

The Chalice Flame



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Even though I'm no longer a student, I still like the sense of beginning again in September. Here in our clime the humidity will soon lift, the nights will grow cool again and the rhythms of summer will soon be fading for another year. At home we have begun to can and freeze summer's bounty in earnest. At church we have begun to tend to the details of the new opportunities for learning, service and growth we will offer this fall.

The Small Group Ministry Steering Committee will soon be inviting people to sign up for this year's renamed Chalice Groups. We plan to introduce a new Humanist Chalice Group for those who would like to explore questions that matter with others who share their human centered theological orientation. For those who prefer the diversity of viewpoints in our traditional small group model, we have a number of wonderful new sessions to offer. Watch for details about how to sign up for Chalice Groups in the Thread from the Web later this month.

We will also have several adult religious exploration classes this fall. I am planning to lead a Bible class, Kathy Kerns will be leading an intentional eating study group, Lori McGee will be offering the Living by Heart series and Cheryl Spoehr will be leading a series of sessions on science and spirituality. In addition, our Where's Walden group is planning a trip to Raccoon Lake State Park in October that promises to be beautiful, renewing and lots of fun. If camping isn't your cup of tea, the Ohio Meadville District is offering a leadership conference that same weekend keynoted by the Rev. Hope Johnson who never fails to stimulate and inspire. Details about all of these opportunities will soon be available in our fall Adult Enrichment brochure.

Another exciting initiative in the works is the development of a congregation wide social justice project. Our congregation's Social Justice Committee has done a great job engaging a number of timely issues and alerting members and friends to opportunities for service, education and action. In introducing a church wide social justice project we hope to complement the work of the Social Justice Committee by providing a way for the church as a whole to engage together in one issue of common concern for a finite period of time. Look for more information about how you can participate in choosing and acting on our congregation wide social justice project later this fall.

In the spirit of experimentation I will be hosting a brown bag luncheon for retirees on Tuesday, September 8 at noon in Fessenden Hall. I am thinking that perhaps there might be interest in making a luncheon for retirees a monthly affair. I've got some ideas about how we might use the time and I am interested in yours. I'll supply the beverages; you bring your lunch and let's talk.

There is also a new initiative in the works for our youth. For the first time in many years we are offering a Coming of Age program. This program of exploration and

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September Sermons

September 6

Seeking Peace Within

Reverend Julie-Ann Silberman and Reverend Melissa Carvill-Ziemer

From Julie-Ann: After 12 years living in Kent and Serving as minister to the UUCK, I have now been away from the congregation for a full five years. When the current minister Melissa called and asked if I would consider returning to offer a sermon she was astonished by the swirl of emotional waves that were washing over and through me. After consulting the calendar and my family and letting some of the emotions subside I accepted. This service will address my own process of seeking peace within. I look forward to sharing my process and seeing the results of yours as well.

The Reverend Julie-Ann Silberman-Bunn is minister at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Greater Bridgeport in Stratford Connecticut. In 1992 the then Reverend Silberman moved to Kent, Ohio to serve as the first full time minister at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent in over 20 years. During the 12 years of ministry the Reverend spent with the UUCK the church transitioned from a family sized and struggling group in an old and worn facility to a healthy, vital congregation in a much updated facility.

13 September

Keeping Peace at Home

Rev. Melissa Carvill-Ziemer and Worship Associate Marion Yeagler

Each of the sermons this month will explore one dimension of peace. Last week we focused on peace within; this week we focus on peace between us and the people in the nearest circles of our lives. What does it take to keep peace in our homes and with our families and friends?

20 September

Making Peace in Community

The Rev. Melissa Carvill-Ziemer and Worship Associate Ted Voneida

The combative quality of the recent town hall health care debates across the country demonstrates the need for this skill. Gather the citizens of any town or city together to discuss an important issue of common concern and you are sure to find divergent views about what it means to protect and preserve the common good. How do we practice peacemaking when we disagree?

