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ESUUC Sunday Services

Sunday, December 3, 10:30 am – “*Branching Out*”-on this, the culmination of ESUUC’s 40th anniversary year observance, we wrap up the celebration by honoring those former members who have returned for the weekend of festivities and reflecting on our history once again. As part of the program, **Dr. Waun** will offer the sermon she preached in Kopec, Transylvania last summer, and Commissioned Lay Leader **Nancy Fitzgerald** will bring final “Fabulous Forty” thoughts.

Sunday, December 10, 10:30 am – “*Strong Hands*”- **Judith Avers** <http://www.judithavers.com> will be making the drive all the way from the farthest reaches of West Virginia to grace us with another musical program of her songs accompanied by guitar. Always reinventing herself, Judith keeps finding new ways to express her inner self with her music and lyrics, and she loves being around UUs because she finds us to be kindred spirits. Visit her website for a complete biography, photos, news and popular albums for sale. You won’t want to miss this program!

Sunday, December 17, 10:30 am – “*One Earth, One Home*” - **Sharon Pillar**, a fellow Unitarian Universalist, is the Global Warming Outreach Coordinator for Western Pennsylvania for PennFuture (www.pennfuture.org). After the viewing of "An Inconvenient Truth", many of us in our congregation spoke with Sharon and were moved to act. We are all entrusted with the well-being of the earth, and ensuring that the web of all existence is balanced. Sharon will be able to shed light on what is happening locally and globally, what needs to happen, and what we can do to affect change for our earth, our lives and the future generations that are to come.

CORRECTIONS – These are CORRECTED descriptions for (2) services on Dec 24:

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CORRECTION – This service is in the EVENING:

Sunday, December 24, 7:30 pm – “*Christmas Eve*” - This will be an informal service of readings, Christmas carols and a story entitled *The Year of the Perfect Christmas Tree*. As part of this annual observance, we ask you to bring an angel ornament or decoration that holds some sentimental significance for you, that we might share stories of our own perfect Christmases of the past. The singing of Silent Night with handheld candles is part of this endearing service.

Sunday, December 31, 10:30 am – “*The Yin Yang in Traditional Chinese Culture*” - The Taoist symbol of the balance between the Yin and Yang forms the backbone of much of Eastern spiritual thought. **Dr. Jun Deng** will discuss how it is used to create a sense of balance in the individual and in the culture at large. Start off 2007 in balance and help to keep your world and our world that way!

Sunday, January 7, 10:30 am – “*The Beat Goes On*”- the beat of African drums is heard in an outlying village where disadvantaged children make beautiful music in a concert to support their school. This is one of the activities of the African Rural Schools Foundation supported by our congregation. **Ken Noble and Dr. Waun** will bring us up to date on the ongoing vision there in Uganda, based on Ken’s recent volunteer trip to the ARSF. He will share from his experience of the growing project and its people.



Pastor's Column: Congruency Under

by Rev. Renee Waun

The Christmas Tree

Early last month some of my neighbors had already draped their porches, yards, and bushes with colored lights and other Christmas décor, but it wasn't until mid November that I found myself—for the first time this year—in a huge non-consumer-oriented area that was lavishly and magnificently decorated for the season. There were stained glass windows in this huge assembly hall (which was formerly a church), and on the walls between each window hung from velvet bows were large elegant swags of greens and glass balls. Two giant wreathes gleamed from against the chancel wall, flanking the centerpiece of the whole scene: a 15 foot Christmas tree covered with white lights, Crismons and brilliant, sweet-faced, angels with big gossamer wings.

It was absolutely stunning and I would have felt warmed by the ambience of the sight if it had not been for the reason that I and about 250 other people were there: it was the day that my Presbyterian friend and colleague The Rev. Janet Edwards was to stand trial for performing a wedding ceremony last year for two lesbians. Members of the judicial panel conducting the proceedings were seated at a long table that ran from side to side across the front of the room, just under that glorious Christmas tree.

