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Worship

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Treasurer Wanted!

The treasurer's job primarily consists of disbursing funds and record-keeping. Currently, we use a Quicken database to keep track of our accounts and generate reports. Wages are paid to both employees and independent contractors, and we follow the appropriate tax protocols for both.

Additionally, the treasurer serves as a communications liaison between the Board of Trustees and the Finance Committee, attending both meetings (held monthly) whenever possible. The time commitment will probably be about twenty hours per month until the new treasurer figures out his or her own efficiencies. Contact RevRitchie@aol.com if interested!

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Ways and Means

Save The Date!

RevElations!

Hi all! It is back to church/school time! Even though we meet all summer, it is tradition to celebrate the "beginning" of the church year with a special intergenerational service the first Sunday after Labor Day. Part of the service is the "Water Celebration," where you are invited to bring a real or imaginary vial of water that represents your summer experience to contribute to a common bowl. Oftentimes people have used this to explain where they have traveled over the summer; and indeed, it can be moving to see water from all over the nation and even the world mingled together in our humble little bowl on the pulpit in Lewis Center, OH. This year I will also invite us in addition to reflect less literally on what it is that we bring as individuals to our common experience, as I muse on "The Transient and Permanent of NUUC."

September 15 represents the start of the Religious Education year. If you think your children might participate in Religious Education classes--whether just a few times or a lot--please register them here as soon as you have a chance: www.surveymonkey.com/s/NUUC_RE_Registration We could also use a few more teachers and volunteers, especially to work with the Preschool-Kindergarten "Chalice Children." Please let me know if you would be interested in helping. Let's have a glorious year together!

To Life!
Susan

Service Auction November 24th

On Sunday, November 24th* we will be holding our Annual Service Auction. This is always a fabulously fun event, and it couldn't happen without YOU! Now is the time to decide what goods and services you want to offer for purchase at this year's auction.

The annual NUUC Service Auction is just around the corner! **Sunday, November 24th** we will hold our annual Service Auction.

What, you might ask, is a Service Auction? It's a rather competitive fun event to competitively raise money for the church and also compete with one another in competitive service to competitively each other.

How does the Service Auction work? Each year, members of the congregation place offerings of services up for "Sale" in the service Auction. We then Auction those services off in an auction that is calm, orderly, and not at all competitive. (Or maybe just a little.)

This is a fun-filled event for the whole family that you won't want to miss! Keep an eye out in future Newsletters and Bulletins for how you can participate.

Also in ways and means:

Fair Trade Coffee, Tea and Chocolate sales will resume on Sunday, September 8th after the service in Fellowship Hall.

Please contact Becca Morse with any questions at: beccamorse@gmail.com

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. 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.

Did you know?

We are a registered Non-Profit organization at the Delaware County Community Market. You can buy groceries from Local vendors AND have a portion of your purchase donated to us! Check it out! <http://www.dccmc.com/>

Brown Bag Books

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

(*Note: This is a new date: the auction was originally scheduled for Sunday, September 29th, but has been postponed).

Services can be offered by members of all ages and abilities.

Popular services offered in the past have included dinners, babysitting services, organizing assistance, and more. Check out [Last year's catalog](#) for more ideas! Your services (and your healthy competition in purchasing those services) is what makes the event possible. Please consider donating a service to help make this event a success.

Over the next several weeks, keep an eye out in the bulletin for announcements regarding the service auction. If you have questions about this annual tradition, please feel free to check out our [FAQ sheet](#). Finally, If you have service donations that you would like to submit, Please fill out the [Service Auction Donation form](#) or Contact Becca Morse with the details of your offering.

Thank you!

From our Music Director

MUSIC NOTES

The first choir rehearsal of the 2013-2014 season will be Sunday, September 8, at 9:00am. We always welcome new members, and this is the perfect time to join our dynamic group. Our practices are on Sunday mornings (no mid-week commitment) and we have an online resource for practicing at home. A recent study showed that singing in a choir is good for your mental health. Great people, uplifting music, and a minimal commitment---be there on September 8 at 9am!

Current and prospective choir members should pick up a folder of music prior to the first rehearsal.

The NUUC Recorder Ensemble continues to meet on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 2pm in Fellowship Hall. Anyone wishing to join the Ensemble should request a packet of music and attend a rehearsal.

Many thanks to all of the instrumentalists and vocalists who performed for summer worship services. We all enjoyed the variety of music ensembles every Sunday.

Here's a look at the music planned for worship in September:

September 8: The NUUC Choir will perform "Simple Faith," accompanied by several instrumentalists. The congregation will be invited to sing along in celebration of Ingathering. To add to the merriment, the NUUC Recorder Ensemble will perform for the offertory.

September 15: Lauren Richards will be the soprano soloist with the full choir in the Hebrew song "Sim Shalom."

September 22: Always a favorite, "Down To the River To Pray" will be sung by the choir with Barbara Lubberger as alto soloist.

