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Every family is a 'normal' family —
no matter whether it has one parent, two or no children at all.

A family can be made up of any combination of people,
heterosexual or homosexual, who share their lives
in an intimate way ...

Wherever there is lasting love, there is a family.
— Shere Hite, The Hite Report on the Family, '94

Our Middle School youth have spent this year exploring families. They have considered what they already know, think and feel about families and opened their minds to consider other points of view. They have investigated their own families as well as the families of others. Along the way they have asked questions about what matters to and about families as well as questions about the many ways in which families function. Part of their work included interviewing families in the congregation and there will soon be a photo display in the sanctuary with images and narratives about the families they met. In recognition of their own exploration it seemed May would be a good month for us to explore families too.

I know this can be a difficult subject. In families we can experience intense feelings ranging from deep pain to great joy. In some families the balance tips toward love and health and security. In other families the balance tips toward division, distress and uncertainty. Some people experience such abuse in their families of origin that they find the most life affirming thing they can do for themselves is set limits or even sever ties. The work of adulthood involves coming to understand what we have learned about families through our own experience of growing up in a family. That is one part of growing into maturity.

Another part of growing into maturity involves exploring what kinds of families we will create for ourselves in our adult lives. Unlike when we were children, in adulthood we get to make choices. I'm not just talking about the choices of a lifetime like whether or not we will partner or whether or not we will welcome children into our lives. In addition to those choices we also get to decide who we will invite into our chosen families and how we will relate to those people. These are not decision we make once and for all. They are decisions we make by living into them day by day, relationship by relationship. As far as I can tell, this is an evolving process that can last as long as we are alive. This month we will pause along the journey to consider whence we have come, where we are now and where we might yet go. Come join us. It will be good to be together.

Peace,

Upcoming Sermons

28 April

Does Life Long Learning Have to Be ALL My Life?

Rev. Elaine Strawn and Worship Associate Bonnie Harper

Continuing Education requirements never end...neither does spiritual development. We will try to integrate psychological and spiritual ideas to understand where we are in the scope of things. Rev. Elaine Strawn is the minister of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Wayne County. Along with Melissa, she is participating in a three congregation pulpit swap this morning. Melissa will be leading services at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Meadville, PA.

5 May

Three Mortalities

Rev. Melissa Carvill-Ziemer and Worship Associate Elaine Bowen

The poet Wendell Berry writes, "No, no, there is no going back. / Less and less you are / that possibility you were. / More and more you have become / those lives and deaths / that have belonged to you." This morning we will explore what it means to become the lives and death that have belonged to us through three particular mortalities selected by last fall's service auction sermon winner, Gene Wenninger.

12 May

Family Matters

Rev. Melissa Carvill-Ziemer and Worship Associate John Marfy

We often say that families come in all shapes and sizes and that love is what makes a family. This morning we will again affirm the many ways in which families are formed and nurtured as we reflect upon why it is that families still matter.

19 May

Lessons from the Life of Malcolm X

Rev. Melissa Carvill-Ziemer and Worship Associate Kristina Spaude

If Malcolm X were still alive, he would have been turning 88 years old on this day. Over the course of his life cut too short, Malcolm X made an incredible journey from an exclusivist affiliation with the Muslim Brotherhood to an expansive embrace of what he called "the family of man." This morning we will tell his story and listen for the inspiration it holds for our own lives.

26 May

The Angel of the Battlefield

Rev. Melissa Carvill-Ziemer and Worship Associate Justin Czekaj

This Memorial Day weekend we will return again to the story of Clara Barton, founder of the American Red Cross. Barton devoted her life to tending the needs of soldiers. How are we tending the needs of soldiers and their families today and caring for veterans and their families when they finally return home?



Bruce Richards, Pam Mitchell, and Christie Anderson performed at the Merle Mollenkopf tribute at the Kent Stage.

All Kinds of Families

I grew up in a mid-century all-American family. We were white and middle-class with married parents--mom (the housewife) and dad (the breadwinner). There were two children in the best possible arrangement with the boy being the eldest followed by the curly-haired little girl. There were lots of families very similar to mine at our United Methodist church. Growing up, I thought this was the absolute right way to be a family. I felt fortunate and a wee bit smug to be a member of this "ideal" family.

How glad I am that our children have the opportunity to belong to a church that affirms all kinds of families! All are welcome--there is no norm nor standard. I would list all of the different family configurations among the members and friends of our church, but we have such a variety and I would not want to inadvertently omit anyone. You know who we are!

