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**SUNDAY SERVICES—11 AM—SANCTUARY  
ALL ARE WELCOME.**

**March Worship Theme:  
“Liberation”**

*“True wisdom comes in understanding that sometimes, you are both the prison and the key.”— Johnathan Jena*



Liberation is about struggling against “others.” There *are* forces, structures and people that put prison bars around us. Liberation is indeed about “opposing the powerful,” “dismantling systems,” and “fighting them for freedom.” But sometimes the bars are of our own making. Sometimes the limits and boxes are self-imposed. Sometimes, we are indeed both the prison and the key.

**March 6 - “Ripping Off the Band-Aid, Again”**

How does a movement's vision of "liberation" evolve from generation to generation? Today we are seeing the reemergence of issues of great import for both the racial justice and women's movements, the opening of old wounds, and the clash between "old" and "new" ways of thinking. We'll explore how we can come together across generational divides to heal and work for justice.



**Worship Leader: Molly Toth  
Musician: Nanette Solomon**

**March 13 - “The Music Shall Set You Free”**

The Gospel of John (3:32) states that the truth will set you free. That may be so, but it happens a lot faster when music is involved. This year's Music Sunday features virtuoso harpist Kirk Kupensky along with the multi-talented members of UUYo. There will be a spring wind blowing through the sanctuary with songs and musical scores dedicated to the proud tradition of music and liberation. All are invited to sing and clap and join hands in solidarity (no musical talent necessary).



**Worship Leader: Sarah Lown  
Worship Associate: Jan Elias**

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### March 20 - "Dancing the Circles of the Seasons"

March 20 is the date of the Spring Equinox. We reflect on the circle of the seasons, the years, our lives. Drummers Dan and Pam Susany will be with us, leading an Equinox drumming circle.



**Worship Leader: Rev. Matt Alspaugh**

**Worship Associate: Adam Lee**

**Musicians: Dan & Pam Susany**

### March 27- "Life That Maketh All Things New"

"Oh Life That Maketh All Things New" is a hymn by Samuel Longfellow, brother to the poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. This hymn is our starting point as we consider Easter from a historically Unitarian and Universalist perspective.



**Worship Leader: Rev. Matt Alspaugh**

### Chocolate Lovers Rejoice!

NEWS FLASH! Equal Exchange has just announced some changes to its already wonderful chocolate bars. The 100 g. size will be reduced to 80 g. But that means we will be able to offer chocolate bars at a new, lower price (yet to be determined). Since the milk chocolate will no longer contain hazelnuts people with nut allergies will now be able to enjoy this long-time favorite. For dark chocolate fans, a new bar called Extreme Dark contains 88% cacao. Let us know if your taste buds crave such decadence.



Remember, there will still be cold weather in Ohio. So, curl up with a foaming mug of hot chocolate. Wake to the aroma of a great cup of java. Warm your hands around an afternoon cup of tea. Visit the Equal Exchange coffee cart during coffee hour every week to stock up on high-quality organic, Fair Trade products. Each purchase helps small farmers and our own UUYO church community.

In the spirit of food justice, for Equal Exchange,  
Ellen Satre

### LEADERS:

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### 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 Universalist 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 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

### OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday and Friday, 9am-3:30pm  
Sunday, 9-11am and 12:30-4:30pm

## UU Leadership Institute



Wanting to become a better leader in your work, your life, and in church? Consider attending our UU Leadership Institute. The program is a mix of on-line and in-person training sessions. There are 11 different courses, including leadership, theology, and church practice. Cost: \$30.

Since February, we have been offering two UU Leadership Institute classes as small group gatherings. You are invited to join them anytime they are offered whether you attended previous sessions or not.

### Healthy Leadership 101

Gives an understanding of how your congregation (or other organization) functions as an interconnected, organic system of relationships, and offers healthy ways to manage change and conflict.

Alternate Mondays, 6:30 - 8pm (Time may vary.)

### Membership Ministry 141

Alternate Tuesdays, 6:30 - 8pm (Time may vary.)

Covers the full spectrum of congregational membership from welcoming the newcomer to pathway to community member to deeper engagement. Our emerging Membership Team will be considering these ideas as we revitalize our membership process.

