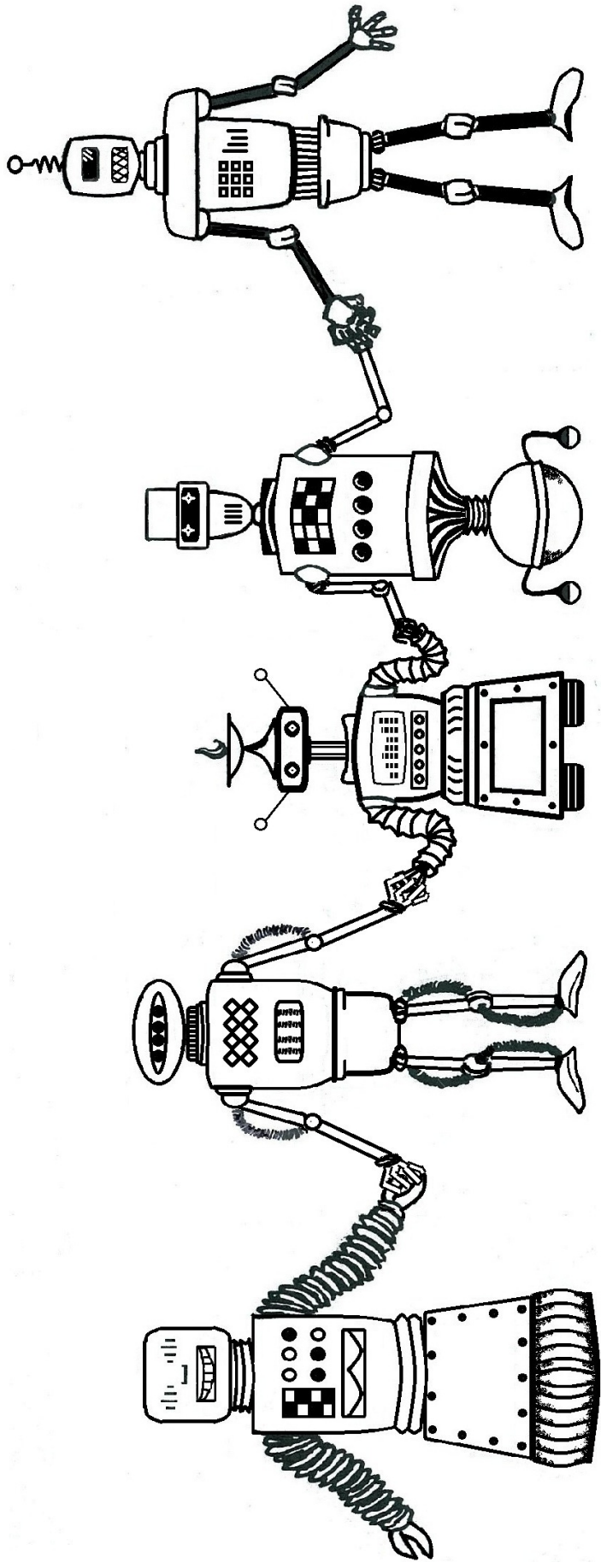


REBOOT YOUR TECHNOLOGY:



EXPLORING UU CONNECTIONS

OHIO MEADVILLE DISTRICT SUMMER INSTITUTE 2012

Kenyon College Gambier, Ohio July 8 to July 14, 2012
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Welcome to you!

If you are reading this brochure for the first time, we are excited to share the contents enclosed giving you a peek into the world of Ohio Meadville District Summer Institute (OMDSI). Those of you who are reading because you are excited to see what this year's SI has in store for the community, we are glad to have you returning and look forward to sharing the many opportunities SI provides.

Please share the magic of SI with those around you! This year promises to be a unique year enveloping that which is familiar and that which reflects necessary change.

The SI magic blooms each year for Unitarian Universalists in the Ohio Meadville District. 2012 Summer Institute is excited to welcome theme speaker Rev. Meg Riley and invites all attendees to explore *Embodied Theology in a Digital Age*.

Change is an ever present current running through our lives and thus through the SI community.

As you read the brochure you will see the continued presence of youth, children, young adults, families who come together to experience the magic of SI. Woven throughout the community you will note change.

A number of factors have come together insisting on change for this year. Summer Institute Planning Committee has diligently worked to respect community needs expressed through evaluation feedback (*yes, we really do read your feedback every year and take it to heart as we plan the next year!*) and the financial constraints of the SI budget. Over the past few years, costs associated with SI have risen. The registration cost has not risen to attendees. This year, to meet current cost demands associated with a weeklong intergenerational camp and to address a budget deficit, registration costs have risen to \$440 for adults, \$315 for children and \$60 for the young adult weekend. The cost reflects increases from Kenyon College and rising food costs. Your SI 2012 planning committee worked hard to maintain your SI MAGIC and still break even. As you explore programming, you will see diverse opportunities to enjoy physical, intellectual, and art activities. There is something for everyone.

We look forward to sharing the SI magic with you and exploring theology in a digital age!

Diana VanWinkle
SIPC 2012 Chair

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Embodied Theology in a Digital Age.

Reverend Meg Riley

Whether you love it or hate it, ignore it or embrace it, we are in the midst of a revolution of meaning-making. "Social media" means that there is social interaction around meaning of all kinds, rather than one-way declarations given by experts and received by couch potatoes. The first generation that came into consciousness with that interactive reality is now taking leadership roles in all of our institutions, including churches. In this new world, we are co-creating the way forward. Meg Riley believes that this creates unprecedented opportunities for Unitarian Universalists to offer our gifts to the world, which is increasingly asking for exactly what we have! Come and explore the changing terrains of media, religion, culture, even as we hold fast to the center of our common, embodied, humanity.



While the senior minister of the Church of the Larger Fellowship (CLF), Meg has served the Unitarian Universalist Association in a variety of positions including directing the Advocacy and Witness Programs, Washington Office for Advocacy, Office of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Transgender Concerns, and Youth Office. She directed the Standing on the Side of Love campaign and the Unitarian Universalist response to Hurricane Katrina. She has also served many national boards of directors including the Interfaith Alliance, Americans United for Separation of Church and State, and the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice. Meg is also the founding president of two organizations, Faith in Public Life and Equal Partners in Faith.

Meg's life work has been advocating for a world of peace and justice. In so doing, she became quite interested in the media revolution taking place, and in the opportunity to create deep and meaningful community on the internet. She was originally from the UU Congregation of Charleston and then moved to the UU Church of Akron. Meg now lives in South Minneapolis with her human and animal family.

Worship

Inspirational inter-generational worship is an integral part of Summer Institute. Morning worship will be led by the Rev. Steve Aschmann. Three evening vespers will be led by Rev. Michelle Buhite. Youth and Young Adults will each lead an evening service. All of these are community gathering times and announcements are made either before or after these services.

Morning Services

SI 2012 is the perfect antidote for "Nature Deficit Disorder." Modern humans can get so plugged into electronic diversion that they lose their connections with Nature. The more high-tech our lives become the more Nature we need to achieve a wholesome vital balance. SI provides a maximum dose of "Vitamin N"! Rev. Steve Aschmann will draw from the wisdom of various authors to express these sentiments during morning worship. The human species and our spiritual well-being are at risk if we ignore our natural history. UUs balance Nature and human consciousness in a symbiotic relationship by breathing "Respect for the interdependent web of which we are a part." Let's work to "leave no child inside" and develop a style of living that is fully aware of the natural world.

Steve grew up in downstate NY in the Hudson Valley. He had a perpetual interest in Nature, carried turtles in his back pocket, waded streams looking for hellgrammites and crayfish for fishing, maintained backyard frog ponds, and brought frogs and pollywogs to school every spring. Like those pollywogs, in his adulthood he was transformed to a UU minister after spending some time at Walden Pond. Some of his friends call him Rev. Rainbow for his social consciousness and his desire for a healthy Planet.



Vespers

Take the time to reconnect and reflect on the day's lessons and experiences during Evening Vespers; an interactive and thoughtful time for all ages.

Rev. Michelle Buhite is a long-time member of the UU Congregation of Jamestown, NY. A 'newly minted' minister (May 2012), Michelle and her family are looking forward to the next great adventure.

Adult Programming - Morning Seminars

Adult morning seminars are held Monday through Friday. When you complete the SI registration form, be sure to select one seminar for the week and two alternate choices. Seminars fill up quickly and are assigned on a first come, first serve basis, so register early. There are also morning programs scheduled for Youth, Children, and Nursery.

1. Yoga, Meditation, and Breath

For more than 5,000 years, yoga has provided insight, awareness, physical strength, flexibility, and peace of mind. Join us for a daily practice that will introduce the beginner to the process and satisfy the more advanced student's need to deepen his or her practice. You will learn to bring healing to the body and mind through breath work, focused attention, and gentle energetic movement. Plus, you will learn the joy of meditative awareness. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a yoga mat. Limit: 20

Renaye has been practicing yoga for 5 years and is a certified yoga instructor. This is her second year as a workshop leader and she enjoys sharing the love of yoga with her SI friends.

Renaye Brauning



2. Discovering Your Inner Drummer

Learn the basics of hand-drumming, Afro-Cuban polyrhythms, and techniques to help you have fun and feel confident in participating in a drum circle—or lead your own! Good for both the novice and more advanced drummer. You must bring a drum suitable for hand drumming with both hands, i.e., ashiko, djembe, or doumbek. If you have difficulty obtaining a drum to use, please let Rebekah know as soon as you are accepted to the workshop, as there may be drums to borrow. Limit: 25

Rebekah is a drummer, silversmith, mother and "Amma," and recently became an on-call volunteer chaplain for the Cleveland Veteran's Administration. She thanks the gods for bringing the drum into her life and is thankful for the places she's gone and people she's met through the heartbeat of the Mother. Rebekah teaches drum workshops in the U.S., Canada and Ireland, but her greatest joy is in leading drum circles for drug and alcohol rehab centers, women's shelters, and the Akron After School program for at-risk children.