This year our Middle School youth (grades 6-8) and their RE teachers have been exploring what it means to be a family. They have been considering, "*What is a family? What does a family do? Who defines family?*" The major event of the curriculum is the Family Photography Project. They photographed and interviewed a number of families from our congregation. The photographs and narratives will be displayed in the sanctuary throughout the month of May.

For a number of years, the Unitarian Universalist Association has been committed to Family Ministry. They offer resources to families that be accessed both electronically and via print resource. The UUA bookstore has an entire section on Family Life. The UUA's website includes this page with resources to families:

<http://www.uua.org/re/families/20091.shtml>

Our church's Children's and Family Library holds many titles of special interest to families. It includes resources that affirm all kinds of family configurations, help children deal with death and learn about adoption. These and other resources can be found in the "Family Life/ Growing Up" section of the library, which is located in the lobby of the church.

I'm looking forward to further engaging in the theme of family during May.

In faith and with love, *Karen Lapidus*
Director of Religious Education

A Different Way to Buy Stuff

At the grocery card table, someone pointed out that Giant Eagle sells all kinds of gift cards for other establishments, including theaters, restaurants, department stores, hardware stores etc...dozens if not hundreds of stores. I checked into this, and Giant Eagle gift cards purchased at the church can used for any of these cards. You still get the fuel perks too! They even have a "Parent-Student" card for your college student: just buy a gift card at the church, and use it to purchase or re-load the student's card with money at Giant Eagle. Their general rule is: "Use a Giant Eagle gift card in the Giant Eagle store, just like cash". Our thought is: "Don't spend cash at Giant Eagle or Acme, buy a gift card from the church, its like donating 5% of the card value to the church, but it costs you nothing". Contact Bob Erdman if any questions, or other great ideas!

Wanted: Director of Religious Education

SouthWest UU Church in North Royalton is looking to hire a Director of Religious Education. This is a quarter-time position, starting July 1st. Applications due May 20th for interviews starting in June. Visit www.swuu.org for more details!

Supporting Our Loved Ones Living With Memory Loss

Please join us for a discussion of memory loss, an introduction to the different kinds of dementia and how it effects the brain, and how we can support and care for the people in our life who have memory loss. The workshop is presented by Rev. Katie Norris and sponsored by our Care Team. Rev. Katie is a caregiver for her mother who was diagnosed with Lewy Body Dementia seven years ago. Through this experience and her work as the Executive Director the Carolyn L. Farrell Foundation for Brain Health (farrellfoundation.com), she has been helping to raise awareness about dementia and help communities and families communicate and care for their loved ones with memory loss. We will engage in discussion, discover local resources, and even try a few dementia-friendly activities.

This event will take place on Sunday, May 5 from 1 to 3 pm. A light lunch will be offered immediately following the second service in Fessenden Hall. Please RSVP to the church office so that we can be sure to have enough food available. This event is open to the public so please feel free to invite family and friends to join us.

Moderator's Musings

Signs of a healthy congregation:

Generosity of spirit, time, and treasure

We are truly blessed at UUCK. We are served by a wonderful minister, a creative and warm director of religious education, a talented and magical music director, a way-beyond-competent and wise office administrator, a skilled and caring custodian, and a nurturing and joyful nursery care giver. Many of us speak of having "the dream team" in Kent; we are truly blessed.

Blessings continue to grow and are being nurtured in a new way by the generosity of spirit that has developed in our community culture: we are a giving people. During the last year or two, many have noticed a shifting in attitude about giving. Perhaps we have realized how seminal this congregation is to our lives, and we have renewed our commitment to the mission and vision of UUCK: to inspire, to serve, and to grow.

Generous acts of **inspiration** have included:

Our worship associates' willingness to share their life stories

Our youth's appreciation of growing up in a caring and loving community

The Board of Trustees' faithfulness to their responsibilities

Our choir's beautiful ministry of music

Revs. Christie Anderson and Renee Ruchotzke sharing their talents and wisdom in sermons, workshops, classes, etc.



J. R. Campbell in fine form. What do you expect for the director of the Fashion Museum at Kent State. Did you catch him on Dee Perry's WCPN "Around Noon" show April 22?

