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The wedding reception hosted by the Marfy family for my partner Ellen and me was just lovely. The food was amazing, the day gorgeous and the company lively and engaging. I am so grateful to you all for your kindness and for your warm support in celebrating our marriage. Thank you for your gifts of time and thoughtfulness and for all your well wishes. I am inspired by your generosity. But this is not the first time I've been so inspired. You welcomed me with open arms upon my arrival just over a year ago. You celebrated my ordination and installation with great gladness. You have reached out to me in word and gesture in so many ways. Over and over, I have been inspired by your generosity.

I've seen you share that same spirit with one another and with the church community. I've seen it when you make one another meals and watch each other's children. I've seen it when you give each other rides and celebrate one another's milestones and markers. I've seen it when you welcome newcomers to the church and volunteer to introduce them to your friends. I've seen it in the ways you pitch in to tend the needs of our aging building and in the ways you join together to make big projects come together with grace. Over and over, I have been inspired by your generosity.

It has been such a joy for me to witness that our generosity is robust enough to radiate out beyond our own church walls. In the past year you have done service projects for shelters and collected food to stock the shelves of the food pantries. You have hosted provocative films and organized educational forums to which you have invited the larger community. And you have contributed thousands of dollars to organizations doing good work for our neighbors and for strangers half way around the world. Over and over, I have been inspired by your generosity.

The thing about generosity is that it requires both the acts of giving and receiving. Sometimes we are the ones doing the giving, sometimes the receiving, but both are required in the calculus of generosity. There is a song in our hymnal . . . "from you I receive, to you I give, together we share and from this we live." Such is the way of life.

Our annual church canvass is again upon us. We all know this is a chance to give. Last year Ellen and I have made the commitment to give 5% of our income to our churches. We are aspiring to contribute an additional 5% of our income to other organizations whose good work we want to support. We consider this to be among our spiritual disciplines. I invite you to join me in considering what portion of your financial resources you want to dedicate to support the good work of this beloved community.

The annual canvass is a chance to give, of course. But it is also a chance to receive, for in giving we make possible the work of the church that touches our own lives. And in giving we receive the enormous satisfaction that is born of generosity. May it be so for all of us.

In faith,

Melissa

October Sermons

Lay Your Burden Down

1 October 2006

Rev. Melissa Ziemer and Worship Associate Elaine Bowen

Yom Kippur is among the most significant of Jewish holy days. Inspired by the wisdom of the Day of Atonement, we will explore the pathway to liberation carved by forgiveness.

In Whose Eyes?

8 October 2006

Rev. Melissa Ziemer and Worship Associate Kristofer Sperry

Many people consider civil and religious marriage to be the same thing. In this sermon Melissa will reflect on the merits of disentangling those two threads.

New UU Sunday

October 15

This Service is being brought to you courtesy of the Membership Committee. It will be presented entirely by people who have joined the church this year. We hope to be informative, and take some of the “mystery” out of our “history” We promise some surprises and some fun.

United Nations Sunday

22 October 2006

Rev. Melissa Ziemer and Worship Associate Mike Kreyche

We will celebrate United Nations Sunday this morning with other Unitarian Universalists around the world. The themes for reflection this year are Peacebuilding and Sustainable Development.

Day of Remembrance

29 October 2006

Rev. Melissa Ziemer and Worship Associate Christie Anderson

The pagan holiday Samhain invites us to remember those we have loved and lost. The members of our CUUPS (Coven of Unitarian Universalist Pagans) group will lead us in a ritual of remembrance. You are invited to bring photographs, memorabilia or favorite foods of your loved ones to share in the ritual.

Message from the Moderator

You may have wondered: What is a Listening Session? These are held several times a year to provide an opportunity for face to face communication with members of the Board in an informal way. They are held in the sanctuary from 11 till 11:15 am. This is an opportunity for members of the congregation to briefly share ideas, questions or concerns relating to the operating of the church. Of course, you may always call or email myself, or other Board members concerning particular issues at any reasonable time.

Congregational information meetings are also held several times a year. Topics are detailed in the Thread from the Web and the Newsletter in advance of the meeting. There is time for questions, feedback and discussion. These meetings usually last

about an hour and are followed by refreshments and an opportunity for socializing. Childcare is provided.

