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Allegheny ADVOCATE

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ALLEGHENY UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

OCTOBER 3

Sharing The Power Of Rhythm

Jim Donovan

Jim is the drummer for the popular Pittsburgh band, Rusted Root. Fulfilling his desire to share the power of rhythm first hand with people, Jim has built a series of drumming workshop programs. Today he will share the connection between drumming and his spirituality.

OCTOBER 10

Words Of God

Rev. David McFarland

In honor of the yearly Jewish celebration of the Torah, Rev. Dave will explore the religious concept of scripture and the liberal religious hope in an ongoing revelation.

Sharing & Music Service 5:00 PM

Rev. David McFarland

Please join us for this, our monthly Services of song, reflection and sharing.

OCTOBER 17

Communion Service 10:00 AM

Reader: Jennifer Wood

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

Turning the Corner on Homelessness

Mac McMahan

Mac will share his outlook on the “state of homelessness” in Pittsburgh today after attending a conference of community leaders addressing the issue in Allegheny County. He will speak to the energy and passion that he derives from his faith and working at Northside Common Ministries.

OCTOBER 24

State Of Disunion

Rev. David McFarland

In his service before this year’s election, the Reverend McFarland will deliver his “Election Day Sermon.” He will explore the state of our politics and what we are being called to do.

OCTOBER 31

Samhain Service

Linda Deafenbaugh & John Meikle

Today, we celebrate the Celtic new year, when the veil between this world and the next is at its most transparent.

Disposition Of Ashes & A Service For All Souls 5:30 PM UUCNH

Join us for a Service of Disposition for the ashes of Rev. Jesse Cavileer at the UU Church of the North Hills. Immediately following, in the North Hills Church sanctuary, we will hold our annual Service to remember all those who have died. This year, we will commemorate the beginning of Samhain, which is traditionally associated with the remembrance of ancestors.

Sunday Services
at Allegheny

Unitarian

Universalist

Church begin

at 11 o'clock.

All are welcome!

Start-Up Weekend

Start-Up Weekend is a traditional gathering that is held when a congregation calls a new minister. This allows us time to reflect on the past and chart a course for the coming years of new and shared ministry. The schedule for Allegheny's Start-Up Weekend is as follows:

Friday, Oct 8, 6:30 PM: Pot luck followed by meeting until 10 PM.

Saturday, Oct 9, 8:30 AM: Meeting until 12 Noon (coffee and bagels at 8 AM).

All members and friends of Allegheny are encouraged to participate in this exciting weekend. We need our long-term members with their institutional memories along with our newer folks with their initial impressions.

Child care will be provided so please make every effort to join us. If you have any questions or will need childcare, please contact Pat Downey, Hazel Leroy or Jennifer Wood.

Drumming Workshop

On October 3, Rusted Root's drummer, Jim Donovan, will be the speaker at our Sunday Service. He will follow up with an Interactive Drumming Experience on Wednesday, October 6 from 7 to 8:30 PM at the church.

In the Wednesday program, Jim gently guides the participants through a series of steps designed to help students learn the basics of hand drumming, musicianship and group dynamics through drumming. The Interactive Drumming Experience focuses on strengthening listening skills, creative expression, relaxation and having fun.

Jim provides the drums or you may bring your own. No experience required. The cost of the workshop is \$20 if you pay ahead of time, or \$25 the day of the event. Friends and family are welcome. Please see Jeanne Zang to sign up for the workshop.

Giant Eagle Certificates

Giant Eagle grocery certificates are an easy way for you to help raise money for the Church.

Here is how it works: You order grocery certificates from Allegheny. You pay the face

value to the Church and use the certificates at Giant Eagle. Allegheny pays Giant Eagle at a discounted rate and the difference is a donation to the Church.

If you spend \$200 per month on groceries, you will raise \$10/month (\$120/year) for the Church and have your full complement of groceries! If ten people do this, we earn \$1,200.

The certificates are scanned at the checkout counter in place of cash and are returned to you for reuse if there is a balance. You can request them in \$100, \$50, and \$25 denominations. We take orders and payments on the first Sunday of each month. Certificates are distributed on the second Sunday. You can raise money for the Church with little effort and no cost! See Betty Schwarz to purchase or ask questions about this program.

DownUnder Coffee House

This month the DownUnder Coffee House will feature Tom Roberts and Jennifer Wood, on October 16 for an evening of songs from the American songbook. This new pairing features the vocal styling of Jennifer Wood with the amazing piano playing of Tom Roberts. It will be a night not to be missed.

The coffeehouse is open from 7:30 to 9:30 on the third Saturday of every month. Baked goods, desserts and beverages will be for sale during the concert and the coffee is always free. Suggested donation is \$5.00.

Save a Tree, Go "e"!

Starting this month, Allegheny UU Church, is providing the option of sending the monthly newsletter as a PDF file to you via e-mail, rather than printing a paper copy, which is then distributed at church or mailed to you.

