

East Suburban Unitarian Universalist Church



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Religious Education - 10:30 AM

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ESUUC Sunday Services

Sunday, September 7, 10:30 am – “*Risky Business*” – What is your tolerance for risk? How do we differentiate risk from simple trust (or fool heartedness)? What, if any, guidelines do we use to manage risk in our own lives? Dr. Waun will help us to reflect on these questions. It is also WATER COMMUNION Sunday; so remember to bring a wee vessel of water to share from your summer adventures.

Sunday, September 14, 10:30 a.m. – “*Evolutionary Creationism*” – Matt Mathis, Leona Dunnett and Mary Kukura-Straw will be sharing information from Michael Dowd’s “Thank God for Evolution.”

Sunday, September 21, 10:30 a.m. – “*The Life and Music of Pete Seeger*” – Pete Seeger is a musician, activist, and Unitarian Universalist. Marylyn Devlin will discuss with you the formative events in this man’s life and how he practices our seven principles. This service will also include a sing-a-long of some of his best known songs that have marked American history, for example, “If I Had a Hammer,” “Where Have All the Flowers Gone?” and more. Come for the information, inspiration and fun. How can we keep from singing with Pete in the house?

Sunday, Oct. 5, 10:30am- “North, South, East, West”- How has geography affected culture? In her many travels, Dr. Waun has made some observations about people from the different hemispheres and regions and how cultural habits may have developed simply because of weather and topography. This topic is meant to be purely speculative in nature, not based on anything scientific, but hopefully it will prompt lively discussion.



Pastor’s Column:

New Eyes

by Rev. Renee Waun

Whenever we have been away from the usual routine for awhile, we return with “new eyes”. We see things a sm

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our summer adventures with new eyes for the church and all its wonderful possibilities as we begin this new program year this month.

Something that has become part of the worldview of all UUs during the summer was the tragic shooting spree that took place in one of our churches in Tennessee, killing two and wounding several others, with many children (and adults) directly affected and traumatized by the incident.

That situation sparked a flood of sympathy and compassion for the victims, as well as the gunman and the UUA as a whole. Lots of articles, emails, communications and interventions have occurred at all levels within the UUA since that event, and some in our church want to address this issue at ESUUC and be reassured that we are doing our best to be safe.

The Board has reviewed comments by concerned individuals, discussed things, and have decided to keep the side door of the building locked so that all persons will enter the front door, thereby giving us more visibility and control, especially during services. There are two or three volunteers who have offered to decided to use "new eyes" to be vigilant, but not fear-driven.

Even more important, however, is for all of us to use the "new eyes" concept to remember how it feels to be a newcomer to the congregation, and to make them feel as welcomed and as comfortable as possible as they visit our church. We will attract what we are looking for, and so let's be on the lookout for people seeking kinship and enlightenment, just like we are, as we begin this new program year together.



Musings from the President: Hello!

by Leona Dunnett

It is my honor a privilege to serve as your President for the next two years. I would like to thank all the love and support that you all have given me over the years. I want to recognize all the contributions that each and every one of you bring to make this congregation awesome, but they are so numerous and the list would go on and on. I hope that in the months to come, I will have some great, moving and more enlightened things to say as we venture on this journey together. As the board transitions to this next year, may we all hold each other up with grace and humility to be a true beacon to the world and uphold the mission and the vision of this congregation.

Blessed Be

Religious Education

Class Schedule for September:

Elementary

Curriculum: Timeless Themes - Stories From the Hebrew & Christian Bibles

September 7, Water Communion - NO RE CLASSES

September 14 ,Welcome - Session 1 Wendy Noe

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September 21, Adam & Eve - Session 2 Natalie Mendik
September 28, Service Project

Middle

Curriculum: Timeless Themes - Stories From the Hebrew & Christian Bibles
September 7, Water Communion - NO RE CLASSES
September 14, Welcome - Session 1 TBD
September 21, The Tower of Babel - Session 5 Tabitha Riggio
September 28, Service Project

COA

Neighboring Faiths Curriculum
September 7, Water Communion - NO RE CLASSES
September 14, What is Religious? Dan Begg
September 21, What Faiths Do We Want To Learn About? Mary Kukura-Straw
September 28, Preparing Questions/Deciding on Celebratory Trip TBD

News from the Treasurer

By Chris Priano

Liquid assets, 7/1/08: \$ 16,638 (correction)

Liquid assets, 7/31/08: \$ 18,513

Increase (decrease) in liquid assets: \$ 1,875

Net inflows: \$ 1,875

Minimal information has been provided this month, because we're in the process of converting the church's bookkeeping to the PowerChurch software.

