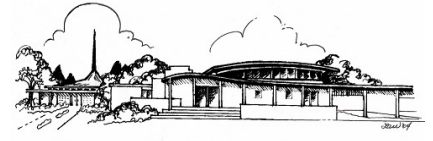


# REPORTER



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*Sunday, March 20 will be the kickoff of the **2nd Annual Green Festival** which will conclude on **Sunday, April 17** with the **6th Annual Green Faire!***

UUCA, with the assistance of the Green Team, kicks off the Green Festival on **Sunday, March 20** with:



KYLE IS UUCA'S OFFICIAL RECYCLING MASCOT - because it IS easy being green!

## KYLE'S SWA'M'P MEET

**Swap Meet ~ RECYCLE AND REUSE!**

**Sunday, March 20 during coffee hour**

UUCA Members and Guests, please bring up to five high-quality items from your household that you no longer use or need. And then, take home for FREE up to five items! Also visit the Book Swap – leave a book, take a book! This event is modeled on the popular "Freecycle" ([www.freecycle.org](http://www.freecycle.org)) concept of recycling and reusing by trading and sharing items.

**Please drop off your times between 9:30-10:30 a.m. that Sunday.**

*(Open to church members and visitors only; not a community-wide event.)*

**Goodwill will be in the parking lot the day of the Swa'm'p Meet with a paid attendant from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to accept any swap meet leftovers and used electronic/computer items.**

## 6th Annual Green Faire Ethical Eating...the next step

**Sunday, April 17**

**11:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m.**

**UUCA Fellowship Hall  
(following the morning service)**

**Explore ethical eating as well as environmental justice, fair trade, and sustainable living topics!**



**Akron Metro RTA  
Crown Point Ecology Center  
Cuyahoga Valley Parks  
Hawk's View Pottery**

**INTO**

**Market Path**

**Ms. Julie's Kitchen**

**Purdy Farms**

**Summit County Food Coalition**

**Summit County Parks**

**UUCA Bookstore**

**Women of the Cloud Forest**

**Local Artisans, Delicious Vegetarian Food!  
Children's Activities, Raffle AND MORE!**

Brought to you by the Green Team in conjunction with the Green Sanctuary's 2nd Annual Green Festival. For more info contact Allan Lane.

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# Minister's Musings...

Rev. Tim Temerson

For all of our world's many problems and challenges, the last few weeks have been a testament to the power of hope and courage. Nonviolent demonstrators in Egypt and Tunisia toppled repressive regimes, and similar movements are striving to bring freedom and democracy to other parts of the Middle East. And as I write this article, the people of Wisconsin are engaged in a struggle over the future of organized labor and economic justice in the United States.

I must say that as a Unitarian Universalist minister, these events leave me feeling hopeful and challenged. I am so inspired by the universal hunger for freedom and justice, and by the courage of so many to stand up for their own worth and dignity. I can't imagine what it's like to confront violence and brutality for the sake of values and rights I so often take for granted. And to stand for those values nonviolently, relying on the power of conscience and activism while respecting the dignity and worth of those with whom we differ and disagree – for me that is the definition of what it means to live as a Unitarian Universalist.

And yet, it can be so challenging to live the principles and values we affirm. For one thing, it is so much easier to stay within the safety of our own walls rather than taking the risk of moving beyond those walls to challenge an unjust status quo. As we discern together how the Unitarian Universalist Church of Akron will live our mission and turn our values into action, I am looking forward to making this sacred journey with all of you – a journey that will enable us, as our mission affirms, to be “a prominent force for social justice and stewardship of the earth.”

It can also be so challenging to respect the dignity and worth of those with whom we disagree. Think for a moment about the last time you found yourself in a discussion about religion or politics with someone whose views differ from your own. I know I am often tempted to dismiss the other and their beliefs by labeling them or by rejecting their point of view rather than seeking to understand and learn from them, and to build bridges across our differences.

And those are the challenges confronting the Unitarian Universalist Church of Akron as we look forward to a future filled with so much possibility and hope. Can we work together with courage and compassion as we move beyond our walls to help build a world of love, justice, and peace? And can we embrace our own differences and our differences with those beyond our church community as an opportunity to learn, to grow, and to transform ourselves and the world?