I couldn't help but be struck by irony at the juxtaposition of the décor with the occasion. Here was the tree, purported by Christians to symbolize the living Christ—Light of the world—the Love of God Incarnate—and right beneath it, the Church, claimed by Christians to have been built and blessed by that same Christ, bent on persecuting one of its ministers for embracing and affirming two women and showing them Christ's all-inclusive love.

Well, in this case, Love won after all. Because of an oversight where someone in the Presbytery failed to file the proper papers by the deadline (missed it by four days) the charges had to be dropped. (They couldn't violate the rulebook, after all!) Another irony.

My wish for this season is that whatever we do in the name of Love or Goodness or Religion—as individuals and as the greater community and nation—we do it with a great sense of congruity and consistency between what we say we stand for and what we actually do. And may Love always win!

Happy Holidays to All. See you in church!



mUUsings from the President

by Matt Mathis

Happy Holidays!

This is the season for celebration: to be Thankful for everything we have in our wonderful community, our own 40th Anniversary, and upcoming religious holidays from many traditions. We all tend to get all wrapped up in the bustle of the season and forget the real points of the holidays. We all need to pause, to stop and remember why we are celebrating, and what it really means to us. I like to use this time to reflect on my own line and on my priorities, to ask myself if I am paying attention to the right things, or am I "sweating the small stuff" - wasting time and energy on things that are not really all that important. This is an easy mistake to make this time of year.

I am writing this column in the after glow of our Stone Soup celebration and art fair. We had a full house to see the best ever Stone Soup Musical Play, directed by Renee Waun. The story reminds us that "the greatest gift is to share, to tell a neighbor you'll be there, to show a friend you really care. The greatest gift is to share." There was much sharing of soup, joy and community!

As always, feel free to call me at 412.654.7529 or drop a note to mathis@psc.edu or president@esuuc.org. Peace be with you.

RSVP for the ESUUC 40th Anniversary Party!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2nd, 6 pm at CHURCH

Our party this season will be to celebrate our wonderful community is turning 40 years old! It's for all ages with a \$15 donation per adult to cover dinner. Brien Palmer is creating games, we'll have live dinner music, Merritt Bailey is making a celebratory tiered cake and there will be time to peruse the Historical Display table and visit with guests.

So the food count is correct **PLEASE RSVP** the number of people to Happy40th@esuuc.org or contact Nancy Fitzgerald at 412-731-2994. Your donation can come at the event.

Write Your Own "This I Believe:"

We continue an open invitation for you to share your statement of belief during a Sunday service under the title, *This I Believe*. Guidelines are printed at church and on the website. Nancy needs to know when you are ready to fill the schedule. Send a message to layleader@esuuc.org. We're waiting to hear from you.

Global Links

Transylvania Connections - our partner congregation in Kopec is about to receive a gift of money from Sunnyhill and ESUUC combined. The two Pittsburgh area UU churches share this partnership and together we are sending a check for \$500 to our Transylvanian friends for Christmas. Their pastor The Rev. Alpar Kiss will buy things they can't grow in their own gardens such as rice, sugar, coffee, shortening, etc. plus

some personal items such as toiletries and gloves. Each family receives a box of such “goodies” from the church, wonderfully enhanced this year by our generosity.

Uganda Update - Ken Noble from our congregation spent two weeks as a volunteer in Uganda, for the African Rural Schools Foundation. While there he was able to: oversee the purchase of a computer system for the school (which also has internet access); coordinate three days of professional training for the ARSF Board and school staff in finance and administration; distribute 110 pen pal letters; take a new set of photos of the various projects (crafts, piglets, garden); visit other projects to get ideas; and begin the process of finding 2 or 3 acres of land for purchase (for permanent school facilities). On **Sunday, Jan. 7**, he and Dr. Waun will be sharing stories from this worthy venture.

Buy Groceries, Gasoline, Holiday Gift Cards

Buy Groceries, Gasoline, Holiday Gift Cards - and help fundraise at the same time - Order Scrip now! Order by **December 3** for delivery December 10

We are now selling scrip (gift cards for a huge assortment of retailers, grocery stores, restaurants, gas stations, etc). You buy scrip for stores that you already buy from and ESUUC gets a "rebate"! For example, if you buy a \$100 Giant Eagle gift card, you pay ESUUC \$100 and get a card worth \$100. We raise funds because we get the cards at a discount, which varies from store to store.

