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ESUUC Monthly Forums

Sunday, March 2^{nd} from 9 to 10 AM – Chuck Christen from the Persad Center will lead a discussion of sexual diversity issues.

Sunday, March 16th from 9 to 10 AM – "Is the Manned Space Program Justified?" – open discussion

Sunday, April 6th from 9 to 10 AM – "Why Do They Hate Us?" – open discussion

ESUUC Sunday Services

Sunday, March 2nd 10:30 AM – "Welcoming Congregation Basics" – This is a continuation of preparations to become a Welcoming Congregation; one that welcomes all persons, regardless of sexual orientation/identity. The day will begin with a **Sunday Forum** at **9:00 AM**, where our guest will be Chuck Christen, a colleague and friend from the staff of the Persad Center in Pittsburgh (a mental health service organization which serves the sexual minority community). Chuck will present material on sexual diversity issues for the Sunday Forum, then offer a program on "Sexuality 101" during our 10:30 AM service, which Dr. Waun will facilitate. Following the service Chuck will stay for about an hour to facilitate an open discussion over a light lunch.

Sunday, March 9th 10:30 AM – "Longevity Medicine" – Understand the aging process, scientific research and applications. Learn practical ways to increase your life span, thus living longer and stronger. Our speaker is Dr. Mehernosh Khan, a practicing physician in the Monroeville area for 20 years. It is the unique vision of his practice to combine western allopathic medicine with complimentary medicine practices such as herbal medicine and acupressure. Dr. Khan is President of the Pittsburgh Holistic Network East, which has an integrated approach to patient care using modalities such as massage therapy acupuncture, herbal-naturopathic and spiritual approaches to health care. Dr. Khan is board certified in family medicine and geriatrics and holds a doctorate in naturopathic medicine. He was recently selected by the Consumers' Research Council of America in the Guide to America's Top Family Doctors 2002-2003.

Sunday, March 16th 10:30 AM – Intergenerational Service Sponsored by the R.E. Class"

Sunday, March 23rd 10:30 AM – "**The Principles of Cooperative, Organic Farming**" – A panel will discuss the environmental, health, political, and personal reasons for belonging to a cooperative organic farm. The panel will include Liz McClunin, the farmer, and Cooperative members from the congregation.

Sunday, March 23rd 11:30 AM – *Immediately following the service* – Come and learn how you too can become a part of an organic farm in the surrounding Pittsburgh area. Many families at ESUUC are already members. Liz McClunin from Full Circle Farm and Community Sponsored Agriculture (CSA) will talk about her farm and invite interested persons to join a share in the farm for the 2003 growing season. You won't want to miss out.

Sunday, March 30th 10:30 AM – "**The Most Dangerous Woman in America**" – Come and listen to a dramatic portrayal of Mary Harris "Mother" Jones, the legendary union organizer and agitator, by historical presenter Jeanne Schramm of West Liberty State College, West Liberty, West Virginia. Mary Harris Jones was one of the most controversial women in American history. She was loved, she was hated, she was shot at, and, well into her eighties, was confined to a rat-infested jail. As the indefatigable champion of the working class, Jones organized and agitated throughout the United States. Despite the ever-present threats and attempts on her life, she fearlessly expressed her contempt for those who she felt did not have the interests of working men and women at heart.

Sunday, April 6th 10:30 AM – "**Stewardship Kickoff Sunday**" – Dr. Waun will reflect on the theme by presenting "*If We Build it, They Will Come.*" There is so much tremendous potential for the life of East Suburban Church. Let's envision boldly together as we put forth our hopes and dreams for the future. Children will participate in the first part of the service as an important symbol of the vitality of the church of tomorrow.

