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I write to you shortly after nearly sixty members of our community gathered to choose a congregation-wide social justice project to pursue in the coming year. Four worthy proposals were submitted for our consideration. Kat Holtz proposed that we work on behalf of BGLTQ (bisexual, gay, lesbian, transgender and questioning) issues and concerns. Vivien Sandlund proposed that we identify and partner with groups working on behalf of the rights and concerns of immigrants to our country. Kristofer Sperry proposed that we create a community garden to grow food for people in need. And Ted and Swanny Voneida proposed that we undertake the process to become a Green Sanctuary while also supporting environmental initiatives in our local communities. We would have done well as a congregation if we had selected any one of the proposals we had to consider. The challenge was to identify which single proposal best matches our interests, energy and capacity to make a difference at this particular moment in time.

After listening to and asking questions about all the proposals, those in attendance voted to pursue becoming a Green Sanctuary. The Green Sanctuary program, which is nurtured and managed by the Unitarian Universalist Ministry for Earth, is a formal program designed to help us take positive and proactive steps toward environmental conservation and earth stewardship as a congregation and in our personal lives. This proposal is an excellent fit with our Unitarian Universalist values and ties explicitly to our congregational mission to "care for the living earth with reverence and gratitude." It is also a project which easily lends itself to multigenerational cooperation, which was one of our primary concerns.

Like the Welcoming Congregation program we participated in which formally recognized our commitment to including BGLT people in our congregation, the Green Sanctuary program certificate is earned by completion of a number of specific projects and activities. Members of our congregation already have some good ideas about projects we can pursue together, but we will need everyone's good ideas, energy and commitment as we move forward. If you would like to learn more about the components of the Unitarian Universalist Association's Green Sanctuary Program and resources we can take advantage of, I encourage you to visit <http://www.uua.org/leaders/leaderslibrary/greensanctuary/index.shtml>

The leaders of the congregation-wide social justice planning team (Christie Anderson, Mac Goekler, Vivien Sandlund, Karen Lapidus and I) will soon be meeting to identify next steps in this process and I guarantee there will be a way for you to become involved. In the meantime, perhaps you might like to consider attending the Sunday morning adult religious exploration sessions in December on the theme of Simpler Living Holidays. One of the sessions will focus explicitly on ways to make your holiday celebrations a little greener this year.

In peace and hope,

December Sermons

29 November

Mick Bates and worship associate Kristofer Sperry

Mick will speak on gratitude and compassion.

2 December - Vespers 7PM

Welcoming What Is

Kathy Kerns, Worship Associate

Welcoming What Is. Ah, December... time to relax with family, eat perfect meals, and spread peace and joy. Except when we don't. This service will focus on letting go of expectations at a time when expectations are high.

6 December

Time to Wonder, Time to Wait

Rev. Melissa Carvill-Ziemer and Worship Associate Ted Voneida

There is something important about this season that cannot be sensed amidst bustle and haste. Sacred dark fills the hours now. Come sing a song today in praise of simple presence.

13 December

Bitter Sweet

Rev. Melissa Carvill-Ziemer and Worship Associate Dani Beale

"Joy and woe are woven fine" wrote the 18th century British poet William Blake. Our challenge is to be open to all of our experience. For this, we gather in worship.

16 December - Vespers 7:00 pm

Traditions We Keep

Rev. Melissa Carvill-Ziemer

Our lives are always changing. How do you celebrate these midwinter holidays at this point in your life? Young or old, single or partnered, with children or without, you are invited to this holiday vespers service. Come for the singing and the sharing. Stay for the special treats.

20 December

Midwinter Green

Rev. Melissa Carvill-Ziemer and Worship Associate Eric Van Baars

In the midst of dormant cold, we bring persistent green into our midst. In the midst of winter dark, we conjure fire and heat. People of all ages are welcome to this special service in celebration of the season.

24 December

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

Rev. Melissa Carvill-Ziemer, Director of Religious Education, Karen Lapidus, and Worship Associate Lori McGee

6:30 pm A special family friendly service of lessons and carols to welcome the spirit of Christmas into the world.

