion to hear stories about those who are personally impacted by immigration injustice and hardships. Open to all NUUC members. Please sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.

UU Identity through the Eyes of Influential UUs and You

Adult Religious Education

Thursdays, March 15 - April 19, 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Taught by Intern Minister Rachel Baker

Each session will focus on one Unitarian, Universalist, or Unitarian Universalist of the past or present. We will use this person's theologies as a lens to discover how those theologies influence our worldview or lifestance today. We will develop our own personal theologies, gain a deeper understanding of our UU theological heritage, and better understand the shifting and growing nature of our UU identity.

The class will spend time with six of these important and influential people: Hosea Ballou, Margaret Fuller, Charles Chancy, Sophia Lyon Fahs, James Luther Adams, Bill Schultz, and Thandeka. Childcare provided if needed. (A sign up sheet and schedule will be posted on the Sign Up Board at NUUC.)

For more information or questions please contact Rachel at InternMinisterNUUC@gmail.com or (781)975-6662.

please contact Tracy Steinbrenner at tracystein@att.net.

News Bytes



NUUC Directory

The winter/spring 2012 update of the NUUC Directory of Members and Friends was recently delivered to your mailboxes! Distribution is primarily by e-mail in order to save printing and postage. However, if you prefer, you can receive a paper copy of the directory at any time upon request. To make a request, please contact Jeri Dill in the office at nuucjdill@aol.com or call her at 740-657-8081, ext. 1 (please advise whether you are able to pick it up at church to save postage or you need it mailed to you.)

To ensure the directory and church records are kept up-to-date, please notify Jeri if your address, phone, or e-mail information needs updating.

Interested in Membership?

If you would like to learn more about UU or join the congregation, watch for the next "Orientation to our Congregation" session. Join Rev. Dr. Susan Ritchie and a

Gathered Here: Claiming the Best of Our Faith March 18

Over the next 10 months, UUs across the U.S. will be sharing stories, listening for what gives life to Unitarian Universalism, and shaping a new denominational vision. This project is called **Gathered Here**.

Using Appreciative Inquiry, we will discover our common aspirations and unleash the power of our faith! UUWorld featured the program in January

(<http://www.uuworld.org/news/articles/191554.shtml>)

"The Community Conversation challenged me to understand why I am UU, why I my church is a priority in my life, and what I imagine the future of Unitarian Universalism could be. Now, when I see small opportunities to contribute to this vision I am compelled to act." Leslie Light from Jefferson Unitarian Church
Our conversation will focus on our stories and aspirations which will be used to:

... strengthen our congregational community

... contribute to a shared vision for the UUA and for our faith

... inform national UUA programs, services and support in the future

Please join us after service on March 18 to discover our shared stories and dreams. See the sign-up sheet posted in Fellowship Hall to indicate your interest.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report for January 2012

Outlined below is a summary of the financial report presented to members of your Finance Committee and Board of Trustees for the month of January, 2012:

	Actual \$ Received and Paid	Budget (Planned Receipts and Payments)
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January, 2012

2011 Pledge Offerings	2, 67 0	0
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Membership Committee representative as they explain the denomination's (and our congregation's) history and the meaning of membership. If you would like to join the congregation after or prior to the next scheduled Orientation, please contact Rev. Ritchie RevRitchie@aol.com or 740-657-8081, ext. 2. Babysitter service available upon advance request.

NUUC Has Gone "Green"

Have you heard the saying: "When you throw something away, where is 'away'?" By now you're probably aware of the recycling bins located in the kitchen off Fellowship Hall. Bins are available to sort and recycle glass, plastic (#1 & #2), aluminum, and paper/cardboard. And new this month-- Recycling at home? You can now bring your aluminum cans to church and they will be taken to be recycled for you! You may leave them in a bag on the back deck of the church. Bob Keith has graciously offered to take them with the rest of the cans we are recycling. The cash back we receive will go back to the church and we will all be reducing our impact on the earth! It's amazing how much "trash" a small group of people can recycle! If you have questions or suggestions please contact Cathy

