

# THE HAWK



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## NOTES FROM OUR MINISTER

Dear Members & Friends,

"Every woman is beautiful," wrote Sophia Loren in an essay on beauty. She continued to say "If you look at my face, really look at it, you will see that my eyes are too far apart, my nose too large and my lips too heavy and mouth too wide, but someone decided I was beautiful. I am beautiful not because someone else declared it, but because beauty is an innate part of every woman, she need only find it within herself."

A favorite story of Sophia Loren is this: Once on a red carpet a reporter shouted out to Sophia "To what do you credit your great beauty?" And she replied with a dramatic swoop of her arm, right hand thrust into the heavens above her and said, "All this I owe to spaghetti!" Sophia Loren wrote of a beauty that is both common place and extraordinary, if we but only see it.

Since Sophia burst onto the world scene in the mid-1950's, happily the limits and standards of beauty have been liberated. We now understand a much wider array of what beauty is, our larger picture now includes all skin tones, all hair textures and increasingly all ages. Even gender identity is becoming less of a barrier to what is acceptable as "beauty." But Sophia's challenge remains the same, one "need only find it within."

Finding the value in ourselves can be a difficult challenge for us. When there is so much in the world, in our nation and city that needs to be addressed, to stop and contemplate that which is beautiful may feel frivolous and a waste of time, but I tell you it is neither of those things. Taking some time to find the valuable in every day is the kind of spiritual practice that can sustain you in difficult times.

If we are unable to find ways to sustain ourselves in long struggles, we will wear out, and in these times, we cannot wear out.

Nature is often an easy and effective way to find beauty in the common. Wildflowers and water are plentiful here in Northern Ohio. Avail yourselves of them. One good way to do this is to join us in our, what is becoming an annual tradition, of Church in the Park on June 9th at Shaker Lake. There we will be having service, Flower Communion and potluck all rolled into one, joyous occasion. Please join us and consider bringing a friend (or two.)

Rev. Joe

# NOTES FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Members & Friends,

Thank you to everyone who attended our inaugural Congregational Meeting on Sunday, May 19 after Services. We had presentations from Rev. Joe Cherry and Treasurer Shane Millette. We had votes on three items:

- Amending the Code of Regulations (Article III, Section 6) with the motion “Approve the change to the Code of Regulations to reduce the period of time for posting the names of nominees to the Leadership Development Committee from 30 days to 15 days (in line with other items to be voted on at the annual meeting). The motion passed with one vote opposed.
- The initial Leadership Development Committee was formed to replace the Nominating Committee formed from the inherited First and Society Nominating Committees with the motion “Approve the nominees to the Leadership Development Committee: Michael Arrington, Carol Gibson, Kim Littell, Eileen McCully.” The motion passed with one vote opposed.
- The 2019-20 Budget was put forth with the motion “Approve the 2019-20 Budget as proposed.” The motion passed with one vote opposed.

I thanked the members of the Negotiating Committee and the Board Members of Society and First who did not join the UUCU Board of Trustees for their roles in helping us get to our reunified state:

## The Negotiating Team

Dawn Arrington  
 Bev Austin  
 Rev. Joe Cherry  
 Amy Glesius  
 Peggy Lagodny  
 Tom McKenna  
 Walt Nicholes  
 Meg Pauken  
 Tadd Pinkston  
 Mary Schatzman  
 Mark Weber  
 Facilitators: David Kantor and Melissa Vandergriff

## Historical Board Members

### First U

Meg Pauken (Past President)  
 Bill Morgan  
 Matt Smith  
 Don Stimpert  
 Heather Torok

### Society

Sarah Bishop  
 Barbie Jones  
 Kathy Weise

My remarks to the congregation are included below. There is a link at the end to the animation I created about our “Leadership Challenges.”

