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Uncle Waldo's presents Chuck Pyle

Saturday, October 3, 7:30 p.m., Baker Hall

Dubbed the Zen Cowboy, Pyle wraps his infectiously hummable melodies with poetry, quoting bumper stickers, proverbs, world leaders, and old cowboys. Known for his own unique finger picking style which he calls "Rocky Mountain Slam Picking," he simultaneously emulates rhythm guitar strums and lead guitar lines to sound like an entire band. His songs have been recorded by John Denver and the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band. Chuck wrote the theme song for the PBS series *Spirit of Colorado*, and it's now the unofficial state song of Colorado. Expect an evening of virtuoso music making, Will Rogers-like wit, and a high-spirited combination of the Far East and the Old West.

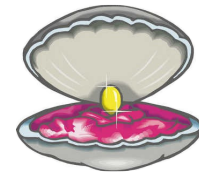


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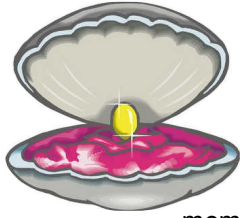
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What is PUURL?

The "pearl of great price" is an image used in both Western and Eastern scriptures to describe the goal of religious living. In a non-creedal church like ours, we don't use doctrinal language to define that goal for our members. Our members tell us what the "pearl of great price" means to them: personal growth, integrity of belief and action, wisdom regarding life's meanings, and deepening compassion for self and for others. How does West Shore UU Church help its members find this pearl? The initials P.U.U.R.L. stand for something beyond the clever acronym, and something beyond "taking a class". "Practicing a Unitarian Universalist Religious Life" summarizes the central reason for being a part of this church. In this sense, PUURL is not just one program among many in our church that you can choose to participate in. Rather, PUURL is the program of the church. Engaging in PUURL encompasses all that the church offers to assist us in leading lives of greater integrity, service, and joy.

PUURL is a way of thinking about the church's ongoing programs and classes that helps us better understand what it means to practice a UU religious life. The PUURL brochure includes opportunities for involvement and service that go beyond traditional "classes." PUURL has four organizing principles, which can be thought of as four quadrants of learning: Mind, Body, Heart, and Spirit. The UU religious life involves exploration of each quadrant. The four quadrants of PUURL suggest a lens of meaning through which various opportunities for involvement in church life can be viewed.

How To Use This Booklet

Members, old and new, often ask if there is more to being involved at West Shore than attending services and assisting with the church's community and institutional life. Is there a curriculum, a path for spiritual growth for adults that compares to the structured curriculum available for children and youth? PUURL suggests such a structure and a way of thinking about the spiritual growth and learning opportunities West Shore offers you. So, in reading this brochure, ask yourself:

"How shall I try to engage Mind, Heart, Body, and Spirit at church in the year ahead? In the course of a year at West Shore, can I make time to undertake a class, a practice, or a service opportunity in each of the four quadrants? How shall I build on the things I've already done at church in previous years in the choices I make this year? How shall I balance learning and service, acquiring new skills and sharing well-developed ones, labor and fun? Can the ministers and professional staff be helpful to me in thinking about these questions? "

West Shore's PUURL Program is a collaboration among professional and volunteer leaders. Do you have skills you can contribute as a teacher in any of these areas? What could West Shore offer in future semesters to expand the offerings in these quadrants? We look forward to hearing about your ideas.

Participating in P.U.U.R.L.

Do I have to sign up? Not all classes require pre-registration. You can "drop-in" to Morning Forum, Readings with Rumi and others that are listed as such in this booklet. However, for most classes, the facilitator needs to know how many people s/he is expecting and to arrange for childcare if necessary. Also, if a class doesn't meet the minimum number of participants, the facilitator may choose to cancel the class (see below)

How can I sign up for PUURL? Return the form below to the church office. There is also a notebook in the office that contains sign-up sheets for all classes offered. Just ask the office volunteer to show you where to sign-up. You may also call our Administrator, Debbie Lydon at 440-333-2255 during regular business hours to sign up for a class. We also hope to have on-line registration via our web-site later on this year.

