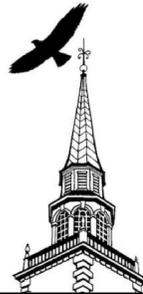


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NOTES FROM OUR MINISTER

REV. JOSEPH M CHERRY

Dear Members and Friends,

It was in a whaling museum in New Bedford, Massachusetts, that I first realized something about myself. In any museum, in any home if there is one, I will stare, entranced at needlework samplers made by young girls in the 19th century. Here I was in this museum that had a pair of whale mandibles that one could walk through, and I spent most of my time and attention on a sampler made by Sarah in 1841.

I studied Sarah's work and could see how her needlework improved as she moved along the alphabet. How the animals she created with thread became more sophisticated in time, how her design became more complex as she grew. I wanted to know more of Sarah's story, only being able to see a small portion of her tale, not even her last name.

In her work you could see the honing of her skills as she paid attention to this piece of cloth made valuable only by time-decades, more than a century of time-passing to turn a small scrap of simple cotton into an artifact worthy of a museum.

And Sarah's Sampler would be easy to miss in a museum about the whaling industry, where so many of the things are big. The whale bones, the anchors, the images of ships, samples of whale bone corsets and whale oil lamps... And off in a corner, in a short story about life in the town of New Bedford when whaling was their industry is little Sarah's work.

Needlework used to be an important skill for young girls to learn, as it helped them in expected lives as wives and mothers. Not merely a hobby, needlework allowed a woman to create and repurpose clothes, which aided the household economy. Sarah's attention to detail would serve her, and her family, for her entire life.

My own noticing Sarah's Sampler taught me a valuable lesson, too. We need to look beyond the large, flashy things in the museum (a metaphor for life in case that wasn't clear) into the stories of the people who are there, too. Because I had the mindset to see the small, discolored fabric in its frame, and the curiosity to explore what was behind the glass, I learned several life lessons that I carry with me today. →

NOTES FROM OUR MINISTER (cont'd)

REV. JOSEPH M CHERRY

The easiest of them to report is this: a skill takes time and practice to master.

One must not only read a book about needlework; one must actually work the needle. We have to put thread into the needle, we have to begin somewhere, knowing that our first efforts are not likely to produce a masterpiece.

And we must be willing and able to go along the entire alphabet, knowing that as we move from A to Z we will improve, and we must make peace with the knowledge that our A will not be as skillfully executed as our Z.

Rev. Joe



WEDNESDAY LUNCH BUNCH

EVERY WEDNESDAY FROM
NOON TO 2:00 PM,
STARTING NOVEMBER 6TH.

Join Rev. Joe for a Wednesday afternoon lunch break!

Bring a sack lunch and enjoy a documentary film and discussion with your friends at UUC

We meet in Room 108 of the Shaker Heights Building
(21600 Shaker Blvd.)



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST
CONGREGATION OF CLEVELAND

MUSICAL HAPPENINGS . . .

MIKE CARNEY, MUSIC DIRECTOR

Musical Happenings...

We've had some amazing music at UUCC this church year so far! Some of our recent musical highlights have included:

Our **YoUUth Choir** thrilling us all with their musical talent and energy during the Blessing of the Animals Service on Sunday, October 6th, especially with an amazing version of "The Lion Sleeps Tonight", accompanied by the **UU Ukcs Covenant Group!**

UUCC Music Director **Mike Carney** treating us to some Gershwin and Beethoven from the piano last month, along with a very cool version of "Autumn Leaves" with help from church members **Aaron Burkle** (percussion) and **Paul Ernsberger** (bass).

The **Chancel Choir** and **YoUUth Choir** joining forces to bring us Mark Miller's inspirational "Child of God".

UUCC Pianist **Karin Tooley's** always-amazing touch at the keyboard, where she brought us everything last month from The Beatles and Pink Floyd to jazz and folk favorites.

Listening to the **Chancel Choir** making beautiful music on October 20th with

"Over the Rainbow" and "The Road Home".