In our first three and a half months as a Board we have accomplished a lot. On the day after Reunification was official, we met for the first time and elected officers. I am grateful to Steve Doell, our Vice President; Shane Millette, our Treasurer; and Tadd Pinkston, our Secretary for stepping up and helping to lead this new congregation. I’d like to thank Tom McKenna

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## NOTES FROM OUR PRESIDENT (cont'd)

and Mary Schatzman who are serving as Past Presidents. They represent the Board, along with Shane, on the Leadership Council. I would also like to gratefully acknowledge our Board members for all of their contributions: Erika Brown, Carol Gay, Bob Horan, Wayne Jennings, Nancy King Smith, Susan Paterson, Jennifer Pierce, Melissa Vandergriff.

I'd like to invite the members of the Board to join me in reading our Board Covenant:

We are mindful of our duty to our fellow congregants, who have placed their trust in us to act as faithful stewards of the Congregation. Mindful of the trust they have placed in us, we will always strive to make decisions based on the needs of our fellow congregants, our community, and the long-term interests of the Congregation.

We must always use this position of trust and responsibility as a unique opportunity to serve our Congregation, and to put its principles of love, tolerance, and social justice into action.

Let's presume good faith. Let's give everyone a chance to talk. Let's get it done.

We had enormous tasks facing us, some of which were mandated by our Reunification documents and others were the result of timing and practicality. Because we dissolved the 2 previously existing boards, all of the policies and procedures officially went away. We were required to combine the two pre-existing Nominating Committees into one and then figure out how to recruit members by April 19 for a new Leadership Development Committee

that would take its place. We were required to, by May 1, set up Facilities and Strategic Planning committees. The Finance and Investment Committees had to gain access to, understand, and close old accounts and open new accounts all while making sure the lights stayed on and everyone got paid. And on top of that we needed to plan and run a stewardship campaign.

And we did it.

We accomplished all of this by pulling together and delegating. I am grateful to the entire Board for stepping up to the challenges we faced to figure out how to be together and also how to contribute in small teams.

Along the way we had Potlucks and Breakfasts, placed glass pebbles into a vessel of concern, rang a bell, bridged our Coming of Agers, and celebrated Senior Sunday.

I have been asked to get your approval of a logo for UUC. Because this is not official congregation business, this is not a vote, but more a sense of support for this choice.



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[The logo was supported]

This is not to say that everything is perfect.

In 1965, Bruce Tuckman defined four stages of group development: Forming, Storming, Norming, and Performing. We are still in the Forming stage, with some occasional forays into Storming.

Recently some of us have been grappling with the subject of language, specifically the use of the words “we” or “us” used to refer to the historical organizations previously known as “Society” or “First U.” I have taken to using the rather clunky phrase “the historical organization previously known as” so that I would intentionally avoid saying “we” or “us.” I acknowledge the artifice. The truth is, with the exception of our newest members who are truly “we,” the rest of us are all aware of the tribal lines.

Those of us who formerly belonged to Society may find the surroundings uncomfortable but the service itself familiar. Those of us who formerly belonged to First may find the surroundings familiar but the service itself uncomfortable. Our social structure is still a work in progress. Where do you sit, with whom do you sit? To what groups do you belong? We--as in all of us--will continue to come to terms with our new identity. Please remember to continue to assume good intent and be kind.

As we went through this process, some people made the point that real reunification would take 3-5 years to really create a new entity. It's only been 3.5 months.

As we head into the 2019-20 Congregation Year, here are the things that top my list:

1. Continually looking at how we get stuff done. We need to get policies and procedures in place so that we know how to do things and so it doesn't feel like we are constantly having to figure things out.
2. We need to be mindful of communications so that as many of you as possible know what is going on. We have the order of service, announcements, eblast, newsletter and website and yet we know that not everyone feels informed. We will be looking for ways to improve communications and let you know where to find information.
3. We need to give everyone ways to provide feedback about how everything is going. We have heard from many of you about your concerns. At a recent workshop we talked about the importance of “feedback loops,” ways that those voices are welcomed, acknowledged, and the information that is gathered is acted upon.
4. There are five areas of planning for the future that the Board needs to work with:
  - a. Stewardship
  - b. Ministry
  - c. Strategic Planning
  - d. Facilities Planning
  - e. Leadership Development

On the subject of the Facilities and Strategic Plans: these committees have 6-12 months to do research, consider options, talk with each other, and make recommendations. They will be letting the Board know how their work is going and the Board will give you progress reports. No one should be asking about a completed report from

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either committee until November at the very earliest. And remember, the committees have until May 1, 2020 to complete their work. So, if you hear in September 2019 that the decision has been made to sell both buildings and open a hippie commune and brewery, remember, it's fake news.

