

# The Chalice Flame

The Monthly Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent

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It is nearly time for me to return to my work with and among you and I am looking forward to being back. I have missed you! The friends of mine who have come to lead worship in my absence have had great things to say about their impressions of you as a congregation. From snippets I've heard from them and others and from the stories and photos I've seen in this newsletter, it seems that you are thriving and vibrant as ever. I have been heartened seeing the ways in which both individual members of the congregation and the Social Justice Committee as a whole have publicly spoken out against SB 5. Your public voice is important and needed. I am sure you have lots of stories, of matters both public and private, to tell and I look forward to hearing them all.

My own story hasn't ended up being exactly the one I thought I was writing. Preparing for this leave, Ellen and I thought we would be finalizing an adoption. When it became clear that would not be happening, we anticipated taking another foster child into our lives. That hasn't happened either. It turns out that Summit County Children Services has not had need of foster parents for a single child under the age of 5 these last few months. We recently updated our license so we are now licensed to care for three foster children up to age 10. Many siblings come into the temporary custody of Children Services and this change will allow us to be foster parents for a sibling pair as well as for Meghan. Meghan's parents were granted a six month extension in their case in January so we won't know what the future holds for her until at least July. Despite all the uncertainty, it has been a joy to have so much time with her at this wonderful age. She is learning to walk and talk and expressing more of her personality every day. She has also had two colds, two ear infections, roseola and a viral infection in her throat this winter. It has been good to be able to care for her without the stress of balancing work!

Given that circumstances didn't unfold as I expected, I decided to use half of my leave as family leave and half as sabbatical. Many Sundays I have used to visit area congregations, paying special attention to their hospitality practices and worship arts. I especially enjoyed my visits to Trinity Cathedral in Cleveland for their jazz mass and to Pilgrim United Church of Christ, also in Cleveland. My study has focused primarily on theology and ethics, with the centerpiece being a study of the three volume history of liberal theology by Gary Dorrien called *The Making of American Liberal Theology*. This trilogy is one I have been trying to get around to for over two years so I am especially grateful to have had the time to delve in! My spiritual renewal has included spiritual autobiography as well as a five session course in meditation at the Shambala Center in Cuyahoga Falls. Finally, my sabbatical time has enabled me to fulfill a major denominational commitment to plan and coordinate the UU Allies for Racial Equity Conference. Attending and helping lead the conference is the last thing I will do before I return to church.

My leave has been good for me, my family and my ministry. I feel renewed and ready to return to the rhythm of parish ministry. Thank you for granting the time. Thank you for graciously supporting me in taking the time. I am deeply grateful.

Looking forward to seeing you at church,

Melissa

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# **Upcoming Sermons**

27 March

Let's Talk About Sex!

OWL facilitators, youth, former OWL participants

OWL is the acronym for <u>Our Whole Lives</u>, 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.

3 April

A Brand New Day

Rev. Melissa Carvill-Ziemer and Worship Associate Trish McLoughlin

Spring has finally come and our fields and forests are being made new again. Today as we celebrate spring's arrival, I will share with you some things I discovered during my leave – including one way we can make room for that spring sense of a new day every day.

10 April

Families Change, Family Changes

Rev. Melissa Carvill-Ziemer and Worship Associate Dani Beale

Last year around this time our middle school group explored what makes a family through photography and interviews of families in our congregation. Today we revisit the theme with the help of some people from our congregation. How are our families changing now? How are our families changing us today?

17 April

Access to Water Is a Religious Issue

Rev. Melissa Carvill-Ziemer and Worship Associate Ted Voneida

Everyone knows that water is necessary for life. And yet over a billion people around the world do not have reliable access to safe, affordable drinking water. Today we will lift up access to water as a fundamental human right and a critical religious issue. Come for the worship service and stay for our Precious Water program in the afternoon. More details are included later in this newsletter.

