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What do Unitarian Universalists believe? No matter how many times I am asked that question I am sorry to say that my response has consistently been less than eloquent. But thanks to the Rev. Tom Chulak that may be about to change. This summer at the Unitarian Universalist Leadership Team Institute I attended, Tom observed that many if not most Unitarian Universalists stumble around when we try to respond to the question about what we believe. The problem, he said, is that the question doesn't work for us. Unitarian Universalists are not bound by common belief. Instead we are bound by common commitment, by a set of shared promises about how we will be together religiously. Unitarian Universalists are bound by covenant.

The story of our covenantal history goes back to the 17th century when our Puritan ancestors immigrated to this country from Europe in search of religious freedom. Shortly after they arrived, the folks back home found themselves in need of some clarification about the "faith and church order of England." They convened a year long conference which resulted in a new and clarified doctrine entitled the Winchester Confession of Faith.

The Puritan dissenters in America decided it was important to respond to the new confession, so they convened a meeting called the Cambridge Synod to which lay and ministerial representatives from all the New England churches were invited. The document that resulted from their gathering is called the Cambridge Platform.

In many ways the Cambridge Platform affirmed the Winchester Confession. Where it differed was in the matter of church organization and governance. And there it differed dramatically. The Cambridge Platform insisted that churches were not to be governed by any church hierarchy or authority, but rather by the people of the church themselves who freely covenanted to walk together in faith.

Though our own contemporary religious expression has little in common with the theology and anthropology affirmed in the Cambridge Platform, our polity, our way of being church is fundamentally informed by that document. Our churches are free institutions made up not of people who think alike, but rather made up of people who promise alike. The commitments we make about how we will be church are our covenant.

Here at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent our covenant is implicit. This fall we will have the opportunity to make our covenant explicit, to do the work of naming the commitments we made to one another when we chose to join this free religious community. You will find more details about our church covenanting process and instructions for registering inside this newsletter. I am looking forward to our conversations and feel confident that they will be a rewarding and strengthening experience for us as a church. Not only that, I think it may also help us be more prepared to speak powerfully about our church next time we are asked.

What do Unitarian Universalists believe? That question doesn't really work for us. But let me tell you a story . . .

In faith,

*Melissa*



## October Sermons

October 7                    **Angels with Feathers, Fins, and Fur**                    Lori McGee and Elaine Bowen  
 We will explore the relationship between people and the special animals in their lives: the ways they can help us heal and the love they give that we couldn't live without.  
*There will be a special collection for the Animal Protective League this service.*

October 14                    **Now is the Time**                    Rev. Melissa Carvill-Ziemer and Christie Anderson  
 We covenant to affirm and promote . . . so begins the preamble to the seven Unitarian Universalist principles. This Sunday we will explore and celebrate the covenantal tradition of our faith as we kick off our congregational covenanting process. We will also have the opportunity to take part in the Unitarian Universalist Association's exciting new comprehensive campaign to grow our faith.

October 21                    **God vs. Science**                    Rev. Melissa Carvill-Ziemer and Marion Yeagler  
 The debate between science and religion takes many forms. From beginning of life to end of life issues and everywhere in between the contest unfolds. This Sunday we will explore the relationship between science and religion from our unique Unitarian Universalist perspective.

October 28                    **The Language of Loss**                    Rev. Melissa Carvill-Ziemer and Kristofer Sperry  
 The language of loss is at once universal and profoundly particular. All of us grieve the reality of death while no two of us do so in exactly the same way. A meditation on the themes of death and dying, this service will also include an opportunity to remember those who we have loved and lost.



## Message from the Moderator

This month our church will be embarking on the process of developing a congregational covenant, and in the Spring we will be revisiting our church mission and vision statements. All of these documents are important statements of who we are and how we want to be in the world and with each other. It will be a time for us to think about what values define our congregation. I encourage all members and friends to participate on Sunday afternoon October 14 as we begin our discussion of a congregational covenant.

Another way we live our values is through the choices we make as we develop our church budget. Several years ago, the congregation voted to commit to paying our employees a fair wage. We approached this as an issue of social justice, and worked hard to raise staff pay to within the fair compensation salary ranges recommended by our denomination. It has been a point of pride for us to make this commitment. Last year we had to face some financial challenges, and after a discussion with the congregation, the church did have a successful canvass (pledge) drive that allowed us to meet our basic financial needs this year.

