

Allegheny **ADVOCATE**

Allegheny Unitarian Universalist Church's Monthly Newsletter

Want to get in on the fun?

The AUUC Racial Justice Ministry has stepped up our efforts to assist our neighborhood recreation center. Our first on site project will take place in January. Kim Winbush has offered to lead a group of volunteers from AUUC and the kids at the center as they make their own paper. We can provide the supplies; the center has the kids – now all we need are the volunteers to help. You don't need any special skills – just the desire to help make a difference in our churches neighborhood. The workshops will be held once per week (probably Tuesdays around 5:30pm) for several weeks for approximately an hour and a half starting mid January. Want to get in on the fun? Talk to Kim or one of the Racial Justice ministers.

This is just the first in what we hope will be a long list of future workshops- We need your ideas and energy – the kids are eager to learn.

Every Monday and Wednesday (4:30-5:30pm) the kids from Jefferson Recreation Center go to the YMCA for swimming – would you like to swim and help out at the same time? The center could use some volunteers to help chaperone the kids in the pool at the “Y”. Your commitment can be every week, every other week, every month- its up to you. The YMCA also has the capacity to have the kids doing other physical activities such as weight training- but the center lacks the staff – volunteers are needed to help with these activities as well – you don't need to be Hulk Hogan (sorry I'm not up to date on my WWF references) to do this – just interested, If you can offer some help with this check in with Rev. Dave.

Jay Poliziani

January 2007

Black Heritage Celebration

The RJM is hard at work recruiting workshop leaders and performers for our first Black Heritage Celebration. The event will be held at the Amani Coffee Shop at James and Foreland Streets on February 2nd and 3rd and at our Church on February 4th. Following our February 4th Sunday Service, Avis Ellis will facilitate a workshop, which will create an open space where folks can feel welcomed to ask their questions about race. The Friday night (5-8pm) and Saturday afternoon (11am-4pm) activities at the coffee shop will focus on arts and performances (music, dance, poetry, storytelling- etc...) – we could use your help in finding folks to fill those spaces (for free). If you know someone contact Jay at Poliziani@goodwillpitt.org.



And to learn more about the work of the Racial Justice Ministry at AUUC stop by our January meeting on 1/22/07 at 6:30pm.



Finance Update

Here are the highlights for the month of November, 2006:

- Offerings for the month were \$5,138, and year to date \$30,755 (including \$5,750 of amounts prepaid in last fiscal year toward pledges for this fiscal year.) This compares with budgeted amounts of \$5,813 and \$34,813, respectively.
- Net proceeds from the Yummy Pie Sale were \$506.25, compared to the budget of \$700, and actual last year of \$912.
- Thanks to all who gave generously to the special collection in November for North Side Common Ministries, for a total of \$2,280.

Again, a reminder that if you make cash contributions in the weekly collection, and plan to take a deduction on your taxes, you should place the cash in an envelope with your name on it, so it can be properly credited to you. Blank envelopes are available in the Emerson room. New rules from the IRS require that charitable contributions in cash be documented by the recipient in order to be deductible by the giver.

In the month of January, I will be out of town. Thanks to Jill Brethauer for handling the Treasurer duties in my absence.

Kathy Graham
Treasurer



The DownUnder Coffeehouse



On Saturday 27 January 2007 at 7:30pm, the DownUnder Coffeehouse will host Molly In The Crowd, performing Scottish, Irish, and English traditional music on traditional and some very non-traditional instruments, including the tuba and Turkish cumbus. Molly In The Crowd, a relative newcomer on the Pittsburgh Music Scene, has performed on the Saturday Light Brigade radio show, at the Bloomfield Bridge Tavern (through Calliope), for the Guthrie Arts Guild in Grove City (in connection with the Pennsylvania Council for the Arts), and has been heard on WRCT.

Molly In The Crowd includes Roger Day of the Colombian band Besame on tuba, John Meikle on vocals, whistles, and chanter, Robert Metil from Chatham College on guitar, mandolin, 5-string banjo, cumbus, and vocals, and Rip Reufle, Calliope bodhran teacher and drummer for the band ATS on bodhran and other percussion. John and Rob are recognized masters of the folk and traditional arts by the Pennsylvania Council for the Arts.

The DownUnder Coffeehouse is open one Saturday each month in Allegheny Unitarian Universalist Church, 416 West North Ave, North Side. Suggested donation for this month's show is \$10. Desserts and coffee will be available.

Call 412-322-4261 or see www.alleghenyuu.org for more details.