20 April, Wednesday

**Vespers - Singing Meditation** 

Christie Anderson will facilitate Singing Meditation beginning at 7:00 in the sanctuary. This will be a relaxing time involving the singing of simple, familiar songs, followed by brief period of silence after each song. Singing skills are not necessary. Anyone over age 14 can participate.

24 April

Extravagant and Abiding Love

Rev. Melissa Carvill-Ziemer and Worship Associate Kathy Kerns

The story of Jesus' ministry is a story of extravagant and abiding love. Even after he was brutally crucified, the gospels tell us, death could not conquer love. Come celebrate Easter during our family friendly early service for all ages or during our later service which will be crafted with adults in mind. Everyone is invited to return to the church at 3:00 pm for an Easter Dinner hosted by the Out to Lunch Brunch. Look for details in this newsletter.



The Choir performs during Music Sunday. Amy Breedon is at far right.

#### UU Church of Kent: Part of a Wider Web

ne of our stewardship goals is to pay our full share to the Annual Program Fund (also known as our UUA dues). I have been asked to share what that the benefits are to our congregation.

The more we contribute, the more we get back in District Services. We made and met the commitment of contributing our fair share to the Ohio Meadville District (OMD). When we give our fair share to the UUA, the OMD will receive additional funding from the UUA.

We're missing out on some opportunities. Once we are fair share, we will be eligible for nomination for exciting UUA programs that we should qualify for such as being a <u>Breakthough Congregation</u> or being invited into the <u>Leap of Faith</u> program.

We should be pulling our own weight. We continually access and enjoy services and support that are funded through UUA dues. We were able to move from part-time to full-time ministry thanks to an extension grant back in the early 1990's. We use UUA-funded curricula, hymnals and other publications. We enjoy training and other assistance underwritten by the UUA. The education and credentialing of our staff was subsidized by UUA. (And of course my ministry of providing lay leadership development was made possible by funding by the UUA.)

# 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

It helps extend our social justice work. Much of our social justice advocacy work is coordinated through the UUA, including the Standing on the Side of Love campaign's staff.

It is in line with our standing as one of the vibrant, growing congregations. We were consistently a fair-share congregation until 1996 (We had some difficulties that year because we had committed to full-time ministry, but did not take steps to increase our giving along with our increase in numbers). Since then, we have fallen into the unfortunate habit of balancing our budget by not paying our fair share (in spite of our budget doubling since then).

We need to return to being in covenant Our covenantal relationship with other congregations (dating back to 1648) calls us to aid and support one another. Although we pride ourselves as being a healthy and growing congregation with an engaged membership, we fall short of being a fully contributing member to the larger association.

In faith and service, *The Rev. Renee Ruchotzke*Affiliated Community Minister



Connor May's helicopter provided an uplifting experience after services one Sunday.

# **New Directory**

The church directory is in the process of being updated. Please send any additions or corrections to Mary Beth at the church office, 330-673-4247 or uukent@sbcglobal.net. If you don't have a copy of the current directory, Mary Beth can email it to you. There is also a paper copy in the church office.

# Green Sanctuary Special Earth Day Program - Precious Water

s UUs, we are called to respect the interdependent web of all existence, and water is a common thread. UU Ministry for Earth is asking UUs nationwide to commit to small and large daily actions related to conservation of water over the course of 40 days, beginning with Sunday, April 17, and continuing through Thursday, May 26.

Our Green Sanctuary Team has come up with the title "Precious Water" to describe events for the April 17 program. The program will begin with Melissa's services entitled "Access to Water Is a Religious Issue". Meet at the church for all programs

During the second service (11:15-12:15), Our Youth Religious Education group will discuss Fiji Island Bottled water and the Fiji Islanders' right to clean water.

12:30-1:15: Lunch in Fessenden Hall. You may prefer to bring your own, but if you want to purchase a bag lunch, please order it directly from Elaine Bowen no later than Wednesday, April 13. Gluten-free lunches will be available. A sign up sheet with menu and cost will be posted in Fessenden.

Important: Please bring your reusable water bottles to church on the 17th.