By the time you read this, I will have attended a district workshop for UU church moderators and presidents. The program for the day looks interesting and it will be wonderful to get a chance to network with leaders from other area churches. Our Board is looking into the possibility of connecting committee leaders and trustees with their counterparts at other nearby churches for sharing successful ideas and problem solving.

Do contact me if you have concerns or questions. If I cannot help I will direct you to the right person.

In Faith,
Trish McLoughlin

Enrichment! Education! Exploration!

We are excited to have a number of interesting adult religious education opportunities scheduled for this fall. Please do check out the details in the Fall Enrichment brochure as some classes require registration.

The Faithful Choices course exploring clinical ethics and religious values in health care will start one week later than advertised. The course will begin Thursday, September 28. For more details about the class, see the Fall Enrichment brochure. To register, please call or email the church office.

UU Church of Kent names Elaine Bowen its First Steward of our Shared Ministry

Elaine Bowen is appalled that there are people who are hungry in the United States. She's dedicated much of her life to get food to Northeast Ohio children and families in need. Elaine has spent her career as a dietitian, and now oversees the nutrition program for the non-profit Akron Summit Community Action. She's also done lots of things to feed the community through the UU Church. Elaine has organized church picnics, and along with her husband Bill, provided much of the food. In only five years attending the UU of Kent, Elaine has put together special all-church meals and celebrations, including brunch last Christmas Day, and the wonderful food for Melissa's Ordination and Installation service. Elaine is most excited about the annual "Souper" Bowl Sunday canned soup drive that she started to benefit Kent Social Services. While Elaine wishes we didn't need food pantries, she said working through the church to gather food and feed people gives her life purpose.

Having grown up in a Catholic family in Massachusetts, Elaine said she spent much of her adult life somewhere between "agnostic and atheist," but "I always knew I had a deep spirituality in me somewhere." She said the UU Church of Kent fills that hunger, "Everyone is family, even though we're all so different. What's the same is our sense of community, belonging, and inclusiveness."

Elaine resides in Cuyahoga Falls with Bill and their (nearly) 18-year-old twin sons. She said her heart is also largely at the Church, and her car is just about on auto-pilot to Kent. Elaine often attends meetings here two or three days a week. She said, "I just love this place and everything it stands for." To Elaine, that means the Church is full of hope and potential, and in need of people with the faith, love, and energy to feed the community.

Neighbors in Need

Please remember to not forget our neighbors in need of food. When you are at the grocery or discount store, please consider picking up an extra can of fruit or veggies, box of cereal, pasta or potato mix, a jar of peanut butter or a can of tuna or soup for the Kent Social Services food programs.

Our collection baskets are located on the ground level opposite the elevator and on the second floor outside the sanctuary. Please fill to overflowing!!! There are so many who need our help.

Heartfelt gratitude and sincere thanks to Esther Duncan who regularly gathers our generous donations, loads the bags in her car and delivers them to KSS for use and distribution. Your dedication is greatly appreciated.

Blessed be,
Food donation reminder-in-chief,
Elaine Yehle Bowen

Our Many Lives Group- First Meeting Report

The basic premise of this group is that it is valuable to discuss the different ways in which we do activities and relate to each other in the different communities in which we are involved [such as home, work, church, avocation groups]. We had our first meeting. We agreed this will be an informal discussion group, meeting for about 90 minutes every month or so. We will not have specific discussion rules unless we find some need for these to be instituted. There will be a brief opening ceremony for our meetings.

We decided to pick a specific concept as a starting point: Appreciative Inquiry. This is technique that Michael Plishka has been using at work and we think it will be of value in the church. It is gaining popularity in both UU and industry circles. The concept is one of identifying the aspects of a program or process that are working well and building on these, rather than focusing on problems. This creates a positive decision-making environment, leading to an enthusiastic group of people involved in the activity, which in turn overcomes the problems.

On October 10, the Our Many Lives Group will meet with our Minister, Rev. Melissa Ziemer, and our Moderator, Trish McLoughlin, to discuss areas of church activities where this technique might be useful. Over time, we will also discuss other techniques that may be useful in multiple communities, and consider having outside speakers on appropriate topics and other activities that will improve our understanding of methods we identify as interesting.

