

# Allegheny **ADVOCATE**

*Allegheny Unitarian Universalist Church's Monthly Newsletter*

## **Summer Institute: A Spiritual Oasis to Refresh Your Mind and Body**

Remember those long summers years ago when life was an endless procession of warm days, good books, and picnics at the beach? Summer Institute at Kenyon College is kinda like that. You can stroll the pebbled Middle Path under the shade of ancient maples and oaks, find an empty Adirondack chair and read a spell, or pick from many morning, early afternoon, and late afternoon workshops to attend.

From Art Space to Ultimate Frisbee you'll learn a new craft, play a new game, or expand your mind. New this year is Dream Analysis, a Japanese Tea Ceremony, or a mosaics workshop. The days begin with breakfast with new friends and old, followed by morning worship, workshops, or anything you'd like to do. After lunch there are drop-in workshops to attend or the luxury of an afternoon nap. After dinner there is nightly evening Vespers and a variety of lively entertainment – from a small-ensembles concert to a big-band dance. Children of all ages rides their bikes, walk the labyrinth, and take a swim at the amazing Kenyon Athletic Center, sometimes joined by a giant squid and grindylows. And when it's time for bed, the little ones are watched over by SI Night-lighters, so their parents can visit the Pub or the new Canteen.

If you've been to Summer Institute, you know what a special place and a special week it is. If you haven't yet experienced Summer Institute, make this the year you do. It will be a gift to yourself that you will cherish throughout the year.

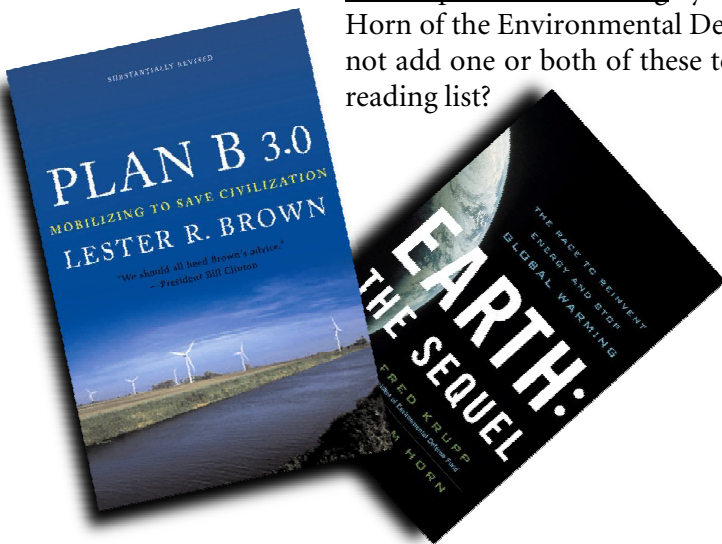
*Dave Murray, Chair, 2008 Summer Institute*

*July & August 2008*

## Eco-Tip: Getting the big picture on global warming

Many of the past eco-tips have focused on individual actions. These are very important, but there is also a consensus among scientists that a worldwide effort is needed to prevent the worst effects of global warming. There is a lot of reason for optimism because there are a lot of technological developments out there that could significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions. But time is of the essence and we must create the political will to make these changes happen. And it's important not to cop out using the excuse that India and China will offset any gains we make. As Sierra Club's executive director, Carl Pope, pointed out, "... at the climate talks in Bali, India and China strongly signaled that once the United States rejoins the world in addressing global warming, they are ready to do their part - if they can get the technological and financial assistance they need."

So this month's eco-tip is to inform yourself on the big picture on global warming. Here are two books with a realistic but optimistic message. [Plan B 3.0: Mobilizing to Save Civilization](#) by Lester R. Brown of the Earth Policy Institute and [Earth: The Sequel: The Race to Reinvent Energy and Stop Global Warming](#) by Fred and Miriam Horn of the Environmental Defense Fund. Why not add one or both of these to your summer reading list?



The Racial Justice Ministry is involved in several projects this spring and summer. There will be a Racial Justice service at AUUC on Sunday 13 July that will focus on the experiences that church members and others have had working with the kids at the Jefferson Recreation Center (see below for more details). The Central Northside Neighborhood Council is holding a community event on Sunday 20 July and we will have a presence there as well. Join us at one of our upcoming meetings to help us achieve our goals! We meet the third Thursday of every month from 6:30-8pm in the Emerson Room at the church. Our next meetings will be on July 17th and August 21st.