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2012 Pledge	79	
Offerings	8	11,539
Non-Pledge	63	
Offerings	7	0
	11	
Rental Revenue	3	167
Ways and Means-		
Fundraising	12	353
Capital Transfer	0	476
	10	
	,2	
Total Income	30	12,535
	12	
	,3	
Total Expenses	17	12,535

Respectfully submitted,
Koralleen Stavish
Treasurer

Board of Trustee's Report

"We are an inclusive community of seekers pursuing deeper meaning through the process of spiritual engagement, learning, reasoning, and action." ~the Mission of NUUC

The Board meeting held on February 25 opened with a chalice lighting and reading the mission statement. The Board heard the Treasurer's Report, which included a reminder that Koralleen has requested an assistant treasurer to help out next year.

The Board agreed to the proposed Vision and Core Values statements which will be brought to the congregation on March 11 for a vote. The Board celebrated the many members and friends who have signed up to be a part of the Futures Committee.

The Board discussed the need to balance the deficit in the 2012 budget. A variety of fundraising ideas were mentioned because of the realization that member and friend pledges are not covering operating costs.

Worship Committee Offers to Feed Two Birds with One Seed

Over the last few months the Worship Committee has been thinking about investing in the UUA's supplement to the existing grey hymnal, *Singing the Journey*, also known as the "teal hymnal," for the congregation. *Singing the Journey* has a wide range of modern, interesting, and multicultural pieces of music. The Foreword in the hymnal says this:

Rodeheffer at
[rodeheffer_cathy@yahoo.co
m](mailto:rodeheffer_cathy@yahoo.com)
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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.

Reminder: Renew your Kroger Plus Cards

Our Kroger rewards continue to add up... 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

"In this small volume, you will find hymns that reflect our theological diversity and our respect for the variety of cultural expression. You will also find some new musical vocabularies and new rhythms. But a common thread binds these songs together. These hymns touch the heart as well as the head. They express a Unitarian Universalism that lives and ministers in this complicated world where freedom, peace, and justice are so hard to create and sustain."

Around the same time that the Committee decided that we would like to raise money for the new hymnals the congregation passed a deficit budget. This left the Committee with an interesting conundrum, how could the congregation buy new hymnals when we already have a strapped budget, and now a deficit? Thus was born the idea that the new hymnals could be used to raise funds to help offset the deficit in 2012, while investing in a rich and diverse musical tradition for years to come.

The Worship Committee would like to invite members and friends of NUUC to buy each teal hymnal for \$30. This \$30 covers the actual cost of the hymnal, an inscription of your choice in the hymnal, and \$15 towards the 2012 deficit budget. The goal is to raise funds for 80 copies of the hymnal: a permanent investment in the future of our beloved music program and an immediate one fifth reduction of the 2012 deficit! Feeding two birds with one seed!

Please find more information on the sign up board in Fellowship Hall in the coming weeks.

The Worship Committee:
Rachel Baker, chairperson
Chris Aultman
Dick Leavy
Ken Watts
Teri Cornell

Opportunities to Lead Sunday Worship

Do you have a sermon bubbling out of the depths of your heart or mind? Having fantasies of speaking from the pulpit? Looking for a reason to finally compile those notes you've been taking? Did a fabulous book move you to tears? Have you recently found peace after wrestling with a sticky theological question?

The Worship Committee is looking for members and friends who are interested in leading lay led Sunday morning worship services.

Members of the Worship Committee are available to help develop lay led worship services, if you are interested. The Worship Committee will provide a template for a service and can offer suggestions for stories, readings, or hymns

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).

Thanks for Your Faithful Giving!

