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Allegheny Unitarian Universalist Church's Monthly Newsletter

**From
Rev. Dave's
Desk**

This year is a time to prepare for our next great leap of faith: the move to full-time ministry. It certainly means your called minister's presence in the pulpit more often. It means increased availability for pastoral care and outreach. Even more so, living into full-time ministry means fulfilling the dreams of a congregation that throughout our history has chosen again and again to live into an audacious future.

A hundred years ago, the congregation had the audacity to create a free religious presence in what was then an expanding suburb. In the late 1950s, we provided consistent, compassionate lay ministry despite a seemingly inexorable decline. In the '80s, rather than being absorbed into other surrounding congregations, we decided that the North Side continued to need our free faith, so we chose to commit our energies toward building a fully serving church dedicated to being a Unitarian Universalist force for justice in the inner city.

Our commitment to this audacious future will of course require increased contributions of treasure, time, and talent. Even more, it requires a new spirit of possibility, of moving forward, and of embracing the new. Summer is a time for rejuvenation, for re-thinking assumptions, for welcoming new experiences and new ideas. Throughout this summer, I invite you to discern with me and fellow churchgoers what will be your part in fulfilling the dreams of this century-old congregation struggling to become its best self. With love and blessings,

July/August 2009

Rev Dave

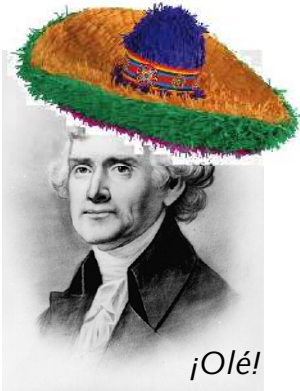
Racial Justice



Made you look!

The Racial Justice Ministry is looking forward to some very exciting events this fall, including an anti-racism workshop with facilitators from the UUA, fall activities at the Jefferson Recreation Center, and the All Souls Vigil in November. We are actively looking for new members to join our group – starting in the fall we will be meeting quarterly in order to allow more people to attend meetings. Join us to help us achieve our goals! If you are interested in helping us promote racial justice on the North Side, please email Jay Poliziani or Liz Dell. Our next meeting will be on Thursday 20 August in the Unitarian House at 6:30pm.

Tuesdays at the Jefferson Recreation Center



¡Olé!

As the school year has ended, our activities at Jefferson Rec. will be lessened somewhat, but we are still planning on doing some Mexican-themed crafts with the kids this summer– email Kim or Jay for times and dates. Many people from the congregation have participated in activities at Jefferson Rec. and the kids really look forward to our visits! Regular visits (the first and third Tuesdays of the month) will start up again 8 September from 5:30–7pm. Send an email to Jay Poliziani or Kim Winbush for directions or if you have any questions. We can't wait to see you there!

RE Childcare for the Summer



Our children's Religious Education Program is taking a break for the summer. During summer services, childcare will be available in Founders Hall for children ages eighteen months to twelve years. Please contact Kris Thomas if you are interested in assisting with Sunday morning childcare.

Pittsburgh Project staff and students will open the Charles Street Farmers Market. Come get fresh, locally-grown vegetables, fruit, and herbs!

They've transformed an old baseball field into gardens through an Urban Farming Initiative. This new effort is the result of a partnership with the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank, with support from the City of Pittsburgh and Heifer International.

SCHEDULE: Every Thursday, from 11 June to 12 November 2009.

HOURS: Open from 2:00 to 6:00 pm.

LOCATION: Right across from the Pittsburgh Project , near Fowler Park and Pool.

PAYMENT: Cash, EBT, WIC, and Senior FMNP. Please, no checks or credit cards.

Pittsburgh Project News



Yum.....

Can't be at General Assembly (GA) this year? The Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) 2009 GA will come to you via live streaming media. All programs will be delivered in Flash. Use this address in your web browser if you need to download Flash: <get.adobe.com/flashplayer>

Of special note is the Friday evening broadcast of the debate on the revisions to Article II, otherwise known as the Principles and Purposes. This year's vote will place the proposed revisions on the 2010 agenda.

Visit:<www.uua.org/ga> to view any of these programs at the UUA website. The UUA also posts summaries and other information from workshops, be sure to visit the GA pages at the UUA website to view what has been posted each day. Audio CDs of most workshops and DVDs of several events will also be available for purchase on the UUA website.

