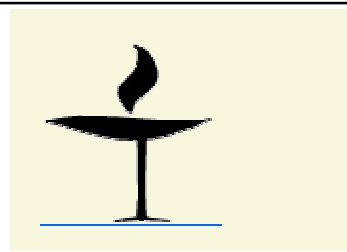


The Steel Chalice

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MATT'S MUSINGS



If you've attended our worship services at UUYO in recent months, you've probably noticed a change in how we do the ritual of lighting the chalice. On many Sundays, a person from the congregation offers a brief testimonial or reflection before the chalice flame is lit. In these Chalice Lighting reflections, speakers may relate personal experiences connected to the theme of the service; or they may describe their paths into Unitarian Universalism or how the church supports them on their religious journeys.

Over these past few months, we've heard many wonderful stories: handling job conflicts, contending with cancer, coping with parents dying, opposing injustice, confronting dread and fear, memories of inappropriate children's toys, and more! These stories help us to know each other, to see the humanity in each other and to build community.

The idea for these Chalice Lightings is not original to me. I witnessed them (and presented a few) as a layperson at my home congregation, where the current UUA President, Rev. Peter Morales, was minister. He also brought the idea from another church.

I've been thinking about why Chalice Lighting reflections are important and why they align with our Unitarian Universalist faith. I believe these reflections hold up two important values that make our faith unique.

The first value is the freedom of the pulpit. We affirm that a person given the opportunity to speak is free to speak from his or her conscience. We don't require pre-approval of messages by some higher authority. Now, admittedly, we do expect those who speak to hold respect for the inherent worth and dignity of those listening; but the speaker alone is the final judge of that.

The second value is the primacy of personal experience as a source of authority in our faith. While many churches point to Scripture as the primary and even inerrant source of authority, we do not. We see Scripture, or any sacred writing, or any secular writing, as recorded and distilled human experience. Such writing can provide useful guidance, but it also must be tested against the reality of our own experiences. So we find that the experiences of our own people have great value for those around them, who often contend with similar problems and struggles and share similar hopes and dreams.

I hope you will consider offering a Chalice Lighting when invited. We depend on people expressing interest in certain thematic topics; the Worship team and I strive to learn enough about people's life experiences to know who might have something worthwhile to say. We are always looking.

I also realize that offering such a personal reflection, maybe more than other public speaking situations, can require a certain degree of courage. On the one hand, you are exposing an intimate part of yourself; but on the other, you are among friends. But these Chalice Lightings can be transformative experiences both for the congregation and the presenter. I hope they become part of what makes worship at UUYO special, a time of worth.

See you in church! Matt

SUNDAY SERVICES - 11 AM ALL ARE WELCOME.

May 1: "All Our Animals are Already Blessed"
In this multigenerational service, we'll explore the importance of animals in our lives. This service includes an animal blessing service (more for us than for them!). You are invited to bring your well-behaved pets, or pictures of your pets, or even a stuffed animal, to the service.

Service Leader: Rev. Matt Alspaugh
Worship Associate: Margaret Haushalter

May 8: Mothers' Day: "Ancient Mother"
We'll explore themes of mothering, including the mothers in religion; mother as archetype; and mother of us all, the earth. How do these themes enrich motherhood, or limit it? (The children will go to Religious Education.)

Service Leader: Rev. Matt Alspaugh
Worship Associate: Audra Carlson

May 15: Music Sunday
Paraphrasing Mendelssohn: "Music expresses that for which is too specific to be expressed in words." We'll explore the spectrum of musical expression, and have lots of singing. Jazz musician Jeff Bremer and others will join us. (The children will go to Religious Education.)

Worship Associates: Sarah Lown, Tim Raridon, and Susan Miracle

May 22: RE Sunday
We've been blessed with lots of vitality in our Children's Religious Education and thankful for the broad congregational support for our RE program. We'll honor those who taught and helped out in RE; we'll have a short play by the older youth, posters by the younger children, stories from some of the teachers. We will also have a Child Dedication Ceremony, in which we welcome our young people into the community and covenant to support them in their spiritual growth. The children will be part of the service.

