

Rev-It-Up: Passionate About West Shore

By Rev. Wayne Arnason, Parish Co-Minister

“God’s Frozen People”...that’s what one pundit called people who are involved in liberal religion and they weren’t just referring to those who go to church in Northeast Ohio in February! This description arises from the fact that the mainline Protestant church style, which UUs have inherited, has its roots in some cultures and countries not known for, shall we say, a wide range of emotional expressiveness—England, Holland, Switzerland, Germany. Compared to the passionate rituals of Spanish or Italian Catholics visiting shrines or Shia Muslims visiting tombs, (people we saw frequently in Spain, Israel and Turkey!) those of us from Northern European backgrounds who grew up in Protestant cultures look like pretty cold fish!

Last month, Rev. Kathleen encouraged us to “dare to be ourselves,” so far be it from me to talk any of us out of being who we are. I do, however, know for a fact that the passions of West Shore members may not always be worn on our sleeves but they are there, and they run deep. This month in church, we will explore some of the passions that motivate religious living, among Unitarian Universalists, Muslims and Christians. The Connection Circles will follow this theme during the month of March, asking “What Does it Mean to be a Person of Passion?”

We’re going to kick off this exploration with a small spiritual exercise in the worship services on Febru-

ary 5 and 12, asking you via a card in the orders of service: “What are you passionate about at West Shore?” On one of those Sundays, if you can take time to write down a word, a phrase, or a sentence that comes to mind, and put it in the offering plate, you’ll give us some of the raw materials that we can use to reveal our passions to each other during the last two services of the month.

We thought we would also share what you hand in with our special Guest Minister the Rev. Mark Belletini, First UU Church of Columbus, who will offer the March 4 service on Stewardship Sunday. Mark is living proof that you don’t have to be cut from the cloth of Northern European Protestantism to be a good UU. Over the thirty-five years that we have been friends, Mark’s Italian Catholic heart and vision have inspired and amazed my dour Icelandic soul. His poetry and sermons are rich with the tastes, touches, sights, and sounds of our world.

So even though March 4 is the start of a new month of services, and a new theme (Compassion), we are confident that Mark is the right person to help us cross that bridge. Our next *Shorelines* will be sent out only a few days before March 4, so I wanted to remind you to look ahead and plan to come to church that Sunday. Because it’s the day we receive the pledges for the work of the church in the year ahead, we not only bring in a well-know guest

preacher but we also have a well-stocked coffee hour spread after each service. So your passions for good preaching and good food will both be satisfied.

Here’s a sample of Mark’s liturgical writing, prepared in 2008 as part of a meditation:

- Drop a stone into a body of still water, and beautiful circles ripple around it, circling to the edge of the pond.
- Drop a spark of determination into the chest of a man running a decathlon, and the circles of energy ripple to the edge of his body, pulsing in his muscles.
- Drop the image of a homeless grandmother into the heart of a woman who is serious about her faith, and ripples of cold anger and organizational skills radiate outward to the edge of political agitation.
- Drop a vision of peace into the souls of people who have lost someone they loved in a war, and ripples of protest, of poetry, of persistence circle out to the edge of power where movements are born.
- Drop the wooden clapper against the edge of the temple bowl, and rings of sound radiate outward toward the edge of the room until they lose themselves in silence. ❧



connecting

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP AT WEST SHORE

Monthly worship themes point to qualities of human experience that have larger implications for how we connect with our highest values, grow in wisdom and compassion and serve needs greater than our own. The ministers and worship leaders engage with these themes each month to elicit their large meaning in our lives. The monthly worship theme for February is "**Passion.**"

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 9:30 & 11:15 A.M.

Inner Jihad

Service offered by Rev. Kathleen Rolenz

In our Worship Associates meeting last month, we actually discussed whether it was a good idea to put this title on the sign outside! Would some Islamophobe vandalize it? The distortion of the Islamic teaching of "jihad" into a word that means "terrorism" in the minds of Americans is tragic. The spiritual meaning of the word is by far the most important meaning for Islam, and it refers to the spiritual struggle with needs, wants, passions, commandments and aspirations—a familiar struggle to us all—as we try to be the best people we can be. This Sunday, we will celebrate a Welcoming Ceremony for West Shore's new members.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 9:30 & 11:15 A.M.

Standing On the Side of Love: Immigration

Service offered by Ellen Carvill-Ziemer

The politics of immigration remain for many of us a tangled mess. The way through to a solution which is just and fair for everyone is not at all clear. How can we stay true to our Unitarian Universalist values and theology of love while remaining realistic and effective?

The Social Action Offering today will be received for the Ohio Meadville District's Phoenix Initiative, supporting participation by OMD congregation members at the 2012 Justice General Assembly in Phoenix, Arizona.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 9:30 & 11:30 A.M.

When Jesus Became God

Service offered by

Revs. Wayne Arnason and Kathleen Rolenz

When Cil Knutsen bought the Service Auction sermon last spring, she knew immediately that in some form, she wanted the ministers to preach a sermon on the Nicene Creed. Does that sound boring? The early centuries of Christian belief and the process by which the Trinitarian creed about who Jesus was became formalized is actually an amazing soap opera of passions, personalities and intrigues. It's a story that also reminds us of why the Unitarians still cling to the Jesus we knew before he became God.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 9:30 & 11:15 A.M.

AN INTERGENERATIONAL SERVICE

Pass the Passion

Service offered by Rev. Kathleen Rolenz
and Ellen Carvill-Ziemer

When you sit at the dinner table, you might ask to pass the salt or pass the peas but it's doubtful that anyone says "hey, can you pass me some passion?" Where do you find your passion? What if you find it and then, like pesky peas, it rolls on the floor and you can't find it anymore? Through music, story and song, we'll explore how to find your passion—and when you've lost it—how to get it back! The Junior Choir will sing "The Gospel Beat of West Shore" at both services.

MINISTERS SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY

The ministers will be traveling to Denver from February 9 - 12, where Rev. Kathleen Rolenz will be receiving an Award from the Iliff Theological School Alumni Association for Outstanding Contributions to Parish Ministry. Congratulations, Rev. Kathleen! They will also be in California during the last week in February to attend the annual study conference of the Senior Ministers of Large UU Churches. Also, the ministers will continue their **Middle East Nosh on Thursdays in February** (with the exception of **Wednesday, February 8**) in the Fireside Room at noon. Bring a bag lunch and come for conversation about a series of important issues facing Israel and Palestine.