I signed up for a class and it was cancelled! What happened? The minimum number of participants is six. Occasionally a facilitator will offer a class without the having met the minimum requirements, but usually a class will be cancelled and you will be contacted.

Who do I pay the registration fee? What if I want to take a class and can't afford it? Write a check or give cash to the facilitator at the first class, or mail it in to the church office. No one will be denied the opportunity to participate in PUURL. Please contact a minister for a waiver if you cannot afford to pay.

PUURL Class Registration—Fall 2006

Name _____

Phone/E-mail _____

Course: 1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Art Practice Project: _____

Total Fees (if any): _____

Please make checks payable to West Shore UU Church.
Return this registration form to the church office.

Follow “The Diversity Track” This Fall

A series of programs and events at West Shore and First Unitarian Church to engage you with cultural diversity and ending racism.



Undoing Racism

Third Tuesday of the Month, 7:30 p.m.

April Stoltz and Kathy Kosiorek—Conveners

Come engage, learn and grow as we explore how racism, classism, sexism, and other linked oppressions poison all our lives, particularly those of us who are in the white majority. Meetings are the third Tuesdays, and potluck/movies are the third Saturdays of most months.

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| Tuesday, September 19, 6:30 p.m. | Diversity Potluck/Recognition Celebration |
| Tuesday, October 17, 7:30 p.m. | Undoing Racism monthly meeting |
| Saturday, October 21, 5:30 p.m. | Potluck/Movie “The Spook Who Sat by the Door” |
| Saturday, November 4 | Diversity Fair at First Church, Shaker Hts. |
| Saturday, November 18, 5:30 p.m. | Dialogues in Diversity and Undoing Racism Joint Potluck, followed by the film “Paperclips” |

Dialogues in Diversity

Dialogues in Diversity was created to promote conversations between persons of different races, religions and backgrounds as a way of getting to know people whose life stories are different than our own. Monthly events are presented, which are open to everyone.

- **Sunday, October 22, 12:00 Noon**
“Riverside: Personal Views of Racism,” film and discussion
- **Saturday, November 18, 5:30 p.m.**
Dialogues in Diversity and Undoing Racism Potluck, followed by the film “Paperclips.”

Copies of books associated with classes can be purchased at the church office or book store. Class fees are usually in the form of a check made out to the West Shore UU Church, with PUURL on the memo line. Occasionally, fees are paid directly to the instructor. For fee waivers, contact our Parish Co-Ministers Wayne Arnason or Kathleen Rolenz. It is recommended that you register in advance for all weekday and evening classes. To sign up for a class, return the reservation form included in this brochure (Page 15) or call the church office. Indicating your Art Practice helps us plan the Art Show!

Working with The Ministers on PUURL

The co-ministers are available to work with you during the fall semester of PUURL in three different ways:

1. Roots and Branches

Wednesdays, September 20, 27, October 4, 11, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. The Ministers offer a Wednesday night class this fall quarter called “Roots and Branches.” They take up four themes: *Where Have We Come From?* (History); *Why Are We Here Today?* (Ecclesiology); *What Does it All Mean?* (Theology); *What Difference Does It Make?* (Eschatology). The ministers encourage all church members to find an opportunity to take this class at least once in the three year period from 2006-2009. Newcomers to West Shore are routinely invited and are included in the first two class sessions on History and Ecclesiology.

2. “Theme Talks”

The ministers lead a monthly conversation on some aspect of the Worship Theme for that particular month. The conversation may take the form of a sermon “Talk-About,” or be a week-night talk about an aspect of the theme not covered in Sunday morning services. The first of these will be held on Wednesday, September 13, from 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. on the theme “Dedicating a Life.” Following up on the September 10 sermon, Rev. Wayne Arnason will be discussing what it means to be intentional and focused, not random and vague, in living a religious life. Watch *Shorelines* for future dates.