During lunch, Mr. Chris Carmen's students from Kent Roosevelt High will review their recent studies of stream health in this area. The lunch program will be followed



# **Donate to Caring Ministry**

If you have any greeting cards or stationary that you don't need consider donating it to the church's Caring Ministry. We will use your cards etc... to send to church members who are in need of support, celebration and to have concerns validated. Even though Caring Ministry does use e-mail as much as possible, we seem to go through many cards and stamps each month, so we welcome your donation. Also, I do my best to hear what members share during the service but it is difficult to identify speakers and the content of what is actually said. I welcome your ideas about how to better collect the important information shared during the caring ministry time of the service.

Thank you, Mary Ann Kasper

by a number of workshops, offering a wide range of choices, all related to water. Workshop times and titles are as follows:

- 1:15-2:00; repeated 2:15-3:00: Karen Lapidus and our Youth Group will present a tour of the church building to examine our use of water. This will be geared toward the younger members of our congregation.
- 1:15-3:00: Ellen Carvill-Ziemer, who is knowledgeable in the construction and use of rain barrels, will lead a workshop on this topic. Upon completion, participants will take their barrels home. The cost of materials for this (including rain barrels) will be \$30.00. In order that we have sufficient food-grade barrels and supplies, participants should call or email the church office to sign up no later than Monday, April 11.
- 1:15-2:00: Mark Bergman of the Ohio EPA will lead a Backyard Stewardship Workshop on ecological gardening.
- 2:15-3:00: Mr. Bergman will lead a Water Sampling Workshop, during which time participants will join him just below the dam where he will demonstrate water sampling from the Cuyahoga River.
- 1:15-2:00; repeated 2:15-3:00: Carol Crimi will discuss her recent visit to El Salvador with a slide presentation entitled "Bringing a Water Delivery System to a Village in El Salvador".

Child care will be provided for younger children; ageappropriate activities will be available for the older children.

#### **Out To Lunch Bunch**

China City restaurant – except on Easter Sunday. Come join us after second service for food and fun.

#### Church Website Needs TLC

As you probably know our webmaster has moved to the state of WA. Thanks, Julie, for taking over the website and enhancing it. Joe Kuemerle has volunteered to be our new webmaster. However, we need someone who can work on the website's graphics. If you know something about computer graphics and how they might be applied to making a website more appealing, please call the church office and let MaryBeth know you are available and willing to volunteer for this position.

#### Indra's Net Stewardship Campaign

Our Stewardship Campaign is happening now through April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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. 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.

There are a lot of worthy organizations out there asking for part of your charitable spending. Dollar for dollar, a contribution to the UU Church of Kent gives you a huge return for your money. Your contribution brings you 52 meaningful Sunday Services filled with thoughtful words, music and a spirit that recharges and refreshes the soul. It brings you a variety of adult and children's programming that you will not find anywhere else.

Our Stewardship volunteers will be contacting you during the next few weeks about a pledge, or you can stop by the Stewardship Table in Fessenden Hall during coffee hour or after second service. Your pledge of any size is important. If you have not pledged yet, what are you waiting for? If you have already pledged, thank you.

# Thoughtful Cinema

Thoughtful Cinema will still follow Vespers at approximately 7:30-7:45 the first and third Wednesday of April. Our theme will be- "How did we get where we are?"

April 6 will feature two propaganda films made by our government in the nineteen fifties. "The House in the Middle" tells us the easy way to survive nuclear war - keep your house clean! "Holiday from Rules" insists that there can be no fun without absolute and unquestioned authority.

April 20 will feature several "March of time" news-reels. "The Teenage Girl" should be materialistic and conformist, or so this short insists. "The Second Half of the Century" looks at America as it saw itself shortly after World War II.

