Thoughts Scott Begot

On September 1, 2013, the Wendy’s fast food burger chain on Route 19 in Wexford Flats served its last meal, shut its doors, and closed for good. In time, Wendy’s built a new restaurant about a block up on the same side of the street. The design is sleek, wood-paneled, and modern. The old one began a slow process of dilapidation. The Wendy’s sign was removed so that the company would not be associated with the eye-sore it fast became. Three years and five months later, it remains in place, rotting and discolored. I live in the area around this building. I called McCandless Township last summer to see what the plan was for the structure or to see if there was a plan. I was assured that they are in the middle of addressing the situation and something new will be built. And so I wait. Meanwhile, the building sits there in disrepair, hallowed out and broken.

Here is the kicker. I don’t often “see” the building. Despite its deterioration, it has simply become part of the landscape. My eyes drift over it as I pass because it no longer sticks out like a sore thumb. It has been normalized, and I have become used to it barely ever noticing it as a daily blight upon the community in which I live. Life is like that. We get used to things over it as I pass because it no longer sticks out pretty quick. Things that are novel become normal. We are creatures of habit and have an ability to roll even discomfort, pain, or ugliness into our routine.

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said, “There are certain things in our nation and in the world which I am proud to be maladjusted and which I hope all men of good-will will be maladjusted until the good societies realize.” As I look out at the landscape today, I see a list of things happening that I never want to see become normal: racism, homophobia, sexism, xenophobia, sexual assault, a lack of decency or civil discourse, disregard for our Earth, the killing of police officers, championing of corporate interests over people, religious zealotry, ignoring science, the marginalization of indigenous communities, police brutality, truth and facts being negotiable, a nation deeply divided, a free press under attack, and the list goes on. These things should always stand out to us. May we ALWAYS see them as ugly and dangerous.
Thoughts Scott Begot (cont’d)

We cannot let forces of oppression and exclusion dictate to us what is normal. It is exhausting to keep our eyes attuned to that which turns our stomach. But we must continue to witness and speak out or else the center shifts and there will be a new normal. There are many things around us now to which we must remain maladjusted.

I just called McCandless Township again. I spoke with a nice person on the phone who informed me that the corporation who owns the land has no plans currently registered to do anything with the abandoned Wendy’s building. The zoning guy is going to call me back tomorrow, possibly with more information. I suppose I will reach out to community members in my area now. I am going to remind them about the building, as I assume they also have stopped seeing it. Maybe we can place our eyes and attention back upon this building and claim that it is not what we want to be considered normal in our community. Not sure how to go forward yet, but I know the more organized eyes I can get upon the building, the better. We have to see and acknowledge the ugliness before we can address it. And then we will see what we can do together.

Scott

GREEN SANCTUARY IS LAUNCHED AT UUCNH!

The congregation voted on January 22, 2017 to approve the congregational commitment to earning a Green Sanctuary designation at UUCNH. Green Sanctuary is a UUA program that is designed to guide congregations on a path of discovery and assessment followed by action related to environmental justice and battling climate change. This program deepens and broadens both congregational knowledge, commitment and actions regarding environmental justice and fighting climate change. As you know, our congregation has a long history of social and environmental action as well as environmental conservation activities. The Green Sanctuary journey will allow us to work together to deepen and broaden our commitment to the Earth, conservation and environmental action.

Our process starts with a celebration to mark the beginning of our journey. Next, we will work with our Green Sanctuary committee to contact our UUA Green Sanctuary advisor and plan individual, congregational and environmental assessments. The findings from our initial assessments will then inform our next steps along the Green Sanctuary path. The Green Sanctuary process can involve all ages within our church and all of our committees and activities. The congregation will be informed of the findings of the assessments and will be making decisions regarding projects as we move forward.

If you would like to see more information regarding Green Sanctuary, please look into the UUA website (www.uua.org/environment/sanctuary).

The Green Sanctuary process is a multi-year journey and will have several steps and many opportunities for involvement. Please consider joining in this important effort here at UUCNH.