Religious Education Sunday Class Schedule

Elementary:

3/02/03	A True Story / Stephanie's Story	(presented by Maria Luczkow)
3/09/03	Preparation for RE-Sponsored Intergeneration	onal Service
3/16/03	RE-Sponsored Intergenerational Service	
3/23/03	Rank Order / Computer Game	(presented by Kathy Ruffing)
3/30/03	Peer Pressure / Problem Solving Steps	(presented by Lew Ruffing)

Middle School:

3/02/03	Influenced by Others	(presented by Cathy Serventi)
3/09/03	Preparation for RE-Sponsored Intergenerat	ional Service
3/16/03	RE Sponsored Intergenerational Service	
3/23/03	Influenced by Different Environments	(presented by Karen Katilius)
3/30/03	Motivation	(presented by Ken Noble)

For updates on programs, or questions, check www.esuuc.org, or call (724) 327-5872

ESUUC "Come and Meditate"

If there is anyone who would like to lead a meditation or knows of someone that they would like to lead a meditation please let Karen Katilius know, at **karenlgerard@aol.com** or (724) 327-6321. Any suggestions are welcome!

Sunday, March 9^{th} – 7:30 PM – Please join us for a drumming circle meditation. Please bring a drum or shaker. For information, call Karen Katilius.

Merkaba Meditations

The Merkaba meditation with Sven Hosford scheduled for March 17th has been canceled. Meditations will begin on **April 28th** at **7:30 PM**. They will normally be held on the third Monday of every month, but because of Easter Monday, the first session will be moved to April 28th. These meditations involve some exercises and then quiet visualization or meditation. It involves activating the energy within and around our bodies. Please wear comfortable clothing. The fee is \$10 per class. Future sessions: **May 19th** and **June 16th**.

T'ai Chi Comes to ESUUC Starting March 1st



Stan Swartz will be starting a weekly T'ai Chi class starting **Saturday**, **March 1**st.

T'ai Chi is the moving meditation of the Tao. The class will start at **6:00 PM** every Saturday evening *except* April 12^{th} , when the RE is holding an OWL training, (that class will be rescheduled).

We are very excited that Stan is going to be able to teach at the church – this will help to fill the church with people doing good things, along with helping people to lead healthier and happier lives. He has taught for over 25 years and is one of the best teachers in the world.

He will teach 9 sessions at \$10 a class. To take the class, just arrive a little early (5:45 PM) on March 1^{st} to register with him. Wear comfy clothes, no equipment is necessary.

New Contact Emails for ESUUC Staff

We have set up new email addresses for the various staff and officers of ESUUC. You should use these email addresses when contacting the following people/groups:

Pastor President Vice President Treasurer Secretary Commissioned Lay Leader Religious Education Program Committee Newsletter Editor Webmaster pastor@esuuc.org president@esuuc.org vicepresident@esuuc.org treasurer@esuuc.org secretary@esuuc.org layleader@esuuc.org programs@esuuc.org newsletter@esuuc.org webmaster@esuuc.org Rev. Dr. Renee Waun Gerard Katilius Maureen McHugh Chris Priano Cathy Serventi Nancy Fitzgerald Kathy and Dan Begg Kate Codd-Palmer, Jean Robl Shelly Lukon Kathy Ruffing



Pastor's Column

by Rev. Renee Waun

Our First Anniversary

As we enter the month of March, I am reminded of the fact that this marks the first year anniversary of moving into our first building. And what a year this has been! We hit the ground running as we made a name for ourselves in the community. East Suburban UUC has been in the papers and on the news, and involved with local projects and politics, in addition to providing quality worship and education experiences here in Murrysville.

What a great community of faith we are! And what great possibilities we continue to find as our vision includes more and more ways to live out our mission in the world around us.

I am proud to be part of the family of ESUUC. Every person, grown up and child alike, makes an important contribution to the meaning of "community." Happy Anniversary to *US*. And may we have many, many more! See you in church!

Welcoming Congregation Discussions

As part of the Welcoming Congregation process at ESUUC, our leaders have some things to highlight for your consideration.

First, ESUUC's Welcoming Congregation initiative has received front-page coverage in Pittsburgh's OUT, the region's largest gay / lesbian / bisexual / transgendered newspaper. In the February issue of OUT, reporter David Doorley, who's also a member of Pittsburgh's First Unitarian Church, published his recent interview with Rev. Waun, Nancy Fitzgerald (ESUUC's Commissioned Lay Leader) and church member Chris Priano. The clipping is posted on the bulletin board in the Community Room. The best news is, we had a visitor Sunday, February 16th who'd seen and read the OUT article.

