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One Sunday not too long ago when I listened for the prayer I had to pray during our Sunday services, what I heard was a prayer for patience. What I heard rising up in me was a prayer for patience in the presence of so much uncertainty. Most of you know that my partner and I have been foster parents to a wonderful, precious, child since she was ten days old. She is twenty-one months old as I write and even still the shape of her future, and of ours, remains unclear. We may yet have to let her go. We won't know for at least a couple more months. Some days I feel like I cannot possibly tolerate one more minute of not knowing. I dread the possibility that we might have to say goodbye and release her to the care of another. I wish I knew for sure how this was all going to turn out. But I don't and I can't. All I can do is live one moment at a time and love her with all I've got. That is where I come back to when I remember how to be patient in the presence of so much uncertainty.

Without revealing whence it came, I offered that prayer for patience because the reality is that all of us live with uncertainties. And for all of us these can be hard to tolerate sometimes. We want the ground to be solid and the way to be clear. We want to know what the signs mean. We want to have confidence that we have made the right choices. We want to rest assured that everything is ultimately going to turn out right in the end. But the truth is that most things worth living and loving for don't come with guarantees. Very often we just can't have answers to our most pressing questions. I recently came across this poem from Wislawa Szymborska, who is one of my favorite poets. This is for all of us who live with uncertainty.

In faith,

Utopia

Island where all becomes clear.

Solid ground beneath your feet.

The only roads are those that offer access.

Bushes bend beneath the weight of proofs.

The Tree of Valid Supposition grows here
with branches disentangled since time immemorial.

The Tree of Understanding, dazzlingly straight and simple,
sprouts by the spring called Now I Get It.

The thicker the woods, the vaster the vista:
the Valley of Obviously.

If any doubts arise, the wind dispels them instantly.

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Upcoming Sermons

2 October

Growing Stronger Together

Rev. Melissa Carvill-Ziemer and Worship Associate Joel Slater

I often say that ministry is something we do together. This morning we will explore more fully what that means as we celebrate our fifth annual Association Sunday.

9 October

A New Heart

Rev. Melissa Carvill-Ziemer and Worship Associate Max Grubb

When we miss the mark, how do we make things right? When we have hurt others, how do we make amends? Is there a way, once we have made a mistake, to clean the slate and begin again? This morning we will explore some possibilities for transformation of the heart.

16 October

Transformed by Faith

Rev. Melissa Carvill-Ziemer and Worship Associate Bonnie Harper

I often talk about ours as a community of faith. What do I mean when I say that and why does it matter? This morning I'll tell you how I answer those questions and I might invite a few members of our congregation to do so as well. If you have some thoughts about those questions you'd like to share, let me know.

23 October

Hiawatha and the Great Peace

Damaris Davis with Worship Associate Dani Beale

The real Hiawatha was a spiritual leader who redeemed a traumatized, violent community-- first, by teaching a way to mitigate PTSD (post-traumatic stress disorder) and then by reestablishing native American values of communication and compassion that have influenced both American & Canadian Constitutions.

Artist and activist Damaris Davis taught English at Northwestern and Cleveland State University. Her talks, shows and sermons are rooted in the historic background of today's issues.

30 October

Remembering our Beloved Dead

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

"Those who have died have never, never left. The dead have a pact with the living." So we will hear in church this morning as the choir sings the wonderful song written by Dr. Ysaye Barnwell and sung by *Sweet Honey in the Rock*. In this special, multigenerational service, we will lift up the wisdom of the Mexican holiday *Día De Los Muertos* (*Day of the Dead*,) as we remember our beloved dead. Everyone is invited to bring a photo or memento in remembrance of an ancestor or someone else you have loved and lost to share on the altar during our service.

Echoes stir unsummoned
and eagerly explain all the secrets of the worlds.

On the right a cave where Meaning lies.

On the left the Lake of Deep Conviction.
Truth breaks from the bottom and bobs to the surface.

Unshakable Confidence towers over the valley.
Its peak offers an excellent view of the Essence of Things.

For all its charms, the island is uninhabited,
and the faint footprints scattered on its beaches
turn without exception to the sea.

As if all you can do here is leave
and plunge, never to return, into the depths.

Into unfathomable life.

