

Hopedale News



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August Sunday Services

August 1 - What I Learned at Summer Camp (UU Midwest Leadership School) -Genevieve O'Malley Knight and Cindie Ulreich. Join Genevieve and Cindie as they talk about their experiences two weeks ago at Beloit College, in lovely Beloit, Wisconsin, at UU Midwest Leadership School. Genevieve was a leader this year (after attending as a participant last year) and Cindie was a first-time participant in this intense, week-long adventure.

August 8 - An Immigrant's Look at Immigration. Speaker: Suhith Wickrema. Is a loving spirit and dwelling in peace enough when human rights are under attack? From suffrage to civil rights to the gay rights movement, religious and spiritual communities have taken action to defend and promote the inherent dignity of all humans. Under attack today are those born in other countries and now living in the United States. Those involved in the fight call for the public witness of religious communities. Service Leader: Cindie Ulreich.

August 15 - Unitarian Universalism: What Do You Believe? Unitarian Universalism emanates from a belief in the unity of God (Unitarianism) and universal salvation (Universalism)- but what do you believe? Are you a theist, agnostic, polytheist, pantheist, or atheist? Rev. Linda will explore a spectrum of beliefs. This theological conversation will continue during a potluck immediately following the service. If you need childcare during this adult education event, please contact Linda as soon as possible. Potluck after Sunday Service.

August 22 - Sundaes Service: A Sprinkling of Gifts. The Sunday services committee this year will be calling on Hopedale members and friends to be more active in program planning and presentation as we take advantage of our new congregational subscription to UUA ChurchOnline resources. Ice cream sundaes -- and especially the way every one of us has a taste for different toppings -- will be more than a metaphor for this service led by Liz Woedl and Judi Hetrick. Be ready for a sweet snack!

August 29 - Oxford's Interfaith Action in Energy Conservation. With religious participation by the American people being among the highest in the world, one has to consider whether interfaith actions on energy conservation can help alleviate risks from global climate change. Orié Loucks and several friends will report on church-related initiatives under way in Oxford, in Ohio, and across the U.S. They will help us recognize the obstacles we can deal with and celebrate the progress.

“Peace” from the Prez



For nearly fifteen year Gisela Bahr has submitted informative and helpful Green Corner insert for our Hopedale newsletter. Gisela has shown tireless enthusiasm in promoting green initiatives, sustainability and simple living not only at this congregation but also with UUs on a national level. We greatly appreciate the knowledge and inspiration she has shared with us. In this edition you will find her last column. She would like to pass on the good work to a new writer, perhaps in a different format, to keep our green awareness alive. Thank you, Gisela, for making the 7th UU Principle a living part of our lives!

The summer services, by now a tradition of eclectic worship experience, have not left us without surprises. Though the season is often migration time for many of us, we always have a variety of participants in the warmest months! One of our most active Sundays was spent inside and outside the building as we gardened and cleaned in loving stewardship. Amy Driscoll and her two growing little ones were visiting from their new home in Colorado and stopped by. They enjoyed seeing our familiar faces and they also pitched in to help spiff up our spiritual home.

We have several members who have been at Hopedale since our 20 year-old beginning. Through the years we welcomed many new faces. Some have stayed and others moved on to other locations and pathways. Some have been born into our midst, grown with us and others have passed away. We honor all the wonderful people who have enriched our experience together. May there be many more homecomings like Amy's and more inspired lay leaders like Gisela.

Rev. Linda's August Office Hours

Rev. Linda will be at the Hopedale Office on
Tuesday, August 17, 1-3 p.m. and Wednesday, August 18, 3-5 p.m.
During the rest of the month, you can reach Rev. Eppert at
513-378-5769 (cell) or via email: eppert@fuse.net

Denominational Affairs

'Creating Peace' Statement of Conscience

From UUA.org

The result of five years of congregational study, the Creating Peace (formerly Peacemaking) Statement of Conscience passed at General Assembly 2010. "Mindful of both our rich heritage and our past failures to prevent war, and enriched by our present diversity of experience and perspective, we commit ourselves to a radically inclusive and transformative approach to peace."

Flaming Chalice: Symbol of Our Faith

(from UUA.org)

A flame within a chalice (a cup with a stem and foot), represents the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) and is a symbol of the Unitarian Universalist faith.



"At the opening of Unitarian Universalist worship services, many congregations light a flame inside a chalice. This flaming chalice has become a well-known symbol of our denomination. It unites our members in worship and symbolizes the spirit of our work."

—Dan Hotchkiss

Hans Deutsch, an Austrian artist, first brought together the chalice and the flame as a Unitarian symbol during his work with the Unitarian Service Committee during World War II. To Deutsch, the image had connotations of sacrifice and love. Unitarian Universalists today have many different interpretations of the image. To learn more about the history of our Unitarian Universalist symbol, please read the pamphlet, "The Flaming Chalice." Available at UUA.org.



JOYS & CONCERNS

Let us know your joys and concerns.

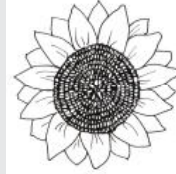
Mary is out of town traveling in late July and early August. If you have items for the next newsletter, please touch base with her when she returns.