Second, be sure to take note of special programming on **Sunday, March 2nd**. The day will begin with a Sunday Forum at **9:00 AM** where our guest will be Chuck Christen, a colleague and friend from the staff of the Persad Center in Pittsburgh (a mental health service organization which serves the sexual minority community). Chuck will present material on sexual diversity issues for the Sunday Forum, then offer a program on "Sexuality 101" during our **10:30 AM** service. Following the service, Chuck will stay for about an hour to facilitate an open discussion over a light lunch.

In the near future, we'll also be engaging in dialogue with the ministers of other area UU churches who are seeking to become Welcoming Congregations (**April 27**th: Rev. Dr. Carol Meyer from the UU Church of the North Hills).

The Welcoming Congregation Committee is anticipating this extended program opportunity as a way of furthering our understanding and dialogue on this important topic. Please join us.

Ohio-Meadville District (OMD) Annual Meeting

Announcing the 39th annual Meeting of the Ohio-Meadville District Association (OMD) of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations, to be held from **6 PM Friday through 3:30 PM Saturday**, **April 4-5, 2003**, in nearby Youngstown Ohio. Please consider attending this friendly event, and possibly representing our church. We are authorized to send three delegates to the meeting, and it is a wonderful opportunity to meet other UU's. If you could possibly attend, please contact our President, Gerard Katilius, by the end of February for details and delegation credentials - we can take advantage of the early bird discount!

R.E. Committee Meeting

The R.E. Committee will have its next meeting on **Sunday, March 9th** following the service. We are beginning to review curriculum for next year and are actively recruiting teachers. If you are interested, please join us or contact Kathy Begg, Dan Begg or Lew Ruffing.

Board Meeting

ESUUC Board Meetings will be held on the **first Thursday** of each month at the church at **7:15 PM**. All members are welcome to attend board Meetings. If you have an item that should be addressed by the board, please try to send it to, or notify the board president, Gerard Katilius, of the item in advance, so he can add it to the agenda. The next two meetings will be held **Thursdays**, **March 6th and April 3rd at 7:15 PM** at the church (4326 Sardis Road).

Program Committee Meeting

The next program committee meeting will be held at the church on March 11th, 2003 at 7:15 PM.

Council of Committees Meeting

We invite the Chair or an alternate representative from each ESUUC committee to meet on **March 16th** from **12:15 PM to 1:30 PM** in the church's Community Room. The Council of Committees meets to help committees to communicate and to coordinate the activities and efforts of the congregation. The agenda items for the March meeting include: the Spring calendar, the budget process: requesting funds and expenditures, the 2003 canvass: Committee participation, and revisioning the Board and committee structures.

Here is a list of committees and Chairs. Please contact Maureen McHugh at (724) 733-3620 or **mcmchugh@IUP.edu** for further information, or to make corrections to the list.

Committee Council - Maureen McHugh	Aesthetics - Jane Longdon
Building & Facilities - Bill Kavalkovich, Robert Robl	Building Usage/Calendar - Kathy Serventi
Caring & Sharing - Karen Katilius	Finance - Chris Priano
Forum - Jean Robl	Information Management - Andy Manhardt
Meditation - Karen Katilius	Membership - Brien Palmer
Religious Education - Lew Ruffing	Adult RE - Nancy Fitzgerald
Children and Youth RE - Kathy and Dan Begg	Social Action - (yet to be determined)
Sunday Programs/Celebration - Kate Codd Palmer, Jean Robl	Social Enrichment - Maria Luczkow

New Committee on Ministry and Evaluation - (yet to be determined)



mUUsings from the President

by Gerard Katilius

On the phone the other day, a person who is starting to become familiar with our church, joked "Oh yeah, you're the church that doesn't believe in God". While this might be true of certain individuals, it really does not come close to describing what Unitarian Universalism is.