I'd like to close my report on the subject of Leadership Development. In April I wrote an

essay on the subject as part of work with the Leadership Development Working Group to help launch our new Leadership Development Committee, whose members you will be voting on today. I've turned that essay into a 3-minute video ([click here](#)).

Cat White

## COMING OF AGE SERVICE & SENIOR SUNDAY



Congratulations to the 2019 Coming of Age Class!

Alex Hall, Jenna Bradbourne, Graham Torok and Milo McDonald!

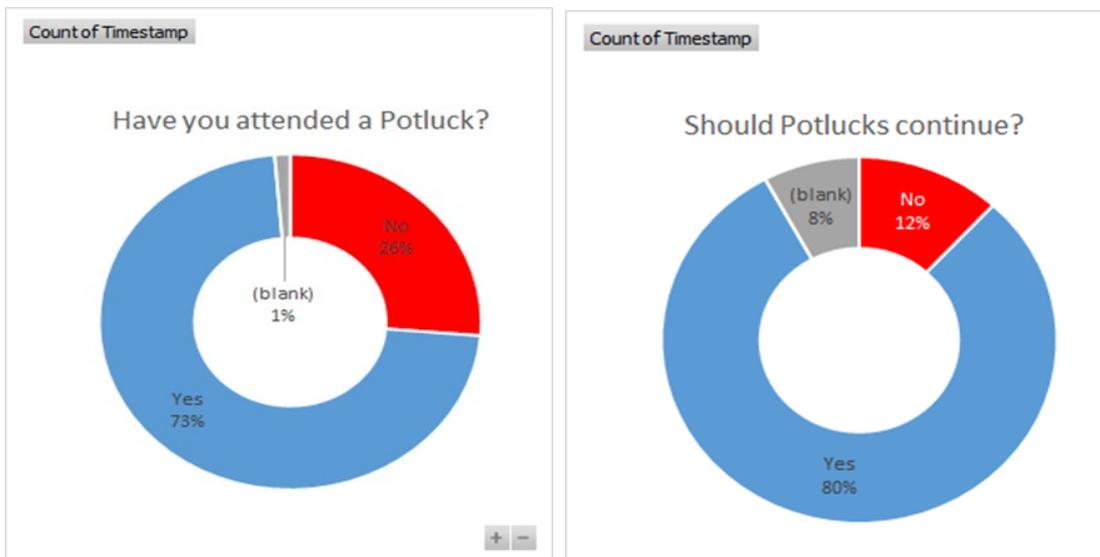
High School students watching the Senior Sunday service.



Senior Sunday included a special Time for All Ages with advice from our graduating Seniors; Will Barret IV, Sylvie Crowell, Magda Ellis, Luke Manning, Ben Segall, and Grace Yoo!

# POTLUCK PLANS

Thanks to the 76 people who participated in the Potluck Survey! Here are some results:



In addition, a third of the people who took the survey indicated that they would be willing to help out once during the year with a potluck. Plus a number of people expressed interest in serving on an Events committee we are forming.

