# East Suburban Unitarian Universalist Church



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### Our beautiful tapestry is now in the sanctuary:

## ESUUC Sunday Services

**Sunday, March 6, 10:30am-** "I Want to do What <u>They</u> Are Doing"-Can we be the kind of place that people out there can look at and make that statement? **Dr. Waun** will help us to celebrate who we are and the difference we are making in people's lives inside and outside the church. Today is Canvas Kickoff Sunday.

**Sunday, March 13, 10:30am**- "Self/No-self and the end of Fear " - Dependent origination is one of the central concepts of Buddhism.



Rev. Kyoki Roberts, Head Priest of the Zen Center of Pittsburgh, will first lead us in Zen meditation and then speak on the means by which spiritual practice is the end of all fear.

**Sunday, March 20, 10:30am- Easter Day-** "Oestre" - Celebrate the vernal equinox and the turning of the wheel of the year in the earth based tradition. Celebrate Spring, honor the goddess, Oestre, and reflect on the renewal/rebirth of the green earth. This festival is interactive and welcomes all ages.

**Sunday, March 27, 10:30am- Easter Day-** "Trusting Life"- For this year's Easter theme, **Dr. Waun** will reflect upon whether or not we can be assured that life is good, in spite of everything. Is this not another way of talking about "resurrection"? You are invited to bring a potted spring plant for decorating the worship area, and then to take it home, or leave it for planting in the church yard. Sunday School will be on spring recess this Sunday, resuming on April 3.

**Sunday, April 3, 10:30am-** "Loveable Heretics, Part III"- In parts I and II we have looked at great men and women who have gone against the "Church" and popular culture in times past to be labeled heretics. Now we will look at the 19<sup>th</sup> century Bibles of Thomas Jefferson and Elizabeth Cady Stanton who did their own cut and paste versions for different reasons. Too recent to be burned at the stake, these two still deserve to be called loveable heretics.



# Pastor's Column: We Are All Weavers

by Rev. Renee Waun

Our beautiful new chancel tapestry is an apt focal point for our worship and activity space, as it weaves together many diverse symbols of religion, texture, color and pattern. There are large, bold blocks of color as well as small, almost insignificant splotches and blobs. The closer you look, the more you see, yet the overall impression speaks of an integrity and unity of purpose and design.

Is this description not also an accurate way of describing our congregation? We, too, bring diversity, boldness, close-up interest and overall integrity and purpose as we worship, work and serve together.

Life at East Suburban UU Church gets better all the time, and the better it gets, the better it gets, the better it gets, the better it gets. We each have a part in the tapestry of this church as we weave the threads of our passions, interests, joys, concerns, thoughts, dreams and spiritual journeys together into community, creating something more beautiful and interesting all the time.

We are entering that time of year when we again commit ourselves and our resources to the ongoing mission and ministry of the church through the annual pledge drive. This year, let us weave an even bolder, more beautiful design as a church community. More and more people are experiencing the joy of finding us here in the eastern suburbs as an oasis of hope and a place of commitment to liberal thought.

Our joy is having the opportunity to provide and support such a place, and to know that our financial gifts really do make a difference.



# m U Usings from the President:

by Maureen McHugh Celebrating Spring and Community

May I see the divine in nature, nature in the divine, and divinity within myself and all others.

This year ESUUC will celebrate Spring with both a Christian program on March 27, and with a pagan festival on March 20, and with a series of Spring community dinners.

The arrival of Spring is officially connected to the Vernal Equinox. Primitive cultures found this to be a very sacred and holy time, and have honored it in many ways for at least 30, 000 years. Spring is a time of rebirth in terms of the cycle of the year, and the renewal of Spring has sacred meaning to most peoples. Easter, the Christian holiday is apparently named after the pagan holiday dedicated to the goddess Eostre, an Anglo-Saxon maiden-goddess of fertility. Some might link her to Ishtar / Astarte, the Middle Eastern goddess, but another origin linguistically is tied to the word "frenzy" or to the concept of "being in heat." Spring has been, and is, the season for much merrymaking and fun, much of the time with an emphasis on love and fertility. New Orleans' famous Mardi Gras, or Rio de Janeiro's Carnival are two good examples of modern spring festivals.