If you are interested in the concept of Appreciative Inquiry or more broadly, applying concepts learned in one of "lives" to another, stop by the Eldredge Annex around 7:00pm on Tuesday October 10th to just chat about ideas. The meeting will begin at 7:15. Everyone interested is welcome. No long-term commitment is required to join the meeting, but I'd appreciate a call or email if you are thinking of attending, so we have enough material

Bob Erdman, Facilitator

Get Jazzed for the Service Auction

UUCK's annual Service Auction, All That Jazz, is just around the corner! Mark your calendars now for Saturday, November 4, and plan to attend this fabulous, fun-filled evening. Donation forms are available NOW at coffee hour, on the church website (www.kentuu.org). Donations are already coming in and this looks like it will be one of the best auctions yet! Tickets for the event are \$12 and will be on sale at coffee hour October 15 through 29. Tickets will also be available at the door for \$14. As always, you can earn a ticket for the event by volunteering to work part of the evening; contact Leslie Barrett for more information.

Beth Wills

Support the Ohio Fair Minimum Wage Amendment

Here in Ohio, twenty-six thousand people earned the minimum wage last year of \$5.15 per hour, and thousands more earned slightly above the minimum. How well can you live on a wage of \$5.15 an hour? Can you pay for taxes and food and rent and heat and transportation and clothing and medical care and dental care and child care?

We on the church Social Justice Committee agree that \$5.15 is far below a living wage. That's why the Social Justice Committee supports the proposed amendment to the Ohio constitution that would raise the state minimum wage from \$5.15 to \$6.85 per hour beginning in 2007, with a provision for future increases to keep up with inflation. \$6.85 is still not a living wage, but it's a step in the right direction.

Eighteen other states and the District of Columbia have raised their minimum wage in the last decade above the federal minimum wage of \$5.15. Washington now has the highest minimum wage of \$7.63 per hour. Oregon's minimum is \$7.50 per hour. The Connecticut minimum is \$7.40 per hour, and Vermont's is \$7.25. The New Jersey minimum is \$7.15, and New York will raise its minimum wage to \$7.15 on January 1.

Back in January of this year, we on the Social Justice Committee, with support from our minister, gathered signatures on petitions to put the Ohio Fair Minimum Wage Amendment on the November ballot. Now it is time for Ohio voters to do the right thing and raise the pay of those who earn the least.

We urge our fellow church members and friends to vote for the Fair Minimum Wage Amendment this November.

Vivien Sandlund
Chair, Social Justice Committee

Book Club

Tues., Oct. 10, 7 pm, we will meet at Annie Brightbill's. The book will be *March* by Geraldine Brooks. This deals with the fictional character of the father in *Little Women*.

Tues., Nov. 14, 7 pm, we will meet at Kathie Slater's. The book will be *The Syringa Tree* by Pamela Gien. This novel is based on the award-winning play about a white child growing up under apartheid.

Tues., Dec. 11, 7 pm., we will meet at Linda Bunyan's. Those who want to carpool can meet at the church parking lot at 6:30. The selection for this month will be *Passion: a Novel of the Romanic Poets* by Jude Morgan. The lives of Byron, Shelley, and Keats are explored through the eyes of the women who knew and loved them.

Martha Kluth

Booklovers United

The big, baaad booksale is coming . . . In March, only 5 short months away! It's not too early to be setting aside good condition books to donate. Please save them in a box and await the call from Bowers and Bowen, the bookies! We will not be accepting encyclopedias or textbooks this year - we could not even give them away last fall and they are simply too heavy to move about.

Questions??? Contact Elaine Yehle Bowen or Sandy Bowers. Fair warning - we'll be trolling for volunteers after the new year!

Voting By Absentee Ballot

The Social Justice Committee is recommending that U-Us give serious consideration to voting by absentee ballot in the election on Nov 7. Our concerns rise largely because the electronic voting machines in use in Portage and Summit Counties have been shown to be vulnerable to hacking.

