

Unitarian Universalist Association: Ohio Meadville District  
**Greater Pittsburgh Area Cluster Assembly**

