

Unitattler

A Newsletter for Families
West Shore Unitarian Universalist Church

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A Message from Kathy

I warmly invite you to attend the **Sunday, February 14, Stewardship Kick-off, in Baker Hall** following each service. We are entrusted with fulfilling the church's mission, "to inspire more people to lead lives of meaning and purpose." As parents, you are members and friends who probably see most clearly and appreciate the need for members to not only support the "present" of our church, but its future, as well.

The event's program includes a celebration of our current worship, programs and members and information regarding our hopes and needs for the coming church year. A light breakfast will be served. Children, unless they are Junior Choir members with 10:40 - 11:15 practice time, will go to Rms. 1 & 2 after the morning's intergenerational service, have doughnuts and juice and make valentines together. Childcare will continue after each service for infants - Pre-K.

Kathy

Family Night: We Are UUs!

Friday, February 12, 6-8 p.m.
Fun, fellowship and faith exploration
Topic: Why do we go to church?
Why do we go to a UU church?

- Families, especially those with children, grades K - 6
- Supper, worship with song, dance and story, family activity
- Please bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share
- Childcare available for younger children during program
- Register at the Religious Education table/call by Feb. 10

Sunday Circus & Fabulous Underwear Collection

Sunday, February 21, 12:30 - 2 p.m.
Great fun on a winter afternoon!

- West Shore families and friends
- Featuring the St. Ignatius Circus Jugglers Club
- Carnival games, circus food, face painting, funny photos
- \$10/family; \$5 adult; \$3/child
- Donation: children's socks/underwear (donors receive free circus photo)

First service families may wish to switch to second service that day to shorten the time between service and circus. Just a thought!



Jr. Church Doings

February is a busy month for the youth in Jr. Church! As a last minute reminder, Friday the 5th of February is our second annual Homeless on Hilliard event at WSUUC. At least a dozen of our youth as well as youth from 3 other area churches will be participating. Please stop by after 4:00 p.m. to show your support with funds for InterAct Cleveland, firewood, food or just to say "howdy!" to the chilly night owls. Any visit would be welcome. If you are still interested in attending and a youth between 7th and 12th grade please contact Phil at pflorian@wsuuc.org.

The month doesn't end there! Some of our high school youth will also be volunteering to support the annual Canvas Brunch on February 14th as well as the Sunday Circus on February 21st.

Looking forward to March, the youth have decided to get together on March 14th in the afternoon to have a picnic lunch (Will there still be snow?) and have a tie-dye party to make t-shirts to wear at some other youth events in April (to be discussed later).

At the end of the month, a handful of youth will attend the Ohio-Meadville District Assembly along with some of their advisors and to top it all off as we head into Spring Break, more of our high schoolers will be travelling to New Orleans to continue the rebuilding work there along with adult members of WSUUC.

Thanks to all the youth, their parents, the classroom advisors and all members of WSUUC who support these activities!

Phil

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Homeless on Hilliard Friday, February 5, 4 p.m. - overnight West Shore UU front lawn

- To raise awareness of homelessness
- To raise money for InterAct Cleveland's Homeless Standdown
- Youth: Grades 7 - 12, including youth from other Rocky River churches
- A night of interfaith fun, reflection and service
- Please support our youth - drop by that evening to say hi, deliver a snack or make a donation



R.E. CALENDAR

Friday, February 5

4:00 to overnight Homeless on Hilliard
WSUUC Youth, Grades 7-12

Sunday, Feb. 7

9:30 & 11:15 Sunday School
Children's Chapel for K-6
Please send a few coins with your K-6 child for the offering
10:40-11:15 Junior Choir Practice

Friday, February 12

6:00-8:00 Family Night

Sunday, February 14

9:30 & 11:15 Intergenerational Service
Childcare for Infants to Pre-K
10:40-11:15 Junior Choir Practice
10:30 & 12:15 Stewardship Kickoff

Sunday, February 21

9:30 & 11:15 Sunday School
10:40-11:15 Junior Choir Practice
12:30-2:00 Sunday Circus

Sunday, February 28

9:30 & 11:15 Sunday School
10:40-11:15 Junior Choir Practice