3. PUURL Intensive

The ministers offer up to six people per semester an opportunity for individual spiritual direction and guidance in shaping a personal PUURL program for the year ahead. Details about applying for the PUURL Intensive are below:

If you would like to work directly with one of the ministers on your PUURL Practice this fall:

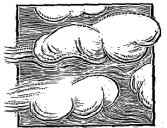
Write them a letter with your name and contact information, with a reminder to them of your church involvement, and religious background. Describe what attracts you about the possibilities in PUURL this semester. Tell us whether you are interested in Spiritual Direction with Kathleen Rolenz (guided conversation about your relationship with God) or non-theistic spiritual practice guidance with Wayne Arnason. Tell us what your time is like this fall and when would be good times for you to meet. Each minister can commit to PUURL Intensive work with up to three individuals each semester. Deadline to apply: Friday, September 15.

The Quadrants of PUURL

Practicing a Unitarian Universalist Religious Life can be as disciplined as you like. The LFD Director, Adult Programs Committee and Ministers have developed an all-inclusive program of lifespan religious education that involves Mind, Body, Heart and Spirit. Descriptions of each of these four quadrants, and the practices they entail follow:



The Heart Quadrant involves exercising both our *creativity* and our *compassion*. Through various small group opportunities we come to know ourselves and others more deeply. Our creativity and spirituality share a common source through art practice. Developing an art practice, or studying and engaging more intensely with an already established art practice is a dynamic way of studying the self and expressing the understandings that we discover within.



The Mind Quadrant involves *academic study, didactic learning and conversation*. This important component of any religious and spiritual discipline and practice has been where UUs have historically excelled and placed great emphasis. At West Shore our engagement with Mind includes lectures, forums, classes, and book discussions on the great themes of religion, and the current issues of the day. Study of **UU history, traditions, and beliefs** in the Roots and Branches class is regularly offered. Deeper understanding of **World Religious Traditions and Scriptures** is regularly emphasized.



The Spirit Quadrant has three components: *spiritual discipline, liturgy, and work with a spiritual teacher*. PUURL can include taking up or continuing the formal practice of a spiritual discipline that you do on a regular, if not daily basis. Liturgy is another part of the Spirit Quadrant. Liturgy means “the people’s work.” It is an expression of the underlying religious truths within our lives. In addition, the Spirit Quadrant also includes limited possibilities for spiritual direction with one of the ministers, known as the PUURL Intensive.



The Body Quadrant includes explorations of our *physical body* as a vehicle for self-realization that includes our whole being. It also includes *service* opportunities. We seek to put our bodies where our minds and hearts are, by taking the risk of involvement in social service and justice work. The opportunities for engaging your whole self through body practice in PUURL include volunteer service opportunities, engagement with others in justice and diversity work, and spiritual body practices.



The Body Quadrant...

“Open hands work for peace and justice.”

Knitting Ministry

First Monday of the Month, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Led by Jodith Janes

This group welcomes both beginner and experienced knitters to create prayer shawls used as gifts and acknowledgements of the joys and concerns of members of our congregation. New knitters should bring a ball of worsted weight yarn and size 10-11 needles. Crocheters are welcome in the knitting ministry.

Dances of Universal Peace

Sunday, September 17, 4:00-5:30 p.m., Rotunda

Led by Eileen Pappalardo

The dances of universal peace are a practice of body prayer and short, sung phrases from the major religious traditions. We will dance simple circle dances, similar to folk dances, with repeated steps, and connect with the universe. All ages welcome.

Cost: Free will offering.

Walking the Talk: Opportunities For Service

Food Bank Volunteers

For two hours, on either of two mornings each month, West Shore volunteers carpool to the Cleveland Foodbank, where they prepare food products for distribution to hunger centers all over northeastern Ohio. In addition to the scheduled morning hours, evening hours, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., are also available. For more information about volunteering and specific dates, see *Shorelines*, or call Ruth Mennell at 440-333-4613.

Tutor at Our “Adopt-a-School” - Buhrer Elementary School

This is a vital “hands-on” opportunity available for volunteers as one-on-one reading tutors for elementary school children. For more information, call the church office.

