



# The Chalice Flame

The Monthly Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent

September 2008

**Sunday Services**  
9:30 and 11:15

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I started attending the Unitarian Society of Northampton and Florence when I was twenty-one years old. I quickly fell in love, not only with the church, but also with its liturgy. Of course I wouldn't have called it that then; I would have called it the Order of Celebration as the piece of paper I received each week was titled. I loved that we sang a doxology called Old 100<sup>th</sup> every Sunday and that everyone who had attended the church more than a handful of times knew the words and tune by heart. I loved the artistry of the Musical Interlude that always featured a guest from the community. And I loved the fact that the children and youth of the congregation began with us in the sanctuary each and every week. The little ones often sat on their parent's laps while the youth invariably claimed a corner of the balcony and sat as a pack. Every Sunday someone from the congregation would light the chalice – often a family would light it together. Sometimes I would find the words spoken during the chalice lighting the most moving part of the service. This was not because the rest of the service lacked luster but rather because the words spoken during that time came directly from the hearts of the people with whom I shared church.

The word liturgy comes from the Greek and means “the work of the people.” Our liturgy is a reflection of our identity and our values. Our liturgy structures our worship. It is important for the structure to be reliable enough so that we can trust it even as it is flexible enough to allow room for creative exploration. This is why we ask lay worship leaders and guests in our pulpit to include elements of our traditional liturgy when they are structuring the services they will offer.

Because liturgy is so important, I believe it is important not to change it too dramatically, too quickly or too often. And yet, because liturgy is so important, I believe it is important to continue to reflect on how and why we do things and to make modifications when we believe they will strengthen our services. Over the course of the last year the Worship Associates and I read a new book by the Rev. Kathleen Rolenz and the Rev. Wayne Aranson, co-ministers of West Shore Unitarian Universalist Church. Entitled *Worship that Works*, Wayne and Kathleen's book is an in-depth examination of many aspects of worship, including common Unitarian Universalist liturgical forms. After careful consideration, the Worship Associates and I decided to experiment with a few changes to our own liturgy. Some of the changes are small: we will be including a reading of our new covenant and the doxology I so love. Other changes are larger: we will begin delivering a blessing when the offering is received and including children in grades three and up to worship in the sanctuary for the first ten to fifteen minutes of each service.

I imagine this last change might be greeted by some of you with a bit of apprehension so I ask you to try to approach it openly. We want to make this change because we believe that if we are to help children and youth understand what it means to be Unitarian Universalist, they must have regular encounters with our way of worship. We hope that the children and youth will learn more about who we are religiously by joining in worship. We also hope that the adults will feel enriched by their presence and that we will more fully understand ourselves as an intergenerational religious community.

*“Melissa” continued* →

## September Sermons

September 7

*Pilgrimage*

Rev. Melissa Carvill-Ziemer and Diana VanWinkle, Director of Religious Education

**Today we return to two Sunday worship services at 9:30 and 11:15.**

The whole extended family is invited to join in our annual Ingathering service. This service will be the first in a five part series inspired by the five pillars of Islam. We will take each pillar in turn, considering how the particular wisdom and practice of Islam can inform and inspire us as Unitarian Universalists.

Please bring a small sample of water and soil (film container size) from a place that has been significant to you this summer to share in our Ingathering service. In a slight deviation from tradition, we ask you to answer two questions about the elements you bring prior to the service (see below). Slips of paper with the following questions will be inserted in the order of service in late August and early September. Alternatively, you may email your responses to our minister at [minister-uukent@sbcglobal.net](mailto:minister-uukent@sbcglobal.net)

Where is your water and soil from?

In what ways did the summer season gift you?

September 14

*Prayer*

Rev. Melissa Carvill-Ziemer and Worship Associate Kristofer Sperry

This second in our series on the five pillars of Islam will explore the practice of prayer. Observant Muslims pray five times each day. This morning we will explore authentic and meaningful Unitarian Universalist approaches to prayer.

September 21

*Fasting*

Rev. Melissa Carvill-Ziemer and Worship Associate Ted Voneida

In the midst of Ramadan, we will continue our series on the pillars of Islam with attention to fasting. Observant Muslims fast during daylight hours for the duration of Ramadan. We will consider how fasting and abstinence might fit in a Unitarian Universalist spiritual life.

