

UUMAC Connections

...newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Mid-Atlantic Community

Thursday, July 24, 2008



7:00 Breakfast in UC

8:30 Worship in UC

8:45 Children and Teachers
leave for their program

9:15 Theme Talk in UC

10:00 Coffee Break

10:30 Adult Workshops

Noon Lunch in UC

1:00 Group Photo

1:30 Carnival (outside
McShea) & Bloodmobile

2:30 Rose's Informal
Workshop

4:00 Talent Show in
McShea Commons

4:30 Choir Practice

4:00 Talk Back

5:30 Picnic (outside
McShea)

7:00 Scholarship Auction in
McShea Commons

9:00 Curfews and
Night Owls begin

10:00 Vespers, Drumming

From the Nominating Committee

As you read these words, UUMAC 2008 is almost over. How would you like to keep that UUMAC feeling all year long? The UUMAC Board of Trustees, the policy and long-range planning body for our community, has several vacancies which must be filled before we leave on Saturday. The time commitment is three or four Saturday meetings between now and our next UUMAC; some are one-year and some are two. This is not an onerous job, and it is vital! If you are interested in learning more about board opportunities, see any member of the nominating committee: Jo Paoletti, Julie Watson and Jean Smyth-Crocetto. (Jo and Jean can be found doling out snacks at Night Owls.) (Jo's note: Every member of my family has served on the board at one time or another and we each had a great time.)

Youth Program for Thursday July 24th

Morning Program at 9 a.m. in McShea Dog Pound

Group Photo at 1 p.m.

(Youth sought to help with ice block slide at carnival)

Youth-led Night Owls at 9 p.m. in McShea (arrive early for set-up)

To all you daddios and dutchesses in the UUMAC community, the youth program is proud to announce that **this year's youth Nite Owls theme is Beatnik Nite**. We'll have all sorts of entertainment so everyone can get their kicks. So grab your hipster threads and meet us in the early black, ya dig? The joint is *sure* to be jumpin'!

Informal Workshop

Newspaper Reed Baskets

Create a fun and easy container out of an easily obtainable material.

2:30 at the Carnival—Rose

The Ultimate WOW—Carla Monardes, Children's Program, K-1

Late Tuesday morning, my class and I were relaxing on a blanket outside. I was about to read to them The Three Questions by Jon Muth. A fellow UUMACer, also named John, stopped to tell us that he had seen a turtle on the side of the road. Upon hearing this, my class of three little girls, Danielle, Katie and Natalya excitedly jumped up to look for the turtle. John tried to move the turtle off of the hot pavement but each time he tried the turtle jumped from his hand. Eventually the turtle crawled into a grate and we heard a big splash as it dropped into the water below. "Wow, that was cool!" Natalya exclaimed. We went back to our blanket and began the story. In it, Nikolai is a young boy who is searching for answers to three of life's questions. Not satisfied by his friend's answers he seeks out his wise old friend, Leo the Turtle. As soon as the turtle was introduced all I could think was Wow!! How cool is that?!



Lost Wallet!

Black with white "Riot!" on it and on front, big red "Paramore". If found, please contact Claire Hernandez (youth) at 301-512-2948. THANK YOU!

BOOKSTORE NEWS

Found in the Bookstore:
Reading Glasses
Jewelry (must identify to claim)

NEW ITEMS ARRIVING DAILY!!!!

- The Great Turning is now in stock - for Naomi Drew's workshop
- "Baby Buddhas: A Guide for Teaching Meditation to Children"
- "A Celestial Omnibus: Short Fiction on Faith"
- "Faith: Stories: Short Fiction on the Varieties and Vagaries of Faith"
- "God: Stories"
- "The Heart of Christianity: Rediscovering a Life of Faith"
- "On the Night You Were Born"
- "A Grateful Heart: Daily Blessings for the Evening Meal from Buddha to the Beatles"
- "Quiet Mind: One-Minute Retreats from a Busy World"
- "Religion Is Not About God: How Spiritual Traditions Nurture Our Biological Nature And What to Expect When They Fail"
- "Sacred Acts, Holy Change: Faithful Diversity and Practical Transformation"
- "The World Cafe: Shaping Our Futures Through Conversations That Matter"
- "Out of the Flames: The Remarkable Story of a Fearless Scholar, a Fatal Heresy, and One of the Rarest Books in the World"
- "Rise Up Singing: The Group Singing Songbook (15th Anniversary Edition)"
- "Why Are All The Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?": A Psychologist Explains the Development of Racial Identity"
- "Dismantling Privilege: An Ethics of Accountability"