## Matt's Musings

The day is surprisingly sunny and warm, after a few weeks of cold, clouds, and snow. I so want to be outside, but I have a deadline to finish this newsletter column! So my mind turns to future plans, to warmer months and warmer places. I want to mention a couple for you to consider.

General Assembly - Columbus Ohio - June 22 - 26

Our annual national gathering of UUs comes to Ohio for the first time in several decades. This is a great opportunity to connect with the larger UU universe of which we are a part. About 4000 other UUs will be attending, and I'll be among them. It's a high point of the year for me. Worship is amazing, programming is diverse and illuminating, you will come home energized with possibility. Krista Tippett, the radio host of *On Being*, will speak on Saturday. Among others presenting are faith leaders Rev. William Barber, Rev. John Dorhauer and Rabbi Rick Jacobs, and prominent justice champions Melissa Harris Perry and Cecile Richards. There is excellent youth programming also.

Registration is \$350 for the full four days, \$135 for one day, \$190 for youth grades 9-12. Rates go up May 1. You can volunteer time in exchange for a discount, but you need to apply by March 31. Scholarships are available, too; apply by March 31. Discounted hotels and dorm rooms are available, but these go quickly after the registration site opens March 1. See [uua.org/ga/](http://uua.org/ga/) for details about General Assembly.

Summer Institute - Oberlin College - July 17 - 23

Our UU Summer Institute is a highly family-oriented gathering of some 600 UUs for a week of learning, worship, and fun! I've only scratched the surface of the programming, including things like improv, drumming, lectures on theology, music and beer tasting. Children's youth programs are a cornerstone of SI. Total cost for meals, lodging and programming is (approximately) \$525 for an adult or youth, \$360 for a child, \$75 for young adult weekend only. See [omdsi.org](http://omdsi.org) for more information.

We have people already planning our annual church picnic, Sunday June 12. I wonder if some might be interested in organizing a church camp-out or retreat, maybe in late summer or early fall? It could be a great way for young and old to be together outside of church!

Finally, you should know that Liz and I will be finishing our sabbatical time with two months away from UUYO starting April 3. This is the second half of my sabbatical; we took two months to travel the western US last year. This year we are traveling to Europe for a month, beginning with a retreat on Celtic spirituality in Ireland, followed by time visiting some of Liz's relatives, visiting friends in ministry in London, and then time in Italy. In May I plan to spend additional time with my brother in his home in Puerto Rico; that time will be focused on writing and reflection.

See you in church!

Dear Members and Friends of UUYO,

Wow – we are rolling into March already! On top of classes (I'm taking History of the Western Christian Traditions Part 2 and New Testament and Christian Origins this term, as well as completing coursework for UU History and Polity for anyone keeping track), preparing for graduation (in May), preparing for Matt's second sabbatical (in April and May), and all the many things that go along with each of these, I have also been sending out and begun the process of interviewing for Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) residency positions. These are one-year positions. My hope is to stay in northeastern Ohio, and I've applied to the Cleveland VA hospital and St. Vincent's hospital, and I'm looking into a couple of other options just in case. I think I should know by the end of the month – before my intensives in April – if I will be offered a position.



One of the community efforts that I've been involved with in my work with UUYO has been the Dialogues on Race program. It started as Enabling Racial Reconciliation in Greater Youngstown and that group was brought together with another group to form this new effort. The work of this group is currently being facilitated by a Senior Associate of Everyday Democracy (<http://everyday-democracy.org/>). Progress is being made with a date set for a community kick-off (April 28) for recruiting people from the community to participate in dialogues. There is a final preparatory meeting happening on Thursday, March 3 from 4-7 pm – if you'd be interested in possibly being a facilitator in the dialogues, please let me know! If you can't make the whole time, that would still work.

I'm continuing my research on UUYO's history and would love to talk with anyone who is interested in sharing their memories or knowledge. I have a paper to write on this and am planning to deliver a sermon on it sometime later this spring, after I've had a chance to process it. There's a lot of material!

And, as always, I am looking forward to seeing you in church!