Morning Forum Programs

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 10:30 A.M.

Stretching Out and Staying Fit

Plain Dealer reporter and "Stretching Out" columnist Zachary Lewis will speak to us about his popular weekly feature. He will tell us how the column began, how he finds new topics to write about every week, and what it's like to exercise for a living. Leave the spandex and running shoes at home and stop by for a fresh take on exercise!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 10:30 A.M.

Justice General Assembly, Phoenix 2012

David Petras, member of the Ohio Meadville District Board, will discuss the unique aspects of the "Justice" General Assembly in Phoenix, Arizona. This is a new kind of national meeting directed toward social justice.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 10:30 A.M.

Time Banking: Building an Economy of Abundance to Serve Needs Greater than Our Own

Olmsted Falls resident Tony Budak and West Shore member Ed D'Amato will talk about time-banking, an alternative currency that helps build communities based on justice, equality, and mutual respect by exchanging time instead of dollars. Learn how you can help start a time bank in western Cuyahoga County.

Emeritus Council Meeting

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 9:00 - 11:00 A.M.

Calling all Emeritus Council Members! It's time for all those congregants who have been on the Board in years past to meet and greet, have a discussion...maybe have a few discussions! Please set aside **Saturday, February 4, from 9:00—11:00 a.m.** for us to get together in Fellowship per GP Policy #12 which states:

GP Policy #12: Emeritus Council: West Shore strives to honor its past. In this spirit, the Emeritus Council was established as an advisory group to the Board. Historically, meetings have been scheduled for Saturday brunches, with a duration of two hours. Accordingly,

1. The Emeritus Council will gather when called, as per the rules of a Special Meeting. These Special Meetings will be called at a time and with a topic determined by the Board.
2. Membership includes all past Trustees who remain members of the Church.
3. Annually, the Board will appoint a convener of the Emeritus Council which by tradition is the immediate Past President.

Please RSVP if you plan to attend at hanusm@ccf.org or monika.reed@roadrunner.com. If you do not have e-mail, call Monika Hanus-Reed, Past President, at 216-941-3791.



Finding Your Way At West Shore

GETTING TO KNOW UU ORIENTATION

Come to the next "Getting To Know UU" conversation on **Sunday, February 12, held at 10:30 a.m. or 12:15 p.m.** You don't need to sign up in advance...just come! Childcare is provided. Enjoy a cup of java and meet with a few members of our church for a one-hour orientation. Questions we'll be considering include: What do we mean by our mission statement, "The mission of West Shore UU Church is to inspire more people to lead lives of meaning and purpose. We seek meaning by connecting to great religious truths and to one another; through community we grow in spiritual maturity; and we find purpose by serving needs greater than our own." If you have any questions, please contact Membership Coordinator Kathleen Heck at 440-333-2255 ext. 107.

PATH TO MEMBERSHIP

If you are interested in joining West Shore and have attended either *Getting To Know UU* or *Starting Point*, join us on **Wednesday, February 22, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.** We will explore membership at West Shore, in light of connect, grow and serve. We'll also discuss the benefits of membership such as:

- To experience spiritual growth for yourself and your children.
- To enjoy a community of kindred spirits who feel safe, welcomed, appreciated and respected.
- To find beliefs and values put into action through social outreach, justice and education.

The expectations of membership include **presence, participation, pledge** and **practice**. We will answer the question—why join? At the conclusion of the class, you will be invited to sign the membership book if you feel comfortable doing so at that time. Childcare is provided. Sign up at the church office or call 440-333-2255.

making connections

An Update From the Board of Trustees

By Pam Smith, Member

“One Church...Many Paths” defines our church to visitors and ourselves in four powerful words. Together and celebrating differences...reflection yet action...common principles of the UUA within a diversity of beliefs.

As a new member of the Board of Trustees, I am in awe at the breadth of our activities and the generosity of time, creativity, and good will which comes from West Shore members. What a talented group to be among. That makes me happy to meet visitors and new members and I have made it a personal goal to connect with a new acquaintance every Sunday.

My husband Tom and I enjoy being Greeters once a month, seeing old friends, spotting new folks and escorting them to the Welcome Table, smiling at children on their way to Sunday school and attempting to engage teenagers on their way to Junior Church.

Our two Sunday services involve many people in addition to our ministers. The Choir, additional musicians and band, the Worship Associates, the Chalice Lighters, the ushers, the volunteers at Coffee Hour, and many more people behind the scenes work with the ministers

Greater Cleveland Congregations

In the past month, three West Shore leaders, **Joe Schafer**, **Wayne Arnason**, and **Ellen Carvill-Ziemer**, attended the GCC Strategy Team meeting on January 18, which voted an agenda of action items for the Delegate Assembly to be held on Thursday, January 26. The Assembly was asked to endorse these action items:

- Host an Accountability Forum for County Prosecutor Candidates, tentatively set for February 16.
- Mobilize voters for the March 6th election which among many issues has renewal of the County Health and Human Services Levy on the ballot, a levy which the GCC Education and Health Care teams support.
- The Education Team plans a major forum on the state’s formula for education funding for February 28.

Other teams reported on their issue research efforts regarding job creation, urban gardens, and the Ohio death penalty. West Shore was proud to host the GCC Health Care Action Team Captains meeting on January 12. Details on the location and times for public forums in February will be included in the West Shore Weekly and e-news.

to make each service meaningful for the entire congregation and each individual. I encourage you to consider how you can play a part in making the Sunday services special and hospitable.

We know that West Shore is a church that serves not only our members, but also our neighbors. West Shore is busy not just on Sundays, but every day of the week and the parking lot is crowded in the evenings, too. Connection Circles, discussion groups, potlucks, rehearsals, games, classes, committee meetings, and more fill our church spaces for members, friends, and strangers to Unitarian Universalism.

Our influence is expanding beyond our west side location. I am an enthusiastic proponent of the Greater Cleveland Congregation coalition and welcome West Shore’s participation to make Northeast Ohio a better place for everyone to learn, to work, and to be healthy. It dismays me to see how few other west side churches, synagogues, and temples are involved. I hope that our participation will become a model and encourage our neighbors to be part of this effort. ✍

Service Auction Parties Available

“Hearts” and “Button & Bows”

Have you and your family attended a Service Auction Party yet? For our new (and experienced) members here are two opportunities to have fun and “connect” with other church members.

