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April Sunday Services

April 4-"Spiral in the Sky and Temblors on the Ground: Thoughts on Easter 2010." Our guest speaker will be Diane Wright, a Miami graduate and Cincinnati Unitarian who works in community mental health. Service leader: Patty Klingenberg. Egg hunt for children. ☺

April 11-"Campus Ministry: What We Do Is Who We Are." Harry Bolen, the director of the campus ministry center at Miami will be our guest speaker. He will be telling stories about the CMC and give examples of what they do and why. A question-answer session following may lead to ideas about ways in which our community could better connect with religious life on campus.

April 18-"We Celebrate You, and You, and You" as we gather together to recognize all those among us who have shared in the ministry of the congregation over the past year. (You might just be surprised who will be recognized.) We will celebrate **"20 Years of Hopedale"** with gratitude for the best of the past and appreciation for what lies ahead. Rev. Linda Eppert.
*Stick around for a Potluck and birthday picture, followed immediately by our
Spring Congregational Meeting.*

April 25-"Permission to Shine." Donne Hayden, our guest minister from the Quaker Meeting in Cincinnati, will speak about characteristics of The Light in Quaker thought and practice. In her reference to the Aramaic words of Jesus from the book by Neil Douglas-Klotz, *Blessings of the Cosmos: Wisdom of the Heart from the Aramaic Words of Jesus*, she will explain the ways this concept is relevant to us as well. Service leader: Patty Klingenberg.

Consulting Minister's Meanderings



YES! No flu. No snow. Nothing stood in the way of the Appreciative Inquiry on Saturday, March 20. Whew!

The sixteen of you who gathered were creative, thoughtful, full of energy and insightful. Provocative Propositions were written. Convenors volunteered and folks have signed onto the propositions. The next step: The convenors will call their first meetings and the groups will gather and begin to think how their Provocative Proposition will manifest itself. YES! We may even begin to think how the appreciative inquiry might inform the writing of a new mission and vision for Hopedale.

If you missed the Appreciative Inquiry and you find that one of the Provocative Propositions speaks to you, let the convenor know. (See article on pages 6 & 7 in this newsletter which lists all the convenors as well as the Provocative Propositions.)

As the season of spring brings renewal, so did the Appreciative Inquiry. Spring also brings a time of celebration and recognition. On Sunday, April 18 we will recognize all those who have shared in the ministry at Hopedale in the past year. Before the annual Congregational Meeting, and after the Sunday Service on April 18, we will gather for a 20th Birthday Celebration of Hopedale. Join us as we blow out the candles on the cake and take a snapshot of all in attendance.

Looking ahead, Flower Communion will be on May 16 and a Blessing of the Animals is scheduled for June 13. I will be off in July, taking two weeks of my vacation and two weeks study leave. (I will take the remaining two weeks of my vacation later in the year.)

My study leave will be spent reading the book and learning the theory behind *The World Café: Shaping Our Futures Through Conversations That Matter*, by Juanita Brown with David Isaacs and the World Café Community. If you are interested in learning more on the "World Café," you can visit their website www.theworldcafe.com

Take a look and let me know your thoughts.

In hope and peace,

Rev. Linda

Prez Message

Rarely do we ever have to schedule an event three times to make it happen. First derailed due to illness, then bad weather, the congregation-wide Appreciative Inquiry turned out to be well worth the wait because of the creative energy that arose from the participants' enthusiasm. Rev. Barbara Child was our facilitator and our host Rev. Linda kept us well-fed and supplied. Members and Friends provided good humor, bright ideas and a giant collaborative spirit. They included Linda Amspaugh, Ann Elizabeth Armstrong, Jennifer Blue, Jane Flueckiger, Orie and Elinor Loucks, Celia Ellison, Wayne Copenhaver and Orlita Kissane, Mary Fox, Judi Hetrick, Eunice Meadows, Pete Carels, Ann Fuehrer, Cindie Ulreich and myself. Kind thanks to Lindsay R. who was on hand to provide childcare should the need have arisen.

We spent the morning getting to know each other on a deeper level, interviewing in groups of two. Then doubled groups looked for common themes that rose among the statements shared. We then sought to take those themes and talked about the kinds of dreams that could be realized if we worked to design and promote new initiatives in spiritual practice and programming.

