

THE REPORTER

Newsletter of St. John's Unitarian Universalist Church

August 8, 2010

Summer Worship Services

Summer Worship Services and Children's Religious Exploration begin each Sunday at **10:30am**. Child care is available.

Sunday August 15, 2010 at 10:30am

"Everyday Creativity"

St. John's member Flavia Bastos will explore the "little c" and the "BIG C" of creativity—an essential component for full living.

Sunday August 22, 2010 at 10:30am

"The Creative Art of Poetry"

A service with our own poet in residence Vivian Kline

Sunday August 29, 2010 at 10:30am

"In Tune: Creativity in Worship"

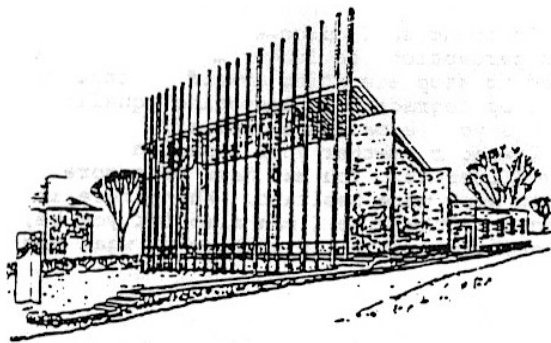
Minister of Music Cathy Roma and Associate Director of Music Rachel Kramer will present this service about music in worship.

Labor Day Weekend

Sunday September 5 at 10:30am

"How Are You Happy in Your Work?"

We will welcome guest preacher Rev. Joan Schneider. Joan has been a UU minister since 1980 and has served congregations in Ohio, New York, South Carolina, Connecticut, Tennessee and Georgia.



Interim Minister

the Rev. Denise Tracy

Minister Emerita

the Rev. Annie Foerster

Minister of Music

Dr. Catherine Roma

Assoc. Director of Music

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Summer Office Hours

Tues, Wed and Thurs

7:00am to 1:30pm

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Next Newsletter Deadline

Thursday August 19 at 5pm

Minister's Musings

from Rev. Denise Tracy



Dear Friends,

Thank you! Two most important words we can ever speak. Earlier this year we were running out of hymnals every Sunday. Attendance had grown from last year's average of 80 to what is a new average of 130. Running out of hymnals is a happy problem of increased attendance. So we asked for the help of the congregation in buying new hymnals. The following is the result of the request.

Hymnals Purchased:

Frances May Brooks purchase a hymnal dedicated to the memory of Dick Reiman.
George Dershimer purchased two hymnals dedicated to: the memory of Linnea Dershimer Rocklin and in honor of Rachel Kramer.
Ethel Ingalls purchased a hymnal dedicated to the memory of her parents F Douglas and Alexandria Lee.
Denise Tracy purchase three hymnals dedicated to Josie Arens, Rachel Kramer, Cathy Roma and Frank Carpenter from a grateful congregation.
Claire and Christopher Wagner in honor of Cathy Roma.
In addition , Carolyn Chambers, Kathy and Bob Laufman and Cynthia Villacis contributed to this fund.

We were able to purchase 32 grey hymnals and 10 teal hymnals.
Thank you for helping us to have enough hymnals for Sunday worship.

Blessings,
Denise
Your Interim Minister

pportunities & Invitations

Goddess Gathering for Women

This month's Goddess Gathering will be held on Wednesday August 25 beginning at 6:30pm at Mecklenberg Gardens in Corryville. All women members and friends are welcome. Please RSVP to Barbara Hadden.

-Barbara Hadden

Interweave Potluck & Movie

Please join us for a potluck and movie in Krolfifer on Friday evening August 20. The doors will open at 7:00pm for the potluck, and the movie will begin at 7:30. We'll be showing "Gods and Monsters," which is a 1998 Oscar-winning biographical drama. Interweave is St John's social group for GLBT folks and friends/allies. All are welcome!

-Greg Terhune

Men's Group Potluck

The St. John's Men's Group will share a potluck meal on Sunday August 8, starting at 6:00pm. Mike Rundle will host the meeting at his home at 3834 Spring House Lane. All St. John's men are welcome. If you plan to come, please RSVP to Mike Rundle. Bring a favorite dish to share.

-Rick Prairie

Push for Pencils

Sunday August 15 is the final day for our St. John's collection of school supplies to be donated to Crayons To Computers. If you are shopping for school supplies for your own children, this is a good time to help them realize that others are not as fortunate and they can help choose supplies as well.

You are also welcome to donate a check made out to Crayons to Computers, and Carol Fencl will see that it gets there.

-the Fencl/Villacis Family

Summer Potlucks

Mark your calendar for the newly scheduled Summer Potluck on Tuesday evening August 24 at 6:30 pm at the home of Jim and Kathryn McDonough in Clifton. Please bring a dish to share and the grill will be hot so you can cook any meat that you bring. For questions call Jim or Kathryn.

Please note: The Summer Potluck scheduled for August 17 at the home of Cliff Shisler and Linda Heath has been CANCELLED.

-LaDonna Fritz

Religious Education Classes for Adults To Resume in the Fall

We are looking forward to an exciting, energizing array of topics with our Adult Religious Education program this fall. We'll continue our before church forums, have a special world religions for youth and adults after church, a Breaking Free group for women on Sunday afternoons, some Tuesday night classes, a book night with a new publication about Louisa May Alcott and more. Additional details will be shared in the next several Reporters.