September 28

*Almsgiving*

Rev. Melissa Carvill-Ziemer and Linda Mishler, Chair of the Stewardship Committee

The practice of Zakat requires that Muslims give a percentage of their income and assets to the poor each year. Inspired by this practice, we will consider the meaning of stewardship in our own religious context.

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**Melissa, cont'd.**

### Fall Picnic is September 7th

None of these changes are necessarily permanent. Consider them an experiment and offer us your feedback as you notice how they feel over time. The Worship Associates and I will be reconsidering these changes at our December meeting. And speaking of Worship Associates, we are recruiting some new members to join our team starting in January 2009. If you are interested in joining us, please let me know and I will give you more information and an application.

Let's all get together for one last summer party at Plum Creek Park! Our fall picnic will follow In-gathering on 9/7 at 1:00 p.m. in Shelter #1 of Plum Creek. This event is for everyone--members, friends, and visitors--so bring a dish to share, any games if you wish, and come have some fun! There will be maps on the brochure table in the Founder's Lounge if you need directions. Questions? Contact Judy in the church office, or Lori McGee. Hope to see you there!

See you in church,



## Moderator's Message

As September approaches, I want to share with you the highlights of Board of Trustees actions that have occurred over the summer months. The Board approved a motion authorizing the use of capital funds for the purchase of ceiling fans to be installed in the sanctuary. We also approved several new or revised policies, including: child and youth protection policy and procedures prepared by the Religious Education Committee; policy regarding disruptive behavior prepared by the Committee on Ministry; finance policies prepared by the Finance Committee. The Board also made appointments to three different committees that report directly to the Board:

- Elaine Yehle Bowen has been appointed to the Committee on Ministry. She will replace Kim Marfy who is stepping down after 6 years of service on the committee. Other members of the Committee on Ministry are Saul Flanner (co-chair), Kathie Slater (co-chair), Jay Grech, and Rev. Melissa Carvill-Ziemer (ex officio). The Committee on Ministry monitors and nurtures the health of the shared ministry of the congregation.
- Bailey Clegg has been appointed to the Master Plan Committee. Other members of the committee are Jane Krimmer (chair), Mary Lou Holly, Bill Eldredge, and Rev. Melissa Carvill-Ziemer (ex officio). The Master Plan Committee prepares and updates the vision state-

ment, mission statement and long-range plan of the church.

- Diane Kloss has been appointed to the Personnel Committee, replacing Kathie Slater. Other members of the committee are Linda Mishler and Kristofer Sperry. The Personnel Committee handles employment-related matters pertaining to church paid staff.

I hope you will join with the Board in welcoming Elaine, Bailey and Diane to their new positions and thanking Kim and Kathie for their dedicated service.

There are a multitude of other committees that require no formal Board appointment or invitation to join. Committee work can be a wonderful way to get to know other congregants and contribute to the life of the church while having fun at the same time. Please plan to attend the "committee fair" scheduled for September 21 between services and after the second service. Here you'll be able to learn about the work of all of our committees, from Aesthetics to Fund Raising to Upkeep. And, who knows, you just might find a new niche for yourself!

In service, faith and fellowship,  
Rhonda Richardson, Moderator

## Lights, Camera, Auction!

Auction planning is well under way and we are looking forward to another exciting (and profitable!) evening! Donation forms will be available beginning October 5<sup>th</sup> at coffee hour and should be returned by October 19<sup>th</sup> for inclusion in the raffle basket; final deadline for turning in your forms is October 26<sup>th</sup>. Tickets will be on sale at coffee hour beginning October 19<sup>th</sup> and are \$12 (in advance or \$15 at the door). The next auction planning meeting will be Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> in the annex. As the auction approaches, we'll be asking for help with several smaller tasks, like cooking, bottle-washing, ticket sales, and clean-up, so please don't run away if you see me at coffee hour with my trusty clipboard! Questions, ideas, or offers to help should be directed to Beth Wills. And if you haven't yet joined the fundraising email list, please consider signing up at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/uukentmoneymakers/>. You'll be in the loop for all the fun fundraising events that help our church so much!



