

THE STEEL CHALICE

May 2019

May Worship Theme: "Curiosity"

"Be less curious about people and more curious about ideas."

Marie Curie



Sunday, May 5, 2019 11am Service: "Pay It Forward"

We are surrounded by people who pay forward small kindnesses every day, and many more who are in need of such kindness. The Kindness Project would like to give a gift to each congregant who attends this Sunday. Are you curious about what it is? Show up, and find out....

Rev. Joseph Boyd - Minister

BeckyAnn Harker - Director of Religious Education

Jeff Crouse – Guitar & Vocals



Curiosity

Marie Curie was a Polish-born French scientist who coined the term "radioactivity." She was the first woman to win a Nobel Prize, and the first person to win twice in two different fields: chemistry and physics. She was a pioneer in many respects, and she was able of holding a nuanced understanding of the benefits and pitfalls of curiosity. She implored those she taught at the University of Paris to be curious about ideas, things, not people. She remained optimistic about scientific discoveries: "I am one of those who think like Nobel, that humanity will draw more good than evil from new discoveries." Ms. Curie died in 1934, 11 years before the atomic bombing of both Hiroshima and Nagasaki, which became a deadly radioactive site.

Ms. Curie's research into radioactivity has completely changed the medical landscape, offering treatments, x-rays, and other developments that have greatly aided humankind. Had Curie been able to live through World War II, I wonder if she still would have maintained the same level of optimism about scientific discoveries, given the way her discoveries were used as part of warfare. I wonder if her admonition to be curious about ideas, things, not people, would have been altered. Perhaps not. Her scientific discoveries have benefitted the world, perhaps more than they have been utilized for destruction. But the cost remains.

I appreciate Marie Curie's sentiment to be curious about ideas. We are the byproduct of ideas, and I would argue you cannot be interested in persons in depth, if you do not seriously consider the ideas that make up their person.

We live in a forward thinking culture. We often forget or gloss over the origins of our deepest held ideas, opinions, and beliefs. At worst, we fool ourselves into believing that our ideas are self evident, born spontaneously. It is a consistent American illusion that we are not bound to the thread of the past, and that our present is merely a springboard for a more desirable future. I do believe we can find freedom from the past, but that is only possible by looking deeply at it, digesting it, and respecting it. Unbridled optimism is not the way forward, and neither is despair or fear. There is an alternative.

The alternative is curiosity. The ability to remain curious about layers of existence is a key to breakthrough discoveries. The ability to remain curious about the future, as well as the past and present, allows us to see a broader picture. The ability to be curious about an individual in relation to a family that exists within a certain society is another way forward. Spiritually, to remain curious about where we truly came from and where we're going, will open up new vistas into where we truly are.

Marie Curie's certain optimism is my prayer: May we do more good than evil with our discoveries.

In faith, Rev. Joseph

Contacting Rev. Joseph

If you want to be in touch with Rev. Joseph Boyd, please email him at jboyd@uuyo.org.

Bits from the Board

This spring has seen some exciting "firsts" for UUYO. On Saturday, March 30, 2019 the first Scrabble Tournament in memory of Joan Bushey, Margaret Haushalter, and Judy Stone was held in Channing Hall. Many members and friends brought their scrabble games and scrabble dictionaries to compete in this event. After two rounds

the tournament concluded with Gloria Brittain Wilkin taking first prize with a cumulative score of over 1,000

points! Everyone who attended had a great time and this event will be repeated.

For those who don't want to wait for a full-scale tournament anyone is welcome to join the ad hoc scrabble group that meets most Saturday afternoons at the Pressed Coffee House inside the Poland Branch Library. As this is a somewhat spontaneous event feel free to check with Louisa Berger 330-746-6897 or 330-559-1683 to see if the game is on.

In the aftermath of the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King, a week before Passover in 1968, Rabbi Arthur Waskow created the original Freedom Seder Haggadah, based on his conviction that "resistance to Pharaoh echoed with resistance to war and racism and poverty in America." The first Freedom Seder took place on April 4, 1969 in Washington, D.C.