Let me close by once again saying how honored I am to be serving as your minister. The UU Church of Akron is an amazing community of love, acceptance, and compassion, and that's why I know we can rise to meet these challenges as we journey together to live our values and to be the change we seek for ourselves and for the world.

*Rev. Tim*

[revtim@uuakron.org](mailto:revtim@uuakron.org)

**NOTE: Rev. Tim will be on study leave February 28-March 4. The brown bag lunch on Thursday, March 3 will not take place.**

## RELIGIOUS ED NEWS

DRE Richard Roberts

### Coming of Age - Amazing

The recent Coming of Age class session was just incredible! In this session youth met with their mentors, while the parents gathered separately with a COA advisor. Both groups discussed their images of God /Spirit / The Holy (fill in the word that works for you here). Each person drew pictures depicting their concept of what we typically refer to as "God" at age five, and then how it has changed over time to become what it is now. As would be expected in a UU congregation, diverse views were abundant. This exercise generated really wonderful sharing by everyone about their spirituality, their questions, and their views on how this all works in their lives.

This is hard work! It's an amazing thing to see; the youth and their mentors, the parents, really listening to each others stories, their struggles, their still unanswered questions. One thing is absolutely clear; they take ownership of their spiritual lives with thought and care. It's beautiful.

### Lots of Kids!

Classes are packed! I'm particularly pleased to see that many of our newest members and guest families are coming regularly and bringing their children. Our attendance numbers are high - but it's not about the numbers - it's the positive impact that we can have on young peoples lives when they come regularly.

### Midyear Evaluation

I've now met with all of our RE Teaching Teams. They are doing a remarkable job, and it shows in the faces of our children and youth. The new curriculum all get the "thumbs up" from teachers. It's gratifying to hear "I'm really glad I started doing this – it's helped my family, it's helped me learn about Unitarian Universalism, and the kids are JUST AMAZING! They ask such good questions." Well, of course I agree.

In Faith, *Rich*

[uuca.roberts@juno.com](mailto:uuca.roberts@juno.com)

### March RE Calendar

- |    |  |
|----|--|
| 6  | Youth Service and Regular Classes      |
| 13 | Regular Classes                        |
| 20 | Intergenerational Service - No Classes |
| 27 | Regular Classes                        |

## SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY, MARCH 6

After the morning service, come join us in a fun and exciting brainstorming session to address ways we can meet our short-term fundraising goals for this year and our long-term fundraising goals of finding a sustainable way to support our ever-more-active mission and ministries! RSVP so we can provide sustenance. All you need to commit to now is to share your imaginative and creative ideas. Let's build the excitement and the plan, with all of us playing a part!

## UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

June 22 – 26, 2011 in Charlotte, NC

### ***DO YOU WANT TO BE A DELEGATE?***

The annual meeting of the Unitarian Universalist Association is called General Assembly (GA). Representatives of congregations from all UU congregations come together to make the overall policy for the Association, for educational purposes, and to worship and celebrate.

We need delegates for the upcoming 2011 GA. This will be an exciting year. The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the merger between the American Unitarian Association and the Universalist Church of America will be commemorated!

To represent us, you must be a voting member. Unfortunately the church is unable to defray expenses. A complete list of requirements and expectations is posted on the bulletin board opposite the RE Center. **For more info, you can visit <http://www.uua.org/ga/index.shtml>.**

To be considered by the Board of Trustees, please submit a brief explanation of how being a UUCA delegate would benefit you as well as our church community. Apply to **Susan Wynn (mailbox in church or email)** by Tuesday, March 15, 2011. Include your contact information.

The Board will consider applicants at the March Board Meeting. We will strive to maintain diversity in representation. Delegates receive final approval during our UUCA Annual Meeting in May.

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

Jann Miller

Lately, I have heard new members say that the welcome they received was what led them to join us. That led me to think how important it is that each member of UUCA participate in welcoming guests and new members. I am aware it is more difficult for some of us than for others, yet I can, from experience, tell you that the more we reach out, the easier it becomes.

