

THE REPORTER

Newsletter of St. John's Unitarian Universalist Church

July 3, 2011

Sunday Community Worship Services

Community Worship Services and Children's Religious Exploration begin each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. in summer. Child care is available.

July 3rd at 10:30 a.m.

"Warriors for Peace"

Peggy Logue, peace activist, brings the message that "Only by becoming warriors for peace will war cease to exist." Ms. Logue is the author of the 2010 book, *Skin in the Game: Journey of a Mother and Her Marine Son*, and her talk will draw on her personal experiences as a parent who opposes the war in which her son participated. Ms. Logue will challenge us to take steps to practice peace and end war while supporting the military families who suffer most from it.

July 10th at 10:30 a.m.

"How Science Helps Religion"

St. John's own Frank Meyer shares his ideas about how science gives religion an even more astounding world to deal with, and leaves much of our understanding to the realm of faith. This is our congregation's bonus prize from Frank, who purchased the sermon-for-sale from the Taste of St. John's auction, and wrote this sermon of his own in the process.

July 17th at 10:30 a.m.

"Did you ever build castles in the sand?"

The Rev. Bonnie Meyer will explore creativity as first seen in child's play, its importance to our spiritual well-being throughout our lives, and how it can help us through the experience of facing terminal illness and death. Rev. Meyer is an affiliated minister at St. John's, and is the Director of Spiritual Care and Bereavement for Hospice of the Bluegrass.

Interim Minister

the Rev. Denise Tracy

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Tues, Wed and Thurs

7:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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Next Newsletter Deadline

5 p.m. Wednesday, July 13

Our Mission: St. John's is committed to creating a safe and caring community, working for peace and social justice, and celebrating beliefs that respect freedom of thought.

Minister's Musings

from Rev. Denise Tracy

Dear Friends,

One of my favorite quotes appeared recently in a Unitarian Universalist publication. After rereading it, I decided to use it in my last newsletter column with you. I am thankful for our two years of interim ministry. Together we have re-inspired St John's. I am happy to be a part of your story.

Whenever I think of St John's I will smile in thankfulness. Thank you for the trip to Transylvania. Thank you the wonderful good bye party. But most of all thank you for joining in the adventure of rebuilding our beloved church. I will never forget you!

"There is nothing I can give you which you have not. But there is much, very much, that, while I cannot give it, you can take. No heaven can come to us unless our hearts find rest in it today. Take Heaven!



No peace lies in the future which is not hidden in this present little instant. Take peace!

The gloom of the world is but a shadow. Behind it, yet within our reach, is joy. There is radiance and glory in darkness, could we but see. And to see, we have only to look. I beseech you to look!

Life is so generous a giver. But we, judging its gifts by their covering, cast them away as ugly or heavy or hard. Remove the covering, and you will find beneath it a living splendor, woven of love by wisdom, with power."

--Fra Giovanni 1513

Blessings,

Denise Tracy

Interim Minister

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pportunities & Invitations

Take me out to the Ballgame!

In an ongoing effort to provide fun, multigenerational opportunities, Children & Youth RE is organizing a night at Great American Ball Park for any interested St. John's folks! The game will be on Monday, August 8 at 7:10 p.m.—Cincinnati Reds vs. the Colorado Rockies. Tickets are View Level at \$7.50 each. All St. John's members and friends welcome! Minimum of 25 participants are needed. . .RSVP Elizabeth Wilson ASAP if interested— youthre@stjohnsuu.org—deadline to reserve tickets is Monday, July 4, 2011. Thanks!

Summer Potluck Schedule

Wednesday, July 6 at 6pm at the home of Vivian Kline. 1343 Westminister Drive, Cincinnati, OH, 45229. **Vivian asks that you RSVP.**

Tuesday, July 19 at 6:30 pm at the home of Linda and Jack Linker. 1211 Laurence Rd., Cincinnati, OH, 45215. For questions please contact Linda.

Tuesday, July 26 at 6pm at the home of Linda Heath and Cliff Shisler. 3 Elizabeth Lane, Melbourne, KY 41059. For questions please contact Linda or Cliff.

Tuesday, August 16 at the home of Jan Hay and George Dershimer. 5579 Regimental Place, Jan or George.

Tuesday, August 9 at 6:30 pm at the home of Nina and Howard Tolley. 3900 North Cliff Lane, Cincinnati, OH, 45220. For questions please contact Nina or Howard.

-LaDonna Fritz

Food for Thought: Potluck & Movie Night

Please join us for the next in our series of thought-provoking films. Our next "Food for Thought" event is Friday, July 15, in Krolfifer Hall. The potluck begins at 7 p.m. Please bring a dish to share (preferably one that contains local and/or organic ingredients) At 7:30 we will show the award-winning 2010 documentary "GasLand".

-Bo Wachendorf

Leadership Resources for St. John members

Have a committee member who doesn't follow through, a question about setting up a church blog, wondering what UUSC & CLF are all about?

The Leadership Resources page on St. John's website has links to

- materials in our church library
- UUA leadership resources
- Interconnections - lay leadership newsletter

<http://www.stjohnsuu.org/index.php/docmisc-leadership-resources/>

We hope you'll check it out.

Leadership Development Committee

Esme quilt generously on display

The community quilt with more than 100 squares from members of the Cincinnati community, made in honor and in memory of Esme Louise Kenney, has been loaned permanently to St John's by her family.

The quilt was hanging for a few months last year.

When it was taken down many people asked about its future location. At the suggestion of Sandra Geiser, Lisa Siders, the quilt's creator and Esme's mother, has loaned it to us. It fills the space in Haehnle, behind the couches where artists seldom have works hung. It may leave the church for display at other art venues but we are happy to receive such a gift of beauty.

