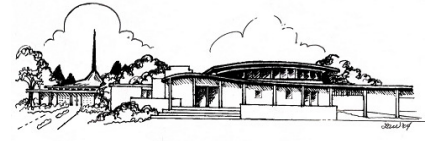


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MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE!!!

JOIN OUR STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY
AS WE ALL PLEDGE OUR RESOURCES
TO SUPPORT OUR MINISTRIES
DURING 2012



October 2, 2011 is Stewardship Commitment Sunday

In Rev. Tim's recent letter and sermon, he has asked each of us to commit anew our energy, creativity, and generosity this fall. As he said, "These are exciting times... We are coming together as one community to live our mission and grow our ministries." Read and reflect on his words and think about the ministries you find meaningful at our Unitarian Universalist Church of Akron. Within which of our ministries do you and your family find your spirituality. Let the value of these ministries to you guide your commitment and generosity when you complete your pledge on Commitment Sunday. So that we may sustain and strengthen our ministries, please increase the generosity of your pledge.

On Sunday, October 2, we ask you to make your stewardship commitment in the Fellowship Hall right after worship. Your stewardship team will have your pledge form ready. Please come into the Fellowship Hall prepared to express your thanks, commitment and generosity by making your pledge before you leave. A member of the stewardship team will be available to meet with you if you have questions. If you would like, you might want to find a quiet place such as the sanctuary or a classroom or even outside in the Memorial Garden to complete your pledge.

Please complete and turn in your pledge before you leave. We want to complete as much of our pledging by Sunday, October 9 as we can.

Make your generous pledge on Sunday, October 2.

Make our ministries successful! Make your ministries successful!

Above all, MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE!!!

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Minister's Musings...

Rev. Tim Temerson

As I write this column, the policy known as “Don’t Ask Don’t Tell” is finally coming to an end. After two decades in which well over 10,000 members of the US military were discharged because of their sexual orientation, we as a nation have finally chosen to end this long nightmare of fear and discrimination for our gay and lesbian soldiers and for the entire LGBTQ community.

I must say that the end of DADT fills me with very mixed emotions. On the one hand, I am overjoyed that another episode in our nation’s long history of legalized discrimination has come to end. I am also hopeful that we are witnessing a turning point in the way we treat our LGBTQ citizens. Now that our soldiers can come out of the shadows and be accepted for who they are, can full inclusion and justice for the LGBTQ community in other areas of our society be far behind? I hope not!

But the fact that such a blatantly discriminatory policy could remain legal for so long and that equal rights for the LGBTQ community are far from secure reminds us of how far we have to go. For all of our proclamations of freedom and equal rights, the phrase “except for” – except for gays and lesbians, except for immigrants, except for union members, except for the poor – exceptions to respect for human dignity and worth continue to plague our society and our world.

And it is those exceptions that call us as Unitarian Universalists to live our first principle with courage and determination. We affirm “the inherent worth and dignity of every person” but we must turn our affirmations into action. Right here in Ohio gays and lesbians are routinely discriminated against because our state legislature has yet to pass a law banning discrimination based on sexual orientation. And far too many states across our nation continue to deny the equal right to to marry.

Here at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Akron, we proclaim in our mission statement that we are “a welcoming and loving community for all.” The question now before is not simply how welcoming we will be inside our walls, but also what will we do to build a world that is welcoming and loving for all? That is our calling and our challenge as we look forward to a new church year. May we answer that call and rise to that challenge with courage, with compassion, and with love.

Rev. Tim revtim@uuakron.org

MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD PRESIDENT

Susan Wynn

The Ingathering Service got us all charged up for the new church year! Was it easy to decide what to write on your paper hand? The question was, “When do you feel the love of this church community?” The first answer that popped into my mind was at Board Meetings. At committee meetings. I know, you probably think I’m kidding, but I’m serious.

Let me put this in perspective. Worship is very important to me. That’s one of the reasons I was a Worship Associate for so long. I believe that when something is important to you, you should support every way you can.

The bonus from what is referred to as “committee work” is getting to know really wonderful people. Through being a Worship Associate, teaching in the RE Program, participating in Small Group Ministries (SGM) groups and, yes, serving on the Board of Trustees, I have gotten to know so many great people.

Okay, so where am I going with this? This is not just a plug for committee work. It’s more. This is the time of year when we are presented with our pledge cards and asked to commit to financially supporting the church; that is, our stewardship.

