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April Schedule

April 7

Joel Baehr

Topic TBA

Social Justice Committee meeting 11:15
in RE Room

Flowers by Beth Phillips

April 14

Board Meeting 8AM in RE Room

Courtney Miller

The Power of Stories

Flowers by Vanessa Houghtlin

April 21

Service TBA

Social Justice Committee meeting 11:15
in RE Room

Flowers by Stanley Ingison

April 28

Service TBA

Game Day following service

Flowers by Richard and Joan Kelly

RE Teachers needed! If you are interested in working with our young people, please let Gail know. Extra hands are needed! Thank you!

Coffee Hour Funding

Hello Friends! We have upgraded our coffee making efforts at AUUC. We are using a Bunn Automatic Coffee maker which produces a superior pot of coffee. However, we are facing a few issues. Years ago, AUUC made a commitment to buy only Fair Trade coffee. When we were meeting only twice a month and making a much weaker coffee, this was not an issue. But now that we are meeting more often and using more coffee at the service, we are spending a lot more. We face a few decisions. Should we put a collection can out for donations on Sunday morning next to the coffee to help defray the cost? Should we do a fundraiser to pay for the coffee? Should we do away with the coffee and only have tea? Should we go with non-fair trade coffee? If any of you are wondering "why fair trade?" Here is a link to explore. I am looking for feedback from the congregation. Thanks for any input!
Gail

<http://drinks.seriousseats.com/2012/05/what-is-fair-trade-coffee-why-you-should-buy-fair-trade-certified.html>

"Holes in Our Souls?" It is the contention of some Christian devotees that we are born with holes in our souls that only belief in Jesus can truly fill. It may come as no surprise to you that I do not agree about the nature of that hole. My April sermon will explore those holes (if they exist.)
Dave Weissbard

Our Library

We have an extensive library upstairs...it's languishing away and waiting for borrowers to pay it some attention. It's open before and after services every Sunday. However, if there is a talented carpenter out there who would like to build a bookcase that could also be its own storage unit, we can bring the books downstairs and open it up at coffee hour. So, if you have a table saw and access to hardware, and would like to make such an item, let Ann know and she'll give you more particulars. Thanks in advance.

JunquePama News!

It's almost here! The annual Junquearama!! Can you believe that it's our ninth??

I hope you're saving and organizing your junque...Remember, we have loads of clothes hangers upstairs for your clothing. Also, we need lots of help setting up the day before (May 2 4-6pm): organizing, setting up tables, pricing, etc. It's so much easier the day of if everything is ready for the early-birds!

Of course, we also need help the day of the sale; please sign up for a shift. Let me know now if you prefer a particular time.

Elaine Holmlund, Chair

Writing the Mind Alive

*a weekend workshop in
deep thinking and writing*

Learn how to connect with
your thoughts in a simple, yet profound way.

April 12, 13, 14 in a lovely and historic setting
For more information, call Ann Mullen @ 891-
5735 or write to:

annmullen.prowriting@yahoo.com

All are welcome

No "creative writing" experience necessary.
Scholarships available.

Concert Sponsored by the Ecumenical Council

There will be a concert on May 5th at 7:00 p.m. at Will Rogers, sponsored by the Ecumenical Council. See the EC news in this issue of the Communitarian for the details.

UU At a Click

The Kandahar Crossing UU Fellowship, on the huge Kandahar Airfield military base—a city of some 25,000 people—is led by the Rev. Chris Antal and supported by Chaplain's Assistant Anthony "Tony" Taylor. They arrived in Afghanistan in September. In addition to their responsibilities in ministering to an Army National Guard unit from New York State, they quickly established a weekly UU worship service—the first and only one in Afghanistan. To read more, click here:

http://www.uuworld.org/news/articles/284043.shtml?utm_source=f.

*"The inequalities suffered by the many are
in no way justified by the rise of a few"*

—James Baldwin

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed!

If you would like to help with coffee hour, please let Gail or Laura Reid know. Here are the instructions:

Please provide 3 types of finger foods (a few suggestions: cookies, muffins, coffee cake, sandwiches cut in quarters, cheese & crackers, veggies & dip, fruit, deviled eggs, pretzels, popcorn, etc.) There are plenty of platters at church. Store bought is fine!! Please don't feel any pressure to bring a gourmet spread

There is lemonade at church to mix up in a pitcher for children.

Please bring half and half for the coffee (a pint size is sufficient).

Please arrive early on Sunday morning. The door should be open by 9:30.

Plug in the Bunn Coffee maker, it takes about 10 minutes to heat up. Follow the directions on the machine to make 3 full pots of coffee. They should go into the large carafes.

Set up the hot water urn. It's stored in the lower cabinet across from the sink. Fill to 20 cups and plug in.

Set up the snack table and put out the coffee mugs, coffee carafes, sugar, creamer, and teabags on the table near the door.

Tablecloths, napkins, platters, teabags, sugar, etc. can be found in the cupboards. In an effort to be as green as we can be and have a "leave no trace" coffee hour, please use the china plates in the cupboards.

Bring the Hot Water Urn out to the table near the door at the end of the service as the congregation sings "Ours is a Simple Faith"

When coffee hour winds down, you will find that there are folks in the kitchen helping with clean up. This is the natural order of things at AUUC! Folks are always willing to help! Please leave the kitchen as you found it: counters wiped down, coffee urns put away, etc. There are plastic bags and wrap for leftover food in a drawer or in a cupboard.

