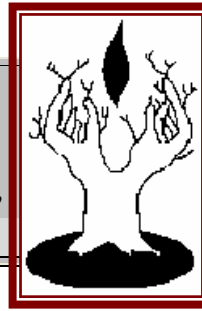


UUMAC Daily

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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-Group
Photo(everybody!)

1:30-Carnival on
lawn by McShea
& Bloodmobile

3:30-Choir
(McShea this
day)

4:30-UUMAC
Memorial Service
in McShea

5:30-Picnic
(outside McShea)

7:00-Auction in
McShea

9:00-Children's
Chapel

9:00-Night Owls
Begins

10:00-Vespers
& Drumming

UUMAC Costs Too Much!

UUMAC can be too expensive for members experiencing financial hardship. It would be a shame to have to turn members away who would like to attend our conference but who can't come up with the registration fee. That's why UUMAC holds an auction each year. All proceeds go to the UUMAC general scholarship fund and are used to help people attend next year's gathering. Please bid early and often! You'll be helping to build our wonderful and diverse community.

Bill Stratton
UUMAC '07 President

Answers to the Word Game # 13 through 18 and the last 6.

13. 90 = degrees in a right angle
14. 3 = blind mice (see how they run!)
15. 4 = quarts in a gallon
16. 24 = hours in a day
17. 1 = wheel on a unicycle
18. 5 = We Don't Know (some might take that as a challenge!)
19. 57 = H.V. _____
20. 11 = P. on a F.T. _____
21. 1000 = W. that a P. is W. _____
22. 29 = D. in F. on a L.Y. _____
23. 64 = S. on a C.B. _____
24. 40 = D. and N. of the G.F. _____

This Just In!!!

Cara Gullotta solved #11. It is 22=Dollars for Passing Go in Monopoly. What a whiz! She also knew #18- 5 = digits in a zip code.

Thank You, Tweens!

Many thanks to the tweens (and their faithful leaders, Bryan and Katie) for keeping the Kender Room in great shape for Vespers and informal workshops! The room has been neat and tidy. (The dog pound looks to be in good shape, too!)
Carla Miller

Auction News

How the auction works: The auction will be held Thursday evening in McShea. The flea market items can be bought directly between 5 and 7, or the amount can be added to your final family tab to be paid with silent and live auction winnings. Silent auction item bidding begins at 5 and will end promptly at 7, when the live auction begins. On the wall of McShea near the board room will be a list of families and their bidding numbers. For the live auction, bidding numbered plates, particular to your family will be passed out after 6:40.

The live auction promises to again be a funny and festive event with this year's auctioneer Ed Crowley. So come early and bid often!

In addition to the list of auction items, there was a service (for during this week) offered:

* Ken Iobst will do quick adjustment/bike maintenance or tune up. This can include, adjusting the seat, brakes, gear shifting, loose water bottles, etc. on your bike while you wait. Repair supplies are limited so nothing major at this time. Est. value: \$15. See Ken directly to schedule this service

Diane Kraus
Scholarship Auction Coordinator

Wise Words—Learning To Say No

Many of us are not getting enough rest and/or sleep while we're here. For many of us UUMAC is akin to a family reunion, where we want to spend every possible moment-all of our time with the folks we see only once a year. We don't want to miss anything so we get up early for breakfast, worship, theme talk, workshops, then head to lunch for more socializing.

A lot of people don't stop there; they go on the afternoon's field trips and continue on through

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the evening activities, some winding up staying late at Night Owls. Then they get up early and do it all over again the next day. So, by now many of us are exhausted every year, and can't benefit from the opportunities as we'd like to later in the week.

Maybe we should learn to prioritize and sometimes say no to ourselves.

Sailing, Sailing (aah, rafting) over the bounding Main the rapids)

Avast me hearties! I be hear to tell you that Captain Ken aka Scallywag, still be the pirate king of the river. ARRRGGHH, curse him for making me admit that – I'd rather be keelhauled! As Director of UUMAC 2007, and in my vainglorious pride I thought I should take the title, however, Cap't S and his doughty band of river rats took on the entire UUMAC fleet and were not bested. Shiver me timbers, but I have to admire the bold rascal for takin' aboard enough water to sink a lesser raft and yet still maintain his fightin' trim, spirit, AND hang onto the coveted Pirate's Hat. I dip my skull and crossbones in salute to the fightenest fool this side of the Appalachia, but be warned Scallywag! I'll be back and the next time it's no quarter – you'll be Davy Jones mess boy when I'm done with you!!!!

Kevin (Pirate King Wannabee) Miller, Director, UUMAC 2007 (ARRRGGGHHH!!!)

From the desk of Nealon Miller

What's gray and carries a bunch of flowers to cheer you up when you're sick?
A get-wellephant!