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27 December

Remembrance

Lois Weir and Susan Goekler, with many contributors in person and recorded

An annual service to remember some of those who have died in the past year and their influence on us, individually and collectively. We will acknowledge their contributions and see how their lives speak to how we are living our lives today and who are we influencing. If you would like to have someone recognized during the service who made a difference in your life, please submit his or her name, along with or sentence or two that summarizes his/her significance to Lois at loisweir@aol.com



Tibetan Monks spent a week creating a sand mandala at Unity Church in Tallmadge

Brightly colored sand was added to create three dimensions



Moderator McGee's Musings

Change: v. - to make different or to transform. I like this definition of change. To me, it implies a shift in being, much like how a caterpillar transforms into a beautiful butterfly, yet still remains the same in some essential, unknowable way. However, another definition says that change "implies making either an essential difference often amounting to a loss of original identity or a substitution of one thing for another." This definition does not resonate well with me. What if the original identity is something that should remain? What if, like a palimpsest, one still needs to see the original layers to understand the whole of the transformation? This is how I view the change that the Board is going through in changing to policy governance. We need to be able to see the many layers of the governance of this congregation in order to make an effective change. We cannot ignore what has come before, and in fact, we must build on that very structure if we are to be successful in changing over.

So, what is policy governance? Honestly, the definition is often illusive, and it will differ depending on whom you ask. According to www.carvergovernance.com, a solid definition is this: "Policy Governance®, an integrated board leadership paradigm created by Dr. John Carver, is a groundbreaking model of governance designed to empower boards of directors to fulfill their obligation of accountability for the organizations they govern. As a generic system, it is applicable to the governing body of any

enterprise. The model enables the board to focus on the larger issues, to delegate with clarity, to control management's job without meddling, to rigorously evaluate the accomplishment of the organization; to truly lead its organization." This is our goal. At our last board meeting, we all offered up our personal rationale for making the change and many of us came up with the same reasons: we would be free of minutiae that make for long meetings, we would be free to focus on the mission and vision of the church, we would be free to dream.

Now begins the hard part: the actual work of creating an organizational structure that supports these goals, creating a task force to educate and inform the congregation, deciding who has authority and responsibility for governance tasks, to mention just a few. But, I am confident we can do it. The benefits of policy governance are many, and I am looking forward to the opportunity of discussing it with you.

Which reminds me...there will be a congregational information meeting on the 13th of this month between services. The agenda will include some remarks about policy governance, a financial update, and other items. Look for the full agenda in the enUUs and the Thread from the Web in December.

I wish you all peace and joy in the upcoming holiday season.

In service, *Lori McGee*



There's a song in the air...

This holiday season, UUCK will be hosting a unique and fun musical event! The hand bell choir from the South Euclid-Hillcrest United Methodist church will be performing for us. If you have never seen a bell choir, you are in for quite a treat! Hear seasonal music both sacred and secular; learn the history of hand bells, and even sing along! This is a free, family-friendly event.

Where: UUCK church sanctuary

When: Sunday, December 13th at 6pm

Who: All are invited and welcome! Bring your friends and family!



Spirit Play Engages Children in the Stories of Unitarian Universalism

Last year, following an initiative from Diana Van Winkle, who was then the Director of Religious Education, our church began utilizing the Spirit Play model of religious education. This year, we are offering Spirit Play for children age 4 through 2nd grade at both services. This innovative model uses Montessori elements to engage the children in the stories of Unitarian Universalism. Common to both the Montessori and the Spirit Play classrooms are child-sized furnishings, lots of attractive materials to manipulate and an attitude that the child can be trusted to come to an understanding of the stories.

Our stories are at the center of the program, so children hear about our history, our principles (referred to as "Promises") and our common rituals. The children are invited to wonder about these stories and to consider, as independent thinkers at their own level of development and experience, what the stories mean. The children then engage with the story via an activity of their own choosing. They may opt to engage with the themes of the story via painting or other visual arts. They may opt to re-tell the stories to themselves, using the manipulative materials that are the centerpiece of every story. They may decide to revisit a story that was told in previous weeks to go deeper into the meaning. The two adults in the classroom serve as guides and "co-wonderers". The tone of the classroom is peaceful, respectful and spiritual.

