



The Chalice Flame



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The 15th each month

I never had a chance to meet the Rev. Max Coots. He died a year ago in March at the age of 82. His career in ministry spanned 39 years; he served 34 of those years at the Canton Universalist Church in Canton, NY. I recently became acquainted with a volume of his poetry, *Seasons of the Self*. This passage from the chapter entitled "Spring" (below) has been resonating with me. Maybe it will strike a chord for you too.

In faith,

Melissa

We never seem to know just when it comes —

You'd think we would after so much Winter-waiting, but we never do.

By surprise, one day March moves.

Not by the calendar. I do know that,

Because the hollyhock was still caught deep in ice on the 21st of March.

It began behind my back while I was too engrossed with Winter-weariness.

What made it move is quite beyond my knowing.

Maybe it was rain — cold to my face — too cold, but warm enough to shrink the snow.

Really the snow went down, and ran in rivers in the road to be whispered away under the passing wheels to wherever it is that old snow goes.

It's all a mystery to me.

It's quite enough it went.

I'm satisfied!

The snow-melt is like an attic door unlatched to show its insides out; To show the lawns as catch-alls for forgotten things:

Brown leaves October rakes had missed,

Sodden papers spelling out last December 5th, as if the English sparrows cared to read our past,

Broken toys,

Last Fall's jacket buttons.

A Spring surprise of dirty things.

For us, April rain is not always kind.

It makes our lawns look like our lives:

Unkind memories,

Old guilts,

And last year's shames.

But lawns, like lives, need seeing to —

Need cleaning up.

At least in Spring there is the will for it!

So soon we turn to raking up and burning up.

Spring is a courage after Winter-weakness that sends us to cleaning out.

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Upcoming Sermons

28 March

Keep an Empty Chair

Rev. Melissa Carvill-Ziemer and Worship Associate Lori McGee

In many Jewish homes, there is an empty chair and place setting at the Seder table in memory of those who cannot be present to celebrate. The stories and traditions of Passover are filled with powerful themes of hospitality, remembrance and liberation. This morning we will delve into the wisdom of these important Jewish holy days.

4 April 2010

Resurrected!

The Rev. Melissa Carvill-Ziemer, DRE Karen Lapidus and Worship Associate Christie Anderson

Earth awakening! Eggs hatching! Life emerging – anew, again! Easter is a time to rejoice. Come join in our multi-sensory celebration of this most joyous Christian holiday. Our early service will be multi-generational and children will be invited to stay for the whole service with their families. Our later service will be crafted with youth and adults in mind.

7 April, Wednesday, 7-7:30

Serendipity

Dani Beale

Defined as “an aptitude for making desirable discoveries by accident; good fortune; luck.” Often there are unexpected joys to be found in life, whether they are fated, or just waiting to be discovered by those who are observant. In this service we will explore those blessings that were not sought, but found just the same. What unexpected good fortune have you uncovered?

11 April

Lay led service

18 April 2010

Finding God in the Earth

The Rev. Melissa Carvill-Ziemer and Worship Associate Dani Beale

This Earth Day we will draw from the spiritual teachings of earth centered traditions that celebrate the sacred circle of life and teach us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature. Is God in the river and the mountain? Are birds sacred? How about trees? What is required of those who love the earth?

25 April 2010

The Courage to Create

The Rev. Melissa Carvill-Ziemer and Worship Associate Eric VanBaars

The film director Akira Kurosawa said that the “artist is one who does not look away.” What can art teach us about courage, discipline and the life of the spirit?

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Spring is a courage.

Spring is a courage that lets the old things die and scatters them across our eyes — the things that ought to be done and over with.

Spring is not so much a dying time as it is a time that shows what has already died.

It's not an easy sight!

There ought to be a season when we have to recognize the living from the dead.

We can turn our eyes away, I guess, and let the later grass grow up around the time-lost things,
And fool ourselves.

We can,

But come another Spring and there they'll be,
And more besides.

Spring is a finishing,

But it is a beginning too.