Rebekah Benner



3. Stories of Power and Passion: An Introduction to the Juicier Parts of the Hebrew Bible

This workshop will explore some of the most powerful stories of passion and leadership in the Hebrew Bible. Drawing on the tools of literary, historical, structural and canonical criticism, we will discuss the questions of: Who wrote the Hebrew Bible? Why and when was it written? What role has it played in our western culture? And what lessons can we draw from it for our day and age?

Joan is the Ohio-Meadville District Executive. During her seminary studies, she was fascinated by the Hebrew Bible and considered it as a possible PhD focus. As a result, she took 3 years of Hebrew language and numerous courses on Hebrew Bible history, theology and exegesis and studied with one of the most influential liberal modern scholars, Dr. Walter Brueggemann.

Rev. Joan Van Becelaere



4. Morning Boot Camp - The Wake-up Workout

Andrew B. Sobczak

A boot camp workout each morning for those how are interested and willing to push themselves. We will do body weight calisthenics, cardiovascular training, strength training, flexibility and focus especially on abdominal strengthening Limit: 20

Andy has been a personal trainer for over a year now, working with people from every walk of life. He's taught group power classes, TRX classes, Kettlebell classes, Bootcamps, Biggest Loser groups and one-on-one training and is looking forward to working with you.



5. It Only Hurts When I Laugh

Bill Brauning

Laughter is a powerful antidote to stress, pain, and conflict. Nothing works faster or more dependably to bring your mind and body back into balance than a good laugh. Humor lightens your burdens, inspires hopes, connects you to others, and keeps you grounded, focused, and alert. This workshop will review laughter and its benefits through integrating film clips in the media from TV, film, music and home movies, AND delving into writings on the subject of laughter, from such authors as Norman Cousins and George Carlin. Limit: 45



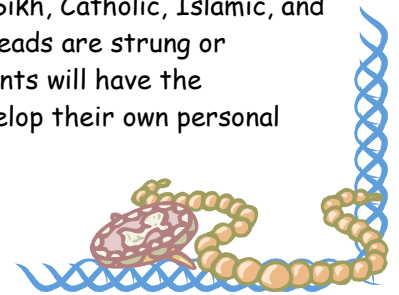
Bill serves as an adjunct professor teaching Pop culture with Cleveland Community College. He has previously presented at SI on History of 60's Television, History of the Music Video, Review of Cartoon Animation and History of Film Composing. He attends the Akron UU Church.

6. Beads in Spiritual Practice – Creation and Construction for Meditation and Prayer

Amy R. Walters

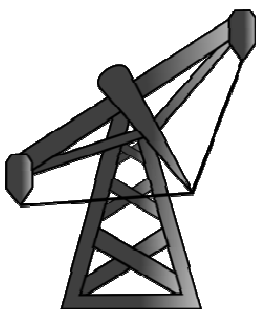
This workshop covers fundamental information on how beads are used in Hindi, Buddhist, Sikh, Catholic, Islamic, and BaHai' traditions. The meaning of different types of beads, the significance of how the beads are strung or configured, and the process of using them in spiritual practice will be discussed. Participants will have the opportunity to make their own beads, construct their own configuration of beads, and develop their own personal meditation or prayer.

Amy is President of Ginger Hill UUC, and teaches speech and media studies in the Communication Department at Slippery Rock University. She is also the artist behind Alternative Reality Works.



7. Fracking - Purpose, Products, and Politics

Cal Frye



To frack, or not to frack... Just what is fracking, anyway? Let's find out what effects hydraulic fracturing, or "fracking" has on both natural gas and groundwater production in our area. We'll visit rock types around Kenyon and maybe a drilling site. Fracking has an impact on streams and rivers, too! We'll cover the basics, the environmental impacts, and the laws and politics of the business, while we're at it.

Before turning to the dark side of systems and network administration, Cal was a paleontologist and taught at several of the Kent State regional campuses.

8. Open Explorations into Self-Portraiture

Isabel Farnsworth

Utilizing both traditional and non-traditional Fine Art mediums and processes, this workshop will explore self-portraiture and self-expression. Participants will create both 2D (drawing/painting/collage based pieces) and 3D (plaster and assemblage sculpture/reliefs) pieces. Through observation, photo transfers, abstraction and bodycasting, we will seek to arrive at meaningful works that explore the self. No experience necessary...come with an open mind and a willing spirit. Limit: 20

Isabel has been an Associate Professor of Art at Kent State University since 1997. She received her degrees in fine art from Tyler School of Art (painting) in Philadelphia and Stanford University (sculpture) in California. Her work can be seen on her website at www.ifarnsworth.com. She lives in Kent with her two kids, Elliot and Leah (and a dog and two cats). She is a member of the UU Church of Kent.

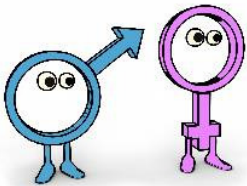


9. Beyond OWL: Creating A Sex-Positive Community

Ashera Buhite

Beyond OWL is about how we talk about and deal with sexual issues, specifically in the context of a UU Community. This discussion-based workshop will focus on creating healthy, sex-positive communities that are inclusive to all genders and sexualities. Topics will include sex work, trans and non-binary etiquette and politics, asexuality, creating boundaries, and consent, to name a few. Limit: 16

Ashera, a life-long UU, hails from scenic Buffalo, NY. She holds a bachelor's degree in Global Gender Studies, with a minor in sociology, from the University of Buffalo, and is an OWL and Coming of Age teacher. She spends her free time reading feminist theory and passing out prophylactics to college students.



10. Reading the Rocks: Oh the Stories Earth Has to Tell

Jamie Martin-Hayden

After a morning exploring various rock types around the Science Quad and deciphering the stories recorded in them, we will venture out to "read" the stories written in the geology of Knox County with a series of short field trips around the Kenyon campus. During these field trips we will explore local geology, landscapes, rock types, fossils, soils and rivers in person. Limit: 30

Jamie started teaching geology as a teenaged tour guide in the White Mountains of New Hampshire and continues this zeal for teaching and researching geology at the University of Toledo, Department of Environmental Sciences, where he specializes in hydrogeology.

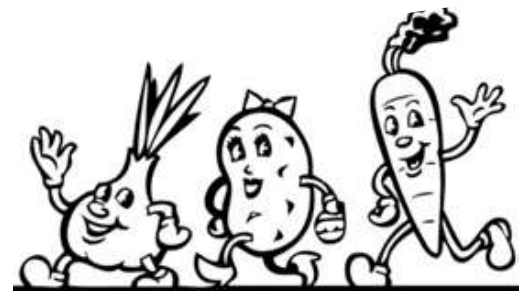


11. Urban Gardening by the Principles

Melissa Jeter

This course will discuss urban gardening as an opportunity express our UU principles. In the course, there will be discussion about the ways in which people garden and the impact it has on how we think of the world in which we live. Participants will be encouraged to journal on the relationship of each UU principle to urban gardening and to share their insights.

Melissa is a member of the First Unitarian Church of Toledo. She is the "Hip Urban Farmer," (www.hipurbanfarmer.blogspot.com) but works as a librarian by day. Melissa has kept her own garden for 10 consecutive years and participated in the church community garden for 2 years.



12. Taoism and the I Ching: An Introduction

Les Buhite

Of the many Eastern Disciplines, Taoism most resonates with Unitarian Universalism as a practical system that encourages self-awareness and engagement in one's community. This workshop will explore the basic principle of Taoism through casting and interpreting the I Ching (The Book of Changes).

Les is a religion junkie. His MA from the University of Akron concerned the pre-Judaic religions of the ancient Middle East; his PhD dissertation traced the development of Protestant camp meetings in the US through the 19th and early 20th century until they culminated in the Chautauqua Movement.



13. Spread the Word: Promotion 101

Tiffany Grinstead

Whether you're responsible for, or interested in, promoting the work of your church, nonprofit, small business, personal area of expertise or area of activism, this class can help. We'll cover the basics of how to write a press release and call the media. We'll also cover the basics of social media, including actionable ideas for using Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and blogs.

Tiffany is a public relations and marketing professional and an aspiring novelist. She holds the Accredited in Public Relations designation from the Public Relations Society of America and has authored articles for the national journal *PR Tactics*.



14. Advanced Hand Dyeing: SACRED GEOMETRY

Alyssa Rockstar

Sacred geometry is the idea that beautiful and mystical geometric patterns occur naturally in nature on every imaginable scale, from the microscopic, to the shape of our galaxy. This workshop will guide participants through creating tie-dyed or shibori mandalas on flat fabric. Bring flat, natural-fiber things to dye, a sense of wonder, and your love of beauty and color. Limit: 24

Alyssa is a tender soul who loves pretty colors. She began dyeing as a way to keep stained clothing out of landfills. A teacher by profession, she is also a featured artist at Dharma Trading: www.dharmatrading.com/autogen/featuredartists/html/473/



15. Aesop...the first UU?!

Deb Lemire and Laura Conkle

Was Aesop the first UU? Could be! His tales have long explored the intentions of human beings and our social and personal responsibility to each other and ourselves. Join us for a fun week of exploring several tales. We will use improv and the discipline of theatre to recreate these tales and perhaps have impromptu performances all around SI!