#### Share Your Knowledge and Reflections!

The Sunday Program Committee is soliciting proposals from those who have a topic and would like to participate in a worship service. Don't feel uneasy about leading a worship service - committee members can assist with the parts of the service the lay leader does not wish to handle and can offer help in developing an idea into a sermon. To submit a proposal, complete the form found at the church web site at <a href="http://www.kentuu.org/sunday-program-committee.html">http://www.kentuu.org/sunday-program-committee.html</a> or contact Christie Anderson. Proposals are particularly welcomed for services in July and August and should be submitted as soon as possible.

#### Note from Tom Myers

Dear UU Friends:

As you might know by now, I have moved out to Washington State near my 2 daughters. I have been struck down with macular degeneration and am almost completely blind. I live in a group home that has 5 other residents. It's very comfortable and I am well taken care of. I am attending and get regular visits from UU church members here in Washington, but I really miss my friends in my home church in Kent. I do have someone who reads to me so I would really appreciate letters from my old church friends.

R. Thomas Myers, PhD

P.S. Just a note from me (Nola Johnson, caretaker) - Mr. Myers really needs to hear from some of his old friends - he is very lonely even though he has made some new friends.



Reverend Chip Roush traveled from Indiana to speak in February on masculine spirituality.

#### We Dedicate this Child...

any of the rituals we celebrate together as a community of faith center around our relationships with each other. We have rituals around weddings and unions, the ritual to mark the transition from childhood to adolescents which we call Coming of Age and memorial rituals to affirm and celebrate the life of one who has died. This month we have the opportunity to celebrate the lives of two babies in our community and we will do so by engaging in the ritual of Child Dedication.

Rituals exist because they provide the opportunity to embody an important life event in a public manner. Child dedication ceremonies in Unitarian Universalist churches are moments set aside to affirm the singularity and the uniqueness of the baby or child who is to be dedicated and to call that child by name. In that moment, promises are made to the child by the parents as well as by the congregation. These promises indicate our shared responsibility to that child to journey with them and to their parents to support them in their parental role. These promises signify that we hope for the very best for the child.

For me, the most beautiful part of the Child Dedication is the *ritual of dedication* litany that the Reverend Melissa Carvill-Ziemer bestows upon the child. She employs earth, air, fire, water and a rose without thorns to symbolize our hopes and dreams for the child.

How wonderful that our church community is in the midst of a "baby boom"! We are sure to have many opportunities to participate in Child Dedications in the next year.

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



MaryBeth Hannan, our new Congregational Administrator.

#### **Food Donations Needed**

Kent Social Services is serving more and more hungry & food insecure people than ever and our help is needed on an ongoing basis. Help = food items for the pantry, brown grocery bags for packing food, Acme gift cards and cash donations.

They always need tuna, peanut butter <u>and</u> jelly, canned fruit and veggies, meal-in-a-can items like beef stew and ravioli, hearty canned soup, cereal, macaroni & cheese, mashed potato mix, rice - common, ordinary, everyday foods. Not-so-needed are gourmet food products left-over from the holidays. Acme gift cards are available at the Acme Bucks table for denominations beginning at \$10 - this helps clients purchase perishable foods or paper products not allowed by the food assistance program card.

Please help if you can and drop your items and grocery bags off in the closet next to the elevator on the ground level . . . I'll get it delivered.

Elaine Bowen

# Meet MaryBeth Hannan

Along with my family, I have resided in Kent since 1984. While my children were growing up, I spent ten years volunteering for the Kent City Schools as both a classroom aide and a member of the parent organization. I currently volunteer several evenings a week at a local karate school and very much enjoy helping to organize and work martial arts tournaments. My interests include family, reading, crafts and cooking.

In late January, I joined the Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent as your Congregational Administrator having previously served as the administrator and bookkeeper to another church in the area. In addition, I also served as a member of an audit team working to evaluate the business and financial practices of Episcopal churches within northeast Ohio.

I welcome the chance to serve collaboratively with the staff, leaders and members of this Church. The opportunity to blend my experience in both church administration and church finances into the vision and mission of Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent is exciting. This is a very active and dynamic community and as I learn more about you, I look forward to our continued growth together.