As with most seasonal festivals, Oestre is a festival of light. Candles, bonfires and solar images are plentiful, and many popular myths record that one can see the sun dancing. We also see many customs that seem to be related to crop growth rituals. In Macedonia the young girls would swing from swings on the village green, and people were "lifted" (ceremoniously raised up while sitting in chairs) in England. These seem to be an encouragement for the crops to grow high. Flowers such as the lily play a major part in Spring holidays; we rejoice when we see the Spring flowers appear. Eggs are an obvious symbol of rebirth. The Easter Rabbit is one of the oldest symbols of the Spring. In Indo-European mythology, the hare is sacred to the Goddess, being supposedly seen in the markings on the moon. In Germany, children were told that the Easter Hare would bring them eggs on Easter if they were good. This is the origin of our Easter Bunny.

You might celebrate Spring as an individual or a family by taking a ritual Spring walk. Go to a field, a park, or woodlands. This is not simply exercise or an appreciation of nature, but is a celebration of life in nature. Cunningham suggests collecting or recording the wild flowers you see, and then looking up their meaning as a way of divining the future.

This Spring we will also be celebrating community, a (re)connecting with each other and with the larger community. Spring is the time for us to leave our winter caves; it is the time to move from self-reflection and internal growth to bloom forth in the world. In a series of Spring canvass dinners we hope to establish new connections, and to put down roots (financial foundation) in order to support the new growth of the Spring and the fruit of the later seasons. ESUUC plans to bloom forth into the larger community this year. Please join us on Oestre and Easter, and at our community dinners, and in the most sacred of ancient traditions may we celebrate Spring and Life with merry making and frenzy.

### Welcome to New Members

The following three people signed the Membership Book on Sunday, February 6. Let's offer them our heartiest welcome and help to make them feel at home. By the way, all of them are from Greensburg!

Steven Davis		Carlene Pasipanki	Mike Pasipanki
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# Opportunities for Personal Growth and Church Growth

How would you like an opportunity to support our church's growth, help develop our sense of community, and contribute to your own personal growth?

The Nominating Committee is currently seeking candidates for a number of ESUUC Board of Trustees positions. This year, four existing Board positions need to be filled. The positions that are to be filled are listed below, along with a summary of responsibilities. All are two-year positions. See the ESUUC By-Laws for a detailed discussion of responsibilities.

- Secretary (currently held by Leona Dunnett). Shall act as Secretary at all meetings of the Church & Board. Normal duties include taking of meeting minutes, publication of meeting calls & agendas, handling ESUUC correspondence, maintenance of membership & committee rosters & attendance at annual & special meetings.
- Treasurer (currently held by Cathy Serventi). Shall perform duties normally pertaining to office of Treasurer of a Church. Responsibilities include safekeeping of the funds of the Church, issuance of checks in payment of debts, and maintenance of accurate financial records.
- Religious Education Chair (currently held by Ken Noble). Shall act as liaison between the Board and the R.E. program and is responsible for seeing that the goals & objectives of the R.E. program are carried out in the best interests of the Congregation.

• Facilities Manager (currently held by Lew Ruffing). Shall coordinate committees responsible for maintenance, landscaping, aesthetics, signs & symbols, use policy, etc.

Elections are held at the ESUUC Annual Meeting in June. The elections are conducted by use of a secret ballot. If there is no objection, and only a single slate has been presented, the vote may be conducted by voice vote.

We are looking for good people to help us go forward into the future. We encourage you to stand for one of the available positions. (We may even nominate you ourselves!) You will find help and support from the current position-holder, the board, and the standing committee members.

This is a good opportunity to help the church community and yourself grow. To put in a nomination for yourself or for another person, please contact one of the Nominating Committee members below:

Brien Palmer [email: brienp@adelphia.net phone: (724) 325-3903] or Kathy Ruffing [email: ruffing@bellatlantic.net phone: (724) 327-1291]

#### Thank You note from Andy & Ginny

Dear Friends at ESUUC.

We are getting settled in North Carolina. The weather has been lovely, better than we expected with sunshine and seventy degree days.

We would like to thank you for your generous gift which has helped us purchase a number of items that we needed to replace in our new home. We have also started construction on our new studio and are working hard to find new jobs.

We have been to three UU church in the area. All of them are very active and large by our standards, between 300 and 800 members. The Raleigh Church just dedicated their beautiful new sanctuary last Sunday and the Chapel Hill Church is in the process of conducting a Capitol Campaign to update their already lovely facility.

