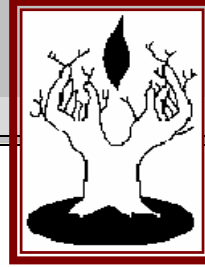


UUMAC Daily Muckraker

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Friday, July 27, 2007

Today
7:00-Breakfast

8:30-Morning
Worship

8:45-Children's
Program

9:15-Theme
Talk

10:30-
Adult/Youth
Workshops

12:00
Lunch

1:00-Annual
Meeting

2:00-Off-campus
Activities

4:30-Choir

5:30-Dinner

7:00-Bridging

7:30-Showcase

9:00-Children's
Chapel

9:00-Night Owls
Begins

10:00-Vespers
& Drumming

Why be a UUMAC Board Member?

By Pam Mann and Louise Cobbs

- 1) Learn more about how UUMAC happens
- 2) Help UUMAC thrive
- 3) Participate in decisions that matter
- 4) Work with a great bunch of people
- 5) Visit other UUMACers throughout the year

Reframing our public dialogue—cool slogans for hot topics

Instead of “English only spoken here” how about
--“English is not a Native American language”

“No one can tell you who you are going to fall in
love with”

“One nation, under God” how about
--“I pledge allegiance to the peoples of the world
and their many beliefs, with liberty and justice for
all”

Rather than “kill the terrorists” how about
--“nurture the peacemakers”

Not “Illegal Immigrant” but
--“Economic Refugee”

Illegal Immigrants Advocate for Socially
Responsible Corporations

Value our troops, ensure value of the cause

Regarding separation of church and state, how
about “Be Your Prayer in School”

I pledge allegiance © relative viewpoint

I pledge allegiance to the people of this country
and of all the world and to the republic which
lends a hand, one planet under peace, with liberty
and justice for all.

Outdoor Activities

Bob Rodale Fitness Park & Lehigh Valley
Velodrome are both very worthwhile excursions.
The bicycle racing track is stunning & really can
be accessed easily. Three of us made the
excursion on Tuesday, one child, seven-year-old
Dante, and three women, Donna, Maggie, and
Vicki. We walked through a forested path & also
trekked along a paved road occupied by walkers,
bikers, and in-line skaters. The most precious
things that will be in my memory were to see the
wild raspberries & to enjoy the other sojourners
eating those berries. I encourage all of you who
wish to have a stroll in open space to visit the
Park. It is free and a lot of fun!

Vicki Cofield-Aber

Pictures!!!

Please submit all digital pictures (on camera,
memory stick, etc.) to Noel, no later than noon,
Friday, July 27.

Noel Monardes

UUMAC 2008 Needs You!

Job sign-ups are now posted in McShea. Check
out all the cool things you could be doing to
make UUMAC 2008 as great as this year. Do not
be afraid to sign your name because you think it
is someone else's job—that person may be ready
to try something new? Subsidy and/or stipend
information as well as a job description can be
found for each job.

Tomorrow

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T-storms

Hi: **84°**

Lo: **66**

Chance of thunder with light rain showers.

High 84F, humidity 60%.

Winds S at 5 to 10 mph.

Late Auction Entry

Bill & Rickey Slezak are offering use of their 27 foot motor home (sleeps 7) in exchange for a donation to the UUMAC auction. They also would be happy to provide a bed & breakfast at their home in West Orange, NJ, an easy commute from New York City. Please see Bill or Rickey, Welsh 106, or call Bill's cell phone: 646 483-7418. Market value of the motor home is about \$1000 per week.

Help Star Island

One of our sister UU conference centers, Star Island, off Portsmouth, New Hampshire,, has had to cancel its June and July conferences this year due to mandatory upgrades and repairs. They will reopen on August 5th but would appreciate any donations to defray costs from lost income from the canceled conferences and the repair costs. Go to www.starisland.org if you would like to help or send tax deductible donation to: Star Island Annual Fund, 10 Vaughan Mall, Suite 8, Portsmouth, NH 03801 (why not notate "UUMAC Friend" on your check or note).

Inge Hyder



From our Theme Speaker

“To cultivate community, we need the wisdom of a gardener: patience and praise, determination and humility. We need to know that our actions and intentions co-create the community. We need to acknowledge that we have come to the community to enter into something more than we could possibly create on our own; something more, indeed, than we could possibly ever imagine on our own.” -- *Lisa Ward*

WEB ASSIGNMENT FOR THE WORSHIP/LECTURE HALL

CREATE A BEATITUDE (ROLLS OF PAPER ARE AVAILABLE AT THE TABLE TO THE LEFT OF THE ENTRANCE)

Picture a time when you’ve experienced joy in life. What people, circumstances or efforts helped serve that moment. Choose one aspect and create one beatitude.

e.g. I think of sheer joy in eating a superb salad.

