

THE REPORTER

Newsletter of St. John's Unitarian Universalist Church

October 9, 2011

Sunday Community Worship Services

Community Worship Services and Children's Religious Exploration begin each Sunday at 11:00am. Child care is available.

October 9, 2011 at 11:00 a.m.

"Melting Pot, Rainbow, or Mosaic?"

America and 21st Century Immigrants" Howard Tolley

Competing visions of our national identity pit proponents of immigrants' full assimilation against multiculturalists who promote ethnic subgroups. Should UUs "standing on the side of love" work for an integrationist common ground?

October 16, 2011 at 11:00 a.m.

"Celebrating Excellence in Ministries" Rev. Helen Carroll

The theme of Association Sunday 2011 is Celebrating Excellence in Ministries. Funds raised will be distributed as grants to support UU ministers, musicians, and religious educators across the country in a range of projects - including scholarships, continuing education, an assessment of our ministries, and other projects that help religious professionals get the ongoing training they need to support thriving congregations.

October 23, 2011 at 11:00 a.m.

"Round and Round and Round We Go" Rev. Helen Carroll

It's easy to slip into thinking of church as something to do on Sundays and faith as one of those topics that's hard to talk about in mixed company. But there's change in the air. Rev. Peter Morales, president of the UUA, has challenged our UU communities to grow into the congregations we want to be. To take a deep breath, stand up tall and step out into the wider world. And it takes a whole basket full of skills and talents to meet that kind of challenge. Today we're going to focus on what it is we do here and how it is we do it.

October 30, 2011 at 11:00 a.m.

"Day of the Dead" Rev. Helen Carroll

We'll celebrate and remember our beloved dead in this UU memorial celebration patterned after the Mexican Day of the Dead tradition. Bring photos or mementos to add to the altar in memory of our ancestors and newly departed loved ones.

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.

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the Rev. Helen Carroll

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Next Newsletter Deadline

Wed Oct 19 at 5 pm

mUU sings from Rev. Helen Carroll

The summer vacation season is behind us and we've settled in. If you are here because you are looking for religious education for your children, if you are here because you want to hear a good choir or because you're hoping to socialize with friends, you are welcome.

Yet know that there is more – much more – that is growing in this congregation. This is a space where our thinking is challenged, where what has always been is rigorously reviewed and where bias is peeled away, one prejudice at a time. This is a space where our hearts are strengthened in a community that cares, a place where the still small voice of the spirit can be heard and shared - where Mystery, with a capital M is important in understanding who and whose we are.



To be a religious community relevant in the 21st century, there must be committed members. As we move through the Fall with its round of programs and activities and with the many opportunities to do – and do – and do, take some time to consider what authentic membership means. Michael Durall, author of *The Almost Church Revitalized*, has identified five criteria for membership. Can you make these commitments?

- Attend Sunday services regularly
- Participate in one program that deepens your faith
- Participate in one outreach project
- Reach the 5 to 10% charitable giving level as soon as possible
- Tell others about the church

After all, the church doesn't exist to serve us. We are here to serve. We work on ourselves, in order to help others. And we help others as a way to work on ourselves.

It's going to be a dynamic year, with much to do and much to ponder. It's going to be an ordinary year, filled with the mundane and the miraculous. And like all years there will be ups and downs, successes and failures. I know that we'll wrestle with challenges known and unknown, that we'll struggle to balance a budget and make hard choices about what to do and what to leave undone. That's the way life unfolds in this congregation. Welcome to the journey.

Helen

Note: My regular office hours are 10–1, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Other times are available by appointment. My day off is Monday.

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Annual
Taste of St. John's
Fellowship and Fundraising Event:
Pasta Cook-off and Silent Auction
Saturday, Nov 5 at 6 PM

Childcare provided

Please RSVP (office) so we know how much pizza to order for our children! Donation \$5; scholarships always available.



Dinner: A Pasta Cook-Off

Who makes the best sauce? **Sign up** to bring your best pasta sauce in a crockpot. We'll provide the hot pasta. Let us know how many your dish will serve and the category: Vegetarian Mediterranean, Vegetarian Other, Mediterranean Meat Based, Other Meat Based sauce. We'll have a panel of judges and **prizes in each category.**

Help Us Prepare!