We hear the word “stewardship” frequently when discussions turn to environmental issues, the notion of taking care of the things that are entrusted to us.

I am reminded of the last sentence of our mission statement, “We aspire to take very good care of ourselves, each other, and the world.”

Our church provides and encourages opportunities for taking “good care of ourselves.” Worship, SGM and the Bubbling Heart Sangha come to mind here.

The “each other” and “the world” parts, to me, include everything from the warm greeting I receive when I walk into the building on Sunday morning to the difficult but rewarding work of social and environmental justice.

UUs don’t find it easy to talk about money. As Board president, it is something I worry about frequently. Keeping our aging building safe and sound. Fairly compensating our staff. Providing meaningful programming today and in the future. It takes a whole host of volunteers but it also takes money.

As we get ready to celebrate 50 years in Fairlawn, I hope we will also imagine a bright future for our church. After all, it is up to us as a church community to take very good care of ourselves, each other, and the world. Stewardship. Please think about all the ways this community is important to you and be generous. Thank you.

*Susan Wynn,
UCA Board President*

RELIGIOUS ED NEWS

DRE Richard Roberts



**Hands of Compassion,
Hands of Connection:
Be Our Guest**

When Rev. Tim and I were developing the ingathering service this year, the theme "Hands of Compassion, Hands of Connection" struck me as a perfect fit for the new RE year. With that in mind the RE committee came up with a brilliant idea; have our RE teams identify points in the lesson plans where a guest from the congregation could bring their knowledge or talent, and invite them to share these with our kids as part of the lesson for that day. The teachers then started pulling ideas from the curriculum at teacher training. Perhaps you saw the display of their ideas for "class guests" at the ministries fair.

The display now lives at the RE Welcome Center, where you can find examples of the many guests we are looking for. More ideas will to be added as the year goes on. It's a big list already, with lots of diversity. Some examples so far: Musician, Buddhist, Cook, Actor or English Teacher, Coach or Athlete, Scientist, Differently-Abled Person, Psychologist or Psychiatrist, Guitar Player, Someone Who Works with Animals, Clay Artist....

This is all part of our ongoing effort to nurture a multigenerational church community; a community where folks of all ages come together to connect and grow. We hope that you will take a look, bring your knowledge and experience, and Be Our Guest this year.

In faith and love,

Rich

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**October RE Calendar:
Regular Classes every Sunday**

FAMILY NETWORK NEWS

WHAT: UU PARENTING DISCUSSION
WHERE: UUCA
WHEN: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9 AND ALL SECOND SUNDAYS FOLLOWING
TIME: 5:30 TO 7:30 P.M.

**SESSION TOPICS: The Second Principle:
Justice, Equity and Compassion;
Spiritual Growth in Our Congregations**

This discussion is for parents who are intentionally raising their children in the Unitarian Universalist faith tradition and want guidance and support in this endeavor. Topics of discussion will help parents address Unitarian Universalism principles in age-appropriate ways, answer difficult questions on religious matters and deal with religious disagreements. Have you had questions from your children about God, the Bible, sexuality? Have they asked how to talk to their peers about "their religious, beliefs"? Have you wondered about the kind of rituals to have around traditional holidays? These are just some of the questions that we can explore together in this group.

We are reading *Tending the Flame: The Art of Unitarian Universalist Parenting* by Michelle Richards, pages 75-89. Available at the UUCA book table in the fellowship hall or for personal order at www.uuabookstore.org. Also available as an eBook from Google eBooks or from Kindle eBooks. We started reading the book last year, but if you haven't had a chance to read it, please join us anyway! We use the book as a starting point and the discussion can always use lots of input.

Bring a portable supper for your family and table service to eat on. We will eat during discussion. There will be space for the kids (where we can see them) to watch a movie, play board games, color or build with Lego's. If you kids have a movie or a game they want to share please bring it.

For more info, contact Jenni Papp.

2011-2012 UUCA RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STAFF

Preschool: Kim Evangelisti, Jon Connor, Wendy Bartlett, Brenda Whitmore
K-1: Jill Himes, Becky Ensworth, Kelly Urbano, Vicky Putt
2-3: Nassim Mir, Alisa Malarcik, Brandy Silverwood, Joelle Hendrick
4-5: Martha Hall, Becca Barnum, Susan Mongold, Steve Weeks
6-8: Jeff Mongold, Russell Kunz, Donna Scranton, Elisabeth Stokes
HS: Sharon Geffken, Don Malarcik, Elan Nogle, John Ughrin
Our Whole Lives: Elizabeth Reilly, Scott Piepho

NEW MEMBER INFO

► NEW UU CLASS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15 AT 9:00 A.M.