On April 4, 2019, the 50th anniversary of that first event, UUYO hosted an Interfaith Freedom Seder in Channing Hall with nearly 100 area residents participating. Rabbi Franklin Muller from Congregation Rodef Sholem, Rev. Gayle Cantinella from St. John's Episcopal Church, Rev. Lewis Macklin from Holy Trinity Missionary Baptist Church, Rev, Rebecca Kahnt from First Presbyterian Church, and Rev. Greg Calko from the Youngstown United Methodist Team Ministry joined Rev. Joseph Boyd to lead the assembled group through *A Common Road to Freedom: A Passover Haggadah* for a moving and meaningful experience; if you missed the actual event you can <u>click here</u> to see and share the text used in this very evocative service.

We welcome two new members to the UUYO Board of Trustees. **Diana Shaheen** will serve out the remaining term of Mindi Raley and **Judy DeGenova** will complete the term of John Gulgas. Both appointed trustees will serve until the end of 2019 and can then stand for election to a full two-year term if they choose. **Louisa Berger**

REflections



"Curious and Curiouser," Alice said before going to Wonderland. "Curiosity killed the cat," says a famous saying. Curiosity is an amazing thing. It's what makes us human. It is what has led to wonderful inventions and amazing works of art. It is a curious mind that is open to possibility; a curious mind that wonders at the mysteries of the world and tries to figure them out. In an age where information is literally at our fingertips, it feels as though there is not much left to be curious about. But that is not true. There are many mysteries left to be solved, or at least pondered. The curiosity of a child is one that we all should aspire to have.

I am curious as to what will happen in the next phase in UUYO's Religious Education program. I am curious about who will take this position next, and what direction they might take with the program. I am eternally grateful to my RE Committee and how much they have helped me these last few months in planning and implementing plans for the children's programming. The hope is that they will help the new DRE with making Sunday mornings go smoothly.

A recent change that I just realized had happened - our Children's Chapel has mostly faded away. The Children's Chapel was a time for me to have an all-ages service with the kids on the monthly theme. We are now doing the monthly theme every week, and we are in a oneroom schoolhouse setting, where all of the kids who show up are together anyway. I am also in the classroom each week, which means I have been able to interact with all of the kids every week instead of during the monthly Children's Chapel. Maybe it will stay like this, or maybe it will go back to multiple classrooms. Maybe there will be a Children's Chapel again in the future, or maybe there won't. I'm curious to see what will happen.

May will also bring the final OWL class. This was our first adventure into offering this curriculum, and it has been a success! We have had 7 youth involved in this program. Hopefully it will be able to be offered again in the future.

The church year is starting to wind down. You can mark your calendars for June 16, 2019. That will be the final day (read, "party") of the 2018-2019 Religious Education year, and also my last day serving as your Director of Religious Education. It feels like a long way away, but it is curious how quickly time can fly!

--BeckyAnn Harker, Director of Religious Education

Come Celebrate with UUYO!

















This year, instead of a picnic, there will be a festive Cupola Dedication Party on Saturday evening, June 1st at UUYO – in Channing Hall and in the courtyard if the weather cooperates. All members and friends of UUYO are invited to this event where we will have food, music, great fellowship, and more. UUYO will supply beverages and we ask that members and friends contribute a dish to share - appetizer, main dish, salad, or dessert to share. RSVP to lberger@uuyo,org or call/text Louisa Berger at 330-559-1683 to let us know that you plan to attend and what you will bring.





The hymnals are coming, the hymnals are coming... As attendance at UUYO Sunday services continues to grow it has become clear that we need to increase our collection of hymnals so there are more to share. We have ordered many more teal hymnals and as well as a few additional traditional hymnals. This provides members of the congregation with the opportunity to "sponsor" a hymnal for \$30 to help offset cost purchase and shipping charges. We'll put a book plate on the inside cover announcing your gift and the esteemed or memorial honoree.

<u>Keys, Fobs, Codes – How Access to the UUYO Building</u> is Changing

As many in the UUYO community know we have updated the entry system to our building from the traditional key to an electronic access system. The new system was installed in September -- we have been working with it for six months and are now ready to go keyless. This transition will happen sometime in April or May.

If you are currently using a key to get into the building you need to talk with Heather Best, our Office Administrator, to obtain a fob.

At the time the electronic entry system was installed we also updated our alarm system; if you will be locking or unlocking the building you will also need an alarm code.