September 29: Emily Dickinson's words are set to music in the lovely choir arrangement of "Hope."

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 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 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.

Musically Yours,
Marlene Hartzler
MarleneMetz@yahoo.com

Notes from the Board President

During the past few months, NUUC's Board of Trustees has been considering a couple of issues. One is about to "launch," and I wanted to share it with you.

Our sign out by Lewis Center Road has served us well for at least a decade. (Thank you, designer Annmarie McCallister!) But some of our newer folks have remarked that they didn't see it right away when they were looking for us. The tree sharing the yard with our sign, like most living things, has grown and, though not fully obstructing the sign, does make noticing it more difficult for drivers going east. In addition, the posts need repainting, and the screws fastening the sign onto the posts have rusted and made stains.

The township has restrictions on how close to the road the sign can be, so we can't move it, and if we change the size (and raising it has the effect of enlarging it), we would have to purchase a new permit and might not, in fact, be granted one. Furthermore, the new standard for signs is that they must be the "monument" type-another expense.

We are saving the cost of a new permit (\$300); we are saving the cost of a monument-style sign. What we can do to make the new sign "pop" is have bold fonts, eye-drawing colors, and another great design. This time around, the inspired artist is Lauren Richards. Pending some tweaking and final approvals from the township and the man who leases us space for our sign, a sign shop will create our vision. Naturally the shop will charge us, but the Buildings and Grounds committee can attach it to the posts (for free), using non-rusting screws. I hope to have the new sign in place before winter sets in.

Another topic I'd like to broach is a building addition. Redesigning all or parts of the church building really has been an issue for our congregation for several years, hasn't it? We've come at it in different ways, learning, getting ideas, with each try. An addition that may be financially possible in the foreseeable future is one with new restrooms and spaces for religious education (RE). The restrooms we have now are neither adequate nor wheelchair accessible, and, right off the sanctuary, they certainly aren't private enough, not a "welcoming" feature for us or visitors. Also, some of our children have their RE classes across the street in Nielsen House, a building that increasingly is needing repairs. It would be nice to have the children back in the church building, and good to have extra rooms for adult RE and meetings, too.

So, soon Board representatives want to show you a sketch of a possible solution/addition and get some feedback before such a sketch or plan is taken elsewhere for estimates of costs. One step at a time.... I'm aware that more than a few people in our congregation don't want the hope of a building improvement simply to fade away.

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

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 15th. The event was a success, with a good amount of work getting done around the church and Nielsen House. Some people scheduled their work before or after the June 15th date. Overall, we accomplished many tasks, which included weeding, trimming bushes and trees, cleaning windows, raking leaves and grass cuttings, mulching, cleaning the recycling bins and trash tipster, and reorganizing the kitchen's coffee/tea cabinets. We also cleaned out gutters, and planted flowers and mulched around our sign along Lewis Center Road. Again, thanks for your help in making the church and Nielsen House "shine."

Free Dental Care for Kids

On September 14th, the College of Dentistry dental and dental hygiene

Until later, then,
Marty Keith

From your Social Action Committee

SUCCESSFUL SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE: Our congregation donated \$568.66 toward the purchase of school supplies for the students served by the Delaware County Juvenile Probation Department. This was in addition to two full boxes of school supplies (binders, notebook paper, spiral notebooks, notebook dividers, pocket folders, backpacks, calculators, pens, pencils, erasers, scissors, etc.)

THANK YOU FROM THE DELAWARE COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT! Deputy Chief Probation Officer Darlene Miller and Chief Probation Officer Dave Andrews are awed by the level of support this congregation continues to give to help these students get a positive start to the school year. The thoughtfulness and generosity of NUUC is sincerely appreciated. Thank you all for making the School Supply Drive a success!

CROP HUNGER WALK: Save the Date! Sunday October 6th, 2013, 2-4pm, Delaware, Ohio. This is the date of this year's CROP walk to raise funds to assist hungry people here and around the world. More information will be coming. Don't wait - you can get started right away registering as a walker or making a donation by going to: http://hunger.cwsglobal.org/site/TR/2013FallCROPHungerWalk/TR-Fall2013?team_id=87508&pg=team&fr id=17284. You will be on NUUC's Crop fundraising site. You can find out more about the CROP Walk and help us meet our goal! NUUC contact: Ulrike Martin, ulrikem@peoplepc.com, 740-965-6720

LOOSE CHANGE OFFERING: Our Loose Change offering in September will go to support the CROP Hunger Walk.