27 September

Waging Peace in the Holy Land

The Rev. Melissa Carvill-Ziemer and Joel Slater

Joel and I have been engaged in occasional conversations about war and peace in Israel and Palestine for a couple of years now. This summer we decided to spend some focused time in dialogue and study of the conflict and the issues. In this service we will share with you some of what we have learned highlighting stories of ordinary people who are leading the way to peace.

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discovery requires each participating youth to have an adult mentor from the congregation. If you are asked to serve as a mentor, I hope you will consider it an honor to be asked and see if you can find a way to say yes.

Finally, I hope you will all join me in celebrating the arrival of our new Director of Religious Education Karen Lapidus. Karen's experience and education in religious education combined with her warmth and good humor make her any Unitarian Universalist congregation's dream candidate. We are very fortunate to be welcoming her back to our church.

In faith,



Moderator Mishler's Musings

The workings of a church never cease to amaze me. Here we are – 200 plus individuals – (with the emphasis on individuals) who gather on various times of the week to “run” the church. Our Office Administrator Judy Brannan always seems to be working on sixty different projects and still has time to talk with you when you stop in her office. Pam Whittington, our Sexton, is always about, taking care of the church behind the scenes but she too will stop and chat with you.

Then during the week various committees ebb in and out of the annex or church taking care of business. Some then go home to continue emailing or composing or crafting items for their particular assignments. Then they have jobs and families to attend to. (In Ohio we are famous in the country because we like to end sentences with prepositions.)

Some of the “200 plus” rarely come to Sunday Services but attend other groups such as Small Group Ministry, Build Your Own Theology or Living by Heart. Some of the “200 plus” come only to church on Sundays. Both situations are acceptable because individuals have their own seeking to do and there and there are many paths.

When I joined the church, I stated that I would not get myself involved in the “politics” of the congregation – so

much for that thought. So why did I get involved? I think it was because people talked to me, took the time to explain what was going on, and asked if I would be interested in this or that program. Some groups I read about and took a chance that it might be interesting to attend. Even with that happening, it took me a full two summers to understand what SI was. What is a Moderator? - is there so much conflict around here that they need a designated arbitrator? Small Group Ministry? I don't want to go out and knock on doors to tell people what they believe. (Nothing wrong with that - it's just not me.) Service Auction? – so how much will that cost me?

Suggestions:

Those who have been here a while – mention to the newer members and visitors when you talk to them about the activities in which you are involved and don't assume that they know what you are talking about.

Those who are newer and don't understand the terminology– don't assume that someone is going to tell you everything - ask! You probably find that they're some others who don't know also - even people who have been around for a while.

Until next month- *Rod Mishler*

Intentional Eating Study Group

What are the human and environmental consequences of food choices?
Who controls our food production?
Vegetarian? Or Compassionate Carnivore?
How do our UU values inform our food choices?

A study group to discuss these questions and more will kick off with a luncheon at the church on Sunday, September 13 after second service – please bring a dish to share, made from locally grown/raised or organic ingredients (if possible). The study group will meet monthly, October through April 2010. At the luncheon, we will decide the day of the week and time for the group to meet, and discuss topics to be addressed.

Questions? Feel free to contact Kathy Kerns, Mary Lou Holly, Jennifer May, or Lois Weir.



Winter service schedule

We return to two services on August 30. The first service is at 9:30 am and the second at 11:15. Don't forget !



This smart churchgoer won't forget that two services return August 30

Coming of Age

During the upcoming church year, the UU Church of Kent will offer COMING OF AGE for youth in grades 9-12. This program is designed to mark a youth's transition through adolescence. The program provides an opportunity for youth to explore their religious beliefs through conversation and fun activities they do with other youth and adult leaders.

Parents and youth will attend the Coming of Age Ceremony together on August 29 to explore the gifts of participating in the program.