We have a dedicated team of Spirit Play leaders, many of whom have taken the training from Nita Penfold, D. Min., who is the originator of this model for Unitarian Universalist congregations.

The major component of preparation for the Spirit Play program is the creation of the materials that are used while telling the stories. The Religious Education Committee will be considering how families and other members of our church can take a role in creating the "story boxes".

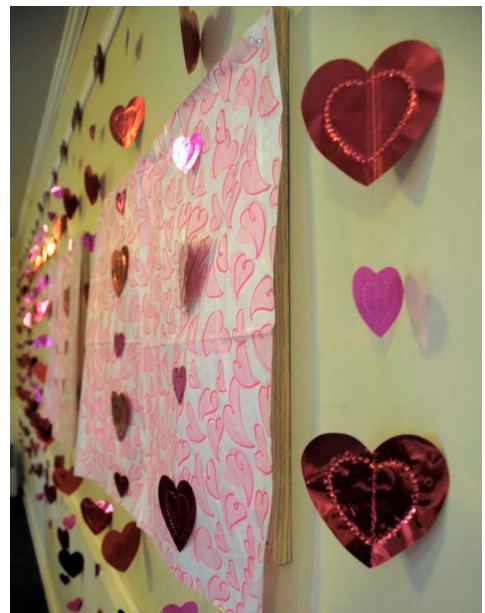
In faith and with love, *Karen Lapidus*
Director of Religious Education



Intentional Eating Group Update

In November, we watched the Van Jones lecture from the 2008 UUA General Assembly, and we discussed the environmental and human consequences of our food choices. For example, we considered how the environment is impacted during the growing and distribution of food; how food choices affect our own health; and what costs are borne by the people who produce our foods (e.g., do they receive a fair wage, do they work in healthy conditions). We also distributed information about the Food Stamp Challenge, which challenges people to eat for one week on the average food stamp benefit— \$1 a meal, or \$21 per family member. If you would like information about the food stamp challenge, please contact Kathy Kerns. At the December meeting, we will talk about food choices and poverty. People will also have an opportunity to share their experiences with the Food Stamp Challenge. The December meeting will be December 9 at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary. All are welcome to attend.

Registration for Winter Institute 2010 is now open. To learn more about WI and to register visit the OMD website at <http://www.ohiomeadville.org/conference/omdwi.html>



Service Auction decoration

UUCK to Boost Revenue with Shaklee Partnership

Cause marketing is where purpose, passion, and profits meet in a productive, strategically aligned partnership. Cause marketing was launched by *American Express (AE)*. From 1981 to 1984 the AE supported over 45 local causes through a marketing arrangement where the use of its card generated financial support for programs they elected to sponsor. But it was *Newman's Own* that really brought to the mainstream consumer the concept and the beneficial impact of cause marketing. Today, cause marketing is exploding! Collaborative initiatives are everywhere; from big box stores, to on-line, to magazine sales. Consumers can eat for a cause, wear for a cause, read for a cause and send a card for a cause!

The Board of Trustees recently agreed to support the launch of a 'cause marketing' relationship with the Shaklee Corporation. Effective immediately, this formal relationship will begin to provide the UUCK with a revenue source. The program is simple: go to www.uukent.myshaklee.com, buy products similar to what you currently use, knowing that the traditional sales commissions go directly to our UUCK General Fund. With over 250 products in the catalog, it's easy to find needed items where we can redirect our current spending to Shaklee products knowing it's a win-win-win, for us, for our congregation, and the community.