Because the Potlucks have support, they will continue during the 2019-20 congregation year. In order to help them go more smoothly, here are some ideas for their future:

- Potluck dates will be scheduled so that there is some space between them and the Congregation Breakfast (dates to be determined).
- Some Potlucks may be used for congregational meetings, such as the RE Town Hall in May.
- Groups who want to meet with the congregation during the potluck will be asked to help recruit volunteers for setup and cleanup for that potluck (the volunteers do not all have to be from the group but we're asking the group to do the organizing).
- A "Potluck Handbook" is being created to make it possible for more people to help out. It will contain a diagram of the room setup, photos of Fellowship Hall ready for a potluck, a list of tasks that need to be done and other important information.
- All Potluck supplies are stored in a cabinet in Fellowship Hall near the kitchen door.
- Two new congregation committees are being formed: Events and Hospitality. The Events committee will help schedule and provide help organizing events (not staffing events!). The Hospitality committee will work on creating a more inclusive and inviting environment. Please contact Erin Justice if you are interested in either committee.

Cat White

# MUSICAL HAPPENINGS . . .

MIKE CARNEY, MUSIC DIRECTOR

## Musical Happenings...

There's always something exciting happening with music at UUCU – some of our recent musical highlights have included:

- Our fantastic **Pete Seeger** tribute concert on Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, led by special guest **Jim Scott** along with **Aaron Burkle**, **Mike Carney** and the **UUCU Chancel Choir**.
- The woodwind trio from **Blue Water Chamber Orchestra** (**Linda White**, flute; **David Snyder**, clarinet, and **Phillip Austin**, bassoon) who provided wonderful music for our morning service on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>.
- **Karin Tooley**'s sensitive and moving performance of Beethoven's "Für Elise" in our service on May 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Our **Women's Ensemble** and guest oboist **Amanda Dubose** performing Joan Szymko's "Always Coming Home" in the May 19<sup>th</sup> service.

- Also on May 19<sup>th</sup>, **The Chancel Choir** finishing their church year on a high note with Ysaye Barnwell's "Wanting Memories" and Mozart's "Alleluia".
- Beautiful chamber music of Mozart and Brahms on Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> from **Beth Woodside and Friends**, a string quartet consisting of members of **The Cleveland Orchestra**.
- Lifting our voices together on old and new favorites alike during our fun and memorable **Hymn Sing** service on May 26<sup>th</sup>.

## Coming attractions...

Our outdoor service at Horseshoe Lake Park on Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> will include a chance for young and not-quite-as-young alike to join together in song. We'll have featured music that morning from a Multigen Pickup Choir – no rehearsals needed, just come up to sing when we get to that place in the service. Come make some music with your fellow UUs in the park on June 9<sup>th</sup>!



# “YOU’VE GOTTA SHOW UP!”

DR. ALLAN GEORGIA, DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

Dear Members and Friends,

Sunday a few weeks ago was “Senior Sunday.” This is always a fun day of the year, because it is a chance for Seniors to take ownership of their time at the church, to express their gratitude and share what they learned while they were here, as well as a time for them to show where they are headed after their time with us. It’s also a time for the congregation to express their well-wishes, and to literally help them bridge into the adult world that they are entering as graduating seniors.

And yet, this year, we had an honest, prophetic moment in our congregation’s celebration of Senior Sunday—a moment when someone speaks clearly and truthfully in a way that is totally genuine and completely authentic. It was our very own William Barrett IV, speaking during the Time for All Ages, the purpose of which was for the seniors to share with the other youth lessons that they had learned about the church while growing up. And yet, prophetically, at the conclusion, Will spoke out to the congregation as a whole, and not just to the youth in front of him, and said the most important lesson was this: you’ve gotta show up. You have to be there. You have to attend things and participate in programs and events. You have to jump in with both feet and really invest yourself if the church is going to be that community of help and support and love and formation that it is when it is the best version of itself.

Needless to say, I was floored. Because I didn’t tell him to say ANY of that, even though that is probably the exact message I wish was shared weekly, to youth and adults alike. Because it is a

hard message to communicate to people who struggle with calendars and appointments and jobs and LIFE. But Will said it so clearly and so plainly that it was hard not to see just how simple the logic was: if you want to have a community of people, the thing you have to do is be there.

