



# The Beacon

October 2016



## Theme for October: Social Responsibility

Sunday Services start at 10:30 a.m. and last approximately 60-75 minutes.

### October 2 Socially Responsible Investing

Guest Speaker: Shane Yonston (see biography on page 2)

Socially responsible investing (SRI) is ensuring that our investments are aligned with our values. None of us wants to make our financial returns at the expense of seriously harming ourselves, other humans, or the environment. Whether we have investment capital or not, we all need to consider how we spend our money affects the common good. This service is intended to make us aware of how important our investments and everyday spending habits can be to our most deeply held beliefs. Potluck lunch after the service. Musicians: Pat Lorei, Bryan Hed, Janet Krack, Christine Cedzo.

*In the school-age classroom: Melanie Hetzel- Riggin, Abby Texter, and Susan Galle-Boyko will explore what is UU and what are our principles? For returning students, their job is to help us review these themes with our new students. For Coming of Age Program, Leigh Kostis and Doug Russell will explore community building with the teens and their mentors. Teens and their families are invited to enjoy pot luck with their mentor.*

### October 9 Joint worship service with the Unitarian Universalist Church of Girard on Immigration and Refugees.

Please join us at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Girard, 107 Myrtle St, Girard, PA 16417 (one block south of Main St., Route 20) at 11:00 A.M., Guest speaker: Carol Brigham, Education Manager, Multicultural Community Resource Center, Erie (see biography on page 4). A special potluck will follow the service. Please bring a dish to share.

*No RE nor nursery service at UUCE or Girard UU.*

### October 16 Vietnam Revisited

Our speakers will be Sanford Kelson and Mike Hastie, two Vietnam veterans who recently revisited Nam and witnessed the ongoing devastation caused by Agent Orange poisoning. Since their return, they have raised money for water well drilling and are presently trying to raise money for the restoration of a mural at Mai Lai. The service will be coordinated by Jim Wise. Musician: Jackson Froman.

*In the school age classroom, Kellie Johnson Clark will visit with her rescue bunnies from the Erie Area Rabbit and Rescue Society. Kat Wolper, Sarah Fromknecht, Deb DiPlacido, and Susan Galle-Boyko will review our first week's lesson and continue our discussion on our service learning endeavors for our bunny recipients. For Coming of Age program, Melanie Hetzel-Riggin and John Galle-Boyko will continue community building exercises with our teens.*

### October 23 A Road Well Travelled

We will take a look at the importance of maintaining a trauma-informed route as we assist others traveling down life's highway towards social and economic justice. Coordinated by Tammie Johnson. Rev. Beth will not be in the pulpit this morning, but will be spending the morning getting to know the children and youth.

*In the school age program, Edie Cultu, Roberta McCall, and Diane Guthrie will present a lesson on the 100th anniversary of our national parks, tying in our UU principles. Reverend Beth will be a guest in the classroom. For the Coming of Age program, we are asking for students to attend an extra half-class session to meet Reverend Beth from 10:30-11:00am in Classroom D. She is a lifelong UU and excited to talk to you about your coming of age journey. Mentors are welcome to come to this session and be part of this experience.*

### October 30 Voices of Wisdom

Rev. Beth Marshall will discuss the idea that part of being socially responsible in a diverse community is developing an awareness of the common ground we share with members of different faith communities. This morning's service draws upon parallel sacred texts from the Buddhist, Christian, Hindu and Taoist traditions, looking first at very similar texts and then exploring how these voices of wisdom apply to modern day Unitarian Universalists. Musician: Jackson Froman.