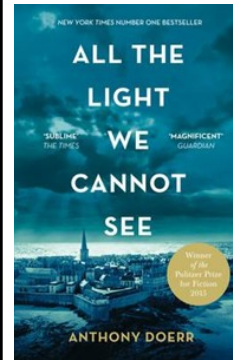
In faith,  
**Kristina Spaude**

### **YEPS Potluck and Movie Night - Wednesday, March 23 from 6-9pm**

The Youngstown Eclectic Pagan Society invites you to attend a potluck and movie night Wednesday, March 23rd in Channing Hall at UUYO. For more information and to make suggestions for the choice of the movie, go to Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/y.towneclecticpagansociety/>.

### **Book Club - Wednesday, March 16 at 7:15pm**

The UUYO Book Group will meet at 7:15 p.m. on Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at the home of Melissa Smith to discuss:



**All the Light We Cannot See**, Anthony Doerr's 2015 Pulitzer Prize-winning novel which was praised by the prize committee as an "imaginative and intricate" work that explores "human nature and the contradictory power of technology." In 2015 the title was also a National Book Award Finalist and won the 2015 Ohioana Library Association Book Award for Fiction.

Anthony Doerr is an Ohio native, raised near Cleveland, now living in Boise, Idaho; this is his second novel. Doerr relates the stories of Marie-Laure, a French girl who is blind

and Werner, a German boy who is a member of the Nazi Youth. The parallel lives of these two eventually cross in Saint-Malô, a walled city in northwestern France.

In April we will consider two titles by Bill Bryson. **At Home: A Short History of Private Life** is, as described by his publisher: "a room-by-room tour through his own house, using each room as a jumping off point into the vast history of the domestic artifacts we take for granted. As he takes us through the history of our modern comforts, Bryson demonstrates that whatever happens in the world eventually ends up in our home, in the paint, the pipes, the pillows, and every item of furniture." **The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid** is Bryson's memoir of growing up in the 1950s. Read one, read both; discuss.

Contact **Louisa Berger** for further information ([bergermom@gmail.com](mailto:bergermom@gmail.com)).

### **Wine, Chocolate, Treez—And Beez! Saturday March 19 from 7-11 pm**

Treez Please's annual fund raiser and fairly famous party! Saturday, March 19, 7-11 p.m., First Unitarian Universalist Church of Youngstown (1105 Elm St). Sampling from sustainably-sourced and/or organic wines and chocolates; live classical guitar, live dance music; poetry and prose in celebration of Earth Hour.



Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door; \$10 for students with ID and may be purchased from Susie Beiersdorfer (330-881-1050), online at [www.treezplease.org](http://www.treezplease.org) or by sending check to Treez Please, PO Box 1191, Youngstown, OH 44501.

## This 'n That

Clare Puskarczyk, Ph.D., is showing movies every Wednesday and Friday evening beginning March 2 from 7 to 9 pm near Park and Fifth on the Northside. DVDs presenting Consciousness Studies and the integration of Spirit and Science, including Rupert Sheldrake (morphic resonance), Bruce Lipton (Biology of Belief), Christian De Quincey (consciousness as philosophy), and related topics (remote viewing, telepathy, healing, sacred geometry) will be shown. Since Clare's area/passion is Consciousness Studies, and she has met/conversed with many of these presenters, she is open for questions/discussion. There are two flights of stairs, no elevator. It is essential to RSVP (small space). Fruit juice and herb tea are provided. You may bring drinks/snacks to share. Clare's is a vegan, organic, non-GMO household. There is no fee. Contact Clare at 330-746-8004 if there are questions.

YSU is hosting multiple events in honor of Women's History Month that are open to the public. For more information, please contact Diana Palardy at [wstud-ies@ysu.edu](mailto:wstud-ies@ysu.edu) or 330-941-2320.

## Poverty Simulation Seminar Saturday March 12 from 9:00-Noon Rocky River, Ohio

West Shore Unitarian Universalist Church has been studying the Congregational Study Action Issue "Escalating Inequality." To provide deeper insight into the difficulties faced by inequality, the Inclusivity Ministry is hosting a Poverty Simulation Seminar on Saturday, March 12, 2016 from 9 until noon. This seminar, created by the Cleveland Foodbank, is designed to help educate our community about the problems people in poverty face every day. The success of the seminar depends on participants who will play the role of simulated family members and spend a "month" in poverty. This seminar needs a minimum of 60 participants to happen.