**August was a month of fanciful clouds**

## Steve Sosebee to Speak at Church

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent is pleased to host Steve Sosebee, founder and President/CEO of Palestine Children's Relief Fund. On Friday, September 5 starting at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Sosebee will explain the work the Fund is doing with sick and injured children in Palestine, Iraq, Lebanon, and Syria. The Fund has a 17-year history of providing free medical care for sick and injured children. Some of the children helped by the Fund will probably accompany Mr. Sosebee during his presentation, which is open to the community. Steve was born and raised in Kent, OH and is a graduate of Kent State University.

*Susan Goekler*

### Next Stop: Our Future

Our stewardship campaign to fund church operations for January - June of 2009 is under way now. Our goal this fall is to raise \$95, 664 in pledges. We are hoping that those who pledged for 2008 will renew their pledges for the first six months of 2009, prorated accordingly. Again, this is to bring the stewardship drive in line with the church's new fiscal year, which will begin on July 1, 2009.

If you have not yet been contacted by one of our very friendly and well-informed canvassers, you are in for a treat! Each of them is excited to talk to you about our church community's dreams for the future and the important role financial pledges play in helping us pursue those dreams.

Once you have received and filled out your pledge card, you may return it directly to your canvasser, leave it in the box in the church foyer, place it in the mailbox in the Eldredge Annex, or give it to a member of the stewardship committee during coffee hour on Sunday mornings. There will be a table set up in Fessenden Hall. If you have not received a pledge card, blank ones will be available there as well.

In addition, some of you new to pledge drives and church fiscal years may have already attended a brunch, lunch, or dinner to learn more. There are additional meals planned for September. If you would like more information about these educational events, please contact Kim Marfy.

Each pledge made is a brick in the road to our dream, and our next stop is the future. We hope you will join us on the journey. Again, if you have any questions, please contact:

Chair: Linda Mishler  
Kristina Spaude  
Marion Yeagler

### Our Very Full Calendar

If you or your committee is planning an event or meeting at the church, please contact the church office as soon as you have a date set. We've got an increasingly full calendar with no real increase in available space. You can check out the calendar for space availability yourself at <http://www.localendar.com/public/uukent>. You can also link to our calendar through our church website. The earlier you book your event or church activity, the more likely it is that you'll be able to get your first choice of space.

Judy Brannan

### Wednesday Vespers

Our first Wednesday Vespers will be on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. The service, described as a 'Spirited Vespers for all Ages', will be preceded by a shared meal at 5:45. The meal will be provided free of charge, though donations will be gratefully accepted. The service will begin at 6:30 and will be led by our minister, the Rev. Melissa Carvill-Ziemer and our Director of Religious Education, Diana VanWinkle. Melissa and Diana have chosen 'Beginnings' as their theme for this first intergenerational service. We plan for the service to be energetic and engaging, with active participation from the congregation. All are welcome, and families with children are especially encouraged to attend.

The next service, on September 17<sup>th</sup>, will be 'Vespers for Renewal & Restoration'. It will begin at 7:00 pm. A social hour with light snacks will follow at 7:30. As the title implies, this service will encourage reflection, with a goal of uplifting the spirit. Children and youth are welcome to attend, though we ask that parents and guardians help them observe the reflective nature of this service. Child-care will be available for infants and toddlers. Melissa Carvill-Ziemer will lead this service entitled 'Meditations on the Autumn Equinox.' Participants are asked to bring a found or created blessing of fall – a leaf, a milkwood pod, a photograph taken, a painting painted or poem created or anything else that speaks to your spirit.

Both worship experiences will include short readings and music provided by members and friends of the congregation.

*Marion Yeagler*



### Library is Two Years Old

The church library is coming up on its second anniversary, and the Library Task Force is pleased with the interest the people of the church have shown in the library. We are looking forward to more activity as the fall begins.

Here are reviews of two books in our collection:

*Wisdom of the Elders: Sacred Native Stories of Nature* by David Suzuki and Peter Knudson. Suzuki and Knudson's extraordinary work powerfully reminds us that we are indeed one with the earth.

*The Essential Rumi* trans. by Coleman Barks with John Moyne. This book offers a beautiful rendering of the primary poetry of Rumi to both devoted enthusiasts and novice readers.