Moderator McGee's Musings

Delegate: n. a person acting for another; a representative to a conference or convention. As I sit and write this column, I am anticipating attending my OMD District Assembly. (Of course, as you now read this column, it has already occurred.) Even though I've been with the church for almost five years now, I've attended very few activities outside of our congregation. Those who know me well will find this hard to believe but I am a rather shy person. I have a hard time making new friends and talking to new people. This is probably why I've never attended Summer Institute or other such events. So, going to District Assembly is somewhat scary for me. As moderator however, I felt that I should experience this event and serve our congregation as a delegate.

The other members of our congregation who are also serving in this capacity are Bob Erdman, Mac Goekler, Joel Slater, Ted Voneida and Swanny Voneida. At District Assembly, our duties will be to vote for OMD officers, trustees, nominating committee members, the proposed budget and any by-law amendments. Beforehand, in order to be informed on all of these issues, it is important for us to read all of the reports issued by the OMD (which, by the way, can be found on the district website). Being a delegate, while exciting, is not something to be taken lightly. I am honored to serve our congregation in this way, and I promise to give an update of my experience next month.

Relatedly, on June 23-27, the General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association will be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota. We have four delegate slots, plus one alternate, available to us based on the size of our current membership (200). I spent some time looking up the responsibilities of being a delegate at GA, and was surprised to find a three-page document outlining the duties of delegates! This document, "A Guide for Delegates," can be found with the agenda for the assembly on the UUA website. Some highlights of this brochure are: speaking in plenary sessions, the debate process, the voting process, mini-assemblies, actions of immediate witness, and much more. This is a big job and not for the faint of heart! As with District Assembly, those serving as delegates to General Assembly must also be prepared for the issues that they will vote on. There is quite a list of documents available for download on uua.org that the delegates must read beforehand. Additionally, as the definition above states, a delegate represents the congregation, and therefore, should vote as the congregation would if they were able. Delegates have a very important job. If you are interested in serving our congregation at General Assembly, please let me know as soon as possible. Slots are limited, and several people have already expressed interest. You may call me at home or email me.

In service, Lori

Writing Group

On Sunday, April 11 and 25, from 3:30-5:00 pm in the Eldredge Annex. Tell your story in writing.
Pat Pownall, facilitator

T'ai Chi

An ancient Chinese meditative practice, t'ai chi is sometimes referred to as "meditation in motion." It draws upon the principles of Yin and Yang – harmony and the integration of mind and body. The class meets Monday evenings in Fessenden Hall. Beginners can start any Monday at 8 p.m. We invite donations to the church, at a recommended level of \$5 per session. The leader is Susan Goekler, a certified instructor with the Tai Chi Association of Atlanta.



Celtic Clan hits the big time at the Canton Palace Theater.

Dream Team has dreams for UUCK

And, you might ask, just what is the Dream Team? We are...Melissa Carvill-Ziemer, minister,...Lori McGee, moderator... Kristofer Sperry, assistant moderator... Christie Anderson, commissioned lay leader, and Marion Yeagler, trustee for fellowship. We all have dreams for this church. The Unitarian Universalist Association Congregational Services accepted our application to take part in the Growth and Vitality Series for smaller mid-sized congregations, a three year program that assists with growth in four areas...numerical- increasing our numbers and spreading our faith...maturational- to challenge and support members in their spiritual growth and the maturity of their faith... organic- community building and creating organizational structures, practices and processes that result in a dependable, stable network of human relationships...and incarnational- which refers to the way we want our faith to make a difference in the world.

We attended our first retreat January 29-30, where we were assisted in setting six month goals. Our numerical goals are to improve communication with members, potential members, friends and visitors, as well as improve and expand our space. Increased social programming opportunities are a maturational goal. Governance of the church and leadership development are our organic goals. And our incarnational goal is the pursuit of green sanctuary, our church-wide social justice project. All of these goals have action plans.

Many of you are already involved in the attainment of these dreams, and we thank you for that. We will continue to update you, but please contact any of us for more information. Our next retreat is in August, and we will be working in pursuit of these dreams in the meantime.

