



The Steel Chalice June 2018

Come Sunday, as we open ourselves to receive a blessing in this season.

Rev. Joseph Boyd – minister  
Sarah Lown – worship associate  
Jim Converse – chalice lighter  
Jeff Crouse - musician

# THE STEEL CHALICE

June 2018

June Worship Theme:  
**"Blessing"**

"You have to participate relentlessly in the manifestation of your own blessings."  
— Elizabeth Gilbert



**Sunday, June 3, 2018**

**11am Service: "Flower Communion – From You I Receive"**

This Sunday we will fill the sanctuary with the sweet fragrance of flowers for our annual Flower Communion. **Please come to service with a flower from your garden or local flower shop.**

Nearly every Sunday we sing hymn 402 which begins with the line "From you I receive."



## Blessing

My favorite biblical story is the account of Jacob's wrestling in Genesis 32. In all translations, Jacob wrestles all night long, never letting go of his opponent. Daybreak arrives, and his opponent puts Jacob's hip out of socket - still Jacob never lets go. In futility, the opponent admits defeat, and gives Jacob a new name: Israel. The literal translation of Israel is: one who has struggled and prevailed.

Jacob is wrestling with a mysterious, unnamed opponent through the night for one simple reason. He is seeking a blessing. It's noteworthy he is demanding a blessing at this time, because technically he's already received one. He was recently successful in tricking both his brother and his father into bestowing the blessing of firstborn upon him, thus making him an honorary patriarch. This is perhaps the greatest earthly blessing Jacob could have ever received, and yet he is unsettled and unsatisfied. He yearns for something deeper, something existential, something he cannot name or fully know.

I think our greatest opponents are the ones that we can't see, the ones that remain mysterious. Often I think we don't really know what we're chasing or what we continue to wrestle with day after day. As soon as we feel we have a grasp on it, it changes. A blessing is a hard thing to pin down. The literal translation of blessing is to offer favor or protection. I think an apt

synonym for blessing is sanctuary. We want to know that when the storm comes we will be sheltered, saved.

We are entering one of those most vibrant times of years, encouraging awe and allergies. It's a time seemingly rich in blessings - flowers to show us that life is still beautiful. Yet I don't think the wrestling stops in this season. As we approach Father's Day toward the middle of the month, I wonder about the people in our lives we yearn to have favor with, a sense that we are special, that we are chosen. I wonder about the ways each of us have wrestled to garner some kind of attention and affirmation.

Many of us have had the spiritual or emotional equivalent of a hip put out of socket - a pain that makes us tender as we walk. I think all of us at some point desire some level of favor from a person in our life, even if it mostly goes unacknowledged. We wrestle silently. We yearn to feel confident we can walk in our own tenderness.

This is why I love this story. Jacob cheats the system and achieves the greatest earthly blessing of being chosen as firstborn. But it's a fraud. Jacob still feels like an outcast, seeking affirmation from someone he can't even name or pin down. He's injured, and he holds on until he gets what he yearns for. This story shows that it is possible to be both tender and persistent. It also shows there are no shortcuts to receiving a blessing, even when you think you've cheated the system, and have it made.

Faith is trusting we can walk in our own tenderness with persistence. This is the root of blessing. As June unfolds, let us practice being both tender and persistent.

### **Contacting Rev. Joseph**

If you want to be in touch with Rev. Joseph Boyd, please email him at [jboyd@uuyo.org](mailto:jboyd@uuyo.org).

### **Bits from the Board**

At the May 2018 Board meeting we welcomed both Ralph Malmer and Anita Wesler back from their winter

travels; this turned into a bittersweet occasion when we learned that it would be Anita's final meeting as she is planning some travel to visit family and then a return to Seattle for an extended period. We will miss Anita on the Board; she has helped us analyze what we are doing with her intelligent and thoughtful questions, provided us with the insight that comes from a new member to the community, and given us a model of collegial behavior with her ability to gently, but effectively, move us to look at issues from another person's perspective without rancor.

According to the UUYO Bylaws, Article II- Officers and the Board of Trustees, Section 4 (B) Terms of Office: ... **Vacancies occurring on the board shall be filled by appointment by the Board in consultation with the current Nominating Committee. Board-appointed replacement members shall serve out the term to which they were appointed.** As soon as a replacement is appointed by the Board the information will be announced in the Weekly Update, Order of Service and Monthly Newsletter.