Unfortunately, we were not able to give raises to our very fine staff. As a result, the minister has not received an increase to her salary since she arrived in September 2005, and the rest of our staff have not received a pay raise since January 2006. Recently the Board reaffirmed our commitment to meeting the fair compensation guidelines, and the Personnel Committee has recommended pay raises for all employees for next year. How much we can follow through on those intentions will depend on the results of this Fall's canvass.

By the time you read this article I will have already attended a district workshop for congregational presidents. I look forward to gaining new insights on leadership from our district executive and from other congregational presidents. Serving you this year has been interesting and at times challenging, but it has also provided me with many opportunities for personal growth and for developing relationships with other lay leaders.

In faith and fellowship, Kathy Kerns  
 Moderator, Board of Trustees

## Denominational Affairs

We have a lot going on outside the four walls of our beloved Kent Church. Our denomination's annual General Assembly (GA) in Portland, OR was quite a treat. There are three emerging efforts to get our congregations more involved. First, we have started our first ever four year study action process -- Peacemaking. As expected (Kent has a well earned reputation as being an activist church) we are in the thick of it. We have formed our own peacemaking group (please let me know if you want to join us) that has already had a meeting on "Building a Culture of Peace". We will be conducting a series of Peacemaking programs in November as part of Adult Religious Exploration. Two, it is time that we UUs begin the periodic process of reviewing our UU Principles. Melissa will conduct a service on this in October and it will be followed up in Adult RE. Third, our UUA continues a process "to give GA back to the congregations". For some time our church leaders have been given financial incentives to go to GA. This year, our UUA Board of Trustees has severely limited UU affiliate groups' impact on GA programming -- to give congregations more control of the workshops, etc. Hopefully, as our Church has been doing, other UU congregations will become more involved on the UU denominational governance process.

If you would like to learn more about Denominational Affairs, please see me. There is indeed a UU universe out there.

Peace, Mac Goekler  
denominational affairs coordinator

## September Congregation Information Meeting

September 26th at 7 pm in the sanctuary is our next congregational meeting! The agenda is: the Partner Church Program, Fair Share Compensation, the Canvass Campaign, and Mission / Vision / Covenant. Please bring your comments, questions and ideas. See you then!

*Lori McGee*

## Concert Success

Thanks to everyone who helped organize, provided refreshments and attended the 4 Shillings Short concert in August. If you were there, you know it was wonderful, and we made \$185 for the church.

## Tracking Donations and Pledges

As we kick off our yearly all-church canvass campaign, this seemed like a good time to talk about how to make sure your contributions are properly tracked. With new IRS rules in effect, it is even more important that we be able to give you a timely and accurate statement of your donations!

In order for us to credit each donation to the correct person, we need to be able to track it back to you. Envelopes are provided in the pews for your use; you can enclose your cash payment in the envelope, marking your name on the outside. You can also indicate whether the donation is a pledge payment or for a special purpose, such as the Social Justice Committee's special collections. If you are paying by check, you can either indicate on the check itself what the donation is for, or use an envelope. If there is no name on the envelope or check, or if you simply drop cash into the basket as many people do, we have no way of knowing who that money came from!

Once the collection is made, our Financial Secretary, Dan Hayes, enters the information into our secure, online database. You can have access to your own records on that database if you would like to keep a close eye on your donations. We send out statements via regular mail or email once each quarter. We do the best we can to ensure that these statements are accurate, but we are only human and errors do occur. (Also, if you have not given your name and address to our membership committee, you may not even be in our database!) If you notice an error on your statement, please let me know and it can be corrected. I will ask you to give me dates and amounts, in writing so that I can better enter the correct data. Unless it's the last statement of the year, I won't send out a new statement; rather, the corrections will appear on the next statement.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, or if you would like access to your online records.

*Beth Wills*



## Pew Etiquette

In consideration of those who arrive after you, unless, of course, you NEED to sit at the end, please move to the center of the pew, so that others do not have to climb over you.