UUCK and the larger Kent community have been **served** in many ways:

Volunteers have cleared, mulched, and maintained our landscape

Members and friends have donated over \$1000 in the Simple Gift Program since last October

Our Endowment Fund has grown to almost \$1500

Memorial gifts have totaled \$1255 since last July

Monthly Special Offerings continue to be generously supported

In addition, many folks have stepped up when they have heard of a specific need: new doors, new railings, legal advice, etc.

Numerous volunteers give of their time and skills each week to create the full-service church program we enjoy: newsletter, website, chalice and food-for-thought groups, caring committee, finance committee, etc.

Growth has been noted in many areas:

Our membership is the largest in our history

Our Children's RE program is bursting at the seams

New property has been purchased

Adult Religious has been revitalized and is advertised to the larger community

The Library Committee continues its fine work in growing and maintaining the library collection

Fundraising activities are varied and faithfully organized and have brought in record sums.

Early bird donors to the capital campaign have contributed over \$1000,000 enabling the feasibility committee to complete much preliminary work towards expansion.

Generosity: "The purpose of life is not to be happy. It is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well." - Ralph Waldo Emerson

In gratitude, *Kathie Slater*

The Sanctuary Carpeting Has Been Steam Cleaned

... and we would like to keep it clean! This most recent cleaning revealed a fair amount of spilled beverages and ground in food. To preserve the carpeting (and the pew cushions) as long as possible, we request that you do not bring food or beverages except water into the sanctuary. Thank you!

Adult Religious Exploration

Adult Religious Exploration offers opportunities for personal spiritual reflection and growth that fall outside of our weekly Sunday services. These opportunities include, (but are not limited to):

- Classes and discussion groups
- Chalice Groups and Food for Thought Groups, which combine social activities with spiritual exploration
- Informational offerings, which are often done in tandem with other church groups
- Chances to meet with people of other faiths and build bridges of understanding and acceptance
- Occasional guest speakers
- Media centered events and series
- Historical series, which delve into our Unitarian Universalist history and theology

Adult R.E. usually takes place during Sunday services or on weeknights. In the past, we have explored many themes such as:

- Spiritual practices including writing, meditation, prayer, tai chi, yoga, singing, chanting, gardening, creating art, making music, reading and more
- Unitarian Universalist history, theology and ethics
- Social justice issues and concerns
- Environmental issues and concerns
- Personal beliefs

The committee is always looking for new members and friends. You do not need to be a member of the church to join the committee; everyone is welcome to attend our meetings. Neither do you need to be a member of the committee to present a proposal for Adult Religious Exploration. To present an idea to the committee for consideration, please fill out the proposal form (insert link). Your proposal will be shared with all members of the committee.

If you are interested in joining the committee, you will find a friendly and supportive atmosphere. Our work consists of:

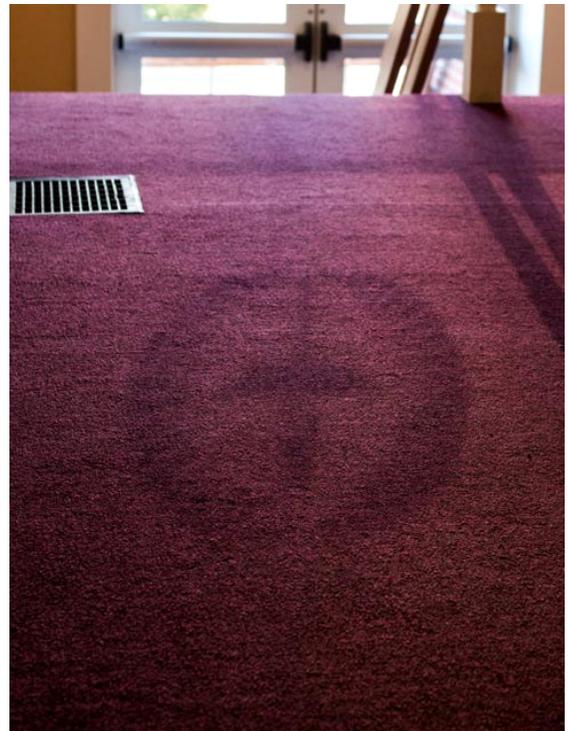
- Analyzing recent offerings and applying lessons learned from them.
- Discussing ideas generated from within the committee, and applying them.
- Considering presentations of ideas generated from outside the committee.
- Assisting potential leaders in the implementation of their ideas.

Our work is light and joyful and we would be happy to have you join us. For more information, please speak to any current member of the committee or simply come to one of our meetings when you see them advertised. We'll be glad to welcome you!

