

MATT'S MUSINGS



Unitarian Universalism has a long tradition of what is called “congregational polity.”

While that might be a mouthful, it means that most of the congregational decision-making is done where it should be -- at the congregational level. A UU congregation decides its own budgets, whom it hires for staff, whom to call for their minister. There is no “hierarchy” that assigns clergy or decides which churches must close. We UUs cherish our congregational polity because it allows wide freedom at the congregational level to do what is right for that congregation, allowing for experimentation and diversity. We also cherish this policy because it is what allowed our very liberal religious tradition to emerge from -- of all places -- the Puritan churches of New England.

UUYO faces a decision in the next few months. I have served as your “consulting minister” for a little over two years. This consulting arrangement was good for both of us. It allowed me to work with you on some of the transitional tasks identified by your former interim, Rev. Martha Munson; and it allowed you to regain your bearings without going through another interim time and another time-consuming search.

It is now time to decide if you will choose me as your called minister. The differences are subtle, but real. A called minister serves for an indefinite time; there is no specified end date, as there is with a consulting arrangement. A called minister is called by, and accountable to, the congregation, while a consulting minister is hired by, and accountable to, the board of trustees.

While congregational polity means that you as a congregation are free to do what seems right, there is wisdom from the past and from other congregations' experiences that can be applied here. This wisdom is encoded in your by-laws and in recommended procedures for calling a minister. In our case, the process will start with selection of a search committee; you might call it a Ministerial Transitions Committee, that will be approved by the congregation. This committee will evaluate what qualities of ministry are appropriate for UUYO and then determine whether I fit that ministry. Assuming this committee decides “yes,” we'll set up a time of discussion called candidating week, where we will focus on how the called ministry will be different than the consulting ministry. At the end of candidating week, there will be a congregational meeting; and you will vote on whether to call me as your settled minister.

Liz and I are quite interested in staying in Youngstown, and I am delighted to be considered for your long-term ministry. I believe we have made significant progress together creating a vibrant, active, growing community with a strong sense of shared ministry. I have great optimism for the future of this congregation. I look forward to the possibility of a continued relationship with you.

See you in church!

Matt

SUNDAY SERVICES - 11 AM
ALL ARE WELCOME.

The children start in the sanctuary in all services and leave together for their classes, except for multigenerational services noted below.

Through December, join us for singing - 10:30 AM!

December 4: “An Evergreen World”

Our holiday seasons have become increasingly materialistic and extravagant. How can we celebrate in a sustainable way? This exploration is part of our Green Sanctuary initiative to live with more environmental consciousness.



Worship Leader: Matt Alspaugh
Worship Associate: Sarah Jordan

December 11: “It is Possible to Live in Peace?”

Is this becoming a more peaceful world? It's hard to believe this is true with so many images and videos of terrorism, gang wars, police brutality, and genocide assaulting us daily. We'll explore the evidence (see Steven Pinker's book *The Better Angels of our Nature*) and consider what this means for us.

Worship Leader: Matt Alspaugh
Worship Associate: Carole McWilson

December 18: “Solstice”

The winter solstice is widely celebrated by many cultures and in many religions. We also celebrate this time of darkness and the return of light, through music, story, poetry and ritual. This is a multigenerational service.

Worship Leader: BeckyAnn Harker
Worship Associate: Kadey Kimpel

December 24: 7 PM

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

We'll come together for our traditional Christmas Eve service. As is becoming our tradition, we will start with a rousing “Hymn shout,” and continue with carols, stories, music and lighting of candles. This is a multigenerational service; childcare will be available in the nursery for infants and young children. Cookies and refreshments will follow the service.



Worship Leader: Matt Alspaugh
Worship Associates: Phil Zauderer and Sarah Lown

December 25: “Christmas Day Meditations”

Our Christmas Day service is a quiet, reflective gathering featuring selections from Olivier Messiaen's wonderful mid-century piece “Vingt Regards sur l'Enfant Jésus” (“Twenty Contemplations on the Infant Jesus”) played by Marcellene Hawk Mayhall, interspersed with readings and silence.

Worship Leader: Matt Alspaugh
Worship Associate: Sarah Lown

January 1:

“Resolutions, Conflict and Interconnectedness”

This service will explore how to have successful resolutions. As a growing church, conflict is somewhat inevitable due to new people and new ideas. We will delve into some of the underlying reasons for such conflict and ways to better understand other people's perspectives in the New Year. This is a multigenerational service.