Caring Team

Members of the Caring Team make monthly visits to homebound church members and friends. They also sponsor the 90 year olds birthday celebration in November, and deliver flowers twice a year. Check upcoming the church newsletter *Shorelines* or the website for meeting dates and times. For more information, contact Peggy Reid at 440-331-2957.



Introduction to Contemplative Prayer

Saturdays, September 23, 30, October 7, 14, 21, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Led by Rev. Kathleen Rolenz

What is contemplative prayer? Do you have to fold your hands and bow your head to engage in a prayer practice? The answer, of course, is “no.” Prayer is simply opening up to the “yes” that already exists inside of you. It is tapping into an inner wisdom through ancient practices.

This class will sample just a few ways of exploring contemplative prayer as spiritual practice. A conversation with the minister is required before the first class begins.

Book: *Living in the Presence: Spiritual Exercises* by Tilden Edwards

Can be purchased at church or buy your own copy. Cost: \$5.00 for copying fees

UU Christian Fellowship

First Thursday of the month, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Leadership rotates from within the group

Unitarian Universalist Christian Fellowship (UUCF) is similar to a Connection Circle/covenant group in that a brief worship service frames the Bible study, and plenty of time is allowed for silence, listening, and deeper reflection. Usually, we study the lectionary passages for that coming Sunday. To follow the lectionary, visit <http://divinity.lib.vanderbilt.edu/lectionary>. Everyone who wishes to deepen their understanding of the Bible and Christianity is welcome. Bring a Bible!

A SOULCOLLAGE© Workshop

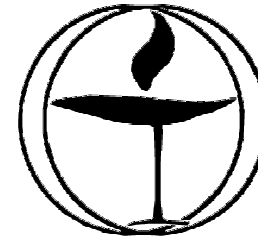
Four Thursdays, October 5, 12, 19, 26, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Led by Marty Blachly-Cross

Create a personal deck of soul-tending cards for meditation and centering. This workshop is a creative, intuitive process for discovering and honoring dimensions of self and soul through imagery created in the form of a collage. Participants explore multiple dimensions of self by allowing images (found in magazines, greeting cards, calendars, photos) to strike a cord of familiarity and then, by experimenting with combinations of images, to create an even more personal collage. Based on the book, *Soulcollage*, by Seena B. Frost, these cards are organized into four suits; dimensions of self, community and family influences, larger themes in life, and energy levels in the body. Once cards are made, they can be used to access inner wisdom. Cards are beautiful, fun to make and offer surprising insights about ourselves. It is a pleasure to explore the process as a group. No artistic talent is needed.

Cost: \$10 for supplies; participants may wish to bring their own scissors, rubber cement, and other paper-crafting materials. Magazines to share are appreciated.

Want to Find Out More About West Shore?



Introduction To Unitarian Universalism

Wednesday, September 20 & 27, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

This program is an introduction to Unitarian Universalism and West Shore Unitarian Universalist Church for newcomers and long term attendees. Offered by the Membership Committee and led by our ministers, Kathleen Rolenz and Wayne Arnason, this class will meet on two consecutive Wednesday evenings. Childcare is available upon request. Pre-registration required.

Membership Seminar

Wednesday, October 25, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

This seminar, led by the parish co-ministers, outlines what it means to be a member of West Shore Unitarian Universalist Church. It is open to those interested in joining the church at an upcoming New Member Sunday. Appointments may also be made with the ministers to discuss membership. Childcare is available upon request. Pre-registration required.

New Member Sunday

Sunday, October 29, 10:30 a.m.

People who have decided to join the church this fall will be welcomed at this service. If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact one of our parish co-ministers, Kathleen Rolenz or Wayne Arnason.

Social Justice Potluck Dinner and Recognition Celebration

Tuesday, September 19, 6:30 p.m.—9 pm.

If you are new to West Shore this occasion is an opportunity to find out more about our church's justice and service work in a social setting. After dinner and a 60th Anniversary recognition of our social justice volunteers and programs, there will be a feature presentation on the PUURL “Diversity Track,” i.e. the education and action programs offered by Undoing Racism and Dialogues in Diversity (P. 14). If the church's work on undoing racism interests you, this is your opportunity to find out more. Please bring a favorite dish to share. For additional information please contact Kathy Kosiorek at 216-226-4503 or Kathryn_k@mindspring.com.