In the March/April issue of the UU World magazine, UUA President Bill Sinkford suggests that each person have an "elevator pitch" ready for moments such as these. An elevator pitch is a 45 second to one minute summary of a topic that would be effective in educating the person you are with on an elevator ride from the ground level to the sixth floor. I also find it to be a useful barometer of what I know, and where I stand on a particular subject -- if I can't write it on the back of a napkin, or describe it in less than a minute, I probably don't know what I'm talking about!

Bill's current pitch is similar to what I have used, but I would add a twist in light of the wonderful presentation we had from Art McDonald this morning. Consider this "The roots of our church lie in Unitarian and Universalist traditions. The Unitarian side tells us there is one power of love, one God, one spirit of life, however you want to say it. The Universalist side tells us that every person is 'saved', i.e. worthy of respect and dignity." To Bill's basic definition I would add, "Today, we affirm and promote spiritual diversity. Each person is encouraged to follow his or her own spiritual path, yet we all work together as a church. So just as we defend the right of any person to not believe in God, we also defend the right of people to grow spiritually in ways they usually could not in other mainstream religions."

What you say will probably be different from this, but I encourage you to think about it, and work on your own elevator speech. It's important to get the word out about this wonderful religion and church of ours, and it just may help you see more clearly how you feel, and where you want to grow.

Annual UUA Meeting in Boston this Summer

Our annual meeting of Unitarian Universalists is in Boston this year from **June 26th through 30th**. It's on the east coast this year and closer to Pittsburgh. Consider going for wonderful programming, lots of UU's and a reinforcement of our wider community. Much more information can be found on the web at **www.uua.org/ga**. Others who have been there and can tell you about it include Alan, Jennifer and Jessica Halperin, Jane Longdon, and Nancy Fitzgerald.

Great Lakes Leadership School (Eagles)

We received our formal invitation to the Eastern Great Lakes Leadership School (Eagles). This year's session will be conducted from **July 20th through 26th**, at Brock University, St. Catherine's, Ontario, near Niagara Falls. It is the last time the school will be held in this location, and under this leadership, due to Canada breaking away from the UUA.

To quote from the brochure, "as a participant, you'll explore UUism on spiritual, intellectual, personal, and practical levels. You'll acquire skills to build and strengthen your church community, as well as bring you more success in life." I could not agree more!

As I have said several times, this is an exceptional experience. It certainly helps one in a leadership role in the UU church, but also has significant personal benefits. I had a wonderful time, and think that any of you who choose to go would also feel that way. Obviously it is a big commitment of time, so proper prior planning is essential. I would be willing to help arrange a way that children of people attending could stay with different church member family's during the week of the school, if that is a problem.

Please consider this opportunity seriously, and if you, or someone you think would be a great candidate would like to go, please get back to me soon so we could start planning. Warm regards, Gerard Katilius

Annual Stewardship Campaign

Believe it or not, spring is coming, and so is our annual Stewardship Campaign. Marcia and Glenn Klepac have graciously volunteered to co-Chair this year's campaign. Pre -- canvas activities will commence on the first day of spring, and Sunday, April 6, will mark the official kickoff of our 2004 campaign. Our goal is to balance the church's operating budget, so we are set on 40 pledge units contributing to achieve a total of \$40,000 for fiscal year 2004!

We have many wonderful new members, so we are planning to meet with each member individually. Please consider volunteering to be a canvas person -- you don't have to be suave and debonair for this job, just friendly and interested in other people's ideas about our church. (This describes 99% of the people in our congregation, so I would expect just about everyone to be contacting Glenn and Marcia to sign up and help out!) One of them will be at church almost every week, so please see them, or feel free to contact me. Warm regards, Gerard Katilius



If these dates don't work for you, please try to switch with someone else in the month. For any other questions, or to be added to the list, please call Kate Codd-Palmer at (724) 325-3903.