"A Place at the Table": The Social Action Committee's Fall book and documentary series. This fall the Social Action Committee is focusing on Hunger since it is an issue that never goes away. Our congregation annually participates in the Delaware County CROP Walk and Empty Bowls with the proceeds making a difference to feed the world's hungry and locally feeding our neighbors. This year the SAC committee is adding an extra element to the mix and having a book club/documentary discussion on America's hungry. The book and documentary are called **A Place at the Table: the crisis of 49 million hungry Americans and how to solve it**. The book and documentary are edited by Peter Pringle. A date and time for the event will be set for late October or November, but we wanted to give you enough time to read the book. Watch the Order of Service and bulletin board for date and time in Fellowship Hall. With any questions feel free to contact Tracy Steinbrenner.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP GROUP: The next meeting of the Adventures in Green group is scheduled for September 8th at 6:30 in Nielsen House. We will continue our discussion about waste and recycling including ideas for reducing our trash legacy individually and as a congregation. We will also be planning an electronic waste recycling drive. Check out the NUUC Adventures in Green Facebook page and the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall for more information and ideas. If you are interested in joining the

students will be offering another Give Kids a Smile Day. For more details: <http://www.dent.ohio-state.edu/>

group, please come to a meeting or contact Pam Patsch at pgp723@aol.com.

"Trash Talk" Quiz: Do you REALLY know what items are acceptable to put in your recycling bin? Take the quiz on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall and then compare your answers to the website list from your recycling service. You may be surprised at your score! Extra credit questions: What do you think happens when "unacceptable" items are put in the recycling bin? What do the plastic recycling numbers mean? Which numbers are safe and which ones should you avoid? Which ones are most likely accepted for recycling and which ones are unlikely to be recycled?

MONEY TALKS! Let your money speak for you. Look for members of the Social Action Committee after Sunday services to get your money stamped with "A corporation is not a person. Money is not speech." When you spend your money, you spread the word.

UU JUSTICE OHIO: UUJO Justice Assembly and Stand on the Side of Justice Rally on November 2, 2013

UUJO will hold the first annual meeting at First UU in Columbus from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Register now for JA at <http://ohiomeadville.org/uujo/> to indicate workshop preferences, meal selection, child care needs, and T shirt orders. Civil Rights attorney Al Gerhardstein will deliver the JA Keynote address at 10 am. A member of 1st UU Cincinnati, Al recently won a preliminary injunction requiring Ohio to recognize the marriage of a gay couple as well as a settlement obligating the Cleveland police department to undertake reforms and pay damages to a man beaten while handcuffed. JA will feature workshops on UUJO's priority issues -- Immigration, Economic Justice, Environment, LGBTQ, and the new Jim Crow. Congregational representatives will consider issue priorities for the coming year, the annual budget, community based organizing, UUJO network affiliations, leadership and governance. Detailed program information can be found on the UUJO website.

Following the Saturday November 2nd Justice Assembly, UUJO is inviting organizational co-sponsors for a 4 pm Capitol Steps rally calling on state lawmakers to

- Halt the Death Penalty
- End the War on Drugs and Mass Incarceration
- Break the jobs barriers for returning citizens
- Stop the Stand Your Ground proposal, HB 203

In addition to the UUJO JA and rally in Columbus on November 2nd, Ohioans to Stop Execution will hold its 25th Anniversary celebration, featuring Sister Helen Prejean at 6 pm in the statehouse atrium.

STANDING ON THE SIDE OF LOVE/ UU JUSTICE OHIO T-SHIRTS: Let your UU values show! These yellow shirts are a great way to make us visible at social justice events and to let others know what we stand for. See the bulletin board or contact Pam Patsch at pgp723@aol.com for more information about ordering a shirt. The UUJO Facebook page www.facebook.com/UUJusticeOhio and website <http://ohiomeadville.org/uujo/> 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: 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 pgp723@aol.com.

The next SAC meeting will be on September 8th at 11:30. We welcome new members. For more information about the Social Action Committee, contact Pam Patsch at pgp723@aol.com.

From Your Board of Trustees Meeting

Board Minutes

[April Board Minutes Click Here](#)

[May Board Minutes Click Here](#)

[June Board Minutes Click Here](#)

The Board did not meet in July

[August Board Minutes Click Here](#)

Committee News:

It has been a very quiet month for Committees, with RE and Membership taking a break. The School Supply Drive was a good success for Social Action. The Building Committee continues its repairs to the front doors and their surrounds. People enjoyed Social Committee's Salad and Dessert Potluck. Worship Committee is doing well with scheduling lay services, and has completed a helpful guide for persons who agree to lead lay services. Way and Means has rescheduled the Service Auction for the end of November. The Threshold Committee has been doing excellent work defining goals for the congregation.

Treasurer's Report for July 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 July, 2013:

	Actual \$ Received and Paid	Budget (Planned Receipts and Payments)
1. July, 2013		
2013 Pledge Offerings	11,388	12,259
Non-Pledge Offerings	231	0

Rental Revenue	200	154
Ways and Means - Fundraising	31	361
Total Income	5,846	12,774
Total Expenses	11,850	12,726
1. Year-to-Date		
2012 Pledge Offerings	6,187	0
2013 Pledge Offerings	82,971	85,811
Non-Pledge Offerings	3,584	0
Rental Revenue	875	1,079
Ways and Means-Fundraising	2,011	2,529
Total Income	95,628	89,419
Total Expenses	84,437	89,082