Marion Yeagler

INTENTIONAL EATING STUDY GROUP

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 14th at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary. We will watch the film, *How to Cook Your Life*, and discuss mindful eating and the Slow Food Movement. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Lois Weir.

New Books in Library

Beyond the Collection Plate: Overcoming Obstacles to Faithful Giving by Michael Durall (Abingdon Press, 2003). This is a comprehensive guide to building healthy congregational attitudes and practices toward managing and spending financial resources. Much has been written about how churches can raise money. Less guidance has been offered by way of a comprehensive view of congregational finances, one that demonstrates how individual attitudes toward giving money and congregational attitudes toward managing and spending money, are inextricably linked together.

Handbook for Mortals: Guidance for People Facing Serious Illness by Joanne Lynn, MD, and Joan Harrold, MD, and the Center to Improve Care of the Dying (Oxford University Press, 1999). This book is for all those who wish to approach the final years of life with greater awareness of what to expect and greater confidence about how to make the end of our lives a time for growth, comfort, and meaningful reflection.

Easter Dinner

You are invited to join members of the church family after church on Easter Sunday for dinner in Fessenden Hall at 1:00 pm. Please sign up on a flyer in Fessenden Hall. Fee is \$3 per person, \$2 for children, infants and vegetarians free. The fee covers the meat. Each family is also asked to bring a favorite dish to share; indicate what you will bring when you sign up. We also need volunteers to help with set up and clean up, and flowers for table decorations. For more information, contact Susan Goekler.



We're Calling it Quilts!

The worship committee is working on a service centered around quilts. We would like to involve members of the congregation who quilt, or have meaningful family quilts, to display their quilts at the service and share a brief reflection about the quilt's meaning. If you have a quilt and/or a story about a quilt we'd love to hear from you. Please contact Bethany Snyder or send me an email. Thanks so much!

Parents and Guardians Unite!

The Religious Education Committee is sponsoring three opportunities for parents and guardians of children to gather to explore some of the challenges and joys of being a family. There will be two Saturday morning sessions at the church (April 10 and April 24 from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon).

These sessions will focus on the particular joys and challenges of being a Unitarian Universalist parent or guardian. The gatherings, led by me, will be informative, practical and spiritually engaging. It is my hope that parents and guardians will continue to gather periodically to share and offer support to each other.

The third opportunity is offered by RE Committee member, Kathy Walker. Parents and guardians are invited to attend the Family Strengths Fair (location TBA) on Tuesday, April 13 from 5:45 to 6:45 PM (session one) or from 7:00 to 8:00 PM (session two). During the Family Strengths Fair, you will learn about the six characteristics of strong families and be introduced to simple, inexpensive activities you can do with your own family to enhance effective communication, spiritual well-being, appreciation and affection, enjoyable time together, commitment, and effective crisis management. The brief hands-on presentations are delivered by students in Dr. Kathy Walker's senior-level Building Family Strengths class at Kent State University and will feature fictional families from books, television shows, and movies.

Childcare will be offered for both Saturday sessions, but not for the off-site Family Strengths Fair. A sign up sheet will be posted near the kitchen in Fessenden Hall or email me to register for any or all sessions.

In faith and with love,

Karen Lapidus, Director of Religious Education



Art in the Sanctuary

The art display in the sanctuary from March 28 through April 25 features water media paintings by Sunny DeLaluz, Don Easterling, Trish McLoughlin, and Jan Noden.

Our Whole Lives (OWL) Offered in Fall

Starting in the fall of 2010, our OWL team will offer the Unitarian Universalist Association's widely acclaimed curriculum of comprehensive sexuality education to youth who are currently in the sixth and seventh grades (7th and 8th graders next school year).

The program offers honest, relevant and age-appropriate information on human development, sexual behavior and decision-making. It is grounded in the values of self worth, sexual health, responsibility, justice and inclusivity. For more information on the program, visit the UUA web site: <http://www.uua.org/religiouseducation/curricula/ourwhole/index.shtml>

Team members Saul Flanner, Kat Holtz, Fred Smith and Kathy Walker bring a wealth of experience in facilitating this program to youth. Kat and Fred also serve as trainers of other folks from our district and beyond who lead OWL in their home congregations.