UUA General Assembly at Salt Lake City, UT

Changes to the Allegheny Advocate



Because a growing proportion of our congregation is opting to receive an electronic copy of the Allegheny Advocate newsletter and in an interest to save printing and postage costs, we will no longer be mailing paper copies to our friends and members. However, we will continue to print a small amount of paper copies that will be available for pick up at Allegheny UU Church. We encourage those of you who can receive the online newsletter to please sign up by sending an email to <stygarjal@comcast.net>. Those of you who want the printed newsletter, we look forward to seeing you at church when you pick up a copy. Thank you for your help.

Summer ECO Tip

More and more people in the US are replacing much or all of their lawns in favor of growing pesticide-free vegetables, fruits and flowers, as well as including natural wildlife habitat. The National Wildlife Federation's Backyard Wildlife Habitat program provides a wealth of web-based resources to help you in the transition from lawn to natural habitat.

Backyard habitat can be developed in even the smallest of spaces, and you can make small changes that will not only attract wildlife to your yard, but will ensure that you maintain a healthy yard for various species to live.

Making your lawn wildlife-friendly by providing water, fruit bearing native plants, and shelter for native species. This might include a butterfly garden or plants designed to attract local honey bees. Many tree and shrub species are excellent sources of food for wildlife. Proper selection of plant material can meet both the aesthetic needs of the homeowner and the food and shelter needs of wildlife.

Remember that you are part of the habitat!



All Members and Friends,

The Long Range Planning Committee is looking to expand it's ranks to better meet the needs of the tasks set before them by the congregation. With our new resolve to fulfill our goals of full time ministry and financial stability, we are looking for committed individuals to help us do the things that will lead to real progress.

The only prerequisite is that you have a little time and have a desire to see the church fulfill it's mission. All skills are welcome as there will be a wide range of jobs to be done. All opinions are welcome as we all need to work together on this to succeed in everyone's eyes. If you have been looking for a chance to make a big difference in our church and neighborhood - this is it!

There will be a restart meeting early in July to gather our energy and map out our tasks. However, I expect face to face meetings to be few with email or phone to be the heavy favorite for communication. If you are interested or want more information, please contact me via email or phone, or catch me at church - I'm happy to discuss ideas on this with anyone.

Chris Stygar
Chair, Long Range Planning Committee
(LRPC)

Long Range Planning Committee



**Save the Date!
Sunday 26 July
Parent's Day Picnic**



Celebrate LGBT Parents on National Parents Day Sunday 26 July from 1-4pm at West Park, along West North Ave, behind the Aviary. Near the corner of Brighton and West North.

BYOP - Bring your own picnic; we'll provide the space and you provide the picnic. Fun activities!!! And a chance for you and your kids to meet other LGBT families and make new friends!

For more info visit <www.allegHENyuu.org>.

**Citiparks Summer
Food Service
Program**

Citiparks Summer Food Service Program provides healthy and delicious breakfasts, lunches and snacks to all children up to 18 years old as well as mentally disabled individuals up to 21 years old.

This service is made possible by funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture through the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

While the following list highlights larger sites operating all summer long, many other smaller sites and part-time sites provide breakfasts, lunches and/or snacks as part of the Summer Food Service Program. Call for specific locations and hours of operation.

Weekdays, June 15 – August 21, 2009

Approximately 125 sites

For Information: 412-244-3911



Every Sunday at Allegheny UU:

- 10:30 am Sunday Service

Sunday 5 July

- 10:30 am Story for All Ages Service

Worship Leader: Dave Whaley

Speaker: Rev David McFarland

After Independence

Conscious of our radically independent roots among the late 19th century metaphysical set, Rev. Dave explores our religious calling to interdependence.

Greeters: TBA

Refreshments: TBA

- Pick Up Giant Eagle certificates
- 2:00 pm NA Regional Meeting

Sunday 12 July

Worship Leader: Jeanne Zang

Speaker: Mark Dixon

Faith and Sustainability: Message, Medium and Medicine.

