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A few weeks ago, I had the privilege to attend a meeting of the Stewardship Committee to talk about this year's stewardship campaign. The theme they have picked for this year, which you can read more about in Kay Clatterbuck's newsletter article on page 4, is Indra's Net.

The image of Indra's Net speaks of the interconnectedness of all things, and shows us how each person in a church is a reflection of another. Indra's Net comes from the Mahayana Buddhist faith and is explained as a net which hangs in the abode of the God Indra. At each intersection of the net, there is a jewel, and each jewel reflect the other jewels. This image can be applied to any aspect of life, but in a church it shows us that what we do as individuals affects every person in the church. Each one of us has been inspired and changed by another person here.

In his book, *Hua-Yen Buddhism*, Francis Cook describes the net in this way: "*Since the net itself is infinite in dimension, the jewels are infinite in number. There hang the jewels, glittering like stars of the first magnitude, a wonderful sight to behold. If we now arbitrarily select one of these jewels for inspection and look closely at it, we will discover that in it's polished surface there are reflected all the other jewels in the net, infinite in number. Not only that, but each of the jewels reflected in this one jewel is also reflecting all the other jewels, so that the process of reflection is infinite.*"

This is my last month with you, and in reflecting on Indra's Net, I thought about how my time here has affected me. Working with you here has taught me many valuable lessons which I can then take out into my ministry, which adds to the interconnected web of our faith community.

For instance, you have a clear understanding of the mission and vision of the church. I noticed that when you make decisions, you have guidelines, you always refer back to the mission and vision. This ensures decisions are made with the whole of the church in mind.

The atmosphere at worship is welcoming and energetic, making visitors feel comfortable, and also provides healing for each of us when we need to be uplifted and cared for.

Committee meetings are dynamic and inventive. The respect with which you communicate with each other allows everyone to contribute their ideas. Then as a group you come up with amazing, intentional decisions which are so much stronger because they are ideas born out of collaboration.

I could go on, but I wanted to say thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your consulting minister and the ways in which that has changed me. This church is a jewel on Indra's Net and reflects amazing things out into the world, as well as being willing to see the reflection of others and honor that. What a gift you give in our interconnected web of existence.

Blessings,

Rev. Katie

Upcoming Sermons

2 March - Vespers - 7 pm

Prayer and Poetry

As UUs, we don't have a wealth of prayers as other religions do, but we aren't lacking for a wealth of poetry! And although we may not recognize it, I believe that the poetry near and dear to us is a form of prayer. What poetry do you turn to in times of sorrow, joy, worry, loss? During this vespers service, we will explore the intersection of poetry and prayer by sharing our favorite poems and reflecting on their importance in our lives. Please bring one or two poems to share.

6 March

The Men Are All Right

Reverend Chip Roush and Worship Associate Max Grubb

We will explore the state of men and masculine spirituality using the movie "The Kids Are All Right."

13 March

Transformations

Mac and Susan Goekler

By sharing a personal story of transformation, this service explores what can happen when we open ourselves to new experiences and cultures. Sometimes it is more comfortable to close ourselves to taking risks, but that can limit our growth. Entering into unknown realms can be both scary and exhilarating, both transformative and self-revelatory.

16 March - Vespers - 7 pm

Sacred Singing with Saunis

Bring your voice and check your inhibitions at the door. For singers and non-singers alike.

20 March

Wisdom from Buddhism

Reverend Katie Norris and worship associate Dani Beale

Buddhism is a religion born out of the struggle to understand suffering. There is much wisdom in the Buddhist faith about what suffering is, and what causes it. Come explore how the Buddhist understanding of suffering and its teachings about attachment can help us in our daily lives.

27 March

Let's talk about sex!

OWL facilitators, youth, former OWL participants

OWL is the acronym for Our Whole Lives, a series of sexuality education curricula developed by the Unitarian Universalist Association and the United Church of Christ for various age groups across the lifespan. A key unit of OWL is the comprehensive nine-month program designed for youth in 7th, 8th, and 9th grades. This multi-media service will introduce our congregation to the 2010-2011 OWL youth and facilitators as well as a few former OWL participants. Join us to find out what OWL is all about and why it is such an important part of our church's ministry.



Report from the Expansion Committee

Committee Members: Randy Leeson, Randy Ruchotzke, Kathy Kerns, John Brannan, Melissa Carville-Ziemer, Kathie Slater

Purpose of the Committee: This ad hoc committee was appointed by the Board and charged with bringing to the Board a proposal for how we could address our space needs. We met from March 2010 to February 2011.