The Hearts with Sweethearts Party will be held in Baker Hall on **Friday, February 10, at 6:30 p.m.** Cost: \$20 for teens and older. You will enjoy a lighthearted Hearts Tournament with big-hearted snacks, hearty desserts, heart-warming wines and prizes. For more details, contact Joyce and Dan Stock at 440-356-7366.

Buttons & Bows: Fashion Show & Tea Party is a great way for members to treat their daughters, nieces, little cousins, aunts, grandmas, or sisters to a Vintage Fashion Show featuring designer clothing from the 1870’s - 1990’s on loan from VIVA, an off-shoot of Goodwill Industries. Dads and grandpas bring your special girls (ages 8 and up) to enjoy tea, punch, and assorted treats. Ladies whip out your hats, gloves, and dressy dresses, and share fashion memories of how you use to dress with your young guests. Join us on **Sunday, March 18, in Baker Hall at 3:00 pm.** Cost: \$20 for adults; \$5 for children, ages 8 -14. For more information, call Roxanne Janilla at 216-570-3179.

Dollars & Sense: 2012 Social Security Raise & Our Pledges

By Rev. Wayne Arnason, Parish Co-Minister

As the New Year turns, we begin our planning for the next year's budget and the Annual Stewardship Campaign that will fund it. It was good to see that mid-way through the year, our pledge payments have been steady and our current year budget is on track. Thank you for the payments and gifts you have made! Next year, however, has some new challenges.

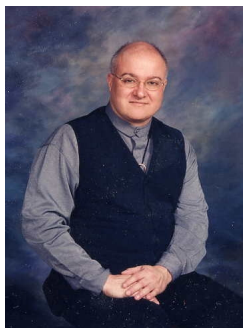
"Fanning the Flame of our Faith" will be more expensive next year! Have you noticed the creep upwards in the prices of food, gas, and other necessities? A good measure of the inflation we can expect in the overall cost of living for all of us is the government's decision about the increase in the 2012 Social Security checks. Two years ago, we decided that this would be the standard we would use to set the Sustaining Pledge levels for West Shore Church. In October 2011, the planned increase for Social Security for 2012 was announced at 3.6%.

If you are committed to be a Sustaining Pledger, you agreed to not let the value of your pledge to the church decline in relation to inflation. You accepted our invitation two years ago to maintain your pledge to the church **at least** the amount of the rate of inflation measured by the SSI increase. We are deeply grateful for the commitment and understanding that our Sustaining Pledgers have

shown, and we will be communicating with them about their 2012-13 pledge in the month ahead. We are aware that this commitment was not hard to keep in 2010 and 2011 because there was no SSI increase in each of those years. This year is different.

In February when we send out the materials you need for pledging, we will ask all of you to consider and plan for an increase of 3.6% over this year's pledge, to begin in July 2012. If you are already a member who has committed to pledge 5% of your income to the church, this increase may not be necessary to stay at that level. If the five-per-cent of income goal has not been possible for you to achieve yet, then we ask you to consider at least this sustaining increase. For every thousand dollars per year of money you give to church, a 3.6% increase in 2012 would add \$3 each month to the check you send in.

Below on this page of *Shorelines*, the calendar and things that are new for this upcoming Stewardship Campaign are outlined, including details about this year's March 4 Stewardship Sunday with guest minister Rev. Mark Belletini. We'll be asking you to attend and make your pledge that Sunday, but we wanted to remind you to consider now whether you will join our Sustaining Pledgers in the year ahead. Thanks for thinking about it. ☞



Stewardship: Commitment Sunday, March 4

Mark your calendar now for **Commitment Sunday, March 4**, with special guest minister Mark Belletini, First UU Church of Columbus, Ohio. Following both services, you are invited to attend a Celebratory Light Brunch in Baker Hall. Pledge forms will be collected during each service and at the brunch. Join with members and friends of West Shore and share what West Shore means to you as we break bread together!

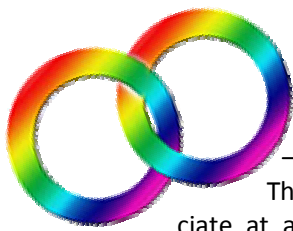
When you receive your pledge information you will see a description of three levels of commitment to West Shore and a chart to calculate your pledge based on your personal commitment and income. The three levels are:

1. **Supporter** - "West Shore is a significant part of my life and I want to support it financially."
2. **Leader** - "West Shore is central to my identity, and I commit to both maintain and advance our programs."
3. **Visionary** - "I am committed to support both the present and the long-term future of West Shore Church."

Anyone who designates themselves on their Pledge Form as a **Leader** or **Visionary** will be invited to attend the **Thank You Party on Friday, April 13, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.** Some of you might be unable at this time to give at these levels but we thank you for your commitment to West Shore at any level to which you commit. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact a member of the Stewardship Committee: Dave Clements, Karen Kircher, Phil Reed, Suzanne Rusnak or Tom Smith. We hope to see you at both events! ☞

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Service Auction 2012

West Shore's major fundraiser is its annual Service Auction. Members of the church and the large community donate goods, services, dinners and/or parties. On auction night, members and friends are treated to great food and the chance to bid on items of their choice. It's a fun event that can quickly fill up your social calendar. This year's Service Auction will be **Saturday, April 28, 6:00 p.m.** The theme is **West Shore Visits the UUniverse.**



“First Comes Love...”

By Ellen Carvill-Ziemer, Intern Minister

This past fall as I was preparing to officiate at a wonderful celebration, I was surprised to find it noted on the West Shore calendar as a “commitment ceremony.” To me that language feels old and out-dated, reminiscent of a kind of second class citizenship. And, so, after some discussion with Revs. Wayne Arnason and Kathleen Rolenz, we are updating that language, catching up if you will. Let me explain. When my spouse Melissa and I were married, there was never a doubt for us about what we were doing. We were getting married! It didn’t matter to us that it wasn’t legal; that all we could get legally was a Vermont civil union. We were making a covenantal promise before our community and all that is holy, and for us that is a marriage.

The gay, lesbian, bisexual, and trans community didn’t always use the word marriage. Not very many years ago, the possibility of legal marriage was a distant dream. Many people used the phrase “commitment ceremony” instead because for so many people the word “marriage” implied legal rights. But after Vermont made civil unions legal and then as Massachusetts discussed same-sex marriage, something new dawned on many of us, a kind of communal realization: there are two kinds of marriage, civil and religious. For many heterosexual couples the distinction isn’t very clear. But there are heterosexual couples that some religious communities refuse to marry and

for them it is clear. A couple who can get a marriage license, but cannot be married by the Catholic church feels the distinction! So what we realized is *the state has no business determining who can or cannot have a religious marriage*. (And frankly, I wish the legal way forward was civil unions for everyone, but that isn’t going to happen).