The Women's Ensemble singing their gorgeous versions of "Sakura" and "One Voice" in our October 27th service.

Coming attractions...

The Chancel Choir and **YoUUth Choir** will be collaborating again during our November 3rd service on "You Will Be Found" (from *Dear Evan Hansen*). The two choirs will be joined by **Aaron Burkle** on percussion as well – don't miss this special treat!

UUCC Pianist **Karin Tooley** will featured in our services on November 10th and November 24th.

The Chancel Choir will be singing in our November 3rd and November 17th services this month, and **The YoUUth Choir** will sing on November 3rd and November 24th.

We'll have a special **Pickup Multigenerational Choir** as part of our service music on Sunday, November 17th. No experience or rehearsal is necessary, it will just be a chance for everyone who wants to make some music together to add their voice to the song!

East Shore UU's 40th Annual Fine Arts Show & Sale · November 9th & 10th

In its 40th year, the show presents select works from established regional artists for viewing and purchase.

More than 65 artists fill the church with their work in oils, acrylics, watercolors, textiles, ceramics, pottery, wood, jewelry, and more

Saturday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm AND Sunday noon - 4:00 pm

East Shore UU -- 10848 Chillicothe Rd in Kirtland

WON'T YOU BE MY NEIGHBOR

DR. ALLAN GEORGIA, DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

For years, one of the most rewarding and fascinating of our young persons' curriculum in YRE was the chance to visit the churches, synagogues, temples and other worship centers of different faith traditions as part of the "Neighboring Faiths" course. This course offered our YRE classes a chance to explore and immerse themselves by confronting faith traditions that were not their own, and yet which our youth could draw on and hope to understand in an integral way.

More recently, it has been very difficult to make this kind of thing work. Our youth are pulled in about 1,000 different directions on any given day of the week, and now that includes Sundays. So, how do we become a thoughtful and reflective community that prioritizes getting to know the neighbors we have in NE Ohio who represent different religious traditions?

We are going to try and answer that question by developing a new kind of religious education program here at UUC. The goal is to offer a chance to learn about and then visit a neighboring congregation/church/temple/center of worship and then reflect on what we have learned in visiting this new place. To do this, we will be scheduling (sometime in November) a chance to do just that, beginning with the Islamic

Center of Cleveland on the west side. The plan will be to have an information and orientation session before the trip. We will then, as a group, go to the Islamic Center for a tour/observation. Then we will have a chance to meet afterwards as a group to discuss what we learned, convey our feelings and our impressions and process what the Islamic faith can teach us.



The plan, of course, is that we will keep doing this. And the group to do this will, hopefully, be of all ages. It should include some youth, some families, some older adults, (along with the occasional wayward DRE.) And as we learn together, we grow together into a community that knows its neighbors, treasures the differences and particularities of those around us, and learns from the wisdom of ages past even as they resonate in our present.

More to come as we get this planned but keep your eyes out for more information soon!

Someone who loves a neighbor allows him to be as he is, as he was, and as he will be.

Michel Quoist

RACIAL JUSTICE LEADERSHIP TEAM

BELOVED CONVERSATIONS IS COMING TO UCC IN JANUARY!

Beloved Conversations is coming to UCC in January!

The Racial Justice Leadership Team selected the curriculum, developed by the Meadville/Lombard's Fahs Institute, as the next step for our new congregation to explore the role of race/ethnicity in individual and congregational lives. (The Society offered it a number of years ago and the curriculum has evolved since.) The program will start with a Friday evening and Saturday workshop on January 24-25 led by Dr. Jenice View, a member of All Souls Church in Washington, DC and an assistant professor in the Graduate School of Education at George Mason University. The workshop will be followed by eight weekly two-hour sessions of guided experiential exercises in small groups of 10-12. Participants must attend the opening retreat plus the following eight sessions that will be facilitated by a two-person UCC facilitation team. Opportunities to register will be forthcoming, with priority given to congregational leaders.

