



East Shore Beacon



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East Shore Unitarian Universalist Church
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ALL SERVICES START AT 10:30 A.M.

Sunday, April 29

This I Believe

Nancy Theofrastous

*~Special music by Tina Bergmann, hammered dulcimer
and Bryan Thomas, double bass.*

Sunday, May 6

Rev. Jim Demming

Minister for Environmental Justice for the
United Church of Christ, Justice and Witness Ministries
~Special music by Dale Rodgers and students.

Sunday, May 13

Mother's Day

Flower Communion

Rev. Patricia Shelden

~Special music by ESUUC Choir.

Sunday, May 20

RE Sunday

Halcyon Domanski, DRE

~Special music by ESUUC Choir.

Sunday, May 27

Memorial Day Service

This I Believe: Peace

Nancy Theofrastous

We will be hearing from some of the Veterans
in our congregation.

~Special music by a cello and bassoon duo.

Excerpt from

Margaret Fuller: A Life Too Soon Ended

by Rev. Grace H. Simons

Margaret Fuller... was one of the group of intellectuals and writers we call the Transcendentalists. We hear of... Emerson, Henry David Thoreau, Theodore Parker, Nathaniel Hawthorne, Emily Dickinson, Elizabeth Peabody and Louisa May Alcott. Fuller was friends with them all - a tight circle of Boston area thinkers and writers, nearly all from Unitarian families. They were highly critical of both the theology and style of Unitarian ministers and churches at the same time they carried many typical New England manners and conventions. We don't hear all that much about Margaret Fuller, partly because she was something of an exception in personality and manner.

Margaret's early childhood holds some keys to understanding this. She was the first child born to her parents, and her father had badly wanted a son. He decided that Margaret would be educated as if she were a boy. Timothy Fuller was a lawyer and member of Congress. He had expectations. In one letter to his wife, he wrote, "Tell Margaret I will love her if she learns to read." She did: at the age of three. When her father was home, he spent evenings teaching her Latin and English grammar. By the time she was seven she had read Virgil, Horace and Ovid. All this made her quite a prodigy when she went to a girls' school. But it also gave her years of night terrors and made her solitary, intense, bookish and unaccustomed to getting along with others her age.

Throughout her life, Margaret never acquired the refined habits expected of New England ladies - even though she arranged to be tutored in etiquette and social graces. She was outspoken on many topics, and not at all shy about her abilities. She once wrote to Emerson, "I now know all the people worth knowing in America, and I find no intellect comparable to my own." Imperious and headstrong, her ways of approaching both women and men made her the subject of teasing and jokes - even among her friends. Still, she was a fine writer and fearless in her social analysis and ideas.

But back to her story. Sometime after Margaret left school, her father contracted cholera and quickly died. She became the main resource for the family and applied to a new school that had opened in Boston. She became a teacher. The school was small and so was her salary. To increase her income, she began giving classes in Latin and German, tutoring and translating works from German.

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 **PARISH NOTES** 

We are saddened by the death of Mitch Hill, the son of Diane and Chuck Ostrander. Mitch had fond memories of attending East Shore as a teenager. Mitch died March 28 after a long illness. His memorial service was on April 2 at the Dan Cosic Funeral Home in Willoughby Hills.

Please hold Amy Bennett in your thoughts and prayers. Her father passed away April 12 at the age of 85. He will be dearly missed by his family, the small community in which he lived in Chillicothe, Ohio, and, in particular, the Dixieland jazz band he started, the Goosetown Astonishers.

Tim and Jerie Green announce the engagement of their son, Jonathan, to Dedra Au. The couple will be married in August.

Nora Nemeč had hip-replacement surgery on Monday, April 23. Following the surgery, the expectation was for her to be at University Hospitals for three days and then home for rehab. She would appreciate healing thoughts and good wishes from her friends at East Shore.

**East Shore Unitarian Universalist Church
Core Values/Aspirations Statement**

- We are a church that values experiencing **awe**.
We aspire to renew and deepen our spirituality and our sense of reverence.
- We are a church that values **love**.
We aspire to care for others with compassion and show profound kindness when encountering points of view different from our own.
- We are a church that values **discovery**.
We aspire to provide a safe home for gaining greater knowledge of self and the world.
- We are a church that values **interdependence**.
We aspire to enhance our sense of church community and our interconnections with one another and the world beyond our church.
- At East Shore, we:
REVERE - LOVE - DISCOVER - CONNECT

Pastoral Care Coverage

Rev. Peggy Clason and Rev. Mary Grigolia have agreed to share the pastoral care ministry for East Shore until we have an interim minister. Their numbers are:
Rev. Clason
Rev. Grigolia

Rev. Peggy Clason will not be available April 12-30. Additionally, Rev. Grigolia will not be available April 25-30. During this time frame Rev. Colin Bossen of the UU Society in Cleveland Hts. will provide emergency pastoral care.

***IT IS THE MISSION OF EAST SHORE
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH***

- to offer a loving, joyful, accepting religious community where the right to freedom of belief is unfettered by any prescribed creed, and where our liberal religious tradition is made accessible to all;
- to provide support for the individual in a free and disciplined search for religious and ethical values that enrich our lives;
- to provide religious education for children and adults, which enables self-knowledge, respect for others, and awareness of the interdependent web of existence of which we are but a part;
- to celebrate together rites of passage through the great and profound moments of life;
- to affirm Unitarian Universalist principles by reaching out to the greater community to promote truth, justice, responsibility, and love in the world.