*Martha Kluth*

### Hogwarts Looking for a Few Good Assistants

Hogwarts is looking for volunteers to assist with ongoing positions. The positions include Property Master, Assistant Prefect Coordinator, Co-heads of House, people willing to assist with set up and clean up for Hogwarts events. To learn more about Hogwarts and these positions, visit [www.kenthogwarts.org](http://www.kenthogwarts.org) or call Sandy Bowers.

Hogwarts meetings are held the 1st Sunday of each month at 4pm in the church annex.

#### Congrats to Renee

Starting September 1st, member and ministerial student Renee Zimelis Ruchotzke will serve as the half-time consulting student minister for the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Greater Canton.

### Social Service Needs

Kent Social Services continues to need canned & boxed foods, soap, paper towels & toilet paper for clients whose food stamps run out before the end of the month. They also need volunteers to help pack grocery bags weekday mornings. Call 330 673 6963 for details.

**Universalist  
Church, Brimfield  
circa 1900**



### Caring Committee

The Caring Committee is looking for a few good people who care. We do a little babysitting, baking, cooking, dog watching, transporting, and many other things for members and friends of our congregation.

We try not to call on you more than 1-2 times a year, so the job for volunteers is not big. There are no meetings to attend.

If you feel that this is your calling and you are able to help out, please call Linda Mishler.

### Midwest Interfaith Immigration Summit: Mobilizing for Humane Reform

September 10 – 11, Fort Rapids Conference Center in Columbus, Ohio.

The UUA is joining with other faith communities to co-sponsor this two-day summit bringing together faith-based leaders and advocates to work toward educating and mobilizing their communities in support of fair and humane immigration reform. For more information or to register, go to [www.hias.org/midwest-interfaith-immigration-summit](http://www.hias.org/midwest-interfaith-immigration-summit)

*Susan Goekler*

### Social Justice Committee meeting

Sunday, September 14 after 2<sup>nd</sup> service in Fessenden Hall. Anyone interested in contributing to the church's social justice/ social action agenda for the fall should attend. Child care will be provided and we will order something to eat.

*Susan Goekler*

### Freedom House Dedication

Plan to attend the official dedication of Freedom House at 10 AM, Thursday, September 11, 2008, at Freedom House on Anita Drive in Kent. Our church contributed substantially to making possible this shelter for homeless veterans, and our own Matthew Slater is the director.

### Association Sunday Grants

A new grant program for growth and outreach was announced by the Ohio-Meadville District the week of August 11, 2008. Known as the Association Sunday Grants for Outreach and Growth, grants will be awarded this coming year to partnerships and clusters of congregations in the OMD for initiatives focused on various aspects of growth and outreach. Funds for the program were made available by those congregations who participated in Association Sunday in October 2007. Information about the new grant program and application forms were sent to all OMD ministers and congregational presidents and can also be found online at [www.ohiomeadville.org](http://www.ohiomeadville.org).

This coming October 12, 2008, Association Sunday will focus on support for increasing lay theological education opportunities and programs to promote excellence in ministry. More information about Association Sunday and how your congregation can participate may be found at <http://www.uua.org/giving/associationsunday/index.shtml>.

## Financial Corner

July and 2008 Year-to-date Financials for General Operating Fund:

	REVENUES	EXPENDITURES	REVENUES-EXP
JULY ACTUAL:	\$10911	\$14838	-\$2515
MONTHLY PLAN:	\$15766	\$16406	-\$ 787
YEAR-TO-DATE ACTUAL:	\$116972	\$100527	\$2869
YEAR-TO-DATE PLAN:	\$113535	\$105819	-\$8837

As the above numbers indicate, July actuals were below plan, but year-to-date actuals are still significantly above plan. Revenues did decrease in July compared to June, but the sum of June and July revenues was distinctly above plan. Expenses were about \$1600 under plan in July, about \$5300 under plan year-to-date.

Because of your continued pledge payments in the summer, including those who sent in checks while on vacation, we did not have to use any of the Cash Reserve Account in July. We appreciate your continued support of the church over the summer, and sincerely hope this continues so that we can minimize use of our reserves and avoid cash flow problems.