Thank you for your work and support to preserve our planet! Susie Wood-wood.susie@gmail.com.
UPCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES
February’s Theme Is Play

February 5
LET’S PLAY
Rev. Scott Rudolph

There are many different ways to play. Play can lift our spirits and teach us all kinds of lessons about life and ourselves. You are invited to wear something fun or playful today as we spend our time together exploring the world of play. (No one will be forced to play if they don’t want to.😊)

February 12
FACE IT, YOU COULD USE A GOOD LAUGH
James Clarke & Friends

Join James Clarke, Rick Conlin, Bruce Travers, and the UUCNH Choir as they lead the congregation in a celebration of laughter. Though your questions about road-crossing chickens and changed light bulbs will (probably) remain unanswered, you’ll be happy you chose attending this service over a morning of watching YouTube cat videos. No ministers were harmed during the planning of this service.

February 19
GAMES PEOPLE PLAY
Rev. Scott Rudolph

Humans love to play games. (Not all humans, of course.) Crossword puzzles, video games, mind games. We fill our time with games and they offer us a great deal in return. What is it inside a game that motivates us and what do we get out of these games.

February 26
IS LIFE SERIOUS?
Rev. Scott Rudolph

Our Puritan ancestors were very clear that life was for work and not for fun or pleasure. Our theology has changed quite a bit. Now we can embrace the joy of life as well as seeing that there is much work to do. Or we could just do both at the same time.
The Mid-Year Congregational Meeting took place earlier today. There were three issues that were voted on and passed and I would like to review them for those of you who were unable to attend the meeting. They will have an impact on the church for years to come.

The first vote was a change in the bylaws that reduced the size of the UUCNH Board of Trustees from 9 members to 7. There are several good reasons for this change. One rationale for this reduction in the size of the Board is in anticipation of the work of the Governance Task Force to change our governance structure, to be presented at the Annual Meeting. Another reason is the sense that a smaller Board can function more efficiently, with the limiting factor being the need for the Board to be large enough to represent the diversity within our congregation. I believe that this reason would have been compelling enough on its own regardless of any potential change in UUCNH governance. Last, but not least, would be freeing up two church members to participate in other church activities.

The second issue passed was to have the Board Secretary be one of the members of the Board, rather than an ex officio Board member. This will free up one more person who will no longer be obligated to the Board. In order for a Board member to be able to function as Secretary, Board minutes will be much more concise, reflecting motions proposed and the subsequent votes, rather than a running narrative of the Board meetings.

For those who may desire a deeper understanding of the Board’s thinking I would remind you that Board meetings are open to anyone from the congregation who would like to attend and Board members can always be approached to discuss the logic that went into our decisions.

The last item passed was for the church to proceed with the Green Sanctuary program presented and spearheaded by Susie Woods. This will be a multiyear process ending in UUA certification similar to our having become a Welcoming Congregation. The first step of the process will be an assessment of where we are with regards to environmental impact and justice. Where we go from there and what projects we pursue will be steered by the Green Sanctuary team and their interaction with the UUA’s Green Sanctuary certification group. This program will allow us to live out our principles and meshes well with our Focus Area on Social Justice.

The meeting was a productive and positive start to 2017 for the church. Thanks to the dedication and enthusiasm of our members, we will continue to strengthen our commitments and improve the way we do things. Stay tuned and get involved.

Ivan Baumwell, President
UUCNH Board of Trustees
Stewardship Events Are Scheduled

Planning for our Stewardship season continues with the following events scheduled.

Visiting Stewards training classes are Sunday, February 26th after Sunday Service until 3 pm and Saturday, March 4th from 9 am to noon. Joe Meier and Susie Wood are our capable instructors. Food and materials will be provided. Stewards need attend only one of the sessions.

Stewardship Cafe' - our fun filled evening of games and entertainment organized by Robyn and Bruce Travers is scheduled for Saturday evening, March 25th from 7 to 9 pm. Child care will be provided. We will, once again, offer amazing pie and snacks. BYOB if you wish.

Stewardship Sunday is March 26th. We come together to support and celebrate our loving community.

Thanks for your support and participation. You are the best.

Stewardship Team

COMMUNICATION CORNER

Exploring A Path To Membership

Sunday, February 26, 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. Worth & Dignity Room

Thinking about joining UUCNH? Join Rev. Scott Rudolph and a member of the Connections Team for this informative session. Highly recommended for those considering membership, this class provides a chance to discuss your spiritual journey and explore what's right for you. Lunch is provided!

