

North Shore Unitarian Universalists

Weekly Update – September 1, 2010

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it is needed **by Wednesday noon** each week.*

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Sunday Service – September 5, 2010 11:00 AM CDT

Service: Labor Day Service: "In Praise of Work"
Consulting Minister The Reverend Melanie Morel-Ensminger

On Sunday September 5th before Labor Day, we will explore with Rev. Melanie the nature of work -- and does it always have to feel like "work"? Or is there a way to transform even drudgery into something meaningful and fulfilling?

Worship Associate: Terry Van Brunt
Special Music: Melissa Rousseaux
Sound Room: Jim Long and/or Guy Ross
Greeters: Gail Grob and Gay Digiovanni

Charity Sunday

Sierra Club – Honey Island Branch

Meditation Circle Meeting-Sunday 9:30 to 10:30 AM

Adult - Chanting & Sacred Songs As a Spiritual Path
Sunday, September 5, 2010

Next Sunday September 12 2010 – 11:00 AM

In-Gathering Service
Patricia Stout

And in the Future: September 19 2010

NSUUS is proud to welcome **Reverend Jane Mauldin** back to our pulpit! Rev Jane was NSUUS's minister from our early beginnings in 1988 until 1997. She will be our guest speaker at the Annual Budget Drive (ABD) kick-off service on Sunday September 19th. Reverend Jane will introduce this year's ABD theme- "*Bridge to Love*".

Message from your Ministers

Dear North Shore,

You will enjoy this excellent article on "mission drift" in congregations. As we all face important challenges, it is VITAL that we remember that our mission as church leaders is

teaching slots for 4 people, so about 4 or 5 Sundays per block. (Send your questions to the DRE about teaching at any time!)

**** Needed:** food for Parent-Teacher-Anyone Edutainment event after church September 12th (9 days!) Please email the DRE if you can provide a dish.

Any signers out there?? RE has a special need for someone in the congregation who can sign – please contact the DRE.

SWUUSI Report (from Shad Stout): (For those of you who have not heard of SWUUSI, it is an intergenerational UU camp experience each August in OK – i.e. the whole family can go together!): *I went to SWUUSI for the first time this summer not really knowing what to expect. I was a little nervous about not knowing anyone there because everyone else seemed to know each other, but after the first night I felt at home. The Y.A. (young adult) program was very inclusive, and everyone worked together to do all of the activities and worships.*

SWUUSI was held at a resort center on a point surrounded by a beautiful lake lined in tree-covered cliffs. On the fourth day we went out on pontoon boats and rode around the lake and went swimming and cliff diving.

Something that I noticed is that people don't go just once. Most of them went over and over, and some have gone 40 years without missing a single one. I know that this year's SWUUSI won't be my last.

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Teacher Recruiting:

In addition to those who we listed as volunteers last week, we are pleased to add: Johnny S. and Chris C.

Thank you to all of these special people. This is 17 total for about 40 slots with some willing to do two blocks. Please look for the block calendar sign up and other information in the back of the sanctuary for the next few Sundays or email the DRE with questions or your available time(s).

A note to these people and others who will follow their lead: RE is striving to fill each block with 4 or 5 names per class, with two teachers on each week. To provide continuity for students and teachers, the blocks are a bit longer, which may seem scary at first – but our experience is it works out each and every week.

September 5th –

- **RE Tile Art project** continued in RE class
- **RE registration** – see table in sanctuary.
- **RE Pool Party** – Rescheduled! Contact the DRE for more information.

September 12th – Ingathering service & short RE class, registration continues

*** Parent-Teacher-Anyone Edutainment Event ***- 12:30 to 2:30 – all welcome – fabulous food, games, fellowship, interchange. Please save this date. RSVP to the DRE.

each of whom is forced to make a separate choice. Umrigar is a skilled storyteller, and her memorable characters will live on for a long time."

Nov. 7th at 6:30 "The Sanctuary of Outcasts" by Neal White

Circle Supper – September 25th

We will try the fourth Saturday for September and October.

Saturday September 25th
Circle Supper Kick Off BBQ
Sandra and Mike Slifer have agreed to Host.

We will do like in the past and provide the BBQ with everyone else to bring side dishes and desserts and whatever they want to drink. We will have draft beer on tap and iced tea. LET ME KNOW if you can be there so we know how much BBQ to provide. Probably do Brisket at least and maybe something else. There will be a nominal charge of \$5.00 per person.

Here are the directions to the Slifers house at 116 Tulip Drive in Flower Estates: Merge off I-12 onto LA -21 (via exit 59) toward Covington. Turn Right onto Zinnia Drive which is the entrance to Flower Estates North and is about a mile North of I-12. If you get to the stoplight at Hwy. 1085, you've passed the main entrance to the subdivision. You remain on Zinnia Drive until you come to a T--it's almost a mile. Turn Right onto Tulip Drive. If you get lost give them a call at 985-875-9388.

Activities will begin around 6:30 PM. Looking forward to seeing everyone after a busy summer.

Also important I am looking for Hosts for October.
Many thanks for your cooperation. Judy Smith 985-892-6126

Chalice Circle Testimonial

What Chalice Circles Mean to Me:

Our chalice circle has been an eye-opening experience for me. The discussions have challenged me to examine and evaluate the thoughts and beliefs that I've pretty much taken for granted. They've caused me to think about long-ago happenings, relationships, decisions, and feelings, as well as the events, relationships, decisions, and feelings I'm dealing with today. I think about some topics after the meetings and wish I had said this or that-that occurs to me later. But not all of our meetings are serious; we also have lighter, almost frivolous times, when we laugh a lot and the conversation is stimulating but not solemn.

The Circle has been a refreshing, soothing retreat from my day to day routine; a

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