The use of fobs or codes allows us to control access and provides documentation of who entered when. Access to renters can be restricted to only the day and hours they will be in the building while staff, board and committee members as well as congregational program facilitators are allowed greater access.

Give Away the Plate

This program donates the undesignated collection at Sunday services to one specific charity per month. UUYO's Give Away the Plate recipient for May is The Healing Garden at Martin Luther Lutheran Church.

The Healing Garden is a community outreach program designed to create a healing space for battered women in The Mahoning Valley. This garden effort is designed to instill these women with confidence, self worth, pride, safe space, beauty, and fresh produce. This is a ten-week session that will teach basic gardening skills, cooking, and food preservation. Martin Luther Lutheran Church and Lady Buggs Farm will spearhead this program with the support of other local agencies that serve battered woman in the area. Sophia L. Buggs, the lead farmer of this program, is a local urban farmer who has partnered with many organizations in the Mahoning Valley sharing urban farming and cooking wisdom. There will be three parts to this program, gardening, cooking, and preservation. Women who participate in

the program will learn how to cook from seed to table, how to use healthy cooking tools, how to eat in season, and how to "eat the rainbow." Throughout these ten weeks, participants grow closer together, creating lasting relationships with each other, with the food they grow, and with nature--all of which provides healing and fulfillment.



Why I Love Summer Institute and Encourage You to Love It, Too

"Summer Institute is an intentional intergenerational community that gets created and re-created each summer as we come together to live fully as Unitarian Universalists. It is a vacation week to grow, relax, play, and connect. It is a time to experience workshops and new ideas. It is a place for relaxed conversation with old friends and friend you do not yet know. It is a time to recharge and live fully."

From the CER Summer Institute website

This year's Summer Institute will happen the week of July 7- 13 on the Oberlin College campus, just west of Cleveland. The theme speaker will be Dr. Ysaye M. Barnwell, former member of the vocal group, Sweet Honey in the Rock. Our theme is "Building a Vocal Community."

There is something for everyone at SI - the musician, the artist, the writer, the activist, the speaker, the listener, the player, the observer, the worshiper, the dancer, the young, and the old.

Workshops and seminars are scheduled throughout the day with various offerings to suit any interest. Morning worship and evening vespers frame our days.

I've been attending with my daughter since 1990. It is a perfect and relatively inexpensive family vacation destination and a wonderful way to grow in your Unitarian Universalist faith. This year, both Linda Scharf and I will be attending. Won't you join us?

Go to www.cersiuu.org for more information and to register.

Karen Lapidus

May Events

5/1/19 Book Group II 7:15pm at Melissa Smith's 5/2/19 Board Executive Session (BR)6:00pm 5/3/19 Spring Fling! (CH) 6:00-9:00pm 5/4/19 Tree ID Training (CH) 9:30am-3:00pm 5/5/19 Belonging to UUYO (SL) 12:30-2pm 5/5/19 Social Justice Ministry Meeting (YR) 12-2pm 5/7/19 Book Group III 7pm at Satre home 5/9/19 Board Meeting (BR) 6pm 5/11/19 Tree ID Training (CH) 9:30am-3:00pm 5/12/19 Environmental Justice Team Meeting (SL) 12:30-1:30pm 5/12/19 Meditation (YR) 4-5pm (3:45 if first time) 5/15/19 Book Group 1 7:15pm at Melissa Smith's 5/18/19 Work Party from 10am-2pm 5/18/19 OhioCAN Steps of Change (All) 11am-5pm 5/19/19 Worship Associates Meeting (BR) 12:30pm 5/26/19 Foreign Policy Discussion Group (SL) 12:30pm 5/26/19 Meditation (YR) 4-5pm (3:45 if first time)

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

Tree ID Training

Saturday, May 4 and May 11, 9:30am - 3pm

About the training:

If you like trees, want to know more about them, and want opportunities to get involved in parks, green spaces, and tree advocacy, this might be the class you've been waiting for!

This May, Lola Lewis, Urban Forester with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, and Danielle Lewis, AmeriCorps VISTA with Youngstown City Schools, along with other partners, will host a tree identification training open to interested individuals and organizations.