You will be contacted concerning your pledge for the first six months of 2009. The main reason for this stewardship campaign is that we have to develop a budget in October to use in planning church activities for Jan-June 2009. Your pledge is no more than your estimate of what you plan to give during the period. There is a problem in that while most members give [our Bylaws state this as a requirement of membership] many do not pledge. Once we get the pledges in September, they will be totaled and the Finance Committee will develop a budget for January-June 2009, based on the amount pledged. This will then go the Board and the membership for approval. If we don't hear of your plans during this process, we cannot develop plans for the money you will give. So while we always appreciate your donations, and we can always do more with more dona-



tions, we cannot PLAN to do more if you we do not know what your giving plans for the first half of next year are in September, so this can be used to develop the budget is during October and November.

Financial uncertainties are a fact of life in these uncertain economic times. But you know better than we do what you might be able to give. If you want to put down a range on your pledge card that is OK. If you want to discuss a special situation with me, or Linda Mishler, Chair of Stewardship Committee, or the stewardship person who contacted you, any of these things are no problem. To not tell us your plans in time to be included in the budget is a problem, since already we know that the committees and Staff who implement our plans are asking for more money in the first half of this year than the first half of last year.

Much of this difference can be made simply by those who give but did not fill out a pledge card last year telling us what they plan to in first half 2009 on a pledge card. If you can give more, of course we always love to hear about that, and it will enable us to do more.

If you made contributions in your name during the first half of 2008 and did not get a Contribution statement from the church, please contact me immediately. We will fix the situation.

Thanks again for your contributions and for helping us "tighten up" our financial process so we can better plan the activities of our beloved church.

Bob Erdman, Trustee for Finance

### Committee Fair - September 21<sup>st</sup>

Come one - Come all to the Committee Fair

During coffee hour and after the second service  
in Fessenden Hall

Meet representatives of the various  
committees in the church

Find out what they do – or don't

Maybe you would like to join?

Or ask a question or contribute an idea . . .

Food, Snacks & Drinks will be available

### September Special Offering

On May 12, 2008, U.S. immigration officials arrested 400 undocumented aliens working at Agriprocessors, a kosher meat packing plant in Postville, Iowa. The men were either summarily deported back to Mexico or Guatemala, or jailed, but 43 wives and 150 children were left behind, destitute. The women are not allowed to work, and now have been fitted with leg monitoring bracelets to prevent their leaving town. Read more at [www.commondreams.org/archive/2008/08/16/11032/](http://www.commondreams.org/archive/2008/08/16/11032/)

St. Bridget's Roman Catholic Church in Postville has stepped up and with a staff of only four people is trying to address the needs of the women and children. Our church Social Justice Committee has decided to make our special offering for September to the St. Bridget's Hispanic Ministry Fund to assist them in helping the immigrants and the people of Postville deal with this injustice.



### New U Class

New to our Church? If you are interested in membership or in just simply learning more about our larger faith and our own church community, you are welcome to attend our fall New U Class. Class will be held on Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 9:00-12:00 in the annex next door to the church. There will be a sign up sheet on the membership bulletin board (conveniently located next to the coffee pot in the Fellowship Hall). E-mail Kay Clatterbuck with any questions.

Welcome to the following folks who have joined our church community over the summer: Don Easterling, Marita Emmert, Cheryl Spaehr, Stephanie Summers, Charleen Race, Lee Brooker, Colleen Haines.

### "Who We Are" Kent UU Banner Design!

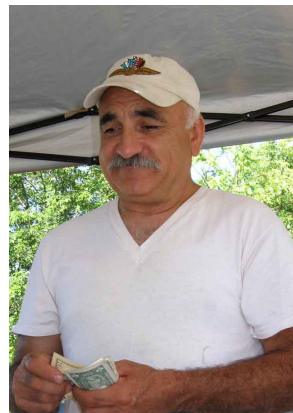
Calling all artists to take our new covenant, vision, and mission statements as inspiration for creating a new design for the Kent Unitarian-Universalist Church banner. Traditionally, banners are concrete visions that proclaim to all who we are and what we value.