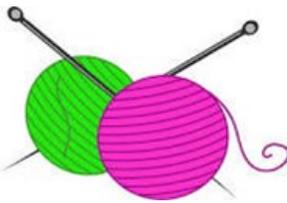
Even as I write about it now, I’m still floored. And it tracks with Will’s experience—he has always been a show-er-up. And the UUCC is likewise founded by people who consistently show up, both when they can and also when they need to. But I think this is a virtue that we have to keep re-inscribing in ourselves, because it is the thing that is most important to the vibrancy and the belovedness that makes the UUCC what it is.

I’m taking these words to heart myself as I think about what it means to serve here in this congregation and to work with the wonderful people who help in the full range of RE programs. If I can show up for you in some way, please let me know. And if our programs and course offerings can show up for you, let me know about that too.

*Magic*  
happens  
when you  
show  
up

# UUCC NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

**June 1, 2019—1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Knitters, Crocheters and Other Hand Work:** If you like hand work, want to learn; if you enjoy knitting, or other hand work with others, Please join us on **Saturday 6/1 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 church member. Questions: Debbie Wright C 715-308-4739, wrightdebbie@hotmail.com.



**June 3, 2019—Just for Fun - Drum Circle!** No experience necessary! There will be extra drums for all (or bring your own). Relieve stress with hand drumming; enjoy the meditative quality of the vibrations. We will meet Monday, June 3rd at 7:15 p.m. in Fellowship hall. Questions? Contact Laurene Smith laurene@earthlink.net or Felisa Anthony felisatalk@yahoo.com / 440-247-2956.



**June 7, 2019—Memorial Service for Philip Opp:** There will be a memorial reception for former Unitarian Society of Cleveland friend Philip Opp at Judson Park Mansion on June 7th from 2 to 5 p.m. Phillip died February 2nd at the age of 87.

**June 9, 2019—Offsite Worship & All-Church Picnic:** Following the success of last summer's Worship in the Park, we're returning to Horseshoe Lake for our 11:00 am service on Sunday, June 9th! Just like last year, we'll have an informal potluck picnic with grilled entrees provided by the church. Bring a salad, side or dessert to share!



## SUMMER BUILDING OPERATION HOURS

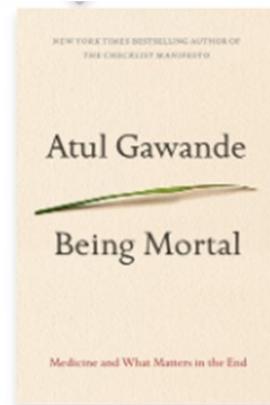
### EFFECTIVE JUNE 9th

the church will be open during the following hours:

Sunday	9 AM - 2:30 PM
Monday and Wednesday	9 AM - 9:00 PM
Tuesday and Thursday	9 AM - 6:00 PM
Friday	Noon to 6:00 PM
Saturday	Closed

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**June 9, 2019 — Sunday Book Group:** Join the Sunday Book Group on June 9th, 7-8:45 PM, in Fellowship Hall when we discuss *Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End* by Atul Gawande. The author, a practicing surgeon, addresses medicine's ultimate limitation, arguing that quality of life is the desired goal for patients and families. He tackles the hardest challenge of his profession: how medicine can not only improve life but also the process of its ending. He argues that in dealing with the inevitable condition of aging and death, the goals of medicine seem too frequently to run counter to the interest of the human spirit. Nursing homes, preoccupied with safety, pin patients into railed beds and wheelchairs. Hospitals isolate the dying, checking for vital signs long after the goals of cure have become moot. Doctors, committed to extending life, continue to carry out devastating procedures that in the end extends suffering. Gawande offers examples of freer, more socially fulfilling models for assisting the infirm and dependent elderly, exploring the varieties of hospice care to demonstrate that a person's last weeks or months may be rich and dignified. For further information, contact Brian Larson at BLarson44@hotmail.com or 216-371-8163.