Thank you from the membership committee, in the interest of making our sanctuary a more welcoming space.

## Special Collection for the Portage County APL

Expanding on the theme of this month's first service - how we love our animals and what they mean to us - the Social Justice Committee has designated the Portage County APL for the month's special collection. The collection will take place during the services Sunday, Oct 7. There's a rumor that the children will have a surprise for us during first service as well!

Knowing that the APL's needs are many, the idea was proposed that we also do a month-long collection of supplies for the shelter. There are many items that the shelter can use. A more comprehensive list will be posted on the bulletin boards, but the wish list includes name-brand canned and dry food, treats, litter, toys, towels, blankets, (dog) collars, cleaning supplies, and office supplies. All the pet supplies mentioned are needed for both cats and dogs.

Please remember to bring something with you throughout the month to let our furry friends know how greatly they are loved!

### Register Now for Congregational Covenanting!

Please plan to gather with members and friends of the church as Rev. Melissa Carvill-Ziemer leads us in our first session on congregational covenanting, **Sunday, October 14, 2007** following the second service. Lunch (salad bar) and child care will be provided. Please bring beverage, bread, or dessert to share. We will begin with lunch at 12:30, followed by covenanting work from 1:30-3:30. To register, please contact Judy in the church office ([uukent@sbcglobal.net](mailto:uukent@sbcglobal.net); 330-673-4247). And be sure to reserve Sunday November 11 on your calendar for the follow-up meeting! If you have questions or would like further information, please feel free to contact any of the following members of the Master Plan Committee: Bill Eldredge, Mary Lou Holly, Jane Krimmer, Rhonda Richardson.

### Art for the Art Auction

Calling all artists and art collectors! Do you have a piece or two that you would like to donate to our auction? November 3rd, the date of our *Evening in Wonderland* is coming up fast. Contact: Trish McLoughlin

## The Truth about Global Warming

R. Thomas Myers, Emeritus Professor of Chemistry at Kent State University, will be presenting research about global warming at the UUCK on Friday, Oct 5, at 7.00p. He has been following the literature on global warming for 25 years. In fact, he wrote an article "Skiing in the Greenhouse" for Snow Country magazine in 1991, in which he predicted the end of snow skiing in the eastern U.S., except at high altitudes. The Boston Mills Ski Resort did not open last winter until the middle of January. This was not due to lack of snow; the weather was not cold enough to make snow. This is a hint that his prediction will come true. After giving the facts about global warming, Myers will focus on what we should be doing to mitigate it. We are the key to decreasing global warming. With 4% of the world's population, the U.S. emit 24% of all greenhouse gases. Based on this criterion, the U.S. is the most overpopulated nation on Earth. Indeed, the basic problem is that there are too many people.

Skeptics are welcome at the presentation.

### Hogwarts is on the Move

Have you ever wanted to assist in a potions lab? How about teaching Arithmancy? Or are you inclined to do some Transfiguration? Or even better, a Kitchen Witch? Well, this is your chance. Contact Becky Haines.

Our possible projects are just the coolest. We need someone to coordinate the BUS TRIP TO HARRY POTTER LAND at Universal Studios in 2009! So what do you think? Does this sound like fun? How about Camp Hogwarts in June? Or Winter Hogwarts? Or a bonfire? Or a really cool game of Quidditch? Just see Becky.

### Membership News...

We are excited to welcome these new members:

Denise Snyder-Markovich

Rachel Beale

Nicole Hroncich

Jason Zavodny

Lois Weir

Jennifer May



Our membership now stands at 193.

*Kay Clatterbuck*

## Buckeye Season

I know the season is called Fall, but I joked with a friend that it is more like "buckeye season" instead of Fall. Alas, for all the Ohio State Buckeye fans -- I am not referencing the sports team. I am referring to the buckeye seeds that fall from buckeye trees. Their green prickly pods break free from the tree to find themselves landing in or on new terrain.

The prickly buckeye seedpods begin to turn shades of brown and split open. At that time, the jubilation of buckeye seasons begins as children begin to find the shiny, smooth, round nut. They love to experience the perfect fit between the buckeye and the palm of a hand. It feels wonderful, comforting and exhilarating to have this new found treasure in hand touching skin. This experience is best when it is shared with others.