Sign up to provide an appetizer, a salad or a dessert, and/ or to set up or clean up.
_Sign-ups will begin Sunday, Oct 9.
Tickets will go on sale October 16. (\$5 adults; scholarships available)

Fund raisers:

- **Cash Raffle** - Tickets \$5 each, 6 for \$25. The winner will split the pot.
- **Offer/Sign-up for dinners, outings, and services** from mid-Nov, 2011 through Oct, 2012.
- **Silent auction:** Offer/bid on items (something special the donor has enjoyed but no longer wants/needs so it can be "up-cycled")

Questions?

Contact Penny Shada, Amy Shaw, Ann Schuur, or Beth Molinario

TRANSITION TEAM – Who We Are

The Transition Team is supporting Rev. Carroll and serving the congregation by listening to your feelings and your ideas during our time of transition to a settled minister. Feel free to contact us at any time and here are our bios so you can get to know us better. ~ *Kathy Laufman*

George Dersheimer also serves the congregation as a member of the Worship Arts Committee, the choir, and men's group. He has previously served on the Board of Trustees, the Committee on Congregational Concerns, and the contemporary service team. He wants to support the interim ministry as it strengthens the church to become a strong spiritual center in the community.

Kathy Laufman has been a member of St. John's for almost 40 years. She has served on the board twice, once as President. She has been a member of the Committee on Congregational Concerns since it was founded and has served on the Caring Circle for over 12 years. She sees St. John's as her church family and is committed to supporting our interim minister and the congregation through this time of transition.

Melanie Malaviya has been a member of St. John's since her return to Cincinnati in 2006. She has recently served on the Board of Trustees, Religious Exploration Visioning Team and has been an RE teacher for 4 years. She is looking forward to supporting Rev. Carroll and serving St. John's during this time of change. St. John's is a community of like-minded people that supports her ideals and values. It is a place where her family feels like it belongs.

Bo Wachendorf has been involved with the St. John's Community since 2005. He currently is part of the Music Committee and active in the choir. As an interior designer, he is hoping to create a more functional and beautiful church home through his work on the Lobby Remodeling Team and other projects. Bo and his partner Greg Terhune bring movies to life every third Friday with thought-provoking Food For Thought movies and Interweave's GLBT movies in alternating months. As part of the Transition Team, Bo hopes to create an environment of support and vision as we head into the future

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JOYS and CONCERNS

Starting immediately, please send joys and concerns to Carolyn Von Allmen instead of Emily Hodges. Emily has done a superb job this past year keeping us informed about the happenings in people's lives. Thank you, Emily.

In addition, on Sundays, you will continue to write your joys and concerns on cards available near the hymnals and take them up to the front and place them near the stones. Thank you.
~ *Nina Tolley, Caring Circle*



JUSTICE FOR WORKERS. Early voting has begun in Ohio for the November 8 election and you may request an absentee ballot from your county Board of Elections or go vote in person at your Board of Elections' designated early voting location. Many St. John's signed petitions for the upcoming referendum on SB5 the Ohio law denying public sector employees basic rights to collective bargaining. A NO vote on ISSUE TWO will assure that SB5 does not take effect, so that public sector workers can retain full collective bargaining rights, including the right to strike.

OUTREACH: At its September meeting the Board appointed six members to the new Outreach Committee: Don Fannin, Marilyn Kircher, Rick Prairie, Melissa Rowland, Chris Reed, and Howard Tolley who was elected chair at the Oct. 2 organization meeting convened by Mission Council Director Francis May Brooks. SACC co-chair Jim Decker attended and will serve as an alternate. The committee decided to propose amendments to the Outreach Policy for consideration at the Board's October meeting so that the \$1,000 in the current budget could be awarded to a single organization in recognition of its good work. If more funds are available in subsequent years the policy would continue to provide larger grants for specific projects by several local organizations. The committee has drafted a call for nominations for distribution in late October that will give St. John's until December 10 to propose an award for a local social justice organization.