Please try to participate - you don't have to buy anything "useless", and there are hundreds of stores to choose from. Almost everyone buys groceries and gasoline on a regular basis, and if you would buy scrip from our church, it would help raise funds "painlessly". GREAT GIFT IDEA: if you give holiday gifts, order and buy gift cards from ESUUC instead of buying gifts or gift cards from the retailers directly. Saves on shipping costs, and less stress on you :-).

We have \$25 and \$100 Giant Eagle cards available this Sunday, Nov 26, and will also be taking orders (and checks, made to ESUUC) that day. Last day to order and pre-pay is Sunday, December 3, so we can distribute the cards to you on December 10 in plenty of time for the winter holidays!

Contact Marianne (email scrip@esuuc.org or 724-325-1548) or one of the Coming of Age youth to get more details. This newsletter includes an order form with a PARTIAL list of scrip that you can order. To see the full list of current stores online: <https://www.glscrip.com/retailerlist/index.aspx>

Get Your Copy of Brian Ogle's CD

The piano in our sanctuary, donated to us by former member and president Andy Mandhardt and his wife, Ginny, has a fatal flaw ---the piano's tuning board is separating from the backboard, and in the near future it will be necessary to buy a new piano. Individual donations to the new piano fund are being accepted. See Brian Ogle to help with the cause of insuring that ESUUC is a beacon and a haven for new and interesting music to accompany the service.

The CD "*Awakenings*" containing original piano compositions composed by ESUUC Music Director Brian Ogle will be available for purchase on Sundays after church. To place your order or to buy one, see Brian Ogle after church. The cost is 15 dollars and **5 dollars will go to the fund to buy a new piano**. If you like the music you are hearing at the service, why not buy the CD and hum along? They make a great gift for the holidays.

African Crafts Available for Christmas Shopping

The children at the African school are learning to make native crafts, including zippered accessory cases that can be used for pencils and small desk supplies, makeup and other things. These and other craft items are available at church for sale. Proceeds will be donated to support the school. This will be a great way to begin your Christmas shopping in a way that really makes a difference to many kids.

Adult RE - Planning

Requests, proposals and suggestions for Winter and Spring Adult RE sessions or series can be made now. We are considering a series of creativity workshops. If you wish to facilitate a workshop or a series, contact Maureen C. McHugh, 724-733-3620, mcmchugh@IUP.edu

Recycle Your Paper at ESUUC!

Check out the green and yellow bin in the parking lot. ESUUC is now participating in the "Abitibi Paper Retriever" program as a way to raise funds, but more importantly, to help the environment.

What we CAN recycle: catalogs, magazines, newspapers, junk mail, office paper, fax paper, notebooks, folders. NO phonebooks, please. (Note: shredded office paper in clear plastic bags is acceptable. I confirmed this with Abitibi's local office in Carnegie.)

What we CANNOT recycle: cereal boxes, chipboard, milk cartons, soda cartons, or food cartons. These items cannot be used to make newsprint. This is considered contamination and may ruin an entire load of material.

So...don't discard your old newspapers, catalogs, etc. Bring them to ESUUC, where we can turn them into a small amount of cash and give them new life, instead of just dumping them into a landfill. Murrysville residents: feel free to encourage your neighbors to use ESUUC's bin.

If you have any questions, please leave a message for Chris Priano (724-327-5872). Thanks in advance for your support!

Help Us Make Blankets

We are still welcoming donations of time or materials to support the RE service project: making blankets for donation to Project Linus. This is a non-profit organization that collects and distributes blankets to children, infants through teens, who are seriously ill or going through a traumatic time. This organization has a local office that donates to various organizations in Westmoreland County.

If you can donate fleece, dry-cleaning bags, or serve as an adult helper, or have further questions, please contact Kate (email redirector@esuuc.org).

