



June 2013

### Worship

[Click here for upcoming worship topics!](#)

### Spring Spruce-up Day

On **Saturday June 15th**, 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 15th 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, Brad Dana, Barry Fagan, Roger Orwick, John Rodeheffer, or Gary Rusk).

### Creative Fellowship:

"Thank you to those who attended Creative Fellowship.

### RevElations!

I have been very excited to let you know about our plans for summer Religious Education this year. As you might already know, each summer we suspend the separate grades of religious education in favor of gathering all the children in Fellowship Hall for a "one-room schoolhouse" where the main curriculum is fun and building relationship.

This year, we will be having our own Nate Fagan serve as our Summer Religious Education Coordinator and Youth Advisor. Nate is back in the area Starting this Sunday, June 2, Nate will lead the summer RE Sunday programming, coordinate volunteer assistants, and work with Kristin Grimshaw and myself on building the youth program. The plan for the Youth program is to have at least two social events and two Sunday morning programs over the summer, all with the aim of building cohesive community and building momentum for the Fall.

It was my pleasure to watch Nate as a Youth Leader at last year's district Summer Institute, and I can attest that he is a fun, responsible leader who really captivates respect (and I do mean captivate...I thought my niece was bewitched!). Nate has shared with me that his major focus with both the children and the youth will be to work with them to bring out their natural interests and then shape those into quality programming. Nate was raised in our congregation, and he is home now for the summer, between his freshman and sophomore years at the College of Wooster.

We are looking for volunteers to serve as the second adult in the room for the summer programming. If you would be interested in assisting, you can contact Nate directly at 602-302-3527.

May it be a fun summer for all!

To Life!  
Susan

### From our Music Director

MUSIC NOTES

We will no longer be meeting monthly but I wanted to let you know I enjoyed our conversations and seeing what creative endeavors you were working on. While we won't be meeting to create, I look forward to chatting with you after services on Sundays" from  
[Teri Cornell](#)

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## Ways and Means

**Fair Trade Sales** will take place on June 9th in Fellowship Hall following the service.

**Join the Service Auction Task Force:** Help organize and run our Annual Service auction!

**Cookbook Task Force:** We would love to do a cookbook fundraiser early next year, and need someone to run this Task force. Will it be you?

If you are interested in volunteering for these opportunities, or if you have other ideas for fundraising opportunities for our congregation, Please contact

**Becca Morse** at [beccamorse@gmail.com](mailto:beccamorse@gmail.com). Thank you!

**Sign up for the Kroger Community Rewards card**  
Do your regular grocery shopping, and earn money for NUUC at the same time! If you need help signing up, someone will be available on the second Sunday of each month to walk you through the process.

The NUUC Choir concluded the 2012-2013 season with a final performance during worship on May 19. I was hired as your Music Director in September of 2003 and the very first piece I conducted with the choir was "River In Judea." Therefore, it felt like an appropriate bookend to wrap up the season with this piece. The choir in the fall of 2003 totaled 12 members on a good day, and the group had been singing at worship services only once or twice a month. For the 2012-2013 season, the choir roster totaled 30 members and we sang at 32 worship services, adding 13 new pieces to the repertoire. This year the choir collaborated with Asbury UMC in Delaware to present a concert in February, which was enthusiastically received by a large audience.

Other musical highlights from this season include the Full Sound Chamber Ensemble concert in November, the choir's Christmas concert at WillowBrook Village, choir "guest conductor" Molly Watson, Wade Jones and Traci Aquara's jazz concert after the spaghetti dinner, and the NUUC Recorder Ensemble's performances at worship services plus Friendship Village and WillowBrook.

The choir is now on hiatus for the summer. I love the music during summer services because it is a magical mixture of vocal and instrumental music by performers of all ages. You will hear the NUUC Recorder Ensemble playing two Renaissance dances on the first Sunday of the month. Emerson Saling, age 7, and Prescott Hartzler, age 8, will be playing three violin and piano duets. Vocalists are busy picking out music for the other worship services this month. Our congregation is immensely talented and summer gives us an opportunity to showcase the depth and breadth of the musicians in our church community. Dates are still available for performers. Contact me (**Marlene Hartzler**) if you want to provide music for worship this summer.