Absentee ballots will be available after October 3 to people already registered to vote. They are paper ballots, and are easily counted and recounted.. Absentee balloting is convenient, avoids parking problems or waiting in line at polling places, and allows you to take time to check out unfamiliar candidates or issues.

Here's how: Download, fill out and mail in a completed application form as described below -

Portage County computer users go to
http://www.co.portage.oh.us/election/absentee_voting.htm

In Summit County go to <http://www.summitcountyboe.com/>
(choose absentee ballot button on the left side of the screen).

You may also request an absentee ballot by sending a letter with the following information to your Board of Elections: (addresses below)

- Your name and address where you are registered to vote.
- Your birth date
- Provide Ohio Drivers License Number OR last four digits of SS#
- The election for which you are requesting a ballot. (Nov 7)
- The mailing address where you want your ballot sent.
- Your signature as it appears on your voter registration card.

Send your letter to:
Portage County Board of Elections
449 South Meridian St.
Ravenna, Ohio 44266
OR
Summit County Board of Elections
470 Grant Street
Akron, Ohio 44311
Carolyn Arnold

Bill Schulz Returns to Kent to Celebrate our Anniversary

We are thrilled to announce that Bill Schulz, former President of the Unitarian Universalist Association (1985-93) and Executive Director of Amnesty International USA (1994-2006), will return to our church for the first time since he served us as student minister in 1970-71 to help us celebrate our 140th anniversary. Bill will join us on Saturday, December 9th for dinner in Fessenden Hall followed by an address to the public in the church sanctuary at 7:30PM. Bill's talk is entitled "After Ecstasy, the Laundry." He will reflect on the religious obligation to bring justice to a fractured world and, not incidentally, how his experience in Kent shaped his subsequent career and ministry.

Please mark your calendars for this thrilling event in the life of our church. Bill's talk is part of our year-long celebration of the Kent church's 140 Years of Standing Witness. We will provide more information as Bill's visit approaches.

Vivien Sandlund

Chair, Social Justice Committee

Take Back Your Time Day? What's That?

"Forget oil or gold—time is the most precious commodity in America today"— John de Graaf

October 24 is Take Back Your Time Day. Just as Earth Day was started to bring attention to the need to take care of the environment, Take Back Your Time Day was started to create a national dialogue on the problem of time poverty in the U.S. The date was picked to mark the fact that the average American works 9 more weeks a year than does the average European. And time poverty is not just a problem for those employed full-time, as many overscheduled stay at home moms, kids, and college students will tell you. Marking this day is a nonpartisan event.

So let's join the dialogue by getting together this year on Friday October 20th from 6PM to 9PM. From 6 to 7PM please join us in Fessenden Hall (basement) for a simple soup and bread supper (no need to run home to fix dinner!). There is a suggested donation of \$2 a person to reimburse food costs. From 7PM to 9PM we will gather for presentations and small group discussion time. We can learn more about the personal and societal costs of time poverty, discuss the successes and struggles we experience in our daily lives, and brainstorm how we can work personally and collectively to find more time for those things that really matter.

To help us in food planning please sign up if you know you will be attending. You can e-mail Kelley Plishka or sign up on the sheet posted in Fessenden Hall. Please let us know if you will be needing child care (there is an additional cost for this).

Questions? Contact Kathy Kerns or Kelley Plishka

Pastoral Care Network

We understand that many of you, perhaps most of you, do not want to ask for help. If you are aware of any one in the church, member or friend, who might need assistance please contact Linda or Rod Mishler, Co-Pastoral Care Coordinators. An important purpose of this network is to remind members and friends that we are not alone in times of need.

The Pastoral Care Network at our church is made up of members and friends of the congregation who have agreed to help people in the church with emergency or short term needs. We provide meals, transportation, help with errands, visits, child care, calls of support, and occasional help with refreshments at memorial services.

Network members informally agree to provide assistance 1-3 times a year. If you would like to volunteer, please call Linda or Rod Mishler. On the upside: There are no meetings to attend!

If you need help in any way or are aware of anyone who needs help, please do not hesitate to call. If we cannot help, we can direct you to someone who can help.