This could potentially save the Church some money on printing and mailing. And, if you print it yourself on recycled paper or just read it on the screen, it could even save a few trees. If you would prefer that you get the newsletter by e-mail, please send a note to: webmaster@alleghenyuu.org.

All members and friends of Allegheny are encouraged to participate in Start Up Weekend

FUNDRAISING

Linda Deafenbaugh

Future Fundraising Opportunities

Fundraising events are fun and help to grow the church community while helping us reduce our deficit. We have several established events that are held annually. And we are always looking for new ideas for ways to raise money.

Our Church has a Fundraising Committee to screen and coordinate fundraising efforts, But the Committee does not conduct the fundraisers. Each fundraiser has a point person who plans and runs that particular event with the help of as many others as may be needed. These events are a great way to get involved in the church without a huge time commitment.

If you want to help out with a particular fundraiser, email Linda Deafenbaugh at: lindadeafenbaugh@yahoo.com, or talk directly to the event point people.

Some current opportunities include:

- >> Kitchen detail for the monthly coffeehouse? See Steve Hirtle.
- >> Going to other UU churches in November to get orders and deliver pies? See Bob Follette.

Folks have shared numerous fundraising ideas, like flea markets, antique appraisals, cookbooks, CDs, t-shirts, soup sales, etc. If anyone would like to become the point person for one of these ideas, contact Linda Deafenbaugh right away.

Previous Successful Fundraisers

Thanks to the Nia Quilters Guild, who held a silent auction at our church this summer for two of their lovely pieces as a joint fundraiser. Not only did it raise \$95 for each group, but one of the quilts was subsequently donated to the church for our permanent collection. Thanks to all the bidders for making this fundraiser a success.

Thanks, too, to Rebecca Davis and John Engberg for coordinating water sales, and to Donald Zeilman for coordinating the book sale during the House Tour. Great job folks!

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FROM THE COMMUNITY

Celebration In Honor Of Gandhi

On Sunday, October 3, from 2–3:30 PM at the Interfaith Center of Carlow College in Oakland there will be a celebration in honor of the birthday of Mohandas K. Gandhi. This year's speaker is the first Hindu to be appointed to the Commission on International Religious Freedom, former N.Y. solicitor general Preeta Bansal, esq. She is described as being an advocate and role model of the spirit of Gandhi. An interfaith panel will respond to Bansal's talk before incorporating questions from the audience. As we think about the world situation today, Gandhi's teachings are especially important. We hope you agree and will attend this worthy event.

Spirit and Nature Conference

Saturday, October 16, 2004, The Chapel at Chatham College, Pittsburgh

Time: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM – Conference;
8:00 pm – John Beatty presents *Wild: A Dialogue of Element*.

Conference: \$45 (\$30 seniors and students), includes lunch but *not* the Beatty presentation.

John Beatty presentation only: \$15 (\$10 seniors and students).

Combination Tickets: (conference and John Beatty's presentation) \$55 (\$35 seniors and students).

For tickets, call Venture Outdoors, 412/255-0564, or e-mail to: <http://www.ventureoutdoors.org>

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Jill Brethauer, Treasurer

Allegheny Endowment Fund

We recently received an unrestricted bequest from the estate of Emily Norman Davidson, our dear friend and member who died in November 2003. We also received an unrestricted bequest from the estate of the Rev. Jesse Cavileer, our Minister Emeritus, member, and friend for nearly 40 years, who died in June 2004.

We are grateful that Emily and Jesse each found a “home” at Allegheny and generously shared with us their friendship, myriad talents, energy, and senses of humor. And, we are touched and appreciative that each chose to remember the Church with a bequest.

Over the years, the Church has benefited in many ways from the generosity and estate planning efforts of members and friends. For example, in the early 1920s, what we now call the “Unitarian House” was purchased by the American Unitarian Association (a precursor to the UUA) pursuant to a bequest to the AUA from Robert Gilliford, one of the founding members of the Church. A bequest to the Church from Naomi Bosmyer, a long-time member who died in 1992, made possible the replacement of some of our stained glass windows and the installation of the fire alarm system; and it also covered a portion of our wonderful basement renovations. Perhaps more importantly, that bequest enabled the Church to expand our social advocacy work.

Recognizing that others may wish to include the Church in their estate plans and

also recognizing the need to ensure the financial vitality of our Church, the Board of Trustees has endorsed the idea of establishing an endowment fund. A task force is working with materials available through the UUA to develop recommendations for the formation, structure, and management of an endowment fund. Members and friends interested in sharing suggestions or in learning more about the proposed endowment fund or in making a gift to the Church should contact a member of the Finance Committee.

Veatch Grant Update

We are honored that the Board of Governors of the UU Veatch Program at Shelter Rock has awarded the Church a grant for social justice work for the current church year. The notification letter states, “. . .The Unitarian Universalist Congregation at Shelter Rock has made this grant because the work that you will undertake with our financial support will, in the opinion of the Veatch Board, strengthen and further the goals of Unitarian Universalism. We are pleased to be able to assist you in this work, albeit indirectly. . .” This marks the third year that we have received this grant. The grant helps to support our social justice work with the Pittsburgh Interfaith Impact Network, Northside Common Ministries, and other organizations. This year, it also will help us to strengthen and expand the scope of our social justice efforts within our RE program.