We now have about 6 regular volunteers, so it should be about every 3 months that each of us is asked to clean. Thank you, everyone, for ALL of your help, Kate

Refreshments

"Coffee and Conversation" is an integral part of Sundays at ESUUC. This time honored ritual takes place after every Sunday service and consists of coffee and other beverages, as well as a snack. Snacks are provided by congregational members and friends on a rotating basis, and the list of names is posted in each monthly newsletter. The duties of the assigned refreshment person(s) include setting up the coffee and hot water for tea and cocoa, setting out plates, cups, napkins, plastic cutlery and the food, as well as cleaning up when everyone is finished. Here is the list for March:

March 2 nd	Andy and Ginny Connolly Manhardt
March 9 th	Maryann Dent
March 16 th	Marylyn Devlin
March 23 rd	Leona and Tom Dunnett
March 30 th	Nancy Fitzgerald

If the Sunday assigned to you is inconvenient, please try to switch with another person on the list. Feel free to call me with any questions or concerns. Maria Luczkow (724) 327-3352

March Social – Circle Dinners

Circle dinners are being planned for two **Saturdays** in **March**, the 22^{nd} and the 29^{th} . These dinners are designed to help us to get acquainted on a more intimate level than would normally occur at meetings and Sunday services, with members with which you might normally have minimal contact. They work as follows: Sign up on the sheet or call me, Maureen Lilly, indicating date preference and whether you wish to be a guest or volunteer to host a dinner. If you are willing to host, indicate how many people you can handle, including yourselves - usually 5 - 8 people. I will, at random, assign guests to hosts and provide each volunteer host with a list of guests. The host arranges the time and what each guest will contribute to the meal. If you are interested but cannot accommodate either date, give me a call anyway – a third date might be possible.

Circle Dinners

Name(s)	(Include food allergies, if any)
Date	(1/19, 2/2, Other)
Guest or Host?	If host, how many guests can you seat?

Adult Religious Education News

Monday, March 10, 2003, 7:30 PM - **Judaism -** we continue with our monthly second Monday series on the world's wisdom traditions as guided by Understanding the World's Religions by Huston Smith. You are warmly invited; previous attendance is not required. It is helpful but not required that you read the chapter on Judaism or other materials. Future topics:

Monday, April	14,	2003, 7:30 PM	Christianity
Monday, May	12,	2003, 7:30 PM	Primal Religions

R.E.-Sponsored Events

Movie Night

Of all the churches, in all the towns, in all the world, they had to walk into ours ...

We will have our next movie night on **Friday, March 28th at 7:30 PM**. This month's movie will be "Casablanca." (There will be an alternative children's movie available.) We will not have a dinner with the movie this month. Come one, come all! If you don't, you'll regret it. Maybe not today, maybe not tomorrow, but soon, and for the rest of your life ...

Intergenerational Service

We will have our next RE-Sponsored Intergenerational Service on **Sunday, March 16th**. Our Middle School group is writing the whole program. It will be tough to top Strega Nona, but we think they can do it! Please join us for an excellent service, and to support our youth.

Coming of Age

With special thanks to Karen Lapidus, our District RE Consultant, we held a Coming of Age Workshop on Saturday, February 8th. Ten members joined us. It was a very helpful workshop and left us all with a lot of enthusiasm. The rest is up to us. We will be meeting soon to take our program to the next level. Stay tuned for more details ...

Senior High OWL Teacher Training

We will have a workshop to train teachers to lead the Senior High OWL training at our church on **April 11th through 13th**. Our Whole Lives (OWL) is a lifespan approach to sexual education offered by the UUA. Facilitators are trained to offer the series to different age groups in intensive weekend training sessions. ESUUC is proud to be offering training for individuals to "teach" the OWL sexuality curriculum to high school students in April.

If you are interested in helping with hosting the training, please let Maureen McHugh or Kathy Begg know. The training costs \$150, and up to 20 individuals from the district may enroll. Registration forms are available from registrar Maureen McHugh, and are also posted on the church bulletin board.

We are also looking for volunteers to help with food preparation and to offer home hospitality for those who request it. If you can help, please let us know as soon as possible.

Kathy and Dan Begg, RE Directors, (412) 373-4106

Emotional Support Offered to Area Residents

Because our church is a member of the Monroeville Interfaith Ministerium, we get the benefit of hearing about worthy support groups offered by other member churches. Here are some free opportunities that we are invited to consider for our personal growth and healing.