**June 14-16, 2019 — UUCC Women's Retreat:** This is a weekend getaway (aka The Punderson Weekend) open to women of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Cleveland. It is scheduled for June 14-16, and is located in the Lancashire building, at 2728 Lancashire (aka UU Society). Hence, the name change. Sleeping will be air mattresses and sleeping bags on the floor or coming and going from your own home. Eating will be partly together at the church, and partly out on Coventry. So, while the fee is only \$10, if you want to eat out, bring your own money. Evening activities will mostly be group time: conversation, both guided and spontaneous, accompanied by munchies, wine, etc. Morning and afternoon activities will be various, but there are plans for crafts, meditation, yoga and/or tai chi, walks at Lakeview Cemetery, Forest Hill Park, the Gibson Permaculture Yard, or the art museum. Brochures with registration forms will be available at Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall. Or see Kate Greenfield, Jackie Stimpert, Joanne Billiar, Mary Schatzman, or Mary Deitzen.



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We have no creed or code, but instead abide by seven principles that call us to affirm and promote the inherent worth and dignity of every person; justice, equity, and compassion; spiritual growth; a free and responsible search for meaning; the democratic process; peace, liberty, and justice for all; and respect for the web of all life.

## UUC NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SUGGEST AN OFFERING RECIPIENT

UUC is committed to a culture of generosity toward the community beyond our walls. We are pleased to support a diverse array of causes that are in alignment with our values. If you know of a cause or organization that you would like us to support with our offertory collection, please let us know! Fill out the Share-The-Plate Nomination form and place it in the box, currently located in Fellowship Hall.

We need some basic information to research the nominees, as well as their address so we know where to send the donation. The Worship Team is responsible for making selections that honor our values and further our mission. Rev. Joe makes the final determination.

You can submit as many recipient nominations as you wish. Please limit nominations to a specific recipient to twice annually.

Questions? Contact Rev. Joe Cherry (revjoe.cherry@uucleveland.org) or a member of the Worship Team.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Dear Members & Friends,

I wanted to pass this on to the congregation as a wonderful volunteer opportunity. Julie and I have served on an open table for the past year for a youth who has aged out of foster care. The open table concept, which is nationwide, creates a support group for disadvantaged people to help them in their quest for success and prevent them from falling into a lifetime of poverty. Our particular table focuses on helping a young adult who has aged out of foster care. Each of the participants brings to the table their unique qualities and talents along with a desire to be a part of a nurturing "family" relationship. In the end our group is creating loving relationships and supporting our young adult to make responsible choices. I would be happy to give you further information. You can click the links below and attend the informational meeting on June 6th.

Dennis Grossman and Julie Short

### HELP YOUTH IN NEED – VOLUNTEER WITH COMMUNITY OF HOPE!

**Information Night at the YWCA**

**4019 Prospect Avenue**

**June 6<sup>th</sup> at 6-7 p.m.**

Register at COH Eventbrite Registration or [www.hopeCLE.org/events](http://www.hopeCLE.org/events).

We welcome all but are especially looking for men (or couples) and we are looking for more diversity for our youth who are 91% African American.

**Learn more here in [Freshwater Cleveland](#)**

A Place at the Table: How the Open Table Model is Opening Doors for CLE's Foster Care Youth

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### WORSHIP ASSOCIATE PROGRAM

We are now accepting applications for the worship associate program for the term beginning in August. Are you passionate about the importance of meaningful worship as a central part of the UUCC experience? Are you looking for ways to deepen your experience and understanding of being a Unitarian Universalist? Are you looking for a consistent and painless way to add a regular spiritual practice into your life? Perhaps you already enjoy public speaking or wish to gain confidence in this area. A description of the role of the worship associate, as well as the application, are available in print, and will be distributed electronically with the weekly update for the next few weeks. To apply, please complete either a hard copy or electronic version of the application and turn it into the minister by June 16th. Hard copies of the Worship Associate job description and application can be picked up (and returned!) from the green folder near the mailboxes in the second floor elevator alcove. A description of the program is on the next page and you can follow this link to the [online application](#). →

### FLOWER DEDICATIONS

If you would like to dedicate flowers or bring an arrangement from home to add to our Sunday Service, please sign up on the clipboard to the left of the name tag board when you come or go from church. There are dates up through July available.