Our current banner, in this writer's estimation, says that we are a lively, intergenerational group that values our UU traditions, our sense of place in the Tree City of Kent, learning, and outreach to the world. Can we build on this design to more fully state who we are in 2008?

Please check out our informational table in Fessenden Hall during coffee hour on September 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. The current UUCK banner will be displayed there as well as photos of other banners from around the district.

Designs can be submitted to Kathie Slater from September 1<sup>st</sup> through the end of October. The Banner Task Force will consider each design and select the top two or three entries to be voted on by the congregation during December.

Our goal is to have the new banner for display at the District Assembly March 27-28, 2009.



**Andy Esparza manning a booth at the Kent Farmer's Market**

### 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

### Chancel Pod

The Chancel Pod – the Pod of the Aesthetics committee that keeps the Chancel area looking good every week will have a meeting between services on Sunday September 21. The main focus of this committee at present is to pick a design for a new Chalice for our sanctuary.

We will also be setting up our fundraisers for fall (mums) and winter (poinsettias).

Anyone interested in helping us out, please contact Paulette Thurman or Stephanie Summers.

### Photos from Summer Institute

can be enjoyed at  
[www.proftalon.smugmug.com](http://www.proftalon.smugmug.com)



### Michael Pollan Speaks

Michael Pollan, author of [The Omnivore's Dilemma: A Natural History of Four Meals](#), one of the inspirations for Melissa's Earth Day service on local, sustainable food, will be speaking at Oberlin College on Tuesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. If you're interested in carpooling or caravanning to see him, contact Beth Wills.

### Rumor Has It..... Kia Heartwood

Save the Date!! November 1 & 2! Kia Heartwood and her Wishing Chair is coming to Kent!

There will be a concert on Saturday night to help defray her costs. We hope to provide a dinner beforehand.

Sunday, November 2, she will sing and preach at BOTH services!

Contact any member of the Sunday Programming Committee or Music Committee for more information.

### Small Group Ministry (SGM) Registration!

The upcoming SGM year will start in October and run through May. The opportunity to register for the popular SGM program will take place on three Sundays, Sept. 7, Sept. 14 and Sept. 21. Registration forms will be available at the picnic on Sept. 7. On Sept. 14 and 21, a registration table will be set up during coffee hour and following the second service. At that time, members of the Steering Committee, Elaine Bowen, Kristina Spaude, Christie Anderson, Rod Mishler and Linda Mishler will be available to answer questions about the program. Registration forms can be turned in at the SGM table or placed in the SGM mail slot in the Annex by Sept. 21. Participants do not have to be official members of the church. Depending upon the interest, new groups may be formed for: men only, young adults, and those interested in a more active service project component. For details about the SGM program, see the SGM brochure located in the brochure collection on the table at the main entrance of the church.

### Training on Small Group Facilitation

Individuals interested in learning techniques to effectively facilitate small discussion groups, particularly SGM groups, are invited to attend a workshop led by Reverend Melissa Carvill-Ziemer and members of the SGM Steering Committee on September 20 in the Annex. The workshop will run from 9:00 a.m. until noon, with an optional continental breakfast starting at 8:30. Discussion will include topics such as: creating covenants, how to stimulate conversation, and encouraging balanced talking time from participants. Participation is intended to enhance leadership skills and does not involve a commitment to facilitate an SGM group.

### Fall Walden Day at Presque Isle

Fall "Walden Day" will focus on the unique natural environment of PRESQUE ISLE STATE PARK near Erie, PA on Saturday, September 27. Most of Presque Isle is an "Ecological Reservation," with woods, marshes, ponds, and lagoons that attract a great variety of wildlife, especially birds. Tent camping in a nearby private campground will be available Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, September 26, 27, 28. Sign-up sheets and further details will be posted on a special "Where's Walden" bulletin board in Fessenden Hall, beginning Sunday, September 7. Visit the Kent UU website ([www.kentuu.org](http://www.kentuu.org)) for more information on Walden Day. Click on "Groups and Activities" and "Where's Walden?" Please save the date. Join us if you can!