- 1. Grief Support Series beginning Thursday, March 6, 1-2:30 PM.
- 2. Grief Support Summer Day Camp for children and teens who have experienced the loss of a loved one. The camp will be held **10 AM 1 PM, June 23-27**.

These events are offered by Pastoral Associate Kathy Klocek at St. Bernadette Parish, located in the Garden City area of Monroeville. Call Kathy at (412) 373-7588 for details.

Allegheny UU Coffee House

Allegheny Unitarian Universalist Church (412 West North Avenue, "North Side" of Pittsburgh) has recently begun a "Coffee House/Performance Center" for the purpose of raising funds to sustain, maintain and renovate the church, as well as to offer a welcoming community meeting place where local performers can enjoy and be enjoyed within an intimate coffee house setting. The coffee house utilizes AUUC's newly renovated downstairs "Founder's Room".

AUUC's "Down Under" Coffee House invites fellow UU's, neighborhood friends, and interested participants to attend a once-a-month coffee house/performance event - which occurs on the **third Saturday** of every month from **7:30 to 9:30 PM**. There is a \$5.00 admission fee. This month's coffee house will be held on **March 15th**.

Coffee is free to all. Baked goods and soda will be for sale.

For more information, please contact Diane McMahon at **DianeM677@aol.com** or (412) 322-0132.

Life in Balance - Upcoming Appearances

Life in Balance (www.lifeinbalancemusic.com) will be performing at the following local venues in March:

Saturday, March 1st: The Book Connection, 20555 Route 19, Cran-Mar Plaza, Cranberry, PA. Sound Healing Session with discussion, **3:30 to 5:30 PM**. Pre-register at (724) 772-5988. Cost is \$15, and please bring a mat and blanket for comfort.

Sunday, March 2nd: Life In Balance will open for Lee Carroll. Lee has been channeling Kryon for 11 years worldwide and is the self-publisher of the Kryon Writings Series of nine books in 15 languages, and co-author of "The Indigo Children", **www.kryon.com**. **4:00 - 8:30 PM**, cost is \$85. Holiday Inn, Monroeville, PA. For more info, e-mail **Kaysaf@cs.com**.



ESUUC To Hold Rummage Sale



We will be holding a rummage sale/garage sale in early April. Start collecting items to donate in a corner of your basement or garage, and stay tuned for further details.







Historic Pilgrimage to Transylvania in July

Since the historic roots of UU-ism grow in the country that is now Transylvania, a group from the West Shore UUC and Project Harvest Hope are combining to offer a tour there **July 6th through July 18th, 2003**. Estimated cost for the trip is \$2200-\$2500 per person, including air fare and hotel. If you are interested in finding out more, please call pilgrimage leader Kathleen Rolenz at (440) 333-2255. It is said to be a rigorous trip, but a memorable and meaningful one.

The following is from the Follen Community UU Church website: http://www.follen.org/history/history.html

History of Unitarianism: TRANSYLVANIA: The Origins



XVI -century Origins - Unitarianism traces its roots to 16th-century Transylvania, a separate kingdom, where the people were ethnically Hungarian, where the radical theologian, **Francis David**, **converted the King** of Transylvania, John Sigismund, and much of the population to the **idea of one God**. Transylvania was a Catholic kingdom, at the beginning of the 16th century, as was most of Europe, but with the invention of the printing press and publication of the Bible, religious reformation came about with leaders like Luther and Calvin.

Francis David (Dávid Ferenc) was a prominent religious leader in Transylvania who was always questioning the established religions. In his lifetime he went from being Catholic, to Lutheran to Calvinist and finally **founded Unitarianism** when he became

convinced that there was no basis for belief in the Trinity. He believed that "God is One" ("Egy Az Isten" in Hungarian) and that Christ should not have divine status.

CARTOONING FOR KIDS AT ESUUC!

WHERE : ESUUC WHEN : March 9th, 16th, and 23rd from 12:30 - 2:30 PM (3 consecutive Sundays)

"Draw and Color with Uncle Fred"

Instruction using video by famous cartoonist Fred Lazlo.

All ages are welcome!

CARTOONING CLASSES FOR GROWN-UPS* AT ESUUC!