Worship Leader: Mark DeBruin
Worship Associate: Sarah Jordan

ADULT FORUMS – 9:30 AM – CHANNING HALL

December 4 -- "Information Overload"

We are bombarded with news and information. What sources do you use, and for what purposes? Which sources do you trust, and why? Lowell Satre will moderate this discussion.

December 11

"Satre Bicycle Trip in Spain and France--Part Two"

Ellen and Lowell Satre will show photos and talk about their recent tandem bicycle adventure in France. This segment will cover Provence, the Massif Central, and Burgundy.

December 18 -- Peg Tomm on *After the Prophet*
Peg Tomm, reader extraordinaire, will discuss the recently published book, *After the Prophet: The Epic Story of the Shia-Sunni Split in Islam*, by Lesley Hazleton. An important subject; try to be there.



December 25 -- No Adult Forum

INTRO TO UU SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 – 12:15 PM

This will be a short presentation and discussion about Unitarian Universalism, UUYO, and you. This is a particularly useful gathering for visitors and newcomers.

Grab a cup of coffee or tea and join us in Schweitzer Lounge, for this 20-minute presentation, led by Rev. Matt Alspaugh and Carole McWilson.

STEWARDSHIP DRIVE 2012 UPDATE

Thank you to those who have returned your pledge cards; your generosity and support of UUYO is greatly appreciated. At last count, about 50 individuals and families have made a pledge for 2012, some for the first time. What is especially encouraging is that half of those pledging have increased their support for 2012. This is wonderful!

However, we still have a ways to go to keep us up and running, to expand our programs and outreach, and to achieve new goals brought forth during our roundtables and visioning workshops. Realizing these goals will require all of us to generously give of our time, talent, and treasures.

If you have not yet made your pledge, please do so as soon as you are able. You may give your pledge card to any Board member, mail it in, or place it in the offering plate on Sunday. If you need a pledge card, please ask a Board member or contact Diane at 330.746.3067, or office@uuyo.org.

Thank you again for your generosity. Let's not just keep our doors open, but truly open our doors!

Brian Selius, Finance Chair

EQUAL EXCHANGE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Fair Trade coffee, tea, and cocoa products are perfect for holiday gift giving. Support small farmers and our church with Equal Exchange Fair Trade purchases this season.



See the coffee cart during Coffee Hour.

Ellen Satre

Reflections

Greetings from UUYO-RE, or UUYORE (Eeyore's cousin, perhaps?)!

We would like to extend a huge thank you to Roger and Gloria Jones for inviting us to the OH WOW! Museum! There were over 50 of us there, and we all had a great time! We ate, we played, we got a little out of hand (mostly the adults!); but we cleaned up nicely after ourselves and had some fun in our extracurricular activity!



The lock-in was also a huge success! We played Minute to Win It games, watched Avatar, had some deep discussions, as only you can in the middle of the night, and played games. The kids were all well behaved, and it was a great bonding experience for us all. A warm thanks to my husband, Tim, Stephanie Crabb, Mark DeBruin, and Christy Gault for helping to chaperone the evening.

One change that we are making to our Sunday morning service schedule is that we are going to have the children start in the Sanctuary every week. There are many reasons for this. Parents have expressed a desire for this. Everyone will know what to expect each time they come to church. It will give the children and youth a sense of what church is about, outside of RE. It will also give any new families a sense that we are a church family, and they won't feel out of place coming to a church where there are no children visible. We can start our services as one big family! As we approach the holidays, we will be having more multigenerational services as well. So, we'll see you next week, and the week after that, and the week after that...!

--BeckyAnn Harker

RESILIENCE CIRCLE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 – 1 PM

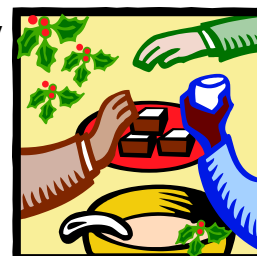
Resilience Circles are groups that come together to increase economic security during these tough times, through learning, mutual aid, and social action.

It's a great group for anyone worrying about their economic situation: transitioning jobs, underemployed, unemployed, retiring or retired, leaving school, or just feeling insecure.