Recommendations from the Expansion Committee: To address our needs for additional space, we recommend that the church pursue on site expansion by: purchasing adjacent property; building a structure for a social hall and 2 classrooms of at least 2400 square feet; renovating and expanding the sanctuary to seat at least 200; and renovating the basement for classroom space. Estimated cost of the project is \$600,000 to \$900,000.

Further, we recommend that the capital campaign committee develop projections for a campaign and begin to raise funds, and that a building committee be appointed to work out details for on site expansion. We believe it would be best if both of these committees started this work immediately.

Summary

In May 2008, the congregation endorsed a vision statement affirming the desire of the congregation to expand our space to better accommodate our needs. A Capital Campaign Task Force was formed to investigate whether it was time to pursue a capital campaign in support of our vision. They considered some plans for on site expansion, estimated a rough target (dollar figure) for a campaign, and recommended that the congregation conduct a feasibility study to determine giving potential.

To build on these efforts, the Expansion Committee was formed in March 2010 and was charged with exploring options for expansion. The committee considered the possibility of purchasing another property and relocating the church as well as on site expansion. One specific property (Twin Lakes Country Club) was brought to the congregation for discussion, but no offer was made and the property is no longer available. Other properties were also explored. This effort was hampered by the fact that we have not yet run a capital campaign and thus do not have money set aside for purchasing property. The committee also had discussion of building on site. Some of the plans discussed in the past were thought to be too expensive to pursue. The committee focused on developing a plan that would address our needs yet also (likely) be affordable for the congregation.

A rough plan for expansion was developed and presented at a congregational information meeting in February 2011. This plan includes purchasing adjacent property, building a social hall with 2 new classrooms, reorienting and expanding the sanctuary to accommodate one service, and renovating the current social hall for classroom space. The new construction would be done first to provide space for the church during the renovation. The members of the Expansion Committee recommend this to the Board as the best available option. Next steps include the Board making a decision about whether to endorse the plan, and if so, to seek congregational approval; the appointment of a building committee to work out details of the project; and the planning and execution of a capital campaign to fund the project.

"Soup"er Bowl Results

The 6th annual UUCK "Soup"er Bowl on Feb. 6 scored big for Kent Social Services. Your donations totaled 4 cases (48 cans) of soup, \$65 in Acme gift cards, \$197 in cash & checks and 2 boxes of assorted groceries! Thank you for your on-going generosity and commitment to helping the hungry and food insecure of Kent.

Please remember the need for brown paper grocery bags for the Food Pantry and plastic bags for the County Clothing Center. Collection point for both is the closet on the ground level next to the elevator.

In appreciation for a caring community,
Elaine Yehle Bowen



Camille Pavlicek-Fauser and Rev. Katie Norris after their service about lessons from Camille's daughter Emmy.

Indra's Net Spring Stewardship Campaign

There is a Buddhist story that describes a net existing in Indra's palace in heaven, a net that extends infinitely in all directions. At each node of the net where threads cross there is a perfectly clear gem that reflects all the other gems in the net. As each gem reflects every other one; so are you affected by every other system in the universe.

We believe our Kent Church can be likened to Indra's net, a beloved community where each member and friend is interconnected like a sparking net. Where the threads cross, the warmth and caring of each of us is reflected on to one another like a jewel. Our congregation's generosity has raised thousands of dollars for special needs ranging from flood victims overseas to migrant workers in our own back yard. Our children's Religious Education and OWL programs provide a framework to raise caring, independent children. Our adult RE gives us a space for discussion to feed our spirit and our Sunday Worship gives us a chance to press the reset button to start our week renewed.

Think of the many ways that others in this congregation have touched your life. Your generous pledge keeps our interconnected web strong, healthy and vibrant. Please plan on picking up a pledge card by attending a canvass event during the month of March or by stopping at the stewardship table in Fessenden Hall during coffee hour or after second service. There will be more information on upcoming events in the Thread from the Web.

Add a jewel to the net of our interconnected community. If you have not pledged in the past, please consider doing so, especially during our Stewardship Campaign, March 6 to April 3rd. If you are currently pledging, thank you for your ongoing support.

Your Stewardship Campaign Committee-

Amy Edmonds, Kathy Walker, Randy Leeson, Georgia Quinn, Camille Pavlicek-Fauser and Kay Eckman

Build a Potato

Yes, you too can build your own potato with all the fixins after second service on March 20th in Fessenden Hall. Baked potatoes will be supplied as well as all the toppings, salad bar and beverages. Cost is \$5.00, which goes to a great cause - us!