The teaching and learning materials are based on the best practices of multicultural and arts-infused education, using a variety of teaching strategies that promote learning across style, demographics, preferences, and dispositions. Each session poses evocative questions that help learners reconcile their experiences with race/

ethnicity in their lives alongside the larger cultural systems that shape their perspective. The final three sessions of the curriculum lead participants in re-tuning their heads and hearts for the ongoing challenge of being accountable, responsive, and resilient learners in multicultural contexts.

Beloved Conversations recognizes how centuries of racially informed social, emotional, and spiritual practices wound every person, no matter their racial and/or ethnic identity. Nested in the healing and deep work of faith formation, the curriculum calls each participant to reckon with how both their personal and group experiences matter and, when less-than-desirable outcomes are named, how to live and act in a spirit of reconciliation that brings growth and spiritual healing.

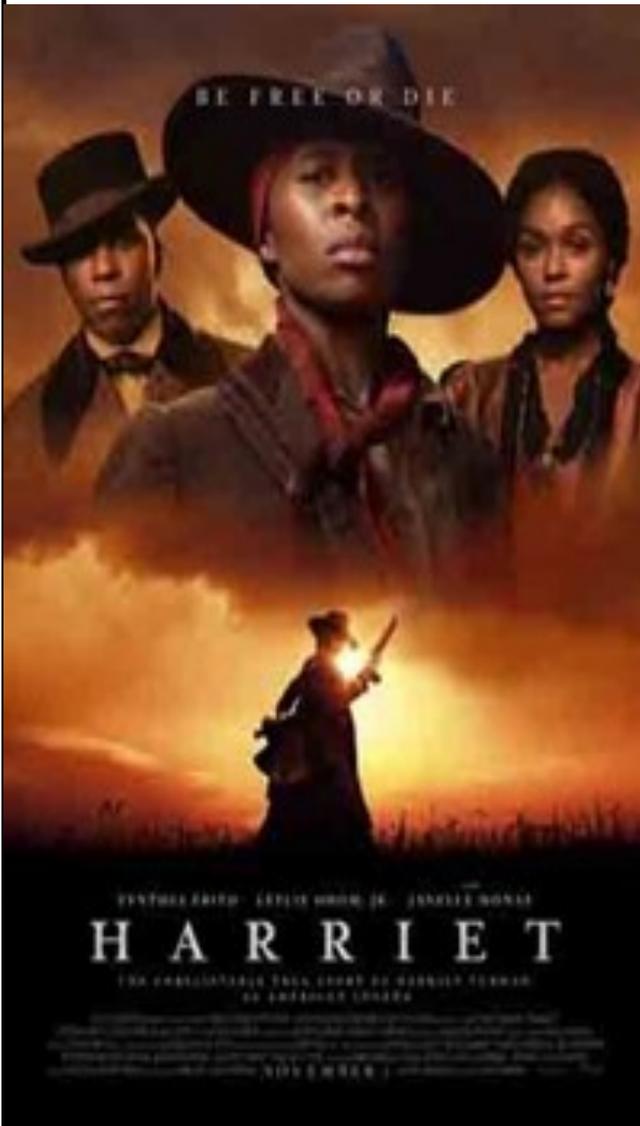
In purchasing the curriculum, UCC is making a significant investment to participate in this deep work. This round of Beloved Conversations will be followed by additional rounds in future years with the intention that eventually most of the congregation will have participated. The Racial Justice Leadership Team hopes that the understandings and the relationships developed through this process will help us create a congregation that embodies racial justice and beloved community.

SUPPORT MEALS ON WHEELS SNOW BAG PROJECT

It's time for Meals on Wheel's Snow Bag food drive again! Donations of pre-packaged, single-serving foods like soups, cookies and crackers, pudding and jello cups, tuna pouches, fruit cups, herbal teas and a lot more (including cash) are VERY welcome to help our seniors get through on days when the weather is too bad for deliveries.

