

East Suburban Unitarian Universalist Church



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Religious Education - 10:30 AM

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ESUUC Sunday Services

Sunday, September 5, 10:30 AM- “*Annual Fall Brunch Picnic*”- **Rev. Dr. Renee Waun-** We will have a time of connection around joys and concerns, along with a discussion of our project to Get Out The Vote. Then we will have an informal potluck brunch/lunch picnic. Bring a dish to pass. Beverages will be provided. Dress is casual on this last summer Sunday.

Sunday, September 12, 10:30 AM- “*Annual Water Communion and Start-up Sunday*” - **Rev. Dr. Renee Waun-** Be sure to bring a vial of water from your summer adventures to pour into the common vessel as we share the meaning of our experiences with one another. The choir will sing, the puppets will make us smile, the Sunday School will begin—it will be a great Sunday!

Sunday, September 19, 10:30 AM- “*The Gender Knot*” **Maureen McHugh**
The *Gender Knot* is a clear analysis of how the myth of a superior male gender pervades our entire culture. It is both well reasoned and devoid of the anger which is seen to pervade many of the books on feminist theory. Come hear and share thoughts on this important book.

Sunday, September 26, 10:30 AM- “*Domestic Violence*” **April Soulet**
Our member, April Soulet will give a presentation on this very pressing issue.

Sunday, October 3. 10:30AM- “*Priests, Pastors and Prophets*”- **Rev. Dr. Renee Waun-** From the Parliament of the World’s Religions come some insights about how religions are established and organized. Some rely more so on the priestly archetype, some more on the pastoral, and others on the prophetic. Dr. Waun will share some of her most interesting experiences from the PWR in reflecting on this topic.

Sunday, October 3. 10:30AM- “*emma's revolution*”
We will celebrate Welcoming Sunday with a musical uprising of truth and hope from *emma's revolution*, the new duo of award-winning, activist musicians, Pat Humphries & Sandy O. Partners in life as well as music, their songs "Peace, Salaam, Shalom" and "Keep on Moving Forward" are sung at vigils and demonstrations around the world.

Family Campout

Saturday, Sept 11-12- The Religious Education department is sponsoring an overnight campout here at the church. We will dine outside, have a bon fire, sing, tell stories, play games, etc. Extra tents and sleeping bags are available if anyone needs them. Sunday morning we'll have a pancake breakfast before service. Kathy and Dan Begg will be taking reservations for the campout.

Book Club

The next book club meeting will be on September 23, at 7:30 PM, the location to be announced. The book selected to discuss is *The Five People You Meet in Heaven* by Mitch Albom.

Thank You

Dear Rev. Waun

I wanted to take a moment to thank you for organizing your drumming group to play for the Ministerium's musical presentation at Summerfest. It was very inspiring to see your group on stage and gain a glimpse into meditative drumming. I'm sure that for many in the audience, it was a brand new experience. Thank you all for sharing your gifts with us.

There's something very powerful about rhythm. Maybe it's because our bodies operate on a rhythm, a beat, a pulse. Maybe it's something we pick up in the womb, listening to the bass our mother's heartbeat sounds through amniotic fluid....

Please extend my words of thanks to all the members of your group....

Sincerely, Jason Tost, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Grief Support Program

The Grief Ministry Team at St. Bernadette's will offer a grief support series beginning Thursday, September 23, 2004 from 1-2:30pm in the Choir Room off Biedenbach Hall. This support group is intended for those who have experienced the loss of a loved one and are seeking the community of others in their time of need. The group will meet every Thursday afternoon through Oct. 28. The group is open to all. If you or someone you know would benefit from such a group, please call 412-373-7588 to register.

Join A Small But Mighty Choir-

Indeed, our choir is small but mighty. But it could be bigger and mightier if YOU would like to join us. We practice every first Sunday of the month at 9:30am, and then we sing in those first Sunday of the month services. It is a great, fun group to be part of, and the music adds a joyful noise to the services. Please join us. Contact Rev. Waun 412-731-2834 for more information.

Try Your Hand—in a Puppet!

Not just children enjoy puppets, we all do! We have a wry little group of puppets called the Funshine Folk who appear occasionally in our worship services. Michael Safran, gifted skit writer and director organizes these critters for our enjoyment. It does not require a lot of time, just a creative, fun-loving spirit. If you would like to join the Funshine Folk, call Michael at 412-798-0545 or Rev. Waun at 412-731-2834. The puppets will appear next on Sunday, September 12.