Deb is a member of the UU Church of Akron. Deb is a professional actor in Northeast Ohio currently working with Magical Theatre Company. She received her training from Kent State University and West Virginia University and has worked in professional regional theatres for over 20 years. Deb is also Artistic Director of Queen Bee Productions, producing theatre and creative programming that advocates for women on important issues. Laura is a member of the First Unitarian Church of Pittsburgh and is a professional actor trained at West Virginia University, Folgers Theatre in Washington D.C. and Heinz College at Carnegie Mellon University. Laura enjoys ensemble productions, creating new plays, and working as a voice over artist. She is also active in the trauma survivor community, blending her art and other original work to promote healing and meaningful relationship with the great wide world.

16. A Theology of Wild Abundance: Foraging as Spiritual Practice

Rev. Colin Bossen

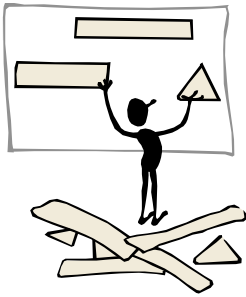
Learn to see the world through the eyes of a forager and how foraging can transform your perception of the world—from a place of scarcity to a place of abundance. Workshop participants will learn the basics of mushroom identification as well as tips on when and where to find certain kinds of edible mushrooms, wild fruit and herbs. The workshop will take place both inside and out, so please dress for being outdoors and off the beaten path.

Colin is the minister of the Unitarian Universalist Society of Cleveland. An avid forager for mushrooms, wild fruit and, occasionally, herbs, he is the author of two UUA curriculums; his essays and articles have appeared widely.



17. Leading Change in Changing Times

Rev. Renee Ruchotzke



Leadership School comes to Summer Institute! This interactive course (in combination with the late afternoon workshop "Chutes and Ladders for Leaders") will help leaders comprehend and adapt to the changes in our society and learn to lead their congregation toward transformative change. Youth and Young Adults are encouraged to join us!

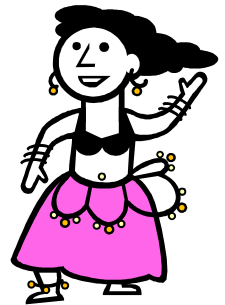
Renee is the Regional Leadership Development Consultant of the Central East Region of the UUA. She co-wrote the Tapestry of Faith curriculum "A Chorus of Faiths." She is passionate about finding new, creative ways to blending the arts, theology, spiritual development and leadership development.

18. Belly Dancing: Goddess Dance for All

Pam Midyett and Laura Howe

Through movement, video, and music, we will explore belly dance as a dance for all ages and body types. We will explore some styles currently being danced and introduce the spiritual connection. Limit: 20

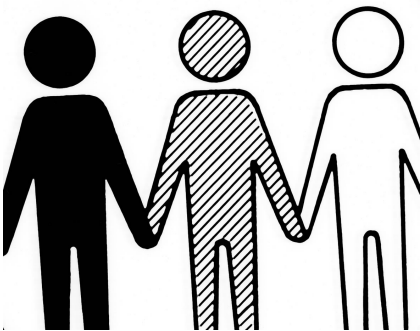
Pam is the "harper of SI" and studied belly dance in Ohio before moving to Portland. She loves to share the Goddess in all ways. Laura Howe is a member of North UUC and was belly dancing before she found her spiritual home as a UU.



19. Confronting Racism

Rev. Melissa Carvill-Ziemer and Saunis Parsons

Using a combination of approaches, we will look at racism in the contemporary United States and try to come up with strategies to recognize and deal with racism when we see it. We will present some information, share our stories and use role playing to develop and practice new ways of living into an anti-racist, anti-oppressive way of being.



Melissa is the Minister of the UU Church of Kent and President-Elect of Allies for Racial Equity. She has been involved in anti-racism and anti-oppression initiatives for nearly two decades. Saunis Parsons is a member of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent and a member of her congregation's anti-racism team. Saunis and Melissa have explored a variety of anti-racism initiatives and trainings offered by the OMD and the UUA and have collaborated on classes and workshops in their own congregation, through the William Williams Workshop and at the OMD District Assembly.

For the Children.... Summer Institute provides supervised, full-time morning programming and late afternoon workshops for children. However, early afternoon and evening activities require parental involvement.

Children's Morning Program

Children's RE Community and Programming

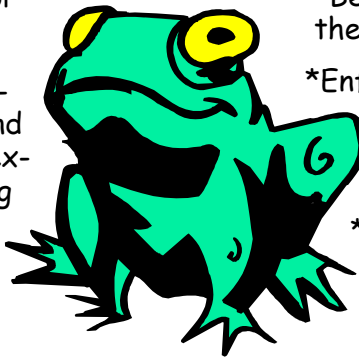
Our children's program offers a variety of activities specially designed for the children to create their own Summer Institute experiences. They meet separately and together, in various age groups from infants through those entering 6th grade.

Children who have completed 6th grade have the option of participating in either the Youth Program or the Children's program. Due to staffing issues, this decision must be indicated on your registration application and may not be modified.

Nursery age children (to 3 years) will be cared for in a comfortable, safe environment each morning during the Theme Talk and Morning Seminar time periods.

All children will attend the morning worship service with their parents. Afterwards they will go to the children's center to participate in a variety of activities including arts and crafts, games, stories and music until noon. The Adult Morning Seminars will end at 11:45. The Children's Program will end at noon, allowing parents time to pick up their children promptly, and join them for lunch.

We encourage children and adults to participate fully and to treat one another and their environment with respect. All are expected to follow SI safety rules including bicycle helmets for all ages.



Parent responsibilities include the following:

- *Provide full disclosure regarding physical/emotional issues to classroom teachers.
- *Know that when my child is not in an SI program that provides adult supervision, I am directly responsible for his/ her supervision, including meal time.
- *Know that I am responsible for my child's health, well-being, safety and good behavior at SI.
- *Know that if my child fails to follow SI or Kenyon College rules, he/she may have to remain with me during the remainder of SI and that continued failure to follow rules may result in he/ she being requested to leave.
- *Know that I am responsible for any property damage that my child may cause.
- *Be prompt in picking up children after their programs.
- *Enforce 9 PM curfew (bedtime) for small children (2nd grade and under). No later than 10 PM for children 3rd-6th grade. Sleep is not over-rated!
- *Know that I must register all children including infants.

Late Evening Childcare Co-op

There is a cooperative childcare arrangement for those parents who wish to share nighttime supervision of their children throughout the week of Summer Institute. The co-op makes it easier for parents to enjoy all the late evening activities that SI has to offer. The childcare co-op is open to all families of children who are participating in the Children's Morning program. The childcare co-op provides parents with approximately 15 hours of shared supervision for their children in the late evening program slot after Vespers. In return, each parent typically contributes approximately 3 hours of supervision. Parents or guardians wishing to participate in the co-op should check the childcare co-op housing option on the registration form. **Again, you must indicate your preference on the registration form by checking "yes."**

SI Policy regarding Safety and Supervision of Children is on page R-12 and needs to be signed and sent in via snail mail with your registration.

Please refer to the Code of Conduct on Page R-3 in the colored registration pages.

2012 Youth Community and Programming



100+ UU youth on a college campus?

Sound good? It gets even better. The SI Youth Program is a weeklong place to explore and learn about UU ethics and values without some of the constraints of today's society, while still in a safe environment.

A core part of SI, the Youth Program offers age-appropriate programming for about 125 youth split between the junior high group (7th - 9th grade) and the senior high group (10th - 12th grade). Each group has its own theme speaker for an hour in the morning, after which both groups come together to participate in a variety of morning workshops, such as music jam sessions, political discussions, crafts, tie-dying, games, dancing, and planning for that evening's youth worship. Following lunch in Kenyon's new dining hall, you can attend a variety of intergenerational afternoon workshops (everything from ultimate Frisbee to Dungeons & Dragons). Your evenings are filled with various activities, including talent shows, card games, dances, games, hand-drumming circles or just hanging out with other UU youth. After these events, Youth Vespers, created by and for youth (although all SI community members are invited to attend), take place. There is no way to describe Youth Vespers—once you attend one, you'll know what it is all about, and you'll probably want to attend more! If you're entering 10th grade, you have the option of staying in the Senior High Youth Dorm. If you elect to stay in the Senior High Youth Dorm, your parents or sponsor can share a room with you, stay in a different room, or with their permission, you may stay without your parent or sponsor in the Senior High Youth Dorm.

At SI, it doesn't matter if you're entering 7th or just completing 12th grade or somewhere in between. Nor does it matter if you prefer music, sports, political discussions, art or just being with UU people. Basically, if you're open-minded and looking for the fun, respect, meaning, or love that you can't find in regular society, the SI Youth Program is the place for you.



A few youth having a good time in a room in the youth dorm

Quotes from Youth at Summer Institute:

About Youth Vespers~~

"The nightly vespers make me feel deeply connected to the universe and the loving community around me."

~Oliver Evans

About Theme Talks ~~

"It's really nice having something to look forward to in the mornings. Every year I learn so much from the speaker(s), and about myself. I've met some of my closest friends through activities during theme talks."

~Emily Pierce

About the Youth Dorm ~~

"The youth dorm offers excellent opportunities to connect with other youth, not just in a social sense, but a spiritual and life-changing way"

~ Andrew Freund

About the SI in general ~~

"SI is a place where it feels like everyone is one huge family from all over. I look forward to it every year and have made incredible friends there."

~ Nikki Hurlbutt



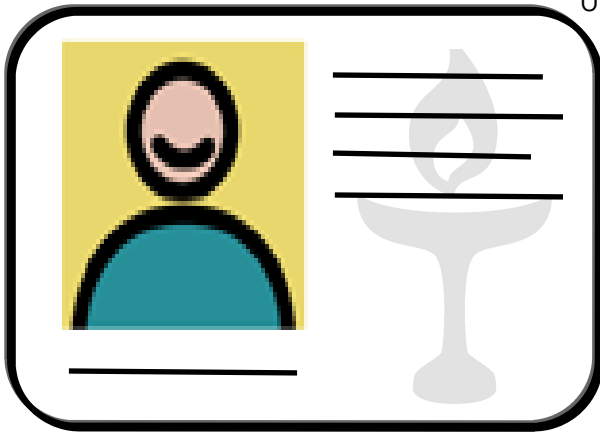
The morning youth theme talks.