If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Kathy Ke at meierke@msn.com. Also, please let us know if you require childcare.

MEDITATION WITH FRIENDS

In February, we will meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, February 7th and February 21st. Meetings are from 7:00 to 8:30 in the sanctuary. We welcome anyone interested in mindful meditation, whether you have little or no experience in meditation, or you have practiced for years. Join us for one evening, or as many as you would like.

We practice silent meditation, guided meditation, and either walking meditation or another form of movement meditation. Usually there are short readings, often from Pema Chodron or Thich Nhat Hanh. The facilitator often leads the meeting, but anyone who has attended at least one meeting is welcome and encouraged to lead a meeting.

You are invited to come early to have a cup of tea with us before the formal program starts - church is open and the urn of hot water is available by 6:40.

Questions or comments, please contact Sue Luebbert at luebbert.unicorn@gmail.com, or (412) 366-9553.

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Systemic Change Team for February

Systemic Change Team Meeting

Feb. 7 - 7:00 p.m.
All Are Welcome

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Gather The Spirit Wednesday Evening

February 1, 2016
Potluck – 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship – 7:00 p.m.

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Adult FAITH Development & Justice Wednesdays
fourth Wednesday of the Each Month

Adult Faith Development Series

Potluck Supper: 6:00 - 7:00pm
Workshop: 7:00 - 8:30pm

Please join us!

Feb 22, 2017: Corruption of Our Democracy - Fair Districts PA – Led by Sue Broughton
Mar 22, 2017: Escalating Inequality - UUA Study Action Issue

FEBRUARY 2017 LFD CALENDAR

February 4
Youth Group Sleepover 5:30pm – 10:00am Sunday

February 5
Regular classes, 1st – 4th combine for Children’s Chapel
Mystery Pals – remember to bring a note and/or puzzle for yours if you are participating!
OWL 5/6 – 6 – 7:30pm
Families Group – Bowling 3pm

February 11
UU Parenting Conversations – 4:00 – 5:30pm. Snack from 4 – 4:30pm. Facilitated breakout groups for adults, children and youth from 4:30 – 5:15pm. Topic: Race. See description below.

February 12
Regular am classes
Mystery Pals REVEAL – during coffee hour upstairs
OWL 5/6 – 6 – 7:30pm
OWL 7/8 – 6 – 9pm

February 19
Regular am classes
OWL 5/6 – 6 – 7:30pm

February 26
Regular am classes
OWL 5/6 – 6 – 7:30pm

March 5
Regular am classes
OWL 5/6 – 6 – 7:30pm
MYSTERY PALS  
FEBRUARY 12TH REVEAL

This popular multigenerational activity provides an opportunity for youth and adults in the congregation to get to know one another and form new relationships. Pals exchange clues about themselves via codenames over three weeks and eventually reveal themselves at a fun party.

Have you figured out who your Mystery Pal is yet?

During the month of January participating children and adults were assigned a Secret Code name. They were also assigned a Mystery Pal who also has a code name. Through January and including February 5th folks are encouraged to turn letters to the mail folder (in the upstairs hallway) of your secret pal that gives clues to your identity.

On February 12th we will have our big reveal mystery pal party.

ADULT FAITH DEVELOPMENT

UU PARENTING CONVERSATIONS

We will begin our UU Parenting series with the topic of Race. As people of faith, how can we model anti-Racist/anti-Oppressive behavior for our children? What is the learning and work we need to do to help create the beloved community that Dr. King envisioned? How does Race and Racism come up in conversations with your children? How do you address issues around Race and Racism with your children?

UU Parenting Conversations will take place on the second Saturday of the month from 4-5:30 pm beginning February 11th. Children and Youth are encouraged to come! There will be snack time followed by facilitated breakout groups for adults, youth and children.

Next dates are: March 11, April 8, May 13, June 10. Topics will be God/Jesus, Prayer, Money and Talking with Children about Death.

SUNDAY MORNING CHALICE LIGHTERS

Each Sunday morning one or two children light the chalice in the service. This is an important part of our time together as a multi-generational community.

We invite you to be a part of this by signing up for a Sunday via the link here....and there is information about the Flaming Chalice as a symbol of our faith to make the act more meaningful.