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MUSIC NOTES

Kiki Barley, Music Director

Singers Needed!

The Allegheny UU Church Choir is alive and well and wanting to grow! We are especially in need of sopranos and basses, but would welcome anyone who enjoys singing.

We meet on Sunday mornings before church, usually from 9:30 to 10:30 AM. If you are interested, talk to Kiki Barley.

NEEDED

Good Home

Two great cats are in need of an indoor-outdoor home: a two-year-old calico female and year-and-a-half-old black male. Both are “fixed” and current on shots. Anyone interested can call Sheryl Rodriguez.

GREEN PERSPECTIVE

Jeanne Zang

Home Energy Myths Debunked!

Myth #1: Leaving a light on uses less energy than turning it off and on several times.

The facts: Leaving an incandescent light on actually uses more energy than turning it on and off as needed. If you're using a compact fluorescent light, it should be left on if it will be needed again within 15 minutes. Switching CFLs on and off frequently shortens their lives.

With winter just around the corner, keep the following myth in mind.

Myth #2: Keeping your thermostat at the same temperature day and night uses less energy than turning it down at night and heating your house up again in the morning.

The facts: It takes less energy to warm up a cold house in the morning than it does to maintain a constant temperature throughout the night. (*Source: Portland General Electric*)

Look for more home energy myths in the next *Allegheny Advocate*.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Kris Thomas, DRE

Halloween Party

Our annual children's Halloween party will take place during RE class time on October 31. Kids, remember to wear your costumes!

If anyone would like to make yummy treats to share, please contact Kris.

Open House

After Service on October 31, the fellowship hour will be held at Unitarian House to allow folks a chance to see the renovated RE classrooms—and help the children celebrate Halloween. Please proceed directly to Unitarian House at the conclusion of the Service.

Junior High Conference

The junior high youth conference for seventh to ninth graders will be at the West Shore Church in Cleveland, November 12–14.

Youth who are interested in attending this conference can find the registration forms on the OMD website at:

www.umd.uua.org/yac/forms.html.

Please contact Kris ASAP if you plan to attend this conference. The forms must be postmarked by October 29.

Kids, remember to wear your costumes to church on October 31!

SERVING THE CONGREGATION

Greeters

October 3

Jeanne Zang and Alex West

October 10

Melissa Farrington and Jaime McLeod

October 17

Nancy Chubb and Pete McQuillin

October 24

Hazel Leroy and Andy Schwarz

October 31

Betty and Andy Schwarz

Refreshments

October 3

Ann Sitrin and Hazel Leroy

October 10

Pat Downey and Jane Dirks

October 17

Betty Schwarz and Jane Schwarz

October 24

Lynn Glorieuz, Nancy Karpinski and Tammy Taucher

October 31 [Unitarian House]

Linda Lefever and Steve Wertheim

October 2004

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3 Choir 9:30 am Giant Eagle certificate sign-up Coming of Age classes begin District NA 1:30 pm	4 Board of Trustees 7:30 pm NA 7:00 pm	5 Program Comm. 7:30 pm	6	7	8	9 ATW Vigil 12:00
10 Choir 9:30 am Sharing & Music Service 5:00 pm	11 Indigenous People's Day NA 7:00 pm	12	13	14 PIIN monthly meeting RE Committee 7:30 pm	15 Ramadan Begins Newsletter Deadline!!	16 ATW Vigil 12:00 Coffee House 7:30 pm
17 Choir 9:30 am PIIN Public Meeting 4:00 pm Wesley Center AME Zion	18 House 6:00 pm NA 7:00 pm	19	20	21 Shelter Meal 9:00 pm	22	23 ATW Vigil 12:00
24 Choir 9:00 am Communion Service 10:00 am Social Justice Comm. 12:30 pm What We're About 12:30 pm	25 NA 7:00 pm	26	27	28	29	30 ATW Vigil 12:00
31 All Hallows Eve Choir 9:30 am RE Halloween Party 11:00 am — Refreshment Hour at U House 12:00 Service of Disposition & All Souls Service 5:30 pm UUCNH						

November 2004

	1 All Saints Day Board of Trustees 7:30 pm NA 7:00 pm	2 Election Day	3	4	5	6
7 Choir 9:30 am Giant Eagle certificate sign-up Finance Committee 9:30 District NA 1:30 pm	8 NA 7:00 pm	9 Program Comm. 7:30 pm	10	11 Armistice Day PIIN monthly meeting RE Committee 7:30 pm	12 Newsletter Deadline!! OMD Jr High Conf Cleveland	13 OMD Jr High Conf Cleveland
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21 Choir 9:30 am Thanksgiving Service and Membership Sunday Covered Dish Dinner after Service	22 House 6:00 pm NA 7:00 pm	23	24	25 Thanksgiving Day	26	27
28 No RE program this Sunday	29 NA 7:00 pm	30				

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