UPCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES

June 3, 2018
“FLOWER COMMUNION AND MULTI-GENERATIONAL SERVICE”
Followed by an All Church Picnic
Rev. Don Rollins and Director of Lifespan Faith Development, Jen Halperin

Flower Communion service at the close of our church program year. This multi-generational service is always colorful, full of fun, and lifts our spirits. If you can, please bring a flower to share. And if that weren’t enough, we will also have a baby naming ceremony and High School Bridging ceremony! Plus, please join us for our year-end church potluck picnic after the morning service. Bring a dish to share and if the weather is nice, feel free to bring a blanket to sit on.

June 10, 2018
“KEEPING TO THE PATH, OR HOW TO STEER CLEAR OF SPIRITUAL BYPASSING: A SERMON WITH ZEN TALES"
Rev. Robin Landerman Zucker

Overview blurb: "In the early 1980s, psychologist John Welwood coined the term “spiritual bypassing” to refer to the use of practices and beliefs to avoid confronting uncomfortable feelings, unresolved wounds, and fundamental emotional and psychological needs. In the years that have followed, many well-meaning seekers have fallen under the thrall of bogus “gurus” who have reinforced these ideas and have supported the “bypassing” of the challenging experiences that venerable Zen masters have stressed that we humans need most to develop wisdom and self-awareness. We’ll explore how we might keep to an authentic path in this sermon with Zen tales interspersed throughout."

June 17, 2018
“LET IT ALL HANG OUT: BUILDING COMMUNITY THROUGH HONEST EXPRESSION OF EMOTION”
Beverly Wise

During our time together on June 17, Beverly Wise will help us explore communally uplifting emotions of humor, joy, and happiness. Whether it be a good natured joke among pals or the honest sharing of unadulterated joy in a loving community, at one point or another we all come to our church to share a smile with each other. Mary Pettibone Poole said, "he who laughs, lasts." Beverly is going to show us that "we who laugh, last."

June 24, 2018
“LIVE WHAT YOU LOVE”

Do the things you love to do – your hobbies or even your job – support your UU values and spiritual growth? Bruce Travers, Kathy Ke, and Lou Bartolomucci will answer that question by sharing how living what they love enriches their lives. Watch for acting, singing and yarn!
REV. DON’S JUNE/JULY SCHEDULE

Staring June 3rd and continuing through July 14th, Don, will be away from Pittsburgh for continuing education and vacation. Please hold any non-urgent emails, texts and calls until he’s back on the UUCNH clock. But feel free to contact him at 740-988-7834 with any emergencies. Thanks for your understanding.

JIM SCOTT COMING TO UUCNH!

Longtime UU troubadour and songwriter, Jim Scott, is returning to UUCNH on Saturday, July 14 at 7:00 PM. A onetime member of the Paul Winter Consort, Jim has been featured at multiple denominational, regional and congregational events - and is the composer of three hymns in our most current hymnal. Don’t miss an opportunity to catch him as he comes our way.

The requested donation in support of Jim’s ministry is based on a sliding scale, between $10 and $20 per person. But no one will be turned away due to the requested amount.

INTRODUCING OUR MINISTERIAL SEARCH TEAM!

UUCNH members voted at the May 20th, 2018 Congregational meeting to select seven individuals to serve as our Ministerial Search Team. The Board thanks each and every person nominated, those who considered candidacy, and all those who presented applications. The Board appreciates your commitment to our church and interest in our future. Please take the opportunity to thank each of the team members and offer them your support and assistance.

Each church member could vote for up to 7 Ministerial Search Team candidates. The Board of Trustees followed the UUA recommendation to place the top 5 vote getters on the team with the Board selecting the final two team members (from the slate of candidates) with an eye toward ensuring diversity and representation of necessary skill sets.

The following people (in alphabetical order by first name) were selected:

- Alex Saksen
- Bernita Clover
- Cris Graham
- Hal Dixler
- Joe Meier
- Joyce Kepner
- Rebecca Hovermale

The Board of Trustees has full confidence in this group of dedicated people. Our congregation also voted to have a non-voting youth, Lorenzo Pane, as a youth advisor to the Ministerial Search Team. The Ministerial Search Team will work with our UUA Transitions coach, Joan Van Becelaere, to prepare our search materials and complete the challenging work of selecting a settled minister. Please stay tuned as this excellent team starts the important work of finding UUCNH’s next settled minister who will travel with us as we make our mission a reality in our lives and in the world.