"Shaklee Corporation cares about the world we live in, and was founded over 50 years ago on the idea that to be truly healthy and happy, we must take good care not only of ourselves, but also of our planet" says Roger Barnett, CEO, Shaklee Corp. Their quality products are well recognized. A small list of clients who are currently using their cleaning products includes: the White House, the Pentagon, the National Zoo in Washington, DC, and the Cousteau Society. The Cousteau Society exclusively uses Shaklee cleaning products, nutritional supplements, and personal care products on board their research ships and in their offices and homes as well.

Imagine what a difference we can make in our community by simply redirecting our dollars! Visit the Shaklee website at www.uukent.myshaklee.com. Questions about enrollment should be addressed to Kristofer Sperry.

Church Library News

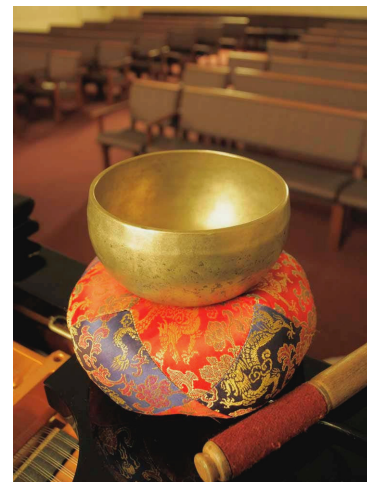
Two new books are in the library. 60 On Up by Lillian B. Rubin (Beacon Press, 2007). With refreshing candor, Dr. Rubin digs down under the statistics about our graying population and offers a provocative and unflinching examination of all the burning issues that mark aging today. Tackling the subject over a broad swath of the population, cutting across race, class, gender, and physical and cognitive ability, Rubin delivers a powerful and long overdue reminder that everyone will be touched by the problems arising from our new longevity.

Evensong for Families: an Eight-Week Series of Gatherings by Barbara Hamilton-Holway. (Skinner House Books, 2006) As more and more people want to be living their faith beyond Sunday--during the week, at home, and as a family, Evensong for Families answers a tremendous need in our movement. This program provides the perfect setting for our long-term members to really strengthen their beliefs, and for families new to UU to deepen their faith together. It has been used as an introduction to the small group ministry program.

Living By Heart

Living By Heart has been cancelled due to a lack of participation.

Lori McGee



Financial Corner

The Service Auction was a grand event and financially a huge success, thanks to Lois Weir and the great team of people who put it all together. Unlike past years, we were not counting on the Service Auction to pay our bills because we have money in the bank. But it is still by far the biggest fundraising activity. It was a pleasure to see that it was fun, successful and very worthwhile. And it is very necessary to meet our budget.

At the end of July, our net assets were about \$23k. They dropped to \$17k at the end of September, and rose to \$19,000 at the end of October, thanks to the Service Auction. Donations so far are behind where we had hoped them to be. But expenses are also lower.

The contribution reports went out November 12. Please use this to see how your payments compare to your pledge, for the period from July through September, both for the General Fund and if you made a pledge toward the DRE Fund. If there is a problem or you feel you can change any pledge you made, feel free to email me [I am out of the country until Dec. 7, and the phone will not be working until I return].

Our Financial Secretaries, Beth Keumerle and Eric van Baars, have been doing a great job of reliably documenting your contributions. We have had very few errors this year compared to past years. But I wanted to mention some things you can do to avoid mistakes in counting your donation:

- Unless it is a special collection where you are given an envelope addressed to the organization, like the UUSC special collection, please make the check out to the church. It is much easier for us to collect all the checks,

and give you a contribution report for your donation than to mail a few checks to the organization so they can cash them and then get you a receipt. We cannot cash checks made out to the organization.

- If you are donating cash in a pew envelope, please use a pen not the small pencils, and write on a hard surface such as our gray Hymnal. It is amazing what we get for signatures sometimes. For example: Does anyone know who this is? We could not figure it out.



- By pledging quarterly, the contribution reports [which are issued quarterly] will state the amount you pledged for the quarter, so you can easily compare that to the amount you actually paid. If you sign up an annual pledge payment, the program assumes you pay it all in the first period.

