



**Sunday, March 12, 2006**

**WHERE DOES MUSIC BEGIN?**

MORNING SERVICE – 11:00 AM

Hal Walker, Mike Hovancsek

This service will creatively explore the possible sources of music. Through poetry, musical improvisation and song, Hal Walker and friend, Mike Hovancsek, will lead the congregation in a journey of sound and silence. With timeless instruments from around the world and songs from North-eastern Ohio, we will ask the question, "Where does music begin?" A veteran performer in Ohio, Hal's songs celebrate work, community, environment, local history and geography. A graduate of Northwestern University with 15 years of experience in Ohio schools, he is director of music the UU Church of Kent. All are welcome.

**SHAPING THE WAVES:  
AN INFORMAL CHORAL  
EXPERIENCE FOR ALL VOICES**

FELLOWSHIP FORUM – 9:30 AM

Hal Walker, Mike Hovancsek

An inviting and non-threatening exploration of the human voice. We will share choral singing and readings from our hymnbook, *Singing the Living Tradition*. And we will learn a few original songs to be shared at the 11:00 service. All voices encouraged to attend!

**SECOND SUNDAY**

Second Sunday Collection for March will go to The Haven. To direct a check to The Haven make it out to O.U.U.F. and write "Second Sunday" or "Haven" on the memo line. Our Treasurer will send along a consolidated check. Checks to OUUF without a memo line will go to the Fellowship. Loose change and cash will also go to The Haven unless put in an envelope marked for the Fellowship.

**Religious Education (continued)**

What are the dreams for your family's spiritual growth? How can we help you make them happen? The responsibility to develop a new religious education family friendly program is significant enough to warrant us putting our resources into hiring an effective leader at no less than half time.

My choice to step down as the DRE at this point is in part to make room for someone who can do more with family programming. We have a chance to find a leader to help us achieve our goals to be a more effective and vital religious community. I urge you to talk our leadership and have your voice heard.

Nameste,  
Kim Peters,  
Director of Religious Education

**GREEN JOURNAL**

Green Team Registration Forms are available. If you are interested in getting and/or receiving help from others in the congregation with a weatherizing project, please pick up a Green Team registration form, fill it out, and return it to Cindy Frantz. Registration forms will be accepted on an ongoing basis, but we need a critical mass to get started. Contact Cindy with questions.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAYS**

Our March Birthday Wishes go to Jane McLay, Carol Wilde and Ray Young. You are all Honeys !!!!!!!!!!

**MISSION**

The Oberlin Unitarian Universalist Fellowship seeks to promote religious freedom with responsibility, to support each other with compassion, and to serve peace with justice.



## Oberlin Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

Religious Education Program  
World Religions theme  
2005-2006

**Nursery:** Green Room with youth childcare providers Anne Koenning or Eddie Miller.

**Kindergarten-Grade 2: STORIES ABOUT GOD**

Using ritual, poems, and story, each week will be spent learning how different peoples from around the world and at different times conveyed their image of God, the Divine. This is a wonderful introduction helping children build a base for their experiences with God. Teachers: Shelly Rasmussen, Laura Huth and Lynn Haessly

**Grades 3-4: HOLIDAYS AND HOLY DAYS**

A great opportunity for children to learn about different ways children around the world are taught to celebrate what is sacred in their culture. Students will learn about how other religions think about God, prayer, important values and be reminded how they are similar and different to our Unitarian Universalist beliefs. Teachers: Cindy Frantz and Barbara Fuchsman

**Grades 5-8: NEIGHBORING FAITHS**

This is a unique opportunity to increase one's understanding and appreciation of religious diversity. In keeping with our UU principle of *free and responsible search for truth and meaning*, we will engage the students in exploring the religious communities that surround us. The class will study and participate in ritual where allowed by visiting some of these faith traditions. Teacher: Kim Peters

**Highschool Youth: evolving**

With an expressed interest in community service and social cohesion, an effort to build a consistent program for our youth is being spearheaded by Nancy Boutilier. Other interested people can contact her: [nboutlier@oberlin.net](mailto:nboutlier@oberlin.net) or 774-1368.