DEATH PENALTY. On September 8, 2011, Ohio Chief Justice Maureen O'Connor announced that she would create a study commission to review the documented unfairness and injustices in our death penalty system. Unfortunately, the state has continued to schedule executions through 2013, meaning people could be put to death before the commission releases its findings. Contact Governor John Kasich and tell him to halt all executions while the commission conducts its review. Call 614) 466-3555; or submit an online form by going to www.governor.ohio.gov and clicking on "contact" and then "contact the governor."

IMMIGRATION. The SACC has recommended that this year's Outreach award be rewarded to a local organization doing advocacy for non-citizen immigrants. Please keep an eye on current news reports for stories about groups doing good work that might be eligible. Nomination forms will be available in late October.

IMMIGRATION AS A MORAL ISSUE

Broadening Our Involvement at St John's

The St. John's Service and Action Committee (SACC) encourages **Chalice, social groups, adult and youth RE classes** to join a church-wide year of study and action in preparation for the 2012 Justice General Assembly in Arizona. At that GA, delegates will be formulating a denominational statement of our commitment to the rights of both documented and undocumented immigrants.

UUA Resources. Plentiful UUA study resources can be found at www.uua.org/immigration.

Additional Reading and Recommendations:

Howard Tolley has prepared a useful list of resources. You can find it as an insert to the October 9 service. Or you can find it attached to **the online version of this newsletter** – check www.stjohnsuu.org.

Calling All VOICES OF VARIETY Members!

All Kids K-8th Grade
Very Special Program This Year!
You can't miss it!
Be a Part of the Fun!



Please think about joining the Voices of Variety this year! Now in our 16th year, the Voices of Variety meet **once a week on Sundays** to practice songs that will be performed in December.

This December we have a very special program and guest: **Malcolm Dalglish**. (That guy in the picture!) Malcolm used to live in Cincinnati and now lives in Bloomington, Indiana. He is coming to be our St. John's guest musician and he is going to work with the Voices of Variety, as well as the Adult Choir.

Our program this year is going to be a musical collaboration with the VV's and the St. John's Adult Choir - we are all singing together on Sunday, **December 18** at 11:00 AM. We will learn music that Malcolm uses with his own children's choir in Bloomington -the Ooolites. Yes, that is their name. You can take a listen at ooliticmusic.com.

So, I hope you will join this year - it is NOT a lot of work - it IS a lot of fun and it is a way for you to participate in the church life and give your talents to others!

Look forward to seeing you on October 2 for our first rehearsal!

Rachel Kramer, Associate Director of Music, St. John's Unitarian Universalist Church

SCHEDULE

**Come to as many
as you can!**

October 2 Rehearsal
October 9 NO REHEARSAL
October 16 Rehearsal
October 23 Rehearsal
October 30 Rehearsal
November 6 Rehearsal
November 13 Rehearsal

November 20 Rehearsal
November 27 Rehearsal
December 4 Rehearsal
December 11 Rehearsal
December 16 Music Series
Concert - you'll want to come
hear Malcolm!
December 17 Dress Rehearsal in
the morning
**December 18 Rehearsal and
Performance**

Where & When

All rehearsals in Rosa Parks, except
December 16 and 17

Time: from **12:15 - 12:45 pm**

Got Questions?

Call Rachel Kramer

P.S. Got Friends? They can join
us too! Bring them along -
especially friends you know who
love and like to sing! We take all
friends!

MUSIC VIVACE

Winter Solstice with Malcolm Dalglish – in person! The church choir welcomes singers to join us at **7:15 every Thursday** for 50 minutes to sing the music of Malcolm Dalglish. We will have a Dalglish weekend to celebrate the winter solstice. On **Sunday December 18**, the voices of variety and the adult choir (with either MUSE or the Cincinnati Boychoir) will combine forces with Malcolm himself, in person, for a beautiful seasonal solstice service at 11:00. **COME SING!**



Association Sunday. On October 16, the choir will perform “All Lifted Hearts,” written by **UU composer Jason Shelton**. It seems fitting that we sing an interfaith piece for we UUs, who craft our own theologies, are ourselves truly multi-faith folks.

