

LAUDATO SI' with Herman Greene

Laudato Si', mi' Signore – is the name of Pope Francis' encyclical on the environment. *Laudato si'* are the opening words of the canticle written by Saint Francis of Assisi, which reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us. *“Praise be to you, my Lord, through our Sister, Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us, and who produces various fruit with colored flowers and herbs”*

Herman Greene will lead us in a discussion of the papal encyclical. In September Pope Francis will come to the United States visiting the White House, addressing the US Congress and speaking at the United Nations in addition to meeting with American Catholics.

STORIES OF LOVE, MUSIC OF HOPE (*The Moth Radio Hour comes to United Church*) with Susan Steinberg and Jenny Anderson

During this intergenerational gathering we will be treated to an uplifting combination of touching, funny, memorable stories and hopeful music. Personal stories, biblical stories and tall tales will all be included. Each evening we'll focus on a particular theme, though all the stories will be connected through the overriding message of love's triumph. In between stories we'll listen to the songs of some of our congregation's many fine singers and instrumentalists. For storytellers and musicians of all ages! Please let Susan Steinberg know if you would like to tell us a story, or sing or play us a song. We'll concentrate on these particular themes: creatures we adore; friends in unexpected places; family life; the best gift ever.

CELEBRATING TREES AND LEAVES THROUGH ART – with Cely Chicurel and Diane Whitney, a Sacred Space Studio offering

Join us for a special fall art classes during our Wednesday's Together time.

FOR ADULTS

September 16 & 23

Cely Chicurel will again lead the adults as they make pottery leaves the first week and glaze them the second week.

September 30 & October 7

Beatrice Ruggeri will do a painting project and help people design a decorative branch sculpture.

FOR CHILDREN

September 16, 23, 30, and October 7

Dianne Whitney will be leading a fun series of four classes just for children. They will be creating a lovely leaf rubbing, making a leaf mobile, and designing a mosaic.

There will be a \$10 charge for each of the adult classes to cover material.



Wednesdays Together

Fellowship Dinner & Programs (5:45 - 7:30 pm)
September 16, 23, 30, and October 7

Nurturing both faith and fellowship, United Church has three Wednesday evening series during the program year. The first in September, *Wednesdays Together*, welcomes everyone back from their summer break and newcomers to our community.

SUPPER - From 5:45 to 6:30 - We begin each evening with a simple supper provided by the following groups:

September 16 -- Girl Scouts

September 23 -- Karen Demby on behalf of Lancaster Theological Seminary

September 30 -- Philip Cress, Chip Baker and friends to benefit Faithfully Accessible at UCCH

October 7 -- United Church Preschool

*While a donation of \$7 per adult and \$3 per child (not to exceed \$20 per family) is asked, please remember that these dinners are fundraisers for a cause – please be generous. **CHILD CARE ON DEMAND** - We are happy to provide child care for these programs. If you need childcare during these programs, please contact the office or Susan Steinberg.*

HISTORY OF THE HOLOCAUST with Hans Wuerth, former German professor at Moravian College

For four Wednesday evenings beginning September 16, we will present lectures on National Socialism and the Holocaust, led by Hans Wuerth, who taught this material when he was a professor at Moravian College in Pennsylvania.

We will discuss the destructive political and social developments and events during National Socialism and their consequences, two of which are World War II and the Holocaust. We will also examine the planning, construction, layout, content and educational mission of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. It is hoped that these lectures might give everyone going to D.C. some helpful historical information on Hitler's dictatorship between 1933 and 1945 and its tragic results.

- **September 16 Lecture 1:** Introductory comments; Remembering the Holocaust after 1945: in Western Europe, in Germany, the United States and in Eastern Europe; The history of the Holocaust Memorial Museum, the permanent exhibition and educational center. Question and answer session.
- **September 23 Lecture 2:** (Hand-outs: The Third Reich. A chronological approach) Why the Weimar Republic failed, making the rise of Hitler possible; The ominous year 1933; Some other major and minor events before the beginning of World War II in 1939. Q & A.
- **September 30 Lecture 3:** World War II; The deadly persecution of European Jews; The various camps; the Resistance movements; The victims: European Jews and others; The Righteous Gentiles. Q & A.
- **October 7 Lecture 4:** “Never again?” From the Holocaust to other genocides since 1945: definition of genocide; Some examples: Cambodia – Rwanda – Darfur; Where do we go from here? Q & A.

This lecture series culminates in a trip to the Holocaust Museum on Friday, October 9 & Saturday, October 10. The trip is limited to 50 participants. Reservations for the trip will be accepted on a first-come first-serve basis. *Please see page four of This Week for more information on reserving your spot for the trip to DC.*