The Coming of Age program is a powerful experience for our youth, and parental and congregation support and involvement is vital. Funding for this program is not included in the regular church budget. Families have been asked to make a donation to defray the costs of materials and retreats. Please consider donating one or more items on the COA "wish list" (see below) or making a cash donation to the church's "Coming of Age Fund".

If you have questions, please feel free to contact Amy Edmonds, Kathy Kerns or Fred Smith, the COA Steering Committee; or Jim Scott, Julie Lineburgh or Ann Ver-Wiebe, the COA facilitators.

COA Wish List

Books:

Values Clarification: A Practical Action-Directed Workbook by Dr. Sidney B Simon, Leland W Howe, and Howard Kirschenbaum

The Book of Questions by Gregory Stock, PhD
A Cup of Chicken Soup for the Soul: Stories to Open the Heart and Rekindle the Spirit by Jack Canfield, Mark Victor Hansen and Barry Spilchuk

Singing the Living Tradition (4)

Book of Meditations

On the Day You Were Born by Debra Frasier

The Worst Person in the World by James Stevenson

The Temper Tantrum Book by Edna Mitchell Preston

Singing the Living Tradition – The Way, Reading #670
Bibles (several)

When Bad Things Happen to Good People, by Harold Kushner

You Don't Have to Do Homework in Heaven by Bill Adler

The Illustrated Woody Allen Reader edited by Linda Sunshine

God Went to Beauty School, by Cynthia Rylant

Movies/DVDs:

What Dreams May Come with Robin Williams

Hanna and Her Sisters with Woody Allen

The Ten Commandments with Charlton Heston

The History of the World Part 1 with Mel Brooks

The Simpsons – Homer the Heretic Season 4, Episode #9F01, 1992

The Baptist Convention, ABC News Program 20/20 from 5/12/00 (segment 2)(T000512-2) - \$69.95



The Celtic Clan at Kent's Farmer's Market

Healing Power of Nature at Fall Walden

Members and friends of the UU Church of Kent are urged to mark their calendars for the 2009 Fall Walden Weekend on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, October 9, 10, and 11. Camping will be at Raccoon Creek State Park, just over the state line in Pennsylvania, southeast of East Liverpool. Driving time: 1 hr. 40 min.

The park has 44 miles of hiking trails, 17 miles suitable for trail biking, and 101-acre Raccoon Lake is available for boating. Cost: \$5 per individual, \$10 maximum per family. For further details, watch for the "Where's Walden?" bulletin board in Fessenden Hall in late September. For more information about the park, visit www.visitPAparks.com. If you are wondering what this Walden business is all about, check the church website: www.kentuu.org.

Healthy Congregations Series in Cleveland

This coming fall, the First Unitarian Church of Cleveland (Shaker Heights) will host a four-session series of free workshops focused on strengthening congregational health and resiliency in the face of societal and congregational anxiety. First Unitarian Cleveland is located at: 21600 Shaker Blvd. Phone: 216-751-2320

Congregational lay leaders, clergy, as well as interested members from NE Ohio congregations (and beyond) are invited to participate. The series will be facilitated by the Rev. Joan Van Becelaere, Ohio-Meadville District Executive.

The four sessions are scheduled for the following Saturday mornings:

- Sept. 19 – Creating Healthy Congregations and Healthy Congregations Respond to Anxiety and Change.
(congregational dynamics and systems theory, the nature of group anxiety and its effects on congregations)
- Oct 3 – Leadership in Healthy Congregations (how healthy leaders can learn to be self-differentiated and successfully work with group anxiety)
- Oct 17 – Relationships in Healthy Congregations (how anxiety affects congregational relationships, forming healthy, supportive relationships in healthy communities)
- Oct 31 - Healthy Congregations Nurture Generous People
(the larger view of stewardship, nurturing healthy generosity of time, talent and treasure)

Each Saturday, we gather for coffee at 8:30 am. The workshop starts at 9 am and ends by 12:30 pm.