The seminar concludes with a facilitated discussion on how it felt to spend a "month" struggling to meet basic needs and how the participants can become more involved in helping solve this problem in their community. Both adults and high school students are encouraged to attend. A donation of \$10 per person is suggested, however; whatever you can give will be appreciated. Additional donations will help defray expenses. Sign up at the church office or on the home page of the church website: [www.wsuuc.org](http://www.wsuuc.org). Deadline to register is by March 6.

A Free Will Donation will be accepted to help defray the cost of materials; teens/youth are especially welcome to attend. Childcare for 4 or more children if registered by Sunday, March 6th.

## Assistive Hearing Devices

Assistive hearing devices are available for use during the service. Greeters are available, if needed, to help you find the devices located at the back of the sanctuary.

## Thank UU's

Women's Alliance would like to thank all who helped with Wally Mayhall's Memorial Reception. Greatly appreciated was the help from Jan Schnall, Jan Elias, Cathy Kajut, Mary Ellen Shutes, Susie Beiersdorfer, Beth Foster and Louisa Berger.

### Eugenia Pierce

A huge Thank UU to Alison Locketti, Liz Hill, Molly Toth, and Andy Crabb for facilitating and chaperoning our youth Lock-In last month! Everyone had a great time, and your time and energy commitments were much appreciated!

### Becky

The exit door from the Fall Room (behind the kitchen) has been replaced. This should be the last stage of the months-long effort to bring the church into compliance with city fire-safety regulations. Thanks to Tim Ingram for help with the door's installation.

### Martin Berger

We would like to thank the Women's Alliance for the book plate in Arthur's honor. This means a lot to him.

### Carol and Arthur Hewitt

## Theater Event - Friday, March 11 from 6-11 pm

Kent State Trumbull Theater will open their Spring show, the classic American play, *The Children's Hour* by Lillian Hellman, directed by the new theater director, Eric Kidow. As theater director emeritus, I get unlimited opening night comp tickets, which I use to sponsor a theater party. We meet for dinner at ENZO'S Restaurant at 6 PM then to theater for the 8 PM show. You can bring friends and/or family. Theater tickets are free but a \$10 donation to the talent auction at UUYO would be appreciated. If you have questions, call me at 330.392.3157 or stop me at church. Jack L. Brizzi Sr.



## Newcomers' Circle—Sunday, March 20 at 12:15 pm

Join us for a brief discussion about Unitarian Universalism, UUYO, and you. This is a particularly useful gathering for visitors and newcomers, but people who've been around awhile are welcome too! Grab a cup of coffee or tea and join us in Schweitzer Lounge, about 15 minutes after the service ends, and stay for as long as you'd like. See Kristina Spaude ([kspaude@uuyo.org](mailto:kspaude@uuyo.org)) or Karen Lapidus ([Kluure@prodigy.net](mailto:Kluure@prodigy.net)) for more information.

## Farmers' Market—Saturdays 10am-1pm

We are located at 901 Elm at Baldwin. This is to be near the Community Coop Grocery Store. Items are from local farmers. You can also visit us on Facebook. If you have any questions, contact **Jim Converse**, Market Manager, at 330-518-6970 or [jwconverse@gmail.com](mailto:jwconverse@gmail.com).



## Alcoholics Anonymous

We meet on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 PM. For the month of February, we will meet in the "Children's Chapel" classroom.

## Stretch and Creative Movement

Tuesdays—5:30—7:00 PM—Channing Hall—**Susan Miracle**

## Singing before the Service: Sundays 10:40am

Join us around the piano, as we sing the hymns for the morning. You do not have to be good at singing to do this, just willing!