If you want your donation to go to a specific cause or a fund other than the normal donation to the General Fund, put the information in the memo area of the check, or the face of the contribution envelope, not on a separate note. We now scan all checks, and that is the basis of where your donation goes.

Even though donations are a bit below plan, so are expenses and the service auction brought fund raising back on track. We will have a better picture of our situation February of next year.

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.

7:00 Advanced

7:30 Intermediate

8:00 Beginner

We will not meet between Christmas and New Years day.



Diane Digianantonio introduced Christie Anderson, who spoke on racism at the Canton UU church.

Clinton Hobbs Memorial Service

A memorial service in celebration of the life of Clinton Hobbs will be held in the sanctuary of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent on Saturday, December 12 at 2:00 pm. A light reception will follow the service in Fessenden Hall. All of Clinton's friends and associates are invited to attend. If you would like to offer a memory of Clinton to be shared during the service, please give your contribution in writing to the Rev. Melissa Carvill-Ziemer either by email or in her box in the Eldredge Annex by Tuesday, December 8.

If you would like to help with set up and clean up for the service or are able to bring in a baked good for the reception please contact the church office.

Below is a note from one of Clinton's grandsons who has visited our church several times in recent years.

To The UU Church of Kent

Thank you for the tremendous support you've shown our family since Clinton's passing. The outpouring of love from your congregation has touched our hearts. The food, phone calls, the visits and all other manifestations of kindness are deeply appreciated.

I know the UU church of Kent had a special place in my grandpa's heart. As the sun sets on his life, may we remember the things which endeared him to us, and carry those memories into our sunrise.

Joe Hobbs

Artist Wanted for Summer Institute Images

How would you like to have 600+ people wear your artwork on their chest for a week? How would you like to see many folks carry a tote bag around with your very own design on it? Wouldn't it feel wonderful to have your art on the cover of the most coveted booklet widely distributed this spring? Here is your chance.

Our Stories, Ourselves: Seeking.... is the theme for SI 2010. Have an idea for artwork on that theme? Sure you do, you are an artist!!!!

Summer Institute Planning Committee is putting out the call to all creative folks. We'd love you to submit artwork. The deadline is December 15. The artwork must be 8 1/2 inches by 11 inches. And it must contain no more than 3 colors of ink. Questions and Art can be sent electronically to Kim Marfy. Want to send your art through the US Mail? Kim will tell you how.

Adult RE in December

December's forum: Simpler Living Holidays

During a season when many people are cutting back, we will explore ways to make the holidays meaningful while being easy on the budget and kind to the earth. A facilitator for each session will share relevant holiday experiences and then invite other participants to share also. Each session should provide many ideas you can use. Join us in Fessenden Hall during first service for one or more of these discussions.

December 6: Family and Personal rituals: Rituals can be non-commercial and free ways to give meaning to the holidays. We will explore the purpose of rituals and share some that have been adapted for UU use and some created as new rituals.

December 13: Non-commercial gift-giving: we will actually make some items.

December 20: Making the holidays "green."



Jennifer May displays an Afghan at the Service Auction
photo - Allison Norris

Sermons and Board Minutes Available

Some printouts 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.

The Board meeting minutes are available for review in the Founders' Lounge.

The Power of a Shirt

UUC in Charleston adopted Standing on the Side of Love as its slogan in 2006, and it appears on the back of our t-shirts. You can imagine how pleased we were when the UUA adopted it, too! We wore our shirts to City Hall when the vote was taken to ban discrimination in housing and employment based on sexual orientation – a bill introduced by UUC member and Charleston City Council person Marc Weintraub. Mel Hoover, co-minister of UUC, wore his UUC t-shirt when he made presentations in support of the city legislation.

Our efforts led to being the first city in West Virginia providing non-discrimination rights to citizens who are GLBT. We still have work to do on the State level – and our shirts will go with us.

Last June, religious fundamentalists attempted to disrupt the Gay Pride parade and festival when their leader followed the parade, bellowing scripture passages through a bullhorn. Even more disturbing, some members of this group focused on verbally accosting and insulting people with children. Several of the children were scared by their tactics, and a number of parents were frustrated about what to do. No one wanted to get into a shouting match with them. When police were asked to intervene, they indicated it was a public event and that free speech issues applied as long as they did not physically accost anyone.