UUCC Racial Justice Leadership Team

presents



SHOWING AT:

Cedar-Lee Theater

Saturday, Nov. 9, 2019

1:00 p.m.

DISCUSSION AFTER AT:

Boss Dog Brewing Co.

2179 Lee Road

Cleveland Heights

Based on the thrilling and inspirational life of an iconic American freedom fighter, *Harriet* tells the extraordinary tale of Harriet Tubman's escape from

slavery and transformation into one of America's greatest heroes. Her courage, ingenuity, and tenacity freed hundreds of people who were brutally enslaved and changed the course of history.

UUCC at the Movies

Harriet

Join us on November 9th at 1:00 pm when we head to Cedar Lee Theatre to watch *Harriet*, about the life of Harriet Tubman. Tickets can be purchased at the box office for \$7.50. After the movie, we'll head to Boss Dog Brewpub next door for discussion and fellowship.

RACIAL JUSTICE LEADERSHIP TEAM

PAT DILLARD

REPARATION MEANS “REPAIR THE HARM”: ONE WAY TO START . . .

Do we want to go about our lives unconsciously unaware of the consequences, or do we want to live according to our UU principles? Do we want to stand for economic justice for those whose wealth and labor were stolen 400 years ago? Whites have benefited from slavery, failed Reconstruction, Jim Crow, mass incarceration, and our own government policies and practices favoring whites over blacks.

Systemic racism has enriched whites at the expense of blacks.

We who live today are not responsible for past injustices, but we are responsible for our own moment in time.

How can we begin to dismantle a complex system that has been functioning for 400 years? African Americans continue to experience socioeconomic disadvantages today. We know that one of every three black children in the U.S. lives in poverty today.

Living in poverty affects a person’s ability to obtain food, find decent housing, attend good schools, obtain medical care, live in a peaceful neighborhood, and pursue educational opportunities. Simply put, people in poverty need more money.

Racism informs many of our decisions in ways we do not recognize, including where we spend our time and money.

One way to impact the cascading problems of

poverty is through reinforcing the black economy. A lack of capital, experience, and education has prevented many blacks from starting their own businesses, and thus building wealth.

In the Cleveland area, there are several organizations dedicated to providing advisory assistance, education and funding to black businesses. Maybe you have the expertise to work with these organizations. Maybe you can influence the dismantling of systemic barriers in our governments and institutions.

Not a businessperson? How about becoming a customer? All businesses need customers - you could support black-owned businesses by patronizing them. Talk with your friends and neighbors, your businesses and employers, your neighborhood organizations, your congregation, the UUA.

There is a poster board in Fellowship Hall listing a few organizations that provide assistance to black businesses, and the names of some black businesses we can support. This is only a start - please add other businesses so we can benefit from your knowledge.

There are multiple paths to help right the wrongs of racism; economic development is just one. Each of us will choose our own way, but we all eat and shop. We can be intentional in using our privilege and our purchasing power for good.

This may not be the most important action we can take to promote racial equity, but it will be important to those we support. →

RACIAL JUSTICE LEADERSHIP TEAM (cont'd)

PAT DILLARD

For more information:

www.ulcleveland.org (Entrepreneurship Center)

www.clevelandnaacp.org (Get Involved,
Economic Development Committee)

www.crainescleveland.com/Section/Minority
(Cuyahoga County Business Directory lists
147 minority businesses)

www.photos.clevescene.com/23-black-owned-cleveland-restaurants



**SLAVE ECONOMY
INCOME INEQUALITY
REPARATIONS**

THE ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COMMITTEE PRESENTS:

COLOMBIA TODAY

**THE STATE OF HUMAN AND LABOR RIGHTS AMID
GROWING VIOLENCE**

**MONDAY NOVEMBER 4
7:00 PM TO 8:30 PM**

**Unitarian Universalist Congregation of
Cleveland (The Conference Room)
21600 Shaker Blvd. 44120**

SPEAKER: MARK WEBER

**MARK WEBER HAS TRAVELLED TO COLOMBIA ON SIX HUMAN RIGHTS
DELEGATIONS UNDER THE AUSPICES OF
WITNESS FOR PEACE/SOLIDARITY COLLECTIVE.**