New Simple Gifts Received

- Saunis Parsons, In appreciation for the Youth RE Program Staff & Advisors for their efforts for my children.
- Joel & Kathie Slater, in celebration of Life!

Our Simple Gifts program is designed to encourage everyday giving. We are off to a good start; since the beginning of the program last September \$800.00 has been donated towards our endowment. If members and friends of the congregation continue to remember the church with regular gifts, we will be well on our way to building the kind of endowment that can help ensure our congregation's continuing health and vitality. No gift is too small or too large. Donations can be made in celebration, in honor of someone or something, in appreciation or to note a special occasion. If you would like to participate, the blue Simple Gift envelopes can be found in the pews; please include your dedication and name so we can provide you with a donation credit. Thank you.



Another successful slice of Pie!!

The UUCK Stewardship Co-Chairs are grateful to so many of you for helping to make the fiscal year 2014 Stewardship campaign a success. Thanks first and foremost to those who made financial commitments, in the form of a pledge, to the programs of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent. Without your pledges of support, we would be unable to plan that programming.

Thanks to:

Sandy Eaglen, who organized the staffing of our table at coffee hour, drafted our canvassers, bought pies, wrote thank-you notes, and organized PIE Sunday.

Stewardship Committee members Laura Teagle and Meg Milko, who wrote thank-you notes and publicity releases as well as being involved in our campaign planning process.

Saul Flanner and Kathy Walker, who made our brochure and the pledge cards look so pretty.

Amy Edmonds, who provided our canvassers with wonderful training sessions.

Eric van Baars, who organized the stewardship announcements that were made during the Sunday services.

David Smeltzer, who made a brilliant video for us to play at coffee hour.

All our canvassers--Elaine Bowen, Sandy Bowers, Kay Eckman, Mark Eckman, Amy Edmonds, Bob Erdman, Leah Gillig, Carol Gould, Kathy Kerns, Beth Kuemerle, Julie Lineburgh, John Marfy, Trish McLoughlin, Meg Milko, Claudia Miller, Saunis Parsons, Renee Ruchotzke, Camille Pavilcek-Fausser, Vivien Sandlund, Kathie Slater, Laura Teagle, Paulette Thurman, Ann VerWiebe, Ann Waters, and Marion Yeagler, who have been plugging away for the last month, making phone calls, sending emails, contacting potential pledgers.

And to our wonderful staff, Reverend Melissa and Mary-Beth Hannan, for being such a joy to work with and for giving us such great support in our campaign efforts.

The FY2014 Stewardship campaign has raised \$220,345.40 in pledges in support of our beloved church and its many programs! We can now all look forward to the upcoming presentation from the Finance Committee and the Board of Trustees when they will share with us the improvements that our successful campaign can support.

Kay Eckman and Marion Yeagler, FY2014 Stewardship Co-Chairs

New UU Classes in May, New Member Sunday in June

Our New UU classes cover everything you wanted to know about the Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent in particular and Unitarian Universalism in general, but were afraid to ask. Well, maybe not everything, but we try to give you an overview, a starting point. Some history of both, some organizational details. Come join the conversation. And, if you're curious about membership, this is the place to be.

Part 1 will be on Sunday, May 12, from 9-11 am. Part 2 will be on Sunday, May 19, from 9-11 am. You may attend one or both, although attendance at both is encouraged. Different topics will be covered in each. We will gather at the Annex, the yellow house next to the church.

Have you been thinking about becoming a member of the church? This would be a good time to make the move. We will welcome our new members during the service on Sunday, June 9, which happens to be the date of the annual church picnic. Attend the New UU class or have a conversation with Rev Melissa, and sign the membership book.

If you have any questions, contact Claudia Miller or Marion Yeagler.

Book Group

The Patricia Pownall UU Book Group will be meeting on Tuesday, May 14 at 7 pm in the home of Mary Ann Kasper. Please bring a non-dessert snack to share. This month we are reading *Breakfast with Buddha* by Roland Merullo. The only thing certain about a journey is that it has a beginning and an end- for you never know what may happen along the way. And so it is with this journey into the minds and souls of two very different men-one of them in search of the truth, the other a man who may have already found it. Witty and inventive, this book takes readers into the heart of America and in the process shows us a man about to discover his own true heart. In June, we will be reading a biography of your choice. If you have any questions you may contact Bonnie Harper. All are welcome.