2ND ANNUAL ALL-CHURCH CHRISTMAS PARTY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

Bring your singing voice and your creative, decorating talents, and help us welcome the season with an afternoon of carol singing and Christmas decorating! We will be celebrating on December 4 after church, starting in Channing Hall.

Please let me know if you have any craft ideas or snacks you'd like to share! You can call me at [330.270.1702](tel:330.270.1702), email me at dre@uuyo.org, or see me at church!



--BeckyAnn Harker

BITS FROM THE BOARD

Welcome to the Holiday Season!

The Board has hunkered down with the congregational feedback regarding the Roundtable Discussions from October 23 and the Visioning Retreat from November 5 to prepare and present a mission-based budget for the 2012 church year.

Although this may be one of the larger items on the agenda for the January 8, 2012, Annual Meeting, there are other important action items on that day, some of which include:

*A vote to choose our Board leadership for 2012, as well as choosing other positions such as UUA Delegates, Nominating Committee members. The Nominating Committee is currently seeking out two Trustees, a Vice President and a Secretary for the Board.

We have an interesting situation in that our President-to-be, Karen O'Malia, will be a "snow bird" this year and will not be in the area from the date of the Annual Meeting until April, as she enjoys time instead in Florida. Both the Board and the Nominating Committee have proposed and endorsed options to cover the time Karen O. will be gone.

*A vote to call a minister (Rev. Matt Alspaugh) to UUYO.

In order to do this according to our Bylaws, we first need to have a congregational vote to select the team that will move forward with planning the necessary steps for calling a minister. **Therefore, be advised that there will be a congregational meeting scheduled for Sunday, December 11, immediately after the service in the sanctuary to vote on the following motion:**

"...to form a Ministerial Transition Committee to oversee the process of calling Matt Alspaugh as our settled minister."

Members of this committee have been contacted by the Board and Nominating Committee in accordance with the Bylaws and include:

Ed Goist, Diane Barnes, Marcia Malmer, Gene Pusateri, Karen O'Malia, Karen Stangl and Joan Bushey.

We look forward to recapping the accomplishments and hard work of 2011 and helping you guide UUYO to meet your needs into 2012 and beyond!

Thank you and have a blessing-full holiday season!



Blessings, Karen Stangl

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18 - 7:30 PM

We will not meet in December. During our January meeting, we will discuss Scoop by Evelyn Waugh.

Evelyn Waugh's Scoop is a satire on journalism. The plot rests on some comic twists of fortune. The owner of the national paper, The Daily Beast, sends out by mistake a nature writer of nature columns, William Boot, to cover the war in the fictional East African country of Ishmaelia. William gets some quick lessons in the devious ways of journalists, who are always trying to outwit their colleagues and deliver a scoop.



CIRCLE SUPPERS

Thank you to Norma Anderson for hosting the November Circle Supper.

In 2012 Circle Suppers will continue on a quarterly basis. If interested in dinner conversations ranging from art to zoology and maybe even including some theology, mark your calendars for the following dates: February 11, May 5, August 11, and November 10.



Sarah Jordan

MULTIGENERATIONAL CONGREGATIONAL SINGING SUNDAYS 10:30 AM THROUGH CHRISTMAS



Come sing with us! We will be singing a combination of the hymns being sung that Sunday and also some Christmas carols. This will continue every Sunday through Christmas.

Everyone is invited whether you think you can sing or not. Marcellene Hawk Mayhall

BUILDING & GROUNDS WORK PARTY SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17 - 10 AM - 1 PM

Our last work party was very production, but there's still much to do.

Come out and help and enjoy the company along with coffee and donuts.



COFFEE HOUSE-THE COCOA-MOCHA FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16 - 7-10 PM

Cocoa Mocha is a family-friendly gathering that provides a safe space for all BLGTQ youth and allies.

We get together every third Friday of the month in Channing Hall for workshops, music, dancing, and good food.



SOCRATES CAFÉ WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7 - 7 PM

All are welcome. We're bringing our minds together to discuss important things. We select the topic of the meeting (by a vote) when we meet.

Discussion is fast paced as each person is only given a minute to make his or her point and then we move on. The goal is to think, discuss, laugh and ponder.

Roger Jones

**THE PHILOSOPHICAL ROOTS OF UU
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28 - 7 PM**

The UU Philosophy group will be exploring early American Unitarians, starting with William Ellery Channing, and his sermon "Unitarian Christianity" (link is <http://www.channingmc.org/channingspeech.html>).