Care Notes

If anyone has any news that they want to share, please send it to newsletter@esuuc.org

Successful Fast – Thank You!

The 30-hour fast held November 3-4 was a success! Thank you to all who participated and sponsored participants. Funds were raised for Heifer International, which helps people to live longer and healthier lives as well as giving them a livelihood. Heifer is an unusual organization in that the way you donate is that you buy a flock of sheep or whatever and then it is sent to people living in a third world country who are trained to take care of them and then when that animal has a baby it is given to others in the community who need financial help and nourishment.

Junior High Youth Con

There was a Junior High Youth Con (conference) in Akron Ohio, Nov. 17-19. The theme was "SuperCon", and everyone had to come up with their own superhero or villain, created costumes, played games with each other, held worship ceremonies, sang great songs, had a talent show and a dance. There were workshops on comic book artwork, the history of superheroes, anti-racism/anti-oppression, cape making, and others. We all had a great time, and did not sleep much. The Ohio-Meadville District has some amazing youth leadership. We definitely have some future leaders in our own church. It was both a joy and privilege to share in this adventure with the youth. It is great to connect and network with other UU youth in a safe, loving, nurturing environment. Thank you parents for being very supportive of the OMD youth programs, and your offspring. I look forward to a great, exciting, adventurous future with all of the youth.

-Leona Dunnett (Youth Advisor/Vice President)

World AIDS Day

Worship service~World AIDS Day is December 1 which is a time to ponder how we can address this growing global pandemic. The annual worship service observing this occasion will be held on **Thursday, November 30 at 7:30 pm** in Heinz Chapel on the Pitt campus in Oakland. **Dr. Waun** and other area clergy will participate in the service which is followed by a time of refreshments.

TV Interview~The Monroeville Mall Ministry hosts a cable TV program which highlights a variety of events and ministries. Look for **Dr. Waun** talking about World AIDS Day and its connection to the African Rural Schools Foundation on this program during the month of December. Check your local listings for dates and times.

ESUUC Celebrates its 40th Anniversary

Please join us for our final "official" events, celebrating our 40th anniversary:

December 2, Saturday, Fabulous Forty Anniversary Party, **6 pm**

- see earlier write-up in newsletter for RSVP info

December 3, Sunday Anniversary Service, **10:30 am**

Join the Choir

Join the Choir on **December 3** for their next rehearsal (**9:30 am**) and performance (**during Service**). All are welcome! Contact Brian Ogle if you have any questions.

Cookie Walk

Hundreds of home made holiday cookies will be available for sale at the Crossroads Presbyterian Church on Haymaker Road in Monroeville on **Saturday, December 2** from **9:30-11:30 am**. You are invited to purchase an empty box for \$10.00 and “walk” around the social hall to fill it with cookies! Proceeds support their Mission Fund.

Solstice Celebration in East Liberty

You're invited to the Solstice festivities, which begin on **Thursday, December 21** at **7 pm**, in the East Liberty Presbyterian Church's Social Hall.

Simply put, Winter Solstice means that there is the least amount of time between sunrise and sunset. Then, the light transforms the winter as we head for spring and longer days. It's a time for seasonal renewal, but it's also a time for personal renewal as well. As the light transforms the winter, it allows us time for new resolutions: life changes that can warm the heart.

The Winter Solstice theme for 2006 is “Opening our Hearts.” Denise Tervo, a licensed psychologist with a private practice in Pittsburgh, will be leading the sacred part of the ceremony. Denise integrates physical process awareness and energy work into her practice. So, she will be weaving music, energy and movement into a course of action designed to open hearts and balance lifestyles.

Members of the Renaissance Women's Choir will lead songs and chants. Additionally, the Renaissance Wimmin's Drumming Circle will be featured throughout the program. Joining them will be interpretive dancer, Marlene Kovachs. The program is expected to last about 90 minutes, followed by socializing and snacks.

This is a party for all ages. Come and sing, dance, and enjoy 'light' refreshments and fellowship. The social hall allows plenty of space, so bring a friend! Attendees are asked to bring a donation of money for the Women's Center and Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh and non-perishable food donations for the East End Cooperative Ministry's Food Pantry located at East Liberty Presbyterian Church, 116 South Highland Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15206.