New Issue of "Here We Have Gathered" Planned

The Library Committee is planning a 3rd issue in September of "Here We Have Gathered", our church's chapbook of articles and graphics about people, activities and history of our church.

The editorial board, headed by Andrew Rome, is asking a few people to write on specific topics, but would like to invite others to submit articles, photos, or artwork about past and present activities of the church and their impact on the writer, the church and/or community.

Copies of the December 2011 and October 2012 are available in the Library. Suggested topics include experiences at Summer Institute, musical or theatrical performances at the church, recollections of deceased members, collaborations with community organizations. Articles can be any length up to 1000 words; people shown in photos need to give their permission. Submissions should be e-mailed to the church office by July 15. For further information call Caroline Arnold.

Martha Kluth, Library Co-Chair

Book Review

Sagan, Carl, *Billions and Billions: Thoughts on Life and Death at the Brink of the Millennium*, (New York, Random House, c1997).

A recent donation to the church Library, this is the last book written by Carl Sagan before his death. Once again he shows his extraordinary ability to interpret the mysteries of life and the majesty of the universe for the general reader. This is an entertaining collection of essays capturing Sagan's spirit at its best. He applies what we know about science, mathematics and space to everyday life and to many essential questions about the environment and our future. On a more intimate note he describes his own fight for his life, his love of his family, and his personal beliefs about death and God. Review by Martha Kluth.

Ann Waters, Publicity

New Library Display

Reverend Melissa has generously shared a list of books she used from our Library as sources/references for recent sermons. Harry Noden is working on a display of these books which will rotate every two weeks and be available to the congregation. We hope to have the first display by Sunday, April 21st.

Hunger and Economic Justice Task Group Update

Sincere thanks and gratitude to our generous and beloved community for the phenomenal collection for the Akron-Canton Regional Food Bank on Easter Sunday. We donated \$887.25 which funds 3,549 meals for the hungry and food insecure in an 8 county service area. Thank you for sharing the love.

And . . . for your support of the KSU Campus Ministers' "April Showers" collection of personal hygiene products for shower kits for the homeless. In a 2 week period, you showed your faith in action through toothbrushes, shampoo, soap, washcloths and a variety of other goods. Well done, UUCK, well done!

The task group is looking for a volunteer leader and a dedicated small cadre of folks to work a monthly (or twice monthly) two hour shift at the County Clothing Center on Rte. 59 in Ravenna. We are trying to revive our efforts to be a volunteer presence in helping sort & fold clothes & assist clients. Plastic grocery bags are always needed and can be dropped off in the closet next to the elevator on the lower level of the church.

Do you enjoy meal planning and cooking??? Would you like to be one of 7 or 8 people to prepare and serve a Sunday evening meal for clients of KSS? I'm trying to gauge interest in this activity and would like for you to let me know. It is a volunteer opportunity that you can try once and you're not locked in to doing it again.

I'd like to hear from you if you would like to work on small projects for the hungry and poor of the community. I know you have ideas . . . please contact Elaine Bowen.

Merle Mollenkopf CD Available

All of Merle's recorded works are collected on one CD titled "The Last Word" and will be available at church on most Sundays, provided the Mollenkopf Recorded Works Library staff remembers to bring them. There is no charge, but a small donation will be appreciated to cover material costs. The making of the CD was a true community project—UU Harry Noden recorded Merle, UU Brad Bolton mastered it and oversaw production, UU Saul Flanner designed the jacket, and Kent TimeBankers provided the assembly line. Many hands make light work!

Brad Bolton, MRWL administrator

Building Your Own Theology 1 (BYOT)

BYOT is an adult religious exploration class of 10 sessions that guides and encourages the participants to explore and define their individual belief systems related to religion and spirituality. Classes are 2 to 2 1/2 hours long and will be facilitated by Elaine Bowen, a BYOT veteran of 3 previous sessions. What's involved? 1) a commitment to attendance (at least 7 - 8 of the 10 sessions) and participation and 2) the willingness to work toward the drafting of your personal credo, a statement of belief(s).

Classes will be held on the following Thursday evenings: May 9 - 16 - 23 - 30, June 6 - 13 - 27 (no 20th due to General Assembly), July 11 & 25 (no 4th for the holiday or 18th due to Summer Institute) and the final session, a sharing of credos with a potluck dinner on August 1. We will begin promptly at 7:00 pm in either Fessenden Hall or the Annex (I do not have reservations made yet) and will try to wrap up by 9:15 pm.