Participants will learn to identify tree species, value, health, and maintenance needs and learn how to get involved practicing their new tree knowledge in the local community.

If you want to attend this training, please complete the form at the link. You can also complete the form if you're interested but can't attend, and would like to know about future opportunities like this one.

Training Dates & Times Saturday, May 4, 9:30am - 3pm and Saturday, May 11, 9:30am - 3pm.

The training location is 1105 Elm Street, Youngstown, OH 44505, the First Unitarian Universalist Church of Youngstown. Parking is along Elm Street, along Illinois Avenue, or in the Church parking lot on Illinois Avenue. There is an accessible entrance on Elm Street and, near this entrance, an elevator to the training room.

Snacks and Lunch

We will serve light snacks in the morning and a full lunch mid-day, with vegetarian options available. Coffee, tea, and water available throughout the day.

For more information contact Gary Davenport gdavenport@uuyo.org or Susie Beiersdorfer yogayoungstown@gmail.com.

Belonging to UUYO Sunday, May 5th from 12:30-2pm

If you are wanting to join the church or are looking for ways to deepen your involvement and understanding of Unitarian Universalism, you'll want to attend "Belonging to UUYO".

The Reverend Joseph Boyd and Newcomer Involvement Coordinator Karen Lapidus will lead a program about what we believe, what we do and where we are going. We will also examine what belonging to a faith community means.

We will talk about the rights and responsibilities of membership and will give participants the opportunity to sign the membership book, if they like. The program is designed to be informative, inspiring and fun.

New members will be recognized during the worship service on Sunday, May 12th. All recent newcomers and visitors have received a more detailed invitation via email, but all who feel ready for deeper involvement are welcome. We'll meet in Schweitzer Lounge.

Join us!

Meditation Group Sunday, May 12 and May 26 from 4-5pm

All are welcome to attend UUYO's meditation group on May 12 and 26 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. Teachings will be presented in the Tibetan Buddhist tradition. We will be using the book *The Heart of the Buddha's Teaching* by Thich Nhat Hanh. 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

<u>UUYO Book Groups</u> Book Discussion Group II Wednesday, May 1 at 7:15pm at Melissa Smith's

UUYO Book Group II will read Anton Chekov's play *Uncle Vanya* and meet at Melissa Smith's on Wednesday, May 1, 2019 to consider that work. *Uncle Vanya* is the story of the visit of an elderly professor and his younger second wife, Yeléna, to their rural estate where Vanya, brother of the Professor's late first wife, who has long managed the estate, and Astrov, the local Doctor, both fall under Yelena's spell.

Book Discussion Group III Tuesday, May 7th 7pm at the Satres' home

Book Group III, an ongoing activity for reading and discussing works by African American and Native American authors, is an outgrowth of "Let's Talk: White Privilege." Our goal is to select non-fiction and fiction titles, and meet about four times a year for discussion, with dates selected according to the schedules and availability of those who attend. Lowell and Ellen Satre invite interested people to the first meeting at 7:00 on Tuesday, May 7, at our home, 1872 Goleta Ave. We are on Youngstown's north side, 1½ miles north of UUYO.

Since Let's Talk participants have already looked at a number of contemporary writings, we recommend beginning with one of the classics of the literature of African American thinkers and writers. *The Souls of Black Folk* is a set of essays by the 19th C. sociologist, historian, civil rights activist, educator, and author W. E. B. Du Bois.

Born just after the Civil War, Du Bois grew up in New England and was educated at Harvard and at Humboldt University, Berlin. He taught at Atlanta University and was one of the founders of the NAACP in 1909. Du Bois is noted for the concept of "double consciousness" and for his difference of opinion with Booker T. Washington, also an author and promoter of industrial education

during the same period. Du Bois made known the phrase "color line," which was first put forth by Frederick Douglass, as a descriptor of the injustice of the "separate but equal" approach. A sympathizer of socialist causes and a critic of capitalism, Du Bois was a strong peace activist.

Please come for a discussion on this important book. All members of the church congregation are invited to participate, whether having attended the White Privilege sessions or not. Kindly let us know if you will attend, so that we can assemble enough chairs. E-mail lesatre@gmail.com or text 330-259-5114. We'll also be happy to provide directions for getting to our home; there is on-street parking in our neighborhood. Thank you.