Registration is free, but advance registration is needed so we know how many chairs to set up, handouts to make and how much coffee to brew. Please register on the Ohio-Meadville website at: www.ohiomeadville.org.

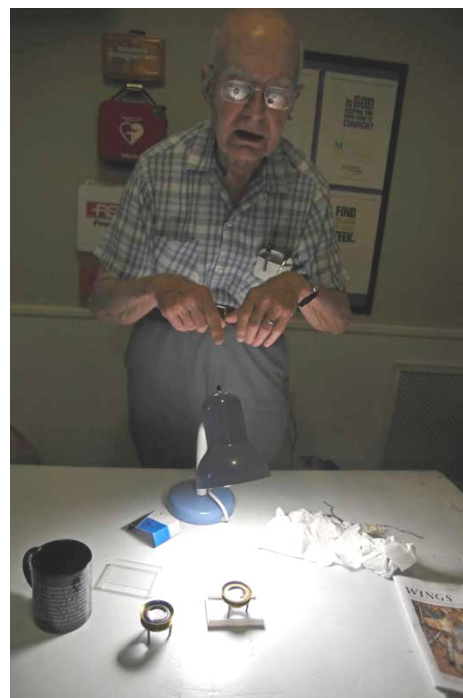
If you need childcare for the Shaker Heights series, please contact the OMD office by Sept. 1. If you need childcare for the Columbus series, please contact the OMD office by January 3, 2010.

Habitat Gala Fundraiser

Welcome Home Gala Fundraiser - October 17

Please join Habitat for Humanity of Portage County at the Welcome Home gala fundraiser and help increase the availability of simple, decent housing in Portage County. The event begins at 7:00pm on Saturday, October 17, 2009 and is being held at The Bertram Inn & Conference Center in Aurora. We are pleased to welcome Clive Rainey, the first volunteer for Habitat for Humanity International, as our keynote speaker. Individual tickets are \$125 each, which includes an elegant evening complete with entertainment, hors d'œuvres, dinner, dessert and two cocktails. The event will also feature a silent auction with the best arts, entertainment, dining and products Northeast Ohio has to offer. For more information, please contact the Habitat office at 330-296-2880 or email publicrelations@habitatofportage.org.

Clive Rainey joined Habitat for Humanity International on April 1, 1977, soon after the organization was formed, as its first volunteer. One of his early duties was serving as chair of the family selection committee for the house-building program of Koinonia, a rural Christian community where the idea of building homes in partnership with the poor was conceived. It was Rainey who brought the concept of "sweat equity" to Koinonia — and ultimately Habitat — after learning that developers of middle-class housing sometimes used a family's unskilled labor on their house in lieu of a down payment.



What is this mad scientist (Gordon Vars) doing?

Financial Corner

Fiscal Year 2009: Our goal was to end the Year on June 30 with \$6000 combined total of all General Fund checking and savings account balances. We still have some things to check out, and it turns out that switching fiscal years significantly adds to the complexity of this year-end bookkeeping. It now looks like we will end FY2009 with about \$3000 in General Fund Accounts. Generally, revenues were a little lower than expected, but thanks to good budget control by staff and committee budget managers, expenditures were also down. More details next month when I really will issue a FY 2009 summary. Sorry this is late, but it is important to get it right.

So far the change in fiscal year looks to be very worthwhile. As mentioned, we got over \$11,000 in prepaid pledges for FY2010 prior to June 30, and a few large annual donors donated their whole pledge for the year in July. As a result, we now have over \$19,000 that we do not need immediately in a money market account. Cash flow is not an immediate concern thanks to the people who donated early in the year. However, at \$18,000/month expenses, we cannot tolerate months of low revenues.

FY 2009 Contribution Reports were issued, showing your contributions from January through June 2009. Let me know if you spot any errors, or wish to change the way

the church addresses your household in the report. We want the reports titled as you wish.

