

# *East Suburban Unitarian Universalist Church*



**Sunday Services - 10:30 AM  
Religious Education - 10:30 AM**

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## *ESUUC Sunday Services*

**Sunday, November 7, 10:30AM – “Radical Neighborliness”**

**Rev. Dr. Renee Waun** will reflect on what it means to live in an interdependent community with people who are very different from us. This applies to so many categories of “difference” but perhaps most relevant in the political arena in the aftermath of a close election. It can feel “radical”.

**Sunday, November 14, 10:30AM – “Her Royal Highnesses: Jezebel and Esther” (Part 1 of 2)**

Join **Sue Lau** in a 2-part discussion of two biblical queens, living in different times and in different places and different in temperament as well. Part 1: *Jezebel*: Her name has become a veritable synonym and symbol for all evil women. But was she really as wicked as the Bible claims? What picture do we get when we read between the lines about this remarkably powerful woman?

**Sunday, November 21, 10:30AM – “Her Royal Highnesses: Jezebel and Esther” (Part 2 of 2)**

**Sue Lau** concludes a 2-part discussion of two biblical queens, living in different times and in different places and different in temperament as well. Part 2: *Esther*: This biblical woman is credited with saving her people (the Jews) from wholesale annihilation at the hands of a foreign monarch—to whom she is married! And it all begins with a beauty pageant.

**Sunday, November 28, 10:30AM – “How to be Nobody”**

**Nancy Fitzgerald**, Commissioned Lay Leader, says, “I affirm that I believe in God and want to experience that daily—by my understanding, I’m a theist and a mystic. I am currently working on being aware of my ego so I can let it go and claim my one Self. This talk draws from an article by Rev. Jon Mundy from *Miracles Magazine*. [A Course in Miracles](#) is its inspiration and mine. We end with some humorous thoughts.”

**Sunday, December 5, 10:30AM- “Crossing Spiritual Boundaries”**

**Rev. Dr. Renee Waun** has participated in many different religious traditions as part of her world travels and interfaith work. Is it possible to truly engage another’s spirituality or religious practice? Or can we only reverently observe? Can we be bi-religious in the same way as some people are bi-lingual?



## *Pastor's Column: Make New Friends*

*by Rev. Renee Waun*

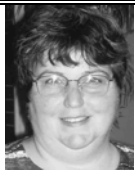
This is the title of a song we used to sing in Girl Scouts. The words are, "Make new friends, but keep the old; one is silver and the other gold."

This could be our mantra here at East Suburban Church because we are always welcoming new people into our midst. On Sunday mornings we have a chance to make some new friends who share our values as we pursue free thought together.

To help in this process the Membership Team is making a request: **on Sunday mornings, let's try to FIRST greet the faces that are newer to our congregation, BEFORE we greet those whom we know.** This must be intentional, as our inclination is usually to catch up with our friends' lives. But we have plenty of time to do that after we warmly welcome the folks who are eager to meet and get to know us.

Let's mine the depths of friendship and hospitality here at East Suburban Church. New friends, old friends—some are silver, others gold. All part of a growing congregation!

Our Membership Team is a dedicated group of folks whose mission is to help East Suburban UUC welcome and track visitors and new members to our congregation. This is very important work as more and more people seek us out as a beacon and a haven for liberal religion.



## *mUUsings from the President*

*by Maureen McHugh*

The nights are coming earlier, and are cold. The days, even when sunny, are crisp. The star wheel is turning. Like our ancestors we celebrate the harvest with community festivals and pumpkins. We stop to appreciate the beauty of the earth as she turns toward winter, and perhaps we stop to be thankful for the bounty of our lives. In these ways this fall is like countless seasonal transitions of yesteryear. This is the experience of autumn that we hope for our children, and our children's children.

And yet Fall 2004 has its own unique feel to it. When you get this newsletter we will be at the zenith of the excitement of the national elections. Surely we will be tired of the continuous rumors, rancor, wrangling, and rumbling. As a nation divided over war and money, can we move forward to once again be a community that shares resources and food with each other by Thanksgiving? Will some of us feel disenfranchised? That our concerns and values were shouted down or ignored? This year, will it be enough to send a check for a coat or a turkey to provide for the poor when 1.5 million more citizens have slipped into poverty over the past year?

Regardless of what happens at the national or even regional level, I know that we as a church community will continue to celebrate the seasons and the beauty of the earth. I have confidence that we can continue a

dialogue about war and peace in which individuals are encouraged to speak their minds and hearts, and to listen. We will continue to teach our children important ethical and human principles. We will share our resources and be thankful for the bounty of our lives. We will create and celebrate community. Thank you for joining us.