We will always cherish our memories of the people and spirit of ESUUC. When we get back to Pittsburgh we will be sure to visit. With Love, Andy and Ginny.

### Successful Tsunami Campaign

As a response to the December Tsunami, ESUUC donated all of the cash and miscellaneous donations from the Sunday collections during January to the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC). As a congregation we sent \$1,474.25 to the UUSC tsunami relief efforts: \$684.25 (cash), \$790.00 (checks).

From the UUA website: As of Feb. 17, more than \$1.3 million in aid has been received by the UUSC. Disbursement of funds is being targeted to grassroots organizations providing assistance to marginalized, neglected and politically oppressed populations who do not have access to traditional aid distribution. In addition to fishing communities, aid is being directed to landless farm workers and to groups offering job training, women's empowerment, trauma counseling, alternative employment skills, and human rights education. Anyone wishing to donate additional funds can find information at: http://www.uusc.org/programs/support\_tsunami.html

Thank you so much to everyone who generously contributed. Cathy Serventi, Treasurer (<a href="mailto:treasurer@esuuc.org">treasurer@esuuc.org</a>)

# Community Happenings!

Perhaps you have noticed the PA CleanWays signs along Sardis Road saying, "adopted by East Suburban Unitarian Universalist Church"---yes, it's true. We have adopted the stretch of road from the intersection of Route 22 to the entrance to Heather Highlands at Heather Drive. It is a one-mile section of road that we agree as a church to clean of litter twice a year. This last adoption by our church means that the entire length of road from Route 22 all the way to the intersection of Route 286 has been adopted---how awesome! Please look for the cleanup date and time in the April newsletter. We may even try to schedule it with the other two groups maintaining Sardis Road and have a "community cleanup date". For more information you can access <a href="https://www.pacleanways-wc.org">www.pacleanways-wc.org</a> or call Kate Codd-Palmer (724) 325-3903.

#### Commentary on Iraq

Radical Benedictine Sister Joan Chittister, who is a world renowned author, teacher and lecturer has written a piercing commentary on the war in Iraq following the presidential inauguration. It was published in the National Catholic Reporter and can be read at <a href="http://www.nationalcatholicreporter.org/fwis/fw012705.htm">http://www.nationalcatholicreporter.org/fwis/fw012705.htm</a>.

#### See Alaska with UUs

Five Alaska UU fellowships invite other UUs from "outside" for our UU eco-spiritual/intercultural programs in July 2005. See the *REAL* Alaska! Stay in UU homes in Anchorage, Seward, Fairbanks, Juneau and Sitka and enjoy discussions and dinners with Alaska UUs. See whales, sea otters, sea lions, seals, bears, moose, caribou, wolves, Dall sheep, puffins, eagles and other birds in the wild from the Arctic Ocean to the Inside Passage in the south. Visit Denali's Mt. McKinley and Kenai's fjords and glaciers. See totem poles, native arts, dancing, story-telling. Rev. Dick & Mary Weston-Jones, leaders. See website <a href="www.wuurld.org">www.wuurld.org</a>, e-mail <a href="dick@wuurld.org">dick@wuurld.org</a>, or phone toll-free 1-888-998-8753 for a brochure. Reservations due April 1.

#### Annual Canvas Begins March 6

#### Weaving the Tapestry of Community

Think of yourself and your gifts as a beautiful, unique and colorful thread. Now bring that thread to a place where there are dozens of other beautiful, unique and colorful threads. Imagine the artistry, the synergy and fun of weaving these diverse threads together to make a design for all to see, that is amazing, textured and enduring.

This is the image of our church as we enter the 2005-2006 pledge drive. Soon you will be receiving materials and invitations from Jerry and Maureen Lilly, this year's canvas co-chairs. As we come together for canvas dinners and projects, we will be demonstrating the very sense of community that we are intending to foster and support through our financial gifts.

Beginning the week of March 6 and continuing through April 3, there will be Small Group Dinners hosted in the homes of your friends at the church. You have the option of choosing a dinner that is convenient for you, using the signup sheet that Maureen Lilly will have at the church, or you can wait to receive a personal invitation from one of the dinner hosts. The dinners will provide a forum for each member's views on how they see their Church satisfying the needs of the congregation. A trained canvasser will present an outline of the Church vision for the 2005-2006 Church year and review the resources required to achieve the vision.