-Rev. Denise Tracy

Among ourselves

Push for Pencils

Many children lack basic school supplies. Once again this summer, St. John's will have a collection bin in Krollifer Hall to collect school items to be distributed by Crayons To Computers network. Our July 3, 2011s will be July 17 - August 21.

-Carol Fencl

Adult Religious Education Programs

Persons interested in helping to plan the Adult Religious Education programs for the coming church year are invited to come to a planning meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 14, to be held at Carol Fencl's home on Hamilton Ave. Our focus will be on planning courses to be offered in the coming year as well as working on the Forum programs. Questions - contact Carol at adultre@stjohnsuu.org.

R.E. coordinator needed at Hopedale UU

The Hopedale Unitarian Universalist Community (Oxford) seeks to hire a part-time coordinator for Religious Education. The coordinator would organize groups interested in adult programming, events intended to support families with young children, and oversee Sunday morning classes/activities for children. Send letter of interest, resume and contact information for three references to: huuoffice@gmail.com.

2011 Cincinnati Pride

Interfaith Service

7 p.m. Thursday, July 7

St. John's Unitarian Universalist Church

All are invited to this service featuring music, inspirational readings, prayers and rituals from Christian, Jewish, Buddhist, Native American, Pagan and many other religious traditions.

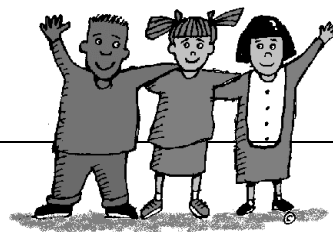
Organized by the Unitarian Universalist Council of Greater Cincinnati, the service will celebrate how diverse faiths respect and embrace people of all sexual orientations and gender identities. For information, please visit www.equinoxcincinnati.com.

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RE-flecti⁺ns

By Elizabeth Wilson

St. John's Director of Religious Exploration



WHERE in the WORLD is R.E.?

We continue our fun summer “travels” around the world! Last Sunday, our leader was former R.E. “student,” Corey Long. Corey grew up at St. John’s and is currently a junior at University of Louisville studying history and political science. She led us on a wonderful tour of Turkey, a country she visited just a few weeks ago. Some of the interesting things the kids learned about were Turkish architecture, Muslim practices, how the Turkish government operates, and what kinds of food Turks eat. We also learned that the Turkish motorcycle police have adopted a helmeted dolphin as their official logo! The kids wrapped up the session by making their own Turkish evil eyes to ward off bad spirits!!

THANK YOUs . . .

- to Amy Monson for helping out on June 19 and to Corey Long for leading our June 26 session!

Upcoming Schedule

July 3: USA & Independence Day, led by Elizabeth Wilson.

July 4: Deadline for Cincinnati Reds ticket orders (see article in this issue).

July 10: Austria & Germany, led by Herr & Frau Wilson.

July 17: Italy, led by Sarah Elsmore.

July 24: Annual multigenerational “Blessing of the Animals” service—no RE class; childcare for birth-age 3 only.

Got suggestions? Send me an email (youthre@stjohnsuu.org) or give me a call (961-1940). NEW SUMMER OFFICE HOURS are Tu/Thu from 7 a.m.-12 p.m.

St. John's Church Calendar

Sunday, July 3

10:30 am Summer Service Time

Monday, July 4

- Office Closed -

Tuesday, July 5

- Office Closed -

10:00 am Yoga

7:00pm YADA

7:00pm Book Group (Nina)

Wednesday, July 6

- Office Closed - Josie vacation day

5:00pm NO eNEWS THIS WEEK

6:00pm SUMMER POTLUCK @ HOME OF VIVIAN KLINE

7:00pm Membership

Thursday, July 7

9:00 - noon shortened office hours

10:00am Meditation

12:00pm COCC (Congregational Concerns) - Library

6:00pm TENTATIVE: UU COUNCIL GLBT SERVICE IN SANCTUARY

7:00pm Informal Choir (Strong) - Gandhi

Friday, July 8

- Office Closed -

Sunday, July 10

10:30 am Summer Service time

6:00pm Men's Group potluck (away location)

7:30pm

Men's Martian Meeting

Monday, July 11

- Office Closed -

Tuesday, July 12

10:00am Yoga

Wednesday, July 13

NO eNEWS THIS WEEK

5:00pm REPORTER Deadline

Calendar continued

Thursday, July 14

10:00am Meditation

7:00pm Informal Choir (Strong) Gandhi

Friday, July 15

- Office Closed -

6:30pm Food For Thought

Sunday, July 17

10:30am Summer Service Time

Monday, July 18

- Office Closed -

Tuesday, July 19

10:00am Yoga

6:00pm SUMMER POTLUCK AT HOME OF LINKERS

Wednesday, July 20

5:00pm eNews Deadline

6:30pm Board Meeting

Thursday, July 21

10:00am Meditation

7:00pm Informal Choir (Strong) Gandhi

Friday, July 22

- Office Closed -

Sunday, July 24

10:30am Summer Service Time

11:45am Art Reception

6:00pm MUSE Board

From the fice

Josie will be out of the office from July 5 through July 18. The office will be closed on Monday and Fridays

There will be limited office coverage the weeks of July 4 and July 11 on Tues. Wed, and Thurs. from 9am-noon. Thank you to Melanie Marsh, Kathy Laufman, Sandra Geiser and Frances May Brooks for covering the office.

There will be no eNews the weeks of July 4 and July 11; The next eNews deadline is Wed. July 20 at 5 p.m.

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Thought f the Week

“My country is the world, and my religion is to do good.”

-Thomas Paine