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Ways and Means

NUUC Service Auction Sunday, November 24

It's Almost here! Sunday, **November 24** is the Annual NUUC Service Auction!!! The service auction is a fund-raiser in which people offer to do services for others or provide handmade items and baked goods. These services and items are then sold in a live auction. Popular services offered in the past have included baked goods, dinners, babysitting services, and "classes" teaching knitting, bellydancing, or beer making.

This year's Service Auction is the weekend before Thanksgiving - what a great chance to add to your Holiday table setting! We have some exciting offerings in the catalog. The catalog will be available to take home each Sunday in November. (The first Sunday a "Preliminary" catalog will

I write to you on Halloween--the special time of autumn that so many different religious traditions have suggested as having special power, as a time--place in which the veils between the worlds of the living and the dead are for a while lifted. It is a time to contemplate what matters most--what endures in importance even in the face of mortality. This is the season in which we experiment with touching on those things we fear. And just to make it even better, in our congregation, and in many other UU churches, we add talk of money to the mix!

Seriously, over the years, many people have asked if I don't dread and fear stewardship time, the time when we ask folks in the congregation what financial commitment they would like to make for the next calendar year. I understand the question; many aspects of our culture do not encourage uninhibited conversations about money, to say the least. And yet, I have never minded in the context of NUUC. I think our people really get it: this church is ours--it is entirely independent, and free-- and thereby entirely our responsibility to sustain.

To indicate your pledge for the 2013 church year, you can go to www.nuuc.org/stewardship. There you will find an online form that will allow you to either indicate your options of how you would like to be contacted in this canvass period, or make a pledge entirely online. In the meantime, thanks for all the many kinds of support--tangible and moral--that you offer this special congregation. Also in money news, this month marks our transition into having a new Church Treasurer. Jerry Schardt takes on the duties so beautifully, cheerfully, and competently handled by our Treasurer of many years, Koralleen Stavish. Please take any opportunity you can to thank Koralleen for her years of service, and to appreciate Jerry for stepping up. Sincerely and heart felt appreciation to you both!

To Life!
Susan

be available, with the Final Catalog available each Sunday afterwards.)

Important dates:

Submission Deadline: Monday, **November 4**. Submit your donation forms by placing them in the submission shoebox in fellowship hall, by giving them to **Becca Morse**, or fill them out online [here](#) by November 4 to have your entries included in our Catalog. Looking for Ideas? Check out [Last Year's Catalog](#).

Early Registration: Friday, **November 22**. In order to start the auction on time, please let us know you will be coming by filling out a Donation form here with your personal information. (Just leave the donation spaces blank).

NUUC Service Auction
Sunday, **November 24**. The auction will be held after the service on Sunday, November 24. We will have refreshments available, so you can sit back, enjoy lunch on us, and bid to your heart's content.

We hope you will be able to join us for this annual tradition that brings us together as a congregation and serves as an entertaining fundraiser! Don't miss the one time of the year where competition is greatly encouraged!

Also in ways and means:

Fair Trade Sales will be held on Sunday, **November 10** after service in fellowship hall. Buy your fair trade Coffee, Chocolate, Cocoa powder, Hot chocolate, and Tea from NUUC, Get a discount off of retail price, AND Support our adopted child, Claudia, from Montana de Luz. Many thanks to the youth group for donating the proceeds from their bake sale to support Claudia!

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.

From our Music Director

MUSIC NOTES

Here's a sneak peak at the music the NUUC Choir is preparing for worship services this month:

November 3: The full choir will sing an arrangement of "Ancient Mother."

November 10: In honor of Veteran's Day, the men of the choir will sing "Vive L'Amour," the camp song enjoyed by many during WWII.

November 17: The women of the choir will debut "Columba Aspexit," a modern setting of a chant by the Medieval mystic Hildegard von Bingen.

November 24: "Seasons of Love" from Rent will be the joyful anthem for our Thanksgiving service.

Soloists are needed for the choir's vacation days **December 29** and **January 5**. Instrumentalists and vocalists are encouraged to perform at these worship services. Email me at marlenehartzler@gmail.com if interested.

Musically yours,
Marlene Hartzler, Music Director

From your Social Action Committee

CROP HUNGER WALK: NUUC raised over \$500 in donations to assist hungry people in our community. Thanks to those who participated in the walk, made donations to walkers, donated on-line, and contributed to our Loose Change collection in September

EMPTY BOWLS:

We all have to agree this time of year is soup weather. How many of you have already made a pot of soup or chili because the day's weather said to you this is a soup day? Maybe you will make a pot of soup today. I guess that is why the Columbus Parks and Recreation holds their Empty Bowls event during the fall season. Nothing says soup better than a cool fall day.