While the membership team is always glad to welcome people to join the schedule as greeters, visitors' desk workers, welcoming table greeters and such, there are a host of things you can do without making that kind of scheduled commitment. Just contact **Jann Miller**.

When you see a guest, whether it is his/her first visit, second, third or fourth, smile at her/him and introduce yourself. If you are not sure if someone is a visitor, just say, "Hi, I don't think we've met, my name is \_\_\_\_\_." If you meet them before the service, show them around the church, take them to the sanctuary; better yet, offer to sit with them and help them find their way through the service. If they have children, introduce them to Austen Petersen, our assistant RE director. (The committee and ushers try to do these things, but when visitors are many, we can get overwhelmed and your help is always appreciated.) Reach out during the coffee hour. It is very easy to get lost in conversation with friends and/or preoccupied with church business that we need to get done, but those who are new need our attention. Share with them what is going on in the church. Check out their interests, let them know how those interests fit in at the church, introduce them to people with similar interests. Help them to get involved in what is going on.

It is my impression that our church has not only been growing, but has also been growing in hospitality and warmth. I would love to see that continue and expand until each member of UUCA is involved in welcoming our guests and new members.

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE OPPORTUNITY

Want to contribute your time and talents to the church, but can't commit to meetings or other scheduled activities? Want to help new members to feel welcome, but feel you are too shy to reach out? Here is an unbeatable *opportunity* for you!

The membership team has arranged to have pictures and bios of new members available for the currently available New Member Bulletin Board. We'd love to see those pictures and bios on the bulletin board, maybe even with some eye-catching décor, perhaps a seasonal theme, but you may have far better ideas! This work could be done any time the church is open, either during the day or most evenings. If you answered "yes" to one or both questions above, this might be the perfect way for you to get involved! If you are interested or have questions, please contact **Jann Miller**. I look forward to hearing from you!

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### WE ARE ON OUR WAY!

Through the good and dedicated work of our wonderful Green Team, we have made the huge step of submitting to the UUA our application to become an accredited Green Sanctuary! As you recall, our mission calls us to be a prominent force for stewardship of the earth. We are living our mission. The Board identified filing the Green Sanctuary application and working toward attaining that status as a primary mission-based goal for this church year.

The process of attaining Green Sanctuary is a strategic process that engages us on all levels of church life. There are multiple areas for action in which you have opportunities to contribute, including **Communication, Worship, Religious Education, Environmental Justice and Sustainable Living.** Please see the column at the right for more details.

Join us in this next exciting stage. Read our full plan, available from the Team. An outline of our action plan is on the Green Team Bulletin Board. The UUA expects to review our application on February 23, and we anticipate receiving an update from the offices of UUA/CSS by March 7. Attend the next scheduled Green Team meeting on March 8 at 7 p.m.

EVERYONE can participate in making this happen. Look at the goals we have set and the actions we have identified toward reaching those goals. Find your place. And work with us all in community to reach for our vision of making a positive difference in our own lives, those of our church community, and for the world at large.

*We can do this, because WE will do it!*

*Elizabeth Reilly*

### The Ethical Humanist Society of Akron



**SECOND FRIDAYS OF EVERY MONTH  
Friday, March 11 at 7:00 p.m.**

Join us for an hour of music, thought-provoking message and discussion, plus a period of socializing over refreshments. All are welcome to the Ethical Humanist Society! For more info, contact **Susan Davis**.

## GREEN SANCTUARY



**On February 11, we submitted our application for accreditation to the UUA!**

**Our application identifies these action areas. Which ones can you contribute to?**

### Worship.

1) moving forward w/ technology and finesse in our services; 2) providing two Green-themed services like our annual Earth Day service in April; 3) decorating our chancel table by promoting the use of local backyard garden arrangements or silk or other items like statuary or artwork when a service would better served by its use.

### Religious Education.

**For youth/children:** 1) working on making more sustainable choices, such as reducing the unnecessary use of paper; 2) honoring our 7<sup>th</sup> Principle in the curriculum. **For Adult RE:** 1) introducing an organic cooking class; 2) starting a film and discussion series featuring titles like *NO Impact Man, Food, Inc., Meatrix and StoreWars* to coincide with our annual Green Festival and perhaps at other times.

