

Sunday, April 10, 2005

**"I CAN'T DANCE IF I HAVE
A STICK UP MY BUTT"**

MORNING SERVICE -- 11:00 AM
Ed Miller, Service Leader

Although it's quite nice to be capable of having verbal thinking, it's clearly a mixed blessing. When thoughts become too dominant, repetitive or intense, they hold back my ability to be relaxed and graceful ... and my social and spiritual health. All are welcome.

Ed Miller is MD board certified in Ob/Gyn and Holistic Medicine. He has been a member of the Oberlin UU Fellowship for 8 years and is a member of the UU Buddhist Fellowship.

**PROGRESSIVE MORALITY:
A CONTRADICTION IN TERMS?**

FELLOWSHIP FORUM -- 9:30 AM
Harlan Wilson, Professor of Politics,
Oberlin College, Guest Speaker

Is morality a conservative monopoly? Professor Harlan Wilson asks whether progressives, or liberals, can or should adopt moral positions. If so, he will explore what those might look like. All are welcome.

Professor Wilson, known among Oberlin College students for his excellent teaching, is a specialist in American politics. He is currently chair of the board of the North Central Chapter of the ACLU of Ohio.

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

The wonders that bloom in the Spring include the following: Andy Frantz, Valerie Frantz, Carol Graham, Barbara Harding, Helen Hoskins, Forrest Locklear, Lorna Middendorf, Mary Ann Moore and Eric Stewart. A Happy April Birthday to you all and this Fellowship appreciates having each of you with us.

**CANVAS KICKOFF/POTLUCK LUNCH
AFTER SERVICE APRIL 10TH**

The Kickoff for the Fellowship Annual Canvas will be immediately after the April 10th service. The finance committee will present information about the finances of the Fellowship in an entertaining format. We hope it will be fun and we will all learn more about our Fellowship.

We will have a potluck lunch after the presentation. Bring your favorite dish to share and your own place service.

SECOND SUNDAY

The Second Sunday collection for April will go to Lorain County Family Planning. To direct a check to this agency make it out to O.U.U.F. and write "Second Sunday" or "Lorain County Family Planning" on the memo note line. Our Treasurer will send along a consolidated check. Checks to O.U.U.F. without a memo note will go to the Fellowship. Loose cash and change will also go to Lorain County Family Planning unless put in an envelope marked for the Fellowship.

**DESPERATELY SEEKING
BED AND BREAKFAST HOSTS**

We have more requests for B&B for commencement weekend than we can fill. If you have a spare bedroom or den that you can convert into a guest room for a night or two, you will greatly help our treasury. The room doesn't have to be fancy, just neat and clean. A continental breakfast is fine. Most people just want to be in town so they don't have to drive back and forth from Elyria or the west side of Cleveland. Also, you will meet some very nice people in the process. Often these guests are UU's from other parts of the country. We charge \$65 for a double and \$55 for a single. If you would like to try, call Jo Huber.

Sunday, April 17, 2005

**ON ART MUSIC
AND WHY WE SHOULD CARE ABOUT IT
YET (MAYBE) DON'T**

MORNING SERVICE -- 11:00 AM

Randy Coleman, Guest Speaker

Randy will attempt to distinguish art music from rock and roll. And suggest why this distinction should matter, especially in chest-beating, bully-boy contemporary America.

All are welcome.

Randy has been Professor of Composition and Music Theory at the Oberlin Conservatory of Music since 1965, and has appeared previously in the OUF Pulpit; we welcome him back.

**CARING FOR EACH OTHER:
SMALL GROUP MINISTRY IS FUN**

FELLOWSHIP FORUM -- 9:30 AM

The Oberlin UU Fellowship's Covenant Group will share some of the issues they have discussed and show how the Fellowship's sharing network is strengthened as the group supports its members at difficult moments. Forum leaders will include Barbara Fuchsman, Commissioned Lay Leader-in-training, who facilitates the Covenant Group. All are welcome.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

April 7, 2005 at 7:00 P.M. at Boys & Girls Club -- AGENDA:

Opening Words

Minutes of Feb and March meetings.