Thanks, Andrea



Web Link for Fraser/Iobst Adventure Travels

A number of you have asked me about Nathan and my hike across the Grand Canyon in June and my bike across country with Rob Dahlstrom in 2006. The web link for both these travels is iobst.com. If you have had adventures like these let's talk.
Ken Iobst



**TODAY! The Blood
Mobile will be here
this afternoon**

The Miller-Keystone Blood Center will bring their blood mobile to the McShea parking lot during the Carnival, and volunteers can give blood, "the gift of life", from 2pm to 5 pm. There will be a registration table in the McShea lobby near the parking lot. If you have signed up to donate blood or have questions about donating, please come to the registration table. For those who have signed up, please come at your appointment time to the registration area in McShea. There are still several spots available and we welcome, encourage and hope for more volunteers. Teens over the age of 17 and young adults make great donors. The UUMAC coordinator is JoAnne King.

Here is the schedule:

2:00	Diane Kraus
2:05	Sharon Kennedy
2:15	Open
2:20	Open
2:30	Cyndi McCrea
2:45	Abby Crowley
2:50	Donna Klimowicz
3:00	Bill Stratton
3:05	Open
3:15	Julia Stratton
3:30	Lisa Ward

3:35 Pam Mann
 3:45 Nathan Harris
 3:50 Open
 4:00 Hannah Davenport
 4:15 Open
 4:20 Open
 4:30 Open
 4:35 Open
 4:45 Ira Lerner

PIRACY ON THE LEHIGH RIVER--AARGH



Kaptain Ken retired from piracy as he stepped off the bus and sent his pirate hat off to a museum. He joined a cruise ship with a new crew.

Even with a new crew, Kaptain Ken's ship was first to launch. Grappling hooks were soon flung...boarding parties were jumping aboard the cruise ship. With a new crew, the Kaptain repelled the first wave of borders. Using monkey dance moves, a tween marauder mesmerized the Kaptain and seized the Kaptain's hat. The Kaptain's crew of Miguel, Kevin, and Ron were able to rescue at least two boats stranded on rocks...by ramming straight into them. The Kaptain's hat was seen in a couple of teen boats on the river. The teen boats had a crew of six and out muscled the Kaptain Krew of 4. Yet, another teen crew attempted to steal personal items: this attack was easily repulsed. (Will the wench with the Kaptain's bobbing bauble please return said item?) Kaptain waited his time and near the end of the cruise...Ron jumped into Lehigh to retrieve the Kaptain's hat. We were only 100 yards from the finish line. Before the Kaptain's Krew could paddle, a second teen boat jumped the Kaptain and stole the hat.



Reminders from Ed C.

1. Children's Talent Show—Thursday
 Sign up in McShea
 Show begins at 4pm
2. Workshop and group leaders, please see me by dinner on Thursday to discuss your intentions for Showcase.

Thanks

From the Finding Your Voice workshop,

a beatitude

Blessed are those who dance through the night, for they shall know what morning is.
 Blessed is the community that, through its efforts, makes that which it loves possible.
 Blessed are the partners, for their movements will complement each other.
 Blessed are the musicians, for their breath and flesh will magnify the air.

Tom Zeller

The first You Tube party was attended by a few interested people, from 10-ish to 50-ish. All had valuable suggestions as to our viewing. If you'd like to suggest the url for your favorite You Tube, please submit them for the newsletter, and we'll start a tradition for next year.