CONFIDENTIALITY OF PLEDGE AND CONTRIBUTION INFORMATION: All those who see contribution and pledge information have signed a Confidentiality Agreement stating they understand the church policy of keeping such information confidential and will respect this confidentiality, only discussing information they see or have access to with other financial people in the church whom they need to in order to carry out their responsibilities. In the case of the Church Administrator and Trustee for Finance, on request we will discuss pledges and contributions with the Minister for those who have not 'opted out' by requesting their info not be shared with the Minister. Contact me if you wish to change your status in this regard. All this is simply to ensure that we process your donations correctly, those involved have the info they need, and this is done in a manner that respects the confidentiality of your donations. I'm always glad to answer any questions on this topic or address any concerns you may have about confidentiality.

Bob Erdman, Trustee for Finance

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



The DRE Search is Over

The DRE Search Committee spent the summer becoming familiar with the search process, advertising the DRE position, reviewing resumes, interviewing candidates and selecting one to present to the board. We considered several qualified candidates, but one stood out. She was, in fact, so qualified for the position, the question became - "Can we afford to pay her according to the UUA Fair Share Guidelines which the congregation committed to?" We posed this question to a small group of members and their answer was a resounding, "yes". Their generous donations funded the increased salary this year with a substantial amount left over to be applied to next year's salary. (If you were not contacted, but would like to make a donation to offset the increased salary costs in 2011, please see Bob Erdman.) The Search Committee would like to thank each of you who made a donation. Thank you for affirming our belief that this is the right person for our church!

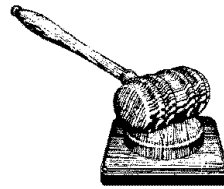
So, who is the candidate that has people so excited they're donating money? - Karen Lapidus. For those of you who don't know Karen, she was our DRE from 1996 - 2001. Prior to that, she served the Youngstown Congregation as DRE for 9 years. She left our congregation to work for the Ohio Meadville District, first as Religious Education Consultant, and finally as Consultant for Lifespan Faith Development. Karen holds a Master of Arts in Religion from Meadville Lombard Theological School and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Kent State University. She has been the facilitator for numerous district programs including: Covenanting for Excellence in Religious Education; UU History; Administration; Family Ministry; Lifespan Faith Development; and LREDA Suite Talk. Her list of achievements goes on and on. Our congregation is blessed to have a DRE with Karen's education and experience! As she gradually phases out of her responsibilities with the district, she'll ease into the position as our DRE. During the month of September, she'll work 10-15 hours per week. Starting Oct. 1, she'll begin working 25 hours per week. Please join us Sept. 6, as we formally welcome Karen during both Sunday services.

Out To Lunch Bunch

We go to China City after second service - except when pancake breakfast or other church lunch is held after church. Come join us after second service for food and fun.

Play Ball !

Can you apply all of the seven principles to a minor league baseball game? Come find out for yourself as the UU Church of Kent takes in an Akron Aeros Baseball Game on Saturday, September 5th at Canal Park in downtown Akron. Tickets are \$6.00. Gametime is 7:05. Signup sheet with more details is located downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. Please e-mail Kay at with any questions.



The Annual Auction is Coming!

Saturday, October 24 6:00 p.m.

And we need YOU. If you are interested in volunteering (and we need lots of people to make this fun event happen!) please contact Trish McLoughlin. Lois Weir is coordinating donations. This year's theme, inspired by the UUA initiative, is "Standing on the Side of Love", so get your love on and get it to the auction. Look for our table during coffee hour in Fessenden Hall at in-gathering on August 30, 2009.

Art in the Sanctuary UU Eyes Wide Open

The middle school religious education class spent the month of August exploring the Kent environment, focusing on how daily scenes reflect or do not reflect our UU values and the Seven Principles. They were encouraged to be open to the world around them and to expect the unexpected. Enjoy their perspectives this September and early October.

