

A photograph of a red lighthouse on a sandy dune overlooking the ocean under a blue sky with light clouds. The lighthouse has a yellow light at the top.

# NORTHERN LIGHT

Newsletter of the North Unitarian Universalist Congregation

December 2014

## Worship

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

## NUUC Youth Group

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

Questions?  
Contact Kristin Grimshaw  
[grimshaw@wowway.com](mailto:grimshaw@wowway.com)  
614-582-5747

## Two New Adult Classes

Join us Jan. 11 at 11:45 AM-1:00 PM  
in the church vestibule for an adult  
class, **How to Lead a Lay Service.**

Rev. Susan will cover the basics of  
putting a worship service together,  
including pain-free techniques for  
writing a sermon. This workshop is  
open to anyone who is curious  
about how worship "works"-no  
interest in leading a service is  
required.

**Our Congregation: Dec. 7, 11:45  
AM, Nielsen House parlor.**

Join Rev. Susan and Membership  
Chair John Rodeheffer in Nielsen  
House after the service for  
conversation about our congregation,  
membership, Unitarian Universalism-  
anything at all about the whats,

RevElations!

December, already! We find ourselves now firmly inside of the Christian liturgical season of Advent. And unlike Advent calendars, which reveal small presents or treats or images meant to generate excitement for the pirate booty of Christmas, Advent is a rather somber season.

Advent is about waiting for God to be born as a baby into the world-meaning advent is a world in which paradoxically, God is not present, not as present surely as the silence and the dark, and the unknowing. Advent is about preparing oneself to recognize the holy when it finally does arrive, meaning it is also about the anxiety of missing the holy. Advent is about a concern for the fragility-we're waiting for a baby? To be born into this dangerous world? And yet Advent asks not that we rail against the silent or the doubt or the dark or the cold, but it asks that instead we be patient. Advent is about waiting for a pregnancy to reach term-not much control there, instead we wait and we watch.

The promise is worth the wait, though: there will be something unexpected, and alive--even in the dreariest winter.

To Life!  
Susan

## From Our President

Good Evening All.

First and foremost, I hope all of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving. This past month was very busy in the congregation. I would like to strongly thank the Morse's and the Keith's for all of their work in putting together a very successful service auction.

hows, and whys of engaging in our congregation. You don't need to be new to attend! Sign up for either class on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall, or you can do so online at:  
<http://nuuc.org/education/adult-programs/>

## Congregational Meeting

A congregational meeting has been called for **Dec. 21** after the service for the purposes of discussing and approving the church budget for fiscal year 2015. Babysitting hours have been extended until 12:30 PM.

## Celebrate the Solstice

Come together to drum back the sun on Sunday, **December, 21 at 5:00PM** to celebrate the winter solstice.

All ages our welcome. Please bring a drum or some other noise making device. Snacks will be shared.

## Movie Night!!

The Social Committee is planning a 'Movie Night' in late Jan or early Feb. This would be a chance for folks to gather over a nice potluck meal and enjoy an interesting movie in the comfort of the livingroom, with lively discussion to follow.

If you are interested in attending (or hosting) please contact Eileen Watters:

[eileen.watters@gmail.com](mailto:eileen.watters@gmail.com)  
or 740-225-5342.

## Brown Bag Books

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

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Right now, we are in the midst of stewardship and budgeting for next year. I hope you all have completed your pledge cards as this is a very important part of keeping our congregation afloat. Without you, we simply could not put on the programs that are important to all of us.

If any of you haven't noticed, our congregation sign on Lewis Center Road has been changed. Thanks to Lauren Richards for putting together the design and Bob Keith for all of the logistics in having it approved by the county and installed.

The next board meeting is December 15th. During this meeting, our primary objective is to vote on a budget that will be presented to you on December 21st. If you are interested in attending this meeting, we will be meeting in Fellowship Hall at 7:30pm.

It is also with sadness that we have lost a valued member, Clyde Forbes. Clyde always had a kind word and will be sorely missed in the congregation.