Colleen Norris

Empower Portage: Eliminating Poverty as a Community

Empower Portage is working to eliminate poverty in Portage County through a comprehensive approach of educational outreach and social network support. We provide a 'Getting Ahead' course that demonstrates how to use the rules of the middle-class to access financial, emotional, community, and social resources. Participants explore the impact poverty has had on their lives, investigate economic realities, complete a self-assessment of their resources, make plans to build future resources, and develop a plan for community prosperity.

Upon graduation, 'Getting Ahead' participants are matched with middle-class Allies that act as intentional friends to help them achieve self-sustainability. For example, a 'Getting Ahead' graduate seeking employment could work with their Allies to write a resume, practice job interview skills, and socially network with community members that have connections to future job openings. Currently, our program is seeking additional community members to volunteer their time as Allies. On average, an Ally commits between 4-10 hours a month working with their 'Getting Ahead' graduate and establishes meeting times according to their own availability.

Interested? Empower Portage encourages you to attend one of our weekly community dinners to learn more about our program. We meet every Tuesday night in Pierson Hall at the United Methodist Church of Kent located at 1435 East Main Street. Dinner is provided for free and we eat together as a community from 5:30pm-6:30pm. Please contact Lauren at Empower Portage by phone or email to arrange a visit time.



Mmmm - chili !

Eliminate Poverty as a Community

On Saturday, February 26th, Empower Portage will conduct a Poverty Simulation at the United Methodist Church of Kent. A learning experience like no other, the Poverty Simulation helps people understand the complexities and frustrations of living in poverty day to day. Each simulation participant is assigned to a "family unit" that works together to meet their basic needs on a limited budget over the course of the four simulated 15-minute "weeks". A debrief session following the simulation enables participants to look at poverty from a variety of perspectives and then recognize and discuss potential for change within Portage County.

Empower Portage is a local grassroots organization working to eliminate poverty in Portage County through a comprehensive approach of educational outreach and social network support.

Empower Portage staff members, program participants, and volunteers will work together to facilitate the simulation. It will take place Saturday, February 26th from 10:30am-1:00pm in Pierson Hall of the United Methodist Church of Kent located at 1435 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio.

Those interested in participating should contact Empower Portage by phone or email.



A prehistoric form of Unitarian was recently found on the Lake Erie shore. Amazingly it looked a lot like our own Jim Scott.

Library News

The Library Committee is embarking on a project to reorganize current Library holdings. The next two weeks will be a period of Amnesty for overdue books. The present committee will ask no questions or engage in public shaming of those who return books long absent from our Library shelves. We need an accurate accounting of what we have so we can replace needed volumes and add requested titles. Some of our current books are out of print and irreplaceable. The Library is a critical congregational resource for information on Unitarian Universalist principles, world belief systems and current religious thought. Returning overdue books will maintain the strength and integrity of the Library.

When you borrow a book we earnestly request you observe the following procedures:

- Write your name and date on the card in your book.
- Place the card in the basket on the small table.
- A book may be signed out for 2 weeks, and may be renewed for 2 weeks. A member of the Library committee will call or send an e-mail to remind you if the book is overdue.
- When you return your book please place it in the "Return Box" by the door to the nursery room.

New Titles purchased by the Library Committee will be listed on the website. The committee welcomes suggestions from the congregation for new books to add to our present collection. Many of you have spiritual and service knowledge the congregation-at-large would appreciate. Please let us know the books in your area of interest that would be appropriate to add to our collection. An extensive category list may be found in the Library Brochure on the table outside the Nursery.

Finally, donations large or small will help us with the timely operation of the Library, but especially, for the purchase of new books and replacements for those that have been damaged. Checks may be made to the Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent, with "Library" added on the memo line.

Your Library Committee: *Martha Kluth, Chair, Andrew Bores, Matt Cox, Olive Hobbs, Ann Waters, and Kathy Wilen.*

Ann Waters, Library Committee Publicity

Adult RE Offerings

Sunday mornings during 2nd service in the annex:

The Seven Deadly Sins: Instructions for having fun – or avoiding misery? (Month 2)

Pride. Envy. Anger. Sloth. Greed. Gluttony. Lust. We all struggle against and celebrate these ordinary impulses almost every day. The list, started in the fourth century, has had remarkable staying power. Join us on Sundays at 11:15 AM for a Unitarian Universalist discussion with lots of participation. It will be led by Carolyn Schlemmer, who has been teaching a more academic version of this as part of the Humanities program at the U of Akron for several years. For the Sunday morning discussion, you are welcome to come for one or more sessions, with no required reading. Just think about (or bring along) examples of the Seven Deadlies from your own reading, TV, films, art, music, history, and contemporary life – maybe even your own, if you choose. Carolyn will add some videos, poems, songs, and other examples to start and illuminate each discussion.