If you would like to host a Small Group Dinner that fits your schedule, please contact Maureen Lilly at 724-327-6453 by March 5. Whether you host or attend, your presence at one these dinners is very important so

we earnestly encourage you to make time for this engaging, community building event.

This is such an exciting year with its potential for East Suburban UUC's growth and visibility. We cherish the thread that you bring. We need it to make the design complete. Let's keep bringing and weaving and being the boldness we wish to create by generously supporting the canvas dinners as well as the pledge drive.

#### What IS a Fair Pledge Amount?-by Rev. Waun

There is no set "average" pledge or suggested amount of money to give to the church, so how do we respond when it is time to fill out our annual pledge form? The way I like to approach this decision of how much money to give to the church is by using a simple percentage of my income, then I don't have to think twice about what to pledge.

For many years I have always given 10% of my gross income or salary package back to the church I am serving at the time. This is in addition to the various other individual charities I support. Over the past twenty years or so, this has come to represent a substantial amount of money. Yet, in giving at this level, I have cultivated within myself a really wonderful mind-set of abundance that feels authentic.

While I'm certainly not saying that everyone should pledge 10% to the church, I am saying that there is value in establishing a percentage guideline for your personal giving. I know one large UU church that is asking each family (or "pledge unit") to consider pledging at least 3% of their income to the church. If everyone takes this principle seriously, the church will be absolutely thriving, and—I predict—the church will also experience a huge boost in seeing itself as a community that experiences a standard of abundance.

Perhaps this is the year you will stretch a bit and try this percentage system. It would be terrific if each pledging person or family could give at a minimum 3% level, and obviously there are circumstances which preclude this. But I would like to invite you to try it and to set into motion the thoughts and inclinations that lead to feeling the joy of abundance. After all, this experiment benefits not only the spirit, but also our wonderful church community and the exciting opportunities it represents to live out our faith.

# Book Club

We had a lively, encouraging discussion about how language is used to frame political debates when talking about George Lakoff's "Don't Think of an Elephant".

Next month is fiction month. Jane Longdon recommended "Ceremony" by Leslie Marmon Silko. She described it as "incredibly moving" but with lots of flashbacks. See book description at Amazon: <a href="http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/tg/detail/-/0140086838/qid=1108751787/sr=8-1/ref=pd\_bbs\_1/104-4545525-8983934?v=glance&s=books&n=507846">http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/tg/detail/-/0140086838/qid=1108751787/sr=8-1/ref=pd\_bbs\_1/104-4545525-8983934?v=glance&s=books&n=507846</a>

The meeting will be **Thursday, March 10** at **7:30pm** at Cathy Serventi's house. Call her if you have any questions: 724-387-1155 or by email at darthduckie@yahoo.com.

#### Directions:

121 Crosswinds Lane, Murrysville.

On Sardis Rd. coming from 22 or Old William Penn going towards the church. Take the first left off of Sardis on to Logan Ferry (the Fire Department is on the right). DON'T follow Logan Ferry off to the right, instead go straight up the hill on Franklin Town Road (the little church that is now a ballet studio will be on the left and a nursing home will be on the right). Go up the hill until you get to the condo development. Crosswinds is the 2nd right. Cathy & Gene's house is toward the back of the circle. It has a red door. Feel free to park in any available parking space.

# Build Your Own Drum

Here ye here ye! To all the drummers out there, all the people interested in drumming, and anyone with any interest in drums! On **Saturday, March 12** from **12:30-3:00pm**, Jen Trout Osborne will lead us in a drum making workshop. The workshop will be held at the church, and you will leave with your very own, handmade drum! The cost will be \$10 per drum, which includes all supplies except fabric to cover the outside of your drum. You will need to bring a yard of material of your choosing, at least two feet wide, for that. (Inexpensive cotton prints work well - available in the quilting section at Jo-Ann Fabrics. Fabric however should not be quilted.) You may also want to bring a yard of trim to accent your drum and cover up the staples used in constructing it, although trim is not required. Please bring a pair of scissors too!

Because supplies need to be purchased in advance, and we need to make sure we have enough for everyone, we need to know if you plan to attend as soon as possible. Please let either Jen Trout Osborne or Kathy Begg know (jenifer.trout@adelphia.net) (nikitatude@earthlink.net). Payment will be due by March 10. All payments should go to Jen, the lucky one that gets to purchase all the supplies!