The class will meet Saturday, October 15 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Fellowship hall. Lunch will be provided and childcare will be available. You can learn more about our church and Unitarian Universalism; Rev. Tim and other members will talk about our history and different opportunities at our church. There are opportunities for fun and chances to get to know other new and prospective members, as well as longer term members who will be present to share their experiences. **Please let us know by Sunday, October 9th if you will be attending, and if you will need childcare. We will need a "count" both to provide lunch and to provide childcare. To RSVP, please contact Jann Miller.**

► NEWCOMERS WELCOMING CIRCLE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9 , 12:00—12:30 P.M.

The Membership committee invites you to join us for a monthly 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.

SOCIAL ACTION UPDATE

Economic Inequality. Racism and Oppression. Peacemaking and Human Rights.

These are the three areas where we, as a congregation, have decided to focus our social justice work. Through our newly adopted strategic plan, we have "charge[d] the Social Action Coalition, in cooperation with other UUCA ministries, with coordinating our efforts" in these three areas.

How exciting that many UUCA ministries are already actively working for social justice in these areas! We are *helping homeless families stay together* by volunteering with Family Promise/IHN. Our Green Team is leading our *community garden efforts* to spread nourishment to those in need. Our Immigration Group is developing several new opportunities, in partnership with the Immigration Worker Project, to *assist some local immigrants in need and help others acquire skills to sustain them* back in their home countries. Friday Night Alive this month will help us *celebrate our diversity as allies with--and within--the LGBTQ community* through a family-friendly worship service and Halloween dance! Adult RE programming this year includes a *Building Peace class*, and our UU Women's Association will present a *film on gender equality* later this month. We have Sunday morning services, special collections, guest speakers, RE projects, Young Adult and COYA involvement, and the list goes on! All we need now is YOU!

Social Action Coalition identified a theme for the year: *Living With Dignity*. We have folks interested in animal rights, elder justice, ethical eating, and ending hunger, ending human trafficking. We need YOU...to come to a Social Action Coalition meeting (October 23 at 12:15 p.m. is our next one) and be a part of coordinating these efforts! for more info on how you can share your gifts, serve our community, and promote dignity and justice for all, contact **Sarah Culver**.

GREEN SANCTUARY

The UU Church of Akron
Green Sanctuary Program presents
*"Wild Utah: America's
Redrock Wilderness"*

Thursday, October 6, 2011

at 7:00 p.m.

*The Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance
Midwest Region Tour's
only Ohio showing this Fall!*

In keeping with one of Unitarian Universalism's seven principles, "Respect for the interdependent web of all existence," the UU Church of Akron, its very own Green Sanctuary program, and the UUCA Adult Religious Education program is pleased to announce that speaker **Clayton Daughenbaugh** will present: *Wild Utah: America's Redrock Wilderness*. This multimedia presentation features interviews, stunning photos and video, and compelling narration by longtime wilderness activist Robert Redford. Daughenbaugh will address the topic of faith and the land while promoting the national campaign to protect America's red rock wilderness, and audiences will walk away with a better understanding of the issues affecting Utah wilderness and what they can do to make a difference. Daughenbaugh is a conservation organizer with the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance and chairperson of the Sierra Club's National Wildlands and Wilderness Committee.

Congress established [The Wilderness Act of 1964](#) in order to preserve the nation's remaining wilderness heritage for its enduring cultural, scientific, and natural values: "*A wilderness, in contrast with those areas where man and his own works dominate the landscape, is hereby recognized as an area where the earth and its community of life are untrammelled by man...*"

The connection between nature, wilderness, and spirituality goes back to the very origins of humanity. The soul of a place is often at the heart of advocacy to save one of America's most iconic landscapes – the Red Rock Canyonlands. "*Desert lands have long been a place for mystical and spiritual experiences. These public lands are among the most beautiful and most intact portions of Creation remaining,*" Daughenbaugh said.

UUCA is handicapped accessible. Listening and viewing assistance devices are available. Directions to the church can be found at www.uuakron.org. For more information about the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance, visit <http://www.suwa.org>.