Church Office Hours

Director of Religious Education, Halcyon Domanski
Tuesday, Friday, & Sunday, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Church Secretary, Donna Van Boxel
Monday-Friday, 9 am - 1 pm

Beacon Newsletter Policy

Published every month, the Beacon provides church-related information to members and friends. Several items are regular features of every newsletter: Sunday morning service program notes including special services, a church calendar of events, and regular columns from the Minister and the Director of Religious Education. It is to be noted that the Minister's practice of "freedom of the pulpit" also applies to his or her column. The Minister, Director of Religious Education, Board Chair, the Beacon Editor, or members of the Board of Trustees may invite members to write columns on experiences or activities that are part of the church or UU Association life. Announcements, social events, special events, descriptions of committee activities and information from the District and Association are included in the Newsletter when space allows.

At times, the Beacon Editor may need to prioritize materials. Events and activities from the wider community are included if they are in sympathy with Unitarian Universalist values articulated in the Principles and Purposes. Interests and concerns of church members on matters outside formal activities of the church may be sent to the Editor, keeping in mind that they may or may not be used for publication, but could be considered, incorporated, and/or adapted, based on the contribution's potential to support and enrich our beloved church community.

Material for the newsletter is submitted through the church office, by email to Diana Packer by mail or fax. All material is subject to editing. The newsletter is available in hard copy and via East Shore's website.

Children’s Art Booth at Blue Sky

To all East Shore Families: RE is providing a wonderful opportunity for your children to learn about selling their art and supporting their community. Please sign the sheet in the narthex if your child is interested.

Guidelines:

- All media accepted and encouraged
- No violent art will be accepted
- All art must be of high quality appropriate to the age of the artist
- Halcyon Domanski retains the right to refuse artwork in order to maintain quality
- May 13 deadline for all artwork to be dropped of at church
- All art not sold must go home with the artist (or a trusted friend) the day of the festival
- Halcyon and Marilyn Barber have graciously volunteered to mat all 2D art
- Artists must agree to a 70/30 split with 70% of sales going to the artist and 30% going to ESUU
- All art must have a sticker on it that includes: name of artist, age of artist, price, brief description of art (i.e. jewelry, photo, bookmark)
- Earnings will be distributed to the artists within 10 days following the show



Blue Sky Festival

RE once again will have a children’s booth at the Blue Sky Festival on May 19th. We will be making different instruments out of simple objects. In order to do this we are asking the congregation to bring in the following items: -tubes/cores to paper towel rolls and toilet paper rolls -empty tissue boxes -empty shoe boxes. Please

give all items to Halcyon. We also are asking for volunteers to help run the booth. Thank You for all your help!



Pennies for Parrots

YOU ARE ALL AMAZING! So far you have helped our East Shore children, grades one through six, raise over \$210.00 for their chosen social justice project. This money was raised through a bake sale completely organized and run by our children, and donations of change in your pockets going into the “Pennies for Parrots” jar.

The children are raising money for our local chapter of Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. RE is working on having SPCA come and talk with the children about what they do and we will present a check at that time. Keep bringing in your change and let us see how much we can raise!!!

**RE
CORNER**
Developing loving
relationships inside & out

RE Sunday

RE Sunday will be May 20th. Come enjoy a service provided by the children and teens of our congregation and discover all that they have been learning over the past year.

A Unitarian Universalist Easter Story

Since the Easter Service, Halcyon has had many requests for the children’s story. It is extracted from a 2001 Easter sermon by the Reverend Michael McGee, adapted from a story by Jim Wallace. You may find it at <http://www.patheos.com/blogs/monkeymind>.



May Activities in RE

- Thursday 3, 10, 17, and 24 at 7pm - Adult RE Spirit in Practice
- Sunday 13th - Due date for children and teen art submissions for Blue Sky
- Saturday 19th - Blue Sky Music Festival
- Sunday 20th - RE Sunday
- Sunday 27th - Game Day

Religious Education Council

RE Council meetings are usually held on the first Tuesday of each month. Our next meeting is **May 1st**. If you would like to have RE participation in a project, please come to our meeting and share your ideas.

YOUTH CAVE

RE, in conjunction with the youth, is planning two different outings for the youth group this summer. One is a pool party and one a camping sleepover. Please stay tuned for further details. The youth have also agreed to volunteer to help with the Blue Sky Festival by being runners and any other positions they may need to fill. The youth are also going to offer to host a Murder Mystery Dinner. This dinner will be auctioned off at our annual East Shore Auction. YEAH East Shore Teens!

YAC (Youth Adult Committee)

Upcoming YAC event:

May 4-6	YAC All Age Conference	Ages 12-19*	Date and location TBA
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Registration for all YAC conferences is \$25 per person, 2nd child from a family, \$20; 3rd child from a family, \$15; sponsors are free. Ages 12-19 for conferences for all ages, *7th & 8th graders must have previously attended a YAC Meeting or Summer Institute youth program. Registration forms can be found at <http://www.ohiomeadville.org/omdevents/271-yacforms>.

(Margaret Fuller, continued)

However, the head of the school, an Alcott, was soon embroiled in controversy because he encouraged students to develop their own ideas and interpretations while studying the Bible. This was scandalous. He was attacked by the head of Harvard Divinity School among others. Margaret Fuller rose to his defense. She was becoming a public person - one with radical ideas. Quite a few parents withdrew their children and the school neared bankruptcy. It limped along until Alcott did the unthinkable. He admitted a black child. That was the end.

Luckily, Miss Fuller received [an] offer from a school in Providence. She taught there for two years, but longed for... Boston and the circle of intellectual friends she had begun to make... Back she went, and soon found her explorations encouraged by the likes of Emerson and Hawthorne. Gradually, these Transcendentalists... articulated their opinions. America was failing to live up to its promise: it was too conventional, too restrictive and too tied to the patterns of Europe.

Emerson was giving public lectures and Margaret wished to do the same. However, the law forbade lectures by women. So Margaret organized regular "Conversations" for Boston women, who were generally not encouraged to apply or extend their learning... Margaret became an advocate for women's education and mental abilities. "Let it not be said, whenever there is energy or creative genius, 'She has a masculine mind'." Margaret's reputation grew - but some of the women who came were considered uppity. They no longer seemed to know their place.