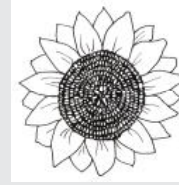
What emerged were whole new groups of people committed to Provocative Propositions that will help shape the destiny of Hopedale. Very soon groups will begin to meet to build new ways to approach the diversity of Sunday Service experience; utilize expressions of the Visual, Musical and Theater Arts, share exciting programs in Community Outreach and Spiritual Sanctuary. There are posters in the Sanctuary that give a preview of what's to come. Sign one of the posters if you want to get in on beginning of our tomorrow and talk to the participants above to hear more. We keep you posted along the journey.

In community and deep gratitude-
Liz Woedl

GREEN CORNER

How the Sun Can Help Us

from Gisela Bahr



In the necessary conversion from fossil fuels to renewables the sun plays an important role. In a recent Earth Policy release from March 16, it is stressed that the sun is an enormous reservoir of energy. In fact, “the sunlight reaching Earth in just one hour is enough to power the global economy for a whole year.” We are using three types of solar energy: solar photovoltaics (PVs), concentrated solar thermal power (CSP), and solar water and space heating.

While the technology for photovoltaics was developed in the US, Japan took an early lead in production, followed in recent years by China and Germany. At the end of 2008 the world had a cumulative total of 15,000 megawatts in PV installations. Germany became the global PV leader with an installed capacity of 5300 megawatts, followed by Spain with 3220 megawatts, Japan with 2150 megawatts, and the US with 1173 megawatts.

Rooftop solar water and space heaters that directly convert sunlight into heat have been adopted by a number of countries but nowhere as much as by China. With a capacity for about 27 million homes, China accounts for two-thirds of the world’s 120,000 thermal megawatt capacity.

Solar thermal power projects are coming back after a hiatus of 16 years. These CSPs use mirrors to concentrate sunlight on a vessel filled with a liquid, to produce steam that drives a turbine. Since 2006 world capacity has grown to over 450 megawatts, enough to power 156,000 American homes for a year. When new projects that are currently under construction are completed, the world CSP capacity will increase about 4-fold. In the US new projects under development exceed 10,000 megawatts, that is 20 times greater than the combined capacities of current plants and those under construction.

Current trajectories, national targets, and available resources indicate that a 100-fold increase for PVs and solar rooftop heaters and a 200-fold increase in CSPs is achievable and with that a possible reduction of global carbon dioxide emission of 80% by 2020. Next to the wind, the major energy provider is the sun, indeed an important helper.



JOYS & CONCERNS

Let us know your joys and concerns. Call Caring Committee coordinators **Jane Flueckiger**, 523-2289 or **Susan Thrasher**, 523-5860.

⌘ The Danielsons have been busy! Kenneth performed with the Hamilton Fairfield Symphony Orchestra; he says he was shaking but he certainly looked poised! Evan finished first in the Kramer Elementary chess tournament. Glenn is back in Korea, improving his Korean and teaching English.

We ALL are part of the Caring Committee. We know you've heard us say this before. It's true! We depend on you to keep us informed of the joys and concerns of members and friends and to tell us when assistance might be needed. From time to time we need people to help with errands, transportation, meals, and other needs that may arise. Our list of volunteers has become outdated. If we may call on you for help, please give your name to Susan or Jane. Many thanks.



**The Spring
Congregational
Meeting will be
held on
Sunday,
April 18th**

from 12:30 until 2 p.m.
We'll convene immediately
following Hopedale's
birthday potluck. Please
plan to join us.

Rev. Linda's April Office Hours

Rev. Linda will be at the
Hopedale Office on
Monday, April 19th and
Wednesday, April 21st
from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. During
the rest of the month, you
can reach Rev. Eppert at
513-378-5769 (cell.) or via
email: eppert@fuse.net

Appreciative Inquiry Report

March 19, 2010

submitted by Celia Ellison

The long-awaited and twice-postponed Appreciative Inquiry, hosted by Rev. Linda Eppert and facilitated by Rev. Barbara Child, was a wonderfully-positive experience for the 16 attendees. The focus was on meaningful Hopedale/ UU stories and resulted in five **Provocative Propositions**. Each proposition has a convener to guide it to fruition and all friends and members of Hopedale are **invited to assist** in the journey. Find the proposition(s) that speaks to you and **contact the convener** to express your interest.

