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May Sunday Services

May 2-"7-11: Seven Basic Principles and Four Noble Truths." Bill Hudgins, Technology Trainer, Lane Public Library will offer a reflection on the universality of basic beliefs. How much do we all have in common? Service Leader: Robert Bell.

May 9 -"Just as I am." On this Mother's Day, Rev. Joan Schneider will join us. Mothers have been credited with all the good and all the evil in the world. We will demythologize those stereotypes and give Mom and all of us a break.

May 16-"Flower Communion." Rev. Linda Eppert will be with us on this special Sunday. Gathering our individual flowers, we will share in this Unitarian Universalist tradition. As each flower is unique, so is each member of Hopedale. Just like gathering our flowers together to make one bouquet, each of us is a part of this community. During the service we will welcome those who have recently signed the membership book and "officially" joined Hopedale. Immediately following the service we will plant bulbs and gather to remember Lynn Roark. Service Leader: Peter Carels. This is an intergenerational service.

Potluck after service.

May 23-"Of Love and Memory". This Sunday Rev. Dr. Nana' Kratochvil will be with us to help us call into the community the memory of deceased family and friends, and to reflect on what they meant to us, and continue to mean to us. Service Leader: Stacy Kawamura

May 30-"Top 10 Reasons NOT to be UU." The Top Ten Reasons NOT to be Unitarian Universalist, is a somewhat tongue-in-cheek explanation of the basics of UUism designed for those who may be looking for a church home. There's fun and food for thought here for long term UUs, too.

Consulting Minister's Meanderings



It never ceases to fail. Just when I think I have thanked everyone I wanted to thank, I forget and leave someone out. Those were my very thoughts as I wrote the sermon for my April Sunday service.

When I was a Director of Religious Education, for a small Presbyterian church in West Chester Ohio, I remember writing out the names of those who had volunteered that year to teach both children and adult religious education (RE) classes. I was preparing a list for the Sunday morning's bulletin to recognize all the RE folks. Shortly following the service someone mentioned to the minister that I had forgotten one name. To say the least I was embarrassed and disappointed in myself. The mistake was rectified the next Sunday when we honored the person whose name I had inadvertently left off the list. On Sunday April 18 the same thing happened at Hopedale.

I succinctly remember thinking I needed to write the person's name down as I prepared my sermon. I even recall wanting to go back through the church directory to make sure I remembered, knowing that if I didn't write the name down, it wouldn't get typed into the sermon. Sure enough by not writing a note to myself I didn't remember. And then it hit me like a wall of bricks when I saw the person after the service on Sunday: Gisela Bahr. I wanted to thank Gisela.

I think of Gisela as the mother of the Green Sanctuary movement. When I was a board member at St. John's Unitarian Universalist church in Cincinnati, Gisela attended one of the board meetings and asked us for our support of Green Sanctuary. I was so moved by her impassioned presentation that I was instantly won over.

Gisela helps to keep each of us, and Hopedale, green by writing a monthly article for our newsletter. She offers us helpful ideas to repair and restore our environment; our beautiful earth. Thank you Gisela for keeping us focused on being green.

In humility, hope
and peace,

Check out Gisela's monthly Green Corner piece on p. 4.

Rev. Linda

Prez Message

This year three of our board members are moving to new pathways at Hopedale. Gretchen Ziolkowski is retiring her pad and pen as Secretary. She was remarkable in her attention to the details of our meetings and in her wisdom. Kim Jacobs-Beck is retiring as Religious Services VP. She was often a wordsmith and always a source of exciting inspiration. Mary Fox served as Member Services VP at a time when we have no Membership chair or committee. She has done, quietly, all that needed to be done while wielding a spade and fork in our garden.

Even though it is inevitable that the peopling in any group come and go, I will miss them greatly at our meeting table. Together we have shared the leadership of this church in a time of transition knowing that the skills we learned together will be useful in this church's future and our lives.

Another constant, for many years has been the work of Jane Flueckiger as the compassionate leader of the Care & Concerns Committee. She has often been the conduit and messenger for Hopedale members and friends as we face the best and worst times in our lives.

We are a small family-sized congregation, for now, and when leaders retire they are quite missed. Yet as evidenced in our Appreciative Inquiry experience we have found many in our midst who are looking at wonderful and meaningful initiatives that will help build a vibrant future for Hopedale.

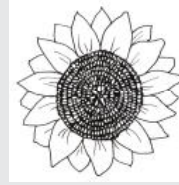
-Liz

Rev. Linda's May Office Hours

Rev. Linda will be at the Hopedale Office on **TUESDAY, May 18th, 1-3:00 p.m.** and **Wednesday, May 19th** 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

GREEN CORNER

from Gisela Bahr



Coal and Health

In the last two years or so environmental organizations have been successful in preventing more than 100 planned coal-fired plants from being built, thereby diminishing reliance on coal for electricity and reducing global warming pollution while protecting air quality.