WORSHIP & SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

10:30 A.M. SUNDAY SERVICES

October 2 at 10:30 a.m.

Make A Joyful Noise: Commitment Sunday 2011

Rev. Tim Temerson

In Unitarian Universalism, religion is about making a joyful commitment – a commitment to journey with others and the world in a spirit of love, compassion, and great, great joy. Today we will celebrate our joyful commitments to the Unitarian Universalist Church of Akron as we begin the 2011 Stewardship campaign to support our congregation's mission and ministries. Rev. Tim will be joined by members of the congregation who will share their stories of love and commitment to our church community. Today's service will include the induction of new members into the Circle of Elders and will feature the joyful noises of the UU Band!



October 9 at 10:30 a.m.

Forgiveness, Reconciliation, and Hope: The Meaning of Yom Kippur

Rev. Tim Temerson & Rabbi David Horowitz

In the Jewish tradition, Yom Kippur is a day of forgiveness, atonement, and reconciliation. As we explore the meaning of this important Jewish holiday, Rev. Tim will be joined in the pulpit by Rabbi David Horowitz, Rabbi Emeritus of Temple Israel in Akron. Today's service will include our annual ritual of forgiveness.

October 16 at 10:30 a.m.

Why Unitarian Universalism?: Young Adult Sunday

Rev. Tim Temerson and the Akron Young AdUUlts

One of the great joys of our shared ministry at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Akron has been the emergence of a young adult group – the Akron Young AdUUlts (AYA). Join us today as members of AYA share their spiritual journeys as young adults and explore the roles Unitarian Universalism and the UU Church of Akron play in those journeys.

October 23 at 10:30 a.m.

What Does a Woman Want?

Barbara Beach and Susan Davis

"The great question that has never been answered, and which I have not yet been able to answer despite my thirty years of research into the feminine soul," wrote Sigmund Freud, "is 'What does a woman want?'" "Women oppose change, receive passively, and add nothing of their own," he added in 1925. What this statement shows is the depth of Freud's prejudice and bafflement and the situation that many women around the world still cope with.

On this United Nations Sunday, we celebrate the new United Nations initiative, UN Women, and the new UU organization—the International Convocation of UU Women. We ask: what do *you* want, what do women around the world want, and what action does this knowledge compel us to take? **There will be a special collection today for the UU United Nations Office and the International Convocation of UU Women.**

October 30 at 10:30 a.m.

Love, Grief, and Memory: Remembrance Sunday

Rev. Tim Temerson and Pam Garn Nunn

Grief is a natural but often misunderstood part of life. Today we will explore important questions about the nature and meaning of grief. Is grief a process with a clear beginning and end? Do all people grieve in the same way? And what is the connection between grief, love, and memory? Today's service includes a ritual of remembrance in which you are invited to bring a photograph or special object to honor a loved one(s) who has died.

MORE WORSHIP & SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

BUBBLING HEART SANGHA

The Bubbling Heart Sangha will share a Dharma talk at 6:00 p.m. on the 4th Sunday of each month, followed by shared sitting and walking meditation from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

What is a Dharma Talk?

A Dharma talk is a public discourse by a Buddhist teacher. It's not likely to be about theory but about the nut and bolts of living and getting along with ourselves and others. The teachers offer concrete advice on how to proceed when we find ourselves in the grip of strong emotions and how to communicate clearly with others using deep listening and loving speech. **We will continue our Sunday evening meetings for shared sitting and walking meditation from 7:00-8:00 p.m.** If you have questions, please contact Elaine Fisher.

Friday Night

Alive!



Friday, October 21st

6:00 p.m. Potluck, 7:00 p.m. Worship

8:00 p.m. Halloween Dance!!

Service Leaders: Linda Hale & Sarah Culver

Beyond Acceptance: Come Out, Come Out...to Celebrate Halloween! This spirited, intergenerational service will explore what it might mean to move "beyond acceptance" of ourselves and our LGBTQ friends, family, and allies. We will honor our unique self-expressions, celebrate our diversity, and consider the transformative and energizing fun of Halloween! Our Friday Night Alive Band will provide engaging music and song. The service will be followed by a **family-friendly** and wicked (in the most awesome way!) "Ally-we'en" DANCE!! Costumes and/or creative self-expressions are welcomed and encouraged!