Music Series. The opening program in the 22nd Annual Music Series featured **Wild Carrot and the Roots Band**. It was both joyous and enriching. We were reminded of Esme Kenney as the quartet sang their beautiful harmonies in “Blackbird.” It was a deeply moving moment. A warm and welcoming crowd filled our beautiful church home. Brenda Wolfersberger, Brant Smith, Spencer Funk, and Pam Temple were grateful for the opportunity to be with us. Thank you to all who attended.

There still are **tickets** for the Music Series. Please see Cathy or Rachel.

ART EXHIBITIONS

THANK YOU to Michelle Wermuth for the inspiring exhibition *In Light Imagery* which has brightened Haehnle Gallery this September. The macro photographs have opened up a new universe rarely seen.

Call for artists for 2012! Please contact Sandy Geiser.

Interweave Potluck & Movie Night

Please join us for a potluck and movie in Krolfifer on Friday evening, **10/21**. The doors will open at 7:00 for the potluck, and the film is scheduled to begin at 7:30.



We'll be showing the 1992 gender-bending movie based on the Virginia Woolf book “**Orlando**”. Interweave is St John's social group for BGLT folks and friends/allies. All are welcome!

UU 4 You

Curious about membership in St. John's Unitarian Universalist Church??? Are you a visitor or a long-time member with questions? Join us Friday, **October 7** at 7:00 p.m. to find out more. The Membership Committee will offer a light dessert and, along with Rev. Helen, will answer questions about what it means to be a UU at St. John's and in the wider Unitarian Universalist Association. Come join us and explore your role among us. See Nancy Colgrove, chair of the Membership Committee, or Sarah Siebert to sign-up. And **WELCOME!**

A Little hUUmor

After the flood water went down and Noah lowered the ramp, he told the animals to go forth and multiply. All the animals left except two snakes who lay quietly in the corner of the ark. “Why don't you go forth and multiply?” asked Noah.

“We can't,” answered the snakes.
“We're adders.”

FIRST SOUP & BREAD LUNCHEON OCTOBER 16

Plan on joining your friends for the **Friends of Szentlaszlo** soup and bread luncheon after the service on Sunday, **October 16th**. The price is \$6 for adults, \$3 for kids 12 and under. There will be a variety of hot homemade soups and breads along with yummy desserts.

All the proceeds from the luncheon go to our partner Unitarian congregation in Nyaradszentlaszlo, Romania where the money is used to provide weekly bread to the elderly in the congregation.

We still need a few volunteers for the 16th so e-mail Tom Darner if you can help with a soup or dessert or can help with serving and clean up.

~ Tom Darner, Friends of Szentlaszlo

COMMUNITY FAIR

Be there or Be Square!

Sunday, October 23, 2011

12:30 - ??

Ever wonder just exactly what it is we do here at St. John's? Want to know more about how to join in? Come to the Community Fair on October 23. Our committees are eagerly waiting to answer all your questions and recruit new volunteers.

You can also sign up to be involved in a Visioning Group Discussion to help St John's plan for the future!

A note to St John's Recruiters looking for volunteer talent ... Act Now! to secure prime real estate (okay, a table) at the Community Fair! Contact ~ Debbie Combs, Marc Baskind, Cliff Shisler, Dave Wilson, or Dick Fencl.

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ASSOCIATION SUNDAY

October 16, 2011.



Association Sunday is a special time to collaborate, strengthen our connections, and build partnerships. We thank our partners, the UUMA (Ministers Association), UUMN (Musicians Network), and LREDA (Religious Educators Association), for their generous support of Association Sunday this year. Members of their executive committees and boards have generously pooled personal contributions to make a combined lead gift of \$10,000. Funds raised by UU congregations will be distributed as additional grants to these professional organizations to support a range of projects, including scholarships, continuing education, an assessment of our ministries, and other projects that help religious professionals get the ongoing training they need to support thriving congregations.

Plan now to be a part of empowering the UUA, UUMA, LREDA and the UUMN to do the work of our tradition in the world.

Crayons to Computers Drive a Success!