As a minister and a Unitarian Universalist, I feel very passionately that the state cannot tell us whose marriages we can or cannot bless. And if we truly believe that same and opposite sex couples are equal, then the words we use ought to be the same.

These are the words I spoke at the beginning of a recent wedding ceremony: “Although the state of Ohio does not recognize this ceremony, we know that the love these two women share and the commitment they are making are both no less than the love and commitment of any other couple. Therefore, even though there will be no new legal rights awaiting them, we recognize this ceremony as one of a religious marriage, of making a covenantal promise of commitment before the holy.”

In the near future, we will be updating our website to reflect this change. As always, of course, couples can choose their own language to describe what they understand themselves to be doing, but our standard approach will be to use the same language, reflecting our belief in the equality of same-sex couples. ✍



Music Notes: Harpsichord

By David Blazer, Director of Music

One of the most beautiful memorial services that I have had the honor of being a part of just took place here at West Shore for long time member and choir member, Daniel Cica. He will be well remembered for so many things but I wanted to focus on one particular item that truly enhanced our music program.

Our Christmas Choral program featured the Vivaldi *Gloria* from the Baroque period in music history. The accompanying instruments for this work included the Amethyst String Quartet and a harpsichord built by Dan for his wife Sherry. The Choir was honored to dedicate our Christmas Concert to the memory of Dan, and to utilize his harpsichord to its fullest.

In spite of the phenomenal modern interest in historical keyboard instruments, a great deal of confusion exists about what these instruments are, how they work, and what they are called. In the 16th, 17th and 18th centuries, when these instruments were in general use, many different names were applied to them often depending on what country they were used in. In modern times, the general agreement is harpsichord.

Dan built his harpsichord from a kit from Zuchermann Harpsichords Inc. in Stonington Borough, Connecticut. From the small selection of antique harpsichords remaining in the world, Zuckermann’s closely examines chosen models and designs close copies for reproduction. Dan’s harpsichord resembles a Flemish Single Manual. Needless to say, the kit arrived in thousands of pieces and Sherry tells me that it took over a year to assemble. It also had 15 coats of lacquer painted on the case with a highly decorated sound board. Sherry herself painted the beautifully ornate sound board which adds to the beauty of the instrument.

I first discovered my interest in harpsichord playing while an undergrad student at the Oberlin Conservatory. During that time I was fortunate enough to study with the legendary Doris Ornstein. Since that time, the music department at Lorain County Community College, where I teach, has acquired a beautiful Double Manual French style instrument. To see and play a harpsichord is still a treat! This is truly a treasure that West Shore was fortunate to experience. Thanks Dan. We miss you. ✍

During Kathy Strawser's Sabbatical, Reverend Kathleen Rolenz is serving as the staff support for the Religious Education program. Kathleen will be meeting with the Religious Education Committee, Cathy Ross, Phil Florian and others connected with Lifespan Faith Development until April 1, 2012.

Saying Yes

One of the great gifts of being on sabbatical is that, as T. S. Eliot wrote: "We shall not cease from exploration, and the end of all our exploring will be to arrive where we started and know the place for the first time..." Until reading *Shorelines* and the *Unitattler* from the distance of a sabbatical, I realized that I had begun to take West Shore's Lifespan Faith Development Program for granted. It was as if I had seen it again with fresh eyes. When we came back from sabbatical and it was time for Wayne and me to figure out which one of us would be the ministerial contact with Religious Education, I said, "I want to do it."

I said yes to this responsibility for a number of reasons. First, West Shore has an truly dynamic Religious Education Committee who are very committed to providing the highest quality religious education possible for children and youth. They are creative, excited and energized by the programs we offer. Second, working with staff members both paid and volunteer, such as Cathy Ross, Phil Florian and Gaile Schafer would be fun. But the most important reason I wanted to work with the RE program during Kathy's sabbatical was because I continue to be inspired by the children and youth of this congregation. I don't have the week to week experience that the teachers do; or even the daily experience that their parents have of seeing children and youth develop and deepen their spiritual lives, but I can feel it. Walk down the hall any Sunday morning and you'll feel the pulse and vibe of religious development occurring. Hang out with the youth at the "Homeless on Hilliard" event and you'll see some of our best and brightest raising money and awareness of the realities of homelessness in Cleveland. Come in the sanctuary for an Intergenerational Service and you'll see eight year olds sharing a story with octogenarians.

Whatever you do, don't miss the opportunities available to get to know our children and youth. I know for sure that I am looking forward to these next two months and experiencing our Religious Education Program "again, and for the first time..." ~ Rev. Kathleen Rolenz

Homeless on Hilliard

Friday, February 3, 5:00 p.m.

West Shore youth, Grades 7-12, will join other Rocky River church youth to experience an overnight of homelessness on our front lawn. The youth and adult sponsors will make signs to encourage drivers on Hilliard Blvd. to stop and make a donation to fight homelessness. Last year they collected over \$3000, and they hope to do as well or better this year. You can help by donating snacks or wood for their campfire. Better yet, drive by that Friday between 4:00 pm and 8:00 am the next morning and warm our youth with your cash support!

Youth Group

Sunday, February 19, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

The next meeting of our high school youth will take place in Baker Hall on **Sunday, February 19, 6:00-9:00 p.m.** The evening includes a potluck dinner, fun and fellowship. Youth or parents who need more information should contact Youth Ministry Coordinator Phil Florian at 440-333-2255 ext. 104 or pflorian@wsuuc.org.

All Ages Game Afternoon

Saturday, February 4, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Feeling cooped up? Longing to break out of the winter doldrums with some good old-fashion fun? Then don't miss our afternoon of games for all ages. We'll have Candyland, Scrabble, Apples to Apples, Chicken Dominoes, Mille Bornes, and maybe even hula hoops! You are welcome to bring your own favorite game, as well. The event is free. Light refreshments included. What more could you want?

