



Allegheny ADVOCATE

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ALLEGHENY UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

Many Kinds Of Ministry

Thanks to all who made our 99th Annual Meeting a success! Your Board Executive Committee worked hard to get the information and reports to you.

As always, Membership helped out with the meal, and especially helped those who forgot or didn't know to bring their bag lunches. And the Inreach Ministry helped smooth over the dessert-lover in all of us with their "Caring Chocolates" bake sale.

The Inreach Ministry is here to connect visitors, friends, and members with their Church home. They are here for you in your extreme joys, in your deep sorrows, when you're unable to make it to church, and when you just need the healing touch of community. Of course the Chocolate Ministry doesn't mean you have to like chocolate, it's just a way of making a connection to let folks know they're thought of.

As folks come and go over the summer, remember that Allegheny is always here, and it makes a difference when you're here! I hope you participate in as many of the Allegheny and North Side summer events for which you're in town. Thank you for your part in creating Allegheny Unitarian Universalist Church.

Rev. Dave's Summer Schedule

May 23–June 5: On vacation in Germany

June 6–June 12: At work in Pittsburgh, preaching.

June 13–June 19: At work in Pittsburgh.

June 20–June 26: At work in Pittsburgh, preaching.

June 27–July 3: At work in Pittsburgh.

July 4–July 10: On study leave in Pittsburgh.

July 11–July 17: At work in Pittsburgh and at Summer Institute.

July 18–July 31: On study leave in Michigan.

August 1–August 7: At work in Pittsburgh.

August 8–August 14: On study leave in Montreal.

August 15–August 21: At work in Pittsburgh until further notice.

Rev. Dave Herndon from First Unitarian Church will be the on-call minister for my vacation time in May/June. Please contact Pat Downey of the Committee on Ministry (see her 'phone number in the directory under *Anderson*) who can both help you contact Rev. Herndon and help determine whether to contact me in case of a pastoral emergency.

With blessings,

Rev. Dave

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IN THE CHURCH

Annual Church Picnic

The Annual Church Picnic is scheduled for June 12 at North Park. This year we will meet at the Donnevale Shelter.

Maps and directions will be available at church. Sign-up sheets will also be at church. This picnic is one of our fellowship highlights of the church year.

If you have a grill that you can bring to the picnic, grilled food lovers would be very appreciative. But grill or no grill we want everyone to come and enjoy food, fresh air and good times.

The picnic begins around 12:30, or as soon as we can get to North Park after Sunday morning Service!

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Join with Allegheny and other UU folks at the Pride Parade on June 18

PrideFest & Parade

On June 18, Allegheny will once again be participating in the annual Pride Parade – and this year, we'll be even mightier!

We'll be marching with the other Pittsburgh-area churches through the organizational efforts of *UUs United For Faith In Action*. This group is composed of members of our local congregations who have come together to work for justice. (We hope that you will have already ordered your blue T-shirts!)

Rest assured that our Allegheny banner will still be carried, showing our continued Church support of the GLBT community.

Parade assembly is after 10:00 AM on Ross Street near 5th Avenue. There are usually shuttle buses from the parking lots on the North Shore (where the parade ends), to the assembly point. Parade kick-off is at 11:30 AM sharp. Speak to Donald Zeilman for more details.

Please join us as we show our solidarity!

Our New Members

In May we welcomed ten new members into our congregation. A few are former members and/or longtime friends. We hope that all of our new members will plunge into church life. We also hope that old members will extend themselves and get to know these adventurous new folks.

Andrew Weber, Sandra Kogut, Nancy Dillworth, Amelia Haviland, Bob Stefanic, Gloria Skillings, Dave Whaley, Chris Stygar and Lisa Carvajal, and Willie Dawson, we are so glad you are with us!

Good News From The Veatch Program

On Tuesday, May 17, Allegheny's Veatch committee – Jill Brethauer, Gregg Dietz, Rev. Dave, and Hazel Leroy – had a telephone interview with Majorie Fine and Eileen Jamison of the Unitarian Universalist Veatch Program at Shelter Rock. Apparently we made a good showing, because at the end of the interview we were awarded the grant for the coming year. Majorie and Eileen were particularly impressed by the fact that the entire Allegheny Church community supports our social justice work.

The Unitarian Universalist Veatch Program at Shelter Rock will give us \$18,000 with an

additional challenge grant of an \$2000. When we rise to the challenge by April 1, 2006, that will bring our total to \$22,000! If you have ideas about how Allegheny can meet this challenge, please contact any of the committee folks mentioned above.