Drumming News

Drumming will be taking a break in December since everyone is SO busy anyway.

A month without drumming? No way!

Just kidding - we'll be drumming at the Wheel of the Year celebration for Yule. For details, see the Yule announcement in this newsletter, or contact Jen Trout Osborne at 412-608-2725 or drumming@esuuc.org.

Wheel of the Year: Yule / Winter Solstice

Location: ESUUC

December 22 at 7:30pm

Yule is the Pagan celebration also known as the Winter Solstice. Held on the longest day of the year, Yule commemorates the return of the Sun. Prior to the solstice the nights are at their longest, but after the days begin to grow in strength in the perpetual balance between light and darkness. To most Pagans and Wiccans, the Sun represents the male aspect of Deity. His death and rebirth at the Winter Solstice is symbolic of the death of the old year and the birth of the new. Some traditions tell of this struggle in the

legend of the battle between the Oak King (God of the Waxing Year) and the Holly King (God of the Waning Year). At Yule, the Oak King is defeated by the Holly King, hence this important botanical symbol of the season. At the summer solstice, the roles will be reversed. The New Year's icons of Father Time and Baby New Year are also thought to have their origins in this perpetual struggle.

Please join us indoors at the church for a festive gathering in celebration of the rebirth of the Sun. Bring a drum or any rhythm shakers you may have. We will celebrate together with original pagan carols, wassails, tree ornamentation and the Yule log. If you have any questions please contact Leona Dunnett 724-327-3841 (ldunnett@gmail.com) or Kate Begg 412-372-4106 (nikitazeema@comcast.net)

World Premiere!

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Annual All-Church Retreat

Saturday, January 6: Annual All-Church Retreat- "*Epiphany*" Be sure to save this date, (which really is Epiphany if you look at your Day-Timer calendar). It will be a time of insightful sharing, caring fellowship and delicious refreshment. What "stars" are we following as individuals and as a congregation as we forge new directions for our future? Please join us for this always meaningful day!

Adult RE: Taoist Yoga

Taoist Yoga: Mondays at 7:15 pm

Last class of 1st session: **December 4.** Contact Frank Nemeth at 724-681-3954 to confirm dates for next session

Frank Nemeth will offer a series of Taoist yoga sessions, based on Kouk Sun Do.

Kouk Sun Do is an ancient Korean Taoist mind-body healing art and spiritual practice that originated 9700 years ago. The art remained hidden in the mountains practiced only by Taoist hermit sages. In 1967, however, it reemerged into regular Korean society and was modified and edited to accommodate modern society. Sun Do is short for Kouk Sun Do. Sun Do means the "ultimate way." The practice gradually unblocks the energy channels of the mind and body. This is accomplished through: Gentle systematic stretches, Formative Body Postures coupled with a specific breathing pattern, Closing Exercises. As you continually practice Sun Do, your mind, body and spirit move toward a natural harmonious balance leading to increased vitality, enhanced peace of mind and expanded self-awareness.

People of all ages and fitness levels are welcome to practice Sun Do. This particular session will be open to ages 12 and up. Particular emphasis **must** be placed on sacredness, reverence and respect as Sun Do is not only a physical practice but is ultimately a spiritual one! Please wear loose clothing and bring your own yoga mat and an open mind. Whether you have serious health problems or are in excellent health, the practice can be modified according to your particular situation to still receive benefits.

Sessions will be held on Mondays from 7:15 – 8:45 p.m. at the ESUUC for four weeks. You may attend any or all sessions. If enough interest is generated, we will continue to have ongoing sessions. There is no charge but donations (\$5.00) will be accepted and given to the East Suburban Unitarian Universalist Church. For more information please contact Frank Nemeth at 724-681-3954.

Frank Nemeth has a Masters Degree in Formation Science from Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA. He has been a practitioner of yoga and martial arts for over 30 years with particular emphasis on healing and spiritual development. Frank was a therapist for children at risk for ten years and a high-school soccer coach for 5 years at Elderton High School. He presently has his own insurance brokerage service and is married with two college-aged children.