One of the issues of concern to the Board is safety at UUYO, both inside and outside the building. Having John Gulgas on the Board this year has provided us with an informed and knowledgeable health professional, volunteer firefighter, and trained EMT to educate us about the advisability of having individuals trained in CPR as well as investigating the acquisition of an automated external defibrillator (AED) that checks the heart rhythm and can send an electric shock to the heart to try to restore a normal rhythm. John is also looking into setting up a lighting evaluation, both inside and outside the church, to assess both energy usage and security.

The theme for June is Blessing. Some may be surprised to see me say that UUYO is rich in blessings.

- The flowers in church for Memorial Day were provided by the Mary P. and Michael A. Rigo Memorial Fund. Not a lot of the current congregation knows about them. The Rigos were active at UUYO in the 1970s-1990s. Mary was killed in an automobile accident in 1980 and Michael set up the fund for music and

flowers in her memory. Michael passed away in 2004. Despite their absence the fund set up to celebrate Mary's love for music and flowers still provides UUYO with a connection to former members who found UUYO a place that met their needs and that they wanted to honor beyond their lifetimes. The Rigos and other former members are our past and our foundation.

- We are nearing the completion of the first year with a new minister and the energy in our congregation is amazing. Our membership is growing; our connection to the community is growing as well. The building is being used more for both church and affiliate group activities, we are active in social issues, we are active in the denomination, Farmers' Market is back and drawing crowds on Saturdays again, and UUYO is a happening place. This is our present and it is exciting.
- The Coming of Age service last week, where our youth were able to express and share their deepest and most vulnerable feelings, makes me proud that this is a place where they feel safe to do so. They are our future; our future is in good hands.

Louisa Berger, Board Treasurer and counter of blessings



**Reflections**

Can you believe it is June?!?! Where has this year gone?

So much has happened this year- we had a new minister, the Ordination of this new minister, a great Coming of Age class, consistent teaching team, and the creation of a Middle School class. We have embraced theme-based ministry in our Elementary class. We had a presence at the Non-Violence Parade, and at the March for Our Lives. We are making art, (Art Show to be on June 17<sup>th</sup> in Channing Hall!) and have formed our first (ever?) Children's Choir. So many good things have happened this year - we are really blessed.

In exploring the theme of Blessing, we can't ignore the related theme of gratitude. I am grateful for the dedication of our teaching team- volunteers who have added the preparation and execution of teaching lessons to their already busy lives, and this is at least the second year in a row for all of them! This is the same teaching team that we had last year, and some have been in the rotation for 5 years already! I am grateful to the Board for helping me honor them, as they are preparing a Teacher Appreciation Breakfast for them on June 3. I am grateful to the parents who bring their kids to church and are part of the UUYORE family. I am grateful to the congregation and all of the support that I, personally, continue to receive, as well as the support they give to the program itself. I am grateful for our kids who make up our program. They really are a special group of kids. We, in UUYORE, really are truly blessed.

We are also blessed to have a group of people who have stepped up to provide an exciting program for Summer RE! I am delighted to announce that the program this summer is called Around the World in 80 Days. Every week this summer, volunteers who have experienced other countries - either because they were born there, lived there, have roots there, or extensively studied the area - will be presenting a different country every week. We will be exploring the world! From China to Jordan to Russia and beyond. It is a summer of RE programming you won't want to miss. Who knew we were blessed with such diversity in our own congregation?

I am also blessed to be given an opportunity for time to rest, relax, and rejuvenate. I will be off from the middle of June through the middle of August, when I will be ready to launch another engaging church year.

May you all be able to appreciate your many blessings. May you enjoy your time off this summer, but please don't forget about UUYO this summer. So many exciting places to "visit" and explore, I hope we will see you there!

Happy Summer!