~ Wislawa Szymborska ~

Moderator's Corner

Everyone is going back to school, teachers and students alike, so I thought this might be a good opportunity to write about a topic near and dear to my heart. Lately, I've been having conversations with people on Sundays about my work as an adjunct professor. Of course, given the fact that so many of our congregations are faculty members or teachers, it is a very normal conversation. People are interested in understanding my perspective, especially because I am an online instructor, a relatively new facet of a very old profession—and a relatively new facet for me, too. Previously, I spent 20 years as a corporate training and development professional, managing the training function for a local company in both Ohio and North Carolina. When I turned 50, I decided to teach, rather than to train. My perspective shifted slightly as I became involved in academia as an instructor in addition to being a student (I've calculated that I am in the 40th grade now, by the way). I began the next phase of my career as adjunct faculty in 2004.

My motivation to teach in higher education comes from a different place: I want to give back to the community that has been extraordinarily generous to me throughout my own education. The only way I can see to do that is to teach. Every time I walk into a classroom or open an online course room, I know that I am about to touch someone's life a meaningful way. Since you are already 'dreaming a dream with me', I'm sharing my philosophy of teaching so that you 'may know my mind.'

Philosophy of Teaching

For me, teaching is as much a spiritual experience as it is anything else, and in using the word spiritual, I speak, in the broadest sense, of those things which affect my soul-ish nature and represent a deeper connectivity between people and Spirit. Parker Palmer describes this spiritual experience as moving through our own inner landscapes as we work with students. In each interaction, we choose the place in our students to target our teaching. Do we touch their innate curiosity? Their hopes? Dreams? For in making that choice, we speak and act from some place inside our own being that is honest, whole, and complete.

Because I am unwilling to fragment myself by compartmentalizing the intellectual emotional and spiritual aspects of self, I am equally unwilling to fragment my students. This unwillingness compels me to move beyond a paradigm in which things exist as diametrically opposed

forces, beyond a world of mutual exclusivity in which a person must be one thing or another. In reality-- in our wholeness--our inner landscapes are beautifully and wonderfully complex, and learners are motivated by a multiplicity of factors, many of which occur outside their conscious knowing. On a personal level, it is a matter of compassionately understanding the human-ness and fragility of my students, and connecting with them as a teacher, one who has knowing in a certain domain. Whether my work involves that knowledge or the basic commerce of human affairs, I act from that connection, responding as appropriate from the guidance given by others as well as the richness of my life experiences.

As a teacher, I strive to benefit those whose lives I touch as I teach, taking care to do no harm. With consideration for the consequences of my actions, I uphold the ethical standards and guiding principles of the field of psychology, displaying beneficence and nonmaleficence, fidelity and responsibility, integrity, justice, and respect for people's dignity and rights.

Learning the responsibilities of my role as a teacher of others, I, to the best of my ability, align myself with the mission and purpose of the organization I serve, upholding policy as well as supporting programs that seek to benefit my students. I collaboratively work with others who share that common purpose to continually add to the quality of the learning experience.

My conversations with you mean a great deal to me. As I finish these last few lines I can hear the rain gently tapping the windows and bouncing off the window air conditioner. So, I will add a further invitation, "Come walk in rain with me, so that I might know your mind. And I'll bring you hope, when hope is hard to find. And I'll bring a song of love, and a rose in the wintertime."

It is my deepest wish to serve you. I want to give back to this community that embraced me with kindness and compassion when I was yet a stranger. You all mean so much to me, individually and collectively. It has been one of the true joys in my life to get to know you. Come find me and we will walk together. Feel free to drop me a line.

Blessings, *Christopher*

Monster Movie Night

Our annual Family Friendly Monster Movie Night is tentatively scheduled for Fri Oct 28th. 7:30 to 10:00 p.m. (may change if conflicting with our Haunted House night). Come to Fessenden hall and see "horrors" in films that you never knew existed! Giant Bunnies attack Los Vegas! Flying Turtles attack Japan! And don't forget-"The Tinger". All fun Halloween Fare. Food is provided. Please contact me with any allergies or special needs. Cheryl Spoehr.

Game night

Oct 14 is our regular family game night! Bring your own favorite games, or choose the all-time favorites that we provide. Snacks will be available, but feel free to bring your own too! Seven to nine in Fessenden hall. Direct any questions to me, Cheryl Spoehr. Game night is always fun, and we will be happy to see you there!

Spiritual Cinema

Spiritual Cinema will be from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm on Oct 19th in Fessenden hall. Light snacks will be served. Our film is the recent "The Adjustment Bureau". Although rated PG, this film has the usual language problems and some suggestion of contemporary films, and may not be for all ages. Even so, It is a thoughtful exploration of our topic "free will". After the film we will have a discussion of the ideas from it. If you have any questions please contact Cheryl Spoehr.



