

UUMAC Daily Walrus

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Today

7:00-Breakfast

Wear your bathing suit if you're going rafting!!!

8:30-Morning Worship

8:45-Children's Program

9:15

Theme Talk

10:30

Adult/Youth Workshops

12:00-Rafters leave; lunch on bus

12:00-Lunch

1:00 or 1:30

Off-campus Activities

2:00-*Informal Workshops*

4:30-Choir

4:30-Talk Back

5:30-Dinner

7:00-Children's Talent Show

9:00-Children's Chapel

9:00-Night Owls Begins

10:00-Vespers in McShea and Drumming outside of McShea

Carnival!!!

Julie Watson

The carnival will be here on Thursday afternoon. There will be various relay races and a scavenger hunt. Each team must include 1 adult or teen and 1 child, so start putting your teams together now. Get ready to have some fun!

Have you ever done anything unusual that may surprise people? I am putting together a scavenger hunt for the carnival and would love to include you in the hunt. If you would like to volunteer to be part of the hunt, please put your name and what you have done or accomplished in the envelope taped to the wall in McShea.

The carnival is almost here! I am still in need of volunteers for face painting, glitter toes, the ice block, and to help with the various games, such as the balloon toss, three-legged race, and the egg relay. Sign up sheets are on the wall in McShea. Thanks in advance for your help!

TUESDAY'S UUMAC WEB ASSIGNMENT

The web is weaving itself in the University Center Worship /Lecture Hall. Please add your input, as it will broaden the web's reach. There is a table to the left of the entrance with supplies.

Please write an effort or gesture or attitude that strengthens our interdependent web.

e.g. "Generosity" or "Open a door for someone" or "listening without judgment", etc.

Rev. Lisa

The Tween group sleepover will be on Wednesday night. We will meet at 10:30 if the weather cooperates near the volleyball fields between McShea and Conmy or, if the weather is not favorable we will meet at 11:00 in the Tween classroom (after Vespers.)

Charlotte's Web

A dear friend of mine, Barb, who lives in Chicago, has a severe case of cerebral palsy (CP). She uses a power wheelchair that she operates with a joystick, and her speech is very difficult to understand.

She is, nevertheless, extremely bright; she excelled in college and has a Master's degree in linguistics. Furthermore, she loves puns and has a delightful sense of humor.

One thing that has frustrated her for years is people who nod and pretend to know what she's saying when it's obvious that they don't, as evidenced by their response or lack of one.

I learned early on that Barb much prefers me or anyone to simply say, "I didn't get that, Barb. Would you please repeat it?" She's more comfortable with this whether it's spoken by a sales clerk, her husband of 28 years, or me on a long distance phone call.

No one knows better than she what it is she means to say. This mode demonstrates my respect for her as a human being and that I value her feelings, thoughts, and opinions.

✳ Directors Absent!!! Alert!!!

Kevin and Abby will be on the rafting trip today. In their absence, Nina Lomax (a former director) will be Director Pro Tem from ≈12:00 noon until 6:00 pm. Her cell phone # is (571) 275-3992.

A father was at the beach with his children

when the four-year-old son ran up to him,

grabbed his hand, and led him to the shore

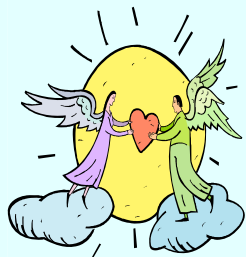
where a seagull lay dead in the sand.

"Daddy, what happened to him?" the son asked.

"He died and went to Heaven," the Dad replied.

The boy thought a moment and then said,

"Did God throw him back down?"



Thank you, Bryan & Katie

Hall Monitors for Tuesday through Friday

Tuesday 7/24 Wednesday 7/25

1st Floor

9 PM - 10:30 Louise Cobbs Cathy Marx
Carol McAllister Alexa Fraser

10:30 - 12 Tina Van Pelt Dahlia Wigfall
Carla Miller Carolyn Gioia

2nd Floor

9 PM - 10:30 Robin Slaw Zoe Vilicic
Rebecca Kopatich Jim Kerr

10:30 - 12 Mike Collier Kevan Davenport
Peggy Lyons Hannah Davenport

3rd Floor

9 PM - 10:30 Mary Lanigan Ken Iobst
Ricky Slezak Jim Paoletti

10:30 - 12 Jenny Kelly Jim Crocetto
Steve Wilmarth Jean S. Crocetto

Thursday 7/26 Friday 7/27

1st Floor

9 pm-10:30 Penny O'Brien Pam Mann
Karen York Noel Monardes

10:30-12 Suzy Diggie-Fox Tina VanPelt
Steve Fox Theresa York

2nd Floor

9 pm-10:30 Edith Lovette Donna DiStefano
Gene Lovette Bob Matthews

10:30-12 Carolyn Gioia Diane Savadkin
Joanne Yanchick Bruce Savadkin

3rd Floor

9 pm-10:30 Donna Klimowitz Lynn Edmiston
Marge Matthews Lea Carlson

10:30-12 Steve Williams Susie Reynolds
Cindy Williams Colleen Meiman

News Flash from the Bookstore

Free archive UUMAC T-shirt with ANY purchase while supplies last. Wear your T-shirt to the group picture on Thursday!