Among Ourselves

Renee Zimelis-Ruchotzke and Randy Ruchotzke celebrated their first wedding anniversary in September while Linda and Rod Mishler celebrated their 35th! We hope that many joyous and satisfying years of marriage lie before them.

City Councilor Bill Schultz has been dealing with some difficult health issues of late. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

Kathy Wilen's brother-in-law Hank Helmick died last month as did Paul Baker's grandmother, Ann Baker. Please hold Kathy and Paul and their families in your hearts.

And congratulations to Mac and Susan Goekler who have agreed to be the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee Regional Coordinators for our Ohio Meadville District. Thank you Susan and Mac!

If you would like to submit an item to be included in next month's Among Ourselves column, please contact our minister, Rev. Melissa Ziemer.

Defibrillator training

Did you miss defibrillator training last year? Want to learn how to use our defibrillator?

Now you can. October 20, 7:30 p.m. in Fessenden Hall.

Cake Batter Ice Cream!

This too can be yours, if you purchase Handel's Ice Cream pint coupons. They are still available at \$3.50 each or 5 for \$15. Our church makes a dollar or more on each coupon sold! For use at Handel's Stow location only (corner of Fishcreek & Graham). **Buy them at Coffee Hour** after the church service or contact Sandy Bowers. Take some to sell to your friends and neighbors! If you buy 5 for \$15, the cost is \$3 per pint, which is 25 cents cheaper than they charge at Handel's for a pint! They are a great addition to a thank you note or birthday card! And they make one heck of a PEEK prize for October 6... (hint hint)

Kelly Plishka

Seasonal Reflection for October

As we enter October, who can help but think of Halloween and all that goes along with it? I have always loved the costumes, magick, and mystery as well as the beauty of the seasonal changes. But what is the real meaning behind Halloween and it's association with haunted houses, ghosts, Witches and black cats?

There is much folklore surrounding this holiday. Ancient people believed that this was the time of year when the veil between the worlds of life and death was thinnest. It is a time of beauty, but also a time of dying when all that was vibrant returns to the mother, leaving us with a barren landscape as we head into winter.

Because of it's association with death, Halloween has come to represent things that people fear or don't understand, especially under the influence of Hollywood. But if we get to the core of this season, it is a beautiful time to honor our ancestors and other's who have passed on, offer gratitude, and appreciate that life is an endless cycle of endings and beginnings.

The Pagan name for Halloween is Samhain (pronounced sow-en), which means summer's end. As this summer winds down, I offer thanks to this wonderful community for a great year of friendships formed and memories made together. Blessings to all in this magical season.

Julie Trainer, Kent CUUPS

Thanks to Parade Volunteers

Thanks to everyone who helped with our entry in the Kent Bicentennial Parade, "140 Years of Standing Witness." This was organized by the 140th Anniversary Task Force as part of the celebration of this anniversary of the church. Committee members for the parade were Jane Krimmer, Kathy Wilen, Saunis Parsons, Liz Erickson, and Martha Kluth. Walkers were Susan Goeckler, Ed Stolish, Joel Slater, Esther Duncan, Saunis Parsons (who organized the hymn singing we did), Tracy Parsons, Reid Parsons, Jane Krimmer, Mary Lou Holly, Mike Lee, Melissa Ziemer and family dog, Migo, Martha Kluth, Vivian Sandlund, and Ana, LoriMcGee and Lianne. Thanks to all!

Martha Kluth

Notes from the RE Director

Like our Youth, the newly renovated Youth Room on the third floor is fresh, groovy and friendly. The Youth now truly have a place in the church building to call their own and I couldn't be happier for them. The room will be home for both the middle school (grades 6-8 during the first service) youth and the high school (grades 9-12 during the second service) youth. A project that was initiated by the youth and their advisors was seen through to completion with the generous donation of materials and the extensive labor of Jim Scott and Randy R.

The youth activities, however; are not limited to their room. This summer Youth Chaplains Lauren Straubhaar and Luke Scott hosted an outdoor bridging ceremony/ luau party at the Straubhaar home. The ceremony celebrated and welcomed the 6th graders who joined the middle school Youth Group this year.