Feb 27: What are the differences between ANGER, wrath, rage, fury, indignation, resentment, irritation and righteous anger?

March 6: What can we do about physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual SLOTH? And what's wrong with just being laid back?

March 13: Is GREED today more a personal or a societal sin?

Money Matters

Financial Overview for January

Just as in December, our January revenue numbers came in under plan, but this was mitigated by lower than expected expenses.....

January revenue came in at \$3,315 under plan. This takes our year to date revenue numbers to \$3,659 under plan. December expenses came in at \$3134 under plan, taking our year to date expense numbers to \$5529 under plan.

Tax Statements

2010 tax statements were sent out at end of January. If you have not received a copy, please call the office. Mary Beth can send you a copy.

If you need an explanation of your statement or just want a quick number about how much of your pledge you still owe, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kay Clatterbuck

March 20: Is GLUTTONY really one of the more innocuous of the Deadlies?

March 27: None of us would be here without LUST. Is it old-fashioned to consider it a sin?

Sunday afternoons: 3:30 – 5:00

Tell Your Story

Come discover and enjoy the joy of writing. Join others regularly or drop in the 2nd and 4th Sundays (March 13 and 27) from 3:30 – 5:00 in the Eldredge Annex. Led by Pat Pownall.

Wednesdays: 7:30 pm (following vespers)

Thoughtful Cinema

On the first and third Wednesday of each month, starting at 7:30, following vespers and lasting until about 9:00, we will show a short entertainment film that illustrates a theme and then discuss the theme. If time permits, a second short film will illustrate another point of view. Due to the complexity of setting this up, the series will proceed only if three or more individuals sign up for regular attendance. If the threshold is met, people are welcome to drop in. A signup sheet will be posted in Fessenden hall; you may also sign up by contact the leader Cheryl Spoehr.

Schedule:

March 2 Poverty and charity. Fifties TV shows THE RUGGLES and THE TWILIGHT ZONE illustrate changing attitudes.

March 16 Stereotyping. The 50's sitcoms AMOS 'ANDY and THE BILL DANA SHOW use popular culture to stimulate discussion.



Erika's Change for Change jar, seen in various places at church.

Family Ministry

There is a lot of buzz among my religious education colleagues around some of the emerging trends in lifespan faith development (also known as faith formation or simply as religious education). Several studies have identified the need to offer more support to families in our congregations. Even if a child were to attend RE every Sunday of the year, it only adds up to a little more than a work-week's worth of time. Congregations need to assure that they are equipping families to extend the church's experience of religious education and to support them in their role as their children's primary source of religious education.

Our newly-formed "Parents of Young Children" group certainly has these goals at its center as do our parent orientations for our special programs such as Coming of Age and *Our Whole Lives* (OWL program of human sexuality education).

I look to two Unitarian Universalist religious educators for information and insight in family ministry. One is Michelle Richards who wrote *Tending the Flame: The Art of Unitarian Universalist Parenting*. Michelle publishes a blog on parenting via the UUA's website. I highly recommend that you navigate to <http://blogs.uuworld.org/parenting/>. She offers practical information on how parents can help their children live within the less liberal world than they experience on Sunday mornings at church.

My other "mentor" and former district colleague is the Reverend Phil Lund, who serves as the Lifespan Program Consultant for the Prairie Star District of the Unitarian Universalist Association. He also writes a wonderful blog which can be found at <http://philontheprairie.wordpress.com/>. In a recent blog, Phil offered 7 tools for building a Unitarian Universalist home. These are:

- Creating bedtime rituals
- Engaging in caring conversations that address the "big questions" and reflect Unitarian Universalist principles
- Celebrating holidays as a family
- Consistent church attendance
- Sharing meals as a family on a regular basis
- Serving the community-at-large as a family
- Displaying symbols of faith (such as a flaming chalice) in the home

I think this is a great list. What does your family do to promote our values and principles? What do you need from the church to support your task as a Unitarian Universalist parent? Please let me know! In faith and with love,

Karen Lapidus

Director of Religious Education



Amy Breedon



David Smeltzer at the Chili Cookoff, which featured 15 chilis.