Susie Goehring flips sausages at the monthly pancake breakfast.

Hal's Music Corner

From Hal's messy music corner, a few musical thoughts arise....

I have visited quite a few congregations in the Ohio-Meadville district and I have to say that *our* hymn singing is some of the best that I've heard. In our cozy sanctuary with its warm and forgiving acoustics, we sound pretty darn good (*most of the time*.) I love to pull way back on the accompaniment to hear the voices of the congregation... Katie Perkowski leading the sopranos in the back row, Saunis Parsons throwing in an alto part and Lee Brooker holding down the bass. As a kid, I never particularly liked singing the hymns...holding that heavy hymnbook, having to stand for all that time and my voice just didn't feel good that early in the morning. These days, I love leading the hymns from our piano. As our church's lead musician, I think it's one of my strongest skills.

That brings me to the topic of the culture around hymn singing in our congregation. In the UU tradition, our hymnals are the closest thing that we have to a "bible" or a shared text. Over time, as the tradition grows and transforms, our hymnals have transformed. Won't it be interesting to see what emerges when our 2 current books are merged into one new publication. Who knows... maybe there will be a Hal Walker song in there.

When I look up from the keyboard and see a child or a newcomer standing there without a hymnal, it concerns me greatly. I have actually been known to stop the hymn, get up from the piano and hand a newcomer a hymnal cause they didn't have one.

I'd like to suggest that we slightly tweak our culture around hymnals and hymn singing. How about this... Consider making sure that everyone around you has a hymnal before getting one for yourself. Consider holding a hymnal for a child and guiding them through the pages and lines of the songs. Consider walking all the way across the room just to make sure a newcomer has a hymnbook in their hand....

And I will consider buying some more books so we don't have to worry about it anymore. :)

Gratefully your music director, *Hal*



From the Library Committee

The Library has implemented a new checkout procedure to facilitate the location of all Library books. The procedure is found on the green bookmarks available on the Library table. A big "thank you" to those who have followed the new procedure.

If you return a book that has not been checked out (horrors!), please put it in the re-shelve box under the Library table. The Library posse will summon its powers to identify all non-compliants, but will not prosecute first time offenders until after the new checkout procedure is fully internalized.

The Library committee needs volunteers to help in the Library during coffee hour. Please contact a committee member if you are able to help with this important function, and be assured of our gratitude.

To celebrate the "new" look in the Library, including the re-organization of the shelves and the new signage, the Library committee will hold an **Open House** on Sunday afternoon, October 9th at 4:00 P.M. with guest speaker, Professor Thomas Dukes, Professor of English at the University of Akron.

Professor Dukes, in high demand as a creative writing pedagogue and as a speaker on GLBT issues, is a published author of poetry and non-fiction. A copy of his most recent publication, *Sugar Blood Jesus: A Memoir of Faith, Madness, and Cream Gravy*, (2009), was donated to our Library by Professor Dukes. He will read from his published works and offer comments on their context. In his own words: "Tom is a seventh generation southerner who has lived among the Yankees since 1978. He maintains elitist cultural standards while sampling the vulgarity of modern culture on an almost daily basis. He attends and is a member of Church of Our Savior, Episcopal, in Akron Ohio, and takes pride in being one of the few Episcopalians who knows anything about the Bible due to his southern Baptist upbringing".

A reception with light refreshments will follow the lecture so audience members may greet Professor Dukes. Also, look for the new updated Library information pamphlet which will be available after the lecture.

This event is free and open to the public, though a free-will offering will be taken to help purchase new books and defray Library expenses. Please speak to any Library committee member if you have questions about the Library or the Open House.

Ann Waters, Library Publicity

Hal's Concert Series

Veteran Ohio performer Hal Walker and veteran Michigan performer Matt Watroba will kick off the Cuyahoga River Concert Series at church on Friday night, September 30 at 8:00 pm. Tickets will be \$10. This is the first in what they hope to be many years of intimate folk music concerts at the Unitarian-Universalist Church in Kent, OH. They have three concerts planned for the Fall and four more for the first part of 2012. "The UU church on Gougler Ave is one of the sweetest acoustical spaces in town." Hal Walker commented. "Musicians who play in that space barely need any amplification. The UU church is a good central location to bring in music lovers from all over Northeastern Ohio."