Your faithful and consistent giving is so appreciated and necessary to staying on budget. Remember: you can always mail in an offering or pledge check, even if your schedule keeps you away from services. Just mail it to: NUUC, Attn: JGD, P. O. Box 541, Lewis Center, OH 43035 (please note the postal service will NOT deliver to our physical address, so be sure to use the post office box address). Annual statements for the 2011 tax year (for giving through December 31, 2011) will be in the mail any day now. If you have any questions about your 2011 or 2012 planned giving or other pledging matters, feel free to call the church office at 740-657-8081 and talk to Rev. Ritchie (RevRitchie@aol.com) or Jeri Dill (nuucjill@aol.com).

as needed. We are also available to brainstorm or listen to worship topic ideas.

Please send your ideas or interest to Intern Minister Rachel Baker at InternMinisterNUUC@gmail.com.

The Worship Committee:

Rachel Baker, chairperson

Chris Aultman

Dick Leavy

Ken Watts

Teri Cornell

Loose Change Collections

Your Social Action Committee will continue its "Loose Change" project into 2012 by collecting your loose coins during the worship service on Sunday, March 11, as it has on the second Sunday of each month throughout the past several years.

The February and March Loose Change collections will benefit the "Solar Sister" arm of the Himalayan Light Foundation (www.hlf.org)--a nonprofit group based in Kathmandu, Nepal-which provides solar power generators to remote villages in the Himalayan foothills. See story elsewhere in this month's newsletter for more details about this group and our own Barb Lubberger's planned trip to Nepal!

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.

2011 Loose Change Collection Recap

Month Collected \$ Amount Donated to: Total

January \$ 96.00 Out of the Darkness \$ 96.00

February \$128.53 Solar Sisters

(Himalayan Light

March \$_____ Foundation)

Up Coming Events for Youth

March 4, 10:25: NUUC for worship or session, coordinate rides to Panera, eat and hang out.

March 4, 1:15: COSI with Mary Ann Wojton, Melinda Rosenberg, & Rachel Baker

March 11, 6:30 - 8:30: Rodeheffer's house, Covenant Group. Rachel will program.

March 25, 6:30 - 8:30: Rosenberg's House, Covenant Group. Rachel will program.

April 1: First Sunday at NUUC for worship or session, coordinate rides to Panera, eat and hang out

April 1, 7:00 - 9:00: NUUC, Understanding the Causes of Migration

April 15, 7:00 - 9:00: NUUC, Economics of (Im)migration

April 22, 6:30 - 8:30: Fagan's House, Covenant Group.

Rachel will program.

April 29, 7:00 - 9:00: NUUC, Who Benefits from a Broken System?

May 6: First Sunday at NUUC for worship or session, coordinate rides to Panera, eat and hang out.

June 3: First Sunday at NUUC for worship or session, coordinate rides to Panera, eat and hang out.

Volunteers Needed

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.

Could you spare a bit of time some Sunday to help? 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 (if you don't know how). 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!)

This is the perfect opportunity to work as a couple, or grab a friend to help. If everyone took a turn, no one would have to do it every week. And it's fun! We are currently scheduling through April 2012--see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for available date. For questions, please contact Jan Bourke at jdb135@wowway.com or Teri Cornell at imuuteri@yahoo.com.

Guest at Your Table

As you may be aware, NUUC began its annual "Guest at Your Table" project in February. This annual project has been a program of the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee since 1975. The UUSC is a nonsectarian organization that promotes human rights and social justice everywhere in various ways. The UUSC follows the principles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adopted by the United Nations in 1948.

This project focuses on four major program areas: Advancing economic justice; advocating environmental justice; defending civil liberties; and responding to humanitarian crises. For the past several Sundays, members of the NUUC Social Action Committee have been speaking to us on these topics. The GAYT program will

conclude on March 11.

Coordinator Marty Keith would like to remind everyone please to make out donation checks to the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (or "UUSC"), with the memo line saying Guest at Your Table (or "GAYT"). Also, please give Marty the envelope containing your check instead of mailing it to the UUSC yourself. If you have mailed it in, let her know. For questions, contact Marty at martykeith@frontier.com or 6740-369-1919.