Thanks to the many St. Johners who contributed to our drive for school supplies to be distributed to the teachers to share with needy school children in the area. We collected the following: 72 packs of crayons, 43 packs of markers, 85 pens, 23 mechanical pencils, 45 packs pencils, 63 notebooks, 15 binders, 50 folders, 110 erasers, 7 pads of paper, 6 rulers, 25 glue and glue sticks, 4 Kroger Crayons-to-Computers packs, and 5 "other." *~ Carol Fencl*

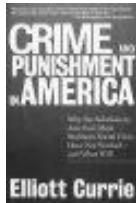
ADULT R.E. CLASS OPENINGS IN OCTOBER



UPCOMING FORUMS Sundays at 10:00 am

What Moves Us - Unitarian Universalist Theology

This program explores the life experiences of both historic and contemporary Unitarian Universalist theologians, highlighting that which caused in them a change of heart, a new direction, new hope, and a deeper understanding of their own liberal faith. **Contact Leader Carol Fencl to register while space lasts.**
Tuesday evenings Oct. 18–Nov. 15 7-8:30 p.m.
5 sessions



Crime and Punishment

Based on the book
Crime and Punishment in the U.S.
by Elliott Currie.
Book required.

We seem bent on punishment instead of rehabilitation. We'll look at the myths related to working with criminals and how we might work toward social justice. **Contact Leader Ethel Ingalls to register while space lasts.**

Sunday afternoons Oct. 23–Nov. 6 4-5:30 p.m.
3 sessions

Hearing Loss - Drop-In!

If you are affected by your own hearing loss or that of someone you care about, you will appreciate this presentation. Presentation by Jan Warner from the Hearing, Speech and Deaf Center on a topic that is affecting a growing number of people at St. John's. How does hearing loss develop and how does it impact the general well-being of family relationships? How do we communicate, compensate, and accommodate? What strategies can improve interaction?

Leader: Kathy Laufman, Caring Circle
Thursday afternoon Oct. 27 1-3 p.m.
One session only Accessible

Vision Loss scheduled for Thursday Oct. 13 – Sorry, class cancelled due to low interest.

October 9 - Church Tour – 2nd Chance!

The Forum Committee has received several requests for Bill Luerssen to repeat the tour of St John's church building that he did last spring. If you missed it then, now is your chance to hear some of the history of the building and its congregation. The tour will begin in Krolfifer hall and will replace the usual forum discussion that Sunday. Please gather for the tour by 10 a.m. so the tour can start promptly and be finished in time for the worship service.

Sunday Oct. 16 General Assembly Review - Reprise

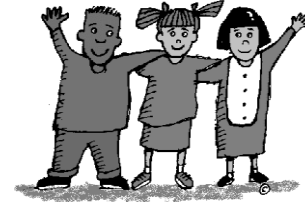
For all of you who weren't present on Labor Day Sunday, or if you were and have more questions, this forum is for you. We had five representatives at GA this past June who are anxious to share with you new ideas from that gathering. Each year St. John's budgets money to pay the registration fees for our delegates. Why is this so important? ~ Nancy Henry

Past Forums. Thanks to Jose, age 16, and his mentor Marty Harrington for enlightening us about the Dream Act for young immigrants on September 25. Thanks also to Carol and Dick Fencl, Penny Shada, Karolyn Schalk, and Frances May Brooks for clarifying the roles of the national, regional, and local UU organizations that support St. John's, on October 2. If you missed these sessions, you have missed valuable information about our church.

Future Forums: Bring your suggestions to the Forum table at the **Community Fair on 10/23/11.**

RE-flecti⊕ns

By Elizabeth Wilson
St. John's Director of Religious Exploration



“Day of the Dead”

At our October First Sunday session we learned about the traditions of Dia de los Muertos. In preparation for our intergenerational worship service on October 30, we made small altars, skeletons, and skulls which will be used to decorate a larger altar. The kids did a great job! If there is one concept I hope the kids left with, it is that different customs are celebrated and cherished around the world—and not everyone thinks skulls and skeletons are scary! Many thanks to Connie, Gillian, and Will for their assistance. . .and thanks, as well, to everyone who donated shoeboxes!!

It's not too late. . .if your child would like to make an altar or other decorations for the October 30 service, please see me. We've got lots of leftover supplies that I'd be happy to share!