Susie Wood
President, Board of Trustees
“A VIEW FROM MY CUSHION”

As you can imagine the last twenty-four hours have been pretty interesting. We had our congregational meeting where we selected seven church members and a youth non-voting advisor to serve on our Ministerial Search Team. Please join me in thanking and congratulating Alex Saksen, Bernita Clover, Cris Graham, Hal Dixler, Joe Meier, Joyce Kepner, Rebecca Hovermale and Lorenzo Pane for stepping up and volunteering for this all-important team. Also please thank all those who were candidates for this team – we have so many engaged church members.

Alex Landefeld reported on our Stewardship campaign, Carol Ballance told us about our progress on Faith and Fairness and Don Nelson gave us a preview of our new audio-visual system (coming this summer). I am continuously encouraged by the enthusiasm and momentum we have at UUCNH.

And our outgoing Board of Trustee President, Robyn Travers, thanked so many of you who have stepped up in this first year of interim to continue the important work of our church. I cannot tell you what a pleasure and honor it has been to work with Robyn this past year on the Board and to learn from her. She certainly is a model of how to manage gracefully when life throws you a curve. Her leadership through our past year has given me great confidence as I step into the Board President role for 2018-19.

The Board said “goodbye” to Ivan Baumwell and Dawn Lindsay who have been voices of reason and demonstrated their deep commitment to UUCNH – they will be missed on the Board. And we welcomed our newest Board members, Kathi Finch and Mary Ellen Johnson (for the leadership track). These two outstanding leaders have already brought their unique voices and skill to our Board – welcome and we are so glad to have you with us!

I have to say how lucky I am – to be able to participate in this church with so many gifted and talented people with so many ideas. I thank our Interim Minister, the Board and the congregation for keeping our church vital and strong. I hope to spend the year helping to prepare us for our settled minister – by continuing to focus Board efforts on our Mission and Ends Statements, instilling every part of our church with our relational covenant and team covenants and by empowering teams and committees to do their work. I hope that all of our staff and volunteers will find their church work to be consistently food for the spirit.

Thank you in advance for your support and patience as we evolve and move into our bright future.

Susie Wood

CONNECTIONS TEAM

MEET THE CHURCH
New to UUCNH? Want to Know More?
Then join us for Meet the Church
THERE WILL BE NO MEETING IN JUNE

These informal sessions are held after church about once a month. After coffee hour, we gather to meet one another, watch a video, have an open ended question and answer time, and to share a little more about this church and Unitarian Universalism. Come and join us!
The 2018-2019 Stewardship Campaign has reached its end - I thank every member and friend of UUCNH for participating. If you have not yet pledged, or you did not pledge enough, please send an email to stewardship@uucnh.org.

Let us enjoy this poem/song from UU poet Ric Masten:

**Let It Be a Dance**

*Let it be a dance we do.*
*May I have this dance with you?*
*Through the good times*
*And the bad times, too,*
*Let it be a dance.*
*Let a dancing song be heard.*
*Play the music say the words,*
*Fill the sky with sailing birds.*
*Let it be a dance.*

*Learn to follow, learn to lead,*
*Feel the rhythm, fill the need.*
*To reap the harvest, plant the seed.*
*And let it be a dance.*

*Everybody turn and spin,*
*Let your body learn to bend,*
*and, like a willow with the wind,*
*Let it be a dance.*

*A child is born, the old must die,*
*A time for joy, a time to cry.*
*Take it as it passes by.*
*And let it be a dance.*

*Morning star comes out at night,*
*Without the dark there is no light.*
*If nothing’s wrong, then nothing’s right.*
*Let it be a dance.*

Respectfully submitted,

Alex Landefeld
UUCNH Stewardship Chair
FINANCE COMMITTEE

ONLINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE

Visit our website www.UUCNH.org and click on the Giving tab. This will take you to a secure page to make your contributions with instructions on how to get started. You can make one-time gifts or you can create a profile to make recurring contributions.