-BeckyAnn Harker  
Director of Religious Education

**Share the Plate**

Our Share the Plate recipient for June is the Northside Farmers’ Market. The farmers’ market works to be economically inclusive with all customers. STP funds will be used to provide bonus tokens for SNAP/Food Stamp shoppers. This increases their spending power so they can buy more from vendors. It also helps our growers sell more, an important way to help boost sales in a market that serves our low and moderate income neighborhood. Bonus tokens can also be used for buying coffee and baked goods that can be consumed at the market. This helps meet our goal to be as inclusive as possible and build social capital by allowing more customers to be able to "stick around" and socialize with other shoppers and members of our congregation.

**Thank UUs**

On May 22, the office received a handwritten thank you note from the Jewish Community Center of Youngstown, a recent Share the Plate recipient for their summer camp. It reads as follows:

Dear [UUYO],

I wanted to sincerely thank you for the extremely thoughtful and generous donation to our camp scholarship program. We were so touched by this gesture and because of this donation, two more children will be able to attend camp this summer. That is truly amazing!

Thank you again for thinking of us and for helping others in our community.

All the Best, Emily Blair

**The House That Wasn’t There**

On or about May 3, 2018 the property at 235 Illinois Avenue, adjacent to the UUYO parking lot, was demolished and that property now has a settling surface that will one day be made into a parking lot for Eagles Nest, a program being developed in the buildings to the east of the UUYO lot.. We have had some very positive conversations with representatives from Eagles Nest about how we can work together to share and improve our properties for the benefit of both institutions and the surrounding community.



**Welcome New Members**

Our UUYO family is growing. On May 6th, we welcomed five new members to our church:

- Marcellene Hawk Mayhall
- Corey Chadman
- Diana Brodrogi
- Kivie Cahn-Lipman
- Suzanne Wulach

Unitarian Universalist minister Jack Mendelsohn reminds us, "Inscribing your name [in the membership book] does not transform you into an instant or born-again Unitarian Universalist. Our religious way of life is not so much an arriving as a becoming--an ongoing process of thought and life experience. Joining for you may mean fresh steps along a familiar path. It may mean venturing in uncharted territory. In either case, the initiative is yours. You do not sign on someone else’s dotted line of spiritual development, and there is no fine print. Your signature is your affirming symbol of commitment to an open-minded, inclusive, reasoned, seasoned, compassionate and contemporary approach to life."

Although we hold the “Belonging to UUYO” session followed by the New Member Recognition ceremony every spring and fall, those who are ready to officially join our community may do so at any time.

Karen Lapidus  
Newcomer Involvement Coordinator

## June Events

6/2/18 Northside Farmers' Market 10am-1pm at UUYO  
6/3/18 Teacher Appreciation Breakfast (CH) 9:30am  
6/6/18 Mid-Week Ministry (CH) 7-8:30pm  
6/7/18 Board Meeting (BR) 6pm  
6/9/18 Northside Farmers' Market 10am-1pm at UUYO  
6/10/18 Annual Church Picnic 12:30-6pm at Wick Park  
6/10/18 Meditation (YR) 4-5pm (3:45pm if first time)  
6/13/18 Auction Planning Meeting (CH) 6:30pm  
6/16/18 Northside Farmers' Market 10am-1pm at UUYO  
6/16/18 Work Party at 10am  
6/17/18 Kids Art Show (CH) 12:15pm  
6/17/18 Worship Associates Meeting (BR) 12:30pm  
6/20/18 Mid-Week Ministry (SL) 7-8:30pm  
6/20/18 Book Group 7:15pm  
6/21/18 Returning Citizens Panel Discussion (CH) 6-9pm  
6/23/18 Northside Farmers' Market 10am-1pm at UUYO  
6/24/18 Newcomers' Circle (SL) 12:15pm  
6/24/18 Foreign Policy Discussion Group (CC) 12:30pm  
6/24/18 Meditation (YR) 4-5pm (3:45pm if first time)  
6/27/18 Mid-Week Ministry (SL) 7-8:30pm  
6/30/18 Northside Farmers' Market 10am-1pm at UUYO  
6/30/18 Ordination of Kristina Spaude at 4pm at the UUC in Kent

Legend for locations: (BR) Board Room (CC) Children's Chapel/Patio Room (CH) Channing Hall; (SA) Sanctuary; (SL) Schweitzer Lounge; (YR) Youth Room

### Northside Farmers Market – Saturdays, 10am-1pm

The Northside Farmers' Market, which grew out of an Arts and Lecture Series in 2003, is moving "back home". The market will be held every Saturday 10:00 - 1:00 on the church grounds. People who want to help make brewed coffee and/or staff the table please contact Jim Converse 330-518-6971. You can also send a text or email to [jwconverse@gmail.com](mailto:jwconverse@gmail.com), or see me at church.