One of these organizations is “Physicians for Social Responsibility” (PSR) whose focus is primarily on the dangers to public health from coal-fired plants. In November 2009 PSR published a comprehensive report titled *Coal’s Assault on Human Health* that examines coal’s contribution to four of the five top causes of mortality in the US: heart disease, cancer, stroke and chronic lower respiratory diseases. The report received widespread media coverage and it supports PSR’s goal for 2010: leading our country away from existing coal plants while keeping the lights burning. This, of course, means ensuring a reliable stream of energy from clean, safe, carbon-free sources, as well as creating jobs from the new energy sources to offset those lost from dirty energy plants.

Some signs are visible already. PSR chapters are negotiating with utility companies and state governments in Washington and Oregon to create the nation’s first coal-free states. Each has only one coal-fired power plant left, so the switch could be accomplished in five years or so. It helps for the PSR negotiators to remind the policy-makers of the human suffering, the economic costs of the diseases, emergency room visits, days lost from work and premature deaths due to coal.

Arizona’s strategy is to make coal obsolete by becoming the “solar energy capital of the country.” There, too, references to the health impacts and externalized costs associated with coal play a role in PSR’s efforts. Similarly Los Angeles has committed to becoming coal-free by 2020 and building extensive solar capacity. In Wisconsin, 75% of its energy is produced by coal, so the need for better alternatives is critical. PSR is promoting the state’s Clean Energy Jobs Act to help the state improve its situation. In Iowa PSR is helping to retire the state’s oldest and dirtiest coal-fired power plants. They are mapping all coal plants and study the association between the plants and clusters of health problems.

Throughout 2010 PSR’s physicians and other healthcare professionals will continue to press for energy solutions that protect the public health. And with this emphasis, it seems to me, they have a very effective weapon in their fight against dirty coal.

Source: PSR Reports, Vol.32 N0.1 (Winter/Spring 2010)



JOYS & CONCERNS

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

⌘ We are saddened to learn of the death on April 1 of Sallie Killian's husband, David. We enjoyed very much the occasions when David joined us at Hopedale for services or other activities. He is survived by Sallie and their children Kyle and Kathryn and their families.

⌘ Our sympathy goes to Evelyn Ruth Thompson on the death of her husband, Jerry. The Thompsons were Hopedale members several years ago. Jerry was very generous in his work on behalf of building and grounds.

⌘ Sympathy goes also to Carolyn Walters, formerly active at Hopedale, on the death of her husband, Scott.

⌘ Ann Rypstra, Miami University Distinguished Professor of Zoology and Director of the Ecology Research Center, will receive the university's Benjamin Harrison Medallion during the May 8 commencement in recognition of her outstanding national contribution to education. Ann is an internationally known behavioral ecologist. You may know her best as the woman who studies spiders! Congratulations, Ann!

⌘ We're very glad to see Patty Klingenberg back on her feet, her broken toe recovering.

⌘ Our very best wishes go to Wayne Copenhaver and Orlita Kissane as Wayne undergoes treatment for cancer.

⌘ We celebrated our Hopedale birthday with a potluck, cake and soap bubbles! At the spring congregational meeting which followed, we looked ahead to the next year. Once again we are grateful for those who've filled various roles this year and for those who are stepping in for the next year.

We ALL are part of the Caring Committee. 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. If we may call on you for help, please give your name to Susan or Jane. Many thanks.

Supporting Appreciative
Provocative Proposition:
Find Your Spiritual Sanctuary at Hopedale

**NATURE WALK AT HOPEDALE
SUNDAY, MAY 2, 11:45 A.M.
DURING SOCIAL TIME**

Kickoff activity to get us excited and choose time to plan more activities.



Hope everyone signed up and any others who are interested can join Mary and Orie for a little walk on our trail to explore our native plants and trees on site. Please dress appropriately. Questions call Mary Fox at 523-6478.

**Celia & Curt Ellison & George
Knight are moving across town:
82 Latern Ridge Rd.**

VEGETABLE GARDEN FOR 2010 SEASON

Possibilities for joining:
(as a family or individual)

- ⌘ \$15-2 hours working in garden each week.
- ⌘ \$25-working less than 2 hours working each week.
- ⌘ \$35-Not working/a picker only.



Fees cover:

- Cost for 2 new raised beds
- dirt
- watering, soil enrichment, etc.

Journal kept on site that will list work that needs to be done, planting that needs to be done, and your time spent working.

**ALL PLANTS AND SEEDS
HAVE BEEN DONATED!**

Money for garden project can be given to Mary Fox or Ann Fuehrer, earmarked "Garden Fund."