Annual Gandhi Celebration

On Sunday, October 3, from 3-4:30PM at the **Interfaith Center of Carlow College** in Oakland there will be a celebration in honor of the birthday of Mohandas K. Gandhi. Several organizations including a number of churches from the Monroeville Interfaith Ministerium will be planning and participating in this event. Rev. Waun is again on the planning committee. This year's speaker is the first Hindu to be appointed to the Commission on International Religious Freedom, former NY solicitor general **Preeti Bansal**. She is described as being an advocate and role model of the spirit of Gandhi. An interfaith panel will respond to Bansal's talk before incorporating questions from the audience. As we think about the world situation today, Gandhi's teachings are especially important. We hope you agree and will attend this worthy event.

Dr. Waun at Ligonier Valley

Beginning this fall, our minister Dr. Renee Waun will be spending one Sunday every month speaking at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Ligonier Valley. Organized as a fellowship in 1988, UUFLV now has about 50 adult members. They moved to their new building about a year and a half ago, and have been enjoying a growth spurt since that time. In June when Dr. Waun was there last, they recognized 5 new members. It is a small congregation with many of the same issues that we face here at ESUUC. Now we share a ministerial connection as well.



Pastor's Column

by Rev. Renee Waun

When I was staying in the youth hostel in Barcelona in July, things were so expensive due to the low value of the dollar that I decided to make my own peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for lunches. At the end of my stay, I had some of the peanut butter and jelly left over in their jars, so I offered it to leave it for the 11 other young travelers in my room. One girl was from Australia. "Eeewww.....!!" She said. "How could you even THINK of putting peanut butter and jelly together in the same sandwich!" I realized again how different people are based upon our likes, dislikes, opinions, feelings, thoughts, habits, ethnicity, backgrounds, culture, worldview, etc. In fact, one of the things I enjoy most about traveling the world is feeling the full impact of "difference".

Here at East Suburban Church we are always working on incorporating and celebrating the differences we find within our own people and among those around us. The principles we live by encourage this, with our UUA covenant to see the worth and dignity of every person, the free and responsible search for truth and meaning and the encouragement to spiritual growth for all of us.

Isn't it great to be part of such an open-minded group where we can think, explore and serve freely without worrying about whether or not we will be accepted? I hope we can always be so affirming of difference, especially as we find ourselves growing and bringing in new people all the time. We may not all like peanut butter and jelly in the same sandwich, but we can all accept the gift of difference that we bring to one another.

See you in church!
Renee Waun

Congregational Committees

Current Committees

Committee - Chair

Aesthetics - Jane Longdon
 Building and Facilities - Lew Ruffing
 Caring and Concerns – Maria Luczkow
 Committee on Ministry - Ginny Connolly Manhardt
 Finance - Cathy Serventi
 Landscaping – Laurie Montgomery
 Membership – Brien Palmer
 PIIN – Nancy Fitzgerald
 Religious Education Committee - Ken Noble
 Signs and Symbols – Leona Dunnett
 Social Enrichment - Open
 Drumming – Karen Katilius
 Sunday Programs/Celebrations– Brian Ogle
 Welcoming Congregation – Matt Mathis

Newsletter Deadlines

The newsletter deadline for the newsletter is normally the third Sunday of the month which will be September 18th for the October Newsletter September. Marianne Jew will be taking over as the newsletter editon as of the October newsletter. Please e-mail your articles to her at mxj@alltel.net.

I appreciate the cooperation that I have received from the members of the congregation in submitting their material for the newsletter promptly during the time that I have been the editor. The quality of the newsletter is highly dependent on this cooperation. Please continue to submit your material in a timely fashion to make Marianne's job easier and to

Andy Manhardt, Editor

Calendar

(Sunday Services and Forums are listed on the first page)

Thurs. Sept. 3	Board of Trustees meeting – 7:15 PM at the church
Sun. Sept. 5	Choir Practice – 9:30 AM at the Church
Sun. Sept. 5	Welcoming Congregation meeting – 12:30 PM at the Church
Sat. Sept 11&12	Family Campout – At the Church
Sun. Sept. 19	Aesthetics Committee- 12:30 PM at the church
Thurs. Sept. 23	Grief Support Series – 1:00 – to 2:30 PM through Oct. 28 - St. Bernadette's Church
Thurs. Sept. 23	Book Club Meeting –7:30 PM – Place to be announced
Sun. Oct. 3	Ghandi Day Celebration 3-4:30PM at Carlow College



Our NEW ROOF being installed