Where do computers make sweater?
On the Interknit.

What has four legs and a trunk? A mouse going on vacation.

Maryann definitely under-promised and over-delivered on her informal creative writing workshop. I was amazed at her talent and ability to teach me a new way of expressing myself. Thank-you!

News from the Children's Program

The tweens watched the video "Affluenza" on Wednesday, and talked about the effects of marketing. They had a great discussion about how marketers and advertisers intentionally target people and create insatiable cravings for consumer goods. They talked about how it's important to think for themselves and not allow anyone to tell them how they should be thinking. Wednesday night, they slept out under the stars!

The kindergarten and first grade class stamped T-shirts today.

The second and third grade class finished the lemonade stand - be sure to stop by the stand during the carnival and support the children in their efforts to raise some funds for "Seeds of Peace".

The fourth and fifth grade class made family memory books that are beautiful. It was quite amazing to see how intently and intentionally they worked in their sewing circles yesterday.

Rev. Claire will be having another wonderful play this morning; be sure to come early to the morning service!

Today we're mostly attending the play "Winnie the Pooh", with many thanks to the volunteers from the tween program who are helping chaperone the children.

On Thursday and Friday in our classes from K-5, we'll be talking about how we can build peace. We'll learn about how peace is a way of being in the world. We can be at peace with ourselves, at peace with our family, at peace with our neighbors, and at peace in our place in the universe.

Don't forget to attend one family worship service, either 8:30 am or 9 pm!

Robin
Children's Director
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From the Minister of the Week

Clare Petersberger

“The world was not left us by our parents; it was lent us by our children.”

Some images I take from our first three days together include children creating sense poems in worship on Monday; children participating in reader’s theater skits on Tuesday and Wednesday; children, tweens and youth smiling while contra dancing Monday and laughing during intergenerational games on Tuesday, and children sharing, with great poise, their talents during the show last night! This is truly a multi-generational intentional community whose care for children reminds me of the African proverb.

What are some highlights of UUMAC for you? I’m looking for people (of all ages!) to share images, thoughts, or music in our closing ceremony on Saturday. Please speak with me if you’d like to participate.

Also, one thoughtful community member asked, “Clare, do you think people know they can speak with you if they have a pastoral concern about the theme of family or anything else?” Well, you won’t know if it’s not stated directly! Please don’t hesitate to contact me or stop me if you’d like to talk.

In peace,
Clare

Teen Night Owls—A Request

People coming to Thursday’s Teen Night Owls are requested to bring one of the white sheets from your bed. (Editor grilled the messenger and was promised that the sheets will stay white and intact.)

Shopping!!!

Hello folks,

For those of you that love to shop; there is a new shopping center just ten minutes north of DeSales University. It is called the Promenade Shops. There is an L.L. Bean, an Old Navy, a Barnes & Noble, a Brooks Brothers, a Maggie Moos Creamery, a Claire's, a New Balance, a PacSun, a Nautica, a New York & Co., a Lids, a Learning Express, Kitchen Kapers, JOs. A. Bank, J. Jill, a Bombay, The Children's Place, a Stride Rite, and still more shops. It is a walking experience, not a mall. The best part is the 16 screen state of the art theatre called Rave.

There is a map posted in McShea for anyone interested.

Nancy Torres-Vignola

Informal Workshops for Thursday

Quilted postcards in the Board Room. No experience required. \$3 per card for supplies. 2-4

Make your own fused glass pendant/pin or earrings with shiny pichroic glass. Materials cost is \$20 for a pendant of pair of earrings. 3-5 in the Welsh dorm meeting room, 1st floor. Tina Van Pelt (she says you can see examples in the bookstore.)

Rise Up Singing—Come join us in song. Bring your book (Rise Up Singing) if you have it. After the auction. Alexa Fraser

Al-Anon Meeting (10 minutes away)—Support group for people who are impacted by alcoholism or addiction in a family member or friend. 7pm, leave from McShea @ 6:40. At St. James Lutheran Church. Abby Crowley

Digital Photo Workshop—We'll take pictures at the carnival with our digital camera and plug in to the computer. Project and critique in Dooling. 2-taking pictures near McShea Commons and project in Dooling. Penny O'Brien and Cynthia Rouillard

Talk about Harry Potter—talk about what you thought of it—we may “spoil” the ending so don't come if you don't want to find out. 3:30 in McShea-room TBA
Colleen Meiman

Mime—a focus on comedy OUT OF THE BOX!
4-meet at McShea Board Room, Cynthia Rouillard

The editor has noted a rise in unsigned articles submitted to the UUMAC newsletter. I can only print what you write. Try to remember a signature so people can ask you their questions.

Ooh, pictures and an auction in the same day!!!