If you would like that arrangement to be a formal arrangement from Orban's Florist please contact Julie Short at 216- 409-0240 or email [abbey216@aol.com](mailto:abbey216@aol.com) with "chancel flowers" in the subject memo and she can give you more information on pricing.



Acknowledgements for the Order of Service for the flowers should be emailed to [shirley.nelson@uucleveland.org](mailto:shirley.nelson@uucleveland.org) by Tuesday the week prior.

## SUMMER INSTITUTE · JULY 7-13, 2019

You can also [download the description here](#) link to the [online application](#).



*You are invited to join us for a week of multigenerational fun and inspiration*

[download the application](#) and follow this [application](#).

**With Keynote Speaker  
Dr. Ysaye Barnwell**



**July 7-13, 2019, Oberlin College, Oberlin, OH**

**Details at [www.cersiuu.org](http://www.cersiuu.org)**

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## WORSHIP ASSOCIATE PROGRAM JOB DESCRIPTION

### Overview

Worship Associates have an important role in planning and carrying out weekly UUCC worship services. They help to write elements of the worship service including opening words, words for the chalice lightings, offertory introductions, meditations, personal reflections, stories, and messages/homilies. During services they are often asked to contribute or read any of these elements of a service. They also assist with suggestions for readings for sermon topics. Worship associates communicate with service leaders including the minister and music director. When appropriate, they compile orders of service, coordinate with musicians, and communicate with the office regarding service information. On designated weeks, they will participate in the logistics and set-up of Sunday morning services such as putting water in J & C bowl, replenishing and lighting candles, refilling chalice oil, etc.

### Qualifications

- Work well with others, be a team-player
- Commitment to shared ministry
- Effective communication skills
- Desire for personal and spiritual growth through UUCC worship services
- Conflict resolution skills
- Ability to give and receive constructive feedback

### Expectations, Commitment and Responsibilities

- Serve as Worship Associate during 8-12 worship services through the year. This includes collaborating with the minister or guest speaker in planning the service, helping with set-up, and leading portions of that week's services.
- Work with other worship team members in the planning of Worship Associate led services interspersed throughout the year
- Attend and participate in a ½ -day Worship Associate Training in the Fall
- Participate in 1-2 additional Worship Retreats during the program year
- Attend Worship Associate meetings, and special worship planning services (as needed).
- Attend the majority of Sunday services throughout the year

### Time Commitment

Worship Associates spend an estimated 5-10 hours per month on the above activities. They are asked to commit to a 2-year term. The Worship Associate may apply for one additional term, and then it is necessary to take a 1-year break before reapplying for another term.

### Application Process

Candidates complete a Worship Associate Application which is reviewed by the Minister and the Commissioned Lay Ministers. Candidates will be notified of their acceptance into the Worship Associate Program. The term will begin in August, unless otherwise agreed upon.

## THANK YOU EVERYONE . . . . FROM IMPACT!

The IMPACT Youth Enrichment Program would like to say THANK YOU for all your support to our program. We have accomplished a lot this year, and we couldn't have done it without all the volunteers, donors, and friends of the program. From dropping off snacks to our donation box, to the generous basket collection, to volunteers sharing their talents with our IMPACT youth, THANK YOU! This year, we had (42) SMS students enrolled in the program, with 20 of them actively participating throughout the entire year. The students' last day was May 16<sup>th</sup> and we concluded our semester with many exciting activities. Some of the highlights of the year were our three family engagement evening sessions where students planned and hosted a dinner for family and friends of the program. They also visited CSU and the Rock Hall in February, read to Mercer ES students in April, and had multiple guest speakers come visit including the Shaker Police Department, a domestic violence educator and survivor, the MAC Scholars director, chefs, and various art teachers. Some students participated in a weekend Teen Youth Summit held in Warrensville Heights, discussing healthy teen habits. The students also collaborated with the high school MyCom Youth Council and participated in a Q and A session about available opportunities post IMPACT at the high school level. We are very proud of all their hard work this year and we hope to continue our success next school year! Thank you again!



# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

## What's Going On in RE in June

As school years and church years begin to wind down, we have some very special events happening. We hope you can join us!

June 2 All Church Worship AND Gardenfest/Freecycle  
June 9 All Church Worship in the Park at Horseshoe Lake

## OWL Training Dates Have Been Announced!

The OWL program is gearing up for the coming year, and we need teachers! And now, the UUA has announced dates for training. So, this Summer, training will take place at Church of the South Hills in Pittsburgh, 8/9/19 -- 8/11/19 . [You can find more details about the training here.](#)

If you are interested in become one of our OWL teachers and are willing and able to complete this training, please reach out to me as soon as possible. There are a number of moving pieces to arrange, but the OWL curriculum is one of the most valuable things offered for our young people. We'd love it if you took part!

## All-Congregation Religious Education Survey

We had a wonderful opportunity to talk about the Religious Education programs this past Sunday during the RE Townhall. I was so pleased to speak to so many of you and hear what has been valuable about your experience of RE as well as what kinds of programs you might like to see going forward.

As I mentioned during the townhall, we want to formalize some of this feedback by inviting [absolutely everyone who is interested to fill out this survey on the religious education program here at UUCC](#). Your insights and responses will be invaluable as we plan for the coming year and the years that will follow. I look forward to hearing what you have to say!

Erin Justice at [erin.justice@uucleveland.org](mailto:erin.justice@uucleveland.org) / Dr. Allan Georgia at [allan.georgia@uucleveland.org](mailto:allan.georgia@uucleveland.org)

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We have no creed or code, but instead abide by seven principles that call us to affirm and promote the inherent worth and dignity of every person; justice, equity, and compassion; spiritual growth; a free and responsible search for meaning; the democratic process; peace, liberty, and justice for all; and respect for the web of all life.

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME. EVERYONE BELONGS.**

**CHILD FRIENDLY SPACE** we love having our youngest members present for services! We also understand that sometimes parents prefer to worship alone. Childcare is available during service for toddlers up to age five. We also have a quiet room (Room 109) that parents are welcome to use where you can hear the service.

**REQUESTING PASTORAL CARE** Please let us know if you or someone you know would benefit from a Pastoral visit or call. The Lay Pastoral Care Team can be contacted at: [1stuulaypastoralcare@gmail.com](mailto:1stuulaypastoralcare@gmail.com)

## WORSHIP SERVICE · SUNDAY · 11:00 AM

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### GardenFest & Freecycle

June 2nd

#### Save the Date! GardenFest and Freecycle is Sunday, June 2nd.

**This year, we'll have a Perennial Swap**, organized by Eileen McCully: *As you're sorting out your yard, please keep us in mind. Just put your extra plants in any sort of container and bring them to Garden Fest on June 2. If you have started seeds and have any extra seedlings, those are very popular as well. In the past, some of the most common plants (daylily, shasta daisy) have gone unclaimed, so you might not want to bother with those. If you have great stuff to share, but you need help with the digging, give me a call (Eileen 216 765-8129).*

**Other Activities include our Annual Freecycle!** Bring something, take something -- one person's trash just might be your treasure. And the best part is, it's all FREE! Please pre-register for a table by contacting Heather Torok at hetorok@yahoo.com

**You can also participate in or watch a hands-on workshop** for constructing a raised garden bed just in time to start a vegetable or flower plot. For just \$60, you can make a fine-looking cedar box that will last for many years.

[For a short list of supplies and other details, click here.](#)

## UUC DEADLINES

Articles for The Hawk: Deadline for July is June 20, 2019

Order of Service/Announcements:

Wednesday a.m. before the Sunday Service