Chalice Lighters Sign-Up
http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090e4caf82a1fe3-sunday
UU CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVES

Co-Facilitators: Joe Meier, Edie Swihart
Contact: meierke@msn.com
When: Feb 12, @ 9:15am
Where: Youth Room

Do you self-identify as Christian, but struggle with issues of doctrine? Or have you parted ways with the label, but still hold some aspects of the tradition dear? Come and share with us as we explore our feelings about the Christian faith and its role in shaping our spiritual lives. Longtime members and first-time UU visitors alike are welcome to drop in and join this ongoing, positive discussion!

Held the second Sunday of every month at 9:15am in the Truth & Meaning (Youth) Room. Co-Led by Joe Meier and Edie Swihart.

PSI GROUP

Facilitator: Tony Palermo
Contact: tpalermo@consolidated.net
When: Feb 5 at noon

Finishing The Philosophy of Religion, we will dig deeper into conversations across religious paradigms and how to ensure they are opportunities for growth in both knowledge and friendship...a very UU state of affairs.

Contact Tony for more details at tpalermo@ consolidated.net.

BARNRAISERS

Facilitator: Rachael Smart
Contact: thesmartfamily3@yahoo.com
When: April 24 @ 6:30 pm
Where: Friendship Hall

Barn Raisers is a community group in which members give/receive various services in exchange for time dollars.

This is a concept known as timebanking. Types of services vary greatly from babysitting to yard work to help writing resumes to painting. There are so many ways in which we can help each other through timebanking and build community and friendships at the same time. Barn Raisers will periodically host a potluck dinner where members can gather to socialize and discuss exchanges. Our next potluck is tentatively scheduled for April 24.

For more information on the group, e-mail timebank.barnraisers@gmail.com or see our Facebook page.
Co-Led by Joe Meier and Edie Swihart.
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To be added to the email distribution list and the meeting. Background materials will be distributed to the email distribution list prior to including our own. Background materials will be topic “will deal with sources of cognitive bias – deeply – disagree. To that end, our “launch with whom we fundamentally – sometimes ant to understand the points of view of those public and domestic lives, it has become import-

Discussion Group is scheduled for February 26, where: east room when: April 24 @ 6:30 pm contact: thesmartfamily3@yahoo.com

MEN’S GROUP
Facilitators: Hal Dixler
Contacts: halleypg@gmail.com
When: Facilitated topic: 2nd Sunday at noon
Open forum: 4th Tuesday at 6 PM
Where: Sundays in the East Room; Tuesdays in the Youth Room

The next meeting of the UUCNH Men’s Group will convene around noon on Sunday, February 12, in the East Room. This is a facilitated meeting, one in which a member of the group leads a discussion of a topic of his choice.

Open Forum will meet on Tuesday, Feb 28.

The Men’s Group is open to all men, including visitors, who enjoy exchanging ideas and opinions with others. The principal obligations are an open mind and a gentlemanly disposition.

We meet the 2nd Sunday and the 4th Tuesday of every month. Sunday meetings are scheduled after the regular church service and are usually facilitated by a member.

Tuesday meetings are not facilitated: discussion is free-form, with no prior definition of a subject and are scheduled for 6 PM.

There is also monthly movie night being discussed. For more information on the Men’s Group, please contact Hal.

SISTERS IN SPIRIT
Facilitators: Rachael Smart
Michelle Broge-Connor
Contacts: thesmartfamily3@yahoo.com brogemm@gmail.com
When: Feb 8 @ 6:30pm
Where: East Room

Sisters in Spirit is an ongoing self-guided women’s group (all women are welcome regardless of sex assigned at birth). We meet once a month on the second Wednesday of the month. The group is focused on spiritual, intellectual, and emotional growth as well as creating ties with other women. Group members take turns leading the monthly sessions, resulting in a wide variety of topics and styles of presentation. The group welcomes new members twice a year, in January and July.

To learn more about the group, contact either Rachael Smart at thesmartfamily3@yahoo.com or Michelle Broge-Connor at brogemm@gmail.com.

