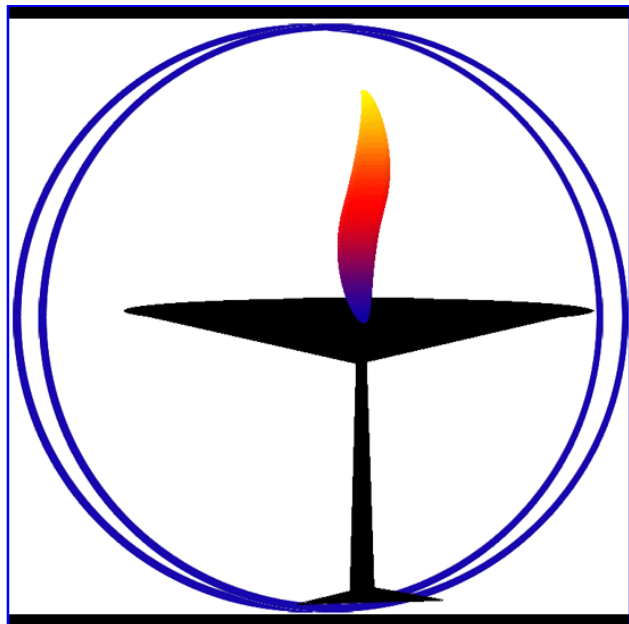


# Unitattler

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## Welcome to New Chalice Lighters

*Chalice Lighters* provides an opportunity for young people in our congregation to become familiar with the ideas of our unique religious tradition. They learn to take an active role in the worship service by lighting the chalice at our Sunday morning services. Throughout the preparation process, family participation is built in to encourage an intergenerational exploration of religious identity enhancing the experience for young people. The 2008 - 09 incoming Chalice Lighters include the following third/fourth graders:

Zachary Dudzik  
Min Hannum  
Nicholas Maude

Makayla Minnes  
Corinne Nicol  
Eva Wynn

## Coming of Age

At last, we have secured the eighteen mentors needed for our 7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Please note the following get-to-know-you dates:

### Sunday, November 23

11:45 Parents' Orientation

### Sunday, December 7

11:45 Potluck lunch for mentors, youth and their families

### Sunday, December 14

10:30 Luminaria / Games for youth, teachers and mentors

## Childcare Policy

The ministers and staff have posted a policy that states their support and guidelines for providing childcare at church events. To read the policy, please go to the church's website, [www.wsuuc.org](http://www.wsuuc.org), click on Religious Education, Children and Youth, then go to "Childcare Policy" in the sidebar list.

## Guest at Your Table

This year's *Guest at Your Table* (GAYT) collection will start on Sunday, November 16. Please place your GAYT box on your kitchen table, contribute to it and return it to one of the Christmas services. Boxes and information about the UU Service Committee's foreign and domestic emergency relief program are available from Martie Wiersma in the Rotunda on Sundays. Look for the colorful boxes, and thanks for your support.

## O, Christmas Tree

**ALL MEMBERS AND FRIENDS** are invited to attend a meeting after church on **Sunday, November 9, 11:45**, to discuss whether or not to decorate our sanctuary with a cut tree for the holiday season. A ceiling-high tree, with ornaments made by our children, youth and adults has been a long-standing, West Shore tradition. Do we continue it, or are there new ways to give our sanctuary a festive, holiday look that involves other kinds of participation from members? Please join us!





## Ohio Meadville District Events for Youth

**January 9-11, 2009**

**Senior High Con @ UU Church of Columbus**  
For 9th to 12th graders

**February 13-14, 2009**

**SAC YAC @ Olmstead Fellowship**  
YAC planning meeting for Social Action Con (SAC)

**March 13-15, 2009**

**SAC (Social Action Con) @ North Hills**  
Information to come

**April 17-18, 2009**

**Spring YAC Meeting @ East Suburban, PA**  
Come plan for the Spring Con!

**May 15-17, 2009**

**SPRING CON AT WEST SHORE!**

A CON FOR ALL AGES! If you're in the 7th or 8th grade and you've attended a con before, you're welcome to come! Everyone 9th to 12th grade is welcome, too!



### Staff contacts for events/ opportunities in *Unitattler*

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## Religious Education Attendance

Sunday	Children/Youth	Teachers
Oct. 5	89	22
Oct. 12	76	22
Oct. 19	Intergenerational Sunday	
Oct. 26	92	24
Junior Choir	25	2

Consistent attendance at school, soccer practice, dance lessons and **church** increases learning, continuity and community building. Thanks for your efforts to get your family to church every Sunday!



## November Calendar for RE Families

**Friday—Sunday, November 7-9**

**Pittsburgh**

Junior High Con(ference)

**Sunday, November 9**

9:30 Junior Choir Rehearsal  
10:30 Sunday School

**Sunday, November 16**

9:30 Junior Choir Rehearsal  
10:30 Intergenerational Service,  
Childcare infants—age 4

**Sunday, November 23**

9:30 Junior Choir Rehearsal  
10:30 Sunday School  
11:45 Coming of Age Parents' Meeting

**Sunday, November 30**

9:30 NO Junior Choir Rehearsal  
10:30 Advent Workshop  
Childcare infants—age 4  
Grades 7-12: Worship Service  
or Advent Workshop

**Sunday, December 7**

9:30 Junior Choir Rehearsal  
10:30 Sunday School  
Children's Chapel, Grade K-6  
11:45 Coming of Age Potluck

**Note:** Thanks for helping us by sending coins with your child to Children's Chapel for the offering. We collected **\$46** for our spring social action project at the Sunday, November 22 Chapel service.