*In the school age program, Roberta McCall, Diane Guthrie, and Susan Galle-Boyko will celebrate "Día de los Muertos", or the Day of the Dead.*

#### Minister:

Reverend Beth Marshall

#### President:

Doug Russell

#### UUCE Board Secretary:

Roberta McCall

#### UUCE Board Members:

Lynne Brown

Bob Guthrie

John Boyko

Mary Zuck

Wendy Ormond



#### Mission

**INSPIRE, CONNECT, ACT**

*We are a vibrant and inclusive religious community.*

*We:*

*\*INSPIRE personal and spiritual growth;*

*\*CONNECT in fellowship and service;*

*\*ACT for peace and justice.*

*Vision*

*We will:*

*\*Share the wisdom of our guiding principles and nurture all who come seeking personal and spiritual growth.*

*\*Be a welcoming, inclusive, and expanding religious congregation with diverse ideas and beliefs reflected in our services and programs.*

*\*Establish ourselves as a strong presence in the region through greater community engagement.*

*Covenant*

*We:*

*\*Covenant to promote a culture of compassion and acceptance in our relations with each other.*

*\*Promise to listen with the intent to understand and to communicate in an honest and respectful manner, even when we disagree.*

*\*Acknowledge that conflict is an opportunity for growth.*



## Minister's Musings

This morning my heart is filled with gratitude for all the members and friends of the church who worked so hard to make sure that the beginning our ministry together would be as smooth as possible. Tony and I both felt very welcomed and are looking forward to more time with you in the coming months. We are learning our way around the city, testing out different routes, and finding the more efficient ones.

This was an exciting first week for me. Yes, it's all new, but more importantly, was the time I got to spend with members of the church learning what is important, getting a better sense of the history and shared dreams for the future. When I return in October, I look forward to getting to know more of you. I'll be here for a block of nine days. During that time I plan to meet with members and friends over coffee or tea, meet with key committees, and beginning to work on this year's tasks and projects.

Sunday morning was a gift. It was a pleasure to be part of a team that knows how to do Sunday morning services so well. From the greeters and ushers, to the audio team, to those who offer music and aesthetics, and those who made coffee and procured that amazing cake, I can tell you it worked.

A number of you have already left "Getting to know you letters" in the box at church, and I look forward to reading them and any others that will come in over the next month or two. If the response you receive has been typed on my computer, please don't take it as an impersonal gesture. My handwriting is often horrible, but my typing is consistently legible.

Because my ministry in Erie is part-time, there are technical details we will have to figure out and readjust as we go through the year, but I trust that the greater goal of a strong and vibrant congregation will guide us toward a workable solution.

In optimism and faith,

Rev. Beth

## Biography of Shane Yonston, our Guest Speaker October 2

For over a decade, Shane has worked as a licensed financial advisor emphasizing socially responsible and impact investing for individuals who want to align their assets with their personal values in a prudent manner. Shane is an Accredited Investment Fiduciary™, a Certified Financial Planner™ practitioner, and has a Master of Science degree in Personal Financial Planning.

## Lights, Camera, Auction!

It's time for our annual service auction. We hope you can help to make it an exciting one. The auction will be held Saturday, Nov. 12, from 5:30 – 8:30. Our theme this year is, "**Lights! Camera! Auction!**"

This is the congregation's second largest fundraiser. That's why we're asking you to make it a smash hit.

Several members of the congregation have already signed on for what promises to be an epic production.

Edie Cultu and Ginny and Regis Sabol will be directing the auction. But it takes a lot more than a directing team to make a great film.

Mary Zuck and the hospitality committee will organize food and drink. But they can't do it alone. That's why we're asking you to share with us your tastiest appetizers and desserts. Good food and cheer have always been a highlight of the auction. We're confident you will help us carry on this tradition.

Karen Prather will be our set designer in charge of decorations for the auction. Have any ideas or contributions you can offer to give the Olympia Brown Room a grand design? Share them with Karen at [prathers@worldconxx.net](mailto:prathers@worldconxx.net) or 814-664-4050.

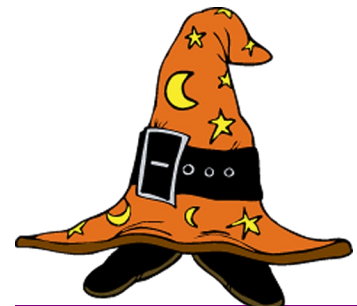
Jack Blount has stepped up to offer his computer skills in keeping tabs on sales. But he can't do it alone. We need runners and other volunteers to help him out.