With peace, MaryBeth

#### An Evening of Possibilities

"To equal the energy of our dreams... To carry on our historic legacy... To embrace our potential for connection..." Sound familiar? They should. These phrases, pulled directly from our church's vision statement, help to shape and inform almost every aspect of congregational life. Together, we're constantly striving to create new ways to share our mission and vision with each other and with the world. The "Master Plan" is a big part of that effort.

The evening of Saturday, April 2nd, from 7-9 pm will be a brainstorming session and discussion of the church's Five Year Master Plan. The objective of this meeting is to align the work of the committees with the mission and vision of the church. During this meeting, committee members and other interested members will work directly with their councils and church leaders to review and revise specific portions of the master plan. Committees will also have the opportunity to coordinate their activities with other groups. Last year's meeting was an exciting and productive event, which generated a lot of energy (and synergy) between groups. This year we hope to renew that success. If you've got ideas about where you'd like to see the church in five years... if you're interested in helping the church to realize it's mission and vision... plan on attending this meeting. Together, we create endless possibilities!

Saul Flanner

#### More Steps Toward a Safer Church

At the RE Teacher and Youth Group Advisor Retreat that took place in January, RE teacher Trudy Diehl offered us an opportunity to become certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation through her employer, Fortis College.

On a recent Saturday morning, eight of us, including RE teachers and folks interested in serving on our nowforming safety team, learned CPR for adults, children and infants as well as how to use the Automated External Defibrillator (AED).

One of the goals that the Safety Committee is working toward is to have people trained to provide care to each other in case of emergency situations at church. The people who were certified in CPR and AED are Mary Leeson, Cheryl Spoehr, Colleen Norris, Michelle Bores, Trudy Diehl, Saunis Parsons, Reid Parsons and Karen Lapidus.

#### **Money Matters**

For the month of February . . .

Incoming Revenues
Actual year to date - \$157,291.38
Budgeted year to date \$161,573.00

Outgoing Expenses

Actual year to date - \$150,976.89

Budgeted year to date - \$153,861.00

Consistent with our pattern of the past few months, our YTD revenues ran behind plan by \$4281. Our decline in revenues was offset by the fact that February's actual expenses YTD were \$2,884 under plan.

If you are unsure of how much you have left to pay on your pledge for this fiscal year (July 2010- June 2011) you can contact either myself or our Congregational Administrator MaryBeth Hannan at <a href="mailto:uukent@sbcglobal.net"><u>uukent@sbcglobal.net</u></a>.

Our Stewardship campaign is happening now. Your pledge of any size is very important. It keeps this church the strong community that you have grown to depend on. If you have already made your pledge, thank you. If not, please stop by at the stewardship table during coffee hour or after second service.

Kay Clatterbuck

Save the date: June 11, Trish and Don's wedding at the church...details to follow.



Reid Parsons practices CPR on a doll at the CPR Certification Retreat. Hats were optional.

# **Adult Religious Education**

Seeking ways to articulate your faith? Come join the adult discussion forum Sunday mornings during 2<sup>nd</sup> service in the Eldredge annex during April and May. A House for Hope: The Promise of Progressive Religion for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century is the title of the book that will be the focus of discussions. A reviewer explained the book as follows: "The authors begin with the life of service and work for justice, and deepen it to show the beliefs that it assumes and that are implicit in it. They show that religious progressives can be proud and articulate about their beliefs." The book is available from the church library or can be bought through Amazon or the UUA Bookstore. You do not have to read the book to participate.