A special thanks goes out to Saul Flanner and Kathy Walker for leading this process.

Books in the Library Collection

Worship That Works: Theory and Practice for Unitarian Universalists by Wayne Arnason and Kathleen Rolenz (Skinner, 2008). Some of you will remember Kathleen Rolenz who attended our church in the 1980's. She went on to get her UU ministerial degree and is currently co minister with her husband, Wayne Arnason, of the West Shore UU Church in Rocky River, OH. On a sabbatical they wrote this practical book on liberal worship with the purpose of improving key elements of the service and increasing the spiritual resonance through symbols, music, cultural sensitivity and inclusion. Arnason's special interest is Buddhism and that of Rolenz is UU Christians.

A History of God by Karen Armstrong (Ballentine Books, 1993). Why does God exist? How have the three dominant monotheistic religions--Judaism, Christianity and Islam--shaped and altered the conception of God.? How have these religions influenced each other? In this highly intelligent book, Karen Armstrong, one of Britain's foremost commentators on religious affairs, traces the history of how men and women have perceived and experienced God from the time of Abraham to the present.

Leadership in a Multicultural World

Saturday, October 10, 2009

First Unitarian Church of Toledo, OH

Speaker: Rev. Hope Johnson Rev. Hope Johnson is Minister of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Central Nassau. Hope is a 'people person' with high energy for all that she does because of her abiding commitment to Unitarian Universalism.

The event will cost \$25 per person if registered by September 19th. Rates will increase to \$35 per person after that date. Childcare and Home Hospitality are available but must be requested by September 19th.

A limited number of scholarships are available for this event to cover the entire early bird registration fee. You must register and submit your scholarship application by September 19th. Download a scholarship application as a word file or pdf file from the site below. Register online at - <http://www.ohiomeadville.org/onlineereg/multicultural.html>

Chalice Groups a.k.a. Small Group Ministry

Registration will be taking place for the 2009 - 2010 Chalice Group sessions during coffee hour & after 2nd service on 3 Sundays in September - the 6th, 13th and 20th. The Chalice Group Planning Committee is excited to offer you a fresh and new menu of sessions, re-energized and enthusiastic facilitators and a renewed opportunity to grow our relationships.

Look for us during coffee hour in September ~ stop by, talk with us, pick up a brochure and sign-up. We'll be starting groups in October.



Get To Know Each Other

Your big chance is on Friday, September 18th at 7:00 downstairs in Fessenden Hall. Last season's Tuesday evening Small Group Ministry is hosting Speed Meeting Bingo. Ask each other questions about yourselves as you fill out a bingo card, have fun and win prizes. Snacks and non-alcoholic drinks will be provided. Hope to see you there and get to know YOU better!

Questions? Contact Marion Yeagler, Saunis Parsons, Jill Forsman, Olive Hobbs, Nancy Barbour or Ann VerWiebe

Our Neighbors – Franklin Township Hall

Please do not park directly behind the white building to our south except for Sunday Mornings. This is not our property. We have been abusing our friendly neighbor status. It is OK to park in the gravel lot behind them but not the paved section. If you see one of our members parking there please remind them. Thank you.