### Social Justice: Change the Narrative Training and Action - Wednesday, June 6 from 6-9pm

Personal stories are powerful and can show how policy affects our lives. Learn how to share your personal story effectively to advocate for better public policies. We'll meet in Channing Hall. For more information, contact Gary Davenport at (330) 518-7037 or [gdavenport@uuyo.org](mailto:gdavenport@uuyo.org).

## Teacher Appreciation Breakfast

### Sunday, June 3 at 9:30am in Channing Hall

On Sunday, June 3, the Board will host a Teacher Appreciation Breakfast. As a Board, we are grateful for this opportunity to thank the dedicated RE volunteers who generously share their time and talent, challenging our children to live their values.

### Annual Church Picnic—Sunday, June 10, 12:30pm – 6pm

The annual UUYO picnic will be held June 10, 2018 from 12:30 pm 'til 6pm at the newly-renovated Wick Park Pavilion right across the street from UUYO.

Bring a dish to share, cold drinks, and your own table settings. We will make sure to have a fire going - so bring hot dogs, hamburgers or other items for the grill if you wish.

Bring sports equipment and any board or card games you enjoy. The site has an inclusive playground and inclusive exercise equipment, installed in 2017 by CityScape; a disc (Frisbee) golf course is also available. There are covered picnic tables for dining and playing board games or cards.

Come and enjoy each other's company for a relaxing afternoon.

### Meditation Group - Sunday, June 10 and 24 from 4 to 5pm

All are welcome to attend UUYO's meditation group on June 10 and 24 from 4 to 5pm. If it is your first time attending this group, please come 15 minutes early (3:45 pm) for some basic instruction.

The group will meet in the Youth Room at UUYO on the second and fourth Sunday of the month through the end of March. Teachings will be presented in the Tibetan Buddhist tradition. We will be using the book, *Turning the Mind into an Ally*, by Sakyong Mipham. Each meeting, the group will read a section of the book, have a short discussion, and then sit together in silent meditation. There is no fee for these meditation sessions - just bring a peaceful spirit and an open mind. If you have questions, please contact Linda Scharf by phone at (412) 295-1171 or by email at [spiritdancer2008@yahoo.com](mailto:spiritdancer2008@yahoo.com).

The Steel Chalice June 2018 and join the fun. Everybody is welcome. Questions – call Bob Seibold at 724-981-4791.

### **Women's Alliance**

Women's Alliance will not meet in June, July, or August; we will reconvene in the fall.

### **Boo at UU! – Auction Planning Meeting – Wednesday, June 13 at 6:30pm**

We would be frightfully delighted if you would bring your boo-tiful self and your boo-tiful ideas to the 2018 auction-planning meeting on Wednesday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in Channing Hall. The 2018 auction will be held on October 20<sup>th</sup> and will have a Halloween theme.

The auction is UUYO's major FUN!raising activity for 2018. It is also a joyful social event that creates and strengthens ties within our congregation. Ask anyone who has helped in the past – being a part of this feels so good you'll get goosebumps!

Don't be haunted by missed opportunities...join the team working to provide our entire community more than a ghost of a chance to enjoy everything the auction has to offer. This includes a talent auction featuring services and activities provided by your fellow UUYOers, prizes, silent auction baskets and items donated by businesses and members of the congregation, a cash bar, hors d'oeuvres, raffle prizes, and door prizes.

If the spirits move you, PLEASE VOLUNTEER TO HELP. We'll need volunteers to gather auction items, prepare and serve the hors d'oeuvres, help set up and take down the chairs and tables and decorations, work the cash bar, serve as cashiers, assist the auctioneer ... and help with lots of other jobs big and small to make the event a success.