My son is experiencing buckeye season and is dedicated to the art of collecting buckeyes. Hence, my bookshelves at home have become lined with buckeyes. I am not attempting any new home décor. It is more of a survival skill. My goal is to contain the buckeye infiltration, to stop them from being littered about the house and found moldy or in other stages of decomposition. I laugh at my feeble attempt, thinking that I could contain the power of a seed.

Yet, it is precisely buckeye season that makes me smile and remember that it is necessary to plant and honor seeds. Seeds are that which carry us on into new seasons and adventures – new terrain if you will. **Two religious education curriculums have begun, @ 9:30 and 11:15.** Both promise to be wonderful. Thirty individuals have made the commitment to our children and youth's UU religious education. Thank you. Offering is now a part of the RE experience. Giving and Receiving are inseparable. You are invited to experience the terrain of RE, the familiar and unfamiliar! Both promise to be exciting and full of opportunities. Buckeye season invites us into a relationship with ourselves and others. This experience is best when it is shared with others.

*Diana VanWinkle*

### New U Class

New to our church? Want to learn more about Unitarian Universalism? We're holding an introductory class in November - be on the lookout for more information in the Thread from the Web.

*Kay Clatterbuck*

## Among Ourselves

Meita Marshall, a longtime member of this congregation, has relocated from the Stow Glenn nursing facility to the Louisville Center for Rehabilitation and Nursing Care (located at 7187 St. Francis Street N.E. in Louisville, Ohio). If any of you find yourselves headed in that direction, it would be wonderful if you could stop and say hello. A phone call would also brighten her day. Meita's daughter suggests that the best way to call is to dial the main number, 330-875-4224, and request to speak to Meita's nurse. Ask the nurse to set Meita up for a phone call, including making sure that her hearing aid is turned on. The best time to call is in the evenings between 6:00 and 8:00 p.m.

### Church Library to Open October 21

The Library Action Team continues with preparations for the opening of the new library on Sunday, October 21. We are ordering books, moving in shelves, and changing the furniture. We continue to catalog donated books and to move some books out of the room that are to be housed elsewhere. We have decided that "Library of the UU Church of Kent" will be the name on our bookplates. Join us for our opening event the third Sunday in October!

*Library Action Team, Sally Burnell, Chair*



### The Saddest Sign

"WE NEED FOOD - PLEASE HELP" states the sign outside the Kent Social Services office and feeding center on South Water Street. I drive by it at least twice a week and it hurts my heart. The message is both stark and simple. If each of us who passes and reads this sign does not help, then who will???

During October, will each of you bring 1 non-perishable food item every Sunday for the donation baskets? It will not solve the problem but it will help relieve some of the hunger needs in our community.

*Elaine Yehle Bowen*

### Social Justice Committee News and Activities

**E**nergy and passions are rising in the Social Justice Committee. On Fri, Sept 14, the SJC was honored to be the co-sponsor (with the Portage County Coalition for Sanctuary) of an educational, inspiring, and thoughtful presentation by David Hassler and Gary Harwood on their work and experiences with the migrant farm worker community in Hartville. The next event currently scheduled is Tom Myers' presentation on global warming, a topic he has been studying for 25 years; that presentation will be held on Fri, Oct 5 at 7.00p.

Many other projects are underway, though. At our last SJC meeting, most of the conversation was on two issues that are buzzing in the news and will play an important role in American politics for the foreseeable future - the need for health care reform and the ongoing War in Iraq. We are hoping to host a discussion forum on health care reform that will feature 3 or 4 representatives or experts of various positions, who will share their thoughts, insights, and experiences with regard to this issue. We also expect to show a related movie the same weekend.

The War in Iraq has only become a more politically and emotionally charged topic as time has gone on and the situation there has seemed to stagnate. As presidential candidate hopefuls compete for pre-primary voter confidence and reports and every report that comes out contradicts not only the last one but all the previous reports, this issue will remain a live wire for some time to come. In November, we will be taking some time to reflect on not only this war but the concept of war and what it means to us as individuals, as members of a religious community, and as Americans.