Small Groups, Classes and Programs- Fall 2006



The Heart Quadrant...

*"Open hearts respond with love to the pain
and promise of the world."*

Connection Circles

Connection Circles are small groups of 6-8 people who covenant (make a promise) to meet on a monthly basis for listening and conversation about the monthly worship themes. Connection circle groups are formed around convenient meeting times for participants, and/or (new this year!) certain "affinities" that the group members have in common (i.e. partnered couples, musicians.) This style of group is different than a class or a discussion group; it allows time for silence and respectful listening of one another. Each group decides upon its own guidelines (i.e. is it okay to be late? is it okay with the group to miss? is it okay to interrupt when someone is talking? Do we have any activity we do together before we talk?) and then members are asked to be respectful of the covenant created by the group. Groups generally meet monthly from October – May. Establishing group norms allows the group to go deeper with the topic through listening, silence, and conversation. To participate in a Connection Circle group for the 2006-2007 church year, please use the sign-up sheets available at the church office window on two Sunday mornings, September 10 and September 17. A variety of meeting times will be offered, and affinity Connection Circle possibilities will be listed so sign up for the group and time that suits your schedule best.

We believe that this style of group listening and discernment can build relationships between church members that is often not possible through Sunday morning attendance alone. It provides a place to engage in a richer, more engaged and focused conversation about issues of meaning. . If you are interested in learning a new skill and would like to be considered for training as a co-facilitator, please contact Rev. Kathleen Rolenz at katrolenz@aol.com.

Worship Associates

Studying, practicing, and leading worship is Heart Work at West Shore. Worship Associates (WA's) make a commitment of at least one year (renewable for one more year) to work as part of a team with the ministers on the worship services offered each week. Attendance at monthly meetings and regular trainings is necessary. Each WA helps lead a Sunday Service about twice each quarter, and has the opportunity to offer the sermon in the summer. A limited number of spaces is available for Worship Associates for 2007, with application forms available from the office and due by Sunday, November 12.

Process Theology

Third Monday of the Month, 7:00 p.m.

This ongoing group meets one evening a month at different times and locations to explore themes and ideas tracing their roots to the work of Alfred North Whitehead. Topics of interest include the relationship between science and religion, reality as linked, interdependent events, and the nature of the divine. Our meetings will alternate between viewing a movie dealing with process philosophy followed by a discussion one month and conversation the next month on a text of interest. We welcome new attendees, adults and teens. Contact Molly Holland, 216-382-4367, for current details.

Starting This Fall!

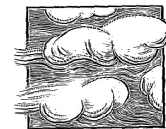
The Network of Spiritual Progressives

Thursdays, 7:00-9:00 p.m., November 2, 9, 16, December 7, 14

Led by Rev. Thomas McCabe, retired Presbyterian minister and local NSP organizer Can you imagine effecting changes in the social, economic, and political realms that would better express and embody your inner sense of values, such as generosity, compassion, justice, honesty, mutuality, love, peace, and loving in awe of the vast wonders of earth and space surrounding us? Rabbi Michael Lerner, in concert with Joan Chittister and Cornel West have founded the Network of Spiritual Progressives to foster that new (or is it profoundly old?) paradigm of life in today's and tomorrow's world. The Foundational writing of this movement is *The Left Hand of God* by Michael Lerner. In his book, he lays out the eight "planks" of a "Spiritual Covenant for America."

If you are tired of politics controlled by the Religious Right, or by the barren utilitarianism of so many liberals, and long for a way to make the world better, come share in examining this new and exciting proposal for a better life in a better world, come join us!

Cost: \$5; in addition, Learner's book is not required, but strongly suggested



The Spirit Quadrant...