The logistics, such as meeting time and place, are yet to be determined. Right now the team needs to assure that they are aware of all eligible youth. We know of the youth who are currently registered in the RE program, but parents and grandparents of current 6th and 7th graders who we don't see on Sunday mornings but would like to participate, should notify Karen Lapidus, DRE at dre-uukent@sbcglobal.net. There are a limited number of spaces in the program and families will be asked to apply for admission.



Newlyweds Kay Clatterbuck and Mark Eckman love to pledge to our church almost as much as they love each other.

Financial Corner

The overall financial situation for the year improved again in February. Year-to-date expenses are still about \$6000 below plan, and revenues are also about \$6000 below plan, meaning that we are at break-even. If the year-end revenues and expenditures are still below plan by the same amount, we will meet our budgeted year-end cash on hand. Keep in mind this will mean we will have only \$3288 in the bank on June 30, a very small amount compared to the over \$17,000 monthly expenses. But it now looks promising that we will meet this goal due to good cost control and people donating what they pledged.

It's not too late to identify your planned donations for the FY2011 Stewardship campaign. If you have not yet filled out a donation card for FY2011, please call the office or see me, Kristina Spaude, Cheryl Casper, Kathy Walker, Mary or Randy Leeson, or Bruce Richards. The **FY 2011 Guide to Our Annual Stewardship Campaign** is also still available from me or anyone on the Stewardship Committee. The Stewardship Committee did a great job this year of pulling together four very creative "UU Chat sessions" that members and friends seemed to enjoy.

Our goal is to identify \$208,804 in planned donations -- a 13% increase over last year. Meeting this goal will enable us to match the church's plans for FY2011, detailed in the **Guide**, with each of your personal giving plans for the same period. Once we know everyone's donation plans, through the Donation Cards, we will do all we can to build a budget that reflects the goals and priorities for

the church for this coming year. That is why it is so important to let us know what your plans are. If you don't tell us what you are planning to give, we cannot include your donations in our planning for the church. We have people who plan donations of a few dollars a month up to many thousands for the year, but every donation, no matter the size, has the potential to make a real difference. We would like to get the average planned donation up from \$1265 for FY2010 to over \$1300 for FY2011, and get a Donation Card from all members and friends of the church. We understand that plans can change, and appreciate it when people update us on their plans. But if we don't know your plans, we cannot put good plans in place to accomplish the church's mission during the coming year.

I, or the Stewardship team, would be happy to discuss any questions you have on planned giving or the church's plans for FY2011. The final plan will be presented to the congregation in May, discussed at an open information meeting the evening of June 12, and voted on June 13 by Members who signed the Membership Book before May 16. The **Guide** also contains the budget we would like to approve. With your help, the planned donations will support this budget.

Thanks for your generous contributions, and for helping us meet our ambitious goals.

Bob Erdman, Trustee for Finance



Dinner and Movie - Baseball !

The April 23rd, 6:00 dinner and movie [potluck] will have a baseball theme. We will show "Major League" and a second to be determined [probably a Kevin Costner baseball flick]. There will be a pot luck with a sign up sheet in Fessenden hall. On the menu - hotdogs with stadium mustard and nachos with cheese, popcorn and cracker jack that will make your lips smack, plus beer and soda.

This month's Harry Potter pot luck is scheduled for March 27th at 6:00 pm. Bring something English to share; we will have pub fries with malt vinegar.

Colleen Norris



Pat Pownall and children at her birthday party at church.

Easter Bunny visits Our Church

On Easter morning, during the social hour between the services, the Easter Bunny (otherwise known as the Middle School class) will be hosting an Egg Hunt for the younger children. Because of our space limitations and the proximity of the driveways and the street, we need to assure that everyone follows the plan so the children can all be safe.

The 9:30 service on Easter morning will be multigenerational and family-friendly. All children in preschool through grade 5 should go to the large classroom in the upper level of the church immediately (no social hour just yet!) to make their "tickets" for the Egg Hunt. If any children arrive during the early minutes of social hour, they will be escorted up to the classroom by a member of the RE Committee. The Middle School youth should report to their classroom immediately following the 9:30 service--quick as a bunny--to do what they need to do!