Questions / More Info: Emily Pierce (emilyemilyp@gmail.com / 412-216-9449)
Nate Fagan (n8.fagan@yahoo.com / 614-302-3527) or visit www.omdsi.org/

Youth Theme 2012:

You're Carded! Expressing Your UU ID

How do you express your UU Identity? If someone asked you to prove you were UU, how would you do it? We will begin by building our own UU theology, but then move to how that engages with deeper questions of identity:



Unitarian Universalism as a way of living, of being, and of self-understanding. We'll explore the many rubrics of UU identity—the social, cultural, ethical, and theological—and the ways they connect to our personal identities and self expression.

2012 Youth Panel

Nate Fagan, Co-chair
Emily Pierce, Co-chair
Joey Marfy
Ethan Shillington
Leigh Duckworth
Reid Parsons
Isa Pircio
Carl Pierce,
Adult Youth Program
Coordinator
Stephanie Romero, Asst.
Adult Youth Program
Coordinator
Scott Evans, Jr. High
Program Coordinator

Youth Community Speakers:

Rev. Susan Ritchie has served as Minister of the North Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Lewis Center, OH since 1996. Sharing a solid understanding and enthusiasm for liberal religious identity is important to this life-long Unitarian Universalist. Susan is well-published on the topic of Unitarian Universalist history and identity, holds a PhD in Cultural Studies from the Ohio State University and a Master's of Divinity from the Methodist Theological School in Ohio, currently serves as the Ohio Meadville District Trustee on the National Board of the Unitarian Universalist Association, and she teaches at the Starr King School for the Ministry, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, CA. Favorite recreations include family time with partner Donna, anthropomorphizing her Springer Spaniel "Valentino," competitive amateur tennis, and ridiculously ambitious gourmet cooking. (And, of course, she is well known at SI for her conversations with Merrily.)



Robert Estice grew up in Columbus, Ohio. He holds a BS in science education from The Ohio State University and an MS in curriculum design from Capella University. Robert has been teaching science, critical thinking and philosophy to middle and high school students for over 15 years. He is a founder and teacher at Phoenix Middle School, an alternative public school in Worthington, Ohio, based upon the integration of core curriculum with critical thinking, global education, fine arts, wellness, and community interaction. Robert and his wife Stephanie have two wonderful children; Sasha who is in 4th grade, and Hana, a 9th grader. He loves teaching, coaching rowing, movies, and reading about philosophy and science.

Youth Morning Workshops

After the morning theme speaker's activities, you have several workshops to choose from. Perhaps you've seen everyone at SI with tie-dye shirts, but you want to step things up with a pair of tie-dye shoes? Maybe you have a song you want to practice for the coffee house performance, but you're looking for someone who can lay down a seriously funky bass line? Or after an hour of theme talk, you're tired of sitting inside and want to get up and move around? Maybe you have a couple ideas on how youth vespers could be improved? You're in luck, because this year's morning workshops will include:



Crafts



Music Jams



Outdoor Games



Worship Planning

Youth Bridging/Youth Touch Groups/Youth Chaplains

The idea of showing up to spend a week with more than 100 youth that you've never met before can be intimidating. Maybe you've been to a couple previous SIs, but you always spent your time in the children's program and now you're too old for that. Or this is your first ever SI and you know, at most, two or three other youth from your church youth group back home. No worries, each of us on the Youth Panel knows what it is like to be coming to your first SI in the Youth Program and we've arranged a few things to make sure everyone has a good time. The three main things to know about are *youth bridging*, *touch groups*, and *chaplains*.



Bridging Sunday night we have a meeting for new youth and their sponsors, either first-time youth at SI or youth bridging from the Children's Program into the Youth Program. After this meeting, we have a bridging ceremony with the rest of the youth in the youth program. The bridging process is very simple and easy, but it's a concrete, visible first step for welcoming new youth into the Youth Program.

Touch Groups Each touch group consists of around ten youth who are led by specially-trained youth and adult leaders. Touch groups meet daily to play games, do crafts, talk and provide a smaller, casual setting for you to get better acquainted with other youth.

Chaplains Hopefully your touch group will be able to answer any questions you have or help you with any problems you have at SI. However, if you are still having an issue or just want to talk to someone, there are two youth chaplains and one adult chaplain available. Their primary purpose at SI is to give you a confidential way to solve whatever problem you may have. The chaplains will be introduced during the Sunday evening youth meeting and their contact info will be posted in youth areas.

Living on Kenyon Campus



SI is hosted by Kenyon College, which is located in rural Gambier, Ohio. Morning activities, meals and sleeping will be inside. However, many of your activities during the day will be outside and somewhere on Kenyon's 1,000 acre campus, so be prepared to walk a little, possibly in less than perfect weather. The food in Kenyon's dining hall is very good and plentiful, but if you think you'll want something to eat/drink in-between meal times, bring a little money to buy food in Gambier. Located in the middle of campus, the town of Gambier is no bigger than one block, but it includes a convenience and book store, coffee shop (with free wi-fi), a sandwich shop and restaurant. Kenyon College also has a modern six acre recreational building, which includes an Olympic-sized indoor swimming pool, weight room, tennis, squash and volleyball courts, a 200m track, and a football/soccer field.

Suggested Packing List for the Youth

The Basics:

- ~ Enough clothes for seven days!
- ~ Shoes good for lots of walking
- ~ Toothbrush/Toothpaste/Floss
- ~ Shampoo/Shower stuff
- ~ Swimsuit/Towel
- ~ Pillow/Bedding/Sheets/Sleeping Bags
- ~ Your personality!

Optional, but encouraged!

- ~ Musical instruments
- ~ White clothes for tie-dye (at least 50% cotton)
- ~ Alarm clock/radio
- ~ Frisbee/Soccer ball/Football, etc.
- ~ Spending money (\$10-\$30)
- ~ Snacks (Poptarts, trail mix, dried fruit, etc.)
- ~ A talent/skill for the youth talent show

Workshift

Everyone 11 and older is expected to contribute, as fit and able, at least two hours of time during the week. Youth will be assigned workshifts through their Touch Groups.

Young Adult Community and Programming

In addition to all of the other fun things happening at Summer Institute, there are activities and spaces specifically geared towards 18-35 year old campers!

COMMUNITY SPACES & HOUSING

Young adults may opt to stay in Gund Dorm, or choose to be housed among the general SI community. Gund Dorm is our home base, where we gather for young adult activities and casual socializing. This dorm is not air conditioned, but is attached to a large, air conditioned common space (“The Icebox”).

For those staying in Gund Dorm, one section is designated substance free. Young adults under 21 are automatically placed in substance free housing; those 21 & up can request substance free housing on the registration form. As a community, we accept and support young adults with children & families, but for safety reasons this dorm cannot house children under the age of 18. All young adults, whether housed in Gund Dorm or elsewhere – are welcome to spend time in these young adult spaces.



PROGRAMMING & WORSHIP

Young adults are encouraged to sign up for a morning workshop of their choice alongside the general Summer Institute community. The workshops range in topic and degree of activity & tend to fill up quickly so register early! The young adult community has its own evening vespers; Matt Meyer is our worship leader this year.

Matt Meyer is lifelong Unitarian Universalist, a graduate of the Berklee College of Music and has studied abroad in Cuba, Ghana, and Central America. Matt has led hundreds of services for UU congregations across the country, has performed at and led worship at the last 6 General Assemblies of the UUA, served as Artist in Residence at a number of UU summer conference retreats, and lives in Boston where he plays with several world music groups. Matt has been active with building Young Adult community at the local, regional, and national levels. He is a member of the UUA's Council on Cross Cultural Engagement and is a founding board member and resident of the Lucy Stone Cooperative, a newly-formed Unitarian Universalist housing cooperative creating an intentional community and a center for social justice in the Boston area.

REGISTRATION

Register early, even as a “maybe” – there are no down payments or cancellation fees for young adults; please show your gratitude by refusing to register late. The early registration deadline is June 1st. If you plan to apply for a scholarship, start the process now – complete applications must be turned in by May 31st!

The “WeekENDER”

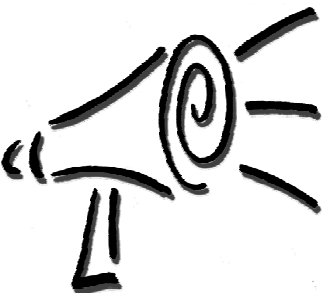
Can't make it for the whole week? \$60 gets you some indoor floor space to camp out on and a meal ticket Thursday night through Saturday morning!

WHAT TO BRING

Musical instruments, worship planning supplies, games (indoor & outdoor), a reusable water bottle, snacks, sunscreen & insect repellent, a fancy outfit for Monte Carlo Night, and talents for the young adult coffee house.

YAs THAT MAKE THINGS HAPPEN

Regarding registration, contact YA registrar Jeremy Brauning at jbraunin9@gmail.com; otherwise contact panel chair Amber Scott at miss.amber.makes.art@gmail.com or the SI Young Adult Panel (Mike Frye (Asst. Chair), Catherine Haker, Drew Mulkins, and Krissy Brannan) at siyapc@gmail.com.



Post—Lunch Programming

Children's Choir 12:45 to 1:25

SI Children's Choir is back for the sixth year. The choir offers children the opportunity to have fun with music while singing about our UU values. Director Joe Schafer has led the West Shore UU Church Junior Choir for over 25 years. He will bring back the songs from the SI choir's first five years, and add a couple of new ones as well. The songs are easy to sing, there are no words to memorize, and all kids are welcome and encouraged to join us, starting at 12:45. (Please be prompt in picking up your little one at 1:25.)