Gathering to Give update

Gathering to Give is delighted to introduce to Hopedale members and friends our first two Kiva loan recipients.



Cécile Diam Ndione, age 40 and the mother of three, runs a small business selling fruit and eggs in Thiès, Senegal. She is using her Kiva loan to buy fruit (including oranges and melons) and chickens. (Before the worldwide economic troubles hit, Senegal had a 48% unemployment rate, and 54% of its people lived below the poverty line. The World Bank puts its average per capita income at \$470.)

Antonia Martinez de Cortez, age 42 and the mother of two, runs a diner in Soyapango, El Salvador. She is using her loan to buy business supplies, including vegetables, fruit, meat and disposable plates. (El Salvador's per capital income, according to our State Department, was \$3,547 in 2007. The country has enjoyed low unemployment rates in recent history. The poverty rate, however, is estimated to be around 30%.)



By adding our modest donations to small donations by others, we are able to supply these women with the capital they need to stay in business and keep supporting (or helping to support) their families.

Our first disbursement came from the \$150 honorarium Professor Brett Smith returned to us for this use after his October 4 Sunday talk on "Social Entrepreneurship: An Application of Social Justice." We will continue to find other entrepreneurs in developing countries to support. You can take part simply by writing a check to Hopedale and marking the subject line for Kiva or Gathering to Give. It can be for a sum large or small. The point is to gather our funds to give them an impact few of us could have alone.

Judi Hetrick
juhetric@yahoo.com or 523.4298

P.S. Pete Carels did the actual work to get our money to these women. Thanks, Pete!

Hopedale Happenings

Caroline Soule Sisters: Get ready to enjoy the cherry blossoms and butterflies of Japan. We will gather at Krohn's Conservatory in Cincinnati for The Butterfly Show on Saturday, May 1 at 11 a.m. For more information about The Butterfly Show, please visit <http://www.butterflyshow.com> (they even have a coupon if you'd like). Children are welcome to attend this event. We may decide to go out to lunch after the show for those who are interested.

The green TV series, Simple Living with Wanda Urbanska.

The environmental TV Series "Simple Living with Wanda Urbanska" continues on **Sunday, May 23, at 1:30 p.m. at Gisela Bahr's, 102 E Central Ave, Oxford.**

The program will be
Episode 9: Energy Plain & Simple, Earth Gym,
What Quakers Teach Us
Episode 10: Overcoming Obesity, The Foreigner
Next Door, Natural Connections
All are welcome.



The **Deadline** to submit items for the June 2010 issue of the *Hopedale Community News* is **Sunday, May 23rd.**
Please email: huuoffice@gmail.com

Denominational Affairs

**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.

Adult Religious Education Class Coming in August and September

From the authors Barbara Wells and Jaco B. Ten Hove: "Articulating Your UU (Unitarian Universalist) Faith" is designed to help all UU's speak more effectively about our liberal religion and their particular perspectives on it." Interested? Contact facilitators, Kim Jacobs-Beck
kimjacobs@mac.com or Rev. Linda Eppert eppert@fuse.net Summer reading for this course will be available in June.

WELCOME WELCOME WELCOME

to Judi Hetrick and George Knight who signed the Membership book on Sunday, April 18, 2010.

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 interdependent 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 congregations 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 Northern Hills website at www.uunhf.org or call the NHF office at 513-931-6651.

Happening at Hopedale this month...

Caroline Soule Sisters will visit Krohn's conservatory on **Saturday, May 1 at 11 a.m.** (see page 9 for more information.)

Nature Walk around Hopedale's paths on **Sunday, May 2 at 11:45 am** (see page 6 for more information.)

POTLUCK will be on **Sunday, May 16th** after Sunday Service.

Board meeting **Wednesday, May 19th** (6:30-8:30 p.m.)

Newsletter deadline is **Sunday, May 23rd.**

Family Ministry Program Coming to Hopedale

Outreach to children and their families is an area that Hopedale members and friends would like to see strengthened, as is clear from the Commission on Opportunities Report. To that end, the Hopedale board is taking steps toward developing a family ministry program, which will include the hiring of a part-time coordinator. Family ministry programs focus on giving parents of school-age children a network of support and interaction, as well as helping children develop a sense of their place in the community. Some family ministry programs provide events for children and their families, such as dinners, social activities and discussions about parenting within the context of UU values.

While the family ministry coordinator would be familiar with Children's RE programming, religious education activities would still be planned and implemented by an RE Committee. The family ministry coordinator would provide broader programs for families, as well as serve as an outreach coordinator to families who visit or who might be interested in visiting or joining us. Should you have any questions, please contact Rev. Linda Eppert, Kim Jacobs-Beck, Ann Fuehrer or Celia Ellison, members of the task force.

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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