There is some "homework" - primarily reading (and thinking); journaling is recommended. During class, there is discussion, activities and personal sharing (we can skip the role playing if you want to!)

A BYOT 1 workbook is necessary; there are a few available for check-out from the church library (do not write in them!) but it is suggested that each participant purchase one from the UUA online bookstore. If that is a financial hardship, please see me and we will work something out.

For the class to work as it is intended, a minimum of 6 people is needed and a maximum of 12 can be accommodated. Please contact me, Elaine Bowen, with any questions and to sign up by no later than May 5th. If there is not enough interest, this offering will be cancelled.

Can You Share Spring Flowers?

Now that the flowers are blooming again, perhaps you might consider sharing some on Sunday morning. If you have some flowers growing in your yard you would be willing to bring for a Sunday morning service, please sign up on the flower sign-up sheet in Fessenden Hall. In addition, the offer always stands to make a contribution and have the church provide flowers on your behalf. If it is easier, you are welcome to call or email the church office to make arrangements for bringing or purchasing flowers. Thank you for helping to add beauty to our Sunday mornings!

Ted and Pizza is now Radiolab and Pizza

Joel Slater has done a wonderful job bringing us the best of the "Ted Talks", followed by discussion! Unfortunately, Joel finds that he can not continue the series. In its place will be a new series, with more or less the same format. Because I am not as familiar with the Ted Talks as is Joel, I have switched our source of interest to pod-casts from the National Public Radio series "Radiolab".

Radiolab is a mixture of science, spirituality, philosophy, history and so much more! Radiolab takes a light touch, maintaining laugh out loud humor while exploring some of the most difficult areas of the human condition. Our first "Radiolab and Pizza" will consider the question "Does the Universe Know my Name?" This fifteen or so minute pod-cast considers the idea of Fate from many perspectives, including those of best selling mystery novelists and movie comedians. Pizza will be served as we listen, and there will be discussion of the theme afterwards. This promises to be a fun and fulfilling event, so please come join us in Fessenden Hall after second service on May 4th!

If attendance is good we will meet the month after that to consider issues of morality, especially during wartime. Future offerings depend upon the popularity of these first two sessions. If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Spoehr. If you do not have access to a computer, you can reach me through the church office.

Wanna Buy a Bunch of Cards?

We sell gift cards for Giant Eagle and Acme stores every Sunday at coffee hour. This helps the church since we get 5% of the value of the cards, and is convenient for the buyers, since they pay for the face value of the card and use it like a debit card. We rarely run out, but some people occasionally are disappointed when they want buy several hundred dollars worth of cards and we only have a few hundred available. In order to address this issue, we now will guarantee that we have any amount \$500 or more available for you on a given Sunday if you email me the previous Sunday or earlier. Sometimes we have them available in any case--if you have them, we'll sell them to you. But if you want to be sure, email me and we will arrange to have reserved for the following Sunday.

Thanks for buying gift cards through the church rather than using cash at Acme and Giant Eagle stores.

Bob Erdman, Grocery Card Coordinator

May Church Events

28 11:30 Pancakes 12:30 Pancakes part deux 7-9 AA FH	29 5-7:00 FinSecs A 5:30-6:30 Tai Chi	30 12p Stewardship A 7-9:00 Care Team A 7-9 Environment F	1 10-11a Staff A 7-9 Choir rehearse	2 7-8:30 Sing-along F 7:30-9 AA	3 Fessenden reserved- Book sale setup	4 Book Sale pg 11-12:30 Annex meet- ing room reserved
5 11-11:30 Tupperware 1:45-4:45 Memory Loss p3 7-9 AA FH	6 5-7:00 FinSecs A 5:30-6:30 Tai Chi	7	8 10-11 Ministry Team A 6:30-8:30 RE F 7-9 Choir rehearse	9 7:30-9 AA	10 7:00 Spiritual Cinema Flippo's	11 1-5 Garden Day-- out- side 6-10 Church reserved 8:00 Concert
12 9-11 New UU A p6 7-9 AA F	13 5-7:00 FinSecs A 5:30-6:30 Tai Chi	14 12p Retiree's lunch	15 6:30-9 Membership F 7-9 Choir rehearse 7:30-9:30 Board A	16 7:30-9 AA	17	18 9-3:00 Fessenden reserved
19 9-11 New UU A p6 7-9 AA FH	20 5-7:00 FinSecs A 5:30-6:30 Tai Chi 7-9 Fundraising F	21	22 7-9 Choir rehearse	23 7-9 Finance A 7:30-9 AA	24	25 12:30-4 Fessenden reserved
26 11:30 Pancakes 12:30 Pancakes part deux 7-9 AA FH	27 5-7:00 FinSecs A 5:30-6:30 Tai Chi	28	29 7-9 Choir rehearse	30 7-9 Annual Mtg.; church reserved 7:30-9 AA	31	1 11-1:00 Sanctuary re- served

