



## July Sunday Services

**July 4-Desert Island Disks.** The best music allows us to experience the transcendent and profound. This annual service is a sharing service where we each bring in a piece of music that is the one piece of music that we would want with us on a desert island. Service Leaders: Amy and Todd Fox.

**July 11-Home Stewardship.** At our Appreciative Inquiry in March, we talked about the significance of Hopedale as our spiritual home. All homes need some loving care. We will clean and tend our building and garden—come ready to work. Service leaders: Ann Fuehrer and Peter Carels. The kids are invited to help-out with their parents.

**July 18-Joseph Priestly: Inventor of Air, Unitarianism and Democracy.** Joseph Priestly is best known for his scientific adventures, but he also was a Unitarian minister, theologian and advocate for democracy in a time when that was a very dangerous set of things to be in England. This sermon will discuss the links between these three passions of Priestley's all based in Enlightenment thinking and a boundless optimism and generosity of spirit. Speaker and service leader: Kim Jacobs-Beck. Potluck after Sunday service.

**July 25-** Glide on placid and tranquil waters as we meet with members, friends and guests for a **Canoe/Service/Picnic event on Acton Lake**, Hueston Woods. Bring your canoes, kayaks and surfboards to the marina area near the park office (boat rentals are also available) at 10:30 a.m. as we take paddle to water (watercraft can be rented at the marina). After boatfolk return to shore, around 11:30 AM, we will share outdoor-themed poetry and rejoice in a shared potluck picnic. Please bring sunscreen, a covered dish to share and your own table service. Children will be under the care of their parents this Sunday. Liz Woedl will be the mini-service leader.

## “Peace” from the Prez



### Places of Peace

When I was a young girl my friend and I would buy a big Hershey's Semi-Sweet Chocolate Bar, a quart of milk then sit at the edge of a San Diego canyon and enjoy the view. I can't remember if we talked about anything but we enjoyed the treat along side of a lovely natural setting. I remember peace.

The location of peace has taken many addresses in my life and no sooner than I thought I could put up a "PEACE" sign my special place would up and move! My quiet little behind the house garden was adopted by family members with a radio and conversation. When home got crazy my workplace became a sanctuary, so full of smiling faces. My solo road trips evaporated with high gas prices and greener values.

Many times I have found a place of peace, solitude and quiet at the Hopedale building. I remember a friend who also found a deep and reclusive retreat there, remodeling during the day then resting in the evening. My own Hopedale repair adventures also have been quality time for my spirit, just a bit and labor, really, and lots of reflection.

Now it seems that the balance of home, workplace, out-of-doors and spiritual sanctuary are a bit wobbly for me. With intention I will grasp the schedule of my day and find my place of peace wherever it might reside this day.

-Liz Woedl



## Sunday Service Auction

From Rev. Eppert

I have been so inspired by your fund raising efforts, I have decided to auction off a Sunday Service. There is a box for folks to place their bids for a Sunday Service theme and/or sermon topic. I will do the Sunday Service topic of choice for/with the highest bidder. The date of the service will be at my and the winner's discretion.

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

The Deadline to submit items for the August 2010 issue of the *Hopedale Community News* is **Sunday, July 18th.** Please submit items to: [huucoffice@gmail.com](mailto:huucoffice@gmail.com)



Rev. Linda Eppert is on Study Leave and vacation during the month of July. If you have an emergency, please contact the Hopedale administrator, Amy West Poley at (513) 273-2097 (please note, my new number.)



## JOYS & CONCERNS

Let us know your joys and concerns. Call Caring Committee coordinator **Mary Fox**.

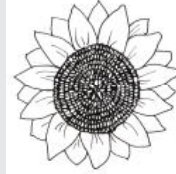
- ⌘ A BIG THANK YOU to our lawn mowing crew. It is just amazing how they have kept up with all the rain we are having. Be sure to tell them in person when you see one of them.
- ⌘ It was great to see Flora Ruther at Hopedale. Many of us also got the joy of holding her. What a beauty, we are so happy for Adriane and Drew.
- ⌘ Wayne Copenhaver will be in treatment through July. We will all be sending him our best thoughts that his treatment goes well.
- ⌘ Todd and Amy Fox are facing some grave concerns. First, Amy's father is not doing as well as they had hoped. His health and memory are both showing decline. Second, one of Todd's brothers is very ill with AIDS. Last weekend, he was in the hospital with pneumonia. He is out now, but his condition is very weak. We hold them in our hearts, hopeful they will both get the help and treatments needed. We send Todd and Amy our heartfelt concern and support.
- ⌘ It's Summer cleaning time at Hopedale. Consider how you and your family can spend extra time at Hopedale attacking clutter, dust, dirt and weeds. There is plenty to do for all (the young, the old and the in-between.) Talk to Mary Fox or Liz Woedl for more details.
- ⌘ A long-overdue THANK YOU to Celia, eagle-eyes, Ellison for training her gifted proof-reading eyes on this newsletter each month.