On a trip west... Margaret experienced life outside the rarified atmosphere of New England. She was outraged at the conditions endured by women... raised with only the skills of drawing room and parlor but now needed to manage households on the frontier. Her commitment to women's education was strengthened and she also became an advocate for property rights, for rights within marriage and for the opening of all areas of employment to women. "We would have every arbitrary barrier thrown down. We would have every path laid open to women as freely as to men," she wrote. "If you ask me what offices they may fill, I reply - any. I do not care what case you put; let them be sea captains, if you will."

Margaret Fuller became the editor of the Dial, the magazine of the Transcendentalists and was also a contributor. Her essay on women's rights formed the basis for her later book, *Woman in the Nineteenth Century*. It was the first book on the topic published in America, and made her both well-known and controversial. The first printing sold out within a week. While advocating for women's abilities and rights in many areas, she also claimed, "I mean both men and women; these are the two halves of one thought. I lay no special stress on the welfare of either. I believe that the development of one cannot be effected without that of the other." A few praised the book, but more were outraged. Margaret Fuller had called for a revolution in the place of women in both public and private life.

It was her description of her travels west though, that caught the eye of Horace Greeley, he of "Go west, young man!..." [He] convinced Margaret to move to New York and work for the... Tribune. She became the first woman journalist on any newspaper in the US. She wrote reports, reviews, and social critique (...on abolition, the treatment of American Indians and prison conditions) and... gradually became an established journalist. Then came an opportunity to travel to Europe. Greeley agreed to publish pieces she sent from her travels. Fuller became America's first foreign correspondent.

She traveled with friends through England and France, but it was in Italy that her life was changed. Ideas of revolution had been growing in Italian soil. She met and fell in love with an Italian Marquis who was involved in the revolt. They married had a child. When the fighting began, Margaret was drawn into the revolutionary efforts, but the uprising of 1848 failed. Deeply disappointed and now impoverished, she arranged to borrow enough money to sail home. All the plans were in place and Margaret knew that she would be able to earn a living back in the United States. But she was filled with foreboding and wrote to several friends that she felt some ill fortune would befall her within the year.

Still, the family set sail. When they neared their destination, however, the ship ran aground. They were within sight of the shore. The captain tried several strategies to get Margaret off the ship, but she refused: refused to be separated from her little son, refused to try suggested methods, refused to trust the crew. Finally, the ship began to break up in the storm-driven waves. A sailor snatched the boy and struck out toward shore just as a wave toppled the mast, which crashed into the deck. Neither sailor, boy nor parents survived. In fact, Margaret Fuller's body was never found.

Perhaps it was the controversy she raised. Perhaps her long stay in Europe had let her brilliance fade in the minds of Americans. Perhaps her lack of social skills caused resentment and animosity. Whatever the reasons, American culture turned away from Fuller and she was ignored or forgotten until the 1970s brought a surge of research in women's studies. Even today, neither her name nor her work are very familiar.

Still, many of her ideas were carried on by reformers through the remaining years of the 19th century and into the 20th. We can be inspired in our own day by the ways she opened doors of possibility. Both with her writing and her independent life, she raised the aspirations and hopes of women. That new hope is a gift which empowers others to expand their efforts, to dare to spread their wings.



Mentor Headlands State Park Third Annual May Coastal Cleanup All Congregational Family Event on the Beach May 5, 2012

(Map on reverse side of paper)

Please sign up in the narthex so that we know about how many people to look for on that day. Thank you!



**Mark your
calendars!**

Meet at 11:00 a.m. in Parking Lot 10, & note that this is a different number from before. An employee named Jason will meet us there and take us to the destination where our service is needed. Be sure to be on time and a little early to sign in.

Sign in on sign up sheet at the Headlands.

Bring your own work or garden gloves. Plastic bags will be provided.

Dress for the weather. Wear a UU, East Shore, or environmental T-shirt if you have one.

Bring your own picnic lunch including beverage and utensils. We will gather at picnic tables for a group lunch after the cleanup. Washrooms are available.

In case of rain, the event will take place on Saturday, May 26, at 11:00.

If you have questions, please contact Jerol Kennedy earthactivist@gmail.com

BLUE SKY FOLK FESTIVAL AT EAST SHORE - SATURDAY, MAY 19 - 11 a.m.—7 p.m.

Volunteer at the Festival For 2-3 Hours in Exchange for a Day of Fun at the Festival (An \$8-\$10 Value!)

We have changed the policy and are not charging admission to volunteers who sign up beforehand. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex or contact Jerie Green, .

BIG POSITIONS

- Food coordinator—
- Volunteer coordinator
- Workshops coordinator—
- MC for main stage (indoors)
- Stage decoration (indoors)
- First Aid station coordinator

DAY BEFORE, May 18

- Pick up tents from Kiwanis—
- Set up tents
- Pick up/deliver hay bales—
- Set up inside tables
- Set up inside decorations
- Set up inside signage

DAY OF, May 19 (2-3 hour commitment)

Set up - need to be at church no later than 9 a.m.

- Put up road signs
- Answer phone in office
- Parking
- Ticket booth
- First aid station - at least one trained medical person at all times
- Kids area—
- CD's/posters/T-shirt sales
- Food sales
- Runners
- Trash/recycling
- Ice person
- Food angel - run to store for emergency items
- Clean up - CRITICAL!!
- Media minder

Come join the fun,
working and playing
at the Festival!