Joe Schafer

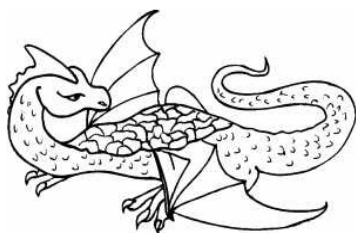


Joe is excited about how fast the SI Children's Choir is growing, both in numbers and in the kinds of music we can sing. We hope to again sing for the Friday evening talent show and for the closing ceremony on Saturday. Children's Choir practices each day during the latter portion of the lunch period.

Early Afternoon Workshops Intergenerational (1:30 to 3:00)

Intergenerational afternoon workshops are designed to be experienced by families together. Please remember to be responsible for your children during this time.

Dungeons & Dragons



Tracy Parsons

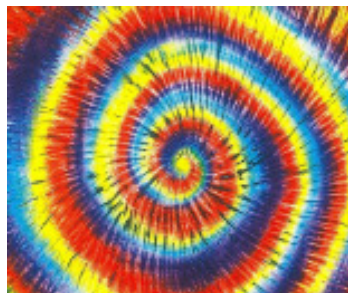
Participants will get to play a role-playing board game called Dungeons and Dragons, in which players make characters and take on their role while on adventures set forth by the game coordinator.

Tracy has been to six SI's, and has been playing Dungeons and Dragons for roughly 5 years. Tracy is an experienced player and coordinator and is looking forward to sharing the game with you.

Tie Dye

Nicole Hayman and Lexi Staples

Tie-Dying has been a Summer Institute tradition for as long as most of us can remember and this year the tradition continues with a new twist. We will be ready for the projects you bring along and be set up for some new projects you may not expect! The Tie-dye Workshop and its trusty volunteers will help you create your individual wearable art. Let's Twist, Tie + Dye/Un-Dye (a NEW SI tradition!). The Un-Dye STATION! Bring your favorite colored shirts to make a positive or negative image and rock your SI pride! This year's Tie-Dying just got that much cooler! And we have a couple new tricks up our sleeves so pay attention to announcements for extra exciting activities!



Nicole is a hair stylist at Snip Salon in uptown Maumee, OH. She also bartends at a gourmet burger hotspot in Toledo. She has been working in the service industry her entire career and thoroughly enjoys being a people pleaser! She ran the "Ready, Set, Go" program in 2009 and the "Tie-Dye" workshop in 2011. As always, she anxiously awaits the arrival of SI and another enlightening week with the coolest people on earth! Lexi has been attending SI since the young age of 12 and has always been very active in positively mentoring the youth!

Early Afternoon Workshops...Continued

Body Art

Have you always wanted to try out purple hair, but found the commitment daunting? Would you like to try your hand at hair braiding or wrapping? Or do you just long to sit in the shade and paint your nails while listening to the sweet sounds of Senegal or Bali? Join us at Body Art and celebrate the body as a canvas for your creativity.

Jane is a high school social studies teacher, a member of Allegheny UU Church in Pittsburgh, PA, and a long-time participant at SI. Running this workshop has inspired her dream: to be an organic goat farmer.

Jane Dirks



Art Space

Beth Straubhaar and Susan Smith

Art Space is a fun way to explore your inner artist. We'll supply lots of cool materials (including pipe cleaners and lots of glitter) and you can follow your muse! Not feeling very creative? No worries. We will feature a "craft of the day" for you to try. Join us for a week of creative fun for all ages!



Susan and Beth are both members of the Kent Unitarian Universalist Church. Beth is a baker and she also runs a greenhouse. In her spare time she loves to craft. Her current craft obsession is repurposing and papercraft. She lives in an old farmhouse in Ravenna with her husband and daughter and a herd of evil cats. Susan makes natural body care products and has always enjoyed repurposing different items. She is a musician and belly dancer. She lives in Stow with her daughter and 3 cats. They have used their repurposing skills in making jewelry, home décor, and costuming.

Duct Tape University

Hallie Walker and Emma Peshek

Duct Tape aficionados Emma and Hallie will guide participants in creating a variety of unique and funky creations using nothing but duct tape! Go home with a brand new duct tape wallet. Make a stylish and practical Ipod case to store and protect your gear. Create some SI 2012 memorabilia in the form of a magnet, a handbag or a bowtie. All levels of experience in duct tape creativity are welcome! Come learn our designs or share your own.

Hallie and Emma are students at Kent Roosevelt High School. This summer, 14 year old Hallie will celebrate her 15th summer at Summer Institute. The two teens are co-owners of the "Duct Tape Emporium" -- a business that has come to life for two years at Kent's juried Arts Festival, "Art in the Park."

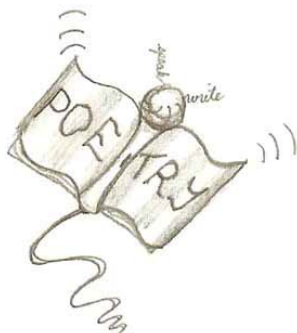


Poetry for a Summer Day

Dean Hazelton

This is a workshop in reading and appreciating poetry. We will read aloud and discuss poetry on a variety of topics. As in past years we will probably read poems about nature and love, but this year we might add poetry about social justice, poems by William Butler Yeats, and "short cuts:" Haiku and other short poems. The poems will be new, and won't repeat from previous workshops. There is no shortage of good poems!

For the past several years, Dean has led a poetry circle at his home church, the UU Church of the South Hills in Pittsburgh. He isn't an academic. He learned poetry from passionate reading and talking about poetry with friends. The workshop is a chance to learn from each other.



Early Afternoon Workshops...Continued

Folk Orchestra

Pat Lorei

folk (fok) *n.* 1. An ethnic group, as a tribe or nation. orchestra (or ki stra) *n.* 1. A large group of musicians performing together on various instruments. The SI tribe of instrumental musicians will gather in early afternoon to make ready some sounds supportive of adult vespers services (and maybe a morning worship service as well).



Suggested for tribal participation: 1. having an instrument 2. playing of aforementioned instrument 3. music reading ability about middle school level. Leader (hereafter known as "mediator") will really really try to keep music in the F-C-G neighborhood.

Pat plays in the Mar-Vels band and Bus 17, an acoustic trio in Erie, PA. It's OK to email him (it really is) if you have questions, comments, tune suggestions or general banter at duudefromerie@gmail.com

Fairy Time: An Early Afternoon Program for Children (All welcome!)

Patricia Trudeau

Come to the Fairy Grove near Bushnell for Fairy Time. We'll dance, dress up in wings and things, make wands and ribbon skirts, tell stories and create our own magical world. Once we find the fairies hidden in the trees, we have tea and give them names. Sometimes the SI Fairy drops by for tea and tells us about her family.

Pat is a Fairy Friend who lives in Canada where she creates fairy magic for children and serves the Neighbourhood UU Congregation as Chair of Sunday Services. She has been Interim Director of Lifespan Learning and is currently undertaking further study.



Ohio Myths and Legends: A UU View on Things that Howl in the Night

Colleen Norris

Common sense information about the Ohio Grassman, Bigfoot, Mothman, etc., will be shared. Cryptozoology is a keen interest of Colleen's and she has been researching the existence of such creatures for years. Cryptozoologists are finding new species at an amazing rate. Who is to say they won't discover the truth about the legends. She is looking forward to sharing her findings with you.



Colleen has seen evidence of these creatures. She has been an avid researcher on this topic for several years and has spoken to well known scientists and searchers. She has also spoken to reporters who have sighted them, and has lots of great photos, video footage, and sound recordings taken in Ohio.

Late Afternoon Workshops

Age-Specific Workshops (3:15 to 4:45)

Water Exercise

Amy Collins

Water exercise for all levels of fitness. We will perform strength and cardio exercises, mostly in the deep end of the pool.

Amy is a Commissioned Lay Leader at the UU Society of Cleveland. She is a Red Cross Certified water exercise instructor.

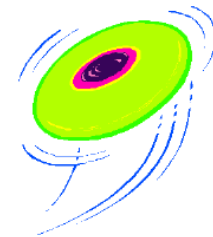


Late Afternoon Workshops.....continued

Ultimate Frisbee

Seth and Caleb Sykora-Bodie

Seth and Caleb have been running the Ultimate Frisbee workshop for a lot of years between them. It is their favorite part of SI and they love getting to interact with all of the youth, young adults, and adults that come on out for the games. They are really into the whole intergenerational aspect of ultimate and get a kick out of how it brings down to the fields people who have never ever played, just to watch and enjoy the spectacle. Come on out for a romping, stomping good time, whether you are a watcher or a (ultimate Frisbee) player!



Seth and Caleb have been playing Frisbee almost too long to count. At this point their main focus is spreading it to other countries including, most recently, Egypt, Chile and Croatia. And when they're at home? You can find them somewhere on Lake Erie throwing a disc with their friends or planning for the next SI.

Labyrinth Creativity Playshop

Carol Posch Comstock



The labyrinth is a watering hole for the spirit and a creativity incubator. Drop in for walking meditation with a sprinkling of expressive arts stirred in each day, including percussion, dance, and color exploration.

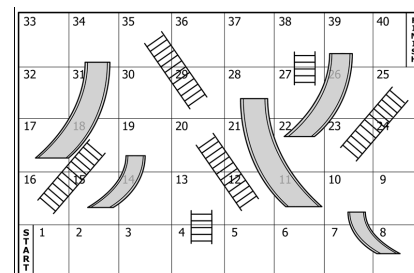
Carol is a seasoned SI workshop leader with a focus on art as a spiritual practice. She is a mixed-media artist and founding member of the International Labyrinth Society.