Another way to access our donation page is to download the GivePlus app. Once downloaded on your phone you can search for our church and make a donation through the app similar to our website. Remember you can also make one time and recurring contributions by using online banking. All banks allow you to set up online banking for your checking account. The advantage to this method is it is FREE for you and the church.

Text giving is also available for making contributions to the general fund. Text your contribution amount to 412-218-3380. You will need to register your personal information on your first text but once you are set up, it’s an easy and quick method for donations. Need more information or have questions, contact Tom Yeh, Lindsay Scott, or Mary Ellen Johnson.

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:

- Bernita Clover: jnc312@mail2world.com - 412-367-2088
- Joyce Kepner: kepnerje@gmail.com - 412-996-9778
- Marsha Albright: mkolbright@gmail.com - 412-487-4565
- Mark Swihart: mswihart@spang.com - 412-369-9321
- Chris Hill: chill613@comcast.net - 412-366-9553
- Lynn Richards: lynnbesser@gmail.com - 724-776-4183
Dear Members and Friends of UUCNH,

It seems like my two years serving as Interim Director of Lifespan Faith Development have gone so quickly! But as I think about some of the things we’ve done together, I realize that yes, I have come to know and love you and yours over time. I know most of your names...children, youth and adults. I have been with you in times of joy, of sorrow, of shock and disbelief, of loss, and of trying new things.

I have been welcomed by you formally and informally. I remember the first Thursday I was at the church and the Craft Group was meeting. I was served soup AND dessert! Never underestimate the importance of sharing food to foster fellowship and well-being!

And there have been changes. None of us expected to have two interim staff members this past year, and with such changes there are bound to be anxieties raised in one way or another. And part of my job is to help manage those anxieties by assuring you that is to be expected, and to remind you that without change there is no risk, and without risk there are no opportunities for learning and growing together. With Rev. Scott’s departure, (and a grand departure it was), I observed that the congregation came together in an understanding of itself as one that offers kindness and care.

In his final newsletter column Scott wrote to you that the church can tell this story, “We offered trust and respect and that grew into a foundation of solid ministry. We did good work. We moved toward justice and care and joy. The minister felt a great love from us, and when he left, his heart was so full of gratitude. There is always room to grow, and we are up for that challenge. We are an amazing congregation.”

I can and will tell that story about you, as that was my experience as well. I will always remember the potluck and open church the evening after the election, and the messages of hope we saw from the Youth Group chalked on the sidewalk the Sunday after. I witnessed every volunteer who stepped up to make the ordinary, extraordinary!

I am excited for you all to meet Dana Poss, who will be starting as the settled Director of Lifespan Faith Development on August 1st! I will be officially leaving at the end of June, but will take the last week of the month off and return at the beginning of August for a week of orientation with Dana.

There is indeed a strong foundation of Faith Development ministry here at UUCNH from which to build on. It has been a great honor to be a part of it, and to have the support of Rev. Scott and Rev. Don and of all of you. I’m excited to see where you will go from here!

With much affection,

Jennifer Halperin
Interim Director of Lifespan Faith Development
CHILDREN AND YOUTH CALENDAR

- **JUNE 3rd** - Flower Communion Multi-generational service. **Bring a flower to share!**
  - Baby dedication, High School Bridging ceremony.
  - All church picnic after the service.
- **JUNE 10th** – Activities for children 5 to 11. Younger children may play in Nursery.
- **JUNE 17th** – First day of Summer classes for children age 3 to 11
- **JUNE 24th** - Summer classes for children age 3 to 11
- **JULY 1st** - Summer classes for children age 3 to 11

SUMMER SUNDAYS 2018

We are pleased to offer 10 Sunday morning multiage children’s Religious Education classes for Summer 2018 beginning June 17th. Please mark the following dates on your calendars:

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There will be two classes: preK/K and elementary. Nursery care is available all summer long.

3 – 5 YEAR OLD CLASS

We will be offering a favorite UU curriculum, Chalice Children. Lesson plans and story suggestions will be supplied.