-Adult RE Committee



Choir Rehearsal

Choir rehearsals will begin on Thursday, August 26 at 7:00. We'll not meet Thursday September 2 (Labor Day weekend), but will rehearse on Thursday September 9 for our first performance of the fall on Sunday September 12. Gather in, join the singing!

-Cathy Roma

Among ourselves

Standing on the Side of Love: UUs Arrested in Protest Against Arizona Law

25 UU clergy and laypeople were arrested in downtown Phoenix, AZ, for acts of peaceful civil disobedience. Among those arrested were our UUA President, Rev. Peter Morales, Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray, minister of the Phoenix UU Congregation, and Rev. Colin Bossen of Cleveland, where Ethel Ingalls' daughter is a member. For more updates on how other UU congregations are taking action, go to www.uua.org or www.standingonthesideoflove.org. The Tucson Arizona UU Church has taken on the ministry of *No More Deaths* for people who are crossing the border, not far from their city. The website www.nomoredeaths.com outlines their social justice mission and its actions, including the ways people around the country can participate.

-Carol Fencl

People Book Updates

Emily Hodges is keeping a list of changes and corrections to the directory portion of the People Book. It does not include the board and committee lists in the front pages. I email my updated list from time to time and would be to add you to my email list if you request it. Please send your request to reportermail@stjohnsuu.org and mention if you prefer a weekly or monthly update. Please continue to also send any changes or corrections directly to Josie at office@stjohnsuu.org

-Emily Hodges

From the Tech Committee

The computer in the church library is going to be replaced soon. If you have any files on the existing computer that you would like to keep, please contact Pete Asman by August 22nd. Thank you.

-Pete Asman

Progress on the Library Update

The remainder of the books that were culled from St. Johns Library have been donated to various public libraries. We are now ready to accept replacement books. A list of the type of books we would like to have in our library is on the same table in Krolfifer where the culled books were on display in June. There are also Book Donation Forms on the table if you wish to donate any of the books we are seeking. The list and more donation forms are also posted in the library. Please do not leave books in the library without a donation form. We will not know whether they are being donated nor what we should do with them. As replacement books become available in the library, we will make a revised list of the books and provide a sign-out system so that members of the congregation can borrow books to read. We hope to have this system in place by September. If you'd like a copy of the list of books we are seeking emailed to you, send a request to Ethel Ingalls and one will be sent to you.

-Ethel Ingalls

Immigration - Congregational Study/Action Issue for 2010-2014

At this year's General Assembly, the delegates chose *Immigration* to be the topic UU congregations across the country would focus on for the next four years. There is much to be learned, and many ways we will be able to take action after we learn and explore more of the complexities surrounding Immigration. Look for Forum topics, special Adult Religious Education programs, as well as efforts combined with other local churches and groups. If you would like to work on this issue at St. John's, please contact Carol Fencl, Adult RE Chair.

-Carol Fencl
Adult RE Chair &
General Assembly Delegate



St. John's Church Calendar

Sunday August 8

10:30am: Worship Service
11:30am : Newsletter Collating
6:00pm: Men's Group
6:00pm: Search Committee

Monday August 9

Church Office Closed

Tuesday August 10

10:00am: Yoga
7:00pm: Our Whole Lives Planning

Wednesday August 11

12:00pm: Leadership Development

Thursday August 12

10:00am: Meditation
11:30am: Project Team

Friday August 13

Church Office Closed

Sunday August 15

10:30am: Worship Service
6:00pm: Search Committee

Tuesday August 17

10:00am: Yoga
6:00pm: Summer Potluck Cancelled

Wednesday August 18

6:30pm: Board Meeting

Thursday August 19

10:00am: Meditation
5:00pm: Reporter Deadline

Friday August 20

7:00pm: Interweave Movie & Potluck

Saturday August 21

9:00am: RE Teaching Training
10:00am: Worship Group

Sunday August 22

10:30am: Worship Service
11:30am: Newsletter Collating
6:00pm: Search Committee

Tuesday August 24

10:00am: Yoga
6:30pm: Summer Potluck at the home of
Jim and Kathryn McDonough

Wednesday August 25

6:30pm: Goddess Gathering
7:00pm: Caring Circle

Thursday August 26

10:00am: Meditation
7:00pm: Choir Rehearsal

Friday August 27

Church Office Closed
7:00pm: Game Night

Sunday August 29

10:30am: Worship Service
6:00pm: Search Committee

From the office

By Josie Arens

St. John's Office Administrator

Just a reminder that E-news information should be emailed to enews@stjohnsuu.org and information for The Reporter should be emailed to reporter@stjohnsuu.org. You can copy me at office@stjohnsuu.org if you like, but just sending it to the office will not guarantee that it will make it into the E-News or The Reporter. Written announcements for the Sunday Order of Service should be emailed to office@stjohnsuu.org. Regular church office hours start the week of Monday August 16 (Monday thru Friday 7am-2pm). I will be out of the office on Friday August 27, Friday September 3 and Monday September 6 (Labor Day weekend). The deadline for members and friends to submit updates for The People Book will be Sunday August 29. Please send changes/updates etc. to office@stjohnsuu.org or leave a note in Josie mail box in the office. Any changes that come in after this date will not be guaranteed to make it into the next printed issue of the directory.

Thought of the Week

“This is the mission of our faith:
To teach the fragile art of hospitality;
To revere both the critical mind and the generous heart;
To prove that diversity need not mean divisiveness;
And to witness to all
That we must hold the whole world in our hands.”

*-William F. Schultz
former president of the Unitarian Universalist Association*