JESUS DISCUSSION GROUP
Facilitator: Tony Palermo
Contact: tpalermo@consolidated.net
When: Feb 19 at noon

Having sketched in pencil a portrait of the Jesus of Palestine described in gospel literature of the first 2 centuries C.E., we will begin examining his philosophy in the words genuinely attributed to him by many of today’s scholars.

Contact Tony Palermo for details at: palermo@consolidated.net.
ADULT FAITH DEVELOPMENT

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Facilitator: Jon Hamrahi-jhamrahi@yahoo.com
When: February 10, 2017
Where: UUCNH, East Room
Moderator: Dick Myers
Title: Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting By in America
Author: Barbara Ehrenreich

An excerpt from Eleanor Howe’s description of this month’s book Nickel and Dimed: “This book written 15 years ago shows that current interest in the issue of income inequality is not new.

To carry out her goal of undercover reporting on women in the unskilled workforce, journalist and author Barbara Ehrenreich replicated their experiences by working in various states around the country as a waitress, housekeeper, hotel maid, nursing-home aide, and sales clerk in a discount store. The result is a poignant first-hand account, in depth and in detail, of the impossibility of living on the minimum wage and strategies used to make ends meet."

Future Titles:

March 10, 2017: All The Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr (2014, 531 pp., fiction)

UU CLUSTER NEWS

Check out our local Cluster Website at www.uupittsburgh.org. See what is happening with other UU’s in our area, and for UU events that are open to all.

February 2017

Lifespan Faith Development News

“Ministry is all that we do -- together Ministry is all that we do – together.

Ministry is that quality of being in community that affirms human dignity -- beckons forth hidden possibilities, invites us into deeper, more constant, reverent relationships, and carries forward our heritage of hope and liberation. Ministry is what we do together as we celebrate triumphs of our human spirit Miracles of birth and life Wonders of devotion and sacrifice. Ministry is what we do together -- with one another -- in terror and torment -- in grief, in misery and pain, enabling us in the presence of death to say yes to life. We who minister speak and live the best we know with full knowledge that it is never quite enough. And yet are reassured by lostness found, fragments reunited, wounds healed and joy shared. Ministry is all that we do -- together.”

- Rev. Gordon McKeeman

Lay Pastoral Care Team

The Lay Pastoral Care Team members are available to provide support within an atmosphere of safety and compassion and are a visible reminder of UUCNH’s care, concern and connections. You are encouraged to contact any Team member, at the addresses or numbers below, if they might be of help or comfort with your pastoral care needs or those of another in our UUCNH community:

Marsha Albright
mkalbright@gmail.com
412-487-4565

Susan Powers
susan-a-powers@comcast.net
412-427-7300

Tom Brown
mrteb@comcast.net
412-915-9156

Mark Swihart
mswichart@spang.com
412-369-9321

Kathy Cypher
alkate@consolidated.net
724-316-4694
### UUCNH Quilting Group

**Facilitator:** Peggy Trevanion - 412-366-4348 or birdies4@comcast.net  
**When:** Feb 14 @ 10:00am  
**Where:** East Room

The second Tuesday of the month is when the UUCNH Quilters meet to work on projects and share interesting techniques. We meet in the East Room from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bring a brown bag lunch.

For more information, contact Peggy Trevanion at 412-366-4348 or birdies4@comcast.net.

### The Uku Group

**Facilitator:** Sandy Faulkner  
**When:** Feb 6 & 20 @ 7:30pm  
**Where:** East Room

We meet the first and third Monday. Beginners are very welcome. Come have fun!

For more information, call Sandy Faulkner at 412-366-5973 or contact her by email: sfaulk50@aol.com.

### The Craft Group

**Facilitator:** Irene Dinning - 412-741-6463  
**When:** Every Thursday, 10:00am  
**Where:** East Room

We are a long-time UUCNH group that welcomes other crafters: those who want to learn needlework (such as knitting, crocheting, and embroidery), perfect a craft, or just want to come and visit with interesting people.

Come when you can or every week, but try us out!

### Break Forth Ensemble

**Facilitator:** David Miles - miles@ohiou.edu  
**When:** Feb 12 @ 9:00 am  
**Where:** Worth & Dignity Room

We play music various sources. The present group includes folks who have been playing a year to those who haven’t played for 30 years.

For more information, please see David Miles or send a note to miles@ohiou.edu.