No need to wait for the meeting to volunteer – contact Tom Beck at TBeck@uakron.edu or Louisa Berger at lberger@uuyo.org. You can call Tom at 330-631-5125 or Louisa at 330-746-6987. Tell Office Administrator Heather Best you can help so she can pass your name along to Tom or Louisa. But however you do it, PLEASE VOLUNTEER TODAY! It's scary to think of what you will miss if you don't.

### **Work Party – Saturday, June 16 at 10am**

The June work party will be held Saturday, June 16, at 10am. Coffee and cold drinks gratis, so come on down

### **Kids Art Show – Sunday, June 17 at 12:15pm**

We are excited to announce that Channing Hall will come alive June 17<sup>th</sup> with original art as we showcase creativity at our Children's Art Show. Please stop by during coffee hour to see the art and visit with the artists.

### **Mid-Week Ministry: Soul Matters Wednesday, June 20 from 7-8:30pm**

We will explore the soul matters topic for June, which is "blessing." We will meet in Schweitzer Lounge. Contact Karen Lapidus (filling in this week for Sarah Lown) at kluure@prodigy.net for more information.

### **Book Group- Saturday, June 20 at 7:15pm**

Book Discussion Group 1 will meet on June 20, 2018 to discuss the Stendhal classic *Charterhouse of Parma*; there will be no meetings in July or August for Group 1.

Book Discussion Group 2 will meet on July 2, 2018 to share our thoughts on *Richard III* by William Shakespeare. The April session, on *The Merchant of Venice*, was lively and stimulating – please consider joining this new offshoot group.

Location of both meetings will be announced closer to the meeting date.

### **Returning Citizens Panel Discussion (CH) – Thursday, June 21 from 6-9pm**

Returning Citizens: Success & Struggle Panel/Discussion People face numerous obstacles in establishing a stable life after returning from incarceration. Come hear from individuals who have navigated these obstacles and the agencies that have assisted them. For more information, contact Gary Davenport at (330) 518-7037 or gdavenport@uuyo.org.

**Newcomers' Circle -- Sunday, June 24 at 12:15pm**

Each month we hold an informal gathering of Newcomers and recent visitors. We create space to learn a bit more about our church and to consider ways to become involved. The Newcomers' Circles usually last no more than 30 minutes. It is a fun way to get to know other recent visitors and to get your questions answered.

We will meet in the Schweitzer Lounge, on the lower level down the Religious Education hall at 12:15. Grab a snack, bring your children and join us!

**Foreign Policy Discussion Group – Sunday, June 24 at 12:30pm**

We will meet the fourth Sunday, June 24, at 12:30pm, just after Coffee Hour. All welcome. Please feel free to bring a topic, problem, article, etc. for discussion if you wish. Questions – call Bob Seibold at 724-981-4791.

**Mid-Week Ministry: Scripture Studies - Wednesday, June 27 from 7-8:30pm**

This month we will continue our exploration of the Book of Genesis, picking up with the story of Noah and the Flood. Whether you know these stories backwards and forwards, or whether you have never read them before in your life, you will find something of value in our discussion. Join us on June 27th at 7:00pm to learn about the Bible, our faith, ourselves, and surviving apocalyptic floods. For more information, contact Korey Gall at koreygall@gmail.com or 330-469-0486.

**Ordination of Kristina Spaude – Saturday, June 30 at 4pm at the UCC in Kent**

Please join us for the Ordination of Kristina Spaude into the Unitarian Universalist Ministry by the Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent and the First Unitarian Universalist Church of Youngstown Saturday, June 30, 2018 at 4 pm at the United Church of Christ (1400 E. Main St., Kent, OH 44240).

Potluck reception to follow.

Clergy, Seminarians, Religious Educators, and Lay Ministers welcome to gather at 3:15 pm.

RSVP by June 23rd to Karen Lapidus at [kluure@prodigy.net](mailto:kluure@prodigy.net) or text 330.651.0322.

Children and youth welcome and encouraged to attend. Nursery and childcare will be available, though, as well! RSVP to Karen (above) by June 16, please, for childcare.

**Ohio Meadville District Summer Institute – Sunday, July 8 – Saturday, July 14 at Oberlin College**

In 1990, after hearing rave reviews from former UUYO members Sondra and Sandy Gaylord, I attended my first OMD SI. I was hooked and have missed only twice since then. Summer Institute is a multi-generational Unitarian Universalist “camp” held on the campus of Oberlin College. The dates this year are Sunday, July 8th through Saturday, July 14th.