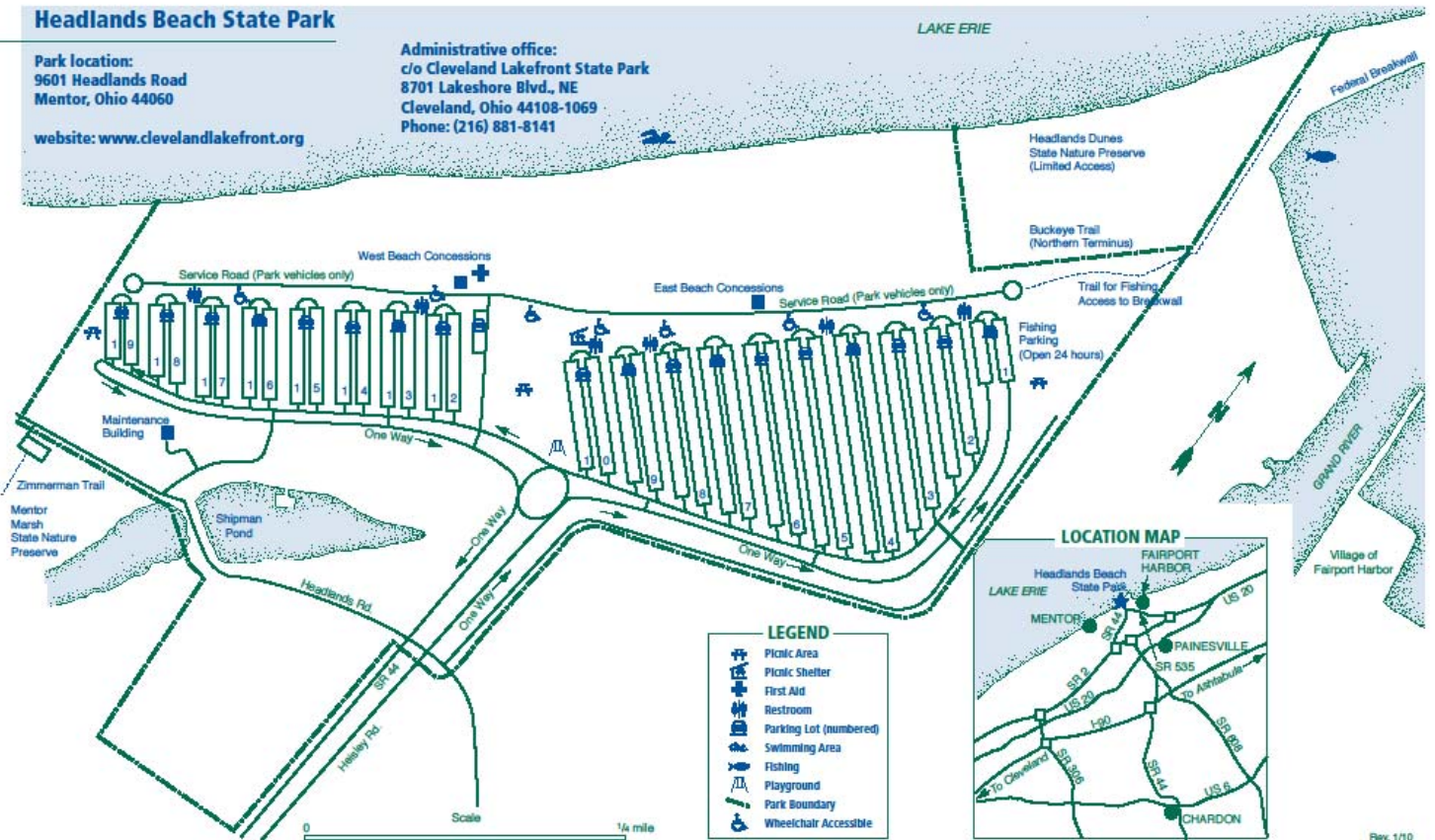
We need your help.
Please volunteer!

Headlands Beach State Park

Park location:
9601 Headlands Road
Mentor, Ohio 44060

website: www.clevelandlakefront.org

Administrative office:
c/o Cleveland Lakefront State Park
8701 Lakeshore Blvd., NE
Cleveland, Ohio 44108-1069
Phone: (216) 881-8141



Tickets on Sale Now - www.blueskyfolkfest.com

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A SEARCH FOR HARMONY

Search for Harmony at Blue Sky Folk Festival in Kirtland May 19

Play, sing, dance or just come to listen to incredible folk music at the second annual **Blue Sky Folk Festival at East Shore: A Search for Harmony**. The festival will be held rain or shine on church grounds and indoors on **Saturday, May 19, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.**

Folk musicians from all around Northeast Ohio will play original music – on stage and in open “jams” around the grounds where great musicians can connect with new musicians. There will also be master classes and open mike sessions, plus good food, vendor booths, and a playground, crafts and music-making for the kids. Go to the festival’s web site, www.blueskyfolkfest.com, to hear examples of the music to be performed and the schedule of performances and workshops. This year we have expanded to two stages!

We are grateful to Shadybrook and to the Lake County Visitors Bureau for their sponsorships of this event. This program is funded in part by a grant from the Lake County Visitors Bureau Arts and Culture Fund to further participation in, and awareness of, arts and culture in Lake County. Several outside individuals or groups have joined our ESUUC team as well, making this truly a community event.

The Blue Sky Folk Fest is an opportunity to support local musicians and share East Shore’s good vibes throughout the northeast Ohio area. **We need plenty of hands to help put this on** – see the volunteer information sheet elsewhere in the Beacon [page 6.]

This daylong, family-friendly event (children 12 and under free!) features a cornucopia of folk and acoustic music – guitars, banjos, fiddles, harmonicas, hammered dulcimers and other instruments from America and around the world, along with delightful songs and voices. We invite you to bring an instrument and join in, hang out and dream, learn to play spoons, and hear some fantastic sounds – from American folk harmonies to African instruments to Yiddish Klezmer music.