Walker's co-organizer, Matt Watroba, moved to Kent just seven months ago from the Detroit area to work as a producer/announcer for WKSU radio and Folk Alley. He hosted a wildly popular folk music show in Detroit for almost 25 years where he also worked as a full-time folk music performer and educator. "As soon as I came to Kent I knew that I wanted to get involved with the amazing music scene in Northeast Ohio." Watroba commented from his home there. "I knew that when I met Hal I found a kindred spirit. I think that, together, we will create some musical magic for this series."

Two other concerts are scheduled for 2011. The hilarious duo from Madison Wisconsin, Lou and Peter Berryman will perform on Friday, October 21 and the remarkable guitarist, Neil Jacobs will take the stage on Saturday, November 19. All concerts start at 8pm.

For more information or interviews, contact Matt Watroba.



Cuyahoga River Concerts

Fri. 9/30

Fri. 10/21

Fri. 11/19

Please support our new concert series !!

Great Music, Good Coffee, Nice People

8:00 pm
\$12 door
UU Church of Kent

Thanks 4 Giving Annual UUCK Auction of Goods and Services

Where? United Church of Christ, 1400 Horning Road,
Kent

When? Saturday, November 5, 6:00 pm

Who? All UUs, their families and friends. Come one;
come all!

- tickets \$15, buy in advance and get your name in a drawing for a Dr. Greenbee basket. Tickets available at coffee hour, or contact Marion Yeagler. Food and Fun included in ticket price.
- free babysitting on-site
- smoke-free
- silent and verbal auctions
- look for the information table at coffee hour for donation sheets and tickets
- Fun and Frolicking will be had by all!



Calling All Volunteers

It's time to update our volunteer database. All members and friends are asked to fill out a volunteer form indicating areas where you might be willing to help. This does not obligate you to say "yes" to every request, but the database provides a starting point in identifying potential volunteers. A newly revised form is available on the church's website, www.kentuu.org under "odds and ends". Additional forms are available on a table in the Founder's Lounge and you may place completed forms in the box on the same table. Thank you to everyone who completed their form during the Ministry Fair held in September. If you have any questions please contact me.

Mary Leeson (volunteer coordinator)

Please join the Membership Team on
Sunday, October 16
after second service for an

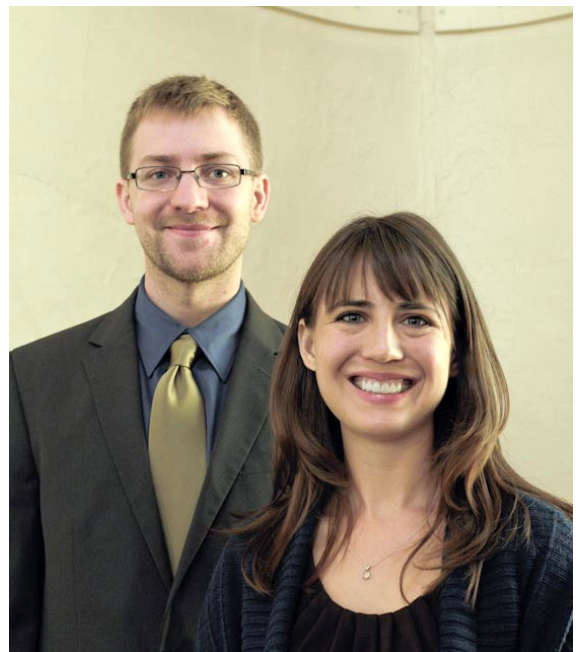
All-Church soup and salad potluck
In honor of our new members

Help us welcome our new members after the services on New Member Sunday

Please bring soup, salad, bread or dessert. The Membership Team will provide drinks.

A Good Search

Want an easy way to support the church? Use Good Search.com as your search engine. It is powered through Google and the site donates about a penny for each search. Simply go to www.GoodSearch.com and choose the Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent as your charity to support. The pennies will add up quickly if many people use this free tool. While on the site check out www.GoodShop.com also. The site will donate a percentage of their sales to our church.



Dan Perszyk and Amy Malyuk played piano and flute at church this month. Amy is yet another musical Malyuk, sister of Heather and Lisa.