ELEMENTARY AGES

We will be offering a MakerSpace prepared classroom for children to imagine, create, revise, re-create hands-on projects based on Creation Stories from around the world. Stories supplied.
RE LEADER RECRUITMENT

We are actively seeking leaders for Sunday morning classes and Makerspace workshops for children. This is an opportunity to make new friends and experience Sunday morning in a playful manner!

- **To Sign Up and For More Information**

Our regular RE teachers need a well-deserved reprieve come the summer, so we are appealing to everyone else to take a summer Sunday or two. **Please consider signing up to teach or assist one or more summer class!** There are sign-up sheets in Friendship Hall. Act 33/34 clearances required. Please see Jennifer or Melissa with any questions at uucnhdlfd@gmail.com

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FAMILIES GROUP

UUCNH families are warmly invited to come to our monthly gatherings! We try to keep costs low, have fun and get to know one another, and include a service element. Please contact Families Group coordinator, Dawn Lindsay, for more information email her at northparkmom@gmail.com. Please email her to join the Facebook Group. You will see events when they are posted and folks can contribute ideas for activities.

UPCOMING 2018 EVENTS SPONSORED BY THE FAMILIES GROUP

- **JUNE 3rd** - the Families Group will be meeting up at the church picnic in June. There will be face painting by Tony Palermo (always a kid favorite), sidewalk chalk, and other kid-friendly activities.

- **August 24** - UUCNH Families Group picnic 6-8PM at Donnevale Shelter in North Park. Bring a picnic dish to share. There will be crafts and games to kick off the fall schedule of activities.
ADULT FAITH DEVELOPMENT

The Adult Faith Development (AFD) team coordinates all adult Faith Development courses and discussion groups. Whether you are a newcomer or a long-time member, our goal is to meet the needs of UUCNH adults who wish to enrich their spiritual lives.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

"A Short History of Unitarianism and Universalism"

People come to Unitarian Universalism in different ways, some through family, some from other faiths and some from no religious background at all. What each has in common, though, is a belief in religious freedom. This short course in Unitarian Universalist history seeks to aid in an understanding of this faith...to know where we came from and to know that the religious freedom we enjoy today was hard won, coming out of real sacrifice by our religious ancestors.

John Ballance will lead this three session class. In the course he will create a timeline to examine key developments in Unitarianism and Universalism starting from the time of Jesus Christ.

The course will run in August on three Monday evenings from 7:00 - 8:30pm.

• August 13th - Christian and Jewish roots of Unitarian Universalism
• August 20th - Pre-Reformation to 1700 - 1800’s
• August 27th - Modern Unitarian Universalism in America

To register or for more information please, contact John Ballance at johnbballance@gmail.com.
HUMANIST DISCUSSION GROUP

Facilitator:  Dick Myers – dmyers.rlm@gmail.com  
When:  June 24th at Noon– 1:15 pm  
Where:  East Room

On June 24th, at noon in the East Room, Doris Steppe and Jerry Desena will facilitate a discussion of the opioid overdose crisis. Every day, more than 115 people in the United States die after overdosing on opioids. The misuse of and addiction to opioids—including prescription pain relievers, heroin, and synthetic opioids such as fentanyl—is a serious national crisis that affects public health as well as social and economic welfare. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that the total "economic burden" of prescription opioid misuse alone in the United States is $78.5 billion a year, including the costs of healthcare, lost productivity, addiction treatment, and criminal justice involvement. How did this happen, and how can we resolve it? Jerry Desena is a Licensed Professional Counselor and has been working in the field of drug and alcohol counseling since about 1983. She is now mostly retired, currently working two days per week. To be added to the email list and receive announcements and supplemental materials for upcoming meetings, email Dick Myers at dmyers.rlm@gmail.com.

JESUS DISCUSSION GROUP

Facilitator:  Tony Palermo – tpalermo@consolidated.net  
When:  September 16th from noon – 1:15

Jesus Discussion Group will be on hiatus till 3rd Sunday in September.