### Environmental Justice.

Two projects are required. We have chosen to develop a fuller relationship with Crown Point Ecology Center and IHN/ Family Promise. Together with Crown Point we will work to build a community garden in the heart of Akron.

### Sustainable Living.

1) Energy audit (completed); 2) Grounds Enhancement; 3) Lights Out Ohio 2009; 4) expansion of annual Green Faire to a Green Festival; 5) 2<sup>nd</sup> Festival kick off Sunday March 20 with Kyle's Swa'm'p Meet (SEE FRONT PAGE).

### Communications.

Regular UUCA Green Sanctuary news as part of the drafted communication plan.

What happens next?

We expect feedback from the UUA by March 7, which will help us do an even better job of defining worthy goals and what we can do to meet them. Normally, meeting our strategic goals and achieving accreditation as a Green Sanctuary takes between six and eighteen months, depending upon the energy we commit and the types of projects that we have selected to achieve.

Until we submitted our application, the Green Team carried our mission in their hands. NOW, the roles reverse! We are ALL responsible and can make a difference in how we live our mission.

**Attend the regular March Green Team Meeting on Tuesday, March 1 at 7:00 p.m.**

Find your place. And work with us all in community to reach for our vision of making a positive difference in our own lives, those of our church community, and for the world at large.

# WORSHIP & SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

## 10:30 A.M. SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday, March 6 at 10:30 a.m.

*Annual Youth Service*

**Dr. SUUess**

Join the Youth  
Explore the Truth  
Our Unison Affirmation!  
You'll feel Elation  
At this Creation!  
It will be a Sensation!

Sunday, March 13 at 10:30 a.m.

*Facing Fear*

**Ellen Carvill**

Though few of us live in frequent physical danger, fear—from creepy crawlies to possible major disaster—is still part of being human. From creepy crawlies to disasters, through story and metaphor, this morning we'll consider what we gain when we look closely at what frightens us.

Sunday, March 20, 2011

*The Gift of Interdependence:*

*Interdependence Day 2011*

**Rev. Tim Temerson and Rich Roberts, DRE**

Although our culture often celebrates independence and self-reliance, interdependence and deep connectedness are at the heart of our lives and our world. We need one another and can't live without our close connection to the natural world. Today we will celebrate interdependence as a marvelous gift and explore how we can live into the fullness of those deep connections which sustain us and bring beauty, meaning, hope to our lives. Today's service is intergenerational and will feature the musical talents of the UU Band. A special collection will be taken to benefit the UUSC Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund.

Sunday, March 27 at 10:30 a.m.

*Building Peace*

**John Edgerton and Patty O'Shea**

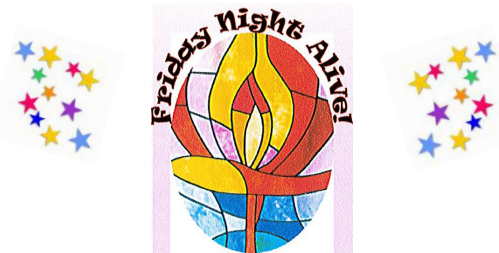
Please join us as we explore what it means to build true peace in a challenging world. Philosopher Baruch Spinoza said "...peace is not mere absence of war, but is a virtue that springs from a state of mind, a disposition for benevolence, confidence, justice." Let us look for ways that we, as Unitarian Universalists can build a lasting peace in our hearts, our homes, our communities, and our world. **This service is a kick-off to a course on Building Peace being offered by John and Patty beginning in April of this year.**

## Friday Night Alive!

**Date:** March 18, 2011

**Potluck Dinner:** 6:00 pm

**Service:** 7:00 pm



Please join us on Friday, March 18, when the Friday Night Alive! Team will explore the theme, "**Blessed are the Coffee-makers: Laughter and UUs.**" Dawn Corley will be exploring the positive aspects of laughter and humor for both individuals and for the community. She will be joined by **Victoria Ganger and Revelry.**

This female power trio, **Victoria Ganger, Mary Alice Tummonds, and Lisa Lefkort**, deliver Victoria's musical musings on everything from computers, to love, to magic, to, yes, even Martha Stewart, in every musical style, from blues to ballads to the occasional tango. Within that realm, you'll find exquisite harmonies that come from the joy of what the music is all about. CD's will be available after the service. You can visit their website at [www.revelrychicks.com](http://www.revelrychicks.com).