The Unitarian Universalist Veatch Program at Shelter Rock supports Unitarian Universalist organizations that foster the growth and development of the denomination, and that increase the involvement of Unitarian Universalists in social action.

Once again, thanks to all who have helped us get this grant. And that means all of you who are dedicated to and active in social justice work through the Church.

Party-Lovers, This Might Be For You!

Would you like to contribute more to Allegheny's financial health? Do you have more time than money to contribute? Well our church building is a great place to rent for events, but we need volunteers.

That's where you fit in. We need somebody to take the calls, respond to a weblink, and, because our Rental Policy requires that a representative of the Church be present throughout all rental events, to be there from open-to-close for the event (or find somebody who can be). If you think you might be able to contribute in this way, talk to Rev. Dave (412/322-4261) about the possibilities.

Bring Your World to Allegheny

Folks who are new members or not-yet members don't receive the *UU World* magazine that goes out to registered UU members. When you're done with your *World*, please consider leaving it in our lower hall publications rack under the bulletin board. Help spread the word.

fUUD For Thought

This month's fUUD for thought will be after Service on June 26. We'll be discussing both books that have influenced Unitarian Universalism as well as books that have influenced the lives of the participants.

E-mail Rev. Dave (AUUCMinister@yahoo.com) if you plan to be there.

SUNDAYS IN JUNE

JUNE 5 11:00 AM

At The Heart Of Activism: A Radical Queer's Coming Out Story Rachael Goss

Rachael is a self-identified queer radical activist who has been involved in various social justice projects. She will discuss her personal/spiritual journey politically, what it means to her to be queer, and how being queer plays out in her daily life.

JUNE 12

Welcoming a New Age 10:00 AM Rev. David McFarland

Come celebrate as we honor the cycles of Church life and welcome Ella Violet Engberg into our community and welcome those youth who are "Coming of Age." Please bring a flower for the Flower Communion. Our Annual Church Picnic will follow at 12:30 in North Park.

JUNE 19

Communion Service 9:15 AM Reader: Jennifer Russell

Monthly gathering that celebrates our community of faith in action—please join us.

Light In Balance 10:00 AM Program Worship Team

The Program Committee celebrates the Summer Solstice today. Join us in recognizing the longest day of the year, an important pagan holiday.

JUNE 26

Liberation for All 10:00 AM Rev. David McFarland

A celebration of what Gay-Lesbian-Bisexual-Transgender Liberation can mean to the liberation of all people.

**Sunday Service
at Allegheny
Unitarian
Universalist
Church will begin
at 10 o'clock
starting 12 June.
All are welcome!**

SERVING THE CONGREGATION

Greeters

- June 5**
Gregg Dietz and Nicki Perfetti
- June 12**
Lynn Yocum and Barbara Stolarz
- June 19**
Jeanne Zang and Andrew Weber
- June 26**
John Meikle and Sandra Kogut

Refreshments

- June 5**
Ann Sitrin and Jane Schwarz
- June 12**
Church Picnic after Service
- June 19**
Jane Dirks and Barbara Barnes
- June 26**
Lynn Glorieux and Betty Schwarz

INSTALLATION COMMITTEE NEWS

Installation Weekend Q&A

Q) What's this I hear about an installation in November?

A) Yes, we are having our formal installation of our new minister this coming November 4th through 6th. This will mark a great beginning to our Centennial Year, during which we will continue to celebrate our vibrant, active congregation. We hope that everyone will keep this weekend free to participate as much as possible.

Q) What will be happening?

A) Well, a committee is still formulating the exact plans, but we hope to have some type of get-together Friday night. All day Saturday will be spent with the other Unitarian Universalist churches in the area, at First Church in Shady-side, and with Mark Belletini and Forrest Church who will be coming in for the weekend. On Sunday, we will have our usual Sunday morning Worship Service, and later that afternoon we will have the installation ceremony, with Mark Belletini, Forrest Church and Art McDonald. Of course, plenty of food and merriment will be on the schedule too!

Q) Who is Mark Belletini?

A) He is a minister from Ohio, who is well known in the UU world for the many songs he has written. Check for his work in our hymnal.

Q) And who is Forrest Church?

He is very well known in the UU community, having written numerous accessible books about our faith. We hope to have some reading groups over the summer discuss his works.

Q) And who is Art?

A) Uhhhhhaaa.

Q) Why the Saturday plans with other churches?

A) We would like to capitalize on the fact that such well-known folks are coming this weekend to share in the festivities, in addition to creating a day of workshops and discussions that can bring the whole Pittsburgh UU community together.

Q) Who is on this committee?