Sunday Circus & Fabulous Underwear Collection

Sunday, February 21, 12:30-2:00 pm

Come thrill to the astounding skill and awesome feats of the St. Ignatius Circus Jugglers Club. Treat your children to amazing face painting and challenging carnival games, and the whole family to yummy circus food. All for incredibly low prices: \$10/family; \$5/adults; \$3 children. **BONUS:** Donate brand new children's socks, underwear or diapers and receive a ticket for a **FREE** circus photo featuring you as a clown, a strong man or other dazzling circus performer.



growing

IN KNOWLEDGE & SPIRIT

UU Christian Fellowship

Thursday, February 2, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

The Book of Revelations is arguably the most controversial book in the New Testament Canon. Why was it written? What, if any, meaning might it have for religious liberals today? Come and find out. The UUCF meets the first Thursday of every month. Please bring your own Bible, and an inquiring mind! You do not have to be a Christian to attend.

The Pastoral Care Team

Saturday, February 4, 12:00 p.m.

There will be a potluck for Pastoral Care Team members and potential members beginning at noon. The meeting will start at 1:00 p.m. and will focus on an Appreciative Inquiry process that begins with the group reflecting on the positive aspects of our work together. We will look ahead to build on new ways to serve others in the congregation in times such as illness, crisis, grief and loneliness.

A People So Bold

Saturday, February 4, 10:00 a.m.

This brief introduction to the history, premises, definitions, and disciplines of our congregation's commitment to fighting linked oppressions is essential for everyone who serves on our committees, task forces or working groups. If you have taken diversity or anti-racism training outside West Shore, please attend this workshop to get oriented to West Shore's history, vocabulary and approach. Led by Mary-Jo Maish & Ellen Carvill-Ziemer.

Humanists, Atheists, Free-Thinkers, Agnostics (HAFA)

Thursday, February 9, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

The HAFA group is a gathering of members and friends of West Shore who discuss a variety of topics as viewed through the lens of humanism, atheism or agnosticism. All free-thinkers are welcome to join us!

Queer & Allies To Host Salon

Friday, February 17, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

West Shore's Queer & Allies group will host a salon in the Fireside Room. The salon is an evening for you, as an artist, writer, or musician, to present your creative works to an appreciative audience. If you would like to present something you created or perform in a brief presentation (five minutes or less), please contact Kathy Little at

drkdiddle@netscape.net or 216-570-8097. All are welcome. If you wish, bring a dessert or finger food to share. Beverages will be provided by Q & A.

Socrates Café Continues

Sundays, February 12 & 26, 7:30 pm

Our interactive philosophy-discussion group continues to meet on the second and fourth Sundays of each month from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room. Tamara Sims will facilitate the discussion on February 12, and April Stoltz will lead the group on February 26. If you enjoy open, free-wheeling discussions on philosophy and life, please come join us!

Winter Institute

February 17 - 20, 2012

If you had a great time at Summer Institute and can't believe you have to wait a whole year to get that kind of UU rejuvenation...think again! Join us for our annual stress free weekend at Salt Fork State Park near Cambridge, Ohio. Registration is now open. Go to the Ohio-Meadville District website at www.ohiomeadville.org for online registration and information about costs, hotel reservation, and more!

Partner Church: Gulyas, Conversation & Summer Plans

Sunday, February 19, 1:00 p.m.

- Interested in our Unitarian roots in Transylvania?
- Interested in the first Proclamation of Religious Freedom in Europe in 1568?
- Interested in village life in Eastern Europe?
- Interested in the letters from the wonderful students we support in a Unitarian High School in Romania?
- Interested in our partnership with the Unitarian church in Bagyon, Transylvania?
- Interested in Hungarian culture?
- Interested in a pilgrimage in 2013?
- Interested in seriously good food?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, please join your Partner Church Committee for lunch in Baker Hall. We will have a traditional Hungarian meal and share our wonderful experiences of the past 10 years. Help us plan our future exciting activities as we broaden our connection with our Unitarian heritage. Contact Cil Knutsen, Jerry Knasel or David Prok for more information, or see them at the Partner Church table in the Rotunda.

Conflict Management for the Conflict Avoidant

Saturday, February 18, 10:00 a.m. to Noon

What if you could skillfully and gracefully avoid conflict? What is the purpose of a behavioral covenant; and can it be used in the workplace—for families—for personal interactions? Using resources from Gestalt, Appreciative Inquiry and Family Systems, we'll explore how to navigate the often murky waters of conflict with the goal of emotional and spiritual resolution. Led by the CARE Team and Rev. Kathleen Rolenz.

Inclusivity Ministry: Immigration

Tuesdays, February 21, March 20, April 17, May 15

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

The four upcoming Inclusivity programs will be devoted to speakers on different aspects of Immigration including the role of the American Legislative Exchange Council, the Doctrine of Discovery, the DREAM Act, the history of the Mexican-US border, and more.

On **Tuesday, February 21**, local attorney Susan Marie Gray will speak about the American Legislative Exchange Council and how this group and the corporations who buy seats at the table wrote Arizona's anti-immigration law, Alabama's similar law, and Ohio's SB5. Learn more about this secretive group and the power they now wield.

The Lunch Bunch

Sunday, February 26, 12:30 p.m.

The Lunch Bunch meets at Minerva's Restaurant, Wagar and Center Ridge Road, the 4th Sunday every month. When there is only one service the group meets after that. Everyone is welcome to come to this small and intimate group to share your joys and concerns.

Child Care Center Kid's Resale Event

Saturday, February 25, 8:00 a.m. to Noon

You are invited to attend the annual WSCCC Kid's Resale featuring gently used children's clothing, furniture, toys and more! Board members have been busy promoting the event in the community and securing donations from local businesses for the fabulous raffle baskets offered. Early Bird admission is \$5 between 8:00 - 9:00 a.m.; General admission is \$1 after 9:00 a.m. If you are interested in being a vendor or making a donation to a raffle basket, please contact Courtney Bischof in the child care center office at 440-333-2040. If you simply want terrific bargains for your children or grandchildren, see you there!

Middle East Nosh

Thursdays, February at Noon (*Notice day change)

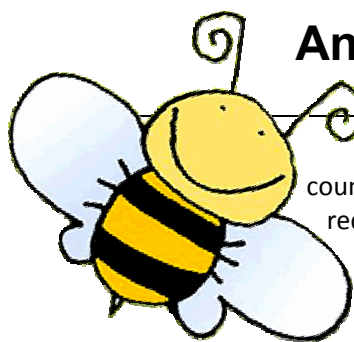
Bring a bag lunch and come for a conversation about a series of important issues facing Israel and Palestine led by Revs. Wayne Arnason and Kathleen Rolenz. Discussion begins at noon in the Fireside Room. Topics include:

- The Wall - **Thursday, February 2**
- Non-violent Resistance - **Wednesday, February 8***
- A Jewish State - **Thursday, February 16**
- A Palestinian State - **Thursday, February 23**

Children of Abraham

Thursdays, March 8, 15, & 29, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.