Rod Mishler

September Church Events

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| 30 Return to 2 services 10:30 Pancake Bkfst. 12:45 Bringing GA Home 4-5:30 Easy Yoga 6:30 Choir 7-9 AA FH | 31 10:15 am gentle Yoga 12:30-5:30 Sanctuary in use 5:15 gentle Yoga 7:00 Tai chi 7-8:00 Clan at Kent Health Center | 1 Thread/Web and eNuus deadline 12-1:00 Coming of Age 5:30 Mod. Yoga 7:00 Challenging Yoga 7:00 Auction mtg. EA | 2 9:30a Yoga 7-9:00 Sunday Pgm. EA | 3 5:30 Yoga 6-8:00 Greeter training EA | 4 | 5 |
| 6 6:30 Choir 7-9 AA FH | 7 5:15 Yoga 7:00 Tai chi | 8 Thread/Web and eNuus deadline 12:00 Retirees lunch F 5:30 Mod. Yoga 7:00 Challenging Yoga 7:00 Board mtg. EA | 9 9:30a Yoga | 10 5:30 Yoga 7:15 prenatal Yoga | 11 | 12 6-7:00 Celtic Clan downtown |
| 13 12:45 Local food lunch F 4:00 Easy yoga 6:30 Choir 7-9:00 Coming/ Age EA 7-9 AA FH | 14 10:15a gentle Yoga 5:15 gentle Yoga 7:00 Tai chi 7:00 Clan Brookside | 15 Thread/Web and eNuus deadline Newsletter deadline 5:30 Mod. Yoga 7:00 Challenging Yoga 7:00 Auction mtg. EA | 16 9:30a Yoga | 17 5:30 Yoga 7:15 prenatal Yoga | 18 9-5:00 Pastoral Care train 6-7:00 Speed mtg. | 19 |
| 20 4-5:30 Easy Yoga 6:30 Choir 7:00 Coming/ Age EA 7-9 AA FH | 21 10:15 am gentle Yoga 5:15 gentle Yoga 7:00 Tai chi 7:30 Clan practice | 22 Thread/Web and eNuus deadline 5:30 Mod. Yoga 7:00 Challenging Yoga | 23 9:30a Yoga | 24 5:30 Yoga 7:15 prenatal Yoga | 25 | 26 Coming of Age retreat F |
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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;
CB- Christie and Brad's house

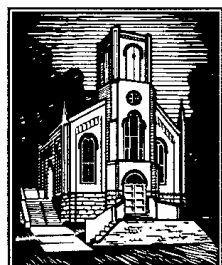
Calendar does not reflect changes or additions after August 21

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.



Gordon, the mad scientist, brought in an insect to share with the Vespers group. Zoom in for a better view.

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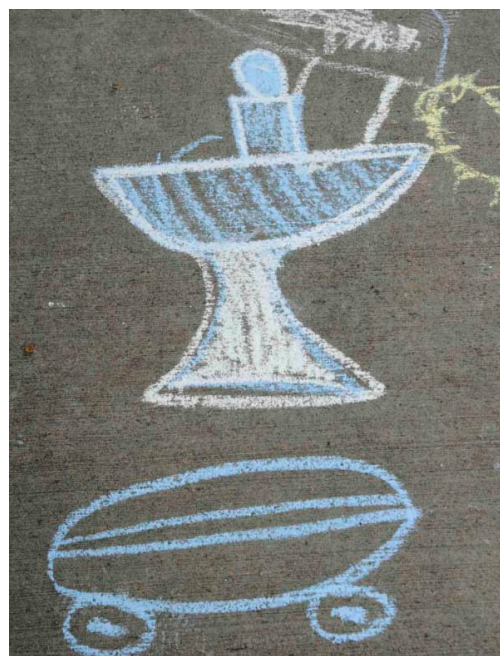
September Celtic Clan

9/7 Labor day- no practice
9/12 6pm ? Irish Music Downtown Kent
9/14 7pm Brookside Shared Living
9/21 7:30 - 8:45 Practice
9/28 7pm Stow Glenn Assisted Living

Evening Book Club News

On September 8 (date correction from our announcement in last newsletter) we will meet at 7 pm at the home of Betty Kendrick. The book will be a very powerful novel, While I Was Gone by Sue Miller. This deals with secrecy, betrayal, and forgiveness.

On October 13 we will meet at 7 pm at the home of Mary Ann Kasper. We will read My Life in France by Julia Childs. This was Child's last book published posthumously in 2006. It tells about her life with her husband in post-World War II France. The current movie, "Julie and Julia", is based on this book.



Driveway art in back of the church