After the Easter Bunny (otherwise known as the Middle School class) hides the eggs in the yard, the tickets will be "punched" and the children will be escorted outside to hunt for the eggs. Parents and guardians should accompany and supervise their own children. There will be two hunts; one for younger children and one for older children.

If you would like to help with the festivities, by assisting while the children make their tickets or by positioning yourself on the driveway during the hunt to assure that children stay far from the street and to keep cars from entering the driveways for the duration of the hunt, please let any member of the RE Committee or our DRE know.

*Mary Leeson, Michelle Bores
Fred Smith, Kathie Slater
Kathy Walker, Beth Kuemerle
Karen Lapidus, DRE*

General Assembly

Are you planning on going to General Assembly? This year we meet in Minneapolis, MN on June 23-27, 2010. Housing and online registration are now open. This year will see a change in the schedule with all workshops scheduled for Thursday and Friday and all plenary sessions scheduled for the weekend. Visit www.uua.org/ga to learn about workshops and speakers, see the schedule and find out what other activities are planned.

Evening Book Group

The Evening Book Group will meet on Tuesday, April 13, at 7 pm at the home of Kathie Slater, 740 Governor's Circle, Kent. We will read a book by Thrity Umrigar, an Indian American novelist and journalist living in Cleveland.

On Tuesday, May 11, we will meet at 7 pm at Betty Kendrick's at Cardinal Retirement Village in Cuyahoga Falls. We will meet to carpool at the church parking lot at 6:30 pm. Our book will be *Those who Save Us* by Jenna Blum. It is a profound exploration of life during World War II in Germany.

We will meet on Tuesday, June 8, at a location to be announced. Our book will be *Remarkable Creatures* by Tracy Chevalier. By the author of *Girl with a Pearl Earring*, this book tells the story of an English girl born in 1800 who hunts for fossils.



Kristina Spaude at a Kent uuChat, where people discussed concerns and kudos about the church.

Summer Institute

Summer Institute plans are well underway. This year SI will be at Kenyon College on July 11-17, 2010 with storyteller Odds Bodkin as our theme speaker. Brochures will be mailed to congregations soon and will be available on the website at www.omdsi.org

Shhhh !

Are you planning to participate in the Surprise Friends program? Sign-up forms will be distributed during Sunday services April 25, May 2, and May 9. Be sure to complete yours and place it in the Surprise Friends Box in Fessenden Hall no later than May 9! Participating adults will be matched with children in the congregation on May 16. By signing up to be a Surprise Friend, you make a commitment to attend church each week, May 23 - June 13, and to share a note or some artwork with your Surprise Friend. Adults and children alike should leave their surprises at the Surprise Friends table in Fessenden Hall, but be careful you aren't discovered! Adults will remain anonymous until the "big reveal" on June 13. Shhhhhhhh...it's a surprise!

Committee on Ministry Welcomes New Members!

The UUCK Committee on Ministry (CoM) recently submitted two names to the Board of Trustees for their endorsement for our invitation to serve on the CoM. We are pleased to announce that both Randy Ruchotzke and Jim Scott have accepted our invitation and will join the CoM; Randy in April and Jim in August, each for the 3 year term.

Members of the CoM serve staggered terms in order to promote continuity and to avoid complete turnover of the committee at one time.

Randy Ruchotzke, a native of Iowa, moved to Kent in the mid 1990s from Indiana and has been a member of the UUCK since 1996. Randy has served twice on the Board of Trustees, both times overseeing the care of our buildings and grounds. He is currently involved with the Facilities Planning Committee, Buildings and Grounds Committee and regularly supports Sunday worship at the soundboard. Randy is employed by Kent State University in the Academic Success Center, overseeing the math tutoring program and teaching math courses. Leisure time is spent cycling, golfing, gardening and enjoying his family. Randy is Dad to Hannah, a college sophomore and Will, a high school junior. He is married to UUCK member and ministerial student, Renee Zimelis Ruchotzke, and their family includes her children, Keegan and Kendra Larwin.