Monday 1st - New Years Day

Wednesday 3rd

- 7:00 pm AUUC Core Team Meeting - Founders Hall

Thursday 4th

- 8:00 pm Tai Chi Class

Friday 5th

- 7:00 pm Ishmael Book Club - Beleza Coffee House

Saturday 6th

- 11:00 am Peace Vigil in front of church

Sunday 7 January:

- 9:00 am Choir Practice
- 10:30 am Sunday Service
 - **Speaker:** Reverend David McFarland
Wake Up and Smell the Apocalypse: Why do so many religious stories include the violent destruction of the planet? The Rev. McFarland will share the spiritual insights from this most unlikely of places.
 - **Greeters:** Pete McQuillin & Friend
 - **Refreshments:** Pat Downey & Friend
- Order Giant Eagle certificates

Thursday 11th

- 7:00 pm PIIN Board Meeting - Bidwell Presbyterian
- 7:30 PM RE Committee Meeting in the U House
- 8:00 pm Tai Chi Class

Saturday 13th

- 11:00 am Peace Vigil in front of church

Sunday 14 January:

- 9:00 am Choir Practice
- 10:30 am Sunday Service
 - **Speaker:** Jay Poliziani and Racial Justice Caucus

AUUC January Events



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"About that Dream...": How has Dr King's dream shaped and changed our lives? Members of the AUUC Racial Justice Ministry will share some of their life changing experiences related to racial equity.

- Greeters: Chris Stygar & Lisa Carvajal
- Refreshments: TBA
- Pick up Giant Eagle certificates
- 12:00 pm Family Choir

Tuesday 15th - *Martin Luther King Jr. Day*

Thursday 18th

- 8:00 PM Tai Chi Class
- 9:00 PM Shelter Meal

Friday 19th

Newsletter Deadline

Saturday 20th

- 11:00 am Peace Vigil in front of church

Sunday 21 January:

- 9:00 am Choir Practice
- 9:30 am Communion Service
- 10:30 am Sunday Service
- Speaker: Rev. David McFarland
Making Time: Reverend Dave explores the possibilities of sacred time.
- Greeters: TBA
- Refreshments: TBA

Monday 22nd

- 6:30 pm Racial Justice Ministry Meeting

Friday 26th

- AUUC Family Game Night
- Ohio-Meadville District Men's Retreat -
Sandscrest Retreat Center (26th - 28th)

Saturday 27th

- 11:00 am Peace Vigil in front of church
- 7:30 pm DownUnder Coffeehouse presents:
Molly in the Crowd



Sunday 28 January:

- 9:00 am Choir Practice
- 10:30 am Sunday Service
 - **Speaker:** TBA
 - **Greeters:** TBA
 - **Refreshments:** TBA
- 12:00 pm Spiritual Journey Group Meeting

Thursday 1st

- 8:00 pm Tai Chi Class

Friday 2nd

- 5:00 - 8:00 pm Black Heritage Celebration - Amani Coffee Shop

Saturday 3rd

- 11:00 am Peace Vigil in front of church
- 11:00 am - 4:00 pm Black Heritage Celebration - Amani Coffee Shop

Sunday 4 February:

- 9:00 am Choir Practice
- 10:30 am Sunday Service
 - **Speaker:** Reverend David McFarland
Who Would Jesus Bomb?: Is there such thing as a "just war"? The Rev. McFarland will address religious motivations for war and what it might mean for the US to be an ethical superpower.
 - **Greeters:** TBA
 - **Refreshments:** TBA
- Order Giant Eagle certificates
- Black Heritage Celebration - at AUUC

Tuesday 6th

Wednesday 7th

- 7:00 pm AUUC Core Team Meeting - Founders Hall

Thursday 8th

- 7:00 pm PIIN Board Meeting - Bidwell Presbyterian

AUUC January Events



AUUC February Events

- 7:30 PM RE Committee Meeting in the U House
- 8:00 pm Tai Chi Class

Saturday 10th

- 11:00 am Peace Vigil in front of church

Sunday 11 February:

- 9:00 am Choir Practice
- 10:30 am Sunday Service
- **Speakers:** Betsy Crane and Robert Heasley, *UUs and Professors of Sociology, Indiana University of PA (Bob is President of the Indiana UU Congregation)*
Sex and the Soul: Affirming The Goodness in Our Sexualities How to hold our own sexually in a positive way in a sex-negative world; How to move to the authentic sexual self as a source of goodness and joy; Healing physically and spiritually; Affirming sex for ourselves and the planet.
- **Greeters:** TBA
- **Refreshments:** TBA
- Pick up Giant Eagle certificates

Thursday 15th

- 8:00 pm Tai Chi Class
- 9:00 PM Shelter Meal

Friday 16th

Newsletter Deadline

Saturday 17th

- 11:00 am Peace Vigil in front of church
- 7:30 pm DownUnder Coffeehouse presents:
TBA

Note: In order to provide a more stable and reliable schedule, the Advocate prints only six weeks of upcoming events.