This year on Sunday, **November 10th** our congregation will be participating in Empty Bowls sponsored by Columbus Parks and Recreation. The proceeds from Empty Bowls go to the Mid-Ohio Foodbank. The Mid-Ohio Foodbank provides food for 559 emergency food pantries, soup kitchens, and other agencies throughout central Ohio. They provide over 101,700 meals each day. For every \$1.00 donated, the Mid-Ohio Foodbank is able to provide 3 meals with that one dollar.

Please join your Social Action Committee on Sunday **November 10th** in making a difference in the fight against hunger through your donation to the Columbus Park & Recreations and Empty Bowls, with proceeds going to the MidOhio Food Bank.

LOOSE CHANGE OFFERING: Our October Loose change collection of \$60.80 went to Our Lady of Guadalupe Food Pantry which provides emergency food assistance to the Hispanic Community. We are also collecting food donations through **November 3rd**. Needed items

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](#).

NUUC Youth Group

For grades 6 through 12
We will meet the
THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH at 7pm!

Sunday, **November 17**, 7pm, location
TBD

Sunday, **December 15**, 7pm, location
TBD

Questions?
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include: dry food (bags of rice, dry black or pinto beans, cooking oil, flour, sugar, salt, cookies/crackers, spaghetti); canned food (tuna, chicken noodle soup, chicken broth, mixed vegetables, corn, fruit, baby food, tomato sauce, spaghetti sauce), and hygiene items (dishwashing and laundry detergent, dish soap, bar soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, diapers, diaper wipes). A collection box for food donations is located in Fellowship Hall.

"A PLACE AT THE TABLE" 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. After the holidays, the SAC will be offering 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 by Peter Pringle. Watch for more information in the coming months. SAC contact person is Tracy Steinbrenner.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP GROUP: The next meeting of the Adventures in Green group is scheduled for Wednesday, **November 13th at 7:00pm** in Nielsen House. We will continue our discussion about Green Holidays. At our October meeting, we discussed the stress and commercialism of the holiday season. Holiday pitfalls were discussed and ideas were shared for creating a more meaningful and enjoyable season.

Join us at our November meeting as we share our discoveries and successes for having a more eco-friendly season that focuses on the true spirit of celebration and gift giving. 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 group, please come to a meeting or contact Pam Patsch at pgp723@aol.com.

STANDING ON THE SIDE OF LOVE/UU JUSTICE OHIO T-SHIRTS AND RALLY SIGNS: Let your UU values show! These yellow shirts and rally signs are a great way to make us visible at social justice events and to demonstrate our UU principles to others. If you would like to order a shirt, go to <http://ohiomeadville.org/uujo/>. Contact Pam Patsch for rally signs.

NEW MOVE TO AMEND STAMPS: 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", "Not to be used for bribing politicians," or "The system isn't broken, it's fixed." When you spend your money, you spread the word.

MONTANA de LUZ is hosting a fund raiser on **November 14th** from **7:00-8:30 pm** at Our Lady of Victory, 1559 Roxbury Road, Grandview, OH 43212. There is no cost to attend and the focus will be on God's Gift sponsors, kicking off our campaign of 100 new GG sponsors in 100 days and promoting the Service Team experience.

Kids' art, a Honduran store of unique items such as pottery, bags, jewelry and Honduran coffee will be available for purchase. Our committee is working hard to make it a unique and fun evening! Appetizers and desserts will be served as well as wine and soft drinks. Bring your friends and family to learn more about Montana de Luz!

SIMPLY LIVING is sponsoring two environmental films at Studio 35 in Columbus.

- Sunday, **November 3rd** - "GrowthBusters: Hooked on Growth" at **2:00 pm**. Is everything we thought we knew about economic growth wrong? If so, then how DO we become a sustainable civilization?
- Sunday, **November 17th** - "In Organic We Trust" Screened at **2:00 pm**. The film digs deep with farmers, organic certifiers, scientists, and organic critics to explore the content beneath the label and the truth behind the marketing.

SOCIAL JUSTICE LIBRARY: The Social Action Committee is starting a lending library of books and DVDs on social justice issues such as immigration, poverty, LGBTQ, environment, and human rights. Check out our selection on the bookshelf in Fellowship Hall and please consider donating appropriate books or DVDs to add to our collection.

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 pqp723@aol.com.

The next SAC meeting will be on **November 3rd** at **11:30**. We welcome new members. For more information about the Social Action Committee, contact Pam Patsch at pqp723@aol.com.

From Your Board of Trustees Meeting

Board Minutes

[August Board Minutes Click Here](#)

[September Board Minutes Click Here](#)

[October Board Minutes Click Here](#)

Committee News:

In *Religious Education* news, Melinda Rosenberg and Kristin Grimshaw are taking leadership for Youth activities. *Social Action* will be showcasing their initiatives during the Oct. 27 worship. *Membership Committee* has been checking up on some folks who seem to be "Missing in Action." *Ways and Means* is gearing up for the Service Auction to be held after our annual Bread Communion service the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Miss Merrily will be auctioneer.

Treasurer's Report for September 2013

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