**Grades 8-9: OUR WHOLE LIVES**

A healthy sexuality education program is part of our religious education commitment to our youth and families that recognizes the depth needed to ensure respect and justice. Human sexuality is too important, too beautiful and too potentially dangerous to be ignored by a religious community. Facilitators: Tim Egan, Peg Tucker, Edie Fuchsman and David Locklear.

Kim Peters  
Director of Religious Education  
Oberlin Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

**Sunday, March 19, 2006**

**THE EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN**

MORNING SERVICE – 11:00 AM

Megan Schief, Cindy Frantz

Four women from the Fellowship will share their stories of Empowerment. We will also celebrate women's spirituality with music and the written word. Come and be enriched! All are welcome.

Megan Schief, retired, is active on the OUUF Welcoming Congregation Committee. Cindy Frantz, a professor of psychology at Oberlin College, is active on the OUUF Green Sanctuary Committee.

**ADVOCATING FOR SURVIVORS  
OF SEXUAL ASSAULT**

FELLOWSHIP FORUM – 9:30 AM

Kay Jones, Guest Speaker

Kay will be discussing the work and philosophy of Lorain County Rape Crisis, including legal definitions, the impact of sexual assault, healing and referrals. Kay has worked at Lorain County Rape Crisis since 1995 and is currently the Community Outreach Team Leader. She works with colleges including Oberlin, battered women, people with disabilities, and correctional facilities. All are welcome.

**WELCOMING CONGREGATION  
WORKSHOP**

Sunday, March 26, at OECC from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. "Bisexuality, Biphobia and Transgender Identity." We will watch the film *The Brandon Teena Story* and discuss afterward. All are welcome to attend.

**COVENANT**

We, the members and friends of the Oberlin Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, covenant to live together in our quest for truth, love, social justice and environmental responsibility. In the spirit of caring fellowship, we offer our combined gifts and resources.

**COVENANT GROUP**

The Covenant Group will gather, Sunday, March 12 at 7:30 p.m. at Kendal at Oberlin, and on Sunday, March 26 at 12:15 p.m. at OECC following the service. Please bring a bag lunch on the 26<sup>th</sup>. In this small discussion group, build shared understanding, provide and receive support. Would you like to really connect with friends, discuss issues of the day, larger life issues? The group is open and new members are warmly welcomed. For more information, call group facilitators Barbara Fuchsman and Karina Leppik.

**SHAMANIC DRUMMING**

Drumming Journeymen meet monthly to journey and share insights. The next meeting will be Friday, March 3, at 8:00 p.m. at the common room at 95 E. Vine Street. Shamanic journeying is a time-honored tool for accessing an altered state of consciousness, much like a dream state, for spiritual guidance and healing. The altered state is achieved by listening to a rapid drumbeat, approximately 4 beats per second, which induces theta waves in the brain. Please contact Carol Wilde for information.

**HYBRID CAR OWNERSHIP**

The Union of Concerned Scientists is seeking 1000 hybrid car owners to share pictures and testimonials for release on April 22, Earth Day. USC is working through the website [www.hybridcenter.org](http://www.hybridcenter.org). USC counts on individuals to support their work and advocacy, and to promote practical, science based environmental and security solutions. To find out more: [ucsaction@ucsusa.org](mailto:ucsaction@ucsusa.org).

**BANNER SOCIETY**

OUUF is a Creating Justice Banner Society of the UU Service Committee, with 25-49% of our members belonging to UUSC.

**Sunday, March 26, 2006**

**TALKING ABOUT GAY ISSUES  
IN SCHOOLS**

Welcoming Congregation Committee

PROGRAM BEGINS 9:30 AM

This Sunday we will spend the Forum and Service time viewing the film *It's Elementary: Talking about Gay Issues in Schools*, followed by a discussion of how children learn about BGLT people and same-sex relationships, and how we talk about those issues with our own children.

There is a political subtext to this program, in the recent introduction of a bill in the Ohio Legislature to bar BGLT people from becoming adoptive or foster parents. As of CHALICE press time, it looks like the bill is going down under opposition from the Speaker of the Ohio House, who was himself an adopted child. However, the measure could reappear as a ballot issue to inflame the 2006 election, the way the anti-gay-marriage amendment did in 2004.