Teen Book Club

For more information, please contact Julia via email: redirector@esuuc.org

Sunday Book Club

For information about the Sunday evening book club, contact: SunBookClub@esuuc.org.

Thursday Book Club

Upcoming Book Club meeting dates (these are all Thursdays and start at **7:30 pm**):

December 28

Location: Penn Center Panera (Meeting Room), near Sears, in Wilkins Township. If you need a ride, would like to borrow a copy the book from someone who has finished it, or have any questions, the address bookclub@esuuc.org sends email to the all the active members. If you want to be added to the book club reminder email list, send email to treasurer@esuuc.org . The book club is open to anyone who is interested. Books generally alternate between fiction and non-fiction.

Sunday Refreshments

A time-honored tradition among Unitarian Churches is to gather for “social hour” immediately following Sunday service. At ESUUC we gather in the community room for coffee, juice, something tasty to eat and spirited conversation. It is a wonderful opportunity to catch up with old friends and meet some new friends at church. Each member is asked to take a turn throughout the year providing, serving and cleaning up refreshments. With everyone taking a turn it is usually once a year that we are called upon. The schedule tends to go alphabetically, **although I have had a request from those in the middle of the alphabet who always get to bring food in the snow to move things around, so we are starting roughly in the middle of the alphabet this calendar 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 and in the September 2006 newsletter. If this is your first time you may want to review it a couple of weeks before you take your turn to get an idea of the flow. 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, however, we all seem to like to eat.

The refreshment table is located in the far corner of the community room. This area also serves as a religious education room for the children during service. You may consider preparing the table before service starts. There is also a cart in the kitchen that can be used to place food items on and be wheeled into the community room after service.

See you around the kitchen---Kate

Refreshments Roster

Dec 3	Maria and Tom Luczkow
Dec 10	Maureen McHugh
Dec 17	Michael and Natalie Mendik
Dec 24	Sharing Sunday – everyone brings
Dec 31	Sharing Sunday – everyone brings

Jan 7	To Be Determined
Jan 14	To Be Determined
Jan 21	To Be Determined
Jan 28	To Be Determined

RE Class Schedule

Nursery:	Day	Teacher
	Dec 3	Natalie Mendik
	10	Maria Luczkow
	17	Mary Warwick
	24	No care provider today
	31	No care provider today

Elementary:	Day	Class Description	Teacher
	Dec 3	Children's Chapel: all kids attend	Gayle Pamerleau
	10	Moses and the Burning Bush	Gayle Pamerleau
	17	The Ten Commandments	Kate Zingarelli
	24	No RE Program Today	
	31	No RE Program Today	

Middle:	Day	Class Description	Teacher
	Dec 3	Children's Chapel: all kids attend	Gayle Pamerleau
	10	God is Like Love. The Story of the Good Samaritan	Karen Katilius
	17	There is Just One God, the Shema	Tom Dunnett
	24	No RE Program Today	
	31	No RE Program Today	

Coming of Age:	Day	Class Description	Teacher
	Dec 3	Children's Chapel: all kids attend	Gayle Pamerleau
	10	Judaism. Exploring Judaism with a Guest	Kate Codd-Palmer
	17	Integrating our Experiences - discuss Buddhism and Judaism	Laurie Montgomery
	24	No RE Program Today	
	31	No RE Program Today	

Youth Group

Youth Group meetings (all are **Sunday evenings**, from **7-8 pm**): **December 10, another date TBD**
 Holidays make it difficult to schedule, so a second Youth Group meeting date will be set later. Dates and times are subject to change, so please check for updates: contact Leona Dunnett, Youth Advisor (ldunnett@alltel.net).

Barter Board

If you have items to trade/sell, or have needs, you can post to the Barter Board.

The Board is located in the RE hallway on the Community Bulletin Board. To use, fill out a card (available on the Barter Board itself) describing your item or need, then pin it up in the appropriate column of the Barter Board.