Chutes and Ladders for Leaders

Rev. Renee Zimelis Ruchotzke and Rev Joan VanBecelaere

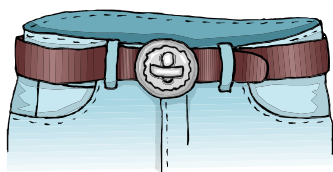
Leadership School comes to Summer Institute! These five interactive stand-alone workshops will provide tools and tips for the ups and downs of leadership in UU congregations: Monday: "Non-Trivial Pursuit" (Basic Change Theory) Tuesday: "Rock, Paper, Scissors" (Conflict Transformation) Wednesday: "Everybody Play!" (Inclusivity in our Congregations) Thursday: "Taking the Temperature" (Assessing Your Congregation's Ministry) Friday: "Looking Under Rocks" (Creative Resources for Your Congregation)

Renee is the Regional Leadership Development Consultant of the Central East Region of the UUA. She co-wrote the Tapestry of Faith curriculum "A Chorus of Faiths." She is passionate about finding new, creative ways to blending the arts, theology, spiritual development and leadership development. Joan is the Ohio-Meadville District Executive and former Vice-President for Student Services at the Iliff School of Theology, Denver, CO, where she also taught UU Polity and History. She believes that congregations and people learn best by learning from one another.



Forever In Blue Jeans

Karen Abel Jepsen



We will recycle old jeans into fabulous new purses as well as other useful carrying cases such as beach bags, bags to carry groceries, bags to tote school supplies, diapers, gym clothes, etc. The workshop will include several simple designs, but the sky is the limit in terms of what participants want to create and how they want to decorate their creations. Please plan ahead and save your old jeans to use or donate! Sewing machines needed (2-3). If you can bring a sewing machine to be used (with care) in this workshop, please email Karen at abel@neo.rr.com.

Karen learned to sew from her Aunt Dee who was a "home ec" teacher and wants to keep this disappearing art alive!

Late Afternoon Workshops.....continued

World Wines: An Insider View



Explore the wines of the world through tasting, photos, process explanation and discussion. Donations will be collected to cover the cost of the wine.

Kristofer is an award winning wine grower and owner of Myrddin Winery, Lake Milton, Ohio. Recently returning participant in a six-week wine study trip in France, sponsored by Rotary International.

Kristofer Sperry

SI Choir



Building community through choral singing! Once again this year, Hal Walker will lead our choir for the week. What a great opportunity for singers of all levels and all backgrounds to get together to sing. We will work hard and have lots of fun each late afternoon to prepare our musical gift for each morning's service. Over the years, we've created a wonderful community of singers and we've built a fine little (big) choir. Please come join us. Express your interest in choir on your registration form and Hal will contact you in advance with some digital files to look over (or not). See you this summer!

Hal Walker is the music director of the UU Church of Kent. This summer will be his 16th summer in a leadership role at SI. Hal enjoys expressing himself musically in many forms and he's actually been thinking he might like to take a conducting class someday.

Hal Walker

Theme Talk Back

Delve more deeply into a discussion about the topic of the day with our theme speaker Rev. Meg Riley.



Ready, Set, Go!

Calling all kids ages 5 to 11 to play with the biggest kid of all, Steve Wagner. Lucky for you Steve still has the energy of a 10-year-old boy. So bring your wiggles, fun ideas and a bathing suit (or clothes that can get wet) and a towel! We will be doing all kinds of fun things with water in addition to games, building forts on the lawn and running around as much as possible! **Parents are welcome and encouraged to participate!**

Steve is a member of UU of Akron who is an avid runner, daddy to Maya and Laura and husband to Conni. He has been heavily involved with the stewardship campaign for his church for the last few years, but has promised not to talk about that during SI! Steve is a CPA when he is acting like a grown-up, but don't let that keep you away from Ready, Set Go! He won't be boring and has promised to leave his pocket protector at home!

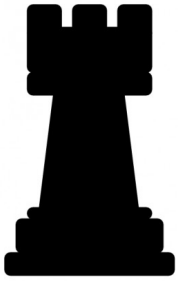


Steven and Conni Wagner

Late Afternoon Workshops.....continued

Board Games: A Sampler

JB Lawton



There are many more games than Monopoly and Risk out there! Ever heard of Eurogames or designer games? Come play a few from JB's library of games. Or bring your own and teach the rest of us, if you like. Any of JB's games will be available to play during the day or evening, but each afternoon workshop will focus on a different game or genre. Last year we played Dominion, Ticket to Ride, Werewolf, Settlers of Catan, among others.

JB is a self-described "boardgame geek," with a collection of more than 400 games. A member of the Columbus Area Boardgaming Society and National Puzzlers League, he has degrees in English and Theatre, and has taught at the high school and college level. Currently a lapsed academic and stay-at-home dad, he's passing on his gaming addiction to his two kids, much to the dismay of his wife, Nina, who is more interested in cross-words than games.

Music Performance Opportunities at SI 2012

There are many opportunities to perform music and share your musical talents with others at SI. All are fun activities. Choices vary from the intergenerational choir singing hymns and fun songs for services, through the hymn sing, to folk orchestra that welcomes most any instrument that can play a tune or keep time, to small group ensembles which perform a variety of music by groups of 2 to 6 people, all the way to the Talent Show on Friday night, exhibiting the wonderful and VERY diverse talents of SI attendees. So get involved, have fun sharing your musical talents, and join one of the groups on this page:



Choir: A late afternoon workshop (see page 18) led again by Hal Walker.

Folk Orchestra: An early afternoon workshop (see page 16) led again by Pat Lorei.

Small Group Ensembles: Connect with one or more others who like to perform the kind of music you enjoy, put a group together, audition and perform for concerts on Thursday and Friday nights. Watch for a sign-up meeting early in the week. Then you rehearse on your own schedule with your group. Practice rooms can be arranged. If you don't know others who play instruments needed for your ensemble, go to the meeting and we'll help you find others who might like your idea and a new SI music group is born! Music can vary from jazz to folk or classical, or anything in-between. Pieces are generally 3 minutes or shorter. Bob Erdman and Christa Champion will be coordinating this fine event.

Hymn Sing: One evening, everyone interested gets together with others who love to sing, and all sing their favorite hymns. It's a lot of fun, even if some people are a little hoarse at the pub or the next morning at breakfast.

Children's Talent Show: No one ever knows for sure what acts we will have in a given year, but this is always a big event with excellent entertainment that shows off the diversity of SI talents. Performances range from skits to original poetry reading to music performances (of all kinds and abilities) to hilarious comedy. Auditions are mid-week. Let us know if you need practice space. Acts are 3 minutes or less.

Pub Sing-Along: Bring your acoustic instruments and lend your voice for improvised musical merriment.

Children's Choir, again this year: After lunch the children will have the opportunity to affirm our UU values singing in a children's choir. Joe Schafer has directed the West Shore UU Children's Choir for 25 years, and has written music celebrating UU principles that kids can sing easily and well, using ragtime, jazz, rock, and other fun-loving rhythms. No experience required, and all kids are welcome. See page 14 for details.

Fun Things to do at Summer Institute

Bring your bike & helmet to SI! If you haven't ridden a bike since the last ice age, now is your chance to prove that you still can. Oil up that old tricycle in the garage, or bicycle built for two in the shed, and bring it to SI! Brad Bolton is again offering two rides on the scenic, flat, and paved Kokosing Gap Trail (www.kokosinggaptrail.org). The short ride will be suitable for kids 6 to 86. The long ride will be 18 miles on the trail, with an ice cream stop. We start right after Early Afternoon Workshops. Brad will determine what days we ride as the weather dictates. Bikes must be in good operating condition, and helmets are necessary. Children under 11 must be accompanied by an adult. Don't be taking a nap under a tree. Let the wind ruffle your feathers as you fly free as a bird!



RETURNING BY POPULAR DEMAND! SMALL CONVERSATION GROUPS FOR ADULTS

We tried it. We liked it. We're doing it again. Last year for the first time the SIPC added optional small conversation groups to the mix of SI activities. These proved popular with old-timers and newcomers alike. It helped to personalize the SI experience for folks who are new to SI or perhaps feeling a bit overwhelmed or disconnected and we expect it will continue to do so this year as well. Each group of 10 or fewer people will meet a number of times (meeting times to be determined by groups themselves) over the course of SI to discuss issues of interest identified by the group itself. The SIPC will provide some guidance and suggestions (and resources) regarding how a small group should function and then each group will be on its own. Sign up on the registration form if you are interested in participating. You will, as well, have an opportunity to sign up at SI as well. If you participated in the groups last year and are interested in being a group leader, please contact Sharon Sykora at sharonandtom99@yahoo.com or call 724-421-6003.



Evenings at Summer Institute

Each evening's events are planned to engage, entertain and provide relaxation for campers of all ages:

- PEEK
- Concerts
- Hymn sing
- Monte Carlo night
- Night-time Ultimate Frisbee
- Mikey and the U-Tones Dance
- Coffeehouse(s)
- The Children/Family Talent Show
- Movie night

Monte Carlo Night

This casino style event is family friendly and includes games for every age and skill level. Favorites such as Texas Hold-Em and Rock-Paper-Scissors will return alongside a variety of competitive wagering games. Win enough Nathan Money to claim a classy prize or relax with refreshments from our snack bar.

Your first \$500 Nathan Bucks will be free.

All donations & proceeds will benefit the scholarship fund.