# Family Drumming

Family Community Drumming Circle - come one, come all on **Saturday, March 12** at **3:00pm** to play, chant (and maybe even dance!) together. No experience is required and everyone is welcome - and encouraged!!! Contact Jen Trout Osborne at 412-608-2725 or <a href="mailto:jenifer.trout@adelphia.net">jenifer.trout@adelphia.net</a>

# Game Night!

Back by popular demand! RE will sponsor an intergenerational game night on **Friday, March 18** from **7:30pm** until ?? This is a great opportunity to share your favorite games - bring any you would like to. Snacks and beverages are also welcome. We had a great time last year and hope to see you all there!

### Peace Vigil and March: 1-year Anniversary of Iraq Invasion

On Friday and Saturday, **March 18 and 19**, the Thomas Merton Center is sponsoring two events-- an all-night candlelight vigil and a peace march. Vigil: Friday 6pm until Saturday 2:30pm at the corner of Forbes and Murray Avenues in Squirrel Hill. March: begins around 2:30pm at the same corner. Area UU's are going to march together carrying signs. Bring a sign reflecting a UU principle or other saying, and join us.

### Drumming Circle

The drumming circle will meet on **Sunday, March 20th** at **7:30pm** in the sanctuary. Bring drums and shakers if you have them. If not, you might want to attend the drum building workshop on March 12th! Everyone is welcome, no experience needed. Any questions email Kathy Ruffing webmaster@esuuc.org, Karen Katilius <u>karenlgerard@aol.com</u>, or Jenifer Trout Osborne <u>jenifer.trout@adelphia.net</u>.

# Refreshments

#### (Also posted on the bulletin board in the kitchen)

Each Sunday immediately following service we gather in the community room for coffee, juice, a tasty treat and spirited conversation. It is an opportunity to catch up with old friends and meet some new friends at church. Each member of ESUUC is asked to take a turn throughout the year. There is a "guide to setting up refreshments" posted in the kitchen. If this is your first time, please review it a couple of weeks before you take your turn to get an idea of the flow. If you have any questions, please call Kate Codd-Palmer at 724-325-3903. If the week you are assigned doesn't work with your schedule, please try to switch with someone else for that month.

# Refreshments Roster

Mar 6	Laurie Montgomery
Mar 13	Ken and Andrea Noble
Mar 20	Gayle Pamerleau
Mar 27	Chris Priano

Apr 3	George Ratliff
Apr 10	Jean and Bob Robl
Apr 17	Kathy and Lew Ruffing
Apr 24	Michael and Tracy Safran

# RE Class Schedule

Nursery:	<u>Day</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	
	Mar 6	Mary Warwick	
	13	Merritt Bailey	
	20	Cathy Serventi	
	27	No Nursery Provider today	
Early School Age	e: <u>Day</u>	Class Description	<u>Teacher</u>
	Mar 6	Kids will attend first part of service.	
		Remember What is Important to Us	Gayle Pamerleau
	13	We Can be Angry Without Hurting Others	Zea Zingarelli & Brendan Straw
	20	Our Good Wishes Can Come True	Mary Kukura-Straw
	27	No RE Classes today	
Elementary:	<b>Day</b>	Class Description	<u>Teacher</u>
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Elementary:			Teacher  Kate Begg
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# Results of RE Planning Meeting

On Jan. 29, a group of us met to take the next step in our RE Planning process, (the first being to develop a new RE Mission Statement). This step was to translate the Mission Statement into action. The end result is two-fold, and far reaching for our program. First, we have decided to adopt a Pillar approach for the content of our curriculum. The idea is that we will have broad general categories, or 'pillars', for themes we agree are important to address in our RE program. Each year we will use a different pillar to guide us as we select activities and curriculum. Each pillar is broad enough to allow us flexibility in selecting curriculum that not only addresses the issues we are concerned with, but that is also dynamic, flexible and easy to use.

We selected three Pillars:

- -UU Identity (this includes principles, history, etc . . .)
- -World Religions
- -Decision Making

The second decision we made was to re-vamp the current Sunday School class approach we are using now in the RE program. Next year we are going to adopt the "Way Cool Sunday School" model. With this model, a month of Sundays will look something like this:

- -First Sunday of the month: Kids will attend the first part of the service with the adults. When they leave the adult service, they will go to Children's Chapel. Our hope is that Children's Chapel will mirror the adult service, but on a more kid oriented basis. It will include Joys and Concerns, and a collection. All the children from all the classes will participate.
- -The second and third Sundays of each month will be for classes very much like we see them today.
- -The fourth Sunday of the month will be for a service project. (This Sunday may also be used to prepare for intergenerational services.) Our hope is that we will have an on-going project with activities for all age levels.
- -On the months where there is a fifth Sunday, it will be used for a craft project.