If people are traveling this summer, please collect either a small amount of water or a stone for the **Annual Water Ceremony in September.**



A Reminder about the Sunday Service Auction-There is a box for folks to place their bids for a Sunday Service theme and/or sermon topic. Rev. Eppert will do the Sunday Service topic of choice for/with the highest bidder. The date of the service will be decided at a later date.

GREEN CORNER



The City That Ended Hunger

from Gisela Bahr

This is the story of Belo Horizonte, Brazil's fourth-largest city, 2.5 million people of whom 11% once lived in absolute poverty, with nearly 20% of its children going hungry. Then, in 1993, a newly elected administration announced that food is a right of citizenship. In order to realize this new principle, they formed a Citizen council that combined labor, business, and church representatives to advise in the creation of a new food system. The result was dozens of innovations, primarily combining the interests of local farmers and consumers.

For example, the city offers farmers choice spots of public space on which to sell to urban consumers, cutting out the wholesaler so that the farmers' profit increases and poor people get fresh, healthy food. In addition to the farmer-run stands, the city offers food sellers the opportunity to bid on the right to use well-trafficked plots of city land for so-called "ABC" markets (markets for low-price food). There are now 34 such markets where the city sets the price (about two-thirds of the market price) for about twenty healthy items mostly from farmers and chosen by the storeowners. Everything else they can sell at market prices. For ABC sellers with the best spots the use of public land obliges them to, every weekend, drive produce-laden trucks to the poor neighborhoods outside the city center, so everyone can get good food.

Another product of food-as-a-right thinking are three "Peoples' Restaurants" and a few smaller ones that daily serve meals to thousands of people for the equivalent of less than 50 cents, using mostly locally grown food. The people who line up at these restaurants half an hour before opening come from all walks of life, wearing well-worn street clothes, uniforms, or business suits. No one has to prove they are poor to eat there and the mixed clientele eliminates stigma and allows "food with dignity."

Other initiatives are extensive community and school gardens, and nutrition classes. School lunches that used to provide processed food now consist of whole food mostly from local growers. Finally, in cooperation with a local university, the city is trying to keep the markets honest by providing information. They survey the price of 45 basic foods and household items at dozens of supermarkets and post the results at bus stops, online, on television and radio and in newspapers so people can find out where to buy. In just a decade Belo Horizonte cut its infant death rate - assumed evidence of hunger - by more than half. In a six-month period in 1999 infant malnutrition in a sample group was reduced by 50%. The cost of these initiatives is around \$10 million annually, or less than 2% of the city budget. That is about a penny a day per Belo resident.

Source: Yes! Issue 49, Spring 2009, pp. 42-44.

HUUC YARD SALE

DATES AND TIMES:

Friday AUGUST 20 3:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
Saturday AUGUST 21 9:30 a.m., before
that for drop offs



This is the weekend students are moving back into town, many sales are going on, and shoppers will be numerous. By starting on Friday, we'll get the jump on competitors and appeal to the early-bird bargain buzzards.

LOCATION:

Centrally located, thanks to the generosity of Andy Wallis. His porch, yard, and sidewalk at 410 S. Main St., Oxford, a block south of Spring St.

ITEMS SOUGHT:

Clean, attractive, desirable items of furniture, housewares, linens, tools, home decor, sports or exercise equipment, appliances (must be clean and in working order), toys, baby or children's items, jewelry, collectibles. office supplies, rugs, electronics (in working order, neither old nor obsolete), lamps. *Careful with old computers you don't want: probably no one else does either. Clothing doesn't move very well, either, so be very judicious in that area. Books are hard to move, unless you have something really, really neat. DVDs, CDs, Records, maybe, if attractively displayed; old cassette tapes—no thanks.*

DELIVER CLEAN ITEMS TO SALE LOCATION:

If you can't bring it then, call Pete Carels at 523-8614 before then to arrange another time, or for pick-up.

PRICING:

Please help the volunteer staff by suggesting how much you'd like to see Hopedale earn from your contribution, especially if you consider it to be a valuable item. If we don't get that price, can we sell it for less, or do you want it back? Let us know, please.

UNSOLD ITEMS:

Will be disposed of *unless you specifically state you want it back and arrange to pick it up again.*

HELP: I do appreciate the three or four volunteers who've already stepped forward to offer their help, but we can use quite a few more. Thanks. Pete Carels (Fundraising): **523-8614** - or - **carelspe@hotmail.com**

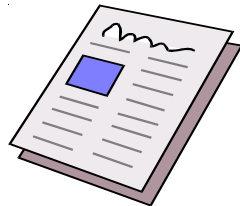
Happening at Hopedale this month...

POTLUCK will be on Sunday, August 15th after Sunday Service.

Newsletter deadline is Sunday, August 15th.

Board meeting Wednesday, August 18th (6:30-8:30 p.m.)

The Deadline to submit items for the September 2010 issue of the *Hopedale Community News* is **Sunday, August 15th**. Please submit items to:
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Summer is almost over and the church fiscal year is 11/12th complete. We need **your pledge** to be fully paid. If it isn't, please pay it now. You may send a check to the church P.O. Box. If you have questions, please call Ann Fuehrer. All of us can choose to make a financial contribution beyond our pledge. We make the community we want. Please give as generously as you want your church to be.

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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