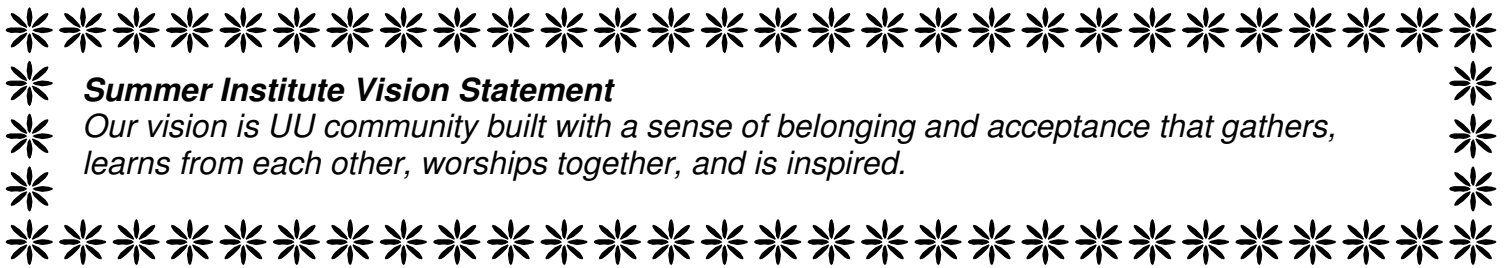


THE PUB

What would SI be without the Pub? From 9:30 PM onward, adults gather there to socialize, share a pub beverage, make music, play games and make new friends while reconnecting with old ones. It's a great place to relax and hang out when the day's events are over. This is a great time for families to utilize the Childcare Co-op. In compliance with state laws, no alcohol is permitted to be brought into the Pub or removed from the space.



Parents: Check out the Late Evening Child Care Co-op info on page 9!



Summer Institute Vision Statement

Our vision is UU community built with a sense of belonging and acceptance that gathers, learns from each other, worships together, and is inspired.

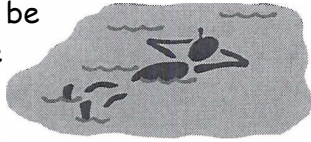


Quiet Spaces, Quiet times

There are a lot of activities planned for the week. While participating is important, it is also nice to take a few moments out of our day for some alone time. The Kenyon campus has many places perfect for quiet reflection, meditation, book-reading or people-watching. There are Adirondack chairs scattered all around the campus, and beautiful trees to sit under. Take some time out of your busy day to enjoy the surroundings.



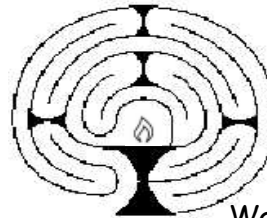
The Pool will be open and the Basketball



and Volleyball Courts are ready for your game. Bring your ball!

WALK THE LABYRINTH:

Want some time away from things, to meditate, think about all the wonderful things you did at SI,

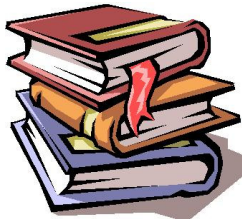


or just take a relaxing walk? Take a walk on the labyrinth, just off the main path near Ransom and the Chapel.

Want to do something with your young kids? Explain to them that they walk this path, but NEVER cross over a rope--the path will take them to the center then back out. Let them lead you on it. Kids love it. So will you.

THE SI BOOKSTORE

The headquarters for SI T-shirts, Skinner House & Beacon Press books, works by SI artists, and the SI scholarship raffle is located just off the Pierce Dining Hall. Stop in after lunch or dinner with your cash, check, or major credit card. Profits go to the Melanie Pescan scholarship fund.



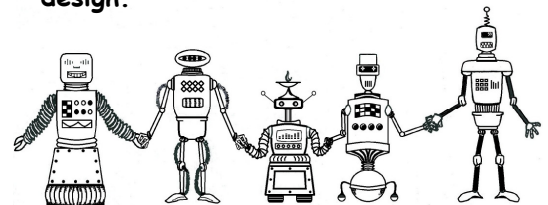
Artists or congregations wishing to sell items should contact Sue Michael and Deb Baird (bookstore@OMDSI.org) for more details.

"PEEK"

A Summer Institute Tradition that defies description. If you have never encountered a "PEEK" experience, brace yourself for the perfect UU game. It's a loud, fun, and quick card game for everyone, no matter what age. Everyone leaves a winner, with a prize and a smile. For veteran "PEEK" players, the management hopes that you will once again gladly contribute a "PEEK" prize for the Festivities.



Nanci Lorei, Brochure Editor, would like to thank our talented artist, Jay Grech for his 2012 graphic design.

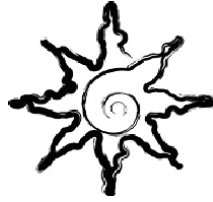


Please a copy of the brochure along with you to Summer Institute for reference during the week.

Summer Institute would not happen each year without volunteers who spend countless hours to make this an amazing spiritual and community-building experience. Thanks to all of them.

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Scholarships

Scholarships are available for individuals to attend SI 2012. First time individuals attending SI are given first priority. Application forms and a note from your minister or board president are necessary to be considered as a scholarship candidate. Time is limited for this process. For Scholarship application: Call or email John Marshall at 734.675.7377 or jmarshall@oberlin.net. Completed application with minister/president support letter must be postmarked by scholarship coordinator, John Marshall by **May 31, 2012**. THIS IS A FIRM DEADLINE.

Giving to the Scholarship Fund is easy. Remember your first SI and what it meant to you. Now please go to the PAYMENT form (R-PF) (page R-9) and make a donation to help a first-timer experience the "SI feeling."

Summer Institute Daily Schedule

Sunday

Hurray! You arrived.
 Now what's next?
 2-5:00 Complete your registration (watch for the signs on campus). Unload the car, settle into your room, and engage in reunification rituals with SI friends.
 4 - 5:00 RE Open Houses
 5:00 Meet up in the dining hall for our first dinner together.
 7:00 Opening ceremonies (bring your church banner).

Monday through Friday

Breakfast (7-8:30)
 8:30 Morning Worship, with children
 9:15 Teachers take children to Children's Programs
 9:45 Youth to morning programs
 9:30 Theme Talk
 10:30-11:45 Morning Seminars
Lunch (12:00-Adults, YAs, & children, 12:30-Youth)
 1:30-3:00 Early PM Intergenerational Workshops
 3:15-4:45 Late PM (Age-Specific Workshops)
Dinner (5-6:30)
 6:30 Early Evening Intergenerational Activities
 8:30 Evening Vespers
 9:30 Late Evening Adult Activities

Saturday

Clean your room
Breakfast
 Pack up the car.
 10 AM Closing Ceremony
 Return your room key. See Kaleidoscope for details.
 Share loving high fives and even form a hug-a-pillar with friends before heading home.

Summer Institute, Kenyon College and You

Kenyon College is located in, and wraps itself around, the village of Gambier, Ohio, about 45 minutes north-east of Columbus, and two hours from Cleveland. Summer Institute participants will find themselves ambling through this little town routinely, stopping into one or more of its stores (including Kenyon College's huge bookstore), or simply window-shopping.



Getting Around

Almost all of Summer Institute's activities take place on the South Campus, where our main housing is located and where worship, theme talks and workshops are scheduled in various buildings around the main quad. Most of us walk or ride our bikes between those locations, but SI provides golf cart transportation for those with mobility challenges.

To Sleep, Perchance to Dream

Most dorms are not air conditioned and people often bring fans from home (as well as lamps, clocks, stereos, bicycles and, occasionally, lap top computers). Window air conditioners are NOT allowed. All bathrooms look like those on college campuses and our meals taste a lot like cafeteria food, but substantially better, with recognition of the needs of our vegetarian and vegan UUs. **Campers must bring sheets and towels from home. No Kenyon linens will be available.**

The Details

You'll register for Summer Institute online or by mail (soon, so that you get first dibs on workshops. Plus, if you register by June 1, you get that \$75.00 discount!), and receive all kinds of handy information before you arrive. But it's important to know that Summer Institute begins on Sunday, July 8 and that on-campus check-in takes place between 2 PM and 5 PM. Helpers will assist you carrying your luggage up to your room, and we'll dine together before our opening celebration at 7:00. You'll be leaving after breakfast and our closing ceremony on Saturday, July 14th. To be compliant with state and local laws, no B.Y.O.B. in the Pub, wear helmets at all times when riding bicycles and please reserve golf cart usage for those that need a ride. Unruly behavior is not acceptable within the Summer Institute community. It is your community and if you feel uncomfortable, please voice your concern directly or with an SI Planning Committee member.

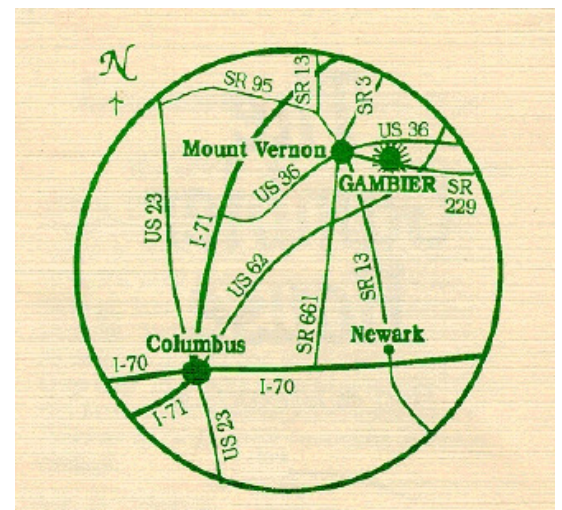
Insurance Disclaimer

If you're a Summer Institute attendee and you leave campus for any reason except for specifically scheduled Summer Institute activities, the Ohio-Meadville District's Liability Insurance will not cover you if you are hurt or in an accident. Summer Institute's liability insurance covers only ON CAMPUS events. If you leave campus, you must rely on your own insurance.

Also, if you come for even a tiny part of the week, you must register.

