How to Talk with Someone Who Has Dementia

Elizabeth Mulvaney, MSW, LCSW

Many families have a loved one who has dementia. Dementia is most common in older adults but can also affect younger adults too because there are many causes. Families often struggle with how to communicate with their loved one with dementia and how to keep them integrated into daily life. In this presentation, University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work faculty member Beth Mulvaney will discuss ways to reach out to and talk with someone who has dementia. Beth holds a clinical social work license in Pennsylvania and has 14 years practice experience as a gerontological social worker providing medical, care management, and program administration services, with experience in long-term care including behavioral care planning, dementia care, and end of life care.

My Child Gets on the Bus….

Ellen Saksen

As summer comes to a close, children and teens everywhere may not want to leave their pools and parks for school. As those kids get on the bus, though, they may leave behind worrying parents. This week, we will hear 3 stories from those parents about the anxiety of sending their children back to school.

In the Cross Hairs

Kim Evert

Since the 2016 election, reproductive rights and Planned Parenthood have been in the cross hairs. We've seen repeated attempts to limit birth control access for the poorest people in our country and unprecedented attacks on abortion access. Kim Evert, CEO of Planned Parenthood of Western PA, will discuss the ongoing threat to reproductive health care in western PA.

The Unlikely Joint Ministry of Fred Rogers and Bruce Springsteen

Alex Saksen

These two men have touched nearly all of us, whether it to help us feel safe or provide a soundtrack for that trip down Thunder Road. Come to UUCNH on August 25 to learn how their respective immortal messages on social and political issues over the past half century share central and common threads.
PRESIDENT’S REPORT

“A VIEW FROM ONBOARD”

We are looking forward with great anticipation to working with our new settled minister, Reverend Jane Thickstun. Rev. Jane and the Board have agreed that a high priority for the coming year will be to re-energize our policy governance project, which has been on the back burner during our Interim.

At our annual Congregational Meeting, held in May 2017, we discussed a proposal from the Governance Task Force (GTF) to implement a revised organization structure based on the Organization Chart GTF presented. Under the proposed revisions our organizational structure would separate governance from ministry, as further discussed below. A motion to approve the proposal passed overwhelmingly.

The Organization Chart referred to is available at UUCNH.ORG (select any item on the Our Governance Tab and you will find a link to the Chart on the left-hand side of the page.) The Board encourages you to look at the Chart for more information. As the Chart makes very clear, our structure separates ministry from governance.

Ministry includes teams that work directly with the minister, such as Sunday Services and Lifespan Faith Development. Other teams are designated to work with the ministry council, chaired by the minister. The council includes three congregational coordinators covering Church Community Life (e.g., Connections and Coffee Hour), Faith in Action (Systemic Change, Compassionate Service) and Church Relationships (Denominational Affairs, Communications). Ministry is connected to the Board through the Minister. If you have suggestions or questions about anything having to do with ministry, you should take those to the minister and not to the Board. The Board is simply not prepared or set up to deal with ministry matters.

The focus of the Board is on governance and administration, which includes Church Resources (e.g., Buildings and Grounds, Fundraising and Stewardship) and Standing Committees (finance, personnel).

Another way to look at is that the Board is responsible for seeing that we have the tools and resources to carry out our mission. The minister and the ministry council are responsible for advancing our mission to “transform ourselves and our world”

Mary Ellen

NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECYCLE NEWS

HARD TO RECYCLE COLLECTIONS

The PA Resources Council (PRC) is also sponsoring collection events this year for tires, electronic waste (computers, TVs, etc.), cell phones, batteries, etc. They will take Fluorescent Tubes—a hard to safely get rid of item! There are fees for this collection, although most electronics are free. See the sheet on the social action bulletin board or go to PRC’s Hard to Recycle page for a listing. The next collection will be on Saturday, July 27th from 9 AM to 1 PM at the La Roche University. If you have any questions, contact Chris Hill at 412.366.9553 or CLICK HERE.
GLASS RECYCLING *UPDATED*
In response to the sudden removal of glass from many residential recycling programs in the Pittsburgh area, PRC has launched a series of pop-up glass recycling events. The pop-up sites will be sponsored by local governments committed to recycling and who recognize that glass remains a recyclable material with vibrant demand in the regional and national recycled materials marketplace. They will accept all colors of glass bottles and jars. (No windows, drinking glasses, stemware or ceramics). For full details, visit PRC's glass recycling webpage. Events will be on Saturdays, from 9 AM to 2 PM. Additional dates and location will be added soon, so check the website. Questions, contact Chris Hill at 412.366.9553 or CLICK HERE.

SYSTEMIC CHANGE
Building Trust: Improving County Police and Citizen Relationships - Tuesday, August 13, 7:00 pm at UUCNH
County Commissioner DeWitt Walton, co-sponsor of the Allegheny County Independent Police Review Board bill, will join us at UUCNH to talk about how the bill will enhance county police and community relationships. The hope is that creation of the board will help prevent tragedies like the shooting death of Antwon Rose, Jr. and improve police accountability. Walton will walk us through the bill and reveal why the bill is important for public safety. Attendees will have an opportunity to take action to support the bill’s passage. Public safety is not just a responsibility for our police, it is a community responsibility. Join us on Tuesday night, August 13!

CONNECTIONS TEAM
If you're new and want to find out more about the Unitarian Universalist Church of the North Hills and Unitarian Universalism, Meet the Church is for you! It's an hour-long program that takes place in the West Room (where the service is held). There you have a chance to learn, ask and share with other newcomers. The next Meet the Church will be in September with exact date TBD.

INTERCOM/WEBSITE SUBMISSIONS

Intercom and Website article submissions deadline for September Intercom will be due AUGUST 21st.

INTERCOM/WEBSITE REMINDERS

1. All submissions (i.e., each month's scheduled date, a blurb change, a monthly topic change, contact info change or even chair/co-chair name change and if adding an event or upcoming UUCNH sale) for either the Intercom or the Website are to be sent to office@uucnh.org.
2. When submitting an outside event/meeting, please send a short one or two paragraph blurb and include the link that can direct folks to where they can see the full online flyer, registration, or website. Can include one picture or logo for your submission.

WEEKLY E-NEWS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS REMINDERS

- Have a blurb that you want placed in the E-News or Announcements? Send it to office@uucnh.org by Tuesday 10:00 am the week or so prior to when you want it listed.
- Keep in mind, blurbs for the Announcements should be in a single paragraph, short version format.