Service Leaders: Rev. Matt Alspaugh and BeckyAnn Harker

May 29: "Why I Was Willingly Arrested and What I Learned Along the Way"
I believe that Arizona's new anti-immigrant laws are immoral and unjust. So when the call came to travel to Phoenix to participate in the National Day of Non-Compliance this past July, I knew I had to answer. To talk about my experience, I have to follow several threads. My sermon this morning will include reflection on immigration history, worker justice issues, civil disobedience philosophy and the prison industry.

Service Leader: Rev. Melissa Carvill-Ziemer
The Rev. Melissa Carvill-Ziemer has been gratefully serving as the minister of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent for almost six years. Melissa earned her M.Div. from Meadville Lombard Theological School in 2005. Melissa lives in Kent with her partner Ellen, their foster daughter Meghan and two dogs, Migo and Zoey.

(This Sunday is a pulpit exchange among five Northeast Ohio UU congregations; Matt will speak at the Akron UU Church.)

**ADULT FORUM
SUNDAYS - 9:30 AM-CHANNING HALL**

May 1: "Iron Jawed Angels"

We will view the first part of *Iron Jawed Angels*, a true story of how young activists Alice Paul (played by Hillary Swank) and Lucy Burns put their lives at risk to help American women win the right to vote. Jeanne Tucker will lead the discussion. Don't miss this excellent film. We need to start promptly at 9:30. The second part of the film will be shown at the AF on May 15.



May 8: "Whose Bible"

A compilation of the Bible. Peg Tomm will lead the discussion.

May 15: "Iron Jawed Angels" (part 2)

May 22: - "Mi Viaje en America Central: A UU Perspective of Guatemala y El Salvador"

Gary Davenport, a member of the church and a student at YSU, will discuss and show some photographs of his recent trip to Guatemala and El Salvador.

May 29: "Social Action Project"

Steve Oravec will hold a discussion about the UUA Ethical Eating Proposal.

BITS FROM THE BOARD

Happy Spring! Congratulations to the Social Action Team for working through the process of naming our All-Church-Social-Justice-Action Project: UUYo Farm to Family. We are very excited to see the energy behind sharing our passion into the community!

The Board is currently in the process of two projects: the Evaluation of our Consulting Minister and the beginning framework surrounding Long-Range Planning. Rev. Matt's evaluation by our group will be completed and submitted, along with that from the Committee on Ministry, by the end of May. Long-range planning practices are in the beginning stages and will take some time to explore thoroughly before setting into motion to ensure the mission and vision of our Church.

With the stellar policy "wordsmithing" first of Larry Wire, then the entire Board team, we have also put into writing the practices we already hold true toward accepting gifts and discarding/disposing of old furniture/materials/supplies.

We are also glad to see the success of the "Share the Plate" Sundays and are looking forward to the May collection and the goodwill we can share with another organization in our community.

Glad to see so many smiling faces in our pews and at coffee hour! See you again soon!

Karen Stangl, President.

**INTRO TO UU-12:10 PM
SUNDAY, MAY 8 AND MAY 22**

Visitors and new members are invited to join Rev. Matt Alspaugh for a short, relaxed introduction to Unitarian Universalism and to First UU of Youngstown. Get coffee or tea and join us at the west end of Channing Hall. Matt will provide a few minutes of commentary and answer questions.

FARMERS' MARKET IS COMING

The Farmers' Market held here at the Church will run on Saturdays from June 11 - Oct. 29. The hours are 9 AM to noon.



Reflections

The Spring Fling Art Show was a huge success! Many people have commented on the talent of our youngest artists! Many thanks to Gloria and Roger Jones and Marcia and Ralph Malmer for organizing, planning, and making the Art Show possible!

We have lots going on in May as well. Jim Converse will be helping us plant our Salsa Garden on May 15. Anyone is welcome to join us!

May 22 will be RE Sunday. This will be a chance for the kids to show what they have been learning on Sunday mornings, a chance for teachers to share any funny stories about their experiences, and a chance to show our appreciation for the many people who helped in RE this year. You will be surprised at how many there were! We will also have our Child Dedication during this service.