A) The committee is comprised of Andy Schwarz, chair, Cheryl Napsha, Linda LaFever, Rebecca Davis, Jane Dirks, Kim Winbush, Donald Zeilman and, of course, David McFarland. Please contact any of these members if you'd like to help, or have suggestions for the weekend.

Q) Why are we waiting until November for this celebration? David will have been here a year by then?

A) Among UU churches, it is common for a new minister to spend the first year of his or her ministry with a new congregation before formally becoming installed as the permanent minister. This is sort of like the engagement before the wedding – an introspective time to give us all a period to adjust before making the final commitment.

Q) Is this an adults-only sort of event?

A) NO! We want families, kids, all the members and friends of the congregation to feel welcome at the weekend's events. We hope to provide a good balance of formality, fun and food.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Kris Thomas, DRE

RE Update

The Religious Education Program is now on summer hiatus. Many thanks to everyone who offered their time and energy to the program this year! Summer childcare will be available during Sunday morning Services, for children up to age twelve. There will be an informational meeting, with brown-bag lunch after the Service on August 28, for all those who are interested in learning about our program for the upcoming church year. RE will begin again on September 18.

Save the date –
Installation
weekend is
4–6 November

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Jill Brethauer, Treasurer

Reminder

This is your last reminder (in the newsletter, at least) to finish making your FY2005 pledge payments on or before June 30. If you're not sure where you stand on your pledge or if you anticipate a delay in making your final FY2005 payment, please contact Kathy Graham, Ed Kinley or me.

Unless otherwise noted in your check's *memo* section, all checks dated on or before June 30 will be counted as a FY 2005 payment, while all checks dated July 1 or later will be counted in FY 2006. If you wish to prepay your FY2006 by writing a check before July 1, just write *FY2006 pledge payment* in the memo section of your check.

Thanks to all who attended the Annual Congregational Meeting on May 15 and joined

in the various discussions that related to our finances. Your interest was encouraging, and your questions and comments were most welcome.

It is unlikely that we ever will be without financial "challenges" and "opportunities." But with everybody's commitment and participation, the odds of our successfully meeting the challenges and pursuing the opportunities are much greater.

The Finance Committee would welcome your additional comments and suggestions. Please see Bob Follette (Chairperson) or any member of the Committee.

Remember to finish making your FY2005 pledge payments!

COMMUNITY VIEW

After The PrideFest...

The Central Northside Neighborhood Council is having a Summer Street Party on June 18 from 5 until 8 PM.

Come out to share a hot dog with our North Side neighbors while listening to the reggae sounds of the *Flow Band*. Don't forget to wear your Unitarian Universalists United T-shirts!

Christmas in July Jazz Concert

A Christmas Jazz benefit for Northside Common Ministries will be held on Sunday, July 24, at 4 PM at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church at Middle & Suismon in East Allegheny.

Allegheny has ten tickets to sell for \$20 each (a savings of \$5 from tickets at the door). Performers include George Duke Spaulding, Roger Barbour, and *Spirit on the Hill*. For tickets, call the church at 412/322-4261. Come to support the North Side!

Save The Date!

With summer not very far off, the Northside Common Ministries' *Shelter Walk* can kind of sneak up on you. So please mark your calendars for Sunday, September 19, from 1 to 4 PM, in our own West Commons.

EDITORIAL CORNER

Position Open

With the 'retirement' of Jaime McLeod, our newsletter contact person & news gatherer, we have an opening on the *Allegheny Advocate* staff.

If you are interested in contacting folks for newsletter content, receiving submissions, and organizing the information before final layout and editing, please let Donald Zeilman know. Note that e-mail is the primary means for transmission of information, so some facility there is also necessary.

Our collective thanks to Jaime for all of her great work!

June 2005

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5 Choir 9:30 am Giant Eagle certificate sign-up District NA 1:30 pm	6 Board of Trustees 7:30 pm NA 7:00 pm	7 Program Comm. 7:30 pm	8	9 PIIN monthly meeting RE Committee 7:30 pm	10	11
12 Choir 8:30 am G.E. cert. delivery Annual Church Picnic	13 NA 7:00 pm	14 Flag Day	15	16 Shelter Meal 9:00 pm	17 Newsletter Deadline!!	18 Pride Parade and Festival
19 Fathers Day Choir 8:30 am Communion Service 9:15 am	20 NA 7:00 pm	21 Summer begins	22	23	24	25
26 LGBTQ Pride Sunday Choir 8:30 am fUUd For Thought 12:30	27 NA 7:00 pm	28	29	30		

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17 Meditation Service 9:00 am	18 NA 7:00 pm	19	20	21 Shelter Meal 9:00 pm	22	23
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