Warmest Regards.  
Jeff Hill

## NUUC Fall Service Auction Results

Since the dawn of time, of all the Service Auctions that have been held in our little corner of Lewis Center, this year's Auction was the BEST EVER!! The Connections, The food, The Fun!

Also, we came together to make a good bit of money. We grossed \$5,941 in sales. While we do still have some revenue to gather, we anticipate a net collection of \$5,874 after expenses. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!

(If you still owe, **Please submit payment** in bidding envelope if possible, on or before **December 14, 2014**. If you do not have your envelope, please be sure to include "Service Auction" and your Bidder ID in the comments section of your check.

Email Receipts were sent to donors and bidders on Tuesday, November 25. If you didn't receive an email and you should have, see a member of the Service Auction Task force and we will make sure you get one: printed receipts are also available upon request.

We want to send a Hearty Shout-out and "Thank You!" to: Jen Aultman, Jay Grimshaw, and Maura Lawton for providing childcare during the event, to Wes McCallister, Galen Morse, Elowyn Conley, Elise Aultman, and Megan Grimshaw for Helping distribute items during the auction, to Martha Filipic for being the official recorder, to Nathan Morse for being Auctioneer and behind-the-scenes tech man, to Diego Castro, Sergio Castro, and Kristin Grimshaw for help Setting up for the Auction, and to Eileen Watters, Sue Frederick, Erin Fisher-Kenny and Katrina Timson for providing food during the auction.

Many thanks also to everyone who donated items to be auctioned, and to all of the Bidders who bought them. This amazing community event could not have happened without each and every one of you!

Going forward, the Annual Service Auction will be held in the spring. **Save the date** for the next auction, which will be held on the evening of **Saturday, May 16**. This will be an evening Gala Event with fun for the whole family!

## Ways and Means

Share your passion for fair trade and UU-ism with others by giving gifts whose labels proudly display these values. 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.

### **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/>

## Ohio Meadville District of the UUA

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Many Thanks to all of you!

The Service Auction Task Force

Bob Keith, Marty Keith, Becca Morse, and Erica Shell Castro

## Thanks for Help with the Mowing!

We have just completed the mowing season and as you may know, we handled the mowing ourselves at NUUC instead of using a mowing contractor. Our coordinated mowing efforts went quite well and saved a lot of money. We estimate we saved \$2,800 by not contracting out the mowing this year. For the yards around the church and Nielsen House, the Building and Grounds Committee members took turns mowing each week except for the 4th and 5th weeks each month, which were handled by volunteers from the congregation.

We give a big thank you to the following congregational volunteers for their efforts to fill out the mowing schedule during the season:

Sue Frederick\*\*

Dennis Howe\*\*

Roger Johnson\*\*\*

Neil Kirby\*

Jeff Turner\*\*

\*\*\* = mowed 3 times,

\*\* = mowed 2 times

\* = mowed 1 time

For 3 weeks each month, 4 members of the B & G Committee took turns mowing. We give a hearty thank you to these committee members for their efforts each month:

Roger Orwick

John Rodeheffer

Jerry Schardt

Bob Keith

Also, we give a great big thank you to B&G Committee member Gary Rusk for his work mowing the large field at the rear of our property plus west of the parking lot. Gary volunteered to handle mowing the fields for the entire mowing season, which really enhanced the appearance of our property.

Lastly, mowing is not complete unless you trim the edges. We give a big thank you to Dennis Howe for his weed trimming efforts each month, which added a lot to the grounds overall good appearance.

Since our volunteer mowing approach worked so well, we plan to continue this approach in the coming mowing season. Watch for more information on our mowing plans as Spring approaches.

## News from your Social Action Committee (SAC) - December 2014 Newsletter

**HOLIDAY FAMILY:** This year we have chosen Montana de Luz for our holiday giving. Montana de Luz is a faith based organization in rural Central Honduras that provides a home for over 30 children affected

by HIV/AIDS. In addition to donating the Loose Change Offering in November and December, you can also give to the children of MdL with an additional donation. A list of Holiday Sponsorship opportunities is attached to the newsletter and will also be posted on the SAC bulletin board. Check donations, with MdL Xmas on the memo line, can be made through December 14th.