So bring a hot dish or dessert for the pot luck at 6pm, then get ready for a journey into beauty and wonder at 7pm. Childcare will be provided.

We are always in need of and grateful to anyone who volunteers to help out with greeting, staffing the visitor's table, helping out with hospitality, and ushering. Children are always welcome, and childcare will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact **Dawn Corley** or contact the church office.

### Child Dedication Sunday

On Sunday, March 27, 2011, the UU Church of Akron will offer a ceremony of child dedication during the 10:30 worship service. During a child dedication, we welcome children into the church community, honor the love and commitment of their families, and pledge to nurture and accompany them on their life's journey. Dedications are open to children of all ages. If you are interested in having your child dedicated, please contact Rev. Tim Temerson no later than March 18 at (330) 836-2206 or [revtim@uakron.org](mailto:revtim@uakron.org).

# HAPPENINGS

## ► TAI CHI CLASS

EVERY MONDAY AT 6:00 P.M.

Taught by our own **Diana Pawloski!**

Yang Style Tai Chi is used to gently stimulate the internal organs, exercise the body, calm the nervous system and loosen the joints. It may be done standing or sitting. Tai Chi is for people of any age, requires no special equipment and can be performed in ordinary street clothes. An art for peace of mind. For more information, contact **Diana Pawloski**.

## ► YOGA 4 YOU LLC

THURSDAYS IN MARCH TO BE DECIDED

6:30 - 7:30 P.M.

Gentle/Moderate Hatha Yoga Class for the body and mind.

The class format includes using proper breathing techniques along with stretching and balancing poses with a focus on core alignment. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a yoga mat for the class. \$8 class. For specific dates, contact **Niki** at [Yoga4you@live.com](mailto:Yoga4you@live.com).

## ► WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

AT 7:00 P.M.

The Women's Book Group meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Church. For more information contact **Margaret Olds**.

**March:** *Crossing to Safety* – (NO Large Type)

**April:** *Warmth of Other Suns* – (NO Large Type)

**May:** *Lacuna*

## ► KENDAL AT HOME

THURSDAY, MARCH 3

AT 10:00 A.M. AT UUCA

You are invited to attend an informational presentation to learn more about Kendal at Home. Founded on Quaker values, **Kendal at Home** is a system of communities and services for older adults that provides resources and guidance for adults who have already planned for their retirement, are healthy and independent, and want to remain in their own homes as long as possible. For reservations please call 440-835-8681 or 1-877-AT HOME 9. For more information, visit <http://kahome.kendal.org/>.

## ► UU MEN'S LUNCH

TUESDAY, MARCH 8

12 NOON AT PAPA JOE'S

The UUCA Men's Group meets for lunch at Papa Joe's in the Valley on the second Tuesday of every month. Contact **Charlie Wilson** if you plan to attend. The UUCA Men's Group met as usual for lunch on Tuesday, February 8. These 7 men were there: **Bob Erdman, Dave Fielder, Bob Marx, Jack Ryder, Rev. Tim Temerson, Charlie Wilson** and his Canadian son, **Willie**. 5 inches of new snow and ice made it impossible for all to attend, so our gabby 7 missed 4 absentee buddies.

## ► UUWA

FRIDAY, MARCH 18 AT 10:30 A.M.

**Alice Phillips** will present the "Life of Eleanor Roosevelt" at the March 18 meeting of the Unitarian Universalist Women's Association. Alice's program will begin at 11:00 am, following a brief 10:00 am UUWA business meeting, led by UUWA President **Susan Davis**. Lunch will be served at 12:00 noon by chef **Allan Lane**. All are welcome to join us. Please contact **Patty Harding** to make reservations.