The film is certainly not tied to the legislation, but it addresses the fact that many kids already live great live with same-sex parents, and it dispels a lot of stuff about negative "exposure" of kids to gay role models, parents, etc.

We will have the usual time for coffee, snacks and conversation between the usual forum and service times. All are welcome.

The Welcoming Congregation Committee was formed to facilitate OUUF becoming an official Welcoming Congregation, so registered with the UUA Office of BGLT Concerns.

**MARCH KENDAL GATHERING**

"You are unique. Just like everyone else. What else do we have in common?"

Karina Leppik, moderator  
Wednesday, March 15, 4:15 p.m.  
Whittier Lounge, Kendal at Oberlin

There turns out to be less actual antagonism between humanism and spirituality than many at the last Kendal Gathering expected. Still, problems of how to get along are with us yet. Can we stop talking past each other? Can we find common ground?

*Engaging Our Theological Diversity* offers help and food for thought. The authors remind us "as a community without a creed, we need to be more aware of and explicit about the covenantal nature of our faith." To make our religion work, what are the promises we make to each other? What are our common values? What are our points of agreement and sources of tension? Karina Leppik, an active member of OUUF, will moderate the session. All are welcome.

**CARING COMMITTEE**

The OUUF Caring Committee invites members and friends to notify them of significant life events in the personal lives of members & friends, such as hospitalizations, serious illness, assistance in getting medical help, important accomplishments, birthdays, etc. We can be reached at 440+935-3812.

**FELLOWSHIP DIRECTORY**

Copies of a new Friends' and Members' Directory are available to all who want one. Please contact Virginia Erdy for a copy.

## MORE HYMNALS

The OUUF Board is considering ordering additional *Singing the Living Tradition* hymnals. Would you be like to contribute a hymnal to the Fellowship, or to order your own personal copy? If so please contact LD Moore. Hymnals are \$28 each.

**HELP NEEDED:** Please sign up to bring food for snacks, or flowers for the sanctuary, on Sunday morning.

**THE BIBLE AND POSTCOLONIALISM** Lecture Series in King 106, Oberlin College Religion Department. Tuesday, March 2, 7:30 pm, Musa Dube, "Postcolonial Feminists Translations of the Bible." Reception follows in Rice Faculty Lounge.

**POTLUCK LUNCH** at Peace Community Church, Sunday March 5 at 11:45 am. Don't hesitate to come late.

**FORUM PREVIEW:** We don't have an exact program date set, but sometime in the spring we will present the following Forum:

### **CHANGE AND STAGNATION, PROGRESS AND MISERY**

Mathis Szykowski, Forum Leader

Mathis Szykowski and Carol Graham have recently returned from their third trip to India. They will reflect upon both the conditions of this great country and how they have been affected personally by their visits there. All are welcome.

## OUUF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

**OUUF Board** meets Wednesday, March 1 at 7:30 pm at the Oberlin Early Childhood Center. All are welcome, and the right of members to participate in Board discussions is guaranteed in the OUUF Bylaws.

**RE Team meeting** has been changed to Thursday, March 16 at 2:00 pm at the Oberlin Public Library. (normally the second Thursday. of month.)

**Program Committee:** Tuesday, March 7 at 4 pm at Megan Schief's.

**Joint Programming and RE** meeting at 2:00 pm on Thursday March 2, at the Oberlin Public Library to discuss the future vision of Sunday morning programming for adults, youth and children. "Should we adopt a Lifespan Faith Development model for our Religious Education of our adults, youth and children?" All welcome.

**Kids and Friends:** Saturday, March 4, from 4-7 pm, at the Boys and Girls Club, 215 N. Pleasant. You are ALL invited to our second of the year UU KIDS AND FRIENDS GAMES NIGHT. Free pizza and beverages will be served. Please bring snacks to share with all. RSPV to Nancy Boutilier, or Kim Peters. We hope to see you all there!! Beware the Werewolf!

### **PEACE VIGIL**

A Peace Vigil is held every Saturday from 12 to 12:30 p.m. at the SE corner of Tappan Square. UUs are invited to join the Vigil. Extra signs are available.

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