And--Drum Roll, Please--**WE NEED YOU!** That's right. We need you to offer all the great auction items that make us such a vibrant, sharing congregation. You can again offer the items that have been so popular at previous auctions, or you can come up with new items that will attract eager bidding. Please fill out the donation form included with this mailing and return it to the Olympia Brown room or the office.

We know this will be a premiere evening! We will have food, drinks, great items to bid on, and warm fellowship. Test your movie knowledge with a fun movie trivia quiz. The winning team will share in a \$20 gift certificate to Tinseltown.

Come have fun with us and make our UUCE movie a blockbuster!

Together, we can make this the grandest production yet. As Mickey Rooney so memorably suggested, "Hey gang. Let's put on a show!"



## Notes from the RE Chalkboard

Hello all! What a fantastic start to the new school year! We had a record 21 students on the first day of class. I was humbled and so thankful for the record number of teacher volunteers in the classroom this year as well.

Welcome and thank you to three new teacher volunteers to our program, all of whom have children enrolled in our classes as well. They are Sarah Fromknecht, Kat Wolper, and Abby Texter. Please watch The Beacon, Thursday newsletters, and Sunday Service announcements on our website to see who is teaching on which Sundays and what the class lesson/theme is.

The teens have launched into the Coming of Age program. They will meet with their mentors at the October 2 pot luck. Mentors: All your clearances should be updated and submitted by now. If they are not, you need to contact me ASAP so this can be fixed. You cannot meet with your mentee off-grounds if your clearances are not in.

Students participating in the school age program were introduced to their service learning project. They are collecting newspapers, paper towels, white vinegar, gently used small stuffed animals, plastic gloves, and 30-gallon garbage bags for the Erie Rabbit and Rescue Society. If you are interested in making any donations of these items to our cause, I do have a box in the classroom for them. Please don't leave them by the front door on the wood bench. For parents, we are asking the kids to make donations a minimum of one time per month. We do not expect your children to make donations every time they come to class! The recipients of these donations will visit the RE classroom on October 16. That's right... we will have bunnies in the classroom! It is so important that once the rabbit guests are in the classroom, no one opens our doors. We don't want them to escape into the building. I will assign a teacher to each door to ensure the safety of our guests.

Finally, Reverend Beth will make a guest appearance in the classrooms on October 23. Although this is not a regular class day for teens, we ask that any teens who are available that day to come and chat with Reverend Beth. She is a life-long UU, and we would love for her to spend this time with you. After she meets with the teens, she will visit the school age classroom as well and lend a hand. What a wonderful opportunity to have her work directly with the children!!

Blessings,  
Susan Galle-Boyko



## Biography of Carol Brigham, Guest Speaker on October 9

Carol Brigham was born in Erie and grew up in Meadville, PA. She received a Bachelor's Degree in English from Denison University in Ohio and her teaching certificate in Elementary Education from Edinboro University. While completing her Master's in Education in Reading, she came to MCRC in November of 2011 to teach ESL to the adult learners in the Refugee Social Services Program. In 2013 she became program manager of the Refugee Elder Program and the Volunteer and Intern Coordinator. In 2015, she became the Education manager, overseeing the Adult Education Classes funded by the Adult Education Bureau of the Pennsylvania Department of Education as well as continuing with Elder Program and other duties.

Carol also assists with grant writing and program development. She is also a member of various committees: the MCRC Golf Tournament, the trivia competition, and fundraising. She also writes for the MCRC Newsletter "Noticias".

## Hospitality News!

Autumn Sundays for hosting Social Hour are now available. Choose now to get the dates you want. Sign up sheet is in the OBR either on the bulletin board or on the table next to sanctuary doors.