This class is based on learning's from the ministers' sabbatical, studying the historical and contemporary relationships between Christianity, Judaism and Islam in Spain, Israel, and Turkey. The first class will focus on history, the second class on the present, and the last class will focus on the future. Note: the meeting dates are NOT sequential. Sign up at the church office in the PUURL book.



Anaphylaxis: A Life Threatening Allergic Reaction

By Marti Travis, Parish Nurse

Anaphylaxis is an exaggerated, life threatening hypersensitivity reaction to a previously encountered allergen. An example would be, bee stings or peanuts. The reaction may include rash, red face, swollen lips, nausea, vomiting, dizziness, difficulty breathing, confusion, hyperactivity or collapse. It can be a life threatening emergency. The severity of the symptoms depends on the allergen, and the amount encountered by the individual. In any case, immediate attention and treatment is required.

At the present time, injectable epinephrine is the most appropriate first line treatment. Promptly call 911, then inject epinephrine into the muscle of the mid-anterior thigh. Place the child in a supine position and elevate the lower extremities or into a position of comfort on their side, if there is respiratory distress or nausea and vomiting. Evaluate and be prepared to administer CPR until the rescue squad arrives. Cardiac arrest, can occur in as little as five minutes if respirations stop. Each affected child should always have an Epi-pen available. The expiration date should be checked frequently. The child or the teacher can carry the Epi-pen in a fanny pack, to insure accessibility, if the child moves from one location to another during the day. Epi-pen instructions, emergency numbers, and emergency procedure protocols should be posted or readily available. 



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THE WIDER COMMUNITY

Social Action & Social Justice

The Social Action Committee meets the first Tuesday of each month and needs your support. Come to our next meeting on **Tuesday, February 7, at 7:00 p.m.** and see how you can put your faith into action. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Gloria Bemer at mrsb112@aol.com.

Homeless Stand Down Update

The kindness and generosity of the members of West Shore have made a difference in the lives of people who are struggling to survive. The Social Action Committee's clothing drive received 34 bags of clothing that was distributed at the Homeless Stand Down on January 22. We also collected \$29 in donations which will be used by the organizers to help offset the costs of the Stand Down. We collected enough food to restock West Shore's food pantry, give some to Urban Hope, and deliver 15 bags to St. Paul's food pantry. Making donations of clothing, food and money are a great way to put your faith into action, but if you would like to take the next step and become involved in planning how West Shore can become more deeply involved in social action please attend our next meeting on **Tuesday, February 7, at 7:00 p.m.**

Social Action Magazine Sale

Sunday, February 5, between services

Please bring your gently read magazines to church on the 5th and plan on stopping at the tables on your way down to Baker Hall to check out the great selection of magazines that you can buy for the low price of three for \$1. There are always opportunities for volunteers—setting up, selling, packing magazines for distribution to community groups, and cleaning up after the sale. Your help is always welcomed and appreciated. Proceeds from the magazine sale help fund social action projects.

Cleveland Foodbank

Thursday, February 9 & Wednesday, February 22

Volunteers are crucial to the operation of the Cleveland Foodbank. Without volunteers, it would not be possible to collect, sort and repack all the food that comes through their warehouse every day, especially this time of year! Please consider volunteering on the second Thursday and/or the fourth Wednesday of the month, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. If you are interested in carpooling, please meet at the church at 9:25 a.m. To make sure the group knows you are coming, please contact Betsy Hutcheson at 440-331-3027.

Imagine Peace Group

Wednesday, February 15, 7:00 p.m.

At the next meeting of the Imagine Peace Group we will watch the film "Dalai Lama Renaissance" and follow up with a discussion about achieving peace. This is a feature length documentary film, produced and directed by Khashyar Darvich, and narrated by actor Harrison Ford. The film documents the Dalai Lama's meeting with the self-titled "Synthesis" group, made up of 40 Western "renaissance" thinkers who hope to use the meeting to change the world and resolve many of the world's problems. The meeting took place at the Dalai Lama's home in Dharamsala, India in September, 1999. The film won 12 awards, was the official selection in over 40 international film festivals, and played in cinemas in over 100 cities in the U.S., as well as other countries in the world like Germany, Austria, Switzerland. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Peacemaking in Colombia

Friday, February 17, at 7:00 p.m.

The Social Action Committee of West Shore Unitarian Universalist Church and the InterReligious Task Force on Central America and Colombia invite you to come listen to stories about Colombians who are working for peace. Join speaker Julie Myers to hear about her experience living in Colombia for the past three years working with local peacemaking initiatives and communities.

The Veggie Group

Saturday, February 25, 6:00 p.m.

Have you made a New Year's resolution to become healthier but need some support in pursuing your goal? Join the West Shore Veggie Group for dinner and a movie. We will show the film "Forks Over Knives." This film examines the profound claim that most, if not all, of the degenerative diseases that afflict us can be controlled, or even reversed, by rejecting animal-based and processed foods. Then have a delicious vegan meal prepared by Chef Robin Blair. Admission is \$10 and reservations must be made in advance. Tickets will be on sale in the Rotunda February 12 and 19.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN PHOENIX, ARIZONA • JUNE 20 - 24, 2012

A New Kind of National Meeting Directed Toward Social Justice

General Assembly (GA) 2012 will be a gathering with multiple ways of engaging in justice work for people of all ages. Joining with the people of Arizona, we will worship, witness, learn and work together. We will leave GA grounded in our faith, energized for justice and with resources to bring this work home to our congregations.

The Work of Justice

By Kathy Kosiorek and Lesley Hahn

In April 2010, Arizona passed the nation's toughest bill on illegal immigration. Its aim was to identify, prosecute and deport illegal immigrants. The reaction to the passage of this bill was swift and critical. Many groups that had planned meetings and conventions in Phoenix decided to cancel their gatherings and meet elsewhere. After a long discussion the delegates at the 2010 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Church "overwhelmingly endorsed a resolution committing themselves to holding a special "Justice" General Assembly in Phoenix in 2012" according to the UUA website. Furthermore they instructed the UUA to gather Unitarian Universalists for the purposes of witnessing on immigration, racial and economic justice.

Now West Shore Church will begin to seek delegates to attend this General Assembly. In order for all of us to understand the issues involved a series of programs, Morning Forums and sermons will seek to inform all of us about the issues at hand and the need for a "Justice" General Assembly.