UUC had a booth located near the entry to the festival – a prime place for the disrupters to rudely impose their message on the crowd. They were asked several times to please move on. Eventually, you could feel the tension

building up. Physical confrontation was potentially likely. Revs Rose Edington and Mel Hoover co-ministers of UUC were staffing the booth at that time and sensed that if something constructive wasn't done, someone might get hurt.

Rose says, "I was mad. I saw them harassing children, getting into the faces of parents, telling the parents how bad they are. So, I just decided to let our shirts speak for themselves and not say a word. I walked in front of the man with the bullhorn and his group, and turned my back to them so they could read 'Standing on the side of love.'" Almost immediately Mel got behind the group, with his back to them, so when they turned around, they read his shirt, too. They were caught between love. And they got quieter and less verbally abusive.

Mel picks up the story: "Then Rose and I started moving backward, into the space they were walking in, narrowing their space. The bull horn message of hate stopped, although the group continued walking. As they moved towards Rose, I stepped in; and as they moved towards me, Rose stepped in. Their circle became smaller and smaller. Soon there was only space for the group to stand still between us. They stopped making noise and quietly dispersed. It was as if they didn't know what to do with our message and the peaceful confrontational approach we used." After they left, a number of people thanked UUC for standing on the side of love.

Rev. Rose Edington and Rev. Mel Hoover, UUC of Charleston WV

Opportunities for Christmas Season Sharing in Kent

The Religious Education Committee and the children ages 4 through grade 5 are inviting everyone to join them in supporting the folks who receive services at both Kent Social Services and Miller Community House.

We are participating in the **Kent Social Services** annual toy drive. They are asking for new toys of the quality that you would give to your own child or grandchild. Gift cards from local stores are especially welcome for the older children and teens. We will be delivering the presents, unwrapped, no later than December 11. The agency creates a "Christmas Store" with the donated gifts where families register to shop.

We are also participating in the **Miller Community House** "adopt a family" or "adopt an individual" program. They are the homeless shelter for Portage County that offers services to families. We will be collecting monetary donations and then, at the direction of Miller Community House, we will purchase specific gifts based on the requests of our "adopted family or individual". Please make your checks out to the Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent, with "Miller Community House" in the memo line.

Donations for both these agencies will be accepted during the social hour between the services in Fesenden Hall.

Karen Lapidus, Director of Religious Education

December Church Events

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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

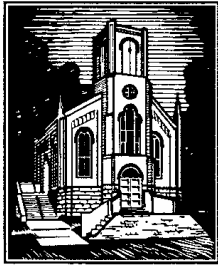
Calendar does not reflect changes or additions after November 21

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.



Scene from the Brothers Grimm's *Hans in Luck*, performed by puppeteers Kay Clatterbuck and Heidren Hultgren.

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December Celtic Clan

12/5/09	Stow Historical luncheon concert
12/7/09 7pm	Stow Glenn assisted living
12/14/09 7pm	Kentridge at Golden Pond
12/19/09 12:30	Christmas Market on Gougler
12/21/09 7pm	Tower 43
12/28/09	No meeting



Out to Lunch Bunch

Dutch treat lunch: Several members of the congregation gather after second service for a Dutch treat lunch at China City (in University Plaza) for lunch on Sundays after 2nd service. We often use that time to continue a discussion of the morning's service, or just to "solve the world's problems" UU style, with food and good company. Open for drop ins any Sunday, except the last Sunday of the month, which is pancake Sunday at church.

Evening Book Club

On December 8 we will meet at 7 pm at the home of Pat Pownall. It is the first building on your right as you drive into the apartment complex. We will read the novel, *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows. This is the remarkable tale of the island of Guernsey during the German occupation and of a society as extraordinary as its name.



Walkin' Jim Stoltz, lifelong hiker, visited our church, singing and telling stories of his travels.