## **Racial Justice**

Join the Racial Justice Ministry at the Jefferson Recreation Center on the first and second Tuesdays of each month from 5:30 -7:00pm for a wide range of projects with the kids at the Center. Several members have helped out at the Center and had great experiences! Projects for the spring and summer include planting tomato plants and a photo workshop so the kids can display their photos at an upcoming community event. We are also working to become more involved with the Center and help in any way we can. We would love volunteers from the congregation to come along with us – send an email to Jay Poliziani or Kim Winbush for directions and/or any questions. We can't wait to see you there!

## **Tuesdays at the Jefferson Recreation Center**



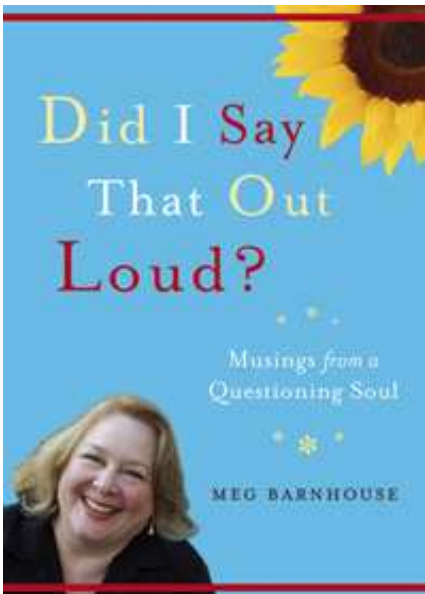
**OMD Summer  
Institute  
13-19 July 2008**

Mango Thoughts in a Meatloaf Town: Stories, Songs and Illumination about Unitarian Universalists in Community

2008 Theme Speaker: Meg Barnhouse, speaker, singer/songwriter and humorist. Meg is a commentator for NC Public Radio on a segment called "Radio Free Bubba." She has also been heard on National Public Radio's "Weekend All Things Considered." Her books, "The Best of Radio Free Bubba," "Rock of Ages at the Taj Mahal," "Waking Up the Karma Fairy," "Return of Radio Free Bubba," and her newest, "Did I Say That Out Loud?" are available on links from her web site <[www.megbarnhouse.com](http://www.megbarnhouse.com)> and from the UUA Bookstore.

To view the SI brochure, please visit this website:  
<<http://www.omdsi.org/SIbrochure2008.pdf>>

To register for SI, you can go to this website:  
<<http://omdsi.org/regi.tml>>



## Sunday 6 July

- 10:30 am Sunday Service
- **Speakers:** Kathy Kozachenko & Regis Schilken

***Independence....or Interdependence:***

*Members Rege S. And Kathy K share their thoughts.*

- **Greeters:** Pete McQuillan & Jenny Stout
- **Refreshments:** Lisa Carvajal & Chris Stygar
- Pick-up Giant Eagle certificates
- 2:00 pm NA Regional Meeting

## Sunday 13 July

- 10:30 am Sunday Service
  - **Speakers:** Racial Justice Ministry
- Jefferson Recreation Center Reflections:***  
*Allegheny UU Church has been involved at the neighborhood Jefferson Recreation Center for about a year, providing the children and teens there with a wide variety of arts and crafts, and working towards racial justice in our community. Volunteers will reflect on their work and how it has been shaped by, and shapes, their spiritual practices.*
- **Greeters:** Karen Zoller & Dennis McAndrew
  - **Refreshments:** Betty Schwarz

## Sunday 20 July

- 10:30 am Sunday Service
  - **Speaker:** Rev. David McFarland
- It's Your Spiritual Life: Use it or Lose it:***  
*Pump up your "spiritual, not religious" life with Rev. Dave, who will share some reflections on his Summer Institute workshop, "Unitarian Universalist Spiritual Practices."*
- **Greeters:** Martha and Walter Brethauer
  - **Refreshments:** Ellen Kerr
  - 4:00 pm CNNC "Summer Peace" Street Party
  - 6:30 pm Theologies Small Group Ministry

# AUUC July Events



# AUUC July/ August Events

## Sunday 27 July

- 10:30 am Sunday Service
- **Speaker:** TBA
- **Greeters:** Carol-Jean McGreevy Morales & Andy Schwarz
- **Refreshments:** Lynn Glorieux
- Order Giant Eagle certificates