Greeters: TBA

Refreshments: TBA

Sunday 19 July

Worship Leader: Kate Tomlinson

Speaker: Michael Glass

Poverty, Hunger and Homelessness

Greeters: TBA

Refreshments: TBA

- 6:30pm Theologies Small Group
- 8:00pm PIIN Holy Ground Action

AUUC July & August Events



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Sunday 26 July

Worship Leader: Shaun Lawson

Speaker: Greg Boulos

The Spirituality of Local Food

Join us for a talk about our current food systems which disconnect communities and some possibilities for re-engaging with friends and neighbors around local and sustainable foods.

Greeters: TBA

Refreshments: TBA

- Order Giant Eagle certificates
- 1:00 pm GLBT Parents Day Picnic

Sunday 2 August

- 10:30 am Story for All Ages Service

Worship Leader: Matt Merriman-Preston

Speaker: Rev David McFarland

Celebrating Our Principled Center

Rev. Dave leads us in sharing our experiences of living our religious principles.

Greeters: TBA

Refreshments: TBA

- Pick Up Giant Eagle certificates
- 2:00 pm NA Regional Meeting

Sunday 9 August

Worship Leader: Jane Dirks

Animal Blessing Service

Join us as we honor and celebrate the pets and other animals which have touched our hearts. We will gather across the street from the church, in the park, so please dress appropriately. You are invited to bring your animal companions along (on leashes or in carriers). Photos or other mementos of deceased or absent pets are also welcomed.

Greeters: TBA

Refreshments: TBA



Sunday 16 August

Worship Leader: Donald Zeilman

Where in the World Is Peace?

Greeters: TBA

Refreshments: TBA

- 6:30 pm Theologies Small Group

Sunday 23 August

Worship Leader: Paul Lawson

Speaker: Erik Resly

Lessons from Seminary

How have the last twelve months changed your life? Reflecting on his first year in seminary, Erik Resly will share the insights that he has gained into the imperatives and challenges of our Living Tradition.

Greeters: TBA

Refreshments: TBA

Sunday 30 August

Worship Leader: Cameron Usilix-Booth

Speaker: Rev David McFarland

Sing By Heart

A musician at heart, Rev. Dave shares the ways Unitarian Universalism sings to him.

Greeters: TBA

Refreshments: TBA

- Order Giant Eagle certificates

AUUC July & August Events



July 2009

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
		1 7p FCAWP Comp. Mtg	2 6:30p Girl Scout Mtg 7p Green Burial Pgh Mtg	3	4
6 6p New Board Member 7p NA Mtg	7 5:30p Jef Rec AUUC Night 6p Sandwich Making	8	9 7p PIIN Board 7p Green Burial Pgh Mtg 8p Tai Chi	10	11 9:30a Small Group - Radical Hospitali- ty
13 <i>Summer Institute</i> 7p NA Mtg 7p CNNC Gen. Mem.	14 <i>Summer Inst.</i> 6p Sandwich Making 7p MWSS Gen. Mem. Mtg 7p Finance Cmtee Mtg	15 <i>Summer Institute</i>	16 <i>Summer Inst.</i> 8p Tai Chi 8:30p Shelter Meal	17 <i>SI</i>	18 <i>Summer Inst.</i>
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August 2009

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What/Who is the Committee on Ministry?

We are the Committee on Ministry: Lynn Glorieux, Donald Zeilman and Kate Tomlinson; and we meet, with Rev. David McFarland, once a month.

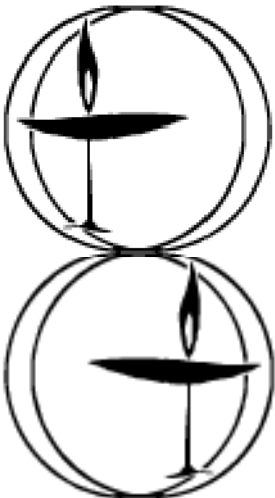
The Committee on Ministry was established in September 2004 by the Board of Trustees, at the recommendation of the Search Committee. According to the Letter of Agreement with our new minister, Rev. David McFarland, 'A Committee on Ministry will monitor and nurture the health of the ministry of the Congregation'.

A Committee on Ministry tracks the heartbeat of ministry within the congregation: how the members take care of themselves and each other, how the lay ministerial leadership serves the congregation, and how the called minister serves the congregation. The Committee on Ministry seeks to understand, assess, support and advocate for robust ministry throughout the context of congregational life. While the Board of Trustees oversees the operations of the church, the Committee on Ministry oversees the quality of our relationships.