All are welcome, even if you have not attended previously.



The group will be led by Rev. Matt Alspaugh and Alan Tomhave.

WOMEN'S ALLIANCE

Women's Alliance will meet on Saturday, December 10, at 12:30 PM at the Montana Rib and Chop House in Hermitage, PA (the address will be forthcoming). All are welcome.



We will have the annual cookie walk on Sunday, December 18. Please donate as many cookies as possible.

This is also a chance to buy an assortment of fresh, homemade cookies for Christmas. Call Margaret Haushalter for further information (330.757.8979).

NEWS - MEMBERS AND FRIENDS



Welcome New Members

Please welcome the following new members into our congregation and add their information to your church directory:

Patricia M. Natali

1360 Barbie Dr., Youngstown, OH 44512
#330.719.2337 -- email: pmnatali@gmail.com

Two children: Jennifer and Benjamin
Two grandchildren: Cam'ren and Damien
Patricia is an environmentalist at heart and by occupation. Interests: hiking, rock collecting, exploring, travel, reading (especially science & spirituality). Hobbies: playing games, interacting with others, being with her family.

Jon & Alison Locketti

4401 Mellinger Rd., Canfield, OH 44406
#330.559.7899 and #330.518.5011
email: jon.lockett@gmail.com & amachel@gmail.com

In Our Thoughts:



Gene Pusateri's mother passed away a couple of weeks ago. Please keep Gene and his family in your thoughts.

Do you know of anyone who is in need of a card or a call? Please notify Luanna Jacobs, Chair, Caring Committee (330.758.4142).



December 2011



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| All events are held at the church unless otherwise stated. | | | | | | |
| | | | | 1 | 2 Modern Witches Society - 7 PM | 3 Farmers' Market 9-12 Manjushri Study Group 3-5 PM |
| 4 <u>Service - 11 AM</u> Adult Forum <u>9:30 AM</u> Multigenerational Singing - 10:30 AM 2nd Annual Christmas Party 12:15 PM | 5 Committee on Ministry meeting 7 PM | 6 AA meeting <u>7 PM</u> S&CM class 6-7:30 PM | 7 Socrates Café - 7 PM | 8 | 9 | 10 Farmers' Market 9-12 Women's Alliance <u>12:30 PM</u> Tara Dance <u>1-3 PM</u> Manjushri Study Group - 3-5 PM Modern Witches Society - 7 PM |
| 11 <u>Service - 11 AM</u> Adult Forum <u>9:30 AM</u> Multigenerational Singing - 10:30 AM Intro to UU <u>12:15 PM</u> Congregational Meeting - 12 PM Resilience Circle - 1 | 12 | 13 AA meeting <u>7 PM</u> S&CM class <u>6-7:30 PM</u> Board meeting 6:30 PM | 14 | 15 Winter Solstice Dinner -- 7 PM | 16 Cocoa Mocha <u>7-10 PM</u> Modern Witches Society - 7 PM | 17 Farmers' Market 9-12 B&G work party <u>10 AM</u> Manjushri Study Group 3-5 PM |
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NOTIFICATION OF BOARD PROPOSED CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS CHANGES

The Board has endorsed the following amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws for UUYO. These will need to be ratified by congregational vote at the Annual Meeting scheduled for January 8, 2012. We are bringing these changes to your attention now as to ensure the minimum two-month notification of such proposed changes, highlighted in **bold** below:

Constitution- Article VII Amendment.

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of those active members present at the annual meeting **or any specially called congregational meeting** of the Church, provided that the proposed amendment has been circulated in writing to the active members at least two months before the meeting.

*This change was proposed to alleviate having to wait until the Annual Meeting to make a Constitutional Change, if there were ever a situation when a change at another time would be necessary.

Bylaws-Article IV Section III.

The annual meeting shall be held **at such time and place as determined by the Board.**

*This change was proposed because the original wording states that the Annual Meeting is held in November/December; the change reflects our current practice of holding it in January, and allows room for scheduling it at another time if necessary.

IF ONLY FOR THE SEASON A HOLIDAY ANTHOLOGY BY EDWARD SEARL

Celebrate the Holidays with this engaging and informative collection of poetry and prose. Forty-six selections touch varied expressions and intentions -- secular and traditional, ancient and modern. Joy and inspiration marbled this beguiling book that illuminates the Holiday Season in all its richness.