## *RE Meeting*

There will be a RE Meeting at Ken Noble's house on **Thursday, October 28, at 7 pm**. Ken lives at 910 Garden City Dr. Monroeville, PA 15146.

## *Vote !!*

**REMEMBER TO VOTE ON NOVEMBER 2—Your vote counts MORE in 2004!**

## *Dr. Waun to Address Seminary Class*

On Tuesday, Nov. 2 Rev. Renee Waun will be offering a presentation to a class at the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, defending the practice of ordaining homosexuals. She will be facing off with Prof. Robert Gagnon, author of [\*The Bible and Homosexual Practice\*](#), a book meant to argue against the acceptance of homosexuality. Rev. Waun's book [\*MORE Than Welcome: Learning to Embrace Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered Persons in the Church\*](#) defends the practice of all forms of sexual variance within the life of the church, so the debate should prove to be lively.

## *New Member Recognition*

Our church continues to grow. In celebration of this, we set aside a portion of our service from time to time to recognize our newest members. We will do this again on **Sunday, November 7**, for all those who have signed the membership book since last summer. If you would like to make your commitment to ESUUC by signing the membership book on or before that Sunday, you can be included in this brief recognition. Contact Rev. Waun (412-731-2834, [revmom@pitt.edu](mailto:revmom@pitt.edu)) if you would like to participate or if you have questions.

## *Drumming Circle*

The drumming circle will meet on **Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm** in the sanctuary. Please bring drums, shakers, etc... No experience necessary. Any questions, ask Kathy Ruffing or Karen Katilius ([drumming@esuuc.org](mailto:drumming@esuuc.org)).

## *Movie Night*

On **Friday, November 19** we will be sponsoring our second movie night of the year. The church will be open by **7:30 pm** with show time at 8:00 pm. No dinner is planned for this event, but snacks are welcome! Please join us for a night of entertainment, camaraderie, and fun! We will be showing two movies:

**For the Adults** - We had hoped to show the movie "Cry Baby", however it has not been released. Instead, we will show "**Orlando**", rated PG-13, 93 minutes long. Described as:

Breathtaking and practically nondiscursive, Sally Potter's audacious *Orlando* overcomes some dodgy performances and a narrative structure that could most generously be described as "loose" to emerge as a haunting, discussion-provoking trans-historical and transsexual drama. Commanded never to age by Queen Elizabeth (played with surprisingly little camp by legendary cross-dresser Quentin Crisp), the title character

becomes immortal; we then follow Orlando through 400 years of dreamlike British history. Midway through the film, Orlando changes genders--to Potter's immense credit, the transformation is handled with little fanfare and no explanation. Tilda Swinton, in the lead role, is far more convincing as a woman than as a man, and even during the film's latter half, her impassivity and lack of expression can be annoying. Potter encourages Swinton to play to the camera, and the resulting asides and glances askance can be amusing, but often seem purposeless, or even arch. Nevertheless, the willful idiosyncrasy and understatement of the film never quite capsize the project, and once you give yourself over to the filmmaker's logic, the panoramic sweep of the cinematography (remarkable sets include an aristocratic skating party on the frozen Thames during the Great London Frost of 1603, a stunning tent-caravan in Central Asia, and countless fastidious boudoirs and interiors) will surely keep you enraptured. *Orlando* is no Merchant-Ivory production, no prissy, forgettable period piece; this film has teeth, and it may bite ferociously when you least expect it to.

**For the Kids - "No More Baths"**. Here is the description of this movie:

"Am I my brother's keeper?" to 10-year-old Keagan, this isn't a question but a way of life. After learning to help others by watching his parents work as legal-aid attorneys in his youth, Keagan puts his lessons to good use by watching out for his aging neighbor Jake. Years ago, after a fire took his family, Jake opened up his home and heart to the children of Glenwood Springs who come to play on his lot each day. When Jake gets in the way of a greedy developer, government bureaucrats are content to push him aside, but they don't anticipate Keagan McPhie. Keagan organizes the Glenwood Springs Kids Corp into a powerful force of peaceful protest to help Jake and remind adults of their responsibility to a friend in need.

## *Stone Soup Lunch*

**Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup>** immediately following service is our traditional Stone Soup Lunch. It is an opportunity to enjoy friendship and conversation while eating a mysteriously delicious bowl of soup. Money collected during the lunch as well as non-perishable items will be donated to the food bank at the end of the meal.