Starting a year ago, the Committee on Ministry embarked on a self-evaluation process with the goal of rededicating ourselves to our charter/mission. We reviewed the available materials, discussed what was going well and what wasn't, and reestablished the Committee's mission.

The Committee on Ministry is interested in your ideas about the various shared ministries of our congregation: pastoral/professional (Rev. Dave), community (social justice, racial justice), small groups, children/youth, music, etc. We encourage you to let us know about any suggestions or concerns you might have related to these aspects of our church life. You can communicate with us in person, or by phone, letter or email.

*Thanks,
Lynn*



Summer Institute and UULTI

It's not too late! You can still register for Summer Institute (*12 - 18 July 2009 at Kenyon College, Gambier, OH*) and UULTI (*26 July - 1 August 2009 at Juniata College, Huntingdon, PA*), OMD's leadership school, but do it soon, because space is going fast. To learn more about Summer Institute visit <www.omdsi.org>, to learn more about UULTI visit<www.uulti.org>. Plus, you can now check out Summer Institute on Facebook!

Fall Events Scheduled

The OMD Committees and staff are already hard at work planning fall events for our members. On 10th October the OMD Leadership Development Team will host a workshop titled "Leadership in a Multicultural World" with Rev. Hope Johnson from New York, at the First Unitarian Church of Toledo. A Youth Leadership Development Conference (LDC) has been scheduled for 23-25 October 2009. Beginning in August, the OMD staff will start to present one webinar each month on rotating topics for leaders and members of our congregations. Topics scheduled for this fall include Committee on Ministry Orientation, Ministry and Congregational Assessment, Website Development and Maintenance, and Essentials of a Multigenerational Congregation.

For details on all these and more events visit the OMD website at <www.ohiomeadville.org>.

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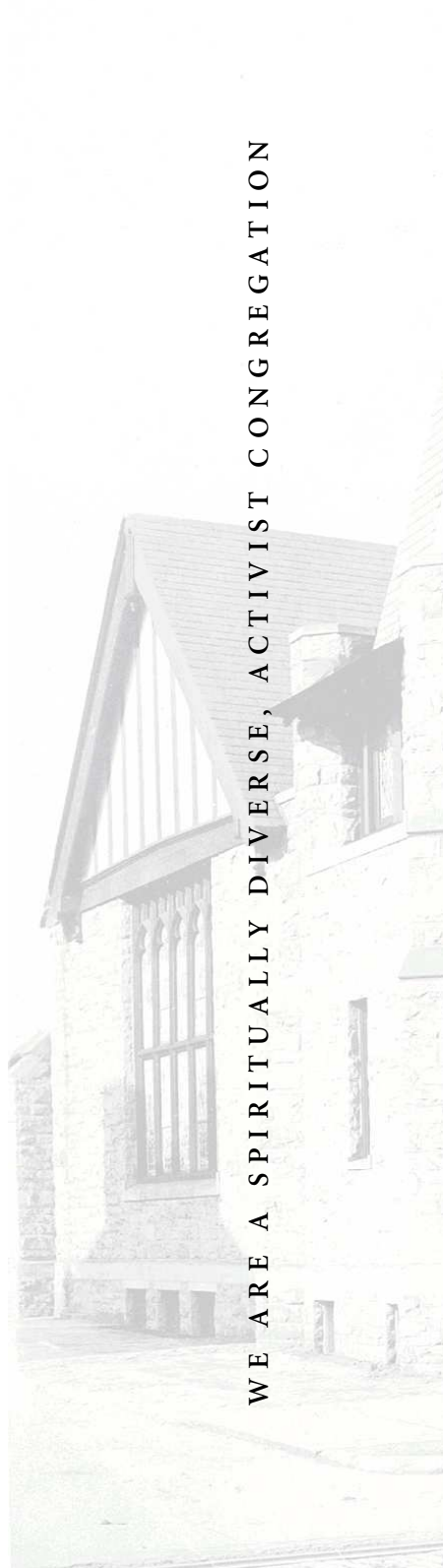
Our mission is to create a caring, nurturing liberal religious community centered on the celebration of life; to deepen awareness of the history of our Unitarian Universalist movement, its principles, and sources of wisdom; to engage in ethical discourse and action in order to maintain social justice as a central concern.

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