## September Church Events

<b>31</b> 11:30-1:30 Pancake Breakfast <i>FH</i> 7-9 AA <i>FH</i>	<b>1</b> 7-8:30 Tai Chi	<b>2</b> Thread/Web deadline 5:30 Mod. Yoga 7:00 Challenging Yoga 7-9 Living By Heart <i>FL</i>	<b>3</b> 9:30a Yoga 5:00 Vespers setup <i>FH</i> 5:45-7:30 Vespers <i>p 4</i> 7-9:00 Pastoral Associates	<b>4</b> 10:15a Yoga 5:30 Yoga 6-6:45 Meditation <i>FL</i> 6:30-9:30 Greeter Dinner <i>EA</i>	<b>5</b> 7:30-10:30 Sosebee talk <i>S p 3</i>	<b>6</b> 10-12 am Chakra Yoga
<b>7</b> <b>9:30 Gathering In Service</b> <b>11:15 Gathering In Service</b> 1:00 Fall Picnic, Plum Creek <i>p 2</i> 4-6:00 Hogwarts mtg. <i>EA</i> 6:30-7:30 Women's choir 7-9 AA <i>FH</i>	<b>8</b> 10:15a gentle Yoga 5:15 gentle Yoga 7:00 Tai chi 7-8:00 Clan- Stow Glen	<b>9</b> Thread/Web deadline 5:30 Mod. Yoga 7:00 Challenging Yoga	<b>10</b> 9:30a Yoga 12-1:00 SGM training <i>EA</i> 7-9:30 Board mtg. <i>EA</i>	<b>11</b> 10:15a Yoga 5:30 Yoga 6-6:45 Meditation <i>FL</i> 7-9:00 Men's group <i>EA</i>	<b>12</b> 7-8:30 Prenatal Yoga	<b>13</b> 9-10:30 Chakra Yoga 10-12:00 Chakra Yoga
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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; *L*- Library; *S*-Sanctuary; *N*- Nursery  
*Calendar does not reflect changes or additions after August 22*

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or through a link on our website at [www.uukent.org](http://www.uukent.org).

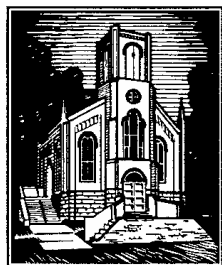
### Sermons and Minutes Available

Some of Rev. Melissa Carvill-Ziemer's past sermons are available in the Founders' Lounge for \$1.00 each. Your donation can be placed in the black lockbox, also in the lounge.

You can listen to and download selected past services at the church website, [www.kentuu.org](http://www.kentuu.org)  
Recordings of recent complete sermons are available in the library on a shelf next to the door. A sign-out sheet can be found there, also.

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### Book Club Gatherings

On Tuesday, September 9 at 7 pm, we will meet at Kathie Slater's home. We will read *Winter Study* by Nevada Barr. Situated in Isle Royale National Park on Lake Superior, this is the 14<sup>th</sup> in the series of mysteries featuring the adventures of Ranger Anna Pigeon in our national parks.

On Tuesday, October 14 we will meet at Annie Brightbill's at 6 pm. Details and directions will be available closer to the date. We will read *Gardens of Water* by Alan Drew. This novel is about the life of a family in Turkey at the end of the last century. It deals with the interaction of different cultures and with difficulties faced by the family.

Winner of the guess-the-triangle-thingies contest was Mary Leeson. She won homemade chocolate from Buckeye Chocolate in Burton, Ohio. She was first to answer, only one hour nine minutes after the newsletter was released. An Olympic record! The thingies are photos of the tops of the stain glass windows in the sanctuary.

*Editor, Guido da Geezer, Prof. Talon*

### Celtic Clan

September -

9/1/08 No practice  
9/8/08 7pm Stow Glenn Assisted Living  
9/15/08 7pm Kent Health Care Center  
9/22/08 7:30 to 8:45 practice sanctuary  
9/29/08 7:30 to 8:45 practice sanctuary

### Dutch-treat Lunch

This is an open invitation to join with other UUs for lunch and conversation after the 2<sup>nd</sup> service every week except when there is a pancake breakfast or other food event at the church. We meet at China City, which is located in University Plaza, south on Rt. 43. This is a chance reflect on that morning's service – or anything else that a group of UUs might come up with! We will not meet on Sept. 7 or 28. For more information contact Susan Goekler.