How to Find Out More

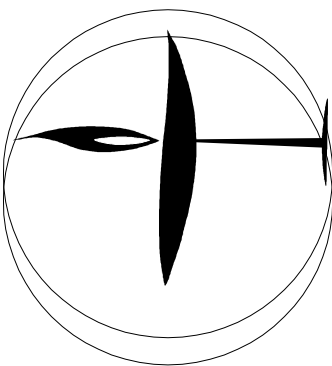
Check out our web page at www.omdsi.org or www.ohiomeadville.org. Email our committee chair (Diana VanWinkle at sicommittee@ohiomeadville.org), or contact Bridget Barrett at 412-606-6822 (or by email at b.m.barrett@gmail.com) For scholarship information, contact John Marshall at 734-675-7377 or jmarshall@oberlin.net. Kenyon College also has a web page at www.kenyon.edu.



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SAVE \$75 BY REGISTERING BEFORE JUNE 1!!

Please share with a friend.



Summer Institute 2012 Youth Program Contract

Print youth name here

Youth, completing grades 6th -12th, and their parent or sponsor need to read through this contract and sign at the bottom in order to be eligible to attend the Summer Institute Youth Programming. **You must have a parent or sponsor if you are 18 years of age or older and part of the Youth Program.**

Summer Institute Youth Program Rules

All members of the SI community are expected to be respectful of the greater community. Any behavior that may put the community at risk will be taken seriously and may result in consequences as severe as being sent home with no refund. Most rule infractions will be handled by the SI Youth Panel. Do not assume because you are at SI that the law does not apply; breaking Ohio state laws¹ or Kenyon College policies of any kind will be considered a serious infraction of this agreement.²

Most specifically you must abide by the following rules:

- No Violence** - including verbal, physical, or possession of weapons.
- No Vandalism** - this means respect Kenyon facilities and the SI community possessions, and no theft.
- No Harmful or Illegal Substances** - including illegal drugs, alcohol, weapons, and fireworks.
- No Smoking** - underage smoking is against Ohio law, Kenyon College policy, and the SI youth program rules.
- No Sex** - our goal is to uphold health communities, healthy relationships, and to discourage sexual activity and sexual harassment in the SI community. Youth are encouraged to express themselves in healthy ways and respect each other's boundaries. Also, please review Ohio laws pertaining to sexual activity.³

Youth Responsibilities at Summer Institute

Your responsibilities to the Summer Institute community are as follows:

- Attend morning programming and daily touch group meetings and fulfill your volunteer assignment
- Observe the midnight curfew and stay within the boundaries of your building after curfew
- No leaving Kenyon campus without sponsor/parental consent
- Understand that your parent or sponsor is responsible for your well-being at SI and needs to know where you are going to be after curfew (e.g., at your dorm)
- Dorm room must be left as clean as when you found it. If you are living in the youth dorm, it is up to you to work out cleanliness issues with your roommate(s) and be ready for Saturday morning check-out (you can't turn in the key until room has been inspected and determined to be clean by Youth Panel members)
- I will be 18 or out of high school by SI 2012 and am eligible to bridge this year. I understand that I must honor the youth agreement for the entirety of SI.

I, _____ understand and will abide by the rules above.

Youth Printed Name

Youth Signature	Date	Cell # during SI
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I, _____ as the attending supervisory adult will keep an emotional and

Sponsor/Attending Parent Printed Name

physical check on my youth with regards to the rules and responsibilities above.

Sponsor or Parent attending SI Signature	Date	Cell # during SI
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I (parent or guardian name) _____ give permission for my youth _____ be sponsored by _____ and to appear in photographs used for advertising and promotional materials for Summer Institute and the Ohio-Meadville District. I understand these photographs were taken during SI 2012. I acknowledge that the images are the sole property of SI and the Ohio Meadville District.

Sponsor name	Parent only signature	Date
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¹For a reference on Ohio law please visit codes.ohio.gov/orc ²For a reference on Kenyon Campus policy please visit www.kenyon.edu/x7494.xml
³For a reference on Ohio sexuality laws please visit codes.ohio.gov/orc/2907

Workshift Duty at Summer Institute

All Summer Institute Campers, ages 11 and older, are expected to perform one workshift duty, sometime during the week of SI. The Youth will be assigned workshifts through their Touch Groups. The SI Community thanks you.

Here are some suggestions--

You can be a Youth Late-Night Chaperone, perfect for insomniacs, people who like noise, or for those who want to learn more about the culture of today's UU Youth. It's on Friday, July 13th. We need people with muscles! You can use your strength to set up and breakdown Art Space or the Bookstore. You can assist during breakfast on the Cafeteria Line or, if you are coming early, you can be a luggage handler. If you want to find out if the Hokey Pokey is really what it is all about, spend time playing with UU children. You can volunteer for the Vespers Child Care or Afternoon Nursery Child Care. We need kind, considerate, and caring people (in other words, UU's) to assist individuals one on one. You can be an Art Space helper or a D&D assistant, or play games with the little ones at Ready, Set, Go or you can help with registration on Sunday, July 8th.

How Do I Pick My Workshift Choices?

Pick 3 from the list below and please indicate your choices by priority on the registration page.

Essential Workshifts: Many volunteers are needed (and many will be chosen!).

- #1 Talent Show Helper: Help with Talent Show.
- #2 Youth Overnight: Chaperone Youth Late-Nighter on Friday night.
- #3 Worship Tech Assistant (must be PPT proficient).
- #4 Vespers Child Care: Supervise the younger ones during Evening Vespers.
- #5 Afternoon Nursery/Preschool : Assist with the littlest ones.
- #6 Luggage Assistants: Available Sunday (check-in) and Saturday (check-out) to help carry luggage.
- #7 Registration Assistants: Available at 1 pm Sunday to help register.
- #8 Children's Choir Assistant (after lunch M-F, especially for the musically inclined).
- #9 Bookstore Helper: Help set up and strike down SI bookstore.
- #10 Bookstore Helper: Assist in bookstore during open hours.
- #11 Cafeteria Line Assistant: Assist individuals or families w/ young children (and others as needed) in getting through the line.
- #12 Assistant: Assist individuals, one-on-one, as needed.
- #13 Newsletter Worker: Help publish daily paper. Computer input. Gofer.
- #14 Peek Assistant: Set up and take down Peek game, bag gifts.
- #15 Game Room assistant.
- #16 Need job where I can sit.

Early Afternoon Workshop Helpers: Assist during children's afternoon classes.

- #17A Artistic Helper.
- #17B Physical Activity Helper.



GOLF CARTS AND HEADSETS

Please indicate on your registration form if you will need any of these services.

Late Afternoon Workshop Helpers:

- #18A Artistic Helper.
- #18B Physical Activity Helper (including breaking down RE space Fri. afternoon).
- #19 Art Space Set Up & Breakdown.
- #20 Monte Carlo Night Assistant (Adults only. YAs are particularly encouraged to sign up for this workshift. The only workshift you can do in eveningwear!).
- #21 Youth in Youth Program (volunteer assignment made through Touch Groups).
- #22 Organize Community Sport: Organize and lead a sporting activity.
- #23 Labryinth set up and tear down.
- #24 Volunteer Job for people with physical limitations.
- #25 Greeter.
- #26 Any non-kid oriented volunteer assignment.
- #27 "Whatever you could use..."

First, second and third...

Choose your first, second and third choices from the list above and put the number on your registration form. Please be specific. For example, if you want to help set up the dance on Thursday, let us know on your registration form.



For those needing assistance in getting between the dining hall, dorms, and various activities, expanded golf cart service will be available between key campus locations before and after meals and scheduled events.

For those with hearing difficulties, a limited number of headsets will be available for use in Rosse Hall only.



Bring your own linens (towels, pillowcases, sheets) to SI. Linens will no longer be available through Kenyon.



Please be aware that SI Community members take personal photos. The SIPC does not have control over this. Selecting the "opt out" choice on the registration form only means that you opt out of inclusion in videos and photos sanctioned by the SIPC taken during SI. (Those photos may be used in district publications including the website. Individuals will not be identified in publications.)



SI Policy Re: Safety and Supervision of Children

As SI continues to grow, assuring the safety of our children (defined as being under the age of eligibility for the youth program) is becoming an increasing priority for us all. In order to address this need the SIPC has instituted the following policy:

Proper supervision is at the heart of keeping children safe. When children are not under the supervision of the Children's Morning Program or other SI program which provides supervision of children, parents are responsible for supervising their children. This includes all other times at SI including meals and intergenerational activities. Ultimately, each child's health, well being, safety, and good behavior are the responsibility of his or her parent. To assist with this task, children will be issued identification bracelets at registration which will include the child's name, parent's name, congregation, and contact information. This bracelet will also provide admission to meals, replacing the colored bracelet. (Youth and adults will continue using the colored bracelets for meals.)

Members of the SI community who find a young child who is lost should immediately try to contact the child's parent or a member of the SIPC. Children who are found unsupervised and/or violating SI or Kenyon College rules should be reported, as soon as possible, to a member of the SIPC.

Children who repeatedly violate rules may be required to remain with a parent at all times for the remainder of SI. If the situation continues to be unsafe for the child or detrimental to others, and despite the best efforts of everyone to resolve the situation, the ultimate consequence will result in the disruptive person being requested to leave SI.

By signing this form, I understand that:

- **When my child is not in an SI program that provides adult supervision, I am responsible for my child's health, well being, safety and good behavior at SI**
- **That if my child fails to follow SI or Kenyon College rules, he/she may have to remain with me during the remainder of SI and that continued failure to follow rules may result in him/her being asked to leave SI.**
- **That I am responsible for any property damage that my child may cause.**

Child's (Children's) name(s) printed

Parent name (printed)

Parent Signature