Caring & Concerns

“Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around.” - Leo Bucaglia

Happy Birthday!

Mary Kukura-Straw
Chuck Shiring Sr
Ella Sokulski
Mary Warwick

Happy Anniversary!

Bob & Jean Robl
Bob & Mary Warwick

Congratulations!

Eric, Laura, & baby Chloe Turnbaugh for signing the ESUUC membership book – Welcome!
Jen Ewart on her new job
Chris Priano on working his job from home

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Justice Dunnett for being elected as Jr High Liason for OMD-YAK
Leona Dunnett for accepting the position as OMD-YAK Co-Chair

Best of Luck as our new graduates move on...

Jana Clinton - Penn State University
Anna Luczkow – Ohio University
Kim Katilius – University of Pittsburgh, Bradford
Jim Noble – Marines
Zea Zingarelli – Carlow University

As a Community, we share our positive energies to help those who are having difficult times...

Mary Kukura-Straw for her mother
Gayle Pamerleau for her mother
Mary Warwick for her mother
Marilyn Devlin for her ankle

Condolences

Mary Warwick for the loss of her dear neighbor, Ruth Lauer
John Shea 7th year memorial for his wife Nancy Shea

“Life is not a brief candle... It is a splendid torch that must be made to burn as brightly as possible before it is handed on to the next generation.”

Each month, we will post this column for birthdays, anniversaries, honors, illnesses, or memorials. Please contact Susan Goodis at Caring@ESUUC.org or call 412-609-1232 with events you wish to have included in our newsletter. Thank-you.

Sunday Refreshments

One of the most popular Unitarian traditions is the social hour after each service. At ESUUC, each adult member (or couple) takes a turn bringing refreshments. It works out, on average, to about one turn per person/couple per year. PLEASE NOTE that for various reasons, it will be necessary for some people who brought refreshments earlier this year to take another turn as we near the end of the church year. (Just remember, somebody else will have that fun next year!)

To ensure fairness, we assign each adult member/couple a date on which to bring refreshments. These don't have to be homemade or fancy; store-bought treats work well, too. If you haven't brought refreshments before, or are unfamiliar with how things are set up, you may want to come in the weekend before your turn to see how it's done. There are also instructions in the kitchen on how to use the coffeemaker and hot water pot. If you are still confused, or need assistance, contact Brenda Shiring at brennyren@yahoo.com or 724-334-1507. If I'm at the service and you want a hand, just come and get me. The only thing I WON'T do is let you off the hook – we need your participation to keep this fun tradition alive (and everybody fed)!

If the week you're assigned doesn't work for your schedule, please switch with someone else for that month.

Sept. 7	Sharing Sunday
Sept. 14	Bill & Helen Kavalkovich

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Sept. 21	Glenn & Marcia Klepac
Sept. 28	Kathleen Leon

Oct. 5	Jerry & Maureen Lilly
Oct. 12	Laurie Montgomery
Oct. 19	Frank Nemeth
Oct. 26	Ken & Andrea Noble

Next up: Ken & Andrea Noble, Wendy Noe, Gayle Pamerleau

Daytime Book Club

The Wed. afternoon book club meets at the Panera's in Penn Ctr. the first Wed. of each month at 1 pm.

Upcoming book selections:

Sept. "A New Earth" by E. Tolle

Oct. "Under the Banner of Heaven" by J. Krakauer

Nov. "Killer Angels" by M. Shaara

All are welcome (even if you haven't read the book!).

Evening Book Club

Teens driving you crazy? This month's selection, "The Primal Teen" by Barbara Strauch examines the mysterious, infuriating, and downright weird behavior of teenagers and tries to explain, in scientific terms, why teens behave this way.

The book club will meet on Saturday October 18th at 7 PM at Mary Warwick's deck ... weather permitting.

Ministerium Lunch: Volunteers Needed

Ministerium Lunch at ESUUC Needs a Few Cooks, Servers On October 1. On the first Wednesday of every October, our congregation hosts the Monroeville Interfaith Ministerium, and serves a lunch to about 18 clergy. We need a few folks who enjoy showing off our hospitality and openness to the different faith groups, to help with the noon-time lunch, which this year is on October 1.

The help is needed from about 10:30am until about 1:30, but volunteers are welcome to join us for any part of that time. Also possible: cook something and deliver it to the church either that day, or the previous Sunday, to be stored in the freezer until needed.

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Please contact Rev. Waun 412-731-2834 mwaun2003@yahoo.com to let her know if you are able to help with this most satisfying project. Thank you!