*Must be 21 or older please...

Taught by World Famous Local Cartoonist Mark Zingarelli

WHERE : ESUUC WHEN : March 9th, 16th, and 23rd from 12:30 - 2:30 PM

"An Introduction To the Joys of Cartooning"

Classes will cover:

- 1. An overview of cartooning ... what makes a good cartoon ... what materials are used
- 2. Fundamentals of the craft ... the figure ... the head... facial expressions
- 3. Composition ... comic strips ... gag cartoons ... drawing ACTION
- 4. Cartooning Details ... backgrounds, etc.
- 5. Finding your own style and having fun!





Newsletter Deadlines

The deadline for the upcoming April newsletter will be **Sunday, March 16th**. Please send all content pertaining to the month of April as well as the first week of May. Email the newsletter editor at **newsletter@esuuc.org** or call (412) 675-8242 with your news, stories, and other information, and it will be collected for the newsletter.

Calendar

Sat, Mar 1,8,15,22,29	T'ai Chi class with Stan Swartz, 6:00 PM, cost is \$10. Arrive at 5:45 PM on first night to register.
Sunday, Mar. 2	Welcoming Congregation meeting from 12:30 to 1:30 PM; Chris Priano, (412) 848-5170
Thursday, Mar. 6	Board Meeting will be held at 7:15 PM at the church.
Thursday, Mar. 6	Grief Support Series, 1–2:30 PM; St. Bernadette Parish, Garden City; call (412) 373-7588 for details.
Sunday, Mar. 9	R.E. Committee meeting following the Sunday service.
Sun. Mar. 9, 16, 23	Cartooning Classes for Grownups at the church, 12:30 - 2:30 PM
Sun. Mar. 9, 16, 23	Cartooning Classes for Kids at the church, 12:30 - 2:30 PM
Monday, Mar. 10	Understanding the World's Religions: Judaism (7:30 PM)
Tuesday, Mar. 11	Program Committee meeting will be held at 7:15 PM at the church
Saturday, Mar. 15	AUUC (412 W. North Ave, North Side) Down Under Coffee House 7:30 to 9:30 PM. \$5 admission. Free coffee. Baked goods/soda for sale. DianeM677@aol.com or (412) 322-0132 for info.
Sunday, Mar. 16	The Council of Committees will meet from 12:15 PM to 1:30 PM in the church's Community Room. Please contact Maureen McHugh at (724) 733-3620 or mcmchugh@IUP.edu with any questions.
Sunday, Mar. 16	Deadline for submissions for the April newsletter
Sat, Mar. 22 & 29	Circle Dinners; for more information contact Maureen Lilly at (724) 327-6453
Thursday, Apr. 3	Board Meeting will be held at 7:15 PM at the church
Fri, Sat Apr. 4-5	OMD Annual Meeting in Youngstown, OH
Sat., Apr. 5, 19, 26	T'ai Chi class with Stan Swartz, 6:00 PM, cost is \$10.
Sunday, Apr. 6	Welcoming Congregation meeting from 12:30 to 1:30 PM; Chris Priano, (412) 848-5170
Sunday, Apr. 6	Official kickoff of ESUUC's 2004 Stewardship Campaign.
Fri-Sun Apr. 11-13	RE Senior High OWL training; for more info, contact Kathy/Dan Begg at (412) 373-4106
Monday, Apr. 14, Monday, May 12	7:30 PM, Understanding the World's Religions: April – Christianity, May - Primal Religions
Monday, Apr. 28	Merkaba Meditation at 7:30 PM with Sven Hosford; \$10 per class.
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June 23 – 27	Grief Support Summer Day Camp for children and teens, 10 AM - 1 PM, St. Bernadette Parish, Garden City; call Kathy Klocek at (412) 373-7588 for details.
July 6 – 18	Pilgrimage to Transylvania; for info, call Kathleen Rolenz at (440) 333-2255 (Estimated cost for the trip is \$2200-\$2500 per person, including air fare and hotel)
July 20 - 26	Eastern Great Lakes Leadership School (Eagles) at Brock Univ., St. Catherine's, Ontario.