## Sunday 3 August

- 10:30 am Sunday Service
- **Speaker:** Donald Zeilman
- **Meditation on Peace:**  
*Service of reading and reflection in observance of Hiroshima Day. Outside in the West Park Commons, weather permitting.*
- **Greeters:** Alex West & Anne Thompson
- **Refreshments:** Jenny Stout
- Pick-up Giant Eagle certificates
- 2:00 pm NA Regional Meeting

## Sunday 10 August

- 10:30 am Sunday Service
- **Speaker:** TBA
- **Greeters:** The Lawson Family
- **Refreshments:** Jill Brethauer
- 6:30 pm Theologies Small Group Ministry

## Sunday 17 August

- 10:30 am Sunday Service
- **Speaker:** David Clippinger
- **Greeters:** Cameron Booth &, Andy Schwarz
- **Refreshments:** Peggy Thompson



## Sunday 24 August

- 10:30 am Sunday Service
- **Speaker:** Jane Dirks  
*Pet Blessing Service:*  
*Join us as we honor and celebrate the web of life, and the pets and other animals which have touched our hearts. You are invited to bring your animal companions along (on leashes or in carriers). Photos or other mementos of deceased or absent pets are also welcomed and will be honored. Outside in the West Park Commons, weather permitting.*
- **Greeters:** Pete McQuillin & Liz Dell
- **Refreshments:** Karen Zoller

## Sunday 31 August

- 9:00 am Choir Practice
- 10:30 am Sunday Service
- **Speaker:** Rev. David McFarland  
*Give Us Bread But Give Us Roses:*  
*Join us on Labor Day Sunday when Rev. Dave and John Engberg share the heart and soul of labor songs.*
- **Greeters:** Hazel Leroy & Betty Luff
- **Refreshments:** John Engberg
  - Order Giant Eagle certificates

## Sunday 7 September

- 9:00 am Choir Practice
- 10:00 am Family Choir Practice
- 10:30 am Sunday Service
- **Speaker:** Rev. David McFarland  
*Holy Hospitality:*  
*Remember to bring water from your summer travels to share as we celebrate our shared faith in our annual Ingathering and Water Communion service .*
- **Greeters:** TBA
- **Refreshments:** Ingathering Potluck (*begins immediately after service*)

# AUUC August/ September Events



## July 2008

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	1 5:30p Jeff. Rec. Ctr - AUUC Night 6p Sandwich Making	2	3 6:30p Girl Scout Mtg 8p Tai Chi	4	5 11a Northside Peace Vigil
7 7p NA Mtg 7p BOT Mtg - Welcome New Board & Program Report	8 5:30p Jeff. Rec. Ctr - AUUC Night 6p Sandwich Making	9	10 7p PIIN Board 8p Tai Chi	11	12 9a Worship (Program) Cmtee Retreat 11a Northside Peace Vigil
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## July/August Interfaith Calendar

- 9 Martyrdom of the Bab - *Baha'i*
- 11 St. Benedict Day - *Catholic Christian*
- 13-16 Ulambana - *Obon* - *Buddhist* - *Shinto*
- 18 Asalha Puja Day - Dharma Day - *Buddhist*
- 19 Mandaen New Years - *Mandaen*
- 23 Birthday of Emperor Hailie Selassi I  
- *Rastafaria*
- 24 Pioneer Day- *Mormon Christian*
- 25 St. James the Great Day - *Christian*
- 31 Lailat al Miraj - *Islam*

- 1 Lammas - *Christian*  
Fast in honor of Holy Mother of Lord Jesus  
- *Orthodox Christian*
- 2 Lughnassad - *Wicca Northern Hemisphere*  
Imbolc - *Wicca Southern Hemisphere*
- 6 Transfiguration of Our Lord - *Orthodox  
Christian*
- 10 Tisha B'Av - *Jewish*
- 15 Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary  
- *Catholic Christian*  
Dormition of the Theotokos - *Orthodox  
Christian*
- 16 Raksha Bandhan - *Hindu*
- 18 Lailat al Bara'ah - *Islam*
- 24 Krishna Janmashtami - *Hindu*
- 28 Paryushana - *Jain*
- 29 Beheading of John the Baptist - *Christian*



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