Is there something you'd like to see that we're missing? Do you ever wonder what we do or how you can be more socially active? Come to a meeting - they will be held the first Sunday every month after second service. Can't stay? Any member of the committee would love to hear your comments, thoughts, questions, etc - and I especially would welcome whatever you have to offer.

In peace and love, *kristina*

The **Finance Committee** will meet Wednesday, October 3 at 6 p.m. in the Annex. We are working on Financial policies to cover all aspects of the church's financial affairs. Anyone is welcome to attend.

### Renowned Theologian to Speak at West Shore

Biblical Scholar, Jesus Seminar Participant, and World Renowned Theologian John Dominic Crossan will be the keynote speaker at a series of lectures to be held at West Shore Unitarian Universalist Church, on Saturday, November 3, 2007, from 9 am to 3 pm. Co-sponsored by the UU Christian Fellowship and the Cleveland Ecumenical Institute, this lecture series entitled "The Historical Paul Then & Now: An Appealing or Appalling Apostle" is sure to enlighten, amuse, confound or confirm its listeners. This lecture series is part of a weekend of UU Christian "Revival"- an annual gathering of UU Christians. This event is open to all. Cost for the one day lecture series is \$40.00; for the entire weekend, \$130.00. Call Kathleen Rolenz at 440-333-2255 ext. 115 for more information, or visit the [www.uuchristian.org/revival](http://www.uuchristian.org/revival) website for complete details.

### Special Congregational Meeting & Vote

There will be a special congregational meeting and vote held on October 14, 2007 at 10:45 am in the sanctuary as a result of a proposal to revise the Minister's pay for 2007. Quorum is needed at this meeting, so please plan to attend. Absentee ballots will be accepted by active members who provide a written statement to the Moderator (Kathy Kerns) prior to the meeting. This statement should present the member's position clearly enough that the Moderator can interpret the member's intention. Absentee ballots are not counted for quorum. This is an important issue, so I again urge everyone to attend. Thank you.

*Lori McGee*

### Weekly Meditation

Meditation Group: Wednesday evenings from 7-8 pm in Fessenden Hall.

Boost your meditative practice by sitting with supportive community for shared practice! We will check in briefly, share a reading, meditate for 20 - 30 minutes, and close with a brief sharing. Although this is not a "class", beginners are welcome and will receive some suggestions for meditation at the start of the meeting.

Contacts: Trish McLoughlin, Susanna Smart, Dianne Linehan, Hal Walker.

Bring: Items for your comfort (blanket, pillow), and your Beginner's Mind. (Your choice to sit in chair or on floor, or to recline.)

## Envision Our Masterpiece - Paint Our Canvass

Hello everyone from your 2007-2008 Stewardship Committee. We know it seems like we just HAD a canvass, and that is because, well, we did! Last year's fall canvass did not raise a sufficient amount in pledges to cover our 2007 budget, so we held a second, successful canvass, "Close the Gap," earlier this year.

The canvass for the 2008 church year kicks off on September 30, 2007 and this year we are extremely optimistic that we will meet or even exceed our goal, in one campaign! The finance committee has asked us to raise \$187,171.52, the most ever for our congregation. Of course, this year our congregation is larger, growing faster, and more vibrant than ever! We believe that we can harness that energy, and hope that each of you will contribute what you can to ensure that 2008 in our church is all we hope for and want it to be!

The canvass will be launched from the pulpit on September 30. The theme of our campaign and the title of the sermon is "Envision our Masterpiece. Paint our Canvass." A canvass kick-off potluck will be held after the second service in Fessenden Hall. At the potluck, look for our theme related activities! If you have questions about the potluck, contact committee member Joanne Slease.

We are very fortunate this year to have 20 volunteer canvassers. (Thank you, volunteer canvassers!) They will be participating in canvass training and will be contacting YOU to invite you to a canvass dinner or other social gathering, to discuss your hopes and dreams for our church, and to assist you in considering what type of financial pledge, if any, you can make to support the church in 2008.

If you have any questions or comments about this year's campaign, please contact a committee member: Chris Hurlbut, Linda Mishler, Joanne Slease, Kathy Walker, and Marion Yeagler. ENVISION!