Ellen Satre

Book Discussion Group I Wednesday, May 15th 7:15pm at Melissa Smith's

The UUYO Book Group 1 will meet on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at 7:15 pm at the home of Melissa Smith to discuss William Dalrymple's Return of a king: the battle for Afghanistan, 1839-42 which "examines the mid-19th-century Afghan war as a tragic result of neocolonial ambition, cultural collision and hubris, drawing on previously untapped primary sources to explore such topics as the reestablishment of a puppetleader Shah, the conflict's brutal human toll and the similarities between the war and present-day challenges."

In June the selection is Point Counter Point by Aldous Huxley. This novel, published in 1928,I offers both a portrait of the brilliant and frivolous intellectual and artistic circles of the 1920s, and an examination of the eternal question, "what is the happy, healthy life?"; It contains portraits of D.H. Lawrence, Katherine Mansfield, Ottoline Morrell and Huxley himself.



Foreign Policy Discussion Group Sunday, May 26 at 12:30pm

We will probably have finished Turkey in April, so we can start a new topic in May, perhaps by staying in the Mideast. Of course, other topics, problems, and questions will be welcome. Questions - call Bob Seibold, 724-981-4791.



Work Party Saturday, May 18 from 10am-2pm

The third Saturday in May will be May 18. At the April work party, we got a good start on the lawn/leaves/branches. For May, we can probably start weeding. If the weather does not cooperate, Martin will, as usual, have a list of indoor tasks. So, come one, come all. Enjoy some coffee and cold drinks while celebrating Armed Forces Day and sprucing up the building under the new cupola. Questions - call Bob Seibold, 724-981-4791.

The Best Cup of Coffee Ever!

That tall cart on the north side of Channing Hall during coffee hour contains bags of coffee for sale, so that you can make that tasty brew at your home or office. Mind, Body, and Soul is one of the varieties we serve. Coffees are available already ground, or in whole bean form so that you can relish the aroma of fresh-ground coffee in your own space.

Remember, Fair Trade products are good for farmers,

the land, the programs of the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, and UUYO. Peppermint tea is a real favorite right now. A box of 20 bags is just \$4.00.

Please note that we will not get any additional chocolate bars until the fall of 2019. We still have several kinds in stock, but they may go fast. If you have a favorite chocolate, buy it now, at 2/\$7.00 or \$4.00 apiece. If you'd like to limit yourself to a nibble of chocolate at a time, get a little bag: 4/\$1 of the Dark Chocolate Minis. Or put some in a dish for your visitors.

Enjoy a Cup of Justice—Buy Fair Trade! Ellen Satre

Hospitality Teams Schedule

Our hospitality teams do so much to make Sunday morning come together: Greet, welcome, provide coffee and treats at coffee hour. If you are interested in joining a hospitality team, please contact Linda Mohn (Imohn2005@yahoo.com).

Please be sure and thank the folks on this month's team.

Team 2: May 5, 12, 19 & 26

- Anita Wesler Communicator
- Marcia & Ralph Malmer Facilitators
- Danna Bozick
- Cheryl & Galen Elser
- Kate Fitzgerald & Gerard Kelly
- Luanna Jacobs
- Cathy Kajut
- Jon Locketti
- Sarah Lown
- Hannah Moses
- Kelsey Myers
- Patti Rudawsky
- Linda Scharf
- Jorine Stone
- Trudee Weatherby

Job Available - Director of Religious Education

UUYO is looking for a Director of Religious
Education. The position is part time, 10 hours per week,
10 months of the year and is paid. Responsibilities
include working with Rev. Joseph and the Worship
Associates committee to coordinate the RE program
throughout the year and working with volunteer RE
teachers to lead classes.

A detailed job description is available upon request. Training will be provided, so the most important thing the applicant should bring to the position is enthusiasm for RE and excitement for learning. Please contact the office at office@uuyo.org if you are interested.

Pastoral Care

If you have a pastoral care need, or know of someone in our congregation who might have a need, please contact Cathy Kajut by phone at 330-774-2168.

June Newsletter Submissions Due Sunday, May 19 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, 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

How to Contact UUYO

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