Ed wrote some of the materials collected in this anthology, including the title piece, while minister of the First Unitarian Church of Youngstown, 1978-1983.

Now available from Amazon as a soft-cover book, it will soon be available in a Kindle edition.



UUYO WEEKLY UPDATE

If you are not receiving the weekly update every Thursday and would like to, please let the office know at 330.746.3067 or office@uuyo.org. All we need is your email address, and we will add you to the list.



GENERAL ASSEMBLY

In 2005 I was introduced to something special in Fort Worth, Texas. I had heard about it years before by a former member here, Sandy Gaylord. Sandy and his wife would talk on and on about their experiences at General Assembly and how much they gained from attending. At the time I had no interest in the national movement, workshops, denomination presidents or being a delegate. I do remember Sandy stating that going to GA will change you. Sandy Gaylord is no longer with us; but if he was, I would tell him how right he was. The minister here at UUYO in 2005 was Susan Frederick-Gray, who was very supportive of my attending. She made sure my registration was paid for along with help with my hotel expenses. She also made me the official delegate for our congregation. I owe her so much for allowing me to see liberal religion on a large scale and connecting me with leaders of our faith in every state of the nation.

Being at GA is almost like being in college minus the exams. The five-day affair is packed with workshops, exhibits, and lectures on a variety of topics guaranteed to advance your intelligence about our faith and how we can use this information to make a better world. While I was in Fort Worth, Susan asked me if I would mind putting down my experiences at GA for the church newsletter, somewhat as a reporter. At first I was hesitant, having never done any writing before; but I agreed as a favor to her in hopes more of our members would be intrigued enough to attend GA the next year. After returning home and going over my notes, I realized just how much I'd retained and learned about liberal religion and most importantly the people I encountered along with their stories. These personal connections are important to me, and I still stay in touch with some of them. It's also important to learn from others what has worked for them and to share our common obstacles and successes.

As someone interested in history, I'm also amazed at the history of our denomination and the men and women who keep this thoughtful and unusual faith going. By attending GA, you have plenty of chances to explore in depth the stories of UU's, some famous and some not. The important thing is what we share, a message to heal a broken world. When you see so many congregants come together to renew their commitment to each other and to those who came before us, you begin to understand what holds us together.

Since that first GA report in '05, I think my writing skills have improved; and I appreciate the words of encouragement from our members about my reporting. If anything the subject matter has inspired me to write what I do. The Unitarian Universalist message is always relevant, and the passion I feel from everyone is contagious. Every year sometime during the last day of the convention, I feel a sort of melancholy set in knowing our time together is coming to a end; and I start to crave more workshops, lectures and conversations with fellow UU's. If my experiences have touched someone in our congregation to attend General Assembly, I would be thrilled; I truly want more to share in the joy.

Jim Rogers

PS. "The idea that religion and politics don't mix was invented by the Devil to keep Christians from running their own country."

Rev. Jerry Falwell

THANK UU'S

In the spirit of gratitude to each other for all of the many and varied ways people contribute to the life of UUYO, we acknowledge members and friends' donations of time, energy and financial support.

The Women's Alliance for their help with Dreams of Hope.

Diane Thomas for framing the Welcoming Congregation Proclamation and to Martin Berger for mounting it in the church foyer.

Brian Selius for chairing the Stewardship Committee and, specifically, for organizing the Roundtable Discussions on Sunday, October 23.

Jan Elias and Jan Schnall, who unknowingly signed up for coffee hour on Roundtable Discussion day. We really appreciate the extra planning and work required to serve baskets and trays of food on the tables that day.

Richard Palmer for his endless hours of technical attention.

Gene Pusateri and Susan Callen Miracle for their generosity and vision with Channing Hall and the kitchen.

Joan Bushey for her close to two years of coffee mentoring and support for Kadey Kimpel.

Jim Rogers deserves a huge THANK UU for his insightful articles in the *Steel Chalice*. For those of us who cannot attend General Assembly, he certainly provides a wonderful commentary on what goes on. Jim writes beautifully and really paints a visual picture of what the rest of us are missing.

Kadey Kimpel for planning mums at the corner garden.

