



Journey

THE STEEL CHALICE

March 2019

March Worship Theme: "Journey"

"Every day is a journey, and the journey itself is home."
— Matsuo Basho



Sunday, March 3, 2019

11am Service: "The Heroine's Journey"

In the Wizard of Oz, Dorothy clicks her red slippers three times and repeats the phrase "There's no place like home." Maureen Murdock writes about the heroine's journey as a quest for integration and wholeness, a journey home. Join us as we celebrate women's history month in this multi-generational service.

Rev. Joseph Boyd - Minister
BeckyAnn Harker - Director of Religious Education
Nanette Kaplan-Solomon - Pianist

A television journalist shook my hand after the cupola was installed on top of our church and said: "Great job. I'm glad you made this happen." This happens all the time to ministers. We are given credit for things that in reality had little to do with us. I have learned things like that in my short tenure as your minister. The art of ministry is much more subtle, mysterious and profound than I anticipated, and as I continue on this journey the depth of this mystery continues to grow.

I recommend becoming a minister. It's jokingly referred to as the second oldest profession. Ministry is about intimacy. If done well, ministry nurtures and encourages intimacy with ourselves, intimacy with our neighbors, intimacy with the political and social climate, intimacy with life itself.

As I look at UUYO, I see one of the most generous communities I have ever known. Your generosity permeates every aspect of our church both within and outside our walls.

In the last month we have witnessed some critical changes. In February we began officially giving away 100% of our loose collection to an organization that does good in the Mahoning Valley. The first Sunday we made this change, the loose collection on that one Sunday equaled the average monthly amount we would give away under the old "Share the Plate" model. I took this as a further vote of confidence in this shift, and our community will very soon notice the difference. We have witnessed the installation of our beautiful new cupola, which has garnered media attention as well as great appreciation from our Northside neighbors. With the gifted facilitation of our members, we have also

begun to engage the construct of whiteness in a series called: "Let's Talk: White Privilege." This has coincided with our installation of a "Black Lives Matter" banner. So many significant changes, and I still could go on.

I'm amazed to see the level of commitment and follow through in discussing, voting on, and implementing these changes. It's been a distinct pleasure to join you on this journey of shared ministry.

I believe each member and friend at UUYO has a ministry to offer the world. In a time of prevalent distraction and division, we need more people who can guide us back to ourselves, and back into accountable and kind relationship with our neighbors. The work of ministry that happens at UUYO has never been more needed. As we journey, let us celebrate the milestones of the past month as we continue the vital tradition at UUYO of shared ministry.

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

The newly elected and returning members of your Board of Trustees attended an all-day organizational meeting in early February in order to set goals for the 2019 year. Some of our goals and accomplishments are listed below. Officers and board members include:

Andy Crabb, President
Gene Pusateri, Vice President
Louisa Berger, Treasurer
Marguerite Felice, Secretary
Brian Konya, Chair of Finance Committee
and Members of the Board: Tom Beck, John Gulgas, Mindi Raley.

(1) This year we need to update our UUYO Web Site. Members and friends of the congregation who have experience in web site maintenance are encouraged to volunteer to work on this project.

(2) The By-Laws of UUYO are under review to update the content.

(3) We'll be exploring the possibility of employing a part time Sexton to take care of building cleaning and maintenance.

(4) This year will also see a special emphasis on meeting deadlines, especially for items related to the operation of our Church Office. Unfortunately, we as a congregation are sometimes late in meeting deadlines and this places an unnecessary burden on the work assignments of our Church Office. We need to be more cooperative in making sure we're not adding additional burden to work assignments by not meeting deadlines, especially when it comes to items needed for publications such as the Order of Service announcements, Weekly Emails, and the monthly Newsletter.

(5) We're exploring additional opportunities through which our Church can have a positive impact on our neighborhood in the North Side of Youngstown as well as reaching the larger community in the Mahoning Valley. The Black Lives Matter Banner on display is one more way we are letting the community know about our commitment to social justice.

(6) One of our goals is to promote the good works of our Church more vigorously to the public.

(7) February 18th was a momentous day for our Congregation when the new cupola was installed on the Church building. The former 90-year old, 96-foot steeple and supporting base were removed in January, 2013, due to internal wood rot and structural safety concerns. The new cupola was transported by truck from the manufacturing site in Texas. The cupola was lifted by crane and placed on the existing "stump" where the original steeple formerly stood.