Contact Erika if you have questions [erika@montanadeluz.org](mailto:erika@montanadeluz.org). See the lists attached to the newsletter.

**LOOSE CHANGE OFFERING:** We collect the Loose Change Offering on the second Sunday of each month. Our December Loose Change Offering will be donated to our Holiday Family, Montana de Luz. If you have suggestions for future Loose Change recipients, please contact Pam Patsch at [pqp723@aol.com](mailto:pqp723@aol.com).

**SOCIAL JUSTICE LIBRARY:** The Social Action Committee has started 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](mailto:pqp723@aol.com).

**NEXT SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING** - Sunday, December 7th at 11:45 am. We will be brainstorming ideas for SAC activities in 2015. Please join us or email Pam Patsch at [pqp723@aol.com](mailto:pqp723@aol.com) if you have suggestions. New members are always welcome.

### [MdL Holiday Sponsorship Opportunities](#)

## Treasurer's Report of October 2014 Results November 14, 2014

Dear fellow congregants, I have a short message this month. YTD October we have spent \$10,943 more than we have brought in. Please review your financial position and if at all possible, consider donating more than your pledge. If possible bring your pledge up to date.

We have an old church home and a re-energized staff that have plans and dreams for the next year and both will need your support. Thank you for your considered support.

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INCOME	Month ended October 31, 2014	
	Actual	Budget
2014 Pledges	10531.66	12420
Non-Pledge Offering	761.06	0
Rental Revenue	100	125
Trf from DRE Restricted Funds	1345.63	0
W & M Fundraising	97.21	716.66
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>12835.56</b>	<b>13261.66</b>
 <b>EXPENSES</b>		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>646.63</b>	<b>560.82</b>
Administrative		
Bld & Prop Ins	0	308.33
Bld Mortgage	785	833.33
Bld Property Tax	0	21.25
<b>TOTAL Building R&amp;M</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>431.23</b>
<b>TOTAL Building Utilities</b>	<b>599.17</b>	<b>676.24</b>
<b>TOTAL Committees</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>199.97</b>
<b>TOTAL Compensation</b>	<b>10711.14</b>	<b>9386.49</b>
<b>TOTAL Dues</b>	<b>1013</b>	<b>911.66</b>
Pledge Canvass	111.15	16.66
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>14600.09</b>	<b>13345.98</b>
 <b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	 <b>-1764.53</b>	 <b>-84.32</b>

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INCOME	YTD Ended October 31,2014	
	Actual	Budget
2014 Pledges	110,139.60	124,200.00
Misc.	77.18	0.00
Non-Pledge Offering	4,869.49	0.00
Rental Revenue	1,108.75	1,250.00
Trf from DRE Restricted Funds	4,036.89	0.00
W & M Fundraising	4,509.05	7,166.68
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>124,740.96</b>	<b>132,616.68</b>

#### EXPENSES

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,076.80</b>	<b>5,608.36</b>
Administrative	3,774.00	3,083.34
Bld & Prop Ins	8,020.97	8,333.34
Bld Mortgage	267.82	212.50
Bld Property Tax	3,965.31	4,312.54
<b>TOTAL Building R&amp;M</b>	<b>6,170.50</b>	<b>6,762.52</b>
TOTAL Building Utilities	1,797.10	2,000.06
<b>TOTAL Committees</b>	<b>97,871.48</b>	<b>93,392.62</b>
TOTAL Compensation	9,629.00	9,116.68
TOTAL Dues	111.15	166.68
Pledge Canvass	135,684.13	132,988.64
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>(10,943.17)</b>	<b>(371.96)</b>

**OVERALL TOTAL** (10,943.17) (371.96)

For the Complete Financial Summary for September, [Click here](#)

Respectfully submitted

Jerry Schardt, Treasurer

## Board of Trustees

[Click here for the November meeting minutes \(draft, not yet approved\)](#)

[Click here for the October meeting minutes](#)

## Leadership Council

[Click here for the latest minutes from Leadership Council](#)