### UUCNH Families Group

**Facilitators:** Carla Bickel  
**Contact:** c.marie11@yahoo.com  
**When:** Various Dates, See Below  
**Where:** Various Locations, See Below

- **February 5 @ 3pm:** Bowling for all ages at Perry Park Lanes.
- **March 19:** Games afternoon, right after church! Pizza provided.
- **April 8 @ 10a:** Fun Fore All.
- **June 17 @ 11:30a:** the 2nd annual Families Group Picnic at North Park. We had a lot of fun at the 1st picnic - this is one you do not want to miss! Additionally, our very own Carmen Thomson of CPThomson Photography will be doing mini photoshoots at the picnic! The price will be $75 for 10 edited photos. All proceeds will be donated to UUCNH.
- **October 1:** Fall Carnival at UUCNH.
UUCNH is helping support the mission of North Hills Community Outreach (NHCO) by participating in their 2017 Citrus Sale. NHCO provides services to families in Northern Allegheny County who are experiencing crisis, hardship, or poverty. Help a neighbor in need and treat yourself by purchasing fresh, high quality citrus fruit fresh off the tree: Large and small boxes ($34 & $22) of temple oranges or Indian River pink grapefruit; honey tangerines for $22 and two specialty boxes at $34: the Citrus Sampler contains navel oranges and Indian River grapefruit, while the Fresh Trio also contains Anjou pears. Also: a Junior Fresh Trio with 6 of each for $24.

Order forms are available beginning in January from Chris Hill or on the bulletin board in Friendship Hall. Orders due by February 5th, with delivery Sunday, March 5th. All orders COD!

For February: Meals In A Box

Please don’t forget to contribute to the Donation Cupboard for the North Hills Community Outreach (NHCO) Food Pantry located in Friendship Hall. The NHCO request for this month – Cereal & Oatmeal-- to be brought to church.

Also consider bringing laundry detergent, toilet paper, toothpaste, shampoo, bar soaps or other toiletries as they are always needed. And thank you to all who have contributed recently!

Plastic bags are always needed by NHCO: If you bring your extras to the church, please drop them off at the NHCO Donation Station where they can be used to sort food at the food pantry.

A Giant Eagle Gift Card: Your Portal To Shopping At Many Places

Did you know that Giant Eagle gift cards can be used to buy gas at GetGo stations or to purchase gift cards to a wide variety of stores and restaurants? But, more importantly, did you know that buying gift cards at UUCNH benefits our church AT NO EXTRA COST TO YOU? In other words, you pay $25 and you get a $25 gift card, and UUCNH gets 5%!

If, for example, you’re remodeling a room and you need to spend $1,000 at Home Depot, you can do that by buying $1,000 in Giant Eagle gift cards at UUCNH and then using the gift cards at Giant Eagle to buy $1,000 in Home Depot gift cards. You just raised $50 for UUCNH at no extra cost to you! Giant Eagle pays the $50.

When you use a gift card to buy gas at GetGo, you still will receive any discount on the posted price of the gas that is due you. UUCNH uses the income from the sale of gift cards to help fund our budget. We also sell gift cards for Kuhn’s and Whole Foods. Look for us after the service each Sunday on the bench by the office window. Gift cards: They’re not just for groceries anymore!

Thank you. ~ The Gift Card Team
Helping Through North Hills Community Outreach

NHCO FOOD PANTRY
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If, for example, you're remodeling a room and you need to spend $1,000 at Home Depot, you can do that by buying $1,000 in Giant Eagle gift cards at UUCNH and then using the gift cards at Giant Eagle to buy $1,000 in Home Depot gift cards. You just raised $50 for UUCNH at no extra cost to you! Giant Eagle pays the $50.

When you use a gift card to buy gas at GetGo, you still will receive any discount on the posted price of the gas that is due you. UUCNH uses the income from the sale of gift cards to help fund our budget. We also sell gift cards for Kuhn’s and Whole Foods. Look for us after the service each Sunday on the bench by the office window. Gift cards: They’re not just for groceries anymore!