**QUESTIONS? CONTACT MARK WEBER AT
440-519-0220**

laboraction2000@gmail.com

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

WHAT EVERY MEMBER SHOULD KNOW ABOUT RUNNING UCC

How Does That Work? What Every Member Should Know About Running UCC

Friday, Nov. 8 in Fellowship Hall

Pizza served at 6; Presentation at 6:30

Repeat performance

Sunday, Nov 10 in Conference Room (215)

Presentation at 12:30; lunch provided

Please RSVP to leadership.development@uucleveland.org so we can plan for food.

Child care can be arranged if you let us know ahead of time.

No doubt you have noticed that our congregation runs on people power. Our staff is very small (but mighty!) and all of our programs rely on time and effort contributed by members of the congregation. For many of us, the work we do here is deeply satisfying. It draws us more deeply into the heart of this community and offers unique opportunities for spiritual growth.

At the **How Does That Work?** workshops, we will discuss how things get done. We'll have a brief overview of our organization and describe

how different aspects of the mission are achieved. We will describe different paths to involvement. Some people want to dip a toe in and see what it's like, others have a specific target for their passion and want to dive into the deep end right away. We know that some people want to be "involved" without being "in charge". That's fair, and we can help you with that! The opportunities are quite varied, from kitchen work to ushering to welcoming newcomers, and new opportunities appear all the time, as our energetic members embrace new ideas.

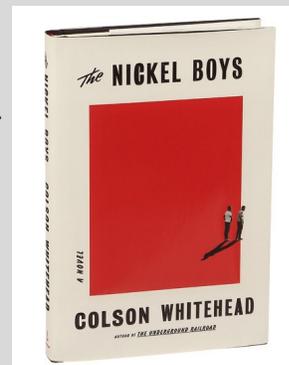
There will be plenty of time for questions. If you attend, we promise not to pressure you, but don't be surprised if you go home thinking that getting involved in "the work" of the congregation sounds appealing, because we all love what we do. Please feel free to come just to listen, learn, and break bread with us. All are welcome.

Kim Littel (Chair)
 Mike Arrington (Vice Chair)
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 Eileen McCully
 Carol Gay (Board Liaison)
 Erika Brown (Board Liaison)

Tuesday Readers December Read at Lancashire

Nickel Boys

Colson Whitehead, winner of a Pulitzer Prize, the National Book Award, the Anisfield-Wolf, a MacArthur grant, and much more, has written a horror story loosely based on a real situation. At Florida's Dozier School for Boys, a reform school that operated until 2011, dozens of boys died, or were abused and beaten. The school is still being investigated. In the fictional Nickel Academy, modeled on Dozier, Whitehead creates a school where, as the book's protagonist says, "All the violent offenders were on staff." Though harrowing, this book sheds new light on racial terrorism in this country, illuminating how far we still have to go to achieve social justice. Join us for a book discussion at the building on **Lancashire at 7 p.m. on December 10th.**



UPCOMING EVENTS

1st SATURDAY KNITTERS, CROCHETERS AND OTHER HAND WORK

Saturday, November 2nd at 10 a.m.—12 Noon · Library

If you like hand work, want to learn; if you enjoy knitting, or other hand work with others, Please join us on **Saturday 11-2 in the Library 10:00 to 12 noon** at the UUCC Shaker Heights location. We are an interest group. We meet monthly, on the first Saturday. Come when you can and enjoy the creativity and the fellowship. If you want to learn, bring some needles or a hook and some yarn. Don't have a project, consider making a comfort shawl for Helping Hands. **All are Welcome!** Bring a friend, they don't need to be a UUCC member. Questions: Debbie Wright: Cell: 715-308-4739: wrightdebbie@hotmail.com.