Looking ahead on the Religious Education calendar, I am pleased to announce the return of some favorite activities. There is considerable buzz around the idea of a church haunted house. Kids who are now in high school have fond memories of a third floor Halloween celebration and now they want to give those memories to all the kids of the UU church. I have no doubt that this group will put together a class act to remember.

Another return is Secret Friends. This intergenerational game will be held in the spring and will give adults a chance to get to know the awesome kids. Kids will be paired with adult volunteers. The kids will not know who they are paired with (hence the secret part), but the adult will be given their friend's name. Over the course of a few weeks the secret pair will exchange letters, artwork or small items. At the end, the pairs will be revealed. Many still tell me about the surprise fun they had participating in this activity.

Have any ideas for activities you would like to see on the RE calendar, just let me know. This fall I will be in the church office Tuesdays through Fridays from 10AM to 3PM. If those times do not fit your schedule, call me and we can set up a time that works. You can always leave me an email at dre-uukent@sbcglobal.net. I would also like to encourage families and RE teachers to check out the online RE calendar. I have uploaded all the events and happenings in RE, including district high school cons, onto the online calendar. There is even an option to print out the calendar so families and teachers can have super easy access to the RE events.

I would also like to remind ALL families that we need to have a current green Religious Education Registration form on file for ALL kids in our program. These forms are important because they are used to track attendance numbers and to inform teachers of any special concerns for your children. Please check with your child's RE teacher this Sunday if you have any questions about the form.

Looking forward to another awesome fall,

Michelle Culley, Director of Religious Education

October 2006

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Tai Chi: 7:00 Advanced, 7:30 Intermediate, 8:00 Beginner - Yoga and Tai Chi are held in Fessenden Hall
*EA- Eldredge Annex; FH- Fessenden Hall; FL- Founders' Lounge; S-Sanctuary
Calendar does not reflect changes or additions after September 15

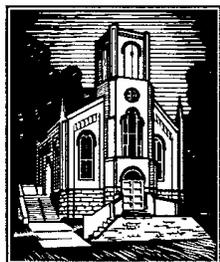
New Calendar System

As detailed at the September 20 Congregational Informational Meeting, we are implementing a new calendar system. Since we're now a bigger (and better!) congregation, our old system of paper calendar and pencil is now woefully inadequate and unwieldy. Soon, you'll be able to access a frequently updated church calendar via a link on our website. Until then, you can see the calendar at <http://www.localendar.com/public/uukent>

Don't have Internet access or really hate computers? Not to worry, paper versions of the same calendar will be available in the weekly *Thread from the Web* and monthly *Chalice Flame* newsletter.

Judy Brannan

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Small Group Ministry Drop In Group

Are you interested in Small Group Ministry, but not able to participate in a regular group? The October drop-in group will be held Tuesday, October 17 from 7 pm - 9 pm (precisely!) in the small room off of the sanctuary. No registration is required. Just come!

Pledge Statements

We hope to have quarterly pledge statements in the mail sometime during the first week of October. Be on the look-out for yours. Meanwhile, information about your pledge status can still be accessed through the Icon Systems web site.

Judy Brannan

Celtic Clan Schedule

10/2/06 7PM Woodlands at Robinson
10/9/06 7:30 PM Practice in Sanctuary
10/16/06 No Practice
10/23/06 7:30 PM Practice in Sanctuary
10/30/06 7PM Stow Glenn Assisted Living.

Coffee Hour.....or Business Meeting????

Overheard at a recent dinner: "When I first came to UUCKent, people came up and talked to me during coffee hour. Now, it seems like it's a time for a quick committee meeting."

Is this YOU? Let's try and leave the committee meetings and day planners behind and meet a few new friends during coffee hour. After all, isn't that why we came downstairs in the first place?

Linda Mishler

Womenspirit Discussion Meeting at Kent UU

Sat., Oct. 21 10:30-12:30 in the Lounge.

Discussion of possible Womenspirit Retreat next spring or next year. This is a District-wide meeting. Anyone who is interested in working on this program is welcome. For more information, contact Martha Kluth.

Handicap Parking at Church

If you or your group is planning an event at church, please remember to think about handicap parking for those attending. All you have to do is remove the black "slipcovers" from the handicap parking signs behind Eldredge Annex, and replace them at the conclusion of the event.

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