Bring a blanket or lawn chairs. Spend the day, or just a couple of hours. Volunteers who sign up beforehand for a 2-3 hour commitment get in free! Tickets are \$10 at the door, \$8 for seniors (65 and older) and free for children 12 and under. Or prepay online for \$8 at www.blueskyfolkfest.com. Don’t forget to “like” us on our Facebook page.

“We envision the Blue Sky Folk Fest as an opportunity for Northeast Ohio and surrounding area folk, traditional and bluegrass musicians to showcase their talents in open mike and jam-session formats,” says Ted Theofrastous, coordinator of the festival. “This will provide both great family entertainment for the attendees and plenty of time and place for the musicians to connect with each other. Family members can explore their abilities through jamming, listening and learning in master classes. And our community can come together and enjoy the arts in our own backyard.”

Musicians at every level are invited to attend and join the fun. We’ll have one stage for scheduled performers and the other stage will be open mike, hosted by Spoon Too Soon. Some of the performers are Hickory, Hal Walker, Dale Rodgers, the Workmen’s Circle Klezmer Orchestra, Rebecca Wohlever, and Tina Bergman & Bryan Thomas & Hu\$hmoney. See you on May 19!

For further information contact Ted Theofrastous, festival coordinator, ; Jerie Green, marketing coordinator, ; Nancy Tozer, music coordinator, ; or Lynne Killgore/Dave Michel, logistics, .

News from the Board

In response to the Interim Search Committee's request, the Board passed a motion that East Shore will follow the Transition Team model recommended by the UUA during the interim minister's time with us. The Transition Team's role is to provide the interim minister with insight into the history and membership of our church. The Team acts as the interim minister's 'brain trust'. The Committee on Ministry (COM) will be replaced by this Transition Team until the settled minister is called. The current COM will finish their term as of June 30. There will be more to come on this topic.

Our membership is presently at 213 with the addition of four members: Bernadette Dethier, Sheryll Hubbard Anspach, Ann Jacobson, and Frank Jacobson. Please be sure to welcome these newest members.

The Board had a special meeting April 9 to approve the Finance Committee's recommended salary package for the interim minister which is less than what our previous minister was paid. This information was needed for the Interim Search Committee's application to the UUA. The congregation will vote on that salary and the rest of the proposed budget at the June 3 Annual Meeting. The Board reviewed the preliminary budget for 2012-2013; it's going to be a financially tight year.

Six delegates from East Shore attended the District Assembly March 23-24 in Allegheny PA. Mark Guizlo, Lynne Killgore, Dave Michel, Justin Simons, Judy Willour, and I represented our congregation at the business meeting as well as attended workshop sessions.

We are still looking for members interested in serving as delegates to the national General Assembly June 20-24 in Phoenix AZ. Members can participate as off-site delegates or on-site delegates. Off-site delegates must register as such no later than June 8, 2012 (\$100 payment required). If you're interested in serving as a GA delegate, please contact Ruth Troup.

I joined five other East Shore folks for a shift at Great Lakes Mall's Hearts and Hands Community Day, April 14. People were drawn in by the bumper stickers we had for sale and even had questions about our church. Thanks go to Sharon Waite for organizing and getting volunteers to make East Shore's presence known to the Lake county community via this event.

Please contact any Board member with any concerns that you have in this time of transition.

Ruth Troup
Board Chair

Update from Interim Ministerial Search Committee

On January 8, 2012, East Shore's Board of Trustees voted to hire an interim parish minister for a two-year period beginning August 1, 2012. Also at that time, the board voted to form an Interim Minister Search Committee. Margie Rittenhouse, Brian Beck, Leslie Ray, and Jason McCann joined me, Cindy Simerly, on that committee, and we've met almost weekly since late February.

We spent our early meetings clarifying values, setting goals, and planning. We reflected upon the values and ideals that came out of the Fall 2011 listening and focus groups. Part of our role is to build our congregation's values, needs, and strengths into the interim search process.

As a Unitarian Universalist congregation and member of the UUA, we have the resources of the UUA at our disposal and use their Transitions Office, formerly the Settlement Office, in our search. They also serve as a coordinating point for ministers seeking an interim, settled, or consulting ministry.

This past week marked an important event in the search process in that we formally submitted our application on Thursday, April 12, 2012. This is a more detailed and in-depth application than in past years. Thank you to the search committee members for their patience and persistence with this process.

Thank you, as well, to the East Shore members who provided much-needed, last-minute information – Dan Bond, Mary Stewart-McGovern, David Simerly, Ruth Troup, Sharon Waite, and our DRE, Halcyon Domanski. Many thanks to the Opfells for compiling East Shore's 50-year history several years ago. It came in very handy.

We expect candidate names will be made available to us (by the Transitions Office of the UUA in Boston) within the next month. In the meantime, we will complete our snazzy "digital packet" of information about our congregation and surroundings that will be shared with candidates with whom we have a mutual interest. The values and ideals we hold dear to us, that we documented in the Fall 2011 focus groups, will be the cover art for our packet.

Compared to a settled minister search, which consumes nearly one year, the interim search is a relatively quick and intense one. Interviews with candidates can occur within days of receiving their names, but the process can also stretch into weeks.

Thank you for your trust in us. We are humbled and honored to represent the congregation. We are a busy committee, but please bring your questions to any of us. As we move forward in this search, we will continue to update you.