Ugandan Craft Store Now Online

Check it out! The beautiful crafts that have been on display at the back of the sanctuary have been moved to Dr. Waun's home because the store is now online! Visit www.africanruralschools.org and find the link to the Fair Trade Craft Shop. All prices have been calculated to include postage, although we can always deliver items to you at the church.

All proceeds from the sale of the crafts go directly to support the many needs at the school in Uganda, of which Dr. Waun is the Founding Sponsor. As the holidays approach, please remember the Online Fair Trade Craft Shop! Thanks enormously.

Pgh Action Against Torture Conference

Pittsburgh Against Torture is sponsoring a regional conference at First Unitarian Church in Pittsburgh on September 20th and 21st called "Talking About Torture: How Can We Learn to Speak About the Unspeakable". This event will include a panel of five presenters addressing the issue of torture in the context of religious communities, the media, talking with children, legislation, and prisons.

It will also feature Hector Aristizabal, from Columbia, a psychologist and survivor of torture who works through the Theatre of the Oppressed. Hector has the rare ability to leave people with a vision for change and the belief that it is possible to resist even the most terrible abuses of human dignity. The flyer at the end of this newsletter gives you all the needed information.

Congregational Committees

Committee – Chair (email)

Aesthetics – Jean Robl and Maureen Lilly	Membership – Marylyn Devlin
Building and Facilities – open	Music – Alan Halperin
Caring & Concerns – Susan Goodis	Pastoral Care – Maria Luczkow
Committee on Ministry – Gayle Pamerleau	Religious Education – Kate Zingarelli
Community – Brenda Shiring	Sunday Programs/Celebrations – Mary
Drumming – Bill Dunham (drumming@esuuc.org)	Kukura-Straw
Finance – Chris Priano	Welcoming Congregation – Matt Mathis
Landscaping – Laurie Montgomery	

Newsletter Deadlines

October 2008 newsletter deadline: September 21, 11:00 pm. For real!

Please email your articles to newsletter@esuuc.org or call Mary Warwick (724) 327-3092 and leave a message with your news, stories, and other information.

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Get the Weekly Email News

If you would like to receive a weekly email that includes items not in the newsletter and reminders of upcoming events for the week, please send an email from the address you would like subscribed to esuuc_news@esuuc.org. You can also send a message to that address if you would like it included in the weekly email announcement to the congregation.

Calendar

Sunday, August 31, 10:30am
[Potluck Picnic @ Bear Hollow Park](#)

Wednesday, September 3, 1:00pm
[Wednesday Book Club](#)

Sunday, September 7
9:30am [Choir Rehearsal for today's Service](#)
10:30am [Risky Business](#)
12:00pm [Program Committee](#)

Sunday, September 14, 10:30am
[Evolutionary Creationism](#)

Wednesday, September 17, 1:00pm
[Current Events Group](#)

Sunday, September 21,
10:30am [Pete Seeger](#)
11:00pm [NEWSLETTER DEADLINE](#)

Friday, September 26
All day [COA](#)

Saturday, September 27
All day [COA](#)

Sunday, September 28, 10:30am
[Service](#)

Wednesday, October 1, 1:00pm
[Wednesday Book Club](#)

Sunday, October 5,
9:30am [Choir Rehearsal for today's Service](#)
10:30am [Sunday Service](#)
12:00pm [Program Committee](#)

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Sunday, October 12

10:30am [You're Not As Sane As You Think You Are](#)

Wednesday, October 15

1:00pm [Current Events Group](#)

Sunday, October 19

10:30am [Sunday Service](#)

11:00pm [Newsletter Deadline](#)

Sunday, October 26

10:30am [Honoring the Ancestors](#)

Sunday, November 2

9:30am [Choir Rehearsal for today's Service](#)

10:30am [Sunday Service](#)

12:00pm [Program Committee](#)

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PITTSBURGH SAYS

NO

TO TORTURE!

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 20

9:00am to 5:00pm - "Talking About Torture" Conference: How can we learn to speak about the unspeakable? First Unitarian Church, 605 Morewood Ave, Oakland. Morning panel and small groups. Nightwind: Featured afternoon presentation using Theatre of the Oppressed techniques. Hector Aristizabal re-enacts his own arrest and torture in Colombia and explores possible outcomes.

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 21

1:00pm to 7:00pm - Dynamic experiential workshop with Hector Aristizabal. At the Friends Meeting House in Oakland. Space limited, please RSVP to Pittsburgh Against Torture.



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