Treasurer's Report

DRE's Report

CLL's Report

Committee on Ministry Report

Vice Pres. report of members of the Nominating Committee

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee Re: Canvas

Space Committee

Social Justice Committee

Program Committee [cont'd =>]

REFLECTIONS ON THE FIVE WISHES

Kendal Gathering, Wednesday,
April 20, 4:15 p.m. Whittier
Lounge, Kendal at Oberlin

Paul S. Treuhaft, MD, MA

Guest Speaker

There are many things in life that are out of our hands. The Five Wishes is

the first living will that talks about your personal, emotional and spiritual needs as well as your medical wishes. This easy to use booklet was written with the help of The American Bar Associations' Commission on the Legal Problems of the Elderly, and the nation's leading experts in end-of-life care.

All are welcome.

Paul S. Treuhaft received a BA from Oberlin College and an M.D. from the University of Chicago. After a distinguished career in orthopedic surgery at the Marshfield Clinic in Marshfield, Wisconsin, he moved to a private practice in Lorain County, in preparation for an early retirement from active surgery. In 2000, Dr. Treuhaft received an MA in Bioethics from Case Western Reserve University. Since that time, he has served as the Staff Bioethicist at Community Health Partners hospital in Lorain, OH and as a Lorain County Deputy Coroner, in addition to his current office based practice with the Cleveland Clinic Lorain.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES CONTINUED:

New Business:

Appoint a committee of three to work with Rod Thompson to coordinate the settlement search process.

UUSC HOLIDAY CARD ART CONTEST

Entries must be received at Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, 130 Prospect Street, Cambridge, MA, 02139 by May 6. Three cards used winning art last year, and the artist's name and church appeared on the back of each. www.uusc.org/holidaycards

Sunday, April 24, 2005

PARISH POLL

EARTH DAY -- THE LORAX

MORNING SERVICE -- 11:00 AM

Kerry Langan, Service Leader

Who knew that Dr. Seuss was an environmentalist?! It turns out he still has much to teach us, children and adults. Join us for our intergenerational Earth Day service which will include a performance of The Lorax and much more! All are welcome.

Kerry has been involved for years in OUUF programs and the Sunday School.

ON BECOMING A GREEN SANCTUARY

FELLOWSHIP FORUM -- 9:30 AM

OUUF Social Justice Team

The Social Justice Team will review the steps already taken by the Fellowship to seek recognition as a Green Sanctuary congregation. The Team and Fellowship members will discuss what still remains to be done before we can be granted accreditation. All are welcome.

The Social Justice Team is tasked to bring social justice issues to the attention of the congregation.

PLUM CREEK CLEAN-UP

See the R.E. column for details. Current plans are to gather at 1 pm at Martin Luther King Park, but watch the announcements and bulletin board for details.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

All of us working together make OUUF happen. We have committees and teams looking for new members. Helping out is a good way to make friends, have fun and help OUUF be a vital and interesting place. Sign up on a Team Sheet in the OECC lobby, and give the sheet to Valerie Frantz, who will notify the Team leadership.

The UUA Commission on Social Witness has placed six proposed Study/Action Issues on the Parish Poll this year. We will be voting on them during Social Hour on Sundays, April 3rd and 10th. Detailed information will be available. Five of the six will go to the agenda of the UUA General Assembly for 2005. One of them will be selected for the agenda of the 2006 General Assembly for possible adoption as a Statement of Conscience.

S1 Women's Rights Worldwide What can UUs do (WCUUD) to secure fundamental rights for women?

S2 Safety of All Children and Youth WCUUD to ensure the safety of children and youth on our congregations and world?

S3 Peacemaking WCUUD to bring about the conditions for peaceful relationships in our congregations, our communities and world?

S4 Need for affordable housing WCUUD to promote affordable housing?

S5 Moral Values for a Pluralistic Society How can the morals and ethics of UUism be given greater voice in the public square?

S6 Ensuring Voters' Rights WCUUD to ensure voters' rights?

REFRESHMENTS

The Sunday Morning Refreshment Team needs help! If you would enjoy sometimes bringing refreshments on Sunday morning please see Margaret Medina or sign up on the Refreshment Sheet.