It's not too late to make a planned donation for FY2011. Please contact Bob Erdman or a member of the Stewardship Committee if you need a card or want to submit your planned donation. Thanks!

Financial Assistance for Lay Leadership Development

Lay leadership development funds are available to offset a portion of the cost of attending District Assembly, General Assembly, and/or other training events you attend for the benefit of the church. Applications are available on the information table in the Founders Lounge. Look for the yellow "Lay Leadership Development" folder. Questions about the application process may be directed to Rhonda Richardson.

Coincidentally, Jim Scott has also been a member of UUCK since 1996 when he and his family moved here from PA where he attended a UU Fellowship in Wilkes-Barre. Jim is currently a facilitator for the Coming of Age program and is committed to the children and youth of our congregation. He has served as a RE teacher or youth advisor for at least 10 years and in 2008, completed a 3 year term on the Board as Trustee for Fellowship during a period of significant congregational growth and change. Jim's life outside of church is in the financial arena as the corporate controller for a horse race track near Cleveland. He lives in Hudson with his wife, Sheri; their children, Amber and Luke, are both OSU Buckeyes. Jim is an accomplished banjo player and songwriter as one of the original Geezers, enjoys Walden outings and creates much fun and fellowship at Winter and Summer Institutes.

The CoM warmly welcomes Randy and Jim in further service to the Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent. We appreciate and are blessed by their commitment to our faith and our beloved community.

Elaine Yehle Bowen, chair

Chris Hurlbut

Jane Krimmer

Rev. Melissa Carvill-Ziemer



Books, Books, Books

The annual book sale is coming in April. We hope you've been saving your good condition, gently used books. If not, time to start clearing out those bookcases! The book sale will be on Saturday, April 17 in Fessenden Hall from 9 am to Noon. We will begin accepting donations on Sunday, April 11. In preparation, we will need volunteers to help sort and set-up during the week of the 12th. If you can spare an hour or two in the evenings of Wednesday, 4/14 or Friday, 4/16, we'd love to have you. An added bonus: volunteers may shop at the end of their work shift and we have a lot of fun! All proceeds from the book sale are donated to the church's general operations fund.

Contacts for book sale information: Elaine Yehle Bowen or Sandy Bowers.

Safety Committee Working to Reduce Risk

While we were preparing for our Fire Drill last fall, we learned that there are many areas of safety that we need to be addressing in a formal manner. The Safety Committee, which is comprised of Michelle Bores, Melissa Carvill-Ziemer, Susan Goekler, Karen Lapidus, Kathie Slater, Ed Stolist and Pam Whittington, is researching resources, gathering volunteers and creating procedures. We have refined the Fire Drill Instructions which are posted in this edition of Chalice Flame. We will be having another announced Fire Drill this spring.

You may have noticed that basic information about how to respond in case of an emergency in our building is now included in the Thread From the Web insert in the Order of Service. New batteries have been installed in all the smoke detectors. A fire extinguisher is now kept in the cabinet of the podium in the sanctuary.

We restocked our First Aid kit in Fessenden Hall and have purchased a new, small traveling kit for the RE classes to use for walking trips to the river. This kit is stored in the RE supply room. Bruce Richards has agreed to create a larger, back pack full of first aid supplies that should be checked out by larger groups who are going offsite, such as for the Walden weekends and the Coming of Age Wilderness Journey. When available, please notify Judy Brannan, Church Administrator to arrange to sign out the pack.

In the months ahead, the Safety Committee will share updates on the now-forming Safety Team and other initiatives. In the meantime, stay safe!

Fire Drill Instructions

Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent
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Classroom Teachers:

- take attendance clipboard
- "lead teacher" should guide the children and youth down both flight of steps to the ground level and out the front door (near the elevator)
- "helper teacher" should follow the last child or youth is out of the room
- turn off lights
- proceed with the children to the grassy area of the backyard of the Eldredge Annex
- take attendance

- hold up classroom clipboard to identify class (the grade level of each classroom is posted on the back of the clipboards)
- report count to Karen Lapidus or whomever is leading RE in her absence
- stay and keep children and youth close until all have been picked up by parents/guardians.