Following the service on RE Sunday, please stay for an RE meeting. I am inviting all parents and kids (there will be childcare available for the kids who don't want to come!), teachers, volunteers, and anyone else who has ideas to share! We will be reviewing the year and discussing plans for the summer and next year. All ideas are welcome!



BeckyAnn Harker

CHILD DEDICATION - MAY 22

We invite all children with their parents to participate in our Child Dedication Ceremony as part of our service on Sunday, May 22.

Rather than holding baptism ceremonies, we, like most Unitarian Universalist congregations, have child dedication services for infants, adopted children, or children whose families have recently joined the congregation. This is the first such Dedication at UUYO in many years, and we're glad to be offering it.

The parents and children come to the front of the sanctuary at a designated time in the Sunday worship service; and Matt, the minister, presides over the ceremony. The dedication ceremony is a celebration of the blessing of life, an expression of the parents' hopes for their children, and a call to the parents and the congregation's members to lead and nurture the children's spiritual lives as they grow.

We ask that any parents who would like to include their children in this Child Dedication to let Becky or Matt know in advance. They can also answer any questions about this ceremony.

CIRCLE SUPPERS ARE COMING MAY 21

Circle Suppers are pot-luck dinners held in someone's home. Their purpose is to extend your circle of friends at the UUYO congregation. People eat, drink, be merry, and converse on all sorts of random topics from art to zoology.



You can sign up by filling out a form. Forms are in Channing Hall. Please do this by May 8.

Alternatively email Sarah Jordan at Jordan.182@osu.edu by the deadline.

After you sign up, the organizers will organize the hosts and guests. The hosts will be notified of their guests. It is their job to then contact each guest with directions to their house and to organize the dinner by assigning a course (e.g. appetizers, dessert). The guests bring themselves and the dish, whether homemade or bought.

NEWS - MEMBERS AND FRIENDS



New Members:

Please welcome the following new members into our congregation:

Daniel and Jill Materna

3480 Ridgewood Dr., Hermitage, PA

Two children - Joslyn and Ryan (both 13)

They are from Cleveland and Akron but have lived in Hermitage for 10 years. Jill likes gardening and herb activities. Daniel fishes Lake Erie (too much), swims, and takes Kung Fu with son Ryan. Joslyn likes girl scouts, volleyball, and gymnastics. Both kids love art and related activities. They also have dogs.

Connor Nils Johnquest

27 N. Richview Ave., Youngstown, OH

He likes to exercise and do outdoor activities. He's always looking into electrical and sometimes other technology and also likes carpentry and various other trade work.

In Our Thoughts:

Kay Soman, an active and long-time member of this church, died February 12. Our thoughts are with the family.

Do you know of anyone who is in need of a card or a call? Please notify Luanna Jacobs, Chair, Caring Committee.



**DREAM GROUP-WEDNESDAY, MAY 4
6-8 PM - YOUTH GROUP ROOM**

This is a chance to explore as a group the insights and messages of our dreams.

Bring a dream to share. Contact Liz Hill liz@lizhill.net if you have questions.

ALL-CHURCH SOCIAL ACTION PROJECT

We are seeking donated garden tools for a tool library. We will use these in a variety of earth-caring activities, including working with Martin Luther King Elementary School's new building.



They want to grow a pumpkin patch. The school superintendent was enthused about a project and plants that would not need a lot of summer attention, beyond some weeding and watering as needed. Items can be brought to church during the service and given to Jim Converse.

**OUR SOCIAL ACTION PROJECT NAMED
UUYO Farm to Family**

The name received 60 percent of the 48 votes. Results:

- UUYO Farm to Family – 30;
- UUYO Local Food Project – 2;
- Food from the Ground Up – 7;
- Grow Now in Peace – 9.

The goal of the project is "to assure access for everyone to healthy food produced in an environmentally sustainable manner preferably by local farmers. In short, we want to improve the way the Mahoning Valley eats."