There is truly something for everyone, including meaningful worship, workshops and seminars to nourish the intellect, body, and spirit. This year's theme-speaker is David Orr, the author of *Dangerous Years: Climate Change, the Long Emergency*. There will be many opportunities to engage with the theme throughout the week, including a service project for all.

Fun-filled religious education happens in the morning for children, while the youth attend an empowering program. There are age-specific activities as well as multigenerational options all day long. If you are a music aficionado, you can partake in any number of musical ensembles large and small, or be part of the audience. Fitness fans can choose activities from yoga and contra dancing. We have access to Oberlin College's recreational facilities, too. The evenings are filled with fun events. Attendees often speak about the “SI magic” that happens each year. The magic is in the loving community of approximately 350 UUs that is created. Scholarships are available, with priority given to first time attendees. The scholarship application deadline is June 1st. Do check out the website for lots of details about this year's program: <http://omdsi.org>.

Let me know if you would like more information, or if you would just like to hear more of my cheer leading about Summer Institute!

With love, Karen Lapidus



**Youngstown Pride Festival – Saturday, July 21**

The LGBTQ+ committee will be coordinating a booth at Youngstown Pride on Sat. July 21 - If you can help staff a shift - contact Jan Grigsby - [jgrigsby6@verizon.net](mailto:jgrigsby6@verizon.net).

**Calling All Runners - Sunday, October 21**

Join our “UU of Youngstown” team for the Nationwide Children’s Hospital Columbus Marathon! The event is Sunday, October 21 in Columbus, OH and the team will be helping raise funds for children’s cancer research and care. For more event information go to [www.columbusmarathon.com](http://www.columbusmarathon.com) and to join the UUYOU Team contact Samantha Fitschen at [sfits7@gmail.com](mailto:sfits7@gmail.com).

**Hospitality Teams Schedule**

Please be sure and thank the folks on this month's teams!

Team 2: June 3, 10, 17, and 24

- Anita Wesler - Communicator
- Marcia & Ralph Malmer – Facilitators
- Amelia Brewer
- Cheryl & Gaylen Elser
- Kate Fitzgerald
- Margaret Haushalter
- Luanna Jacobs
- Cathy Kajut
- Gerard Kelly
- Alison & Jon Locketti
- Sarah Lown
- Linda Scharf
- Judith Stanger
- Trudee Weatherby

**Rigo Memorial Fund**



In accordance with the provisions of the Rigo Memorial Fund, flowers from the Sunday, May 27, 2018 service were placed on the gravesite at

Forest Lawn Memorial Cemetery in Boardman.

**Care Team Box**

We have introduced a black cigar box with the candles in the back of the sanctuary. Near the box are small pieces of paper. If you are struggling with sickness, loneliness, stress, or loss - you are welcome to write your name and phone number, as well as a brief concern on the piece of paper. Place the paper face down in the cigar box, and Rev. Joseph or one of our care team members will get in touch with you.

**Pastoral Care**

If you have a pastoral care need, or know of someone in our congregation who might have a need, please contact Rev. Joseph Boyd ([minister@uuyo.org](mailto:minister@uuyo.org)) or the church office ([office@uuyo.org](mailto:office@uuyo.org), 330-746-3067).



**June Newsletter Submissions are Due Friday, June 22 at 9am**

Please know that those of you with contributions to the newsletter can send your information as soon as you are ready; no date is too early. Remember to include the start and stop time of your event, if applicable, and the ever-helpful "who, what, where, when, and why" in your description.

**Stuff to Know**

**Church Calendar**

The most up-to-date version of the church calendar is on the website. Please contact the office ([office@uuyo.org](mailto:office@uuyo.org), 330-746-3067) if you wish to list a church event on the calendar.

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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.

The rainbow flag outside of the church signifies that UUYO is an official "Welcoming Congregation" for the LGBTQ+ community.

**Office Hours**

Tuesday & Friday, 9am-3:30pm  
Sunday, 9-11am and 12:30-2:30pm

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