# GREEN CORNER

Grain – For Cars Or People?

from Gisela Bahr



In addition to pressures on the planet's land and water resources there is now a new demand emerging on cropland to produce fuel for cars and this threatens world food security. It was after Hurricane Katrina when oil prices rose to more than \$60. a barrel and gasoline prices in this country climbed to \$3 a gallon that this new situation came to our attention. Suddenly investments in US corn-based ethanol distilleries increased a lot, with the result that one fourth of the US grain harvest of last year will convert into fuel for cars.

Historically the food and energy economies were separate. Now the price of grain is tied to the price of oil so that when the price of oil climbs, the world price of grain moves up toward its oil-equivalent value. With the sudden jump in grain use for ethanol production the world demand for grain doubled almost overnight, resulting in tripling world prices for wheat, rice, corn, and soybeans. Due to the global economic downturn prices have come down somewhat but are still well above what they were before the ethanol explosion. It really doesn't make sense. According to Lester Brown of the Earth Policy Institute, the grain required to fill the 25-gallon tank of an SUV with ethanol just once would feed one person for a whole year. Or if the entire US grain harvest were to be converted to ethanol, it would satisfy at most 18% of US automotive fuel needs. And millions of people suffer.

Since the budgets of food aid agencies are set well in advance, a rise in food prices shrinks food assistance. The World Food Program that is now supplying emergency food aid to more than 30 countries, cut shipments as prices soared. Hunger is on the rise, with children the most vulnerable. Suddenly the world is facing a large moral and political question: should grain be used to fuel cars or feed people? There is the option of producing automotive fuel from fast-growing trees, switchgrass, prairie grass, or other cellulosic materials that can be grown on wasteland. But the cost of producing cellulosic ethanol is close to double the price for grain-based ethanol.

But let's look at alternatives: The decision of May 2009 to raise US auto fuel efficiency standards 40% by 2016 will reduce our dependence on oil more than converting the country's entire grain harvest to ethanol could. The next step is shifting to gas-electric plug-in hybrid cars, and further down a restructuring of our transportation system to provide many more options than the personal car.

Source: Earth Policy Release, June 1, 2010

## Hopedale on the Web

Most of you know about our website: **huuc.org**

But did you also know that Hopedale has a page on Facebook. Connect with other Hopedale members, find out what's happening in our community, or join in a discussion among online friends-our Facebook page has it all. Simply join Facebook (if you are not already a member) and type Hopedale into the search bar. You'll be directed to our page. Hope to see you there!



### A Note from a Friend

I also miss all of you friends at Hopedale. Give all my loving greetings. On 6/27 I'll be going to Sarasota UU for the first time. I look forward to making some nice connections there. Orlita and I are keeping connected daily by cell phone, but there's nothing like contacts with skin on.

Cards and notes are always eagerly received, too. **My address here is 4618 Ringwood Meadow Dr., Sarasota, FL 34235-7222.**

My cell:  
1-765-993-5856. My daily radiation treatments are going well. Only 27 days of that to go!

- All the best, friend,  
Wayne Copenhaver

## Happening at Hopedale this month...

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

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

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

**Grief Support Group will meet on Sunday, July 18th at 5 p.m. at Hopedale.**

**Picnic/Service/Canoeing at Acton Lake on Sunday, July 25th at 10:30 a.m.**

### Grief Support Group

The grief support group, led by Cynthia Kelley, is for anyone who has experienced the recent loss of a loved one. The group is open not just to the Hopedale Community but also to the larger community. We will meet on **Sunday, July 18th at 5 p.m.** If you have questions, call Linda Amspough, 756-0242.

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## 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.

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday** Food Drive (Oxford Community Choice Pantry)

Everyone is encouraged to bring canned goods and nonperishables.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday** Special Collection.

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