Cindy Simerly
Chair, Interim Minister Search Committee

Slate for Elected Positions

The Nominating Committee (Brian Beck, Kaaren Biggin, Rose Bouch, Jan Hurwitz, and Mary Bender, Chair) has prepared the slate for elected positions to be voted on at the Annual Meeting on June 3. The nominations are:

1. Board of Trustees:
 - Chair: Dan Waite
 - Vice Chair: Mark Guizlo
 - Treasurer: Dan Bond
 - Secretary: Rickie Beck
 - Trustee for 2 year term: Kaaren Biggin
 - Religious Ed. Council: Amy Bennett
 - Financial Secretary: Mary Stewart McGovern
 (Nora Nemec is the other Trustee, elected last year for a 2 year term. The Immediate Past Chair, Ruth Troup, will also serve on the Board.)
2. For the non-Board elected position:
 - Assistant Treasurer: Brian Beck
3. Candidates for the Nominating Committee (additional nominations may come from the floor, with 3 to be elected this year.):
 - Eric Waldman
 - Judy Willour
 - Ross Hawson

-Mary Bender, Chair of Nominating Committee 2011-12



ESUU Community Organic Garden

Come play in the dirt with us!

The Organic Garden Group invites church members with an interest in organic gardening to join us. Anyone is welcome regardless of experience or age. The garden is located on church grounds near the playground. There is no set time commitment required. Harvested food is taken home by gardeners, shared with the congregation during Sunday snack time, sold to make money to support the garden, and donated to a local community soup kitchen.

For more information or to participate, please contact Patricia Sinclair (Please use the word "GARDEN" in the Subject Line).

Toward Our Green Sanctuary



If you were unable to attend the Earth Day Service on April 22, be sure to check out the wonderful maps of our congregation's **geographic/carpool groups** that are on display in the narthex. Also, if you have not yet heard about the activities planned by your group, look for postings both at church and on the ESUUC website in the near future.

Don't forget the intergenerational **Beach Cleanup on May 5 at Mentor Headlands**. (See further details on the flyer included in this Beacon.) As one participant said, "It is a Zen experience." It is also just plain fun to be out on the beach and have a picnic lunch with the group afterwards.

Our **paper recycling** at church has been very successful by keeping paper out of landfills and raising money for the church. Please continue to put your newspaper, magazines, catalogs, office paper, junk mail, and even phone books into the **Paper Retriever** containers in the **back parking lot**.

The same company is now offering to pay for aluminum with its **Aluminum Retriever** campaign, and we are wondering **how many people use aluminum cans on a regular basis and would be willing to bring them to church for recycling**. Please sign the Aluminum Recycling List with an approximate count of cans you might bring each month if you are interested in this. **It would be possible to earn \$400 per ton.**

GREEN TIP - Just Do It!

A leaky faucet that drips every 3 seconds can waste more than 30 gallons of water a month.

Fahr Fund for Social Justice

In 1997 a special fund was endowed at East Shore by Norm and Marge Swift to honor the social justice work of Pete and Irma Fahr, humble people with a passion for helping others. Three trustees, appointed by the East Shore Board, oversee the Fund, seek donations to grow it as only the earned interest can be utilized, and disburse grants which will aid those in need of food, clothing or shelter. The East Shore Community Meal Partnership is the most recent grant recipient.

Current trustees of the Fund are Liz Madigan, Pam Leininger, and myself. My term is up June 30, Liz becomes chair, and Pam will remain as a trustee. A replacement for me will be needed. If you are interested in this position, which is very worthwhile and will not consume your life, please give me a call at or email me. The recommendation of the current Committee goes to the Board for final approval.

Thank you for your consideration. Peggy Clason, Chair

**Next FaCT Meeting May 17
at West Shore UU Church**

by Ron Prosek, Convener of *FaCT*

The next meeting of Faith Communities Together for Frack Awareness (FaCT) will be held on Thursday, May 17 at West Shore Unitarian Universalist Church from 6 – 8 p.m.

DIRECTIONS:

www.wsuuc.org/directions.php

FaCT – Faith Communities Together (for Frack Awareness) has been meeting monthly since June, 2011. More than 20 Ohio faith communities from eleven eastern Ohio counties and three in West Virginia have joined our efforts to warn faith communities in Ohio and West Virginia and their members about “fracking” (horizontal deep shale drilling with high volume, slick water hydraulic fracturing). [Check out the movie *Gasland*. Also check out the website: www.neogap.org for more information on this issue.]

Why Are Faith Communities Taking Up This Issue?

Fracking of deep shale is an environmental issue and a social justice issue. Fracking not only threatens the water, land, and air – the creation—but also many people are being manipulated, exploited, and pressured into signing drilling leases that are against their best interests and against the best interests of the communities in which they live. As Ohio Attorney General DeWine stated recently, it is “not an even playing field” for landowners vs. energy corporations seeking leases.

It is a moral imperative that faith communities must come together to spread the truth about fracking. And, energy corporations must start being honest both with landowners and with the general public in fully explaining the risks and dangers of this hazardous industrial process.

Everyone is Welcome. Our membership is composed of both lay persons and clergy. **If you would like to help us, please come to our meeting on May 17.** New participants will be most warmly welcomed. If you have any questions, please contact Ron Prosek

Are You Ready for the Annual Auction?

East Shore’s Annual Auction is **June 16**. The auction is one of our congregation’s main social events. People come for the evening ready to have fun bidding on delicious dinners and lunches, parties, outings, and other events, filling their social calendars for the next twelve months.



If you want to donate an item, the form is available in this issue of the Beacon [in fact, just on the next page!] You can also contact this year’s Auction Co-Chairs: Mary Stewart and Pat McGovern.



Urban Hope Needs Our Help

Urban Hope is an active Unitarian-Universalist presence in the Cleveland neighborhood of Ohio City. Located on Lorain Ave., this store-front UU Community conducts church services on Sunday afternoons at 5pm. This is a group of people who aim to live out the UU principles of social activism, diversity and free spiritual growth in an urban environment. They are a welcoming lay-led group that participates in the neighborhood community through programs focused on community needs.