### Chat With the Board

The Board welcomes the congregation to participate in the next "Coffee Chat with the Board" session on October 21st at 10:45 a.m. in the sanctuary. There is no formal agenda; bring your kudos, comments and questions! See you there!

## Celebration of Scholarship

Kent State's Celebration of Scholarship this year includes a week of exciting and educational events and activities beginning Monday September 24<sup>th</sup>. Most events are open to the public – especially the community of which we are a vital part – and free.

The website where people can register (FREE) for the excellent session presented by Kenneth Gergen on Monday, September 24 is <http://dept.kent.edu/rags>. Kenneth is author of the book The Saturated Self and brother of political intellectual David Gergen of Bill Clinton's crew. The talk will include "Relational Ethics in Research and Societal Practice" and lunch with conversation following. Monday at 7:30pm will host internationally known philosophy scholar Kwame Anthony Appiah (Princeton) on "Cosmopolitanism: Ethics in a World of Strangers".

Tuesday night is KSU's own international anthropologist Owen Lovejoy speaking on "The Chimpanzee has no clothes: Integrating the Ancient Roots of Human Behavior."

Wednesday has Kent State University's own Creative Scholar-Weaver Janice Lessman-Moss as keynote speaker at lunch (FREE) where this year's awards will be presented. One of the nominees is either a UU or a very good friend of many UUKs: Nancy Docherty (David Brokaw was the church accountant for awhile).

*Mary Lou Holly*

### Sunday Yoga

Sunday Yoga and Meditation from 4-6 pm has resumed and will continue as long as class attendance stays up. Heidi will share teaching with Barb Williams. Plans are to incorporate more teachers into the class so we can be exposed to different meditation practices and approaches. Please let me know if you know of a meditation teacher that would like an opportunity to share. Class is mostly moderate yoga with meditation at the end. Beginners are welcome. People needing a gentle approach might try Monday classes first. Cost is \$10 per class; passes are also acceptable.

### Pilates

Wednesday from 7 to 8 pm. \$50 in advance, \$60 on day of class. The fee pays for six classes.

Classes are held at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent.

*Heidi Shaffer*

### Interfaith Fast Day for Peace

Did you know that fasting is part of our UU heritage? The tradition began with the Puritans, who every year recognized both a day of thanksgiving as well as a day of prayer and penitence, which was marked with a fast.

This year, the Shalom Center is calling for people of all faith traditions to participate in an Interfaith Fast Day for Peace, which will take place on Mon, Oct 8 (Columbus Day). The UUA is one of many religious organizations that is co-sponsoring this event.

The purpose of this fast is to call for an end to the Iraq War and will go from dawn to dusk. If you would like more information, you can find it at <http://interfaithfast.org/>.

Please join in this call for peace as your conscience dictates and as you are able.

### Tai chi --

a non-impact "meditation in motion." Although you can study it for a lifetime, by coming you do not make a commitment for any number of sessions -- come when you can. You are welcome to start any Monday night. Wear loose fitting clothing, as it is participatory. Questions? Contact Susan Goekler, certified tai chi instructor with the Tai Chi Association of Atlanta, GA.

7:00 Advanced

7:30 Intermediate

8:00 Beginner



### Evolution DVDs Available

As noted in last month's Chalice Flame, available for borrowing are 3 DVD's of Michael Dowd's presentations on the marriage of science and religion in exploring the story of creation. The DVD's were purchased and generously made available by Jo DeWilde and Swanny and Ted Voneida. To borrow the DVDs, contact Christie Anderson.

### Sermons on the Web

Recordings of some sermons are available at the church website, <http://www.kentuu.org/>. They can be downloaded or heard directly online, thanks to Mike Plishka (and me).

*Brad Bolton*

### Volunteers Needed - Help Your Friends and the Environment

For over a year, a handful of us UUs have been volunteering second Wednesdays of each month at the County Clothing Center in Ravenna. We work from 10AM to 2PM, alongside volunteers from Immaculate Conception Church in Ravenna. Our church has been asked if we could also provide volunteers on the fourth Wednesdays of each month.

The Center takes in about 30 TONS a month of clothing, shoes, bedding, household goods, and toys and offers them free of charge to all comers. The operation also provides a major recycling opportunity, and keeps tons of usable items out of landfills.