PSI [PHILOSOPHICAL, SPIRITUAL INSIGHTS]

Facilitator:  Tony Palermo - tpalermo@consolidated.net  
When:  TBD  
Where:  Growth Room (Upstairs, follow the signs)

PSI - Philosophical, Spiritual Insights – due to the June 3rd UUCNH all church picnic, PSI will be postponed to a later date. See Tony Palermo for details - tpalermo@consolidated.net.
SISTERS-IN-SPRIT

Facilitators: Rachael Smart and Michelle Broge-Connor
Contacts: thesmartfamily3@yahoo.com, brogenn@gmail.com
When: June 13, 2018 @ 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
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 brogenn@gmail.com.

UU CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVES

Facilitator: Joe Meier - meierke@msn.com
Facilitator: Edie Swihart
When: June 10th at 9:15 – 10:30 am
Where: Truth & Meaning (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!

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY IS BACK!!

The first Wednesday of each month you’re invited to join us for a potluck supper and some quiet time. Our next Wonderful Wednesday will be August 1st (no June nor July) with a potluck starting at 6:00 pm and vespers led by Don at 6:45 pm. Help with the potluck setup/cleanup is appreciated.
BREAKFORTH ENSEMBLE

Facilitator:  David Miles - miles@ohiou.edu
When:  TBD
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.

MEDITATION WITH FRIENDS

Facilitator:  Sue Luebbert – luebbert.unicorn@gmail.com or call 412-366-9553
When:  Summer break during June, July, and August
Where:  Sanctuary

Meditation with Friends will be on summer break during June, July, and August. This official break means that we will not be meeting regularly on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, as has been our pattern for the last nine months.

However, last summer we did meet occasionally on some Tuesday evenings when both the church space and facilitator(s) were available. Notice of these meetings will be announced via the meditation email list the day before the meeting. Whenever possible, we will also put notification of a planned meeting in the church E-News and/or Sunday service announcements.

To add your name to the meditation email list, please send me an email at Luebbert.unicorn@gmail.com. Any other questions or concerns, please contact Sue Luebbert at (412) 366-9553.

THE CRAFT GROUP

Facilitator:  Irene Dinning - dinning1@comcast.net or call 412-741-6463
When:  Every Thursday, 10:00 am
Where:  East Room

We are a long-time UUCNH group that welcomes other crafters: those who want to learn needlework, perfect a craft, or just want to come and visit with interesting people. Come when you can or every week, but try us out!
**THE QUILTERS GROUP**

Facilitator:  Peggy Trevanion - birdies4@comcast.net or 412-366-4348  
When:  June 12th at 10:00 am – 2:00 pm (second Tuesday of the month)  
Where:  East Room  

We are open to anyone who would like to learn more about piecing and quilting.

**THE UKE GROUP**

Facilitator:  Sandy Faulkner - sfaulk50@aol.com or 412-366-5973  
When:  June 4th at 7:00 – 9:00 pm  
       June 18th at 7:00 – 9:00 pm  
Where:  East Room  

We meet the first and third Monday of the month. 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.

**UU MINGLING SINGLES!**

Single people, share covenant, have fun, and meet someone!  

The mingling singles does not have enough support to continue, so it is on hiatus.
UUCNH COFFEEHOUSE!

Note: There will be no coffeehouse in June, but the new season starts on Friday, July 6th.

Come share a talent, or just enjoy a really good time with UUCNH friends and their friends.

UUCNH BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Facilitator: Manuel Lombardero – manel_sil@yahoo.com
When: June 8, 2018, 7-9 pm
Where: UUCNH, East Room
Moderator: Gene Watson
Title: Frankenstein; or The Modern Prometheus
Author: Mary Shelley

Frankenstein is an early example of science fiction. It has been argued that it should be considered the first true science fiction story because, in contrast to previous stories with fantastical elements resembling those of later science fiction, the central character "makes a deliberate decision" and "turns to modern experiments in the laboratory" to achieve fantastic results. It has had a considerable influence in literature and popular culture and spawned a complete genre of horror stories, films and plays. [adapted from Wikipedia].