Joan Bushey for typing up a guideline/checklist regarding facilitating a wedding day at UUYO. Her experience and attention to detail will help make others' special day run smoothly.

Jan Schnall for making volunteer sign-in sheets for the Volunteer Fair on November 20.



If you have a thank you that you'd like to have included in the newsletter, email Ellen Ford at ellen_ford@sbcglobal.net by the 15th of the month.

MODERN WITCHES SOCIETY

This is a religious group founded on the belief of Paganism. The Modern Witches Society is a coven that comes together to share, discuss, and practice our beliefs in an intimate group setting.

We celebrate the glory of nature's yearly and monthly cycles under no strict tradition, rather choosing to be eclectic, empowering freedom and creativity under the rule "harm none, do what ye will."

We will be meeting in December on the following dates at 7 PM: December 2, 10, 16, 21, and 30.

JANUARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Sunday, December 18, is the deadline for the January newsletter. Please place all articles in the office mailbox or email to office@uuyo.org by that date. Thank you.

NORTHSIDE FARMERS' MARKET



The Northside Farmers' Market began in the summer of 2003 as an outgrowth of UUYO, Rodef Shalom and Richard Brown congregational cooperation through the Wick Park Revitalization Planning Committee, and the

2011 season finds it going strong. The Market continues to provide access to locally grown produce in two locations weekly: the Saturday morning market on the lawn of UUYO and the Tuesday afternoon market in the Federal Plaza.

In 2011 we saw the return of our regular farm vendors, folks who make prepared lunches and breakfasts or pickled items, local artists, flea market tables and UUYO's Fair Trade coffee table. In addition, the NSFM gained new vendors such as the Turnip, the Beat Kitchen, Can-tastic locally grown and prepared canned goods and Tail-Waggin' Dog Treats. The market was also a regular host to several of our mission partners such as Grow Youngstown, Treez Please, and the new YNDC Iron Roots Farm and offered live music and food prep demonstrations.

People attend the market for a variety of reasons beyond the good food. Many say the market is a great place for informative conversation. Some take advantage of the free recipes offered in the information tent. Many come for the EBT services that allow them to convert money from their Ohio Direction Card into tokens spent at the vendors' booths. For each \$10 converted, the market gives the buyer three additional dollars in bonus tokens. One young mom of four returns to the Saturday morning market week after week because using the EBT service allows her to stretch her food dollar and buy healthy, unprocessed food for her kids. The distribution of bonus tokens are made possible through the Give Away the Plate program at UUYO and are particularly important gifts of the church to the community.

Jim Converse, Market Manager

NORTHSIDE FARMERS' MARKET STILL GOING ON AT UUYO Saturdays 9-12 until December 24

Now with breakfast, brunch, fair trade coffee, take-out food, fall vegetables and fruit.

Come and join us for good local food!
Help build community.



CHURCH DIRECTORY OF MEMBERS & FRIENDS

This directory is available on our website. The password to access this directory is youngstown. If you have a change that needs to be made, please contact the office. All changes to the directory must go through the office.



CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday
9 AM - 3 PM

CALENDAR BOOK

Calendar books are in Channing Hall for those who would like one. Please pick up before Christmas.
Jack Brizzi

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

This group meets on Tuesday nights at the church at 7 PM in Schweitzer Lounge.

BUDDHISM IN A NUTSHELL - PART V SATURDAYS 3-5 PM

Dates: Dec. 3, 10, & 17

This FPMT study program presents basic Buddhist philosophy and principles with the Tibetan Mahayana context, and provides simple meditation instruction. It also includes audio recordings, readings, and discussion questions.

Suggested donation: \$10 per session or \$5 if you are a student or laid off. All are welcome. You do not have to be Buddhist to attend nor is prior attendance required to join in!

STRETCH & CREATIVE MOVEMENT CLASS Tuesdays - 6 - 7:30 PM---Channing Hall

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

THREE PATHS BODY, MIND, SPIRIT HEALING & LIFE ENRICHMENT CENTER

Hope Lovrinoff-Moran is excited to extend an invitation to the grand opening / open house for Three Paths Body, Mind, Spirit Healing & Life Enrichment Center located at 983 Niles-Cortland Rd. (Rt.46) Warren, Ohio just off new Rt. 82 across from Lowes.