Informal Workshops for Wednesday

Chi Gong is an ancient practice to cultivate energy or chi to promote vitality and relaxation. We will practice a 45 minute session using a DVD with animation to demonstrate the subtle energy field. 2 pm in Trexler or Hurd in Univ. Ctr.—Kathy Clay

Learn to Yodel—Break your lease; get your kids to leave home. 2-3 pm, submitted by Pete Leary

Quilted Postcards—No experience needed—create a small work of art as a gift or for yourself. 2-4 in the McShea Board Room—Cindy Williams

Creative Writing “Loose” Haiku—you’ll be amazed at “you”, even if you’ve never written anything. 2 in Dooling 105—Mary Ann Wellman

Word Game-answers to 7-12 and the next ones

7. 88 = piano keys
8. 13 = stripes on the American flag
9. 32 = degrees at which water freezes
10. 18 = holes on a golf course
11. 200 = No One Knows
12. 8 = sides on a stop sign
13. 90 = D. in a R.A.
14. 3 = B.M. (S.H.T.R.!)
15. 4 = Q. in a G.
16. 24 = H. in a D.
17. 1 = W. on a U.
18. 5 = D. in a Z.C.

The UUMAC Memorial Service will be held on Thursday, July 26, @ 4:30 pm in the McShea Commons.

A wife invited some people to dinner.

At the table, she turned to their six-year-old daughter and said,

"Would you like to say the blessing?"

"I wouldn't know what to say," the girl replied.

"Just say what you hear Mommy say," the wife answered.

The daughter bowed her head and said,

"Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?"

Outdoor Activity—Alix Stoll

Tuesday's journey to Hawk Mountain proved to be an especially pleasant one. The broad skylines of the Pennsylvania mountains are straight out beautiful, and there were a few different walks of varying ranges and difficulty, good for anybody from accomplished amblers to smaller kids. We also noted the availability of an all-terrain wheelchair, making these brilliant overviews attainable to all.

The saga of the site is amazing, as well. It was so named because it was the scene of the extermination of thousands of hawks over countless years, back when the birds were regarded solely as vermin. In 1933, one of the earliest animal protection associations spotlighted pictures of large numbers of dead hawks at the location, expediting the establishment of the Hawk Mountain Sanctuary.

The weather was exquisite, the company stimulating, and it was an all around great excursion.

Afternoon Trip to Lepoco Peace Center

Hope for the end of war is not dead. In a trip to the Lepoco Peace Center in Bethlehem, a small group from UUMAC learned about the 41 years of struggle against war by dedicated workers at the Center.

Our own Crafford Harris, a member of Lepoco for many years, described the Seeds of Peace program, which operates a unique summer camp in Maine. Jewish and Arab children are flown from the Middle East to spend the summer together and to get to know each other as individuals. When they return home, the Seeds of Peace program continues to provide support in hopes that these "seeds of peace" will come to flower. It is hoped that this next generation will guide their nations toward peaceful coexistence.

While there, we also learned that Cindy Sheehan will be speaking on Wednesday, July 25 at a rock concert venue with the unlikely name of The Sterling Hotel in Allentown.

Penny O'Brien and Rickey Slezak

The Ping Pong Tournament...

...will begin Wednesday night for the over 12 group. It will continue Thursday after lunch through the evening. The under 12 group will start off on Thursday. Please come to the Dog Pound on Wednesday after 7pm to find out when you play.

Sheree Mullen

News from the Children's Program

The tweens are getting closer to solving the mystery of The Very Bad Thing. They've solved anagrams and found people who can give them clues. They've been tied up in knots over this puzzle, so thanks for helping them out!

Today was a beautiful sunny day, so our K-5 group spent lots of time outside playing games. They worked on crafts about family, and practiced their showcase acts! Be prepared to be amazed and amused! Today I read about Elena's family in her journal, and learned all the names of her cats. I watched a musical act, and I saw the beginnings of an amazing lemonade stand!

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

On Wednesday, we'll be talking about the meaning of Community from K-5. Being in community together means learning to understand diversity, and how to live in peace with each other, and how to be a good friend.

Bring your t-shirts to class today for tie-dyeing or stamping on Wednesday. On Thursday, we'll be attending the play "Winnie the Pooh".

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

Robin
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Oh no,

Hump

Day!!!