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Ways and Means

WINTER IS HERE! THAT MEANS IT'S TIME FOR SOMETHING WARM....LIKE CHILI! MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE NUUC ANNUAL CHILI COOKOFF, **SUNDAY, FEB. 2** IMMEDIATELY AFTER SERVICE. THERE WILL BE PRIZES IN THE CATEGORIES OF MEAT CHILI AND MEATLESS CHILI. LET YOUR INNER CHEF OUT! GET YOUR TASTEBUDS READY! FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT EILEEN WATTERS (Eileen.watters@gmail.com or 740-225-5342)

January Fair Trade Sale

Oh, the weather outside is frightful! So be sure you don't miss the opportunity to warm up with Fair Trade Coffee, Tea, Cocoa and Chocolate.

Sales take place Sunday, **January 12th** in Fellowship Hall following the service!

Share your passion for fair trade and UU-ism with others by giving gifts whose labels proudly display these values while also supporting our sponsorship of Claudia at Montana de Luz.

RevElations

I am writing this on New Year's Eve, and I am enjoying thinking what y'all might be up to tonight. I love that the answer is not obvious and that multiple imaginings are required to cover just some of possibilities. I like that New Year's doesn't come with crystal clear mandates. I know of one UU family who will light candles tonight as they share out loud their specific commitments to social justice causes for the next year. Or maybe you are doing the glittering, secular New Year's Eve -with fancy clothes and food and some gestures towards indiscretion. Possibly you will watch the Ball Drop, as once they did from Observatory towers so that sea captains could know the precise time. Perhaps you are like one person I know, who will spend this night simply alone, glad, actually to not have to celebrate. We are celebrating the importance of small things in my house. Tonight, take out for dinner and the BBC holiday special about midcentury midwives! Tomorrow, the mother in law to dinner, her first time for solid food after bowel surgery.

We do cross a threshold tonight and move into the unformed New Year. We will give it shape with each choice of what we celebrate, and how.

To Life!
Susan

From our Music Director

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/>

Healthy Congregations/ Smart Church

is a series of workshops designed to assist congregational leaders and members in understanding their congregation as an interdependent system grounded in emotional processes. It looks at congregations as living systems that incorporate thinking, feeling, responsibility, and purpose/mission. This understanding can guide leaders to think more clearly about the congregation's life together and offer more effective responses in times of change or challenge.

The North Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Lewis Center, OH, will be hosting the Healthy Congregation/Smart Church series of workshops to be held on: **January 11** and **25** and **February 8** and **22**. The program consists of four Saturday sessions (2 in Jan, 2 in Feb). Each session will be 6 hours (9 am to 4 pm), 6 hours of process and an hour for lunch.

- * Participants will gain increased knowledge about systems, congregational dynamics and how these affect their congregations.
- * Participants will gain new understanding of their congregation as an interdependent system in the midst of larger social change
- * Participants will gain a stronger view of themselves as part of a congregational team and as part of our larger faith.
- * Participants will gain a deeper understanding of Unitarian Universalism, stewardship, and leadership as a spiritual practice
- * During the course, the foundations of cluster partnerships and networks will be strongly

MUSIC NOTES

December was a busy month for musicians at NUUC. I want to give special thanks to the following people:

- Molly Watson for conducting the choir two times.
- Karen Hedden who played flute with the choir.
- Members of NUUC Recorder Ensemble for their performance at Friendship Village and who played for the offertory twice in December.
- Emerson Saling and Rosie Hartzler for their prelude music on violin and flute.
- Nathan Morse for his drumming (twice!)
- Ana McCallister who made her NUUC debut on violin at Christmas Eve.
- John and Lily Rodeheffer for providing flute duet music at the prelude to the Christmas Eve service.
- The Morse Family for providing all the music for the service on December 29 on a variety of instruments.

The NUUC Choir resumes regular rehearsals on **January 12** at **9am**. New members are always welcome and should see me for a folder of music.

Here's a sneak peak at music being planned for the services in January:

1/5/14: Barbara Lubberger will sing a solo for this first service of the New Year. (No full choir rehearsal.)

1/12/14: CHOIR REHEASAL 9am. "Come, Come, Whoever You Are" with lyrics from Rumi.

1/19/14: "Lift Up Your Voice and Sing"

1/25/14: "Ubi Caritas"

Musically yours,
Marlene Hartzler, Music Director
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From your Social Action Committee

POST HOLIDAY STYROFOAM RECYCLING DRIVE: Big Green Head is collecting Styrofoam packaging (expanded polystyrene - EPS) at Thomas Worthington High School (parking lot), 300 W. Dublin Granville Rd., Worthington, OH from 1:00-3:00 on January 11, 2014 and at Congregation Beth Tikvah (parking lot), 6121 Olentangy River Rd., Worthington, OH from 1:00-3:00 on January 12, 2014. They do NOT accept packing peanuts, egg cartons, food containers, or anything that has touched food. A \$5 donation is suggested to help defray the cost of collection. If you would like to recycle your Styrofoam, but are unable to get to either event, you can bring your Styrofoam to church on

encouraged so leaders can support one another's work and put the material into practice.