## ► SUFI HEALING PRACTICE GROUP

SATURDAYS, MARCH 5 AND 19

10:30 A.M. – 12 NOON

The Sufi Healing Practice group is led by **Daryush Parvinbenam**. These sessions utilize several mind-body practices, such as whirling/sufi dance, chant, movement, meditation, and breathing techniques to promote health and well being. All are welcome. Please feel free to bring a cushion to sit on during meditation and chanting. If you have any questions, please contact **Daryush** at [daryushnam@yahoo.com](mailto:daryushnam@yahoo.com) or 419-289-6971.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 1 after the service

ANNUAL REPORTS ARE DUE

SUNDAY, APRIL 3!!!



**Light the Lights!  
Curtain Up!**

**Don't miss our Theatrical Gala on  
Saturday, March 26 when  
"A CHORUS LINE-UP" has its premier.**

As a bonus, the culinary delights of a  
UU potluck are included at no extra charge.

The show starts at 7:00 pm.  
Bring family and friends.

Brighten the winter gloom with fun,  
laughter and UU fellowship!

## COMMITTEE NEWS

### NEW MEMBER NEWS...

#### NEWCOMERS' WELCOMING CIRCLE

Sunday, March 27  
Noon – 12:30 p.m.

The Membership committee invites you to join us for a Newcomers' Welcoming Circle! Rev. Tim Temerson and several lay leaders will be available to discuss Unitarian Universalism and our church community, and to answer your questions. No sign-up is required, just drop in for 30 minutes of fellowship and conversation.

#### LOOKING AHEAD.... NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

Sunday, April 3

### 50TH ANNIVERSARY

#### 50 YEARS

Yes, it has been 50 years since the Universalist Church of Akron moved to 3300 Morewood Road and became the Unitarian Universalist Church of Akron!

A celebration is being planned with a service on **November 13, 2011**, a shared meal after the service, displays of 50 years of activities/achievements and a printed booklet to commemorate this anniversary. The planning committee wants **you** to be a part of it. Borrowing a page from the 'StoryCorps' of Public Broadcasting, we want your stories.

Please write a brief description of anything interesting, comic, stimulating, etc. that you have experienced concerning your involvement at UUCA. It does not matter if you are new here or have been around for a while. We want them all. Norma Rios will be collecting the accounts. Email her or address to her and place in the Treasurer's Box in the office wing of the church.

The committee members planning the celebration are **Rev. Tim Temerson, Dick Hull, Lori Marker, Liz Nelson, Margaret Olds, Norma Rios, Susan Wynn and Elaine Young.**

#### FIRST FRIDAY DRUM CIRCLE! FRIDAY, MARCH 4 AT 7:00 P.M.



The First Friday Intergenerational Drum Circle is energizing, relaxing, fun and great for all ages. Drums, rattles, and other percussion toys are available to share. Drum, dance, chant or just sit and groove out to the beat!! No experience needed. **Discover your inner drummer!**

### SOCIAL ACTION COALITION

*Share your ideas, get involved...*

All are encouraged to attend Social Action Coalition meetings on the **4th Sundays: February 27 and March 27 at 12:15 p.m.** Your input is needed as we continue brainstorming about the future of social action at UUCA. Your participation is welcomed as we organize for upcoming activities. Save the dates:

**May 1:** Akron Area Interfaith Council  
Walk to Stop Hunger!

**June 12:** Mitzvah Day!

#### SOCIAL ACTION SPECIAL COLLECTION SUNDAY, MARCH 20

Our special collection this month will go to the UUSC/UUA Joint Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund. More than one year since the devastating earthquake in Haiti, more than 1.5 million people remain homeless and particularly vulnerable to disease, flooding, and violence. Through this fund, the non-sectarian Unitarian Universalist Service Committee "provides grants and technical assistance to grassroots organizations in Haiti...prioritiz[ing] the needs of marginalized people who are overlooked by mainstream aid efforts." Every dollar donated to this fund will be matched with \$3 from the UU Congregation at Shelter Rock. Please visit [www.uusc.org/haiti](http://www.uusc.org/haiti) for more information on UUSC's relief efforts in—and on behalf of—Haiti.