FUTURE SCHEDULED TITLES:

- **July 13, 2018:** Galapagos – Author: Kurt Vonnegut; 1985
  336 pages; fiction
  Book Moderator: Manuel Lombardero

- **August 10, 2018:** Fahrenheit 451 – Author: Ray Bradbury; 1953
  158 pages; fiction
  Book Moderator: Marilyn Myers
YOGA

Facilitator: Amy Wilks – akwilks@gmail.com
When: June 11th, Monday @ 7:00 – 8:00 pm
       June 26th, Tuesday @ 12:00 – 1:00 pm
Where: Growth Room or Justice Room

Amy Wilks will be offering yoga classes twice a month at UUCNH. These will be flow classes that can be modified for all ability levels. Please dress in comfortable clothing and bring water and a yoga mat.

Amy has been practicing yoga for almost ten years, is involved in a weekly work exchange program at Salt Power Yoga in Cranberry Township, and teaches at the Baierl Family YMCA. She completed her children’s yoga teacher training in August 2016, and started her RYT200 teacher training in April 2018. She is up to date on her First Aid/CPR and all of her clearances.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

It’s Spring... Time for a ... “A UUCNH Work Party”!
Saturday, June 2nd from 8:30 am to 3:00 PM

To all those people who utilize this wonderful space, the Building and Grounds committee needs your help to keep this remarkable place as beautiful and functional as possible. So...two days a year one in the spring, and one in the fall we ask you the congregation to help with tasks of cleaning, minor repairs, window washing, just to mention a few of the ongoing tasks that are necessary to keep UUCNH in functioning order.

So set Saturday June 2nd aside, we’ll need your help to make UUCNH Shine! Bring your energy, elbow grease, buckets, vacuums, gloves, rakes and shovels. You can come for the day or a just few hours. We’ll welcome your fellowship and assistance to help us with the work. Lunch will be provided.

Thank you from the Building and Grounds Committee
FOR THE HUNGER GARDEN

The best year yet for rhubarb! Feel free to help your self – just be sure to close and fasten the gate when leaving – and make a note to add a donation to the Farm Stand when it opens.

Spring greens are mostly sprouted, though with this wet weather, we’ll have to watch out for slug attacks. The first planting of summer seeds (beans, cukes, squash) might happen as early as Memorial Day, if current weather patterns hold, then tomatoes, peppers, eggplant and the like in early June.

I will be out of town during the spring work party, but will be asking if the crew can help with a special project: installing a second (higher up) layer of chicken wire where the raised beds about the fence. Those pesky deer can reach through the main fence, above the lower chicken wire, and nip the tops off the higher plants. I want them to find their own worth and dignity by making an honest living on the lawn and in the woods! Dick Myers

UU CLUSTER NEWS

Check out our local Cluster Website at www.uupittsburgh.org to see what is happening with other UU’s in our area, and for UU events that are open to all.
EQUAL EXCHANGE FOR YOU AND THE FARMERS

When you buy a Fair Trade item, you’re supporting small farmers. That means they earn a fair amount for their work, allowing them to pay for healthcare, education and other basic necessities. Consider giving some:

- Organic Coffee-French Roast, Breakfast Blend, Mind, Body & Soul, or Decaf, available in whole bean or drip grind ($9/bag)
- Organic Dark Chocolate bars—with Almonds, With Mint, Caramel Crunch, and Very Dark (up to 80%!) plus Organic Milk Chocolate with a hint of hazelnut ($4 each, or 3 for $10)
- And we have a Chamomile, Ginger, Rooibos and Chai Teas ($4 each) to warm you up! (Note: we have some samples out with the tea if you want to try one during Coffee Hour!)

RECYCLING UUCNH STYLE

HARD TO RECYCLE COLLECTIONS

The PA Resources Council (PRC) is also sponsoring collection events this year for tires, electronic waste (computers, TVs, etc.), cell phones, batteries, etc. They will take Fluorescent Tubes—a hard to safely get rid of item! There are fees for this collection, although most electronics are free. See the sheet on the social action bulletin board or go to PRC’s Hard to Recycle page for a listing. The next collection will be on Saturday, June 30th from 9 AM to 1 PM at Quaker Valley High School. If you have any questions, contact Chris Hill at 412.366.9553 or chill613@comcast.net.
Many thanks to all the folks who got out and worked the polls on primary day! Loads of signatures on petitions and more folks understanding what is going on. Our very own, Julie Kant, is at the left in the left photo and that’s, Cris Graham, on the right in the photo on the right. Lynn Richards, Kurt Kuntz, Barb Brock and Connie Hester are a few more I know of……

Keep up the pressure on the legislature!