Construction work started shortly after 7 am and ended around 2 pm. It was snowing and very cold, so we were impressed that the work crew worked nonstop. TV stations 21, 27, and 33 covered the story and reported on-air broadcasting interviews with Joseph, Andy,

Martin, Tom, and Jennifer. The *Vindicator* newspaper covered the event with pictures and information published in the February 19th edition, Metro Section. The UUYO news story was also included with the on-line news features of several local media outlets. Louisa Berger made breakfast and lunch for the workers and UUYO members who watched the installation of the cupola. There were no accidents, no injuries, everything went smoothly. Jon Locketti supervised the installation on site for our local contracted engineering company, Adolph and Sons. The steel workers and crane operators were from Diamond Steel Construction, North Lima. The transport truck driver reported that the drive from Texas to Ohio was difficult because of encountering high winds. Additional internal and external work on the cupola including waterproofing and wind proofing, safety inspection, etc., continued during the week.

The cupola is ten feet at the base and 27 feet tall, weighing around 3,000 pounds. The project cost approximately \$68,000, donated by Church members and the Church Endowment Fund designated for building maintenance and repair. The cupola will include variable lighting effects along with sound capability when completely installed.

We are gratefully accepting additional donations, along with payment of already promised donations for the cupola project, in order to secure all the funding necessary to pay our final bills for the project.

Cupolas served traditionally as a lookout and beacon on buildings in New England and were included in the design of early structures in the Ohio Western Reserve influenced by settlers from Connecticut. The cupola design was selected by the congregation as a symbolic structure to emphasize the historic relationship of the Church with the North Side of Youngstown. The Unitarian Universalist Church of Youngstown plans to continue their legacy by serving as a lookout for the community, caring for neighbors, and doing what is possible to encourage positive transformation on the North Side and in the Mahoning Valley.

A formal dedication of the cupola by the congregation is planned for the Spring. 2019 continues to be an

exciting year for the members of our growing UUYO Congregation!

Tom Beck



Reflections

Our lives are a journey. From birth to death, as well as our journeys of self-discovery and spiritual development. There are literal journeys you can take to exotic places or just across town. There are journeys you can take in your mind when reading a book or on a guided meditation.

The newest leg of the RE journey has been the addition of an RE Committee. We have met twice now, during one of the Polar Vortex days and then in February to plan for March. It is nice travelling with companions! They are full of ideas and have helped to plan specific themes of the day and activities to go with them, all on the theme of Journey. We will be exploring the journey of our lives- where we have come from, and where we are going- we will take a mind journey to India to learn about the holiday Holi, which is a celebration of color and love, and we will learn how to take a mind journey when we are bored. Many thanks to my travelling companions: Ashleigh Davis, Lindsay Sinkovich, Mystery Wallis, and Diana Bodrogi-Podoaba.

Other parts of the RE journey are moving with the flow. OWL continues to go well. As I may have noted in a previous newsletter, we have added one more OWL lesson, so the program will be over in May instead of April. So much good information, we have to make sure we get all of the important parts!

March has five Sundays in it, which means the fifth Sunday will be our Social Action Sunday. There are no specific plans to share yet, but there are a couple of ideas in the works. Keep an eye on the Weekly Update as we get closer.

I also want to share about a journey of my own. I

recently traveled to Wheeling, West Virginia for my annual LREDA retreat with other DRE colleagues from around the Ohio Meadville region. It was a wonderful time away, a time of fellowship, sharing, learning, and good food. Driving home, I was reminded of a quote that I had read on the topic of journeys: "As always when returning from a time away my counsel is: don't return entirely" (Rev. Steve Garnaas-Holmes), except I would modify this quote to be: When returning from a time away, come back renewed and full of wisdom that was received along the way (BeckyAnn Harker).

Happy Journeys!

--BeckyAnn Harker, Director of Religious Education

Give Away the Plate

This program donates the undesignated collection at Sunday services to one specific charity per month. UUYO's Share the Plate recipient for March is Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio: Moms & Babies First: Ohio's Black Infant Vitality Program.

Moms & Babies First is a neighborhood outreach program supported by Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio that targets pregnant, high-risk African American women in Mahoning and Trumbull counties. In Ohio, African American women are twice as likely to have a baby that is considered very low birth weight than the population in general. Even more disturbing, the infant mortality rate in Ohio in the African American community is twice the rate of that in the population in general. The focus of the program is to encourage early and consistent prenatal care.

Your generous contributions will be used to support mothers by making sure their babies are healthy and happy by helping to purchase much needed items like: Disposable diapers, formula, baby bottles, WRTA bus passes for prenatal and well-child appointments, newborn clothing--sleepers, layette, blankets, etc., and maternity clothing for the moms.