Please bring (already chopped) something to add to the pot of soup, which will simmer while service is being held. Some suggestions are: potatoes, noodles, carrots, onions—whatever you think would be a tasty addition to the pot. In an attempt to share a "simple" meal together the soup stocks will be vegetarian. Please do not bring meat to add to the pot.

Items will also be collected for the food bank. Some suggestions include: peanut butter (in plastic containers), tuna, soap, deodorant, shampoo, and canned goods. There will be a box inside the front entrance of church for your donations. If you have any questions call Kate Codd-Palmer (724) 325-3903. See you for lunch on November 21<sup>st</sup>!

## *Interfaith Thanksgiving Service*

### **Annual Monroeville Interfaith Ministerium Thanksgiving Service**

The eleven different faith groups in the Monroeville area (including UUs) comprise this marvelous Ministerium, which sponsors an annual Thanksgiving week service. This year the event will be held **Monday, November 22 at 7pm** at the Muslim Community Center of Greater Pittsburgh, located at 233 Seaman Drive in Monroeville. It will be an opportunity to have a different kind of prayerful experience and refreshments, offered by our Muslim brothers and sisters. We hope you will come to affirm their hospitality and to meet others in the various faith groups.

## World AIDS Day

### Dr. Waun to Preach at Annual World AIDS Day Service December 1

The Pitt Men's Study of Pittsburgh and other sponsoring groups hold a World AIDS Day observance every year as a way of remembering those who have succumbed to AIDS, as well as offering hope to those living with and affected by AIDS. This year Rev. Renee Waun will be the guest preacher in a service organized around the theme of "*Women and AIDS*". It will be held on **Wednesday, December 1 at 7:30pm** at Heinz Chapel on the campus of the University of Pittsburgh in Oakland. A social hour will follow the service.

## Fundraising: Christmas Trees

The fundraising committee will be sponsoring a Christmas Tree sale this year. You may order a tree for your family, or donate one to a needy family. Wreaths and garlands may also be available. Proceeds from this sale will go to ESUUC. Watch your Orders of Service for more information.

\*\* If your committee is in need of extra funding for a specific project, please contact Merritt Bailey (724-887-0952 or [tbailey@worldnet.att.net](mailto:tbailey@worldnet.att.net)).

## 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 (you know, one of those "church responsibilities"). When we all take a turn it is only once or twice that each of us is asked to help out in the year. Don't worry if you are not a cook—store bought treats work quite well. 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. Also, a copy is included at the end of this month's newsletter. Feel free to tear it off and save it for reference. If you have any questions or are daunted by the thought of serving refreshments, please call Kate Codd-Palmer at 724-325-3903. Don't think she will let you off the hook from having to do it, however, we all seem to like to eat. If the week you are assigned doesn't work with your schedule, please try to switch with someone else for that month.

See you around the kitchen-----Kate

Nov 7	Nancy Fitzgerald
Nov 14	Marylyn Devlin
Nov 21	Stone Soup Lunch
Nov 28	Sharing Sunday (bring along something to share at coffee hour)

Dec 5	Kim Jumper
Dec 12	Mehernosh Kahn
Dec 19	Karen and Gerard Katilius
Dec 26	Sharing Sunday (bring along something to share at coffee hour)

## Earth-friendly Reminders

- 1). There is a recycling garbage pail in the community room—please use this for plastic, cans and bottles (please rinse first)
- 2). We are trying to use mugs for coffee instead of disposable cups. If you wish to use a mug they will be made available at coffee hour. When finished with your drink, please wash your mug in the basin in the kitchen sink and place in the dish drainer to dry. **DO NOT** leave for someone else to wash. If you are not up for washing your mug yet—continue to use paper cups.

If you have any other suggestions for being more earth friendly at church please see Kate Codd-Palmer or Nancy Fitzgerald.

## *RE Class Schedule*

### Nursery:

<u>Day</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
Nov 7	Maria Luczkow
14	Mary Warwick
21	Cathy Serventi
28	<b>No Nursery provider today</b>
Dec 5	Merritt Bailey
12	Maria Luczkow

### Early School Age:

<u>Day</u>	<u>Class Description</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
Nov 7	Kids will attend first part of service. Native Americans have taught us many things (28)	Gayle Pamerleau
14	Cooperation Means Helping Each Other (21)	Kate Zingarelli
21	People of All colors are Important (22)	Mary Kukura-Straw
28	Intergenerational Social Action Project - <b>No RE Classes.</b> Kids will participate in project.	