I might write:

Blessed are the salad makers, for they mix nutrients from the earth to provide creative nourishment.

Or –

Blessed is the sun, for it is an essential source for life on earth.

Or –

Blessed are the truckers, for they bring ingredients for experience and joy from the far reaches.

Feel free to add your voice with any of the assignments of this week for the web. They are listed on the table to the left of the entrance to the WORSHIP/LECTURE Hall.

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Thoughts on turning 50 at UUMAC!

I strongly recommend turning 50, or any age, at UUMAC. Here's why...

Josie has already sent out invitations to the party in the form of registration forms, therefore, the party has already gathered; folks have taken time from work and school to be here; the *happy birthday choir* sounds spectacular-even if they catch you off guard TWICE; and then there are all the options for treating yourself just how you choose on your day.

I joyfully saw my wonderful family off to rafting and headed up to the dining hall to leisurely enjoy a large ice cream and brownie lunch with some pals, followed by consuming my current novel and napping before welcoming my family home again.

Later in the evening I enjoyed a spectacular variety show with an unbelievably talented and good looking cast, all in my honor, and of course, a delicious Kings Supermarket cake (delivered to me by my children) and dancing until all hours. Most significantly however, was spending time with some of the most open minded, funny and sensitive people I've ever met was a true treat for me. What a way to live!

If you can arrange it...I suggest having a birthday here at UUMAC at your earliest possible convenience. You will always remember this one as your favorite.

Priscilla Gray

News from the Children's Program

The Tweens survived their sleeping under the stars experience. Katie even survived the million bugs inside her sleeping bag! "Supersize Me" was the lesson for the day, probably appropriate for the morning after consuming vast quantities of candy the night before! I can proudly tell you that the Tweens are worried for the future of our country.

The Preschool through fifth grade attended "Winnie the Pooh on Thursday. We had lots of fun watching the adventures of Pooh Bear, Piglet, Owl, Eyeore, Rabbit, Tigger, Kanga, and Roo! Many thanks to our Tween volunteers for all their help and care with the younger children: Brianna, Grace, Jessica, June, Katherine, Kirin, Sarah, and Sophie.

The lemonade stand raised \$174.72 for Seeds of Peace. Please make sure to congratulate our 2/3 grade class for all their hard work painting that marvelous stand, and the 2/3 and 4/5 class for selling lemonade all afternoon. Make sure to ask them what Seeds of Peace is all about, too ... they're interested, and care very much about the mission of the organization!

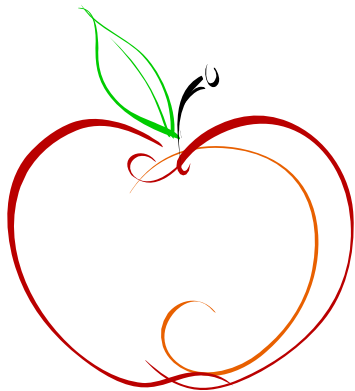
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Seeds of Peace

What We Learned About Seeds of Peace at UUMAC 2007
Seeds of Peace was started by journalist John Wallach in 1993 as a summer peace camp for Palestinian, Israeli, and Egyptian teens. Since then Seeds of Peace has grown to several three-week sessions at the Maine camp each summer, and additional peacemaking activities at other sites all over the world. Campers (seeds) are from Jordan, Afghanistan, India, Pakistan, Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, Republic of Cyprus, and the Balkans. Seeds continue to meet and dialogue with one another at Seeds of Peace centers when they get back home, as often as weekly in some locations. Seeds of Peace has trained over 2500 seeds so far, with about 350 new graduates every year. Often seeds at camp are meeting teens from "the other side" for the first time. To apply for paid or volunteer counseling or facilitating staff positions or internships at the Maine Seeds of Peace Camp or the New York or Washington D.C. offices, or to apply to be one of the 15 American teen campers selected each year, go to <http://www.seedsofpeace.org/programs/camp> . Thanks to all UUMACers for your support for our Service Learning project on Seeds of Peace this week.

Off-Campus Activities for Friday

- 15. Fruit-picking at a nearby farm
 - 4. Dutch Springs Outdoor Challenge Course and Water Playground (rescheduled from Monday)
- Both trips will leave immediately after the Annual Meeting, around 2 pm, from McShea.



Ken Iobst's Word Game—last answers

- 19. 57 Heinz varieties
- 20. 11 players on a football team
- 21. 1000 words that a picture is worth
- 22. 29 days in February on a leap year
- 23. 64 squares on a chess board
- 24. 40 days and nights of the great flood

*Who got all
the answers
in the
scavenger
hunt
yesterday at
the
carnival?*