### YOUNG ADUULTS

**Austen Petersen**

February has been a month filled with snow, board games, and bowling; in other words, lots of fun indoors! The Akron Young AdUULTs discovered that we have some truly creative Boggle players, and were quite thankful for the dictionary in the library to look up unfamiliar words. We shared snacks and expanded our vocabulary; join us for the next game night on **March 25 at 6:00 p.m.!** We also bowled at Riviera Lanes, and although we were team indecision when it came to deciding on a team name, we were a united front in knocking down pins and making faces at the ones still standing. Some people used the bumpers for some nice zig-zag throws, while others used the "kiddie" ramp to set the ball down the center of the lane. We had such a good time there was hardly any fun to "spare." Are you between the ages of 18 – 35? Join us! Contact **Austen Petersen.**

# BUBBLING HEART SANGHA

The Bubbling Hearts Sangha meets Sunday evenings from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in Room 403 for sitting and walking meditation. No experience is necessary and all are lovingly invited to join in. Special note: **Sunday, February 27, 2011** The Sangha will meet from 6:00-8:00 p.m. The longer meeting will include a Dharma talk. As always, everyone is lovingly invited.

May I become at all times, both now and forever  
A protector for those without protection  
A guide for those who have lost their way  
A ship for those with oceans to cross  
A bridge for those with rivers to cross

A sanctuary for those in danger  
A lamp for those without light  
A place of refuge for those who lack shelter  
And a servant to all in need.  
~ His Holiness the Dalai Lama

## MEMORIAL FUND

**In memory of Margaret Alexander:**  
Norma Rios

**In memory of Clint Ensworth, Jr.:**  
Meena and Puru Agrawal, , Marjorie Donahue and Bob Roach, Brian Hoffman, Ellen K. Lusher, Mary Petrich, Ann and Bruce Pyle, Norma Rios, Linda Ryder, Evelyn and Dick Sharp, Joanne and Lewis Smole, Janet and David Wertz, Sarah Wright and David Fielder

**In memory of Ann Greene:**  
Marjorie Donahue and Bob Roach, Brian Hoffman, Mary Petrich, Ann and Bruce Pyle, Norma Rios, Sarah Wright and David Fielder

**In memory of Margaret Hart:**  
Marcia and Ed Mazak

**In memory of Frank Triplett:**  
Co-workers at Akron Children's Hospital

## CARING COMMUNITY

**MEENA AGRAWAL**  
Meena's condition continues to improve as she recovers from an infection at Akron General Hospital. Your cards have been a major source of comfort and hope for Meena and her family. At this time Meena does not feel up to calls or visits but cards are always welcome. Please keep Meena, Puru, Rupa, Andy and Andy's fiancée, Christy in your thoughts and prayers.

**MARY LOU RADEBAUGH**  
Mary Lou Radebaugh is recovering after a brief stay in the hospital. Mary Lou misses coming to church and looks forward to regaining her strength so she can rejoin us in the near future. Cards of support mailed to her daughter Nancy's home address are welcome. Please keep Mary Lou and her family in your thoughts and prayers.



## CARING CORNER



### PASTORAL CARE:

#### *Pastoral Associates:*

Mary Ann Ballinger, Coordinator

Mary Caesar  
Susan Davis  
Mary Petrich  
Ron Richer  
Linda Rush Ryder  
Sally Willoughby

### CARING COMMITTEE:

Meals:  
Laura Luster

Rides:  
John Edgerton

Chair:  
Susan Shah

### UUCA HEALTH MINISTRY:

Come to the Blood Pressure screening on the second Sunday of every month.  
Contact **Janet Wertz**  
for more information.