UUYO Farm to Family is off to a good start. We are now working with a local elementary school to develop a student garden; we are exploring ways – and seeking volunteers – to expand the Farmers' Market held each summer on our church grounds. In the long term, we will be supporting efforts to start a new food coop linking local farmers with individual/institutional customers.

Steve Oravec

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC - SUNDAY, JUNE 12

Mark this date on your calendar. We will hold our annual picnic on June 12 from 12:30 PM until dark. It will be held at Mill Creek Park - Chestnut Hill Pavilion.

Bring sports equipment and any board or card games you enjoy. In the food area, bring a dish to share, cold drinks, and your own table settings.



The pavilion is reserved all day, so we can stay and enjoy each other's company until darkness falls.

LAKE TO RIVER CO-OP LOCAL FOODS BENEFIT
Thursday, May 19--6 PM -- Channing Hall

Featured at the event will be local, seasonal, foraged, and prepared food by local chefs and some wine and beer to pair. Participating will be General Manager and Chef BJ Sulka from Springfield Grille in Boardman; Clint Kifolo, Executive Chef of YSU; and Tom Delgenio, Executive Chef at the Lemon Grove. The food will feature pasture-raised meat, gluten-free and raw vegan options to accommodate all eaters with spring favorites (wild mushrooms, asparagus, watercress, ramps, strawberries, spring greens, goat cheese, fresh herbs, Lamppost Solar Powered Chicken). Also, some of our producers will be joining us during the evening to talk with everyone about local products and what they do.

The cost of attendance is \$35 and will include a glass of wine or beer (more available for purchase). This event is a fundraiser for the Lake to River Co-op for local farmers and producers being started in Youngstown and the surrounding 15-county area to serve local institutions and restaurants. Checks to be made out to Common Wealth, Inc. As a 501 c-3, any value above the direct value of food is tax deductible, which would be \$20.

Sponsors: Common Wealth, Inc. and Northeast Ohio Food Hub project Lake to River Co-op.

Join Goodness Grows, an ag ministry from North Lima, as a co-sponsor by helping to forage food from local farmers that will fit into our menu, publicizing the event, or gathering donations to make this event a huge success.

(Springfield Grille, Boardman; The Lemon Grove; First Unitarian Church/UUYO Farm to Family Social Action Project)

I will be obtaining tickets in the very near future; but in the meantime, you can contact me about being put on the reservation list. There will be space for only 150 people. If you cannot come and want to sponsor someone who cannot afford to pay the full ticket price, please let me know as well.

Adam Lee, local food activist, adamlee49@gmail.com

SOCRATES CAFÉ-WEDNESDAY, MAY 4 - 7 PM



We're bringing our minds together to discuss important things. We select the topic of the meeting when we meet, and we give everyone an opportunity to express their opinions. All are welcome.

The leader will see that each person writes a topic for discussion that most interests them. The leader will read them all off to be voted upon. The two topics that receive the most votes will be voted on a second time to select the topic for the night. The goal is to think, discuss, laugh and ponder.

**BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP
MAY 18 - 7:30 PM**

During our May meeting, we will be discussing Ghosts of Spain; Travels Through Spain and Its Silent Past by Giles Tremlett.



The digging up of the past marks Giles Tremlett's starting point for a series of essays on Spain. Loosely presented as a travel book. This selection explores some of the more intriguing aspects of the country through its history, taking in everything from flamenco to Basque nationalism.

WOMEN'S ALLIANCE - SATURDAY, MAY 14

We will meet at 1 PM at the Golden Hunan, 3309 Belmont. Note the time change, since they do not open until 1. Also, they have moved about 2 blocks north of where they were, still on the same side of Belmont. See you there.



JUNE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the June newsletter is Monday, May 23. Please place articles in office mailbox or email to office@uuyo.org.

**BUILDING & GROUNDS WORK PARTY
SATURDAY, MAY 21 - 10 AM - 1 PM**

There's much work to do both inside and outside.

Come out and help and enjoy the company. Remember there's always coffee and donuts.