THE ETHICAL HUMANIST SOCIETY OF AKRON



SECOND FRIDAYS OF EVERY MONTH

Friday, October 14 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**.

FIRST FRIDAY DRUM CIRCLE!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7 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!**



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For info on upcoming events,
contact Nathan Hurd.

OCT. 1: MOVIE NIGHT OCT. 28-30: RETREAT

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**.

► WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5

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** at 330-664-1045.

October: *The Color Purple* by Alice Walker

November: *Double Bind* by Chris Bohjalian

December: *Still Alice* by Lisa Genova. This is our holiday pot luck salad supper at 5:30 p.m. at the church.

► YOGA CLASS

FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

AT 6:30 P.M.

Become more flexible, strengthen your core, improve your posture, release tension and breathe!!! At the end of every class enjoy a relaxing guided meditation. Beginners welcome. **\$7 per class**. This is a **DONATION class**: Proceeds go to a local charity or family in need. Contact **Angela** at twins@cain.net for more info.

► UU MEN'S LUNCH

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11 AT 12 NOON

The UUCA Men's Group meets for lunch at Papa Joe's in the Valley on the second Tuesday of every month. We hope to have our nice big round table in the VIP Room, with good conversation and good food! Call **Charlie Wilson** if you plan to attend.

The UUCA Men's Group met as usual for lunch at Papa Joe's on Tuesday, September 13. As always, everybody was welcome. These 13 men were seated at the big round table in the V.I.P. Room: **Dave Brown, Bob Erdman, Dave Fielder, Ron Gelleny, Howard Harding, Leon Marker, Bob Marx, Mac McDevitt, Dick Sharp, Chuck Simonson, Rev. Tim Temerson, Charlie Wilson, and Wiley Youngs**. We were pleased to have Ron Gelleny there for the first time, and hope he comes again.

Dave Brown provided the big laugh of the hour when he passed along the following: *"If money is the root of all evil, how come churches are always pleading for more of it?"* Everyone seemed to eat well and enjoy themselves.

► UU WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION OCTOBER ACTIVITIES

• Saturday October 22 at 4:00 p.m. in the UUCA Sanctuary:

A screening of the award winning documentary "**MissRepresentation.**" This documentary won an award at this year's Sundance Film Festival and is recognized as a must see by Oprah Winfrey. "MissRepresentation" exposes how mainstream media contribute to the under-representation of women in positions of power and influence in America. The film challenges the media's limited and often disparaging portrayals of women and girls, which make it difficult for women to achieve leadership positions and for the average woman to feel powerful herself. Please see our fliers around the church and do go to Facebook at <http://tinyurl.com/3ryt4fs>.

• October 2 through October 30:

Our annual Membership Drive for our 129th year of service to our church. Local UUWA Membership-\$5/yr.; combined Local UUWA Membership and membership in the national UUA UU Women's Federation-\$30/yr.

• Sunday, October 23:

The UUWA will sponsor a Sunday Service focusing on Women's Equality throughout our community, our nation, and the world, with a focus on this international United Nations Day.

• Sunday, October 23 Social Hour Following the Sunday Service:

UUWA will provide a special social hour with finger food and refreshments.

► FAMILY HARVEST FESTIVAL AT STONE GARDEN FARM AND MUSEUM

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 5:00 - 8:00 P.M.

2891 Southern Rd., Richfield, OH 44286

Please **RSVP** your intention to attend to **Jenni Papp** so we can get a rough estimate of how many to expect.

The Family Network and COYA (Community of Youth & Adults) are getting together for a wonderful evening of friendship and fellowship at the Stone Garden Farm and Museum. We will get to see the farm and museum by the light of the moon, and hear the history of the buildings and their previous (and sometimes ghostly) inhabitants. We will have a bonfire and hear some stories of those who still may still be among us! Great for all ages.

• Please bring a potluck main or side dish to share, chairs or blankets and eating utensils. Drinks will be provided.

• Please bring a natural or homemade treat for the kids to collect on the pumpkin walk (piece of fruit, popcorn, small cookie or brownie, polished rock, shell, buckeye, you get the idea).

• If you would like to purchase a pumpkin from the farm, we will be carving or painting them at the Farm. Expect about \$4-8 for pumpkins.

• We will have a Pumpkin Lantern walk for the kids around the Museum buildings. Some like to dress up and some don't — it is your preference.