Urban Hope is in need of the following items that will help facilitate their outreach to the greater community:

- Paper Products - napkins, toilet paper, paper towels...
- Soap - liquid hand soap, dish soap, hand sanitizer...
- Plastics - Ziploc bags, large trash bags, disposable gloves for serving food, Rubbermaid-like storage boxes with lids for food and supplies
- Coffee Products - regular ground coffee for a peculator, sugar, powdered non-dairy creamer...
- Non perishable snacks - raisins, pretzels, chips, candy, crackers, mints, Doritos, Cheerios, Chex Mix...
- Foods - peanut butter, jelly, large soup cans, cookies...

A large box is in the narthex for donations. Large-sized or bulk items are always appreciated, as are donations in the form of a check made out to “Urban Hope.” Donated items will be taken to Urban Hope later in May.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

-Sharon Waite

<http://www.uurbanhopecleveland.org/>



Hey Parents!

Sharon Waite is offering to take our kids for the evening of **June 2, 2012, from 5-8 pm**, feed them pizza/hot dogs, and tire them out in the pool. She is offering this so we can get together without the

kids and have adult fellowship/interaction time. All the parents are invited to drive the short distance from Sharon’s home to Kristine’s home, where parents may gather for a potluck on the deck and around the fire.

Please sign up on the table in the Narthex so we know how to plan for attendance. Any special diet requirements for the children should be provided by their parents to Sharon. Any special beverage needs for the adults should be brought along with a dish to share.

Please refer any questions about this event to either Sharon Waite or Kristine Bowers. Flyers with addresses & phone numbers will be on the table with the sign-up sheet. A great big Thank You to Sharon, her family, & the Membership Committee for providing this opportunity for us to get together.

Here are some ideas...

- ◆ Dinner in your home
- ◆ Ladies Night Out
- ◆ Yard work
- ◆ Cleveland Indian tickets
- ◆ Movie night
- ◆ Dessert of the month
- ◆ Orchestra tickets
- ◆ Host a candle-lit, gourmet dinner
- ◆ Pizza party
- ◆ Artwork
- ◆ Theatre tickets
- ◆ Lake County Captains tickets

**SERVICE AUCTION
June 16, 2012**

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Service to be donated: _____

Description: _____



MEADVILLE LOMBARD

THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL

Welcome Dr. Kirk



Rev. Dr. Nicole C. Kirk, the first Rev. Dr. Frank J. and Alice Schulman Professor in Unitarian Universalist History.

Dear Friends,

It gives me great pleasure to announce that the Rev. Dr. Nicole C. Kirk has been named as the first Rev. Dr. Frank J. and Alice Schulman Professor in Unitarian Universalist History at Meadville Lombard Theological School. This endowed chair is made possible through a partnership with the Unitarian Universalist Association and by generous financial support from the Rev. Dr. Frank J. and Alice Shulman.

Dr. Kirk, who will receive her Ph.D. from Princeton Theological Seminary in May, will begin her duties in Chicago in July 2012.

Dr. Kirk's scholarly credentials, along with her significant experience as a Unitarian Universalist parish minister, will allow her to make a valuable contribution in interpreting the history of our faith tradition as she prepares our students for Unitarian Universalist religious leadership.

I'll have more to tell you about her in the next issue of Checklist, but for now, please join me in extending a warm welcome to Dr. Kirk. I know she will impact Unitarian Universalism for many years to come.



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Life is filled with thresholds to be crossed and navigated, luminal experiences calling us into transformation, whether it is the birth of a child, a marriage, the loss of a job, the death of a loved one... These changes are wake-up calls, and at times, unwelcome visitors. They are not caused by some unscrupulous God, or divine purpose - they simply are a part of life. Hardship, death, hurt, anxiety... - the list is endless - are equal partners with happiness, joy, rebirth, and peace. Embracing them as they come, not giving up, not denying, not lashing out but embracing and bowing, gives us opportunity to transform. What we must do in the face of change is tend to it, seek out the thresholds and cross, find 'betwixt and between' and have the courage to stay there, where the certainty we thought we knew and had is gone, and yet the possibilities, the potential, transformation is there.

Here, in betwixt and between, we begin to change our relationship with our grief, sadness, heartbreak, radical change; just as thresholds of joy invite us to revitalize our vision, transform our understanding - such as the birth of a child or grandchild. These thresholds often open our eyes to see that there is far more to life than originally preconceived. The sense of what is important is altered. An opportunity arises for transformation - a new self-surfacing out of the old.

~Rev. Dr. Nicole C. Kirk
(from a sermon given at East Shore)

SHADYBROOK PROGRAMS

Pioneering the New Field of Psycho-Energetics, presented by Jan West
Tuesday, May 8, 2012, 7:00 pm - East Shore Unitarian Universalist Church
 Admission: \$10. **Pre-registration is not necessary.**

Learn how to open gateways to expansive, energetic, dimensions and to communicate with the ever-present wisdom of the collective unconscious. Learn to work with and become aware of energy grids, and the telepathic information systems that govern us and our lives at an unconscious level. Awaken to the super powers that lay dormant within you. "I encourage us all to embrace our personal power, creative and individual gifts, boldly and proudly. Trust your journey.

Step often and silently into the center of your Sacred Circle.

It is there that you will find your Truth." ~ Jan West

About the Presenter: *Jan West uses art to explore Mystery and to expand her audience's perceptions of reality. Her untouched photographs of Orbs and Energy Fields show that we are all interconnected, energetic beings of light. Jan and her family live in Cleveland, Ohio and Abiquiu, New Mexico.*

Special Event! "Awakening the Dreamer, Changing the Dream" Symposium

Facilitated by Peg Downing, Mary Beth Gray & Cathy Calamia

Saturday, June 9, 1:00 - 5:30 pm - East Shore Unitarian Universalist Church
 \$15 fee includes all materials. **Register online at www.shadybrook.org**

The "Awakening the Dreamer" Symposium is a profound inquiry into a bold vision: to bring forth an environmentally sustainable, spiritually fulfilling, and socially just human presence on Earth. Through a dynamic and interactive multimedia experience with time for personal reflection, you will gain fresh insight into our world, meet like-minded individuals, find hope and inspiration, and leave knowing how *you* can help create a new future. (Thank you to the East Shore member who suggested Shadybrook host this event!)