Attention Book Lovers

The annual UUCK book sale will be held on Saturday, April 16. We will begin accepting donations in Fessenden Hall on Sunday, April 10. Now is the time to start your bookshelf sorting and culling of book collections to make room for more! We are unable to accept encyclopedias, outdated textbooks or magazines - they do not sell and are a bear to move.

The book sale is a "fun"draiser for UUCK. This year, 1/2 of all proceeds will be donated to our church library and the other 1/2 to the general operating fund. Last year was our 2nd highest gross with more than \$500! That's a lot of books ~ we need your donations and your help.

Volunteers are needed for sorting and set-up: sorting on Wed. April 13 from 6 pm on and for set-up on Fri. April 15, also from 6 pm on - usually until 9 pm. It's a lot of fun, you can chat about books, meet new people and you get first dibs to buy! We need at least 6 hard working people per night (the more, the merrier!) ~ please e-mail me if you can help.

Thank you - *Elaine Yehle Bowen*



Thank you from Kent Social Services

On behalf of the staff, volunteers and recipients of the Pantry and Hot Meal Program of Kent Social Services, I want to express our sincere thanks for your many generous donations. This congregation consistently blesses the program with food and monetary support. This past holiday season, you extended your generosity even more by contributing gift cards for teens and new Christmas toys.

The current economic challenges faced by members of our community are particularly severe at holiday time. Your many gifts helped us to provide Christmas toys for 585 children and 885 holiday food baskets for struggling families in the Kent area. The generous contributions from this congregation enable us to sustain our critical mission during these difficult times.

I offer a special thanks to Elaine Bowen who organized the successful "Souper Bowl" collection and regularly delivers the church's food donations to KSS.

Christie Anderson

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.



Cleveland guitarist Brian Henke played a church service this month.

Pancakes February 27th

What did the cherry tree say to the farmer? Stop picking on me! Cherry is the featured pancake flavor for this month. Traditional flavor is also available as well as meat or vegetarian sausage. Gluten free made upon request.

Where's Walden? Looking for Spring

The end of February and start of March make us realize we live in Ohio- with the probability that real Spring is a long way off. Instead of being depressed, let's go look for the Spring we *can* find in Northeast Ohio

Set aside Sunday afternoon, March 27th to be part of our next Walden activity "Finding Spring". We shall be exploring Sand Run Metropark in Akron, starting from the (heated) Shady Hollow shelter. Like Henry Thoreau (who will be in attendance) we can enjoy finding spring no matter what the weather- plan to have boots for mud and raincoats just in case. We can share our experience over a potluck before we go home. Everyone is welcome: families with children especially encouraged. Look for more information in a flyer in the order of service or call Liz Erickson, Bonnie Esparza or Beth Kuemerle.



Mary Ann Caspar promotes "Empower Portage."
Read about it on page 4 and 5.

Bring Flowers

Brighten the Chancel with your flower arrangement or share your potted plants for a week. The Aesthetics Committee is seeking weekly volunteers to set up an arrangement of their blooms, branches, wreaths or plants in front of the podium. Most anything is suitable, simple buds in a vase, or fancy wreaths are all welcome.

To sign up to do one of the arrangements for the year call Melissa Campbell.

Thankful for UUCK

Some of you are aware that my daughter, Katie, was assaulted during a robbery attempt in her home last fall. She was hospitalized for a few days, and she and her five week old baby stayed with me for a couple of months while she recuperated.

The support in the form of meals, but especially the continuing care and concern that I received from the congregation means more to me than I can express in words. I have long thought that a big reason for this community to exist is to care for and about each other. To be on the receiving end of that care and concern is both comforting and humbling. I am so grateful that this church is here for all of us.

I am excited about our expansion plans because I want our church to be welcoming to a larger community. I hope you share my dreams for the future of our beloved church.

Marion Yeagler

Please do not park in the spaces behind the town hall next to the church on any day of the week but Sundays. We have been receiving complaints from the township.

Hospice Workshop

Hospice will lead a free workshop in "The Art of Listening from the Heart - Wisdom from Hospice for Everyday Life" on March 20th, 2011 after second service from 12:30pm to 2pm. All are welcome. They will briefly tell about hospice and will describe "comfort care", "spiritual pain", and "spiritual care". They will provide learning activities we can practice to become "present", stop talking and begin listening. If you have questions, contact Susanna Smart, Pastoral Associates Listening Team Coordinator.