COMMUNITY FORUM

Sunday, November 3rd at 9:30 —10:45 a.m. · Fellowship Hall

**Brain Health, Dementia,
and Functional Medicine Answers**

Over 8 million Americans have dementia, including Alzheimers. Family and friends provide an estimated 18 billion dollars worth of care annually to family members. The Functional medicine approach offers an individualized ReCode method for Alzheimers that can potentially prevent or reverse it. The guest speaker is Dorothy Sprecher, MD, and Director, NEO Institute of Functional Medicine. All are welcome. Join us for coffee and conversation.

SUNDAY BOOK GROUP

November 10th at 7—9 p.m. · Fellowship Hall

Join the Sunday Book Group on November 10 when we discuss *The Swerve: How the World Became Modern* by Stephen Greenblatt. Winner of the 2012 Pulitzer Prize for General Non-Fiction and 2011 National Book Award for Nonfiction. Greenblatt tells the story of how Poggio Bracciolini, a 15th-century papal emissary and obsessive book hunter, discovered a copy of Roman poet Lucretius' work, "On the Nature of Things," which had been lost to history for more than a thousand years. . . .the recovery of the ancient text helped cause the world to swerve in a new direction. Questions? Contact Brian Larson at BLarson44@hotmail.com or 216-371-8163.

CLEVELAND CONTEMPORARY ART: PUSHING THE BOUNDARIED

Sunday, November 17th at 9:30—10:45 a.m. · Fellowship Hall

Contemporary Visual art is a form of communication that transcends cultures and often facilitates social change. With installations of new subjects 3 times a year, the Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA) is now free to everyone. What's next as MOCA re-imagines its future?

Jill Snyder, Executive Director, MOCA Cleveland.



GCC! Come Celebrate Our Criminal Justice Win!

WHAT: A Celebration of a GCC Criminal Justice Win

WHERE: St. Mark's Presbyterian Church, 22111 Chagrin Blvd, Beachwood

WHEN: Monday, November 4, 7-8:30PM

Since 2012, one of our primary goals has been reducing incarceration, particularly of people of color. We cut the problem into an issue and acted on it:

- Through research we discovered that the existing Drug Courts in Cuyahoga County were 85-90% white.
- At two actions we told the Courts and the County Prosecutor's Office that this was unacceptable. We asked them to create a new Drug Court with different criteria that would not exclude people of color.
- To increase the pressure, we visited the existing Drug Courts. What we saw confirmed our research -- the Drug Courts were almost exclusively white.
- We met again and told the Courts and Prosecutor's Office that we were going to keep pushing until they acted.

Judge Russo and Prosecutor O'Malley have acted. They will be coming to this internal action to announce the creation of a third Drug Court, one with different criteria that will particularly focus on the inclusion of individuals who have had prior felonies. Judge Brendan Sheehan, the recently elected Cuyahoga County Court Administrative and Presiding Judge who will take over in January 2020, will also be at the action.

COME CELEBRATE THIS WIN! COME HEAR ABOUT FUTURE GCC CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACTIVITY!

FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS!



On June 17, 2015, a White Supremacist opened fire during bible study at Mother Emanuel Church in Charleston, SC. killing 9 people. Rev. Risher's mother, two cousins, and a lifelong friend were among the dead. Trained as a trauma chaplain, Rev. Risher became a national spokesperson for gun violence prevention. She has appeared on CBS Morning News, CNN, MSNBC and in several national print publications.

Saturday, Nov. 16, 2019
Forest Hill Church
3031 Monticello Blvd.,
Cleveland Hts., OH 44118

Doors open at 11 am. Program
begins at 11:30 am.

WORSHIP SERVICE · SUNDAY · 11:00 AM

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Daylight Savings Time Ends this weekend

Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour
on Saturday night!



UCC DEADLINES

Articles for The Hawk: Deadline for December is Nov. 20th.

Order of Service/Announcements:

Wednesday a.m. before the Sunday Service