Because we view Hopedale as our home, we attend regularly and participate whole-heartedly. Convener: Elinor Loucks

Already committed to attend and participate:

Jane Flueckiger Orlita Kissane Peter Carels

Cindie Ulreich Wayne Copenhaver Jennifer Blue

Celia Ellison Mary Fox Judi Hetrick Liz Woedl

Be Involved . . . Hopedale is Your Home

The energized small groups in our congregation partner with like-minded community groups, visibly showcasing our values, cosponsoring programs and bringing visitors to our building. Convener: Judi Hetrick

Already committed to partner and reach out:

Ann Elizabeth Armstrong Elinor Loucks Jane Flueckiger

Jennifer Blue Orie Loucks

Connect ~ Commit ~ Communicate ~ Come in and Come Back

We are increasing the intentional use of our natural surroundings in Sunday Services and community outreach. Convenor: Mary Fox

Already committed to supporting our sanctuary:

Orie Loucks Peter Carels Wayne Copenhaver

Ann Fuehrer Jennifer Blue Ann Elizabeth Armstrong Orlita Kissane

Find Your Spiritual Sanctuary at Hopedale

We have an annual calendar for diverse Sunday Services and Religious Education highlighting holy days, holidays, rites of passage, Welcoming activities, and our Green Sanctuary, as suggested by members and friends. Convenor: Ann Fuehrer

Already making service suggestions:

Cindie Ulreich Eunice Meadows Celia Ellison Judi Hetrick

Mary Fox Orie Loucks Jennifer Blue Liz Woedl

Give a suggestion for the Hopedale "Worship" Year

Once every other month the ARTS are a vehicle for the Sunday Service at Hopedale. Convenor: Liz Woedl

Already conjuring creative & participatory services:

Linda Amspagh Wayne Copenhaver Celia Ellison

Orlita Kissane Ann Elizabeth Armstrong Mary Fox

Cindie Ulreich Orie Loucks

The arts evoke

Help Hopedale Raise Money

Spring Cleaning at Your House? Don't discard those usable items you no longer need. Contribute them to the HUUC Yard Sale, coming up in late August. This has been a major fund raiser, but we need both contributions and volunteer help when the time comes. We'll keep you posted on the details.

-Peter Carels



B & B Hosts needed for graduation weekend, May 8 & 9th

Any volunteers? All you need to do is offer a room(s) to Miami parents and a light breakfast. In return, these families give a \$75/night donation to Hopedale.

If you are willing and able to help, please email the office at huucoffice@gmail.com

Do you have your **Kroger Gift Card** yet? Misplaced (or worn out) your old one? Hopedale earns 4% of every grocery and fuel dollar you spend at any Kroger store if you use one of our gift cards. Please see Pete Carels if you would like to obtain one. He will

have them at Hopedale most Sunday mornings. Pursuant to Kroger policy, he has loaded \$5 on each card to get you started. Questions? Call Pete at 523-8614.



FREE VOCAL CONCERT

The last concert of the **Midday Music in Oxford** series is scheduled at the Oxford Presbyterian Church, 101 N. Main St. in Oxford, on Wednesday, April 21 at 12:00 p.m. Soprano Audrey Luna, who has performed worldwide, and countertenor William Sauerland, a former member of Chanticleer, will be joined by pianist Brad Caldwell. Information: 523-6969.

Hopedale Happenings

Reminder

Caroline Soule Sisters lunch and planning meeting will be held on **Sunday, April 11th at 12:30 pm** at Wild Bistro in Oxford. Please come with your ideas, hopes, and goals for our women's group. RSVP Amy Fox at 889-1398. Feel free to send suggestions to her ahead of time if you like.

The green TV series, Simple Living with Wanda Urbanska.

The environmental TV series, "Simple Living with Wanda Urbanska" will be continued on **Sunday, April 25, 1:30 p.m** at Gisela Bahr's, 102 E. Central Avenue, Oxford.

Episode 7, The Poland Special (a double feature) will be shown. The show will be at Gisela Bahr's, 102 E Central Ave, Oxford.