Want your item listed in the weekly newsletter? Fill out an extra copy of the card and give it to Kathy Ruffing, put it in the Secretary's mailbox, or e-mail the info to Kathy at secretary@esuuc.org .

Experimental Online Calendar

We are experimenting with Google online calendars to see if they might make it easier to coordinate church events. This will not affect most members since we will continue to generate all of our current paper and electronic calendars from the new online calendar, but people who want immediate access to the most up-to-date information on ESUUC events can go directly to: <http://www.esuuc.org/calendar.htm>

Calendar

Thu Nov 30, 2006

7:30pm [ESUUC Bookclub](#)

Sat Dec 2, 2006

6pm [40th Anniversary Party](#)

Sun Dec 3, 2006

10:30am [Service - 40th Anniversary, facilitated by Rev. Waun](#)

12pm [Program Committee meeting](#)

Mon Dec 4, 2006

7:15pm [Adult RE - Taoist Yoga](#)

Thu Dec 7, 2006

7:30pm [Board Meeting \[More\]](#)

Sun Dec 10, 2006

10:30am [Service - Folksinger Judith Avers](#)

4pm [CoA Candidate/Mentor Meeting](#)

7pm [Youth Group](#)

Sun Dec 17, 2006

10:30am [Service - "Inconvenient Truth" follow up with Sharon Pillar](#)

11pm [Newsletter Deadline](#)

Fri Dec 22, 2006

7:30pm [Yule / Winter Solstice](#)

Sun Dec 24, 2006

10:30am [Service - Seasonal play be Dave Schwartz](#)

Thu Dec 28, 2006

7:30pm [ESUUC Bookclub](#)

Sun Dec 31, 2006

10:30am [Service - Music Recital with Brian Ogle!](#)

Thu Jan 4, 2007

7:30pm [Board Meeting \[More\]](#)

Sat Jan 6, 2007

9am [Annual retreat](#)

Online Payments

ESUUC has established a "PayPal" account, enabling us to accept pledge payments and other contributions electronically, via our web site. We can also accept online donations to the African Rural Schools Foundation (ARSF). It's quick and easy! Visit <http://www.esuuc.org/donations.htm> and select the appropriate "Make a Donation" button (ESUUC or ARSF). If you don't have a PayPal account, simply click where it says "Don't have a PayPal account? Click here." You can then pay with a credit card. If you experience any difficulty, please leave a message for Chris Priano (724-327-5872 or finance@esuuc.org). -- Thank you for your financial support!

Congregational Committees

Committee – Chair (email)

Aesthetics – Jean Robl and Maureen Lilly	Membership – Marylyn Devlin
Building and Facilities – Jim Osborne	Music – Alan Halperin
Caring & Concerns – Maria Luczkow (caring@esuuc.org)	Pastoral Care – Maria Luczkow
Committee on Ministry – open	Religious Education – Kate Zingarelli
Community – Kate Codd-Palmer	Signs and Symbols – Leona Dunnett
Drumming – Jen Trout-Osborne (drumming@esuuc.org)	Social Enrichment – open
Finance – Chris Priano	Sunday Programs/Celebrations – Mary Kukura-Straw
Landscaping – Laurie Montgomery	Welcoming Congregation – Matt Mathis

Newsletter Deadlines

January 2007 newsletter deadline: **Sunday, December 17**

Please email your articles to newsletter@esuuc.org 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 Kathy at secretary@esuuc.org. No attachments please.



Fabulous Forty!

From 1966 to 2006

East Suburban Unitarian Universalist Church
Cordially invites you to join our



Original tapestry by Adrienne Heinrich

40th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, December 2, 6 pm party for all ages

Dinner, games, historical display

EVERYONE Welcome! \$15 Donation suggested per adult. Donate for someone else if you would like.

RSVP, Happy40th@esuuc.org by Nov. 24th

Sunday, December 3, 10:30 am service

Worship and recognition of 40 years of faith and service

***“Finding Our Way
to a Fabulous Future!”***

If you choose, you may send greetings c/o Happy 40th
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