Musically yours,  
Marlene Hartzler, Music Director  
[marlenemetz@yahoo.com](mailto:marlenemetz@yahoo.com)

## NUUC Threshold Committee

The Threshold Congregation Committee has been formed and in May started with analysis using many sources of information. We used the Strength, Weakness, Opportunity and Threat (SWOT) framework. We do have much to build on!

- We do have excellent year-round services and extraordinary music.
- We do have a congregation that responds to needs.
- Our area is growing and matching many UU demographics.
- We have had a strong UU affiliation through being a fair share congregation and individual service.
- We have community.

Our next step is define key goals for our growth plan. There are several types of growth:

## Brown Bag Books

Meets at Noon the Third Tuesday of the month. Get all the details by [clicking here](#).

## Looking for something to do something meaning filled this Summer?

Member **Sheryl Hardin** runs the all-volunteer Dublin Free Summer Lunch Program and is looking for volunteers.

The program is being held at Daniel Wright Elementary School, where Sheryl teaches, and where there is a 59% free and reduced lunch population.

The address is **2335 West Case Road, Columbus, 43235**.

Volunteers are needed each day from 10:45-12:45 to interact with kids from ages 1-18 during activity time and lunch. Teen volunteers (ages 14-17) will be working with our younger students.

If you have younger children, they are welcome to come and participate in the activities with their appropriate age group.

You can register for any days you are available at our [website](#).

Any questions, contact Sheryl Hardin at [dublinfreesummerlunch@gmail.com](mailto:dublinfreesummerlunch@gmail.com) or (614) 571-6415

## Mowing Season is here

### Mowing at NUUC - We Need Some Help

For this mowing season, the Building and Grounds Committee plans to handle the mowing using the same approach as last year, which will avoid us having to contract out the mowing and save about \$2,400 in the budget. We

- Numerical or growing the numbers,
- Maturational or deepening the faith,
- Organic which is increasing internal stability,
- Incarnation which is engaging in loving action in the community and
- Associational Growth that would increase UUA involvement beyond our congregations.

During the application process, the board identified a focus on growth in internal stability, loving action and deepening the faith through areas of RE for all ages and Stewardship. This may change slightly as we understand our interdependent world and what will allow the changes that are needed.

Please share your thoughts and questions with us!

Laura Howe, John Rodeheffer, Kim Poderys, Cathy Rodeheffer, Bob Keith, and Sydney Schardt.

## From your Social Action Committee

**ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP GROUP:** Ten people attended the first meeting of the NUUC environmental stewardship group, Adventures in Green. We have SO many great ideas! Meetings will usually be on the second Sunday of each month at 6:30, with a few exceptions. We chose our top 5 topics which are listed below. Each month we will share information and resources about the topic.

Those interested may also get together between meetings to watch/discuss a movie or book related to the month's theme. We may also offer a study group from the UU Ministry for Earth curriculum or one of the courses from Northwest Earth Institute for those who are interested. The group is open to members of the congregation as well as friends outside the church. Check out the NUUC Adventures in Green Facebook page and the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall for more information.

Future meeting dates and topics for the Adventures in Green Group:

**June 9th - Living green outdoors** - composting, fertilizers, weed killers and pest control, rain barrels, rain gardens. We are also hoping to schedule a hike at Stratford Ecological Center on a Saturday morning in June.

**July 7th - Down on the Farm** (really!) Traci is arranging a visit to a local farm and we will be talking about buying locally, growing food organically, and GMO's.

**August 11th - Recycling** - bring your laptops and resource lists as we investigate how to recycle those items that can't go in the recycling bins (Styrofoam, many plastics, electronics) and make plans for a church recycling drive.

**September 8th - Energy** - efficiency tips, alternative energy, fracking, clean energy legislation.

**October 12th (Saturday) - Green Drinks** - Networking with other

plan to do the mowing on a rotating basis with a little help from the congregation. Building and Grounds members will mow 3 weeks in each month and we are asking for volunteers from the congregation to handle the mowing for a month's 4th week and the occasional 5th week. This plan will spread the work so each committee member will mow only once a month, and each congregational volunteer would mow just one time during the season.