Your kids are FABULOUS!

Earlier this week I went out to each classroom and viewed the Covenants posted on the walls. It was pretty remarkable to read them—despite significant age differences, the concepts were very similar, with only the language becoming noticeably more sophisticated as they grew in age. It really made me proud of their work and the values we are constantly striving to reinforce. Here are some of my favorites: “listen to each other,” “inside voices,” “be kind,” “engage honestly,” “be trustworthy,” “step up and step back (include everyone and participate),” and “no cell phone use! (off/silent).” Three of the five classes also included the *Golden Rule* (“treat others the way you want to be treated”) or the *Platinum Rule* (“treat others the way they'd like to be treated”). Wise words we can ALL live by!

Thank You, YRUU!

Some of our YRUU kids stepped up to help out at the October 2 worship service. Erin Long served as worship associate while Warren Hamilton, Jo Ellen Pellman, Caleb Roberts, and Liz Schuster did a terrific job serving as greeters/ushers. Howard Tolley was kind enough to provide training assistance. Thanks everyone!

COMING SOON. . .Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF.

Boxes will be distributed on Sunday, October 23 and Sunday, October 30. Last year our kids collected \$216.32. Hope your goblins will want to participate again. . .and maybe we can strive for a goal of \$300 this year!

Note these IMPORTANT DATES!

October 9: Senior High OWL (grades 10-12) begins, 1:00-4:30pm in Wells.

October 16: *Coming of Age* info session during RE class time in Krolfifer. Prospective participants only.

October 16 & 23: Voices of Variety rehearsal (grades K-8), 12:15-12:45pm in Rosa Parks.

October 16: Senior High OWL (grades 10-12), 1:00-4:30pm in Wells.

October 23: Check out the RE Committee and YRUU booths at the Community Fair!

Got suggestions? Send me an email (youthre@stjohnsuu.org) or give me a call at 961-1940 (church office). DRE church office hours are Tue/Wed/Thurs 9:00am-1:30pm and other by appt.

St. John's Church Calendar

Sunday, October 9

10:00am Forum-Krolfifer
11:00am Service
12:00pm ANNUNCIATION FESTIVAL-
LIMITED PARKING
12:00pm YAL Young Adult Lunch (Clifton)
12:15pm NO VV Rehearsal
1:00pm OWL - Wells
6:00pm Men's Martian Literary Group- R Hadden
7:30pm Men's Martian Meeting

Monday, October 10

4:30pm Peace Vigil Central Pkwy & Vine St
6:30pm Friends of Szentlaszlo Meeting
7:00pm MUSE
7:00pm Adult RE - Immigration as a Moral Issue
7:00pm Chalice Group (Strong) - Darwin

Tuesday, October 11

10:00am Yoga
7:00pm Tues Night Coming Out Ladies

Wednesday, October 12

12:00pm Clutterers Anon
5:00pm eNews Deadline

Thursday, October 13

12:00pm Meditation
1:00pm CANCELLED Adult RE - Vision Loss
6:00pm Tai Chi
7:15pm Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, October 16

10:00am Forum-Krolfifer
11:00am Service
12:15pm Soup & Bread Lunch
12:15pm VV Rehearsal - Rosa Parks
1:00pm OWL - Wells

Monday, October 17

4:30pm Peace Vigil Central Pkwy & Vine St
7:00pm Adult Re - Immigration as a Moral Issue

Tuesday, October 18

10:00am Yoga
7:00pm Adult RE - What Moves Us UU Theology -
Gandhi
7:00pm YADA (Young Adult Discussion & Action)

Wednesday, October 19

1:30pm Adult RE - Rosa Parks
5:00pm eNews Deadline
5:00pm **Reporter Deadline**
6:00pm CMC Rehearsal-Sanctuary
7:00pm Board Meeting

Thursday, October 20

12:00pm Meditation
6:00pm Tai Chi
7:15pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, October 21