Scholarships to General Assembly

The Ohio Meadville District is offering scholarships to attend General Assembly through the Board's "Phoenix Witness Project." If you would like to attend this year's GA to witness and learn in Phoenix, but worry about the expense, watch for information on how to apply for these scholarships.

A Personal Reflection

By Mac Goekler, Regional UUSC Coordinator

I look forward to our Justice GA, but I see coming back to my hometown of Phoenix as a sad homecoming. I was not born in Phoenix though we moved there from California in 1949 when I was quite young. In those days, Phoenix was a green oasis in a desert—a small town surrounded by green fields watered from canals built by the ancient ones. I'm saddened by what happened in Phoenix before we got there, and by what has happened in Arizona since I left in 1968.

I plan on coming to Phoenix early to see my family and friends. My cousins and their families are now treated in Arizona as second class citizens because my uncle, an immigration officer, married a beautiful lady from Mexico. They now have to deal with increased violence. What did they do to deserve this?

It seems totally wrong to make claims that violence in the border is solely caused by our poor sisters and brothers from the south. We, the United States, stopped the guest worker program in 1964; we still demand cheap labor; we demand drugs that in some cases should be legal; and we make guns available for virtually anyone to buy. We have responsibilities for both the demand and supply sides of this evil equation. I lived on the Mexico-Texas border most of the 90's and rapidly came to the conclusion that if I was born on the other side of the border, I too would risk my life and swim the river. I sincerely hope that those of us who go to our Justice GA come back to our home congregations even more energized to do the good work that needs to be done.

Denominational Connections

West Shore is seeking delegates to attend the Ohio Meadville District Assembly which will be held in Meadville, PA, at the UU Church of Meadville and Allegheny College on **Friday, March 23, and Saturday, March 24**. The church in Meadville is the oldest Unitarian church west of the Allegheny Mountains and the site of the original Ohio-Meadville Seminary. The theme of the assembly is *Growing Branches, Strong Roots: Breaking Boundaries*.

District Meetings provide an opportunity for members to meet delegates from UU churches in Ohio and western Pennsylvania. Workshops are provided on a wide range of topics. Each meeting features an inspiring keynote speaker. This year's speaker is Rev. Dr. David Owen-O'Quill speaking on "Moving Beyond the Box: Making the Missional Shift."

Delegates must be members of West Shore in good standing. We do encourage new members to attend. Please call or talk to Denominational Connections Chair Lesley Hahn or contact her by February 19. For more information about District Assembly, go to www.ohiomeadville.org/districtassembly. Early registration for this event begins soon.



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Ensuring the Future of West Shore

By Paul Foster, Legacy Committee Chair

It's been almost a year since I became the new Chair of the Planned Giving Committee, which we recently decided to call the **Legacy Committee** (formerly Planned Giving), because legacy giving is what we are all about. Chairing this committee is very fulfilling, because this church means so much to me that I want to ensure its future. As I see each Letter of Intent signed with a specific Legacy gift planned, I see our spiritual community growing and thriving for years to come.

As I was thinking about how we could market the Legacy Giving program, we were blessed with a monetary gift from an anonymous donor which our ministers used

to hire Karen Kircher as the new Development Director. Karen and I have been working together to significantly increase the awareness of the Legacy Giving program. I plan to make myself and other members of the committee more available to those of you who wish to consider planning a legacy gift. **The first Sunday of each month beginning February 5**, members of the Legacy Committee will be available in Room A after each service to answer any questions you may have about legacy giving. Appointments can be arranged at a time and place that is best for you by calling me at 440-458-6243. Let's work together to ensure the future of West Shore! ☞

Outreach Offerings Update

At their quarterly meeting, the panel that decides the social action offerings agreed with a request from the Social Action Committee to change their name to "Outreach Offerings Committee" to avoid any confusion between the work of the two committees. The results of the offerings in the second half of 2011 are listed below:

Month	Offering	Amount
July	Interfaith Hospitality Network	\$ 445.00
August	The May Dugan Center of Cleveland	\$ 451.00
August	Joyful Noise Neighborhood Music School	\$ 863.00
September	Urban Hope	\$1,071.00
October	Esperanza, Inc.	\$1,077.37
October	UUA Association Sunday	\$1,741.00
November	Nueva Luz Urban Resource Center	\$ 780.30
November	Cleveland Food Bank	\$1,004.00
December	The Carolyn L. Farrell Foundation for Brain Health	\$ 914.00
December	MetroHealth W&I	\$ 693.00
December	Emergency Response Fund	\$1,096.00

They noted that offering totals were down this fall by 25% compared to last year. The next Social Action offering on February 12 will support attendance at the UUA's Justice GA in Phoenix, Arizona. ☞

The Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is responsible to the Congregation for selecting a slate of three nominees for the three Board of Trustee positions to be filled. This committee also selects and nominates a slate of six candidates for the Nominating Committee—the congregation elects three of the six candidates in the spring prior to the Annual Meeting. The Nominating Committee welcomes your suggestions of church members to be considered for a position on either of these committees. What makes a good candidate? Here are some characteristics:

- communicates clearly;
- works well with others;
- follows through with responsibilities;
- demonstrates engagement and commitment to West Shore by participating in church activities and by fulfilling pledges.

Announcement of the Nominating Committee's selection of nominees and candidates will be in May. The official election, by mail, will take place before the Annual Meeting held in June.

The Church's bylaws also provide another method of nomination to either the Board or Nominating Committee, which is by a petition of 20 or more members. This petition should be addressed to Erin Gyomber, President of the Board of Trustees, at least 20 days prior to the Annual Meeting. It must contain the written consent of the nominee. To submit your suggestions, please contact any member of the committee, or leave a note in the Nominating Committee's mailbox in the church office.