The area to be mowed includes both the church yard (bounded by the driveway and the parking lot) and the yard around Nielsen House. The field at the rear of our property will be mowed by Gary Rusk, who has volunteered to mow that area for the season. We have a riding mower, which is used for almost all of the mowing. For a few small, tight areas, which the riding mower cannot handle, we use a push mower.

Therefore, we would like to get 1 or 2 volunteers from the congregation each month to mow one time in the season. The mowing season runs from mid-April through early November.

But volunteers from the congregation will be needed only for the months of April through October, which is 7 months. Two of those months have 5 weeks, so we need a total of 9 volunteers.

Please consider volunteering to mow one time this season. If you would like to help the church handle the mowing, you can sign up on the mowing sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall. Just pick a date that works for your schedule. If you have questions or would like more information, just contact Bob Keith at 740-369-1919 or

[bobkeith@frontier.com](mailto:bobkeith@frontier.com)

### You can Adopt-a-Flowerbed

Again this year we will be doing an activity called Adopt-a-Flowerbed. For this activity, we

local environmental groups over cocktails.

**November 10th** - possibly indoor green tips or green gift ideas.

**December 15th** - to be determined.

If you are interested in joining the group, please contact **Pam Patsch** at [pgp723@aol.com](mailto:pgp723@aol.com).

**COMING SOON - Social Action Networking:** The SAC will be introducing a fun opportunity to connect with others in our NUUC community by sharing our social justice interests and activities.

Look for more information this month on the SAC bulletin board and in the Order of Service.

**PRIDE PARADE:** Columbus Pride takes place **June 21 & 22, 2013**.

The Columbus Gay Pride Festival will be on Friday, from 3 pm until 11 pm, and Saturday, from 10 am until 8 pm at Goodale Park. On Saturday at noon, the Columbus Gay Pride Parade kicks off at Broad and High Streets. If you are interested in the possibility of joining other UUs from NUUC and First UU Congregation for the parade on Saturday, contact **Tracy Steinbrenner** at [tracystein@att.net](mailto:tracystein@att.net).

**LOOSE CHANGE OFFERING:** In May, our congregation donated \$69.37 to support Restaurant Opportunities Centers United (ROC-United), a national restaurant-workers' organization that seeks to build power for restaurant workers nationwide.

Our Loose Change offering in June will go to **Kaleidoscope Youth Center**, the only organization in Ohio solely dedicated to supporting LGBTQ youth and their allies. Founded in 1994, Kaleidoscope is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization. The mission of Kaleidoscope Youth Center is to work in partnership with young people in Central Ohio to create safe and empowering environments for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning youth through advocacy, education and support. Their vision is to promote and support self-confident, healthy, productive lives for LGBTQ youth as they transition from adolescence into adulthood.

Programs and services address five core areas: (1) Leadership Development & Life Skills, (2) Support, (3) Health & Wellness Education, (4) Safe Social Activities, and (5) Community Outreach and Education. Kaleidoscope has worked with Gay Straight Alliances to develop programs offering self-esteem, health and wellness programs in Columbus City Schools, and Franklin County schools, along with those in contiguous counties. Kaleidoscope assists LGBTQ youth in the transition to healthy, productive adults and provides them with the necessary tools to become leaders in the greater community.

**HURRICANE SANDY KITCHEN KITS:** A huge thank you to all who helped in the collection of items for the Kitchen Kits for Hurricane Sandy victims. NUUC members joined forces with several Presbyterian churches and community organizations to create 45 Kitchen Recovery Kits and donate over \$1,300! A special thank you to **David Petras**, who contacted a client of his - **Anchor Hocking** - then arranged for and delivered a very generous donation of glassware. Members of Condit Presbyterian drove the kits to First Baptist Church of Manasquan, NJ on May 4 where the kits are being distributed to families who have been in temporary housing and are now returning to their primary residences.

Each kit contained 40 items to supply the basic needs for a family of

will divide all the flowerbeds around the church and Nielsen House up into 4-foot wide plots, and people can select one or more plots.

Then you can plant flowers in your plot(s) and care and tend them during the growing season. Participants are encouraged to make "catchy" signs for their plot(s). Some of the names already being discussed include "Jan's Jungle," "Grimshaw's Gardens," "Keith's Korner," etc.