The Zen Buddhist Sitting Group

Fridays, 8:00-9:30 a.m., Time Change possible in October

The group meets for two twenty-five minutes periods of silent and still sitting practice, with five minutes of walking meditation in between. This is followed by a half hour of conversation about the themes and life issues suggested by Buddhist practice and teaching. Rev. Wayne Arnason usually leads this discussion. No previous experience in meditation is required, just a willingness to sit still. *If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Arnason at church.*

Human Evolution: Creating Evolutionary Science in Our Own Image

Sunday, November 19, 2:00 p.m.

Dr. Bruce Latimer, Executive Director of the Cleveland Museum of Natural History, Director of the Biological Anthropology Program in the Department of Anatomy at the Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine.

Natural Theology: The Evolution of Creationist Thought

Monday, November 20, 7:30 p.m.

Cal Frye, student of the creationist and intelligent design movements who holds a graduate degree in paleontology from Kent State University, employed by Oberlin College in the Center for Information Technology.

Weekly/Monthly Opportunities for Learning

Morning Forum

Sundays, 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.

New Location: At the church—Room to be announced.

Led by Bill Hayne and Guest Speakers

Morning Forum features speakers from universities, political life, business and/or leaders within our community. These speakers are seeking the truth from a variety of viewpoints - intellectually, spiritually and intuitively. The search is based upon the vision of our Unitarian Universalist heritage.

Friday Morning Book Discussion Group

Fridays, September 22 - November 3 (except for October 6), 9:30-11:00 a.m.

Led by Rev. Midge Skwire

What constitutes a religious classic? What is scripture? We'll attempt to answer these questions as we compile our own "bible" from readings which have scriptural meaning for us as religious liberals. By the end of the class, participants will have the beginning of a collection which they can add to for years to come. Class fee includes a three-ring binder and copying costs. Cost: \$10

Great Minds...Great Books

Second Monday of the Month, 7:30 p.m.

Led by Don Mayer

If you enjoy good literature and discussion, please join us.

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| • Monday, September 11 | <i>Saturday</i> | Ian MacEwan |
| • Monday, October 9 | <i>Titan</i> | Ron Chernow |
| • Monday, November 13 | <i>The Sparrow</i> | Mary Doris Russell |
| • Monday, December 11 | <i>1491</i> | Charles Mann |



Reader's Write

Reader's Write is a literary column in *Shorelines* open to authors of all ages. The topics are the focus of upcoming worship services and Connections Circles, and are intentionally broad in order to give room for expression. So, fire up your computer or ten-cent ballpoint, get to work, and be published! Submissions need to be under 200 words, and sincerity and thoughtfulness, rather than style, matter to the editors. Send your submissions to Kathy Strawser, c/o West Shore UU Church, place in the church mailbox, or e-mail kstrawser@wsuuc.org. Note that your writing for Reader's Write is a good example of an "art practice" as described on Page 8.

- October Topic due by September 19 "Forgiveness"
- November Topic due by October 19 "Soul Work"
- December Topic due by November 19 "Incarnation"

2006-2007 Artists Series: Celebrating the Career of B. Neil Davis

West Shore's Co-Director of Music, B. Neil Davis, plans to retire at the end of this church year. The West Shore Choir performs four concerts in our sanctuary with guest choirs and artists celebrating Mr. Davis's long and gifted career in music. All concerts are free and open to the public. Brochures with full details of this concert series were mailed to all members, and extras are in the church office.

**Sunday, October 29,
4:00 p.m.**

The Forest Hill Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir
Anne Wilson, Conductor, and David Blazer, keyboard
Music of Vaughan Williams, *Five Mystical Songs*,
Serenade to Music, and *Songs of Travel*

**Sunday, December 17
Part 1, 11 a.m.; Part 2
4:00 p.m.**

The Bellflower String Ensemble
Selections from Handel's *Messiah*

The next two concerts will be publicized in the Winter and Spring PUURL booklets.

Readings with Rumi

Sundays, 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Using the ancient art of *Lectio Divina*, which means reading sacred text, members of this group continue to explore the poetry and mysticism of the Persian poet, Rumi.



