

Unitattler

A Newsletter for Families
West Shore Unitarian Universalist Church

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How I Spent the February 20 Weekend

I attended the Ohio-Meadville District's Renaissance Module, "Multicultural Religious Education," at River's Edge in Cleveland. Our district sponsors one module each year, on one of nine topics. I serve the district's Life-span Faith Development Committee as registrar for this module, and have attended seven of nine modules offered by the Unitarian Universalist Association. This particular module addressed the following:

The goals of multicultural religious education
The four approaches to implementing the multicultural educational process
Awareness of issues involved in cultural appropriation
Promotion of social, structural equality and cultural pluralism
Recognition of oppressions as linked, not independent or idiosyncratic
Exploration of issues of privilege and power
Factors in creating a climate that invites, honors and celebrates diversity

It was meaningful to explore these ideas and to connect with my UU colleagues. I will use this training to evaluate West Shore's religious education through a multicultural lens and believe this training has a direct link to our church's efforts to be an inclusive community.

Kathy

Cooperation and Competition: You're Invited!

Pam Rumancik, West Shore member and Meadville Lombard seminarian, invites you to participate in an intergenerational activity on **Sunday, March 15, after church, 11:45 - 1:15**. You will hear a story, create a mural and discuss "beloved community." Pam needs to complete this activity as part of her seminary coursework and hopes you'll be able to help by being a participant. **Twenty people, ages 5 - 105, are needed.** Snacks provided. Please register at the Religious Education table on Sundays or RSVP the church office during the week.



Brother, Can You Spare a Can?

Westside food pantries need our help. The Social Action Committee and the church's children and youth ask every person to please bring a can of food to the **Sunday, March 22, intergenerational service**. Couple = 2 cans; Family of 4 = 4 cans; The following items are most often requested and have the highest food value:

soup	canned fruit	canned stew
cereal	peanut butter	canned tuna

Homeless on Hilliard: West Shore UU Youth *ROCK*

Warm congratulations to the twelve West Shore youth, grades 8 - 12, and five staff/youth advisors who spent the cold night outside on the church lawn, **Friday, February 6**, to gain personal awareness of the plight of the homeless, build community, and raise funds for Interfaith Hospitality Network and Inter-Act Cleveland. The group, joined by Rocky River Presbyterian Church's youth and staff, raised over \$1,200.

West Shore's Youth: Shannon Armstrong

Jacob Streitl	Natalie Lawson	T.K. Burk
Victor Ruiz	Maddi New	Jeremy Rodgers
Jeremy Beech	Jack Spellman	Sam Spellman
Kaleigh Macalla	Madeline Frampton	

Staff: Wayne Arnason Linda New

Youth Advisors: Kevin Hakko Phil Florian
Laird Wynn

A special thank you to early breakfast servers **Kelly Pinkas** and **Meghan Ross**, Facilities Manager **Rick Achtziger**, and to all of you who honked, donated wood, cardboard, tarps, food, and contributed money. Eighth grader Kaleigh Macalla said it all—"So many people are homeless....we need to made a difference."



Circus Success

Thanks to the 115 who attended the Sunday Circus on **Sunday, February 15**. We had a great time playing games, eating and watching the incredible and funny St. Ignatius Circus Club jugglers. You helped us warm a snowy,

winter day and collect a large basket of children's underwear and socks, as well as \$40 to give to Interfaith Hospitality Network. Many thanks to the RE Committee and event leader **Sharon Hogan** for a wonderful time. The Sunday Circus will be back next year!



March Calendar for RE Families

Sunday, March 1

9:30 Junior Choir Rehearsal
10:30 Sunday School
Children's Chapel for Grades K-6
Please send a few coins with your child for the offering. Thanks!

Thursday, March 5

7:30 RE Committee Meeting

Sunday, March 8

9:15 World Religions Mosque Field Trip
9:30 Junior Choir Rehearsal
10:30 Sunday School

Sunday, March 15

9:30 Junior Choir Rehearsal
10:30 Sunday School

Sunday, March 22

9:30 Junior Choir Rehearsal
10:30 Intergenerational Service
Childcare for infants—Pre-K

Sunday, March 29

9:30 Junior Choir
10:30 Junior Choir sings in Sanctuary
Sunday School

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