Tai Chi: 7:00 Advanced, 7:30 Intermediate, 8:00 Beginner - Yoga and Tai Chi are held in Fessenden Hall
A- Eldredge Annex; F- Fessenden Hall; FL- Founders' Lounge; L- Library; S-Sanctuary; N- Nursery;
FC- Family and Community Services bldg.

Calendar does not reflect changes or additions after April 21

A complete and up-to-date church calendar can be viewed at

<http://www.localendar.com/public/uukent> or through a link on our website at www.uukent.org.

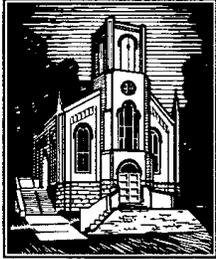
Sorting Out Book Sorters

The Annual UUCK Book Sale will take place on Saturday, May 4. Once again the Fundraising Committee is calling on the Congregation not only for donations of books but for their helping hands as well. We will need help transporting books from Kay Wind's, sorting and setting the sale up on Friday May 3rd, general help during the sale on Saturday May 4th and taking down the book sale that same day. In addition we will be hosting a bake sale table and selling light lunch fare (soups, sandwiches, chips, and beverages) to the patrons and so will need volunteers to help with both of those. All individuals, Youth /Middle School RE students, Chalice Groups, Action Teams and Committees who are interested in helping please email Andrew Bores. Thank you for offering your hearts and hands in stewardship of your church.

Annual UUCK Book Sale Transformed

The Annual UUCK Book Sale has been transformed into the UUCK BookBook Sale! In addition to our usual collection of great reads, a Tupperware book party will be concurrently held in the Sanctuary. But wait . . . THERE'S MORE! We will also be hosting a bake sale and a lunch counter. Books, food and Tupperware; how could it possibly be better? The UUCK BookBook Sale will take place on Saturday, May 4 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Be there and be transformed!

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CD Subscription for Sunday Services?

Thanks to volunteer extraordinaire Brad Bolton, much of each Sunday's service is podcast on our website. Many people who are unable to make it to church use the podcast as a way of catching the services they missed. People who are thinking about checking out the church often listen to services before they come and some folks forward links to friends or family who they think might be interested in a particular sermon. Due to the restrictions of copyright law, only the original parts of each service are included in the podcast. However, Brad records the entirety of the service and is willing to turn those recordings into cds if there are people who might be interested in receiving a weekly subscription. So long as we are mailing cds to people who are members or friends of the church, we can share the whole service without violating copyright law. We are thinking this option might be appealing to folks who do not make it to church regularly and who either do not have a computer or are not comfortable with the technology required to listen to podcasts. We would like to know if such a service would be useful. If you would be interested in being mailed a cd of the Sunday service each week, please call or send a note to the church office.

Human Rights Committee

We are convening a meeting of the Social Justice Group's Human Rights Committee. This will include areas of focus that will include Immigration, Race, LGBTQ rights, and Women's Rights. The opportunity to provide advocacy, empowerment, education and understanding and transformation in these areas will be the energy driving this committee. In the arena of Immigration we, as UUs, have a history of affirming human diversity, advocating to break down barriers and challenging human rights abuses. The committee focusing on Race has the ability to challenge racism and oppression and to advocate for racial justice by being inclusive of all races and cultural backgrounds. The LGBTQ group will promote acceptance, inclusion, understanding and advocacy opportunities for interested committee members and the Women's Rights committee will reflect the UU principle of recognizing the inherent worth and dignity of every person as we protect and affirm the lives of women.

Your energy and ideas as we work to develop and envision the process and focus of these groups will be welcomed and embraced. We look forward to seeing you on Thursday, April 25th as we continue the legacy of social justice espoused by this community and congregation.

Susan Pool