The members of the 2011-2012 Nominating Committee are Karen Kircher, Chair, Tony Couture, Heather Macalla, Phil Reed, Danielle Ruiz, and April Stoltz. ☞

Calendar for February 2012

Wednesday, February 1

7:00 Spiritual Maturity
7:00 Spiritual Autobiography
7:00 WAAHT
7:30 Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 2

10:00 Thursday AM Meditation
12:00 Middle East Nosh
2:00 Addiction Ministry
4:30 Programs Staff
7:00 UU Christian Fellowship

Friday, February 3

8:00 am River Rocks Meditation
9:30 am Friday AM Book Discussion
5:00 pm Homeless On Hilliard

Saturday, February 4

9:00 Emeritus Council
10:00 A People So Bold
10:00 Tai Chi
11:00 Free Spirit Band Rehearsal
12:00 Pastoral Care Potluck/Meeting
2:00 All Ages Game Day
2:30 Harry Regas Memorial Service
6:00 Service Auction Murder Mystery

Sunday, February 5- Magazine Sale

New Member Sunday

8:45 Free Spirit Band Rehearsal
9:00 Readings with Rumi
9:30 & 11:15 Worship/Sunday School
10:30 Morning Forum
10:30 Legacy Giving Conversation
10:30 Blood Pressure Testing
10:40 Junior Choir Rehearsal
7:30 Scrabble

Monday, February 6

5:00 River Rocks Sangha Meditation
6:30 Finding You Journaling
7:30 Great Books
7:30 Gathering of Men

Tuesday, February 7

12:00 Friendship Group
5:30 Connection Circle Facilitators
7:00 Social Justice Council
7:00 Craft Ministry
7:00 Quilters' Legacy

Wednesday, February 8

12:00 Middle East Nosh
1:00 Connection Circle - Baumhauer
7:00 Spiritual Maturity
7:00 Spiritual Autobiography
7:30 Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 9

9:25 Foodbank Carpool
10:00 Thursday AM Meditation
7:00 HAFA
7:00 Connection Circle - Nemes

Friday, February 10

8:00 am River Rocks Meditation
9:30 am Friday AM Book Discussion
6:30 pm Service Auction "Hearts" Dinner

Saturday, February 11

10:00 Tai Chi
11:00 Free Spirit Band Rehearsal
7:00 Social Action Film

Sunday, February 12 - Food Collection

8:45 Choir Rehearsal
9:00 Readings with Rumi
9:30 & 11:15 Worship/Sunday School
10:30 & 12:15 Getting To Know UU
10:30 Morning Forum
10:40 Junior Choir Rehearsal
12:30 OWL 7/8 Graders
2:00 Energy Circle
6:30 Mahjongg
7:30 Socrates Café
7:30 Scrabble

Monday, February 13

5:00 River Rocks Sangha Meditation
8:00 RRCMS Concert

Tuesday, February 14

12:00 Friendship Group
6:30 Veggie Group
7:00 RE Committee
7:00 BOT Exec

Wednesday, February 15

7:00 Imagine Peace Group
7:00 Spiritual Maturity
7:00 Spiritual Autobiography
7:00 Connection Circle - Pinkas
7:30 Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 16

10:00 Thursday AM Meditation
12:00 Middle East Nosh
7:00 SPAN
7:00 Connection Circle Facilitators

Friday, February 17

8:00 am River Rocks Meditation
7:00 pm Peacemaking in Columbia
7:00 pm Queer & Allies - Salon

Saturday, February 18

9:30 Worship Associates
10:00 Conflict Management
11:00 Free Spirit Band Rehearsal
10:00 Tai Chi
5:00 Service Auction Spaghetti Western

Sunday, February 19

8:45 Choir Rehearsal
9:00 Reading with Rumi
9:30 & 11:15 Worship/Sunday School
10:40 Junior Choir Rehearsal
1:00 Partner Church Lunch
6:00 Youth Group Gathering
7:00 Connection Circle - Kleinschmidt
7:30 Scrabble

Monday, February 20 - Presidents' Day Office Closed

5:00 River Rocks Sangha Meditation
6:30 Finding You Journaling
7:00 PSI Symposium
7:00 Denominational Concerns
7:30 Gathering of Men

Tuesday, February 21

12:00 Friendship Potluck
1:00 Building & Grounds
7:00 Inclusivity Ministry
7:00 Connection Circle - Richards
7:30 Child Care Center Meeting

Wednesday, February 22

9:25 Foodbank Carpool
3:00 *Shorelines* Deadline
7:00 Connection Circle - DiRienzo
7:00 Spiritual Autobiography
7:00 Path To Membership
7:30 Choir Rehearsal
7:30 Aesthetics Committee

Thursday, February 23

7:30 am Finance Committee
10:00 am Thursday AM Meditation
12:00 pm Middle East Nosh
7:00 pm Spiritual Maturity

Friday, February 24

8:00 am River Rocks Meditation

Saturday, February 25

8:00 Child Care Center Resale
10:00 Tai Chi
11:00 Free Spirit Band Rehearsal
6:00 Veggie Group Dinner & Movie

Sunday, February 26

8:45 Choir Rehearsal
9:00 Reading with Rumi
9:30 & 11:15 Intergenerational Service
10:30 Morning Forum
10:40 Junior Choir Rehearsal
12:30 RE Circus
12:30 Faith In Transition - Anderson
12:30 Lunch Bunch - Minerva's
6:00 Mahjongg
7:30 Socrates Café
7:30 Scrabble

Monday, February 27

5:00 River Rocks Sangha Meditation
7:00 Connection Circle - Osborne

Tuesday, February 28

12:00 Friendship Group
7:00 BOT Meeting

Wednesday, February 29

7:30 Choir Rehearsal

Outreach Meetings

- Debtors Anonymous
Mondays, 7:00 pm
- Alcoholic Anonymous
Wednesdays, 8:00 pm
- Church of the Angels
Thursdays, 7:00 pm
- Adoption Network
First Thursday of the month, 7:00 pm
- National Alliance on Mental Illness
Fridays, 7:00 pm (NAMI)
- Gay Men's Alcoholic Anonymous
Friday, 8:00 pm



"People are more important than profits" TOMMY DOUGLAS

THE HEALTHCARE MOVIE

Saturday, February 11, 7:00 p.m.

This documentary provides the real story of how the health care systems in Canada and the United States evolved to be so completely different, when at one point they were essentially the same. Most people under the age of 50, in both countries, are not aware of the intensity of the political struggle that led to the universal medical care system in Canada. Nor are they aware of the public relations campaigns, still active today, that have been prevalent in the United States since the early 1900's to dissuade the public from supporting national health care.

The Healthcare Movie reveals the personal and emotional impact on Canadians who now have access to universal health care because of the heroism of people who took a stand 50 years ago. It also reveals the continuing struggle in the United States between the fear of government intervention and the right to quality health care for all people.

Presented in cooperation with Single Payer Action Network (SPAN) Ohio

MORE INFORMATION AT: <http://westshorefilmseries.wetpaint.com>

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Narrated by
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Next *Shorelines* deadline: **Wednesday, February 22, at 3 p.m.**