Reflections from a Milestone

I am always amazed at how quickly time passes and how even though it seems I was young just the day before yesterday, I am certainly past the mid-point of my life and have reached that moment of looking back to evaluate and reminisce. I suppose I'm just feeling nostalgic as I mark my 25th year of being a professional religious educator. I have held four amazing positions—one as the Director of Religious Education at the First Unitarian Universalist Church of Youngstown, one as Ohio-Meadville District and Unitarian Universalist Association field staff and two stints (in the 1990's and since 2009) serving as the Director of Religious Education at our church. It has been an amazing journey which has allowed me to grow my personal faith while journeying with folks of all ages who are doing the same.

Many things have changed over the past 25 years and many things have stayed constant. I am so very different than my young mother self and new member of the church who thought it would be “fun” to be a DRE until a “real” job (in nursing) would occupy my time. Little did I know that I would find my calling in this work. My first real instruction in RE leadership and UUism occurred while I scoured and organized the files at the Youngstown church. My methods of professional development have expanded over the years as I have attended countless seminars, trainings and classes in our district, within the association and at Meadville-Lombard Theological School. I have been fortunate to have so many opportunities through the UUA's well-organized programs of continuing education and trainings, as well as those programs made available through LREDA (Liberal Religious Educators Association).

It has been fascinating to witness how our religious education materials have evolved in the past 25 years. In the

mid-1980's we were still using the last of the mainly secular materials. The philosophy of Unitarian Universalist religious education at that time was to expose young people to the wisdom and rituals of all the religions of the world, which is a wonderful idea, but we were neglecting to expose young people to Unitarian Universalism. The next trend brought more emphasis on learning our unique history and our seven principles while fostering a strong sense of Unitarian Universalist identity. This was a step in the right direction, but we found that we needed more tools to help folks put their faith into action. Our newest religious education materials, the *Tapestry of Faith*, do just that. In addition to promoting ethical living and social responsibility, they include the core stories that define who we are and what shapes our faith. Responding to the realities of the ways we communicate and seek information in the early 21st century, the *Tapestry of Faith* program is available online.

I must say that our families have changed in the past 25 years. Everyone is simply busier. Church involvement, while still a high priority, competes for other attractive activities on Sunday mornings. Our “regular” attendees don't attend as regularly as the “regulars” did 25 years ago. But despite this, it seems that our children and youth are more connected to Unitarian Universalism now than they were back when they were spending more time in the classroom. I rejoice in that.

I feel I owe a debt of gratitude to the members and friends, and to the children and youth of our church. You have all played a part in making these past 25 years an fulfilling life journey. One thing that will forever stay constant is the need for us to continue to encourage our own spiritual growth and that of each other.

In faith and with love, Karen Lapidus



A tree fell behind the church this month, taking out the Barbara Myers shed. John Bores gives the Woodsman's salute, right, before clearing a path to the back door.



Money Matters October

Budget Update:

Our numbers looked good in August. We are ahead of plan in revenues - \$39,576 year to date and slightly behind in expenses - \$35,823. Thank you to everyone for staying current on your pledge- it really helps to keep things running smoothly. For more detailed info, you can always find a current Treasurers report in the Board Reports Book which is located in the Founders Lounge.

Coming in October....

The Idiots Guide to Reading your Quarterly Donations Statement. With a goal of more visibility, the board has planned an activity each month. October's event is a coffee chat to be held in the sanctuary between services on October 24th. The chat will be focused on understanding your quarterly donations statement. Our bookkeeping system, while extremely accurate, does not produce an easy to read document. If you've ever looked at your statement and went "huh?", I think you will find this session helpful.

Kay Eckman

A UU Vacation to Transylvania

How about traveling to a place where Unitarianism was founded 450 years ago? That's Transylvania! One fourth of all Unitarians live here. Their beautiful, unique churches are a joy to behold.

We'll have a 3-day stay in a Transylvanian Unitarian village - attending church, sharing a relaxed picnic and experiencing rural village life. We'll explore castles and other cultural places, enjoy the food and art and the beautiful landscapes.

The cost is \$2075 US, plus airfare. That includes 9 nights in Transylvania and 5 in Hungary, private coach, most meals, escorts and guides, 3 and 4- star hotels, as well as staying with a family or in a guest house when we are in the rural village.

This specially designed tour for Unitarians everywhere takes place June 4-18 2012 and will be facilitated by the UU Partner Church Council Pilgrimage Service that has more than a decade of experience facilitating UU visits to this part of Europe.