In November, as always, we will host our UUCE Thanksgiving Day Dinner. Everyone is welcome. Bring a relative or a friend if you wish. There will be a special sign-up sheet posted the end of October or early November. You provide a dish to share; we'll provide the turkey. AND, we (usually) have enough vegetarian dishes for all of our vegetarians. We offer wine and other beverages.

Hospitality Committee will help to prepare and serve the food and beverages at the Service Auction. This year we request donations of some of your favorite finger foods or dishes such as appetizers, vegetables, cheeses, dessert... We have such a great array of foods each year. Deb and Rick Haire made wonderful dishes for us for the last few years, this year, it is time for us to do our part. Join us for food, drink and merriment, it's time for **Lights! Camera! Auction!**



## Pathway to Membership Workshop

**Saturday, 22 October, 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.**

Want to know more about Unitarian Universalism? Wondering if you are a UU or if the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Erie is the right community for you? Come spend an informal and informative day with us to find out. We will share the story of Unitarian Universalism and the life of our own UUCE. You won't be obligated to join the congregation, but if you are so inclined, you will have the opportunity to do so.

If you are a recent member, but have not attended Pathway, we strongly encourage you to do so. We have a unique culture, and there's plenty to learn. It is an important part of membership to understand who we are and why we are: roots before wings!

Childcare is available if requested in advance, and a light lunch will be provided. For more information, please contact Michele Rupp at 868-2289. Register no later than Wednesday, October 19 with Joanne at [joanne@uuerie.org](mailto:joanne@uuerie.org).

## October Movie Nights!

Don't let October slip away this year with nothing to remember but a huge pile of dead leaves and a sore back.

Get into the Spirit this month with a Halloween Celebration!

Join us at the UUCE in October for some eerie entertainment! We'll watch Halloween -inspired movies the first four Saturdays this month, and have a wildly wicked party on the last night. Suggested donation is \$5 per person or \$10 per family to cover the cost of building use. We'll have a ghoulishly good time!

***Note that on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, the fun begins at 6 p.m. with a party!  
Come in costume and bring a snack to share!***

Parents: please note the rating of each film and use your discretion for your children's viewing. Here's the October schedule:

01: Sleepy Hollow (1999, Rated R), 7 p.m.

08: Hocus Pocus (1993, Rated PG), 7 pm.

15: Viewer's Choice: Vote from three scary R rated films, 7 p.m.

22: Monster High (Recommended by our DRE for all ages for UU- like themes); Party at 6, movie at 7 p.m.

*SHARE THE FEAR!!!...and bring a friend. You just might turn into a pumpkin.  
Questions: Bryan 397-2567, Michele 868-2289*

## Dr. Richard Carrier to speak at Edinboro University

Friday, October 7, 3:30-5:30 p.m. in the Cole Auditorium,

Edinboro University campus, 219 Meadville Street, Edinboro, PA

Title of Doctor Richard Carrier's Talk: *Bayes' Theorem Is the Logic of Historical Argument: A Demonstration Comparing the Historicity of Jesus and John Frum.*

Dr. Richard Carrier will explain how all historical arguments can be modeled with Bayes' Theorem, and how historians, anthropologists, and philosophers can make use of this fact to critique and improve our conclusions about history. This will be illustrated using the example of the historicity of two apocalyptic saviors: Jesus of Nazareth and John Frum.

Carrier will show how the anthropological study of the John Frum worshipping Cargo Cults of Melanesia reveals a useful framework for better understanding the early Jesus worshipping Christians of Judea.

Following his talk in Edinboro, Dr. Carrier has generously agreed to attend the regularly scheduled meeting of the Erie Atheist and Agnostic Community at 6:30 p.m. at UUCE.





## UUCE Choir

Our UUCE Choir is off to a fine start! Under the direction of Pat Lorei, we have begun a couple of new pieces and polished up some hymns.

The rehearsals for October will be as follows:

**Sunday, October 9 at 9 a.m.** After rehearsal, we will drive to Girard for our shared service there which will begin at 11:00.