Thank you.~ The Gift Card Team

LAST CHANCE FOR
NHCO CITRUS SALE

UUCNH is helping support the mission of North Hills Community Outreach (NHCO) by participating in their 2017 Citrus Sale. NHCO provides services to families in Northern Allegheny County who are experiencing crisis, hardship, or poverty. Help a neighbor in need and treat yourself by purchasing fresh, high quality citrus fruit fresh off the tree: Large and small boxes ($34 & $22) of temple oranges or Indian River pink grapefruit; honey tangerines for $22 and two specialty boxes at $34: the Citrus Sampler contains navel oranges and Indian River grapefruit, while the Fresh Trio also contains Anjou pears. Also: a Junior Fresh Trio with 6 of each for $24.

Order forms are available beginning in January from Chris Hill or on the bulletin board in Friendship Hall. Orders due by February 5th, with delivery Sunday, March 5th. All orders COD!

Who are you helping when you support North Hills Community Outreach?

When you donate to or volunteer for NHCO, you are helping families in crisis, hardship and poverty. You are helping:

A single mom who is working and going to nursing school so she can support her children.

A young father, whose wife is disabled, who works two jobs so their children have a home and food on the table.

A middle-aged man who lost his job and is searching for adequate work, and is struggling to keep his home, for his family.

An elderly lady who has no one to help her get to the doctor, help with the yard or even just lend a listening ear.

When you are part of NHCO, you are part of 30 years of People Helping People.

When you participate in an NHCO event, you helping nearly 4,000 local families in hardship and crisis. These events raise a significant amount of funds for NHCO. We hope you can join us!

Neighborhood Block Party: Join us for the party!   Enjoy food, live music, entertainment and games at The Chadwick in Wexford, Thursday, April 27, 5:30-8:30pm. Tickets are $30 for adults, $15 for children. Register online at https://nhco.org/2017-neighborhood-block-party/ or contact Cheryl at 412-487-6316 opt 1 ext 3111.

Pittsburgh Marathon : Run for FREE when you run and fund raise for NHCO in ANY of the races in the Pittsburgh Marathon, May 6-7. Not into 26.2 or 13.1? Run the 5k or form a RELAY team! Register at https://www.crowdrise.com/NorthHillsCommunityPitt2017

Contact Harriet at hzgibbs@nhco.org or 412-408-3830 x3204 for more information. We also need volunteers at our Charity Mile water station!

Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community: 100% of what you donate or raise for NHCO goes to NHCO! Bring the family and the dog and join NHCO May 13 on the North Shore. This fun, noncompetitive walk brings Pittsburghers together to support their favorite charities. Walk, donate or be a “virtual walker.” A fun morning packed with entertainment! Visit WalkforAHealthyCommunity.org then click Pittsburgh/North Hills Community Outreach, or contact Maria at mschristina@nhco.org or 412-408-3830.

For more information, please visit www.nhco.org, follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.
FROM THE EDITOR: INTERCOM SUBMISSIONS IN FEBRUARY FOR THE MARCH ISSUE

The article submission Deadline for the March Intercom will be on February 21.

So please get your articles into me by February 21 to be included in the March Intercom issue. If you need an extension on the deadline, please call or email me and we’ll work something out. Otherwise, if your material isn’t in by the deadline, it will NOT be included.

If you email your submissions (preferred), please do it IN PLAIN TEXT ONLY; please, do not format the article in any way. If you have a formatting request, please contact me or include it with your submission. Please send your Intercom submissions to Rowan@OctoberMorning.com

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE IS THE COMMITTEE OF THE MONTH FOR FEBRUARY

Do you like planning events? Are you looking for a way to get involved in the church and community? Do you want to see our church be more engaged in the community? Then the Fundraising Committee is the place for you!

What is the goal of the fundraising committee? To organize fundraising events to engage the community outside the church. This has a multi-purpose benefit of bringing outside funds into the church and increasing our presence in the community. Fundraising has been at the core of our church from the start. At the beginning, we had rummage sales from the loft and now we have grocery cards, the rummage sale, and a variety of other events.

We plan 2 major events each year, one each spring (rummage sale) and one each fall (differing from year to year). In 2016 we successfully held a large rummage sale event in May and Art from Your Attic in October. This year we will be having the traditional rummage sale in May and a goods and services auction in November. We would love to have more events or more ways of fundraising but that takes more time and more volunteers! We would love to have some fresh faces and fresh ideas!