Thanks to all those who came to see last months
DownUnder Coffeeshouse production of The
Riveting Rosies.

The DownUnder Coffeeshouse



Would you like to sing some fun songs with an
enthusiastic group of kids of all ages? We would
like to start a Family Choir at AUUC that will meet
once a month on a Sunday morning from 9:45 to
10:15am. To give it a jump start, please bring a
brown bag lunch and join us for an opening
rehearsal on Sun., Jan. 14, from 12:00 noon to
12:30 pm. No musical knowledge is needed - just
come to have a good time!

Family Choir

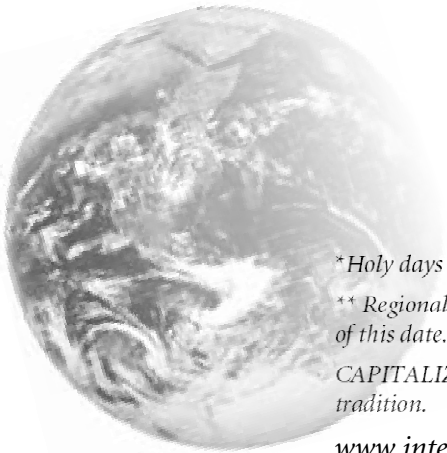
Thanks!

Kiki Barley
Director of Music

Interfaith Calendar

January 2007

- 1 • Mary, Mother of God - Catholic Christian
Feast of St Basil - Orthodox Christian
Gantan-sai (New Years) - Shinto
- 3 • Mahayana Buddhist New Year** - Buddhist
- 5 • Twelfth Night - Christian
Guru Gobindh Singh birthday - Sikh
- 6 • Epiphany - Christian
Feast of the Theophany - Orthodox
Christian
Dia de los Reyes (Three Kings) - Christian
- 7 • Feast of the Nativity - Orthodox Christian
Baptism of the Lord Jesus - Christian
- 13 • Maghi - Sikh
- 18-25 • Week of Prayer for Christian Unity -
Christian
- 20 • Muharram - (New Year)* - Islam
- 21 • World Religion Day - Baha'i
- 23 • Vasant Panchami** - Hindu
- 25 • Conversion of St. Paul - Christian
- 28 • Triodion begins - Orthodox Christian
- 29 • Ashura* - Islam



** Holy days usually begin at sundown the day before this date.*

*** Regional customs or moon sightings may cause a variation of this date.*

CAPITALIZED bold titles are primary holy days of a tradition.

www.interfaithcalendar.org

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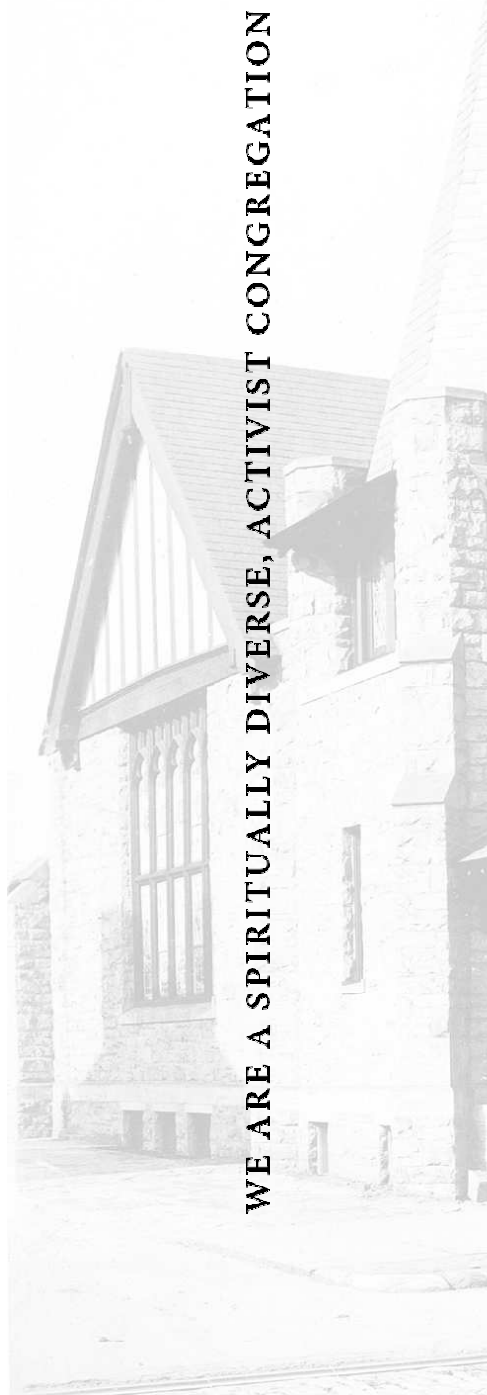
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