President's Letter

Dear friends,

The Ministerial Search Committee met for the first time two Sundays ago and a whirlwind of activity resulted. I'm excited about it! Phyllis Magnus and Jean Chamberlain volunteered to co-chair the committee.

I'm also excited about the upcoming joint conference between the Ohio-Meadville and St. Lawrence UUA districts, which will take place at the end of April. If you're interested in attending, visit the St. Lawrence website (www.sld.uua.org) for more information. I'll report on what happened there in the May (or June) Communitarian.

I'd also like to announce that the Board has agreed that the Communitarian may accept ads. The procedure is that the Board must approve the ad first. The cost is \$20.

As I write this, Karen and I are in Florida. I hate to even mention it, knowing that our pet sitter is blowing snow from our driveway as I do. But, it's great to feel the warm weather (and also to be wearing shorts)!

Lastly, a very sincere thank you goes out to Gail Brill for agreeing to design the logo for the Ecumenical Council. Two logos have been circulating for comments among the members of the Council and they're both terrific. Thank you so much, Gail!

All the best,

Ann

GREAT-AUNT JOSIE'S DEVILED EGGS

A couple weeks ago Glenn Arnold provided some delicious deviled eggs for coffee hour. They became an instant hit, and now you can have a copy of the recipe to make your own at home!

12 X-large eggs hard boiled and peeled
1/2 cup mayonnaise
3 tablespoons coarse ground mustard
Paprika, regular or smoked

1. Slice eggs lengthwise, and remove yolks. Yolks are placed in mixing bowl.
2. Beat yolks with mayo and mustard. Add more mustard to taste.
3. Return yolk mix to whites with spoon (or pastry bag) How much to put in each egg white is a learning experience.
4. Extra mixture can be divided among eggs already filled; extra whites may be eaten at once.
5. Sprinkle eggs with paprika, use a shaker if available.

News From Your Caring Team

Upcoming Events:

3/29/13: **Easter Sunday Potluck** following our service at noon. Come and join your AUUC friends for delectable pot luck dishes and an early afternoon of joyful times together. Pick up your phone and call Susan Arnold at 891-3744 to let us know you'll be coming.

4/28/13: **Game Day** with snacks following our service at 11. Games are provided and kids are very welcome. We play for about an hour – it's a great way to get to know the folks who sit in front or back of you during our Sunday service.

Gail Brill is joining our committee, and you all know she IS a fun and caring person. Our team has been busy sending cards, visiting our AUUC community members, keeping in touch on a weekly basis with those unable to attend and even holding a Girls Night Out for our mothers with children. Let us know if you have ideas for getting together or if someone you know and love might get a lift from having some special attention. We're all here for you.

Henri Trapp is improving every day in Arizona and will return before we know it. Elaine Holmlund has sprained her ankle and will be so happy to be active again. Carolyn Alexander has kept up a cheery outlook and is at last seeing some improvement with her back issues. Thirza Ecker is in great spirits and looks forward to celebrating her 90th birthday on March 26. Terry and Sue Grimm Hanley celebrated their first anniversary on March 23 – Congratulations!

Thank you for your thoughtful support of all we do.

Ecumenical Council Update

The Ecumenical Council of Saranac Lake met at St. Bernard's on March 4th. The following are some highlights from that meeting.

- Homeless Shelter: a committee is working on determining the requirements for a successful funding application to be used to purchase and rehabilitate an appropriate

building. A lot of groundwork is required before any application will be ready for submission.

- Benefit concert for food pantries: The February 23rd benefit concert for four area food pantries was a huge success, raising at least \$3,500. The funds will go to food pantries in Saranac Lake, Vermontville, Brighton and Duane.
- The Council is sponsoring two wonderful events. The first is the showing of the film, "The Children's March," which is a documentary about the children of Birmingham, Alabama and their march for civil rights. This will be shown on March 18th at 7:00 p.m. at the Saranac Lake Library. The second is a concert by Kim and Reggie Harris, whose music combines a strong folk and gospel legacy with a solid background in classical, rock, jazz and pop music. They have played with performers such as [Pete Seeger](#), Ysaye Barnwell, Jay Leno, [Tom Paxton](#), Bernice Johnson Reagon, Harry Belafonte. The concert is on May 6th at 7:00 p.m. at Will Rogers.
- We're always looking for volunteers to help with our work. Contact us at slecumenical@gmail.com

Also, thank you to our own Gail Brill for volunteering to design the EC's logo!

Mission Statement of the Ecumenical Council: "The Ecumenical Council of Saranac Lake, Inc., is a faith-based organization whose values are based on respect, compassion and support for all persons in need. We are committed to issues of social justice and the awareness of the needs of others. Our focus is primarily upon providing shelter, food and guidance regarding social programs and job placement for those people in need of these services, with the goals of self-sufficiency and a stable physical and social life. We plan and promote ecumenical and inter-faith worship opportunities, as well as encourage school age children to develop interest in our values."

Meeting at Night by Robert Browning

The gray sea and the long black land;
And the yellow half-moon large and low:
And the startled little waves that leap
In fiery ringlets from their sleep,
As I gain the cove with pushing prow,
And quench its speed i' the slushy sand.

Then a mile of warm sea-scented beach;
Three fields to cross till a farm appears;
A tap at the pane, the quick sharp scratch
And blue spurt of a lighted match,
And a voice less loud, through joys and fears,
Than the two hearts beating each to each!

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- The inherent worth and dignity of every person.*
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations.*
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations.*
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning.*
- The right of conscience and the use of democratic process within our congregations and in society at large.*
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all.*
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.*



From the "Church of the open mind, loving heart, and helping hand" to

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