**Marcellene Hawk Mayhall** or **Beth Foster** will play piano.

## Ohio Community Rights Workshop—Sunday March 20, 2016

An Ohio Community Rights Workshop will be held from 10am-6pm in Moser Hall, Room 2000, in the College Engineering Building at Youngstown State University. This workshop will present an in-depth look at how Ohio's political and legal structures have been set up to protect powerful interests at the expense of the majority of Ohioans. The curriculum explores how Ohio's structure of law has evolved to protect corporate claimed rights over the protection of the natural environment and community self-government, and how Ohioans have used community rights organizing strategies to transform these legal structures and safeguard their communities and nature - helping us to build our own efforts to protect the places where we live.

There is a cost. Contact Susie Beiersdorfer 330-881-1050 for more information.

## Building a Community of Belonging and Engagement

When I returned to the church last July after having been away for several years working in other Unitarian Universalist communities, I was so impressed with the Hospitality Team structure in place. What a wonderful way to share the responsibility of creating a welcoming space for newcomers as well as established members and friends!

We have an opportunity to build upon the excellent practices that we have in place and to move beyond to consider how to best create a culture of belonging and a path to engagement, through our participation in the Unitarian Universalist Leadership Institute course, "*From Visitor to a Full Spectrum of Member Engagement*". The UUA provides videos and discussion questions that will guide us in the ways to implement these best practices at UUYO.

We will gather every other Tuesday evening at the church to consider:

- Membership as Ministry
- Welcoming and Greeting as Spiritual Practices
- The Welcome Table
- Pathway from Visitor to Community Member
- Creating a Culture of Belonging
- Engagement and Retention



All members and friends - long-term and new - are invited to participate and attend all or some of the sessions. Anyone serving on a Hospitality Team would find this class especially useful. This month's sessions will be held on:

March 1, March 15 and March 29 from 7:00 until 8:30 pm at the church. After we have completed a few sessions, we will determine if we will cover one or two lessons per session. The materials are excellent and provide ideas that we can implement immediately.

Although it is certainly not required, you may wish to enroll in the class through the UU Leadership Institute. This would give you direct access to the materials and the opportunity to engage in discussions with other UUs. If so, you need to sign up before March 15. Here is the link to the registration: <http://www.uuinstitute.org/courses/membershiptoengagement/> This is optional.

Questions? Contact me at [kluure@prodigy.net](mailto:kluure@prodigy.net)  
Karen Lapidus

## Writing as Spiritual Practice Monday, March 14, 7- 8:30pm

We'll reflect on the April worship theme, which will be "CREATION." We will then have a time to "free write" individually, with the option of sharing our reflections. All are invited, regardless of writing experience. Bring a pen and notebook and a willingness to explore. Led by Liz Hill, [liz@lizhill.net](mailto:liz@lizhill.net), [330-333-1619](tel:330-333-1619).



## Hospitality Team Schedule for the Month of March:

Team 4 is responsible for March 6.

### Hospitality Team 4

Jan Elias: Communicator

Ben Barnes: Facilitator

Louisa & Martin Berger Joan Bushey

Marguerite Felice & Roger Lafontaine Clayton Henderson

Tim Malone Carole McWilson

Eugenia & Al Pierce Ellen & Lowell Satre

Mary Ellen Shutes Sharon Stringer

Team 1 (Prime Movers) is responsible for March 13, 20, & 27.

### Hospitality Team 1

Communicator: Liz Hill

Facilitator: Gary Davenport

Neal Edman Beth Foster

Jan Grigsby John & Christine Gulgass

Monica Hite Kelsey Myers

Marty O'Leary Jim Rogers

Peg Tomm Molly Toth

For questions, contact **Linda Mohn** ([lmohn2005@yahoo.com](mailto:lmohn2005@yahoo.com)) or **Carole McWilson** ([carolemcwilson@aol.com](mailto:carolemcwilson@aol.com)).

## Share the Plate

This program designates half the loose collection at Sunday services to one specific charity per month. Recommendations for recipients of Share the Plate are solicited from the congregation (forms on back table in Sanctuary).