STRETCH & CREATIVE MOVEMENT CLASS

TUESDAYS - 6 - 7:30 PM - CHANNING HALL

Classes include yoga, stretching, muscle strengthening/toning and creative movement with simple choreography.

Join us and take some time for yourself to focus on posture, breathing and the joy of movement.

Suggested donation to defray costs will be \$20 per month. Call Susan Callen Miracle.


**COFFEE HOUSE-THE COCOA-MOCHA
FRIDAY, MAY 20 - 7-10 PM
CHANNING HALL**

Cocoa Mocha is a family-friendly gathering that provides a safe space for all LGBTQ youth and allies. We get together every third Friday of the month in Channing Hall for workshops, music, dancing, and good food.



All LGBTQ people and allies are welcome.

May 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
All events are held at the church unless otherwise stated.						
1 Sunday Service 11 AM Adult Forum 9:30 AM CLM - 1 PM	2	3 S&CM class 6-7:30 PM	4 <u>Dream Group 6-8 PM</u> Socrates Cafe 7 PM CLM - 7 PM Committee on Ministry 7 PM	5	6	7 Financial Committee <u>Meeting 8:30 AM</u> Manjushri Study Group 3-5 PM
8 Sunday Service 11 AM Adult Forum 9:30 AM Intro to UU 12:10 PM CLM - 1 PM	9	10 S&CM class 6-7:30 PM Board meeting 6:30 PM	11 CLM - 7 PM	12	13	14 Women's Alliance 1 PM Golden Hunan
15 Sunday Service 11 AM Adult Forum 9:30 AM CLM - 1 PM	16 WPNA meeting 6 PM	17 S&CM class 6-7:30 PM	18 <u>CLM - 7 PM</u> Book Discussion Group - 7:30 PM	19 Producers Co-op Fundraiser - 6 PM	20 Coffee House Cocoa Mocha 7-10 PM	21 B&G Work Party 10 AM - 1 PM
22 Sunday Service 11 AM Adult Forum 9:30 AM Intro to UU 12:10 PM <u>RE meeting-12:15</u> CLM - 1 PM	23 Newsletter deadline	24 S&CM class 6-7:30 PM Long-Range Planning meeting 7 PM	25 <u>CLM - 7 PM</u> UU Philosophy 7 PM	26	27	28
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UU GENERAL ASSEMBLY

This year I will attend my 20th consecutive UU General Assembly. This year GA returns to Charlotte, NC, where it was in 1993. This year we celebrate the 50-year anniversary of the union of the Unitarian and Universalist denominations.

Attendance at the UUA General Assembly is a very good way of fostering new enthusiasm in a congregation. For that reason, Jim Rogers and Jack Brizzi would like to encourage some young adults and youth to consider attending and becoming a part of the GA young adults or youth caucuses. If you are considering this, contact Jack or Jim; and we'll explore with you how to make it happen. May 1 is the deadline for discounted admission. (www.uua.org/ga) Jack Brizzi

GROW YOUNGSTOWN

With so many friends in the UUYO congregation, Grow Youngstown is delighted and not at all surprised by UUYO's recent commitment to local food. We see it as a natural extension of this congregation's commitment to social justice and thank you for making it an explicit part of your mission. Grow Youngstown sees food as a framework within which to create interdependencies between people, organizations and businesses and ultimately strengthen the community we live in. There are many frames for the work of social justice, but given peak oil and corporate dominance of our food system, local food seems like "low hanging fruit." The need for local food is apparent. We all have to eat—all of us. It's one thing we can all agree on.

So to further the cause, in addition to promoting the CSA markets of Early Road Gardens and Red Basket Farm, we are running our own CSA market, the **Grow Youngstown CSA**. By running our own CSA, we can purchase from new growers who do not yet have capacity to grow more than a few crops, thereby giving them a sure market and an incentive. After all, we need a lot of farmers to feed the world with the local food system model, so we all need to do what we can to incentivize the new business opportunity vegetable and fruit farming present and jump start the process. The Grow Youngstown CSA allows us to increase the number of new growers, provide you with local fresh produce, provide healthy food access where there is none, and introduce more people to eating and cooking with fresh fruits and vegetables. We'll also be managing an "add-on" market offering honey, goat cheese, eggs and other products that will be available by special order at your pick up location. With drop locations on the North Side (Fairgreen and Ohio), South Side (Ohev Tzedek on Glenwood Avenue), the YMCA in Boardman and Emanuel Lutheran Church in Warren, we hope you will find it convenient to become a member.