**Sunday, October 16 at 9 a.m.**

**Sunday, October 23 at 9 a.m.**

**Sunday, October 30 at 9 a.m. We will sing for this service.**

So far, we have 12 members. We welcome anyone who would like to join us.

See you on October 9. Jan Krack 866-2040

## UUCE Town Hall Meet

The Board of Trustees and Rev. Beth will conduct a town-hall style Autumn Congregational Meeting on October 30 at noon, after social hour. Come with questions, comments, and answers. We all have some.



## Caring News

***Helping someone will not necessarily change the world, but it will change the world for them.***

The UUCE Caring Team is running on emergency power right now. We are looking for a few people to join the team. Due to members moving and age, we just don't have enough people to continue all the projects. As you probably already know, some of the projects we do are sending cards, making phone calls and visits, and taking part in Our Neighbor's Place.

Watch the announcements to find out when the next meeting is scheduled. You may also call Ginny at 454-3015 or email me at [Regeginny@gmail.com](mailto:Regeginny@gmail.com). Thanks for your consideration.



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**UUCE Thursday Email Updates**

Every Thursday an update of UUCE events and news for the week is sent out via email.

If you would like to be included on the UUCE email mailing list, please contact [Joanne@uuerie.org](mailto:Joanne@uuerie.org) before 9:30 a.m. Thursdays.

"Please join our Facebook page, Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Erie! Here you can find Sunday Service announcements, upcoming events, conversations, words of inspiration and much more."  
For additional information, please contact Kristin Maguire at ([krisspina@aol.com](mailto:krisspina@aol.com)).



## October Birthdays

- 07—Linda Duncan
- 13—Bob Guthrie
- 15—Bryan Hed
- 22—Ernest Wood
- 24—Gary Sykes
- 25—Adele Gross



The Beacon is published monthly.  
We welcome your suggestions and submissions.

**The deadline for articles for the November issue is Saturday, October 15.**

Send submissions to:  
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**Service Attendance:**

- 07/03/16—Summer Lite TED Talk by Karen Armstrong—led by To Schlaudecker—35 adults
- 07/10/16—Service At Chautauqua—22 adults.
- 07/17/16—Sit, Walk, Sing—Liz Yount and Sangha Friends—35 adults
- 07/24/16—Why I'm a UU—led by Al Richardson—27 adults— 2 teens.
- 07/31/16—How Can We Keep From Singing? - led by Janet Krack—39 adults.
- 08/07/16—Highlights from General Assembly—led by Leigh Kostis— 39 adults.
- 08/14/16—Quaker Service—led by Jim Wise—50 adults.
- 08/21/16—Beach Service/Corn Roast.
- 08/28/16—Buongiorno and Arrivederci—led by Mary Desmone—45 adults

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| Sun  | Mon   | Tue                                  | Wed                                       | Thu                               | Fri  | Sat  |
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| 2 <b>Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. Potluck lunch after the service.</b>  | 3 <b>Buddhist Sangha 7 p.m.</b><br><br><b>Erie Moot 7 p.m.</b>  | 4 <b>Homeschool Group 12-2 p.m.</b>  | 5   | 6 <b>Memory Café 1-3:30 p.m.</b>  | 7 <b>Atheist and Agnostic Community 7 p.m. with special guest Ricard Carrier</b> | 8 <b>Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 a.m.</b><br><br><b>Movie Night 7 p.m.</b>    |
| 9 <b>Choir Practice 9 a.m.</b><br><br><b>Sunday Service in Girard @ 11:00 a.m. Potluck lunch after the service</b>   | 10 <b>Buddhist Sangha 7 p.m.</b><br><br><b>PFLAG 7 p.m.</b>   | 11 <b>Homeschool Group 12-2 p.m.</b> | 12 <b>Board of Trustees 5 p.m.</b>        | 13                                | 14 <b>Atheist and Agnostic Community 6:30 p.m.</b>                               | 15 <b>Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 a.m.</b><br><br><b>Movie Night 7 p.m.</b>   |
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