Teachers who are in the building, but not teaching that morning:

- report to the nursery upon hearing the fire alarm
- assist Michelle Bores and the nursery helper in getting the little ones out the front steps to the grassy area behind Eldredge Annex
- stay and keep the babies and children close until all have been picked up by parents/guardians

Karen Lapidus:

- sound the alarm
- sweep the upper level of the church to assure that all have evacuated
- report that the upper level has been evacuated to Melissa and/or Pam who should be stationed (or will be stationed) by the front doors
- go to the grassy area of the backyard of the Eldredge Annex to help the teachers take attendance
- take report of attendance from the teachers
- release the children to their parents/guardians

Pam Whittington:

- upon hearing the alarm from Founders' Lounge, sound the smoke alarm in Fessenden Hall
- activate the stopwatch at the sound of the alarm
- direct anyone in Fessenden Hall to exit the building via either the front or kitchen door
- check all three bathrooms
- "sweep" Fessenden and the kitchen to assure that everyone has evacuated
- turn off lights on the ground level
- go to the front door (or to the bottom of the steps) and inform Melissa (or whomever is leading the worship service) that the lower level is evacuated
- stop the stopwatch when Melissa has closed the door indicating that all are out of the 2nd and 3rd levels of the building

Melissa Carvill-Ziemer and Worship Associate:

- instruct congregants seated on the east side of the sanctuary to exit out the lobby door of the sanctuary, towards Founders' Lounge and then out the front door and down the steps
- instruct congregants seated on the west side of the sanctuary to exit out the back steps on the outside of the building
- instruct congregants without children to gather on the pavement behind the church, in the Franklin Township Building's parking lot or the large parking lot, but not blocking the driveway to assure that any emergency vehicles can maneuver through
- instruct congregants who are parents/guardians to meet their children in the grassy area in the backyard of the Eldredge Annex and not to go up the stairs to retrieve them
- guide and assist folks as necessary
- exit last, shutting doors and turning off the lights
- check the library
- check the elevator on the way out the front door
- when you are sure that the middle level has been evacuated, close the front door

Hal Walker (or other musician) and Greeter(s), Choir members, Worship Associates (in the building, but not involved in worship that morning) and Board Members:

- approach those who need special assistance leaving the building and assist them in getting to Founders' Lounge
- get assistance from other people as needed
- Hal or other musician will get the wheelchair, located on the sanctuary level by the elevator and take it to Founders' Lounge
- for the purpose of the fire drill, those with mobility challenges will not leave the building since it would involve going down the front steps
- in case of an actual fire, all the people listed above assist those with mobility challenges down the front steps and around the building to the back, transporting them in the wheelchair, as needed

Amp Up Your Gift to Kent Social Services

Every year Alan Shawn Feinstein gives \$1 million to anti-hunger agencies, challenging contributors to local pantries and food kitchens to increase their support by dividing his million dollars proportionately among agencies which receive donations toward his offer.

Kent Social Services (KSS) is again participating in the Feinstein Challenge. All donations of money and food made through April 30, 2010 will win a share of Feinstein's million for the KSS Hot Meals and pantry programs.

You can help by sending checks directly to Kent Social Services, 1066 South Water Street Kent, OH 44240. Donations of food also count as in-kind contributions, so keep bringing non-perishable food items to church each week.

Adult Religious Education

Join us Sunday mornings at 9:30 in Fessenden Hall in a discussion of God Images. When you use the term God, what do you mean? In previous Adult Exploration Discussions it has become obvious that the word means something different to each of us. During April and May, we will explore some common images as a way of encouraging participants to clarify their meaning of the term God. Starting April 11, we will consider images such as Judge, creator, love, process, mystery, and cosmology. All are welcome – come for one or all the sessions.



Ed stolish and Mary Lou Holly in deep discussion at a uuChat in Fessenden Hall.