For registration and more information:
<http://www.ohiomeadville.org/omdevents/690-healthyconcol2014>

The workshops will be led by Rev. Joan Van Becelaere, Staff Lead for the Central East Regional Group, and Amy Watson, OMD adjunct consultant for Healthy Congregations. Together, Joan and Amy have been working with and teaching this material for over six years.

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!

Questions?
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Sunday, January 12, 2014, and someone from Adventures in Green will deliver to Congregation Beth Tikvah.

The Adventures in Green group is also planning a recycling drive for electronic waste (things with cords). Join us in keeping these items out of the landfill. Look for more information on the bulletin board and in the Order of Service.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP GROUP: The next meeting of the Adventures in Green group is scheduled for Wednesday, **January 22, 2014** at 7:00 pm and will be held at Becca Morse's house. We'll be watching and discussing two of the short videos produced by Annie Leonard and The Story of Stuff Project, a community of 500,000 changemakers worldwide, "working to build a healthier and more just society based on better not more, sharing not selfishness, community not division.

"The Story of Stuff "is a 20-minute, fast-paced, fact-filled look at the underside of our production and consumption patterns. The Story of Stuff exposes the connections between a huge number of environmental and social issues, and calls us together to create a more sustainable and just world.

"The Story of Solutions"explores how we can move our economy in a more sustainable and just direction, starting with orienting ourselves toward a new goal.

In the current 'Game of More', we're told to cheer a growing economy - more roads, more malls, more Stuff! - even though our health indicators are worsening, income inequality is increasing, and polar icecaps are melting. But what if we changed the point of the game? What if the goal of our economy wasn't more, but better - better health, better jobs and a better chance to survive on the planet? Shouldn't that be what winning means?"

Look for more information on the bulletin board or the NUUC Adventures in Green Facebook page. Both videos can be viewed on the Story of Stuff website and will also be posted on our Facebook page.

GREETING CARD RECYCLING DRIVE: Adventures in Green is collecting used greeting cards. St. Jude's Ranch for Children recycles the cards and creates new holiday and all-occasion greeting cards. Recycled cards are sold to support their programs and services for abused, neglected and homeless children, young adults and families. The program is beneficial to everyone - customers receive fun, "green" holiday or other occasion cards they can feel good sending to their friends and loved ones, and the children at St. Jude's Ranch receive payment for their work and learn basic job skills and the importance of recycling.

Operated by Kids' Corp., a program designed to teach entrepreneurship skills, the children at the Ranch participate in making the new "green" cards by removing the front and attaching a new back. The result is a beautiful new card made by children and volunteers. You may purchase cards in our online store or call (877) 977-SJRC (7572).

St. Jude's requests that donated cards are 5"x7" or smaller and that the backside of the card front is clear of any writing. They cannot accept Hallmark, Disney, or American Greeting

cards. Additional information is posted on the bulletin board. Look for the collection box in Fellowship Hall. Cards for any occasion will be collected through January.

The **Adventures in Green** group is also planning a recycling drive for electronic waste (things with cords) and Styrofoam packaging. Join us in keeping these items out of the landfill. Watch for more information on the bulletin board and in the Order of Service.

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. See Pam Patsch if you would like to buy a shirt or rally sign.

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. 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.

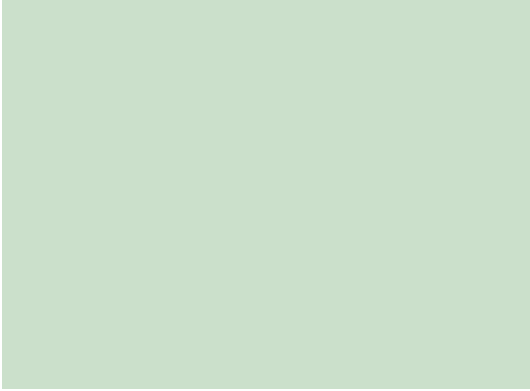
The next **SAC** meeting will be on **January 5th** at **11:30**. We welcome new members. We will be planning for the upcoming year with a focus on poverty and hunger. Please join us and share your creative ideas for ways to become a more informed congregation, to engage in advocacy activities, and to reach out to people in need within our community. For more information about the Social Action Committee, contact Pam Patsch at pqp723@aol.com.

From Your Treasurer

[Click here for the summary of our finances to date presented to the Board](#)

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From Your Board of Trustees Meeting



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