Likewise if you can help Margaret set up or wash up, please sign the Team Poster. Margaret, because of her work schedule, can only do the actual setup every other week.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Greetings, families! As we slowly step into spring, we celebrate with our global families equal time spent in darkness, and in sunlight. March 20, was the vernal equinox when both the Northern and Southern hemisphere experienced exactly the same amount of daylight, a truly sacred time, a reminder of our interconnectedness with people world wide. Since humans have been alive, the return of longer days of sunlight has brought formal celebrations of renewed life, wild celebration of our vitality and deep gratitude.

Earth Day originally began as an extension of the celebrations held at this time. It makes sense. We are all citizens of the earth, sharing the same sun. We share the same needs for clean water, shelter, clothing and food. It is a time to be reminded of our trusteeship to Mother Earth, our daily provider. Earth Day was first officially observed in the United States on April 22, 1970. Trees were planted, rivers cleaned, main streets refreshed with greenery. We, the members of OUUF will honor our commitment to caring for our planet by caring for the local stream that passes near by to where we all live. On **Saturday, April 23** we will be inviting all Oberlin residents to join with us as we clean Plum Creek! Like other celebrations of this time, it is intended not only as an environmental project, but also meant as FUN and as a way to CELEBRATE COMMUNITY. So wear your rubber boots, bring your gloves and garbage bags, or just bring yourself and prepare to have fun while you show your respect for the earth we share. Please watch the announcement board at the Fellowship or electronic announcement for further details.

I wish also to express my gratitude to all the families that participated in the RE Family and Friends Games Night on March 5. We had a great turn out, lots of fun and lots of good food!

A reminder to continue supporting the efforts of the RE children as they participate in the "Quarters from Kids" campaign to assist in the tsunami relief efforts. Thank you for your generosity so far. We have raised over \$94! Final donations will be given at the Earth Day intergenerational service on April 24, 2005.

Nameste,
Kim Peters
Director of Religious Education

HAPPY HOUR April 22 at Presti's at 5pm. Come join sociable conversation and good fun on the fourth Friday of each month.

FAIR TRADE TEA is available at \$5.50 per box from Cindy Frantz,

PROGRAMS FROM THE PEWS

A large and important part of the Sunday morning program is provided by us, the members and friends of OUUF. Do you harbor a potential topic for a sermon or forum? Let's try to realize it! Hymns, readings, music, etc. can be furnished by the Program Committee. Contact Barbara Fuchsman,

HOW TO FIND THE OBERLIN U.U. FELLOWSHIP

OOUF meets in the Oberlin Early Childhood Center (OECC) at 317 East College Street, marked by a large abstract statue of a parent and child. Service and Forum space is barrier-free. Parking in the front and to the east.

GREEN JOURNAL

Last year we talked about pro-environmental disposition of old consumer electronic equipment, to avoid sending toxic materials in those devices to the landfill.

One reason for electronic equipment wearing out is gradual deterioration of components due to power surges from the electric utility. We've got surge protectors for some equipment, but not for our major appliances, which have built-in electronics.

You can buy a heftier surge protector for you whole house. It's pricey, but it gives your equipment longer life until it becomes a disposal problem.

CARING COMMITTEE

Darlene Krato would like to remind the members of the Fellowship to please let her know if we should be contacting someone due to illness, a family death etc.

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REGULAR MEETINGS

THE MEMBERSHIP TEAM to be announced.

THE SOCIAL JUSTICE TEAM meets the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm in the Conference Room at Kendal. Next meeting is April 6, 2005.

THE OBERLIN UU FELLOWSHIP BOARD meets monthly at 7:00 pm at the Boys & Girls Club on North Pleasant St. Next meeting is April 7. All are welcome to observe and the right of members to participate in Board discussions is guaranteed in the Bylaws.

THE R.E. COMMITTEE meets the third Thursday of the month at 1:30 pm at the Boys and Girls Club. Next meeting is April 21.

THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE meets monthly at Fuchsmans', 192 Forest Street. Next meeting is April 13 at 4 pm.

Your Name Could be Here
Email "mailbox@ouuf.org"
to be added to our mailing list!