For more information, call 216-556-5683 or send an email to beth@shadybrook.org



Summer Institute 2012: Reboot Your Theology: Exploring UU Connections **REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN [ONLINE](#)**

You are cordially invited to join 600 or so Unitarian Universalists at the **Ohio-Meadville District's Summer Institute, July 8-14, 2012 at Kenyon College, Gambier, OH.** To learn more about Summer Institute and its programs, please visit the OMD Summer Institute website at www.omdsi.org. [Online registration](#) is now open. Register by June 1 and the \$75 registration fee is waived. To learn more about the registration procedures, scholarship applications and more, review the brochure which you can download as a [pdf file](#) or visit the [OMDSI Registration site](#). We do encourage you to read through the entire brochure before registering and learn about SI and all its components including co-op dorms, youth housing, evening activities and volunteer work positions.

Scholarships are available for individuals to attend SI 2012. First time individuals attending SI are given first priority. Application forms and a note from your minister or board president are necessary to be considered as a scholarship candidate. Time is limited for this process. For Scholarship application: Email John Marshall at jmarshall@oberlin.net. **Completed application with minister/president support letter must be post-marked by May 31, 2012. THIS IS A FIRM DEADLINE.**

OMD District Office - Email: office@ohiomeadville.org - Phone: 740-252-5980 - PO Box 157, St. Clairsville, OH 43950

This is a historic moment. Be part of the story.

General Assembly 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 General Assembly grounded in our faith, energized for justice, and with resources to bring this work home to our congregations.



How To Reach The Care Committee

The Care Committee is available to our members through difficult times and during illness or accidents by helping to provide meal preparation, transportation, or even babysitting.

The Committee has distributed the names of our congregation amongst the three of us:
Keli Keyes, Nancy Kotowski, and
Debbie Jackson-Kusner.

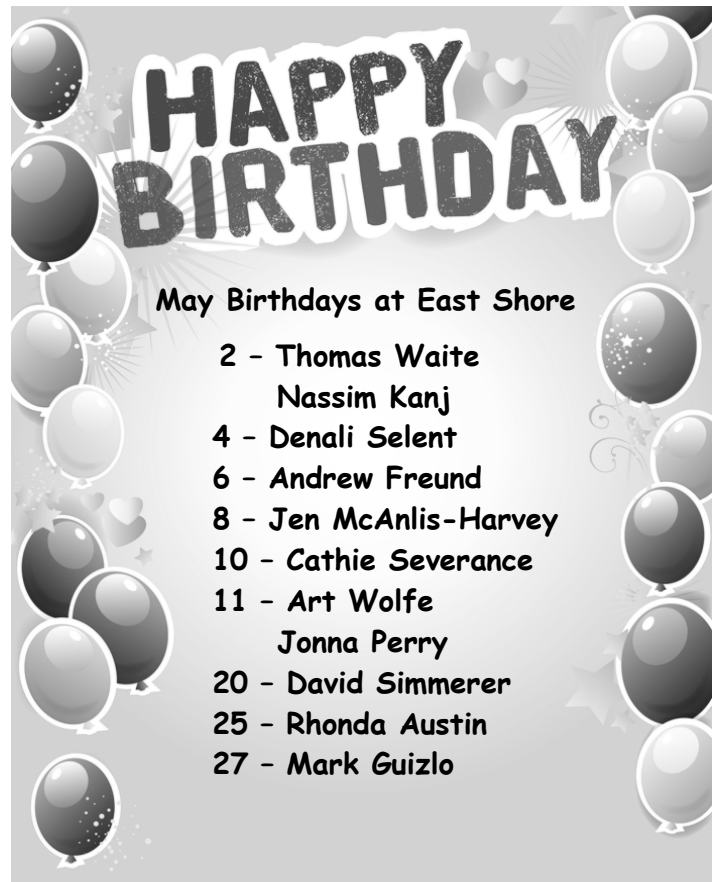
—Debbie will take the first part of the alphabet from Don and Georgie (Adamsons) to John (Gardner.)

—Keli starts with Wayne (Garner) through George and Linda (Pelow and Lekson.)

—Nancy covers Harriet (Percynski) to Judy (Zaczkowski.)

Feel free to contact any of us if you are concerned about the well-being of a member within our little community.

Keli Keyes
Debbie Jackson-Kusner
Nancy Kotowski



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Thursday, April 26	RE Spirit in Practice	7:00 pm
Wednesday, May 2	7th UU Principle Small Group	1:30 pm
Thursday, May 3	Red Tent Book Club	7:00 pm
	RE Spirit in Practice	7:00 pm
Saturday, May 5	Mentor Headlands Beach Clean-Up	11:00 am
Sunday, May 6	FOOD SUNDAY	
	Board Meeting	6:00 pm
Wednesday, May 9	Choir Rehearsal	7:15 pm
Thursday, May 10	RE Spirit in Practice	7:00 pm
Saturday, May 12	Deeper Questions Small Group	11:30 am
Sunday, May 13	Choir Rehearsal	9:15 am
Monday, May 14	Men's Group	7:00 pm
Wednesday, May 16	Choir Rehearsal	7:15 pm
Thursday, May 17	Red Tent Book Club	7:00 pm
	RE Spirit in Practice	7:00 pm
Friday, May 18	Blue Sky Festival Set-Up	
	WOW Small Group	10:30 am
Saturday, May 19	Blue Sky Folk Music Festival	11 am—7 pm
Sunday, May 20	Choir Rehearsal	9:15 am
Thursday, May 24	RE Spirit in Practice	7:00 pm
Saturday, May 26	Rain date for Beach Clean-Up	

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