We think this activity will be popular for old and young alike. It will be a particularly fun project to do with your children.

A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.

Just sign up and select your specific plot(s) from a drawing showing all the available flowerbed plots. You can sign up for as many plots as you want, with plots being available on a first-come basis. Plots are outlined by pink-colored strings and marked with a number tag.

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.
- 4) Please leave the plot boundary strings between you and your neighbor so that you and your neighbor will know exactly whose plantings are whose. But if you have multiple, adjacent plots, you can remove the strings within your plots.

The Building and Grounds Committee is organizing and administering the project. If you have questions, please contact Bob Keith at

four to cook and serve their meals. Special touches like handmade dish clothes, oven mitts, and notes of encouragement have become treasures to folks who lost everything to the storm 6 months ago. There were 300 people on the Baptist church's list of folks who are piecing their lives back together. Some of the NJ volunteers who came to unload the trailer full of over \$12,000 worth of kitchen goods won't be in their own homes again until October or December, but they rejoiced in the generosity shown by Ohioans!

It has been 6 months since Sandy caused \$50 billion dollars in damages to the east coast. Much needs to be done to help restore the shore. 40,000 people are still homeless since the storm. Although it is no longer the top news item, the people of the Jersey Shore have a long recovery process ahead and we have helped make that recovery a reality. Thank you again! - **Molly Watson**

**UU JUSTICE OHIO (UUJO):** UUJO is organizing Ohio justice activists into four advocacy groups to exchange information on local best practices and to coordinate statewide action on Immigration, Economic Rights, the Environment and LGBTQ Equality. Each group has a UUJO web page, and anyone registered can post on the UUJO google group topics related to their priority issue. In addition to advocacy groups on UUJO's top four priorities, there are webpages and google group postings on four other issues: Reproductive Justice, Peacemaking, Death Penalty, and Voting Rights/Elections.

The UUJO Exchange newsletter can be found [HERE](#). The UUJO [Facebook page](#) and [website](#) provide an opportunity to share what is happening in Ohio related to different justice issues. Additional UUJO information is on the SAC bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.

**SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE BULLETIN BOARD:** We have so many exciting things to share that we needed to expand our space!

Check out the folding divider in Fellowship Hall with information about upcoming SAC activities as well as issues and actions at the local, state, and national level. If you have information about social justice issues you want to share with the congregation, please post it on the bulletin board or email it to **Pam Patsch** at [pqp723@aol.com](mailto:pqp723@aol.com).

The next SAC meeting will be on June 2nd at 11:30 in Nielsen House. We welcome new members. For more information about the Social Action Committee, contact **Pam Patsch** at [pqp723@aol.com](mailto:pqp723@aol.com).

## Treasurer's Report for April 2013

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, 2013:

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

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**Ohio-Meadville  
District's Summer  
Institute**

You are cordially invited to join 600 or so Unitarian Universalists at the Ohio-Meadville District's Summer Institute, July 14-20, 2013 at Kenyon College, Gambier, OH.

We are so thrilled to have Rev. Art McDonald returning to the Ohio-Meadville District to join us as our Theme Speaker for the week. We will explore Social Justice as a Spiritual Practice: "A Central UU Path" with him during his morning theme talks, and will carry the theme through the week in many different pieces of our programs.

You will find some intellectual opportunities, some creative activities and spaces, lots of music and performance opportunities as always, and plenty of physical activity. You may even wonder what's new this year, and you will find many new things - including kickball!

Our Youth and Young Adult program planners have been hard at work this year as well, bringing all of their energy and experiences to their monthly meetings.

For more information please visit the SI website at [www.omdsi.org](http://www.omdsi.org)

1. April, 2013		
2013 Pledge Offerings	12,337	12,259
Non-Pledge Offerings	427	0
Rental Revenue	100	154
Ways and Means - Fundraising	27	361
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>12,891</b>	<b>12,774</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>12,377</b>	<b>12,726</b>
1. Year-to-Date		
2012 Pledge Offerings	6,187	0
2013 Pledge Offerings	52,227	49,035
Non-Pledge Offerings	1,796	0
Rental Revenue	575	617
Ways and Means-Fundraising	651	1,445
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>61,436</b>	<b>51,097</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>47,756</b>	<b>50,904</b>



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