April 3 Part 1: Earth – Discussion leader Liz Erickson

April 10 Part 2: Religious Community — Discussion leader Susan Goekler

April 17 Part 3: Roof –Discussion leader Cheryl Spoehr

April 24 EASTER, no class

May 1 Part 4: God – Discussion leader Susan Goekler

May 8 Part 5: Human – Discussion leader Cheryl

Spoehr

May 15 Part 6: Mission – Discussion leader Mac Goekler

May 22 Wrap up and closing – Discussion leader Liz

Erickson



# The Big, Bad Book Sale is April 16

It's coming, it's coming . . . the book sale is coming! We need your donations and we need volunteers to help. No texts, no encyclopedias, no moldy and yucky stuff but we'll take all else beginning on Sunday, April 10 in Fessenden Hall. We need helpers on Thursday and Friday night between the hours of 6 pm and 9 pm for sorting and set-up plus some folks to help on Saturday between 9 am and noonish. All volunteers are able to pre-shop in exchange for an hour or more of your time. It's fun and a great fundraiser for the church - half of proceeds go to the UUCK Library and half to the UUCK general fund.

If you'd like to help or have any questions, please contact Elaine Bowen.

# From the Library

The Library Committee is working on a plan to free up more shelf space in the Library and to acquire a cabinet to house our supplies and our materials in process. Andrew Bores continues to work on updating the database. The Committee is actively soliciting titles for us to purchase for the library. We recently added the following books. The Things They Carried is by Tim O'Brien, (NY: Mariner Books, 2009.) O'Brien's stories are considered classic statements on the Vietnam War. The Social Justice Committee sponsored a program in 2010 about this book -- a book review. Also new is On War and Covenant: Reflections on Blind Violence and Religious Vision by The Reverend Dennis McCarty, (Columbus, Indiana, Garlic Press, 2007). This book is an analysis of the emotional and spiritual issues behind the Irag War. Reverend McCarty, a Unitarian Universalist minister, was a recent quest speaker at our church.

Ann Waters, Library Publicity

#### **Easter Dinner at Church**

The Out to Lunch Bunch will host a dinner at the church at 3:00 pm Easter Sunday for those who would like to share a meal with others. We will provide meat. The cost will be \$3 for adults, \$2 for children 2-12, children under 2 free (Maximum \$10/family) + a dish to share. No charge for vegetarians + a dish to share. There will be a sign up sheet on a bulletin board in Fessenden Hall. Please indicate what you will bring and how many in your group. If you have questions, contact Susan Goekler.

Music Sunday in its entirety can now be streamed or downloaded on the web in breathtaking stereophonic sound!

http://www.peggyandbrad.com/kentuu.html

#### Special RE Class

On April 17th, the first service third through fifth grade classes will unite with the Spirit Play class for a special session on "Bottled Water and The Environment." This will not repeat during second service; second service will continue its scheduled "Windows and Mirrors" lesson. All young people in these age groups are welcome to participate in this special Water Day class, not just those who regularly attend during first service.

Cheryl Spoehr

# **April Church Events**

10:30 Pancakes 11:15 RE Discussion EA 12:15 More pancakes (urp) p8 12:30 Parent's group N Where's Walden p3 3:30 Your Story EA 6:30 Choir S 7-9 AA FH	28 7:00 Tai chi	29 Thread/Web and eNuus deadline	<b>30</b> 6- 8:00 RE cte. <i>EA</i>	<b>31</b> 7:30-9 Timebank <i>F</i>	1	2 6:30-9 Master Plan <i>p</i> 7
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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 March 22

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



The African Drum Community perform at Mac and Susan Goekler's "Transformation" service.

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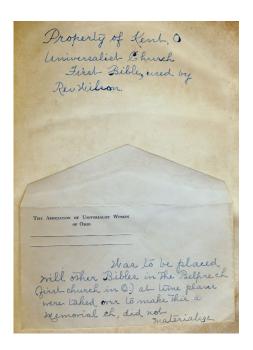


# Return Service Requested Return Postage Guaranteed

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The newly restored church Bible. This Bible was the first Bible in our church, printed the same year as our building was built, 1868. Notes on the flyleaf read "Property of Kent, O Universalist Church. First Bible, used by Rev Wilson." "Was to be placed with other Bibles in the Belpre ch[urch] (first church in O.) at time plans were ta[l]ked over to make this a memorial ch[urch], did not materialize." Belpre Universalist was the first church of that denomination west of the Allegheny mountains. Now the Bible needs a safe place to live in our church.