Volunteers sort donations, discard soiled or damaged items, put clothes on hangers and assist customers and donors. There are also opportunities to volunteer on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6 to 8PM.

Interested? contact Caroline Arnold

### Transylvania English Teacher and Program Coordinator Needed

Entering its eleventh year, the English instruction program in Transylvania supports English language teaching for Unitarian ministry students at the Protestant Theological Institute in Cluj/Kolozsvar, Romania. The program is sponsored and administered by Meadville Lombard Theological School and is partially funded by the Unitarian Universalist Partner Church Council.

Meadville Lombard is seeking a half-time, permanent English Teacher/Coordinator to ensure English language proficiency among Unitarian ministerial students. S/he will also work with ministerial interns from North America who will assist in the work.

An ideal candidate will either be a native speaker of English or a non-native speaker who has studied the language at the highest level possible. This candidate should have several years' experience teaching, have excellent communication skills and be able to delegate responsibilities effectively.

The position opens January 2008. Review of applications will begin immediately and will be considered until October 31, 2007. For more information or to apply, please send a letter of interest and a CV to Steven Mitchell.

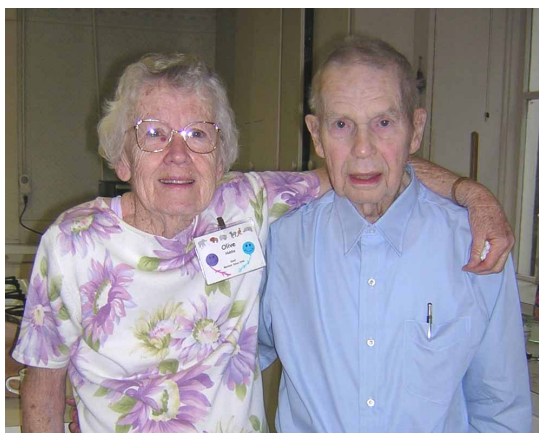


### October Church Events

<p><b>30</b> Church Canvass Campaign (all month) 12:15-3:00 Canvass kickoff potluck 4-6 Yoga 6:30 Adult Choir (S) 7-9:00 AA (FH)</p>	<p><b>1</b> 10:15a Gentle yoga 5:15 Gentle yoga 7-8:30 Tai chi 7:30 - Celtic Clan (S)</p>	<p><b>2</b> Thread/Web deadline 5:15 Mod. Yoga 7:00 Challenging Yoga 7-9 BYOT (EA) 7-10 Comm. On Ministry (EA)</p>	<p><b>3</b> 9:30 Yoga 1-3 Praxis (EA) 6-8 Finance Comm. (EA) (p6) 7-8 Meditation (FH)(p6)</p>	<p><b>4</b> 10:15 Yoga 1-3 Sanctuary in use 5:30 Yoga</p>	<p><b>5</b> Fall Walden trip thru Sunday 7-7:20a Morning meditation 7:30-8:30a Yoga 7-10p SJC - Global warming program (p4)</p>	<p><b>6</b> 9a-1:30p RE start-up</p>
<p><b>7</b> 12:30-2:30 Social Justice mtg. (FH) 6:30 Adult Choir (S) 7-9:00 AA (FH)</p>	<p><b>8</b> 10:15a gentle Yoga 5:15 gentle Yoga 7:00 Tai chi 7:30 Clan (S)</p>	<p><b>9</b> Thread/Web deadline 9-12p Campus Ministers (FH) 5:15 Mod. Yoga 7:00 Challenging Yoga 7-9 Our Many Lives (EA)</p>	<p><b>10</b> 9:30a Yoga 7-8 Meditation (FH) 7:15-10:15 Board mtg. (EA)</p>	<p><b>11</b> 10:15 Yoga 5:30 Yoga 7-9 Men's group (EA)</p>	<p><b>12</b> 7-7:20a Morning meditation 7:30-8:30a Yoga</p>	<p><b>13</b> 6-9p Movie: War Made Easy (S)</p>
