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## Pledge Canvass

The time has again come to begin thinking about your pledge to UUCS. We invite you to join us following the service on May 4, for a special potluck Canvass Luncheon. Annual pledge cards will be distributed at this time.

Financial pledges of any amount can make a difference. Your pledge contributes to UUCS's operating budget and allows us to continue to serve as center for liberal faith and spirituality in rural Southwestern Pennsylvania.

If you would like to renew your pledge or become a new pledge, please join us on May 4 or contact us with your name, address, and phone at 724-872-5056 or via e-mail at [uucosmithton@hotmail.com](mailto:uucosmithton@hotmail.com). One-time donations are also welcome.

*The purpose of human life is to serve and show compassion and the will to help others*

~Albert Sweitzer

## OMD Chalice Lighters Error

The Ohio-Meadville District Office recently discovered that their server did not register those Chalice Lighters who signed up online during months of January to the present. The problem is now corrected but there is no way to reconstruct the information about those who signed up during that time.

If you tried to register online for Chalice Lighters during the last three and a half months, please return to the website and register again (you will not be duplicated) or you can send in a hard copy

registration using the brochures at your church. Or you may call the OMD Office if you have any questions: 740-252-5980. The website is [www.ohiomeadville.org](http://www.ohiomeadville.org) and Chalice Lighters is noted under the Programming list.

The OMD Office thanks you for your patience and understanding.

## Upcoming Worship Services

Services begin at 11:00 a.m. and are followed by coffee and social time.

### May 4-Leo Nagorski "Changing the World"

In their own ways, both Liberals and Conservatives are trying to change the world. How are each of them doing?

### May 11-Jim Galik "What's a Mother to Do?"

Today's message includes a discussion of the history of Mother's Day, some personal thoughts about my own mother, and reflections of the changing role of women in today's world. And, all of this will be presented by someone who has absolutely no experience at being a mother or a woman.

### May 18-Sue Lau "Changing the World"

Elizabeth Cady Stanton was a 19th-Century woman who was both wife and mother. She became a social activist and the leading figure of the early women's movement. One of her accomplishments was to write The Woman's Bible, (along with a "Revising" Committee) which elucidated a feminist understanding of biblical scripture. Come and meet this remarkable mother, who helped pave the way for the current feminist movement.

### May 25-Jim Galik "To Dwell Together in Peace"

Conflict, violence, and war have existed throughout human history, not only between nations, but also within nations and communities, even within many families and between individuals. In many UU Congregations, including the one in which I'm a member, in the opening rituals of our Sunday worship services, we recite the words of James Vila Blake, a 19th-Century Unitarian minister: "This is our great covenant: To dwell together in peace." In a world where there always seems to be war somewhere, are these words unrealistic? On this memorial Day weekend, today's message is in memory of the victims of all wars.

### June 4-Leo Nagorski

## Spirit of Health

The Consumer Health Coalition (CHC) invites you to a free Interfaith Breakfast. This is an opportunity to find out what you can do to help the uninsured and underinsured in our area and join the effort to make healthcare a top domestic issue during this election year.

The event will be May 7, at 8:00 a.m. at the Rodef Shalom in Pittsburgh. For more information or to RSVP, e-mail [lbachurcki@consumerhealthcoalition.org](mailto:lbachurcki@consumerhealthcoalition.org) or call 412-456-1877, extension 200 by May 2.

CHC has been working for more than 10 years to enhance access to affordable, quality healthcare in

## Theosophical Society Events

The Theosophical Society of Pittsburgh invites you to join the following events:

### **May 4-Double Feature "Apocalypse"**

This event features "The Western Language of Enlightenment", a discussion of the Western understanding and fascination with the apocalyptic and a viewing of the film *The Ninth Configuration*, a satirical look at war's psychological aftermath.

### **May 18- "As Above, So Below: A Stargazer's View"**

Astrologer-Musician Donna Greco will discuss the current planetary happenings as well as current events.

### **June 1- Double Feature "Aquarius Rising: A New Age Dawning"**

We are living in the transition between the fading of Pisces and the rise of Aquarius. New ideas come naturally and conflict arises with the outmoded status quo as a result. But what can be expected when the dust finally settles? Following the discussion, see *My Dinner with Andre*, in two men discuss the juxtaposition between a life of experience and a life of pragmatism.

### **June 8- "Being Psychic"**

Parapsychologist and esoteric teacher Frank DeAngelis helps you discover your own psychic potential.

### **June 15- "The Quest for the Holy Grail"**

This lecture focuses on the quest for knowledge in the Dark Ages.

The Theosophical Society encourages the study of comparative religion, philosophy, and science. The group meets Sunday afternoons between 1:30 and 3:00 p.m. in Room 1500, Posvar Hall on the University of Pittsburgh campus. For more information, call 412-462-4200.



## Rainbow Rising

Join us in May for the following Rainbow Rising events:

### **May 2-Fiesta Potluck**

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo. Bring your favorite dish from South of the Border and celebrate with your friends at Rainbow Rising. We'll supply the piñata.

### **May 16-Dan Deeley**

Local singer and guitarist Dan Deeley bring his brand of home-spun entertainment. A \$5 donation is suggested in support of the performer.

For more information on Rainbow Rising events, contact David Porter at 724-518-0431.

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A mother is a person who seeing there are only four pieces of pie for five people, promptly announces she never did care for pie.

~Tenneva Jordan

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## RCC Takes on Broadway

Join the Renaissance City Choirs as they change the colors of the Great White Way to shades of the rainbow. RCC presents "Rainbow Broadway" featuring tunes by Cole Porter, Andrew Lloyd Webber, Rodgers & Hammerstein, and Stephen Sondheim.

The concert will take place at 8 p.m. in May 16 and 17 at The Ellis School.

For more information or to order tickets, call 412-362-9484.

## Walk for Health

The Monessen Clean Air Coalition invites you to join the Walk in the Park for Health and Fun. This event features prize drawings, health screening, crafts, food, and more. Proceeds support the Monessen Tobacco Free Coalition.

The Walk will take place Saturday, May 17, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Monessen City Park.

For more information or to register as a walker, call 724-258-1318 or 1-888-NOHABIT (664-2248).



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 May Day	2 Rainbow Rising 7 p.m.	3
4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Mother's Day 	12	13	14	15
16 Rainbow Rising 7 p.m.	17 Liz Anderson/ Diane Lebo Birthday.	18 Board Meeting June <i>Connection</i> Deadline	19	20	21
22 Lois Ann Lesnick Birthday	23	24	25	26 Memorial Day	27
28 BJ Searcy Birthday	29	30	31		

## Light the Chalice for the OMD

The OMD Chalice Lighters Program provides you the opportunity assist UU programs and congregations throughout the Ohio-Meadville District and right here at home.

Joining the Chalice Lighters Program is simple: You sign a pledge to agree that if a call goes out from the district, you will contribute \$10 in support of the call. Calls may come in the form of support for a congregation that has experienced a natural disaster, such as flood or fire, or in support of a congregation seeking a new minister.

If you are interested in joining the Chalice Lighters Program or would like more information, brochures are available on the UUCS welcome table.

## May Coffee Hosts/Cleaners

Date	Coffee Host	Cleaner
<b>May 4</b>	Liz Anderson	Anderson (List 4)
<b>May 11</b>	Nancy Cohen	Dunlap (List 1)
<b>May 18</b>	Sylvia Sholar	Zimmerman (List 2)
<b>May 25</b>	BJ Searcy	Lesnick (List 3)
<b>June 4</b>	Mary Lou Wade	Anderson (List 4)

**If you cannot serve when it is your turn, please arrange to switch with someone.**



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