The dates are Friday, December 2, from 5-9 PM and Saturday, December 3, from 10 AM-5 PM. Friday will be focusing on relaxing and enjoying the work of local artists with a wine & cheese reception, and Saturday the practitioners will be available to offer abbreviated experiences of their particular modalities including Massage Therapy, Reiki, Life Coaching & Cranio-Sacral Therapy.

Hope would also like to invite any of the wonderful artists/photographers of UUYO to contact her at [330.507.5313](tel:330.507.5313) to exhibit for the open house.

TARA DANCE

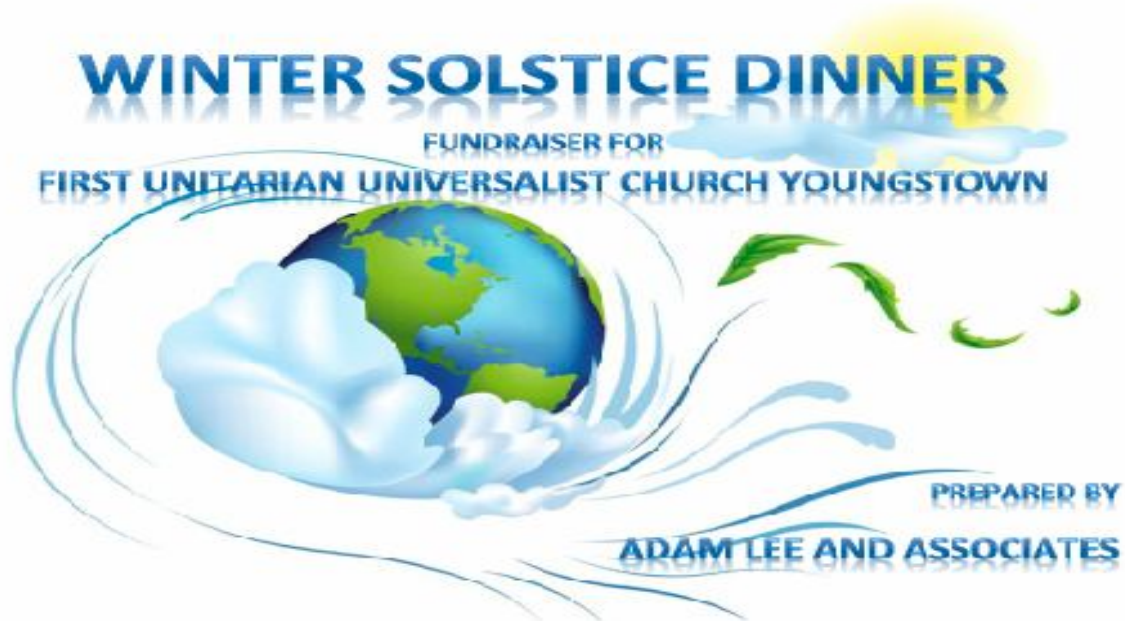
Immerse your body, speech and mind in meditation through simple, powerful dance and chanting. The Mandala Dance of the 21 Praises of Tara has been taught all over the world as personal practice and communal offering. The dance involves simple, tai-chi-like movements. All are welcome. Buddhist or dance experience is not necessary.

Dates: December 10, January 28, February 25, March 24, and April 28

Time: 1-3 PM

Where: First Unitarian Universalist Church

Fee: \$5 for students; \$10 for adults
For more information, contact Julie Thomas at jethomas@ysu.edu or 330.941.1735.



Thursday, December 15
Doors Open at 6:00
Dinner at 7:00

\$35/person for Dinner
\$50/person with Wine Pairing

Songs by Elsa Higby
Solstice Readings

Vegetarian Entrée Available
with Prior Reservation

RESERVATIONS: Contact Adam at adamlee49@gmail.com
or Diane at office@uuyo.org. Phone UUYO at 330-746-3067
of fill out form below and mail with check to:

First Unitarian Universalist Church of Youngstown
Attention: Solstice Dinner Reservations
1105 Elm Street, Youngstown, OH 44505

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Number of Reservations: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

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Roger Jones, Ministry
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Stephanie Corrette-Bennett, Religious Education
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Ellen Ford, Thank You
Diana Shaheen, Welcoming Congregation
Margaret Haushalter, Women's Alliance
Sarah Lown, Worship Associate Coordinator

Mission Statement

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.

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