Wine Country Holiday

***"Napa was as delightful as I had expected. What was equally important and somewhat unexpected was the profound connections I felt with my hosts and hostesses."* Carol Lim, Los Angeles**

The UU's of Napa, California proudly announce the sixth season of our **Wine Country Excursions**. Again, we offer a variety of options for an inside look at one of America's most beautiful areas, internationally known for fine wines, gourmet dining and spectacular vistas. There much to see and do in the Napa and Sonoma Valleys: e.g. wine tasting at renowned and boutique wineries; visits to art galleries and museums; exploring the natural beauty of our hills and valleys on miles of hiking and bike trails or by car on our highways and back country roads. Napa is an hour from San Francisco by car or ferry.

We offer two choices: Both start with comfortable lodging in members' homes with full breakfast (up to 3 nights). You can choose a 2-day "Wine Country Excursion," a guided, personalized tour conducted by one of our members--some with wine industry experience--or lodging and self-guided touring. If desired, we provide guidance, maps, etc. UU ministers will be personally guided by our minister, Rev. Bonnie Dlott.

The program runs from April through October. Our fees are below market rate for comparable services and **all proceeds go to our small fellowship**. For complete details contact: Tom Wilson (707-254-7443) or 2wilsons1dog@comcast.net

Don Munro (upper left), Nancy Warlock, and Ted Voneida appeared in various skits at church. Ted was featured in the "Clarence Darrow" monologue.

Out To Lunch Bunch

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

People who made the world better

A new book, *Stirring the Nation's Heart: Eighteen Stories of Prophetic Unitarians and Universalists of the Nineteenth Century*, describes how these 18 religious folk, from Julia Ward Howe to Theodore Park and Dorothea Dix, had an idea about how the world could be better, and made that change happen.

Written by Polly Peterson, a freelance writer and member of First Parish in Concord, Mass., *Stirring the Nation's Heart* will be useful for religious educators as well as UUs and others wanting to learn more about the big ideas that began with many of our spiritual forbears, including reform of education and treatment of the mentally ill, women's suffrage, and antiracism work. These were social reformers who played key roles in UU and U.S. history and whose life work made the world a better place. Each chapter includes discussion questions.

Stirring the Nation's Heart is published by the Unitarian Universalist Association and is available from the UUA Bookstore for \$15.

Don Skinner, From the UU Interconnections letter



March Church Events

27 10:30 Pancakes 11:15 RE Discussion <i>EA</i> 12:15 Pancakes again 12:30 Parent's group <i>N</i> 12:30 Canvass <i>EA</i> 12:45 Disaster plan <i>S</i> 3:30 Your Story <i>EA</i> 6:30 Choir <i>S</i> 7-9 <i>AA FH</i>	28 7:00 Tai chi	1 Thread/Web and eNuus deadline	2 7:00 Vespers <i>S</i> 7:30 Thoughtful Cinema <i>S p7</i>	3	4	5
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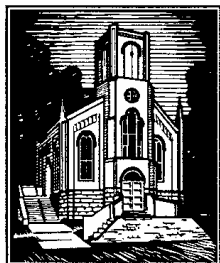
Tai Chi: 7:00 Advanced, 7:30 Intermediate, 8:00 Beginner - Yoga and Tai Chi are held in Fessenden Hall
EA- Eldredge Annex; *FH*- Fessenden Hall; *FL*- Founders' Lounge; *L*- Library; *S*-Sanctuary; *N*- Nursery;
Calendar does not reflect changes or additions after February 22

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

Book Group

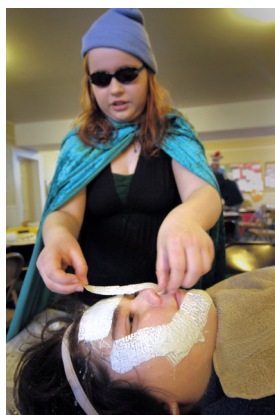
Join us to discuss the book *Girl in Translation* by Jean Kwok at Betty Kendrick's house in Cuyahoga Falls, on Tuesday, March 8 at 7 pm. For more information, contact Bonnie Harper.

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Lila Goehring (cape), Gavin Bright VanWinkle (reading), Willow (bottom right), Saul Flanner (bottom right), Kathie Slater (center)



The middle school group is making masks based on the shape of their faces. The masks will be displayed as the sanctuary art exhibit in June. An outgrowth of our curriculum on creativity, each mask represents some aspect(s) of the creator: power, cunning, joyfulness, compassion, etc. Thus, the project becomes a process of discovery for each middle schooler as they reflect on how to represent their essence. -Kathie Slater