### Elementary:

<u>Day</u>	<u>Class Description</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
Nov 7	Kids will attend first part of service. Practice for Intergenerational service.	Kathy Begg
14	Families Come in All Shapes and Sizes (RC5)	Marianne Jew
21	Introducing Kwanzaa (RC 11)	Kathy Ruffing
28	Intergenerational Social Action Project - <b>No RE Classes.</b> Kids will participate in project.	

### Middle School:

<u>Day</u>	<u>Class Description</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
Nov 7	Kids will attend first part of service. Practice for Intergenerational service.	Kathy Begg
14	Personal Experiences of Prejudice (RJ5)	Karen Katilius
21	The Outlanders Game (RJ6)	Laurie Montgomery
28	Intergenerational Social Action Project - <b>No RE Classes.</b> Kids will participate in project.	

## *Youth Group*

Youth group meetings for November are scheduled for Nov 7 and Nov 21, both Sunday evenings, from 7-9PM. The starting time may change to 6PM – at the request of the Youth.

## *Congregational Committees*

### Committee – Chair (email)

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

## Newsletter Deadlines

The newsletter deadline for the December newsletter will be November 21. Please email your articles to [newsletter@esuuc.org](mailto:newsletter@esuuc.org) or call me at (724) 325-1548 and leave a message with your news, stories, and other information.

Marianne Jew, Editor

## Calendar

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

Thurs. Oct 28	RE Meeting – 7:00 pm at Ken Noble’s house (910 Garden City Dr., Monroeville)
Tues. Nov 2	<b>VOTE!</b>
Thurs. Nov 4	Board Meeting – 7:30 pm at the church
Sun. Nov. 7	Choir Practice – 9:30 AM at the church (#34 “Though I May Speak ...”)
Sun. Nov. 7	New Member Recognition – 10:30 am during service
Sun. Nov. 7	Program Committee Meeting – 12 pm at the church
Sun. Nov 14	Drumming Circle - 7:30 pm at the church
Tues. Nov 16	Membership Committee meeting – 7 pm at the church
Sun. Nov 21	Stone Soup Lunch – 11:30 am (following service)
Sun. Dec. 5	Program Committee Meeting – 12 pm at the church
Thurs. Dec 2	Board Meeting – 7:30 pm at the church

**The tapestry for the sanctuary  
is coming along!**



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## **SUNDAY REFRESHMENTS**

**What to Buy** (plan on about 30 adults and 15 children of various ages)

-juice

-whatever kind of snack you would like to serve (examples are: nuts, bagels, muffins, fruit, vegetables, breads, cheese, crackers, cookies, mini quiches). It's really your decision to serve what you want or like.

**Feel free to use the oven**

### **Setting Up**

The table in the community room should have:

Coffee mugs

Styrofoam hot cups

Creamers

Sugar/sweetener

Plate/spoon to stir coffee

Assorted teas

Paper plates

Napkins

Juice cups

**HOT WATER**—there is a smaller/older coffee pot, fill half way with water and plug into outlet near the serving table in the community room. Start hot water before service begins

**COFFEE**---start coffee around 11am (takes about 1 minute per cup to brew). Use same outlet in the community room

To make 35 cups use 2 ¼ cups of coffee

To make 30 cups use 2 cups of coffee

To make 25 cups use 1¾ cups of coffee

**Unless it is around a holiday or special event 25 or 30 cups of coffee is plenty**

**Basin of hot water**—In an effort to be nicer to the planet we are trying to use coffee mugs rather than paper cups. Fill the white dish basin in the sink with hot “soapy” water. Individuals using mugs can then rinse their own mug after using



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## **Clean Up**

### *Wash coffee pot and put away*

Empty coffee pot with hot water and put away

Put away unused cups, plates, napkins

Put away teas, sugar, creamers

Wash, dry and put away any bowls, dishes or silverware you may have used

Nudge all those who used ceramic mugs to wash and rinse their own mug

Empty garbage pail in community room and kitchen and take to dumpster in rear of parking lot

Replace garbage pails with clean garbage bags

Thank you, Thank you.....rest easy knowing you won't be asked to do this again for many months!

*If you notice anything that we are running low on please notify Kate Codd-Palmer at (724)324-3903 or [katecp@bellatlantic.net](mailto:katecp@bellatlantic.net)*