A Congregational Art Practice and Show

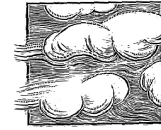


New this fall as part of PUURL is encouragement to take up an art practice or share the one you have. Artistic expression is a valuable and powerful vehicle for practicing a Unitarian Universalist religious life. West Shore church has had a tradition from its earliest days of encouraging and supporting the creative arts engaged in by our members and in the community at large. So you are invited, as part of your PUURL commitment this fall, to create a work of art that is responsive to one of the monthly worship themes: Dedication, Forgiveness, Soul Work, and Incarnation. The work of art can be in any medium: poetry, prose, music, a visual piece in any number of media (watercolors, oils, pastels, pencil, chalk, or sculpture), film, video, photography, movement, drama, or comedy. **You are invited to describe the project that you are contemplating via the PUURL registration form in this Brochure on Page 15.**

Everyone who is involved with a project is encouraged to be part of a **Congregational Art Show on Saturday, November 18, from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.** when we will all display or present our creations. We're calling the show "PUURLs Before SWINE" - a tongue-in-cheek title which acknowledges two struggles that we have with artistic expression in our church community: The first struggle is that too many of us feel that artistic expression is something *other* people do. We think we're not talented enough to give form to what's inside our we did, others

would think we were foolish to even try. The second struggle is that some of us who have a regular art practice, or whose professional or personal identities are wrapped up in the arts, don't think of the church as a place where that art will be appreciated and enjoyed if it's shared. All art, even the most popularly appreciated art, invites differing responses from any congregation of people, and has the potential to create controversy. Why take that risk in a church you love? The answer to both these struggles is that art matters: art teaches, art engages, art enlightens, and West Shore Church is about all of these things!

You know that PUURL is an acronym. So is SWINE - Sensitive, Willing, Interested, Non-Judgmental Empaths! Those are the kinds of people that will be bringing and receiving the art at our November 18 show. Halfway through each semester, the Creative Arts Committee will offer also offer an Art Appreciation Evening, which is intended to provide encouragement and presentation practice for anyone wishing to take advantage of the opportunity. Art Appreciation Evenings are not evenings of "art criticism." Instead, through a guided process, an invitation is extended to respond to the presentation from the right side of the brain, responding intuitively, creatively, and appreciatively. People familiar with Appreciative Inquiry might find the process similar. The Art Appreciation Day will be held on **Saturday, October 14, at 1:00 p.m.**



The Mind Quadrant...

"Open minds celebrate inquiry and diversity."

The Adult Programs Committee is proud to present a West Shore lecture series dedicated to this most current and fascinating topic, EVOLUTION! Attend one or all of these outstanding lectures. Brochures with more specific information regarding the speakers and ticket prices will be available in early October.

EVOLUTION SYMPOSIUM

Clarence Darrow Live: Dramatic Portrayal

Sunday, October 22, 7:30 p.m.

Roger Brewin, Minister First Unitarian Church (Hobart, IN), President of Darrow Commission on First Amendment Freedoms, and twenty-five year veteran of Darrow portrayals.

The Nature of Science: Definitions & Insights on the Field & Methods

Monday, October 23, 7:30 p.m.

Dr. George Collins, Professor Emeritus, Ohio State University, current Adjunct Professor of Astronomy, Case Western Reserve University.

The War on Science: Ohio and Beyond

Thursday, October 26, 7:30 p.m.

Dr. Patricia Princehouse, teacher of evolutionary biology and the history and philosophy of science, Case Western Reserve University.

Geological Record: How Evolution is Cast in Stone

Monday, October 30, 7:30 p.m.

Dr. Pete Clapham, Professor of Biological, Geological and Environmental Sciences, Cleveland State University.

Natural Selection: The Intersection of Genes, Behavior and Evolution

Sunday, November 5, 2:00 p.m.

Dr. Jeremy Genovese, Associate Professor of Human Development and Educational Psychology, Cleveland State University.

Darwin and Evolutionary Theory: Natural Selection and the Evidence for Evolution

Tuesday, November 14, 7:30 p.m.

Dr. Carl Anthony, ecologist and evolutionary biologist specializing in amphibian behavior, Associate Professor of Biology, John Carroll University.