March Events

3/1/19 Winter FUNN Coffee House (CH) 7pm
3/3/19 Social Justice Ministry Meeting (SL) 12-2pm
3/3/19 Adult Forum: Iceland (SL) 9:30am
3/5/19 Let's Talk: White Privilege (CH) 7pm

3/6/19 Book Group 2, 7:15pm at Melissa Smith's
3/7/19 ICE Vigil in Brooklyn Heights, OH at 4pm
3/10/19 Chili Cook-Off (CH) 12:15pm
3/10/19 UUYO Environmental Justice Team Meeting (SL) 12:30pm
3/10/19 Meditation (YR) 4-5pm (3:45 if first time)
3/12/19 Let's Talk: White Privilege (CH) 7pm
3/16/19 Work Party at 10am
3/17/19 Newcomers' Circle (SL) 12:15pm
3/17/19 Worship Associates Meeting (BR) 12:30pm
3/20/19 Book Group 7:15pm at Melissa Smith's
3/24/19 Foreign Policy Discussion Group (SL) 12:30pm
3/24/19 Meditation (YR) 4-5pm (3:45pm if first time)
3/30/19 Memorial Scrabble Scramble (CH) 12:30-4pm
4/6/19 UUYO Spring Gathering in Akron from 9am-2:30pm

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

Winter FUUN Coffee House

**Friday, March 1 at 7pm in Channing Hall
For All Ages**

Just in time to cheer us at mid-winter, we'll gather for an evening of music, poetry, coffee, sweets and fellowship.

There will be an open mic, so grab your ukulele and start warming up your pipes. Ask a friend to join you in singing a duet. Polish that poem you've been working on to share with us. Jeff Crouse and other UUYO favorites will offer their musical magic, as well.

Check your Weekly Update email and the Order of Service for more details.

Join us!

For more information, contact Karen Lapidus at kklure@prodigy.net.

Adult Forum

Sunday, March 3, 2019 in Schweitzer Lounge at 9:30am

Lowell and Ellen Satre will show photos and talk about Iceland: The Land of Fire and Ice.

The small island nation of Iceland offers a fascinating view of Viking history, explosive geology, literary prominence beyond its small numbers, the struggle for a place in world markets, and a wealth of awe-inspiring vistas of mountains, waterfalls, coastline, and glaciers. Lowell and Ellen Satre will describe and illustrate their recent experience in Iceland.

ICE Vigil

Thursday, March 7, 2019, Brooklyn Heights, OH at 4pm

West Shore UU Church will be leading a 30-minute vigil outside the Immigration and Customs Enforcement office in Brooklyn Heights at 4pm on Thursday, March 7. We hope that you and/or some members of your congregation will join us—this is a great opportunity for collegiality between our congregations!

Thursday, March 7 @4pm
925 Keystone Circle
Brooklyn Heights, OH 44131
(NE corner of the lawn)

If you have any questions, please direct them to:
Michelle Ma, Intern Minister
West Shore Unitarian Universalist Church
m.michelle.ma@gmail.com
[440-333-2255 ext. 129](tel:440-333-2255) (or option 1, then 3)

Thanks!

Chili! Chili! Chili!

Sunday, March 10 (CH) 12:15pm

The Annual Chili Cook-off is fast approaching. This year it will be held on March 10th right after the service in Channing Hall. Prizes will be awarded in the following categories: Hottest, Traditional, Most Unusual, Vegan/Vegetarian, and Best-In-Show.

Women's Alliance will provide butter, shredded cheese, sliced green onion, chopped regular green onion, sour cream and crackers. To fill out the meal, we ask the congregation to provide salads, relishes, vegetables, breads/rolls, etc., and any desserts/sweets. A sign-up sheet will be in Channing Hall at the Equal Exchange table. You can glance at the sheet and see what is needed to provide a balanced meal. Also, we will need help in setting up, breaking down, and cleaning up after

the event. Any help will be appreciated. For questions call Eugenia at 330-953-3086 or 330-503-4039 or Louisa Berger at 330-746-6897 or 330-559-1683.

Environmental Justice Team Meeting
Sunday, March 10 (SL) 12:30-1:30pm

All Members and Friends of UUYO are welcome and encouraged to attend the 2nd meeting of the Environmental Justice Team, a limb of the Social Justice Ministry Team at UUYO, on Sunday March 10, 2019 at 12:30 pm in Schweitzer Lounge. Please come to discuss potential projects and learn more about environmental justice opportunities within the church and the larger community.

At the January meeting of the Social Justice Ministry, it was discussed to create a branch of Justice Ministry to highlight environmental projects. Diana Shaheen, Jeanne Tucker, and Susie Beiersdorfer will co-organize and coordinate this ministry. We will meet on the 2nd Sunday of the month from 12:30-1:30pm.

UUYO is currently involved in numerous environmental justice issues including our Fair Trade Equal Exchange Program, the Northside Farmers Market and others.

See you on March 10th!

Meditation Group

Sunday, March 10 and 24 from 4-5pm

All are welcome to attend UUYO's meditation group on March 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. 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



Work Party

Saturday, March 16 from 10am-2pm

The third Saturday will be March 16. If the weather is warm, we might start outdoor work. If not, there will be plenty to do indoors. Come and join the fun and fellowship. Questions - call Bob Seibold, 724-981-4791.