Universalist Convocation 2010

May 14-16, 2010

First Universalist Society of Rochester, NY

Keynote: The Rev. Mark Morrison-Reed, "Dragged Kicking and Screaming to Heaven"

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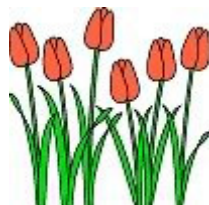
April Church Events

28 9:30 Adult RE <i>EA</i> 10:30 Pancakes 12:15 More pancakes (burp) 1:00 vespers mtg. <i>EA</i> 3:30 Writing Group <i>EA</i> 4:00 Easy yoga 6:30 Choir 7-9 AA <i>FH</i>	29 10:15 gentle Yoga 5:15 Yoga 7:00 Tai chi	30 Thread/Web and eNuus deadline 5:30 Mod. Yoga 7:00 Challenging Yoga 7:00 Service mtg. <i>EA</i>	31 9:30 Yoga 5:30 Pilates 7:00 Historical Society talk <i>p10</i>	1 5:30 Yoga	2 6:15- Seder	3
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11 10:30 Amigos presentation <i>FL</i> 12:30 RE family event <i>S</i> 2-3:30 Neighboring Faiths <i>F</i> 3:30 Writing Group <i>EA</i> 4:00 Easy yoga 6:30 Choir 7:00 Coming of Age <i>EA, FH</i> 7-9 AA <i>FH</i>	12 10:15a gentle Yoga 5:15 Yoga 6:30-8:30 RE mtg. <i>EA</i> 7:00 Tai chi	13 Thread/Web and eNuus deadline 12:00 Retiree lunch <i>F</i> 5:30 Mod. Yoga 7:00 Challenging Yoga 7-9:30 Board mtg. <i>EA</i>	14 9:30 Yoga 6:30-8:00 Inten- tional Eating <i>p4</i>	15 Newsletter dead- line 5:30 Yoga	16 Book sale setup	17 9:00 Book Sale <i>p8</i>
18 1:00-kite flying Plum Creek 2-3:30 Neighboring Faiths <i>F</i> 2-4:00 Sanctuary in use 4-5:30 Easy Yoga 6:30 Choir 7-9:00 Coming of Age <i>EA FL</i> 7-9 AA <i>FH</i>	19 10:15 gentle Yoga 5:15 Yoga 7:00 Tai chi	20 Thread/Web and eNuus deadline 5:30 Mod. Yoga 7:00 Challenging Yoga	21 9:30 Yoga	22 5:30 Yoga	23 6-10:00 dinner and movie <i>p6</i>	24 9-12:00 Parenting <i>F</i>
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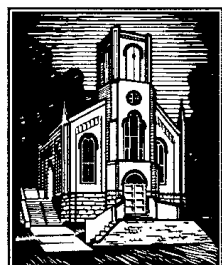
Tai Chi: 7:00 Advanced, 7:30 Intermediate, 8:00 Beginner - Yoga and Tai Chi are held in Fessenden Hall
EA- Eldredge Annex; *FH*- Fessenden Hall; *FL*- Founders' Lounge; *L*- Library; *S*-Sanctuary; *N*- Nursery;
CB- Christie and Brad's house

Calendar does not reflect changes or additions after March 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.



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April Celtic Clan

4/5/10 7pm at Loyalton of Ravenna
4/12/10 7pm Stow Glenn Assisted Living
4/19/10 7:30 Practice at Brad and Christie's
4/26/10 7:30 Practice at Brad and Christie's



Out to Lunch Bunch

Join fellow UUs for lively discussion and a Dutch Treat Lunch. We will meet at China City in University Plaza after second service on April 11 and 18. All are welcome!

On April 4, we will host an Easter dinner at the church (see sign up in Fessenden Hall). On April 25, there will be a pancake breakfast at the church and we encourage you to attend that.

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.

Past Sermons Available for Listening

You can listen to past sermons in two ways.

Go to our church website - <http://www.kentuu.org/> and click on "Podcast link" on the right side. Scroll down to the sermon you want and click on "Play Now" to listen. To save the sermon as an mp3 file which you can transfer to your iPod, right-click on "Play Now" and choose "Save Link As". Our website provides only the sermon and other original content.

Brad Bolton