# March 2011



**Sunday Service starts at 10:30 a.m.**  
**Fellowship Hour takes place from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>1</b> 10:00am—AAIC 6:30pm—SGM 7:00pm—Green Team 7:00pm—Bible: Text, Teacher or Tyrant?	<b>2</b> 6:30pm—FAA 7:00pm—RE 7:00pm—Women's Book Group 7:45pm—DA 8:00pm—AA	<b>3</b> 10:00am—Kendal at Home Seminar 7:00pm—SAA 7:00pm—SGM 7:00pm—Healthy Living	<b>4</b> 7:00pm— Drum Circle	<b>5</b> 9:00am—COA Youth Retreat 10:30am—Sufi Healing 5:00pm—Youth Service Rehearsal
<b>6</b> 11:30am—Fundraising Meeting 12:00pm—Caring 12:00pm—COYA 4:00pm—Art of Living 7:00pm—Sangha	<b>7</b> 6:00pm—Tai Chi 7:00pm—SGM 7:00pm— <b>Enlightenment Experience</b>	<b>8</b> 12:00pm—UU Men's Lunch at Papa Joe's 7:00pm—CoM	<b>9</b> 9:00am—SGM 11:00am—Staff Mtg. 6:30pm—FAA 7:00pm—Puurls 7:45pm—DA 8:00pm—AA	<b>10</b> 7:00pm—SAA 7:00pm—SGM 7:00pm—Healthy Living	<b>11</b> 5:00pm—Growth & Vitality Workshop 7:00pm—Noetics 7:00pm—Humanist Service	<b>12</b> 8:30am—Growth & Vitality Workshop 10:00am—OMD SI Group
<b>13</b> 9:00am—Membership 11:45am—Blood Pressure 3:30pm—Ostara 4:00pm—Art of Living 5:30pm—UU Parents 7:00pm—Sangha	<b>14</b> 6:00pm—Tai Chi 7:00pm— <b>Enlightenment Experience</b>	<b>15</b> 6:30pm—SGM 7:30pm—Sierra Club	<b>16</b> 11:00am—Staff Mtg. 6:30pm—FAA 7:00pm—Pastoral Associates 7:00pm—Puurls 7:45pm—DA 8:00pm—AA	<b>17</b> 7:00pm—SAA 7:00pm—SGM 7:00pm—Healthy Living 7:30pm—UU Band	<b>18</b> 10:30am—UUWA 6:00pm—Friday Night Alive!	<b>19</b> 10:00am—A Chorus Line-up Rehearsal 10:30am—Sufi Healing
<b>20</b> 11:30am—SWA'M'P MEET 12:00pm—SGM Facilitators 4:00pm—Art of Living 6:00pm—COA 7:00pm—Sangha	<b>21</b> 6:00pm—Tai Chi 7:00pm—SGM 7:00pm— <b>Enlightenment Experience</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 9:00am—SGM 11:00am—Staff Mtg. 6:30pm—FAA 7:00pm—Puurls 7:00pm—Board 7:00pm—GREEN FESTIVAL ACTIVITY AT NATURE REALM 7:45pm—DA 8:00pm—AA	<b>24</b> 7:00pm—SAA 7:00pm—SGM 7:00pm—A Chorus Line-up Rehearsal 7:30pm—Nonfiction Book Group	<b>25</b> 6:00pm—Young AdUUlts Game Night	<b>26</b> 9:00am—COSE 6:00pm—A CHORUS LINE-UP POTLUCK & PERFORMANCE
<b>27</b> 12:00pm—Newcomers Circle 12:15pm—SAC 4:00pm—Art of Living 7:00pm—Sangha	<b>28</b> 6:00pm—Tai Chi 7:00pm— <b>Enlightenment Experience</b>	<b>29</b> 5:30pm—AAIC Event	<b>30</b> 11:00am—Staff Mtg. 6:30pm—FAA 7:45pm—DA 8:00pm—AA	<b>31</b> 6:00pm—GREEN FESTIVAL MOVIE 7:00pm—SAA		

**FEBRUARY 6 CHILI COOKOFF RESULTS**  
 Thanks to your support (and obvious love of chili!), we raised \$150 for the Minister's Benevolent Fund. **Wiley Youngs** won first place in the meat chili category with **Scott Piepho** coming in second. **Nimi Krishnan's** chili took first place in the vegetarian category. Thanks to all who made, ate and voted on the chili!  
 And congratulations to **Wiley, Scott and Nimi!**

**SERVICE ATTENDANCE:**

January 2:	136+ 37 RE
January 9:	173 + 72 RE
January 16:	181 + 74 RE
January 23:	137 + 65 RE
January 30:	164 + 87 RE

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Bring a brown bag lunch and join Tim at noon for lunch.

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We aspire to take very good care of ourselves,  
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