Rummage Sale Coming... Mark Your Calendar

Got stuff? How about some good stuff? Maybe you have some objects of art, glassware, cookware, furniture, clothing, or whatever that you enjoyed once but no longer use. NUUC will be holding our first giant rummage sale in years on Friday and Saturday August 10 and 11. Please consider donating some of your stuff to the NUUC Rummage Sale. Now is not too early to start storing away (instead of throwing away) items you think will sell and therefore benefit our congregation. As the date approaches, we can arrange to have your big items picked up and taken to Fellowship Hall.

Also, please feel free to volunteer your services to arrange and price items and to staff the sale each day. For questions about NUUC's Rummage sale, contact the organizers Bob and Marty Keith (bobkeith@frontier.com and martykeith@frontier.com).

Outreach to Nepal

NUUC frequently shines its social action light on those in need close to home, but sometimes there is an opportunity to shine it farther afield--literally! The "Solar Sisters" arm of the Himalayan Light Foundation (www.hlf.org)--a nonprofit group based in Kathmandu, Nepal--provides solar power generators to remote villages in the Himalayan foothills, where electrification is still 7-15 years away. The portable units are used primarily for lighting in schools and clinics. In late March, NUUC member Barb Lubberger and her son, Tom Tekieli, will be helping to deliver and install two of these units at the Shree Janakeshari Primary School in Kumlung Village, northeast of Pokhara. This school serves 35 children aged 4-7. (Older children hike one hour to another village to attend middle/high school.) The February and March "Loose Change" collections will go toward this project. Also, if you would like to contribute more, there will be a box at the front door of the sanctuary throughout February. For more information, please contact Barb at

blubberg@wowway.com or 614-246-6461.

Montana de Luz Orphanage

Are you looking for a way to connect to the global community in a way that makes a difference in the world and the life of a child? Are you up for a life changing and affirming experience? Montana de Luz is an orphanage in Honduras caring for children affected by HIV/AIDS. A service trip for Unitarian Universalists is being planned for August 8-15. The group will work at the orphanage on maintenance and other projects during the day while enjoying time with the children playing and interacting in the late afternoons. There is an excursion day included to travel and see nearby cultural sights. The all inclusive cost for this trip is \$1,800 and fundraising tools are provided. For more information please visit www.montanadeluz.org and contact NUUC member Erika Shell Castro at erika@montanadeluz.org.

Info Meeting on April 15 for August 2012 Trip

Interested in the Service Trip to Montana de Luz on August 8-15? Come get all your questions answered! After service, Sunday, April 15 at 11:45am . (Cookies will be served!) For more info, contact Erika Shell Castro at ecastro@montanadeluz.org or 614-403-8755 cell.

The Montana De Luz orphanage staff has put out a call for much-needed **personal care items and school supplies**. Collection will be ongoing; items will be delivered by folks making periodic trips to the orphanage (including our member Erika Shell Castro). See the bulletin board for "wish list" or visit www.montanadeluz.org.

Save the Date - Fiesta! Is right around the corner...

Please join us to support the children of Montana de Luz.

What: Fiesta!

Date: April 14

Time: 6-10 PM

Location: 1899 McCoy Rd. St. Andrews Church, Parish Hall, Upper Arlington, Ohio 43220

Price: \$75 per ticket/ \$600 for a table of 8

Evening Activities:

Buffet

Cash bar

Silent and Live Auction, Bids for Kids!

Whiskey Tasting

50/50 Cash Raffle- Tickets are 1 for \$20 or 3 for \$50 (Do not have to be present to win)

Great people who have one thing in common... a desire to save and transform the life of a child!

Contact info@montanadeluz.org or call 614-848-8077 for tickets, raffle tickets, information or to donate to the silent

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Share Project

Cold weather is still with 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. For the winter months, please consider adding Men's socks. (women wear men's socks because they are warmer).

New appeal: A Shelter in Columbus has a great need for large size **Back Packs for Homeless Men**. They need to be in great shape...gently used, and definitely for Men. Check your closets and check with friends! Drop them in the "Share" bins located in Fellowship Hall.

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.

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



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