We hope that this new organization will be attractive to kids and volunteers alike and look forward to our new vision for the new year! For the 2005-2006 Year we will be working with the Decision Making Pillar.

### OWL (Our Whole Lives) Programs

On Saturday Feb. 19, we held a meeting for parents with kids currently in 5th and 6th Grades. If you have a child in this age group and are interested in having them attend, but were not able to make the meeting, please contact Matt Mathis or Susan Goodis (mathis@psc.edu or sgoodis@hotmail.com) It is important that you are familiar with the content of the program before having your children attend. The OWL program for this age group consists of 8 sessions, plus an orientation session, scheduled for:

March 19 - 9:00 to 11:30 - Parent/Child orientation (It is important that both attend this meeting)

April 2, Sat 9:30 AM	
April 10, Sun 9:00 AM	
April 16, Sat 9:30 AM	
April 24, Sun 9:00 AM	

May 1 Sun 6:00 PM
May 8 Sun 6:00 PM
May 14 Sat 9:30 AM
May 22 Sun. 9:00 AM

# Youth Group

Youth Group meetings (all are Sunday evenings, from 6-8pm): March 13, 27

Leona Dunnett and Jennifer Cheripka will be attending a Spirituality Conference with 2 youths. Jim Noble and Kim Katilius will join in this spiritual exploration on March 11-13th. This Spirituality Development Conference (SDC) will help them learn how to design effective, creative, and meaningful worship experiences that integrate spirituality more deeply into youth programming and the lives of the participants. SDCs bring youth and adults together to share common spiritual growth experiences and put the R (religious) back into YRUU. We are all very excited to go.

Special thank to the parents who help support their youth in this effort and for driving them back and forth! Any questions, please contact Leona Dunnett, Youth Advisor (secretary@esuuc.org).

### Congregational Committees

#### Committee - Chair (email)

Aesthetics – Jane Longdon	Music – Jean Robl
Building and Facilities – Lew Ruffing	Religious Education – Ken Noble
Caring & Concerns – Maria Luczkow ( <u>caring@esuuc.org</u> )	Signs and Symbols – Leona Dunnett
Committee on Ministry – open	Social Enrichment – open
Community – Kate Codd-Palmer	Drumming – Karen Katilius
Finance – Cathy Serventi	( <u>drumming@esuuc.org</u> )
Landscaping – Laurie Montgomery	Sunday Programs/Celebrations – Brian Ogle
Membership – open	Welcoming Congregation – Matt Mathis

#### Calendar

Thurs. Mar 3	Board Meeting – 7:30 pm at the church
Sun. Mar 6	Choir Practice – 9:30 am at the church: #tbd ""
Sun. Mar 6	Program Committee Meeting – 12 noon at the church
Thurs. Mar 10	Book Club – 7:30 pm at Cathy Serventi's house
Sat. Mar 12	Drum Building Workshop – 12:30 pm at the church
Sat. Mar 12	Family Drumming – 3:00 pm at the church
Sun. Mar 13	Youth Group – 6-8 pm at the church
Fri Mar 18	Intergenerational Game Night - 7:30 pm at the church
Sun. Mar 20	Aesthetics Committee Meeting – following coffee/social hour
Sun. Mar 20	Drumming Circle – 7:30 pm at the church
Sun. Mar 27	Youth Group – 6-8 pm at the church

# Newsletter Deadlines

April newsletter deadline: **March 20**. Please email your articles to <u>newsletter@esuuc.org</u> or call Marianne at (724) 325-1548 and leave a message with your news, stories, and other information.

# Get the Weekly Email News

If you would like to receive a weekly email that includes items not in the newsletter and reminders of upcoming events for the week, please send an email from the address you would like subscribed to **esuuc\_news@esuuc.org**. You can also send a message to that address if you would like it included in the weekly email announcement to the congregation. If the message can't wait for the weekly announcement, please contact Leona at <a href="mailto:secretary@esuuc.org">secretary@esuuc.org</a>. No attachments please.