Newcomers' Circle

Sunday, March 17 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! For more information, contact Karen Lapidus at kklure@prodigy.net.



Get Out - Film Screening

Tuesday, March 19th at 7 pm in Channing Hall

This film won the 2018 Academy Award for Best Original Screenplay. Mixing genres of comedy, horror, and sharp social commentary, Jordan Peele creates a thriller about

the undercurrents of racism in places that seem harmless on the surface.

Join Rev. Joseph in a conversation about the film afterward. **Please be 18 or older due to some stylized horror violence.**

UUYO Book Group

The **UUYO Book Group** will meet on Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at 7:15 pm at the home of Melissa Smith to discuss ***Man's Search for Meaning*** by Victor Frankl. This work details holocaust survivor Frankl's horrifying experiences in Nazi concentration camps, along with his psychological approach of logotherapy, which helped him survive and shows how one can, and must, find meaning in life.

UUYO Book Group 2 will meet on Wednesday, March 6, 2019 to consider Henrik Ibsen's play, ***An Enemy of the People***, the story of a man who dares to speak an unpalatable truth, and is punished for it.

Foreign Policy Discussion Group

Sunday, March 24 at 12:30pm

The fourth Sunday will be March 24. We will meet at 12:30pm in Schweitzer Lounge. We will likely start a new topic, but other topics, questions, and comments are always welcome. Questions - call Bob Seibold, 724-981-4791.

Joan Bushey/Margaret Haushalter Memorial Scrabble Scramble (CH) - Saturday, March 30, 12:30 – 4:00

Come match your wits with fellow UUS in an informal, friendly scrabble tournament. Entrance fee: One or more used books (no more than 3 please!) OR finger food for 10 OR both if you like. Prizes for everyone! Preregistration would be appreciated, but not required, by calling or emailing Cathy Kajut or Jan Elias. If you can help set up, make coffee, clean up, or bring scrabble boards, please let Cathy or Jan know. Cathy: ckajut@gmail.com, 330-774-2168; Jan: jaelias@ysu.edu, 330-757-3503.

Save the Date for the UUJO Spring Gathering
Saturday, April 6, 9:00am – 2:30pm

Starting 9 am with coffee, ending 2:30 pm (approx)

On Saturday April 6, UUJO will hold Spring Gatherings in 5 cluster locations around Ohio - Toledo, Akron, Columbus, Cincinnati, and Cleveland.

In the morning, we will all hear a keynote from Ohio Senator Nickie Antonio, ranking minority member of the Health, Human Services and Medicaid Committee in the Ohio Senate. Senator Antonio is also a Unitarian Universalist and a member of West Shore UU Church in Lakewood, Ohio. We will broadcast her keynote to the different locations by Zoom. After that, the different locations will identify and discuss local/regional issues that we might address as clusters of congregations.

Please hold the date and there will be more information and registration forms coming soon. More information is available at: <https://www.uujo.org/>

Penny Pinchers Consignment Shop

During these long, winter days, why not turn your thoughts to spring. What better time to remove some of those gently worn spring items that you no longer wear from your closet!

Penny Pinchers, a local consignment boutique, is a nonprofit organization operated for the benefit of The Silver Lining Cancer Fund, Inc. They are now accepting spring clothing, through April 1. Bring your items to church and leave them folded in the blue basket or on labelled hangers in the hallway off Channing Hall. Please leave your name so we can thank you. A check for 40% of items sold each season will be given to UUYO, so both individuals and UUYO benefit!

Thank you to all who have generously donated men's and women's clothing in the past. Email questions to Linda Mohn (lmohn2005@yahoo.com).



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 (lmohn2005@yahoo.com).

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

Team 3: March 3

- Linda Mohn – Communicator
- Susie Beiersdorfer – Facilitator
- Diana Shaheen – Facilitator
- Audra & Jason Carlson

- Ashleigh Davis
- Judy Degenova
- Chris Heck & Jessica Myers
- Ron Heinbaugh
- Karen Lapidus
- Sarah Lowry
- Dianna Mason
- Marcellene Hawk Mayhall

- Gene Pusateri & Susan Miracle
- Davin Stilson
- Mary June Tartan

Team 4: March 10,17,24, and 31

- Jan Elias – Communicator
- Sharon Stringer – Facilitator
- Gloria Wilkin – Facilitator

- Sue Anzelotti
- Louisa & Martin Berger
- Marguerite Felice
- Korey Gall
- Clayton Henderson
- Roger LaFontaine
- Carole McWilson
- Eugenia & Al Pierce
- Ellen & Lowell Satre
- Lindsay Sinkovich

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.

April Newsletter Submissions are Due Tuesday, March 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

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