<p><b>14</b> 10:45 Congregation vote (p6) 12:30-3 Congregational Covenanting (p4) 6:30 Adult Choir (S) 7-9:00 AA (FH)</p>	<p><b>15</b> Newsletter deadline 10:15 am gentle Yoga 5:15 gentle Yoga 7:00 Tai chi 7:30 Clan @ Stow Glen</p>	<p><b>16</b> Thread/Web deadline 5:15 Mod. Yoga 7:00 Challenging Yoga 7-9p BYOT (EA) 7:30-10 Master Plan Comm.</p>	<p><b>17</b> 9:30 am Yoga 7-8 Meditation (FH)</p>	<p><b>18</b> 10:15 Yoga 5:30 Yoga</p>	<p><b>19</b> 7-7:20a Morning meditation 7:30-8:30a Yoga 5:30-12a Youth Haunted House</p>	<p><b>20</b> 9-2 OMD Identity task force (EA) 7:00 Ravenna High Dance</p>
<p><b>21</b> 10:40-10:55 Chat With Board (p7) 12-2:30 Social Justice mtg. (EA) 4-6 Restorative Yoga 6:30 Adult Choir (S) 7-9:00 AA (FH) 8:30-10:30 Young Adult Soulful Sundown (S)</p>	<p><b>22</b> 10:15 am gentle Yoga 5:15 gentle Yoga 7:00 Tai chi 7-8 Clan (S)</p>	<p><b>23</b> Thread/Web deadline 5:15 Mod. Yoga 7:00 Challenging Yoga</p>	<p><b>24</b> 9:30 am Yoga 7-8 Meditation (FH)</p>	<p><b>25</b> 10:15 Yoga 5:30 Yoga</p>	<p><b>26</b> 7-7:20a Morning meditation 7:30-8:30a Yoga</p>	<p><b>27</b> 1-5 church wedding rental</p>
<p><b>28</b> 1-3p Children's Pictures of War (S) (p6) 6:30 Adult Choir (S) 7-9:00 AA (FH)</p>	<p><b>29</b> 10:15 am gentle Yoga 5:15 gentle Yoga 7:00 Tai chi 7-8 Clan @ Tower 43</p>	<p><b>30</b> Thread/Web deadline 5:15 Mod. Yoga 7:00 Challenging Yoga</p>	<p><b>31</b> 9:30 am Yoga 7-8 Meditation (FH)</p>	<p><b>1</b> 10:15 Yoga 5:30 Yoga 7-10 Sunday Pgm. Comm. (EA)</p>	<p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>3</b> 5-8p Evening in Wonderland Auction (S) (p4)</p>

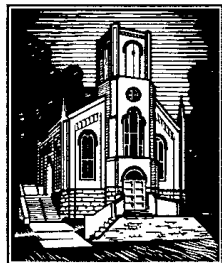
Tai Chi: 7:00 Advanced, 7:30 Intermediate, 8:00 Beginner - Yoga and Tai Chi are held in Fessenden Hall  
 \*EA- Eldredge Annex; FH- Fessenden Hall; FL- Founders' Lounge; L- Library; S-Sanctuary  
 Calendar does not reflect changes or additions after September 22

A complete and up-to-date church calendar can be viewed at <http://www.localendar.com/public/uukent> or through a link on our website at [www.uukent.org](http://www.uukent.org).



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### Out to Lunch Bunch

Join an informal, ever changing group of UUs who gather for lunch after 2nd service. During the month of October, we will go to China City in University Plaza every Sunday. If you need directions or have questions, contact Susan Goekler .



**New members Justin and Jacklyn Czekaj introduced the Polish horseshoe game at the church picnic**

### Book Club

On Tuesday, October 9, at 7 pm, we will meet at the home of Annie Brightbill, in Stow. This is off Charring Cross. We will read Wicked: the Life and Times of the Wicked Witch of the West by Gregory Maguire.

On Tuesday, November 13, at 7 pm, we will meet at the home of Martha Kluth. We will read and share with the group a novel of our choice by John Updike.



### Celtic Clan

10/1 7:30 PM to 8:45 PM Practice in Sanctuary  
10/8 7:30 PM to 8:45 PM Practice in Sanctuary  
10/15 7PM Stow Glen Assisted Living  
10/22 7:30 PM to 8:45 PM Practice in Sanctuary  
10/29 7PM Tower 43 in Kent