6:30pm Interweave Movie Night

Saturday, October 22

10:00am FAIR SET UP - KROLFIFER
2:30pm Mock Interview - Bruce & Helen -

Sunday, October 23

10:00am NO Forum
11:00am Service
12:00pm YAL Young Adult Lunch (Clifton)
12:15pm COMMUNITY Fair
12:15pm VV Rehearsal - Rosa Parks
4:00pm Crime and Punishment in US - Adult RE

Monday, October 24

4:30pm Peace Vigil Central Pkwy & Vine St
7:00pm Adult RE - Immigration as a Moral Issue

Tuesday, October 25

10:00am Yoga
7:00pm Adult RE - What Moves Us UU Theology

Wednesday, October 26

1:30pm COCC - Com. On Congregational
Concerns - Library
5:00pm eNews Deadline
6:30pm Goddess Gathering
7:00pm Caring Circle

Thursday, October 27

12:00pm Meditation
1:00pm Adult RE - Hearing Loss - Krolfifer
6:00pm NO Tai Chi tonight
7:15pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, October 28

6:00pm Partner Church Conference
7:00pm Game Night

Saturday, October 29

9:00am Partner Church Conference

Sunday, October 30

10:00am Forum-Krolfifer
11:00am Service
12:15pm VV Rehearsal - Rosa Parks
4:00pm Earth Spirit
4:00pm Crime and Punishment in US - Adult RE

Monday, October 31

4:30pm Peace Vigil Central Pkwy & Vine St

Tuesday, November 1

10:00am Yoga
7:00pm YADA-Young Adult Discussion & Action
7:00pm Adult RE - What Moves Us UU Theology
7:00pm Book Group (Nina)

Thought of the Week

*“If you want others to be happy, practice compassion.
If you want to be happy, practice compassion.”*

~ The Dalai Lama

IMMIGRATION As a Moral Issue

2010-2014 UUA Study/Action Issue

Resource List

In 2011-12 The St. John's Service and Action Committee invites Chalice, social groups, adult and youth RE classes to join a church-wide year of study and action in preparation for the 2012 Justice General Assembly in Arizona which will be formulating a denominational statement of our commitment to the rights of both documented and undocumented immigrants. UUA resources can be found at <http://www.uua.org/immigration/index.shtml>; and the SACC will be happy to provide additional recommended readings and resources as the congregation confronts, reflects on, learns about, respond, comments and takes action

Stories from the Immigrant Perspective

- Eboo Patel, *Acts of Faith*
- Margaret Regan *The Death of Josseline: Immigration Stories from the Arizona-Mexico Borderlands.*
- Tram Nguyen *We Are All Suspects Now: Untold Stories from Immigrant Communities after 9/11* Beacon 212 p.
- Judith M. Blohm & Terri Lipinsky. *Kids Like Me: Voices of the Immigrant Experience?* Intercultural Press. 296 pages. An appealing and accessible book with 26 narratives written by children and young adults describing their experience as immigrants

Fiction:

- Lucia Alvarez *How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents 2010 Four Dominican Garcia daughters' rebellion against their immigrant elders in the Bronx.* 1992.
- T. Coraghessan Boyle *The Tortilla Curtain*

Books with Facts, History and Policy Advocacy

- Aviva Chomsky *"They Take Our Jobs!" And 20 Other Myths about Immigration.* Beacon Press. 264 p,
- David Bacon, *Illegal People: How Globalization Creates Migration and Criminalizes Immigrants.* Beacon Pr. 272 p.
- Roger Daniels, *Coming to America (2nd Ed): A History of Immigration and Ethnicity in American Life* 576 p.
- Peter Schrag *Not fit for our society : nativism and immigration* 2010
- Oscar Handlin *The Uprooted: The Epic Story of the Great Migrations That Made the American People* 1973
- Carol Swain (ed.) *Debating Immigration* 2007
- Daniel Tichenor *Dividing Lines: The Politics of Immigration Control in America* (Princeton Studies in American Politics) 2002
- Samuel Huntington, *Who Are We? The Challenges to America's National Identity* 2005
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Service Projects

- Provide English as a Second Language tutoring
- Conduct citizenship classes.
- Interfaith, community organizing to address needs of migrants and refugees in our local communities and around the world. (UURISE, Interfaith Immigration Coalition, No More Deaths)