The recipient selected for March, 2016 is the YWCA Warren Girls' Leadership Program. This is an after-school program designed to foster strong leadership skills in 9th and 10th grade girls throughout Trumbull County. The program aspires to L.E.T. girls become tomorrow's leaders through Leadership and guidance, Empowerment, and Transformation. Girls' Leadership provides resources and workshops that increase self-confidence, equip girls with leadership skills that will give them confidence, improve friendships and communication, increase their academic success, and leave them feeling empowered to make a difference in their own lives and in their community.

Through an innovative partnership with the Girl Scouts, YWCA Warren Girls Leaders will become part of a Girl Scout troop and participate in "Journeys," a program specially designed to help girls discover themselves and their values, connect with others locally and globally, and take action to make the world a better place.

An additional aspect of Girls' Leadership uses the Girls' Circle curriculum, which focuses on healthy youth expression and explores responses to challenges girls face as they navigate adolescence. Incorporating art, storytelling, group discussion, and journaling, the Girls' Circle curriculum tackles tough subjects like body image, friendship, family, and paths to the future.

**eliminating racism  
empowering women**  
**ywca**

## Care Team

UUYO's care team is available for short-term assistance. This could include transportation, visits, cards, phone calls or casseroles in time of need. For more information or assistance, please contact Jeanne Tucker at (330.652.0308).



## Bits from the Board

Maybe it's the inspiration of a Sunday Service, the warm fellowship at coffee hour, the encouragement of your children to think freely by attending Children's RE classes, or the opportunity to make a difference in our community and the world through social justice work.

Now more than ever, UUYO needs to remain strong, striving toward our mission to "...build a diverse and transformative spiritual community, help people live lives of wholeness, and promote justice, peace, and religious freedom." As a welcoming congregation, we play a vital role in the lives of many who come to us in their search for acceptance, spiritual fulfillment, and intellectual stimulation. Dedicated to social justice and growth for individuals of all ages, we are truly a light in the Valley.

But consider, our pledge levels will not sustain our costs for 2016 and we are projected to experience another fiscal deficit. This path is not sustainable. Additionally, we have not had a functioning Finance Committee for many years and want to remedy this issue.

We are holding a meeting on Tuesday, March 1 in Schweitzer Lounge at UUYO at 7:00pm to address the above issues. Please consider lending you time and talents to this effort.

**Gerard Kelly and the Board**

The logo for 'Bits' features the word 'Bits' in a bold, black, sans-serif font. The letter 'i' is replaced by a vertical bar with a small square above it, colored in a gradient from blue to yellow.

## FaCT Meeting Saturday, March 19 from 1-3pm

FaCT is Faith Communities Together for a Sustainable Future. <http://www.factohio.org>

There will be a potluck at noon. If you would like to join us, please bring a dish to share. Several members of our church have been involved with FaCT since its inception in 2011. Also, the Health Registry Committee will start to interview clients that day. This Health Registry's purpose is to document individuals with health issues associated with any shale gas infrastructure or issue; drilling, injection, compressor stations, pipelines, cryogenic plants, water, air, noise, etc. If you feel that you have been affected you are welcome to come to the whole meeting or you can arrive around 2:30pm for the Registry.

## Time Change

Daylight Saving Time begins at 2am Sunday, March 13, 2016. Remember to set your clock an hour ahead before you go to sleep on Saturday, March 12.



## Reflections

Whether it is a lion or a lamb, March promises to be a busy time in RE!

The biggest news, which I have been sharing for a couple of months, is that it is the month that we host the OMD's Social Action Conference! March 11-13, UUYO will be hosting about 80 youth and their sponsors. The title of the conference is "The AmeriCON Dream" and will be focusing on voter rights and getting out the vote. The League of Women Voters will come and talk with the youth and then they will do some outreach activities, from writing letters to politicians about topics of concern, or handing out voting information at strategically placed tables or canvassing neighborhoods.



What this SAC might mean to you: WE NEED HELP! There will be over 100 people staying at our church who will need to be fed! We could use help preparing meals, serving meals, and/or cleaning up afterwards. This will be for the 3 meals on Saturday, and then some preparation of paper to-go bags for Sunday morning. PLEASE let me know if you are interested in helping in some way!

On a different note: you may have noticed that Easter is really early this year! We will still have RE class, but due to the nature of holiday weekends, we will have a 2-room schoolhouse- one room for youth, and the other for children PreK-7th grade.