We can relax and explore this 150-year-old family homestead and museum, a working farm with many organic fruits and vegetable gardens, cattle, sheep, goats, pigs, chickens and cats. Part of the farm has been dedicated to the creation of The Museum of Western Reserve Farms and Equipment. The Museum is comprised of the collection of 30+ historic buildings that have been saved and moved here from 5 northern Ohio counties. Check it out at <http://stonegardenfarm.blogspot.com/> and www.OhioFarmMuseum.com. The general store will have honey, local crafts and homemade pies available for sale.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Notes from the UUCA Treasurer

Many thanks to all of you who maintained your regular pledge payments throughout the summer months. As a result of your dedication to the church we were able to keep up with our financial obligations more comfortably than in some past years. Pledge payments are about 93% of the expected amount (based on total pledged year to date) so we need to keep focused on completing promised obligations in the coming months in order to finish the year in a positive position.

Also, contributions to the Capital Campaign (CC) continue to roll in allowing us to make significant progress in our efforts to retire our mortgage by the end of June 2013. Since the beginning of 2011 we have reduced the loan balance significantly

. You can follow our progress by checking the financial reports posted outside the McKeeman room. The collectors will be issuing detailed statements at the close of the third quarter to inform everyone of their status with both pledge payments to the operating fund and the CC. Please review them carefully and let us know if there are any errors.

And remember:

- early payments to the CC significantly reduce our interest payments on the mortgage
- increase our principal payments – and as an added bonus –
- increase your deductions on your 2011 federal tax obligation!

Dottie Clark, UUCA Treasurer

CARING COMMUNITY UPDATES

MARGOT EISEMAN

Margot passed away on Tuesday, September 27 following a long illness. Please keep Bob, their daughters Rachel and Laura, and the entire Eiseman/Benedict family in your thoughts and prayers.

DAVID HAWKINS

David died on Monday, September 19 after a long illness. Cards of sympathy and support can be mailed to David and Lynn's home. Please keep Lynn and the entire Hawkins family in your thoughts and prayers.

BILL WENUM

Bill, who joined the church in 1990, passed away on Monday, September 12. Please keep the Wenum family in your thoughts and prayers.

WORDS OF THANKS

The Green Team wishes to thank all those who helped this season with our **11th year of Adopt-a-Highway Clean-up!** Six stalwart volunteers wrapped our 'service project' up on Saturday, September 17, 2011 by collecting 6 bags of trash and one BIG bag of recyclables!. We look forward to our 12th season coming this Spring! Thanks, again!

~Allan Lane, Green Team Co-chair



CARING CORNER



PASTORAL CARE:

Pastoral Associates:

Mary Ann Ballinger, Coordinator

Mary Caesar

Susan Davis

Pam Garn Nunn

Mary Petrich

Ron Richer

Linda Rush Ryder

Sally Willoughby

CARING COMMITTEE:

Meals:

Kelly Urbano

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.



October 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
						1 9:30am—Re-Eval Counseling 7:00pm—Akron Young AdUUIts
2 COMMITMENT SUNDAY! 9:00am—SGM Leaders Planning 11:45am—UUWA 12:00pm—COYA 12:15pm—Caring 4:00pm—Art of Living 5:30pm—OWL 7:00pm—Sangha	3 6:00pm—Tai Chi 7:00pm— Enlightenment Experience 7:00pm—SGM	4 1:00pm—Immigration 7:00pm—Green Team 7:00pm—Stewardship Training 7:00pm—Chosen Faith: Intro to UU 7:00pm—Choir	5 9:30am—SGM 6:30pm— FAA 6:30pm— Yoga 7:00pm—Stewardship Training 7:00pm—Women's Book Group 7:00pm—RE 7:00pm—SGM 7:45pm— DA 8:00pm— AA	6 10:00am—Chosen Faith: Intro to UU 12:00pm—Brown Bag Lunch with Rev. Tim 7:00pm— SAA 7:00pm—Artist's Way 7:00pm—SGM 7:00pm—Green Sanctuary Red Rock Movie	7 7:00pm—Drum Circle	8 10:00am— OMD SI 10:00am— MARGOT EISEMAN MEMORIAL SERVICE
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SERVICE ATTENDANCE:

August 7:	129 + 22 RE
August 14:	97 + 12 RE
August 21:	110 + 19 RE
August 28:	132 + 27 RE

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