For all details see www.nuuc.ca
Contact Beverly Carr, bgcarr@rogers.com
Neighbourhood UU Congregation

Meet Marta Rouieheb, UUCK's newest member

Welcome to the latest initiative by the Membership Team. Our goal is to interview our new members so that you, the congregation, can get to know them better, and maybe they can get to know us better.

Marta is a resident of Kent. She is single, and a student finishing a degree in Psychology and Philosophy at KSU. Marta shared with me that she has a Greek Orthodox background, but only until her father passed when she was 5. After that her religious exposure was sporadic, with the exception of her attendance at Hoban HS.

Marta came to the UU Church of Kent searching for a more inclusive faith. She was looking for a faith that promotes acceptance, love, forgiveness and good will toward all. She wants a community that shares her values and will provide her with examples to learn from.

Hiking, the woods and anything nature-related are some of Marta's passions. Philosophy is another. Some of her hobbies are boxing, running and kayaking. She is interested in community involvement and thinks that everyone should perform some volunteer activity. Marta also enjoys concerts, live music. Reading is another interest.

Marta is interested in getting involved at UUCK. She has already been helping with efforts at increasing involvement with young adults. Marta is looking forward to the Ministry Fair to see what other things she might be interested in.

Marta is committed to being an active member at UUCK. I look forward to getting to know her better.

Marion Yeagler



Marta Rouieheb

October Church Events

25 10:30 Pancakes 12:15 Pancakes part B 12:45-2:15 OWL orientation S F 3:30-6:30 Story Group EA 6:30 choir S 7-9 AA FH	26 5:30 Tai chi 6:30-8:30 RE com. EA	27 Thread/Web and eNuus deadline	28 7-900 Policy EA	29 3-5 Master Plan EA 6-8 Sanctuary reserved 6-7:15 Small Group EA 7-9 Capital campaign RE 7:15-7:30 Fessenden re- served 7:30-9:30 COM EA 7:30-9:30 Coming/Age F	30 6-8 Church re- served 8-10 Concert S	1 2-7 Church reserved 3-6 OMD EA
2 12:30-3 Reception F 12:30-2:30 SJC EA 6:30 Choir S 7-9 AA FH	3 5:30 Tai chi	4 Thread/Web and eNuus deadline	5	6 7-9 Adult RE FL 7-9 Service Auction F 7:30-9:30 Coming/Age RE	7 4:30-6:30 Rehearsal S	8 1-5 Adult RE EA 2:30-6:30 church re- served
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16 11:15-3 New Members potluck F 6:30 Choir S 7-9 AA FH	17 5:30 Tai chi	18	19 7:30-9 Spiritual Cinema F p4	20 7-9 Adult RE F 7-9 Service Auction com. F 7:30-9:30 Coming/Age RE	21 6-8 church reserved 8-10 Concert p5 8-12 Haunted House setup	22 12-11 a- Haunted house overnight 5-11 Halloween party
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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 September 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.

Book Group

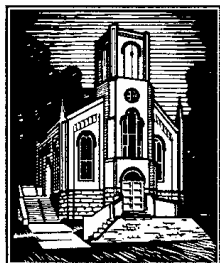
The Book Group will be meeting on Tuesday, October 11 at 7 pm in the home of Bonnie Harper at 1721 Rugg Street in Kent. This month we are reading *The Art of Racing in the Rain* by Garth Stein. A heart-wrenching but deeply funny and ultimately uplifting story of family, love, loyalty, and hope, *The Art of Racing in the Rain* is a beautifully crafted and captivating look at the wonders and absurdities of human life...as only a dog could tell it. If you have any questions you may contact Bonnie Harper.

Community Dinner Volunteers Sought

Can you volunteer for the Saturday, October 15th Kent Community Dinner? This month's dinner celebrates the presence and contributions of LGBTQ people in our community. It is a potluck dinner that starts at 5:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ. Can you come early and help set up (4-5:30) or stay after and help clean-up (approximately 7-8:30)? Please contact Laura Mazur with your availability.

Thank you, (Ms.) *Sevim McCutcheon*

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Logan Bores made this wonderful model of our church. How can you tell it's our church? The scene includes Hal, Melissa, Karen Lapidus, Kristina Spaude, Saunis Parsons, Hogwarts wizards, Brad Bolton, and aliens. As Logan says, "Our church welcomes all people, even aliens." Your mission, if you accept it, is to identify all the people listed above. First person to contact the editor with the correct answer will be awarded with fair trade chocolate, yummy. There are hints to help you. And no, Brad is not an alien - not in the model, anyway.