Everyone is welcome.

Miami Senior Piano major, Matt Menickelly, will present his pre-recital at Hopedale at **5:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 3.**

There is a \$3 donation requested, for the benefit of "Stop AIDS Cincinnati."

Directory updates-Please note: **Amy West Poley's** home phone has changed to: 513-273-2097 AND **Jennifer Blue** has dropped her land-line. If you need to reach her, please call her cell phone 513-593-3220.

Denominational Affairs

Heartland District
10th Annual Meeting & Spring
Conference



"Ten Best: Celebrating Ten Years in the
Heartland 2001 - 2010"
April 9 - 11, 2010

Hosted by:
First UU Congregation of Ann Arbor.
Early bird registration ends March 18th. For
more info, see heartland.uu.org

UUA General Assembly-June 23-27,
Minneapolis, MN.

**If anyone is interested in attending
the Midwest UU Leadership School,**
please speak to Rev. Linda or a board
member.

Summer Fun for the Whole Family

MidWest Unitarian Universalist Summer
Assembly (MUUSA) is a fun, safe place for
families of all kinds, for children, teens,
young adults, singles, couples, and mature
adults. MUUSA is a place for creativity,
friendship, learning, relaxing, and sharing
time together. MUUSA takes place from
July 4th to July 10th, 2010 in Lake of the
Ozarks, YMCA Trout Lodge, Potosi, MI.
Please visit www.MUUSA.org for more
information and to download a full brochure.

UNIVERSALIST CONVOCATION 2010 May 14-16, 2010

**First Universalist
Society of Rochester, NY**
**Keynote: The Rev. Mark
Morrison-Reed, "Dragged
Kicking and Screaming to
Heaven."**

For more information please go
to nmuc.org/Convo

Summer Chalice Camp for UU Kids in Cincinnati

The Northern Hills Unitarian
Universalist Fellowship will be
hosting its second annual "Chalice
Camp" this summer. This camp for
children (ages 3 to 10) will run
from July 19 to July 22, 2010.
Our program this year will center
on evolution and how it is tied into
the responsible search for truth
and meaning and the interdepen-
dent web of life. Chalice Camp will
run each day from 9:00 a.m. to
1:00 p.m. Cost will be \$30 per
child for all four days. Children
from all the Cincinnati area con-
gregations are welcome and
encouraged to take part in this
week of fun and learning with
other local UUs their ages. For
more information, visit the North-
ern Hills website at
www.uunhf.org or call the NHF
office at 513-931-6651.

Happening at Hopedale this month...

Caroline Soule Sisters will meet on **Sunday, April 11 at 12:30 p.m. at Wild Bistro.**

POTLUCK will be on **Sunday, April 18th** after Sunday Service.

Spring Congregation Meeting will be held on **Sunday, April 18th**, immediately following the potluck.

Newsletter deadline is **Sunday, April 18th.**

Board meeting **Wednesday, April 21st** (6:30-8:30 p.m.)



Hopedale's Gathering to Give Project

The start-up of Hopedale's Gathering to Give project slowed a bit in March.

We had work to do to make sure donations could be made through the church and that a payment method was set up to assure that our money goes where we want it to. Where we want it to go is to female entrepreneurs in developing countries through Kiva, the international microlending organization.

Thanks to Pete Carels, Ann Fuehrer and Ray Gorman for getting our financial ducks in a row. Now we ARE ready to go.

For more information, contact Judi Hetrick at juhetric@yahoo.com or 523.4298.

(A woman in Cambodia needs \$300 to build a beauty salon for her daughter. She'll repay the loan at \$30 a month. How much do we spend each month on restaurant meals and fancy coffee?)



The **Deadline** to submit items for the May 2010 issue of the *Hopedale Community News* is **Sunday, April 18th.**
Please email: huuoffice@gmail.com

Sunday Service Schedule-*Monthly Rhythm*

Services and children's religious education classes are held Sundays at 10:30 am at the Hopedale Community building, 3870 Millville Oxford Road. Nursery and child care available.

1st Sunday Food Drive (Oxford Community Choice Pantry)

Everyone is encouraged to bring canned goods and nonperishables.

3rd Sunday Special Collection.

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