Have a great month! Hurry Spring!

--BeckyAnn Harker

Director of Religious Education

## Adult Forum Sunday, March 13 at 9:30am

Books! Books!

Come to Adult Forum to tell us about a favorite book you have read recently. Lowell Satre will lead the discussion.





## Women's Alliance—Saturday, March 12, 12:30pm

Margherita's Grille, 728 N. State St., Girard, OH. 44420, will be the location for the next Women's Alliance meeting at 12:30 p.m. Please call Eugenia Pierce at [330-503-4039](tel:330-503-4039) to RSVP so we can get a head count for seating, and with any questions you have.



As we look forward to the quasiquicentennial, or 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the First Unitarian-Universalist Church of Youngstown in 2017 Women's Alliance brings your attention to some projects that celebrate the history of our church. In 2015 the Alliance displayed and reproduced a unique painting of our church by the artist Edward Dixon McDonald. The original painting hangs in the church, but the image is still available in the form of reproduction prints in various sizes and as blank note cards, in color or black and white.

We also discovered a treasure trove of UUYO recipes in the form of a cookbook produced some years ago. Return with us now, through this cookbook, to those wonderful potlucks we all enjoyed in Channing Hall. There are recipes here from Jackson Moody, Kay Soman, Ginny Shorten, Akuce Handel, and other prominent UUYO cooks.



### Painting

5x7:	\$5.00
8x10:	\$9.00
11x14:	\$20.00
16x20:	\$40.00

Mounting on cardboard backing available at extra charge (\$6.50 for 16x20)

### Notecards

Pack of 5, color or black & white \$10.00

### Cookbook

Pick up at church: \$5.00

Mail: \$10.00

Contact: Eugenia Pierce 330-503-4039,  
Louisa Berger 330-746-6897 or Church Office  
330-746-3067



## How We've Been Seen on Social Media



# March 2016 UUYO Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> 5:30 pm Stretch & Creative Movement class (CH) 7:00 pm Open Meeting UUYO Financial Health (SL) 7:30 pm AA (CC)	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 5:00 pm ACTION meeting (CH)	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 11:00 am Worship 6:00 pm Frack Free (BR) 6:00 pm Ohio CAN Peer to Peer (SL)	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 5:30 pm Stretch & Creative Movement class (CH) 6:30 pm Membership Ministry 141 (BR) 7:30 pm AA (CC)	<b>9</b> 7:00 pm UUYO Board Meeting (BR)	<b>10</b> 5:00 pm Yo Neighborhood Dev Corp (CH)	<b>11</b> Social Action Con	<b>12</b> Social Action Con 12:30 pm Women's Alliance Meeting
<b>13</b> Hospitality Team 1 starts Time Change - Spring Forward 7:00 am Social Action Con 9:30 am Adult Forum - Books! 11:00 am Worship 6:00 pm Frack Free (BR)	<b>14</b> 6:30 pm Healthy Leadership 101 (BR) 7:00 pm Writing as Spiritual Practice (BR)	<b>15</b> 5:30 pm Stretch & Creative Movement class (CH) 7:30 pm AA (CC)	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 7:15 pm Book Group	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 11:00 am FaCT Potluck (CH) 1:00 pm FaCT Meeting & Registry (CH) 7:00 pm Treez Please Fund-raiser (CH)
<b>20</b> 0:15 am Newcomers' Circle (SL) 11:00 am Worship 6:00 pm Frack Free (BR) 6:00 pm Ohio CAN Peer to Peer (SL)	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Newsletter Submissions Deadline 5:30 pm Stretch & Creative Movement class (CH) 6:30 pm Membership Ministry 141 (BR) 7:30 pm AA (CC)	<b>23</b> 6:00 pm YEPS Potluck and Movie Night	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> 11:00 am Worship 6:00 pm Frack Free (BR)	<b>28</b> 6:30 pm Healthy Leadership 101 (BR)	<b>29</b> 10:00 am Newsletter Prep 5:30 pm Stretch & Creative Movement class (CH) 7:30 pm AA (CC)	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		