If you want to eat more local veggies and help to increase the numbers of local growers in our community, please join us. Our season delivers for 18 weeks. A family share is \$450, a single is \$250.

Please email csa@growyoungstown.org or call [330.286.0688](tel:330.286.0688) for more information. You can also purchase a share online at www.growyoungstown.org.

For our health, let's eat!

Elsa Higby, Director, Grow Youngstown

TEMPLE GRANDIN

Tuesday, May 17 - 7 PM - Stambaugh Auditorium - Free
The Rich Center at YSU is sponsoring nationally known autism author, speaker, and animal scientist, Dr. Temple Grandin, in a talk followed by a book signing.

Ticket information is available by contacting the Rich Center at 300.941.2047 or at ysu.edu/RichCenter.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday
9 AM - 3 PM

THE PHILOSOPHICAL ROOTS OF UU MAY 25 - 7 PM



This discussion-based group will explore the philosophical foundations of Unitarian Universalism. The group will look closely at original texts and examine their philosophical import and relevance for the modern UU church.

On May 25, we will be reading work by Jonathan Edwards. The reading will be available in the Adult Education mailbox and via a link on the web later this month, which we will announce in the weekly bulletin.

The group will be led by Matt Alspaugh and Alan Tomhave. All are welcome.

OHIO MEADVILLE DISTRICT SUMMER INSTITUTE

If you would like to connect with other UU's in the region, consider attending the Ohio Meadville Summer Institute 2011 on July 10-16 at Kenyon College, Gambier, OH, with 300 other UU's. Families and children are especially welcome.

Booklets are in the Adult Education mailbox.

WOMEN'S HEART DAY

Thursday, May 12 - 6:30 AM to 2 PM - Covelli Centre

Women's Heart Day is Free and a great place to get the motivation and information you need to improve your own heart health.



Registration is required. Call or go online today!
1.877.700.4647 or Online at www.HMpartners.org.

Presented by Humility of Mary Health partners Heart & Vascular and Laboratory Services.

MANJUSHRI STUDY GROUP - MAY 7, 3-5 PM

Spiritual Director: Lama Zopa Rinpoche
Course Title: Buddhism in a Nutshell
Suggested donation: \$10 per session; \$5 if you are a student or laid off.
Contact information: Julie Thomas - 330.941.1735.

All are welcome; you do not have to be Buddhist.

TARA DANCE

Immerse your body, speech and mind in meditation through simple, powerful dance and chanting. The Mandala Dance of the 21 Praises of Tara has been taught all over the world as personal practice and communal offering. The dance involves simple, tai-chi-like movements.

Summer and Fall Dates: (come rain or shine!)
May 8, June 26, July 24, Aug. 28, Sept. 25, Oct. 23

12-2 PM at Gazebo or Kidston Pavilion at Fellows Riverside Gardens, 123 McKinley Ave. Yo.

Fee: \$5 for students; \$10 for adults (per session)

For more information, contact Julie Thomas at jethomas@ysu.edu or leave message at 330.941.1735.

FLOWER POWER - SATURDAY, JUNE 4

"Flower Power!" is the theme of the 14th Annual Streetscape Planting Day. Streetscape planting day is on June 4 from 8 until noon.



About 400 volunteers will trim and plant flowers, shrubs and trees as well as remove garbage, primarily in the city's downtown area that day.

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Our Mission is to build a diverse and transformative spiritual community, help people live lives of wholeness, and promote justice, peace, and religious freedom.

Unitarian Universalist Association Principles and Purposes

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalists Association, covenant to affirm and promote:

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person
- Justice, equity, and compassion in human relations
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.