Continue calling attention to this issue in letters to the editor in media outlets large and small. Feel free to take wording from the redistricting Values Statement, or updates about both rally day and primary day outreach as well as press reports about the polls (see below), which make clear there is strong support for reform that voters expect to be heard on this issue and that it will be an election issue for many voters in November.

Call or write Speaker Turzai

Representative Metcalfe has made clear he’s not willing to give redistricting reform legislation a fair hearing or vote. We need to make equally clear to Speaker Turzai that if he is not able to remove or reprimand Representative Metcalfe, we want any future bills on this issue (Representative Reed’s bill, Senate Bill 22, reintroduced HB 722) to be put in a different committee. 412-369-2230, 717-772-9943, Mturzai@pahousegop.com.

The candidate forum in criminal justice reform UUPLAN cosponsored with ACLU-PA and CADBI West at First Unitarian Church in Pittsburgh last month. It was a very successful event. There were five primary candidates for the Democratic Party nomination in attendance; both the incumbent, Jack Wheatley, and his challenger, Aerion Abney, from the 19th legislative district and the challengers for the 20th, 21st, and 34th districts, Mike Devine, Sara Inamorato and Summer Lee. Thanks to Steve Fuegi for helping to organize this (I notice it was interpreted, too!)
Training, training, training!

Ready to get out and make some changes in the world! PIIN will be offering basic Training on June 7th from 6-9 pm and an extended session that goes deeper on June 9th from 9 – 5 pm. Both will be held at the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, 616 North Highland Avenue, 15206.

UU PLAN

Feeling politically frustrated? Overwhelmed?
Join UUPLAN - Unitarian Universalist Pennsylvania Legislative Advocacy Network!

We are a group of Pennsylvanian UU’s connected via email and conference phone call, meeting monthly on issues, learning how to advocate for the issues that concern us the most. Choose an issue team and sit in on a monthly phone call: issue teams include Immigration, Gerrymandering (Good Government), Environmental Justice, Gun Violence, Economic Justice, Reproductive Justice, and Anti-Mass Incarceration.

We learn how to efficiently and effectively contact our legislators through email, phone call, and occasional visits to district offices. Be as involved as you have time for, or support us with your donation. For more information please feel welcome to contact Liz Perkins, liz.f.perkins@gmail.com, or Carol Ballance, cstbwexfor@gmail.com or Stephen Fuegi, sdfuegi@gmail.com or go to www.uuplan.org.

We will help you affirm and promote the goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all.
NHCO’S ANNUAL BACK-TO-SCHOOL COLLECTION IS ON!
North Hills Community Outreach NHCO is collecting new backpacks and school supplies for students in kindergarten through 12. Items needed include backpacks, notebooks, binders, paper, folders, pencils, pens and calculators. Good quality teen backpacks with sturdy zippers are especially needed. Gently used Texas Instrument graphic/scientific calculators are also needed for high school students. NHCO provides more than 1,200 backpacks full of school supplies for students each year. Donations can be dropped off Monday through Friday, 9am - 4pm through August 3 at any NHCO office. Special donation hours will be held 9 am-noon, Saturday, August 4 in the food pantry behind the main office in Allison Park, or alternate arrangements can be made by calling 412-487-6316 option 1.

NHCO PROVIDES FREE HOME SAFETY CHECKS FOR SENIORS
NHCO can provide a free home safety check for senior citizens living in northern Allegheny County north of the City of Pittsburgh. Trained volunteers will do a thorough safety check, install smoke detectors or change the batteries in current smoke detectors. Seniors will also be provided with a bathmat, a flashlight with fresh batteries, a night light, baking soda for grease fires, plus other helpful items. After the check is completed, seniors may request free grab bars to be installed in a bathroom or a free railing installed in a stairwell inside the home. Those installations will be done at a later date by a state-licensed professional contractor, at no charge. Interested seniors who reside in northern Allegheny County north of the city should contact Cathy at 412-307-0069 X 3313 or email clpschirer@nhco.org.

VEHICLE DONATIONS ARE NEEDED FOR NHCO’S TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
Your unwanted car, van, truck, boat, RV, trailer or motorcycle can help several low-income individuals or families. Vehicles donated to North Hills Community Outreach’s Transportation Assistance program are sold at auction and 100 percent of the funds NHCO receives help local people in need overcome transportation challenges. Your donated car could change lives. FREE pickup or towing and hassle-free donation process. Please visit nhco.org or call 412-408-3830 x 3225. Please note that Community Auto is no longer a program of NHCO.

NHCO’S PATHWAYS PROGRAM OFFERS GOAL-SETTING HELP FOR THOSE WHO ARE STRUGGLING
North Hills Community Outreach’s free Pathways program helps low-income people set goals such as employment or education. Our coordinators meet one on one with people to coach, set short- and long-term goals and provide free resources and support. Appointments are available. For information, call Abby in North Boroughs (Bellevue) at 412-307-0069, Nicole in Millvale at 412-408-3830 or Shela in McKees Rocks at 412-331-1685 ext. 233.

EMPLOYMENT HELP IS AVAILABLE AT NHCO
North Hills Community Outreach offers multiple free programs aimed at helping people attain self-sufficiency, including employment help. Those seeking help with career counseling, updating a resume, job search techniques and more can contact NHCO Resource Coordinator Jackie Boggs at jmboggs@nhco.org or 412-408-3830 x 3217.

NHCO NEEDS ON-BOARD VOLUNTEER DISPATCHERS FOR OUR SENIOR SHUTTLES
North Hills Community Outreach needs volunteer on-board dispatchers for its two Free Rides for Seniors shuttles, which transport seniors in the Route 28 communities to UPMC medical appointments and shopping during weekdays. No special license is needed and training is provided. Shifts are short. Please contact Kerry at kkmulhern@nhco.org or 412-449-0151 for more information.

ASK THE ATTORNEY SESSIONS FOR LOW-INCOME FAMILIES
Free 30-minute legal consultation for non-criminal issues such as divorce, bankruptcy, credit issues, family matters, rent disputes and more is available for families in need at North Hills Community Outreach locations the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm except December. The next ATA sessions are June 20 in Millvale and July 18 in Allison Park. Attendees MUST preregister for these sessions by contacting Jackie at jmboggs@nhco.org or 412-408-3830 x 3217.
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INTERCOM SUBMISSIONS

Intercom

Intercom article submission Deadline for the July Intercom will be on June 21st

- All submissions are to be sent to office@uucnh.org.
- Please put in the SUBJECT line: Intercom Submission.
- Format your submission in PLAIN TEXT in a Word or PDF document, single spacing, and CALIBRI 11 font (if possible). Also, if you send a picture or flyer please send each as a JIF, JPEG, or image file.
- Review and/or edit your submissions before sending and also confirm that the dates you list are correct. Submissions go to print as received.

PUBLICATIONS DEADLINE REMINDERS

Managing the UUCNH’s Intercom, E-News, Order of Service Announcements and any other periodic publication needs the timely support from everyone. Late or last minute requests cause undue stress and add to the delay of production. Here is a few suggestions to help lighten the load and to keep the finalizing of these documents and reports on a timely schedule:

- Treat the deadlines as firm: the Intercom is the 21st of each month, the E-NEWS and OOS Announcements are due Tuesdays by end of day. Late submissions mean more work.
- Please submit a “lean” copy, proofread by you.
- Space in the OOS Announcements is limited, so please be patient if your event doesn’t always get listed.

Thank you in advance for your kind attention to our publications details and reminders!
Happy Trails to Jen Halperin

UUCNH has been blessed to have Jen Halperin, as its Director of Lifespan FaithDevelopment for the past two years. Jen's experience, vision and steady presence have made an already excellent program even better. Thanks, Jen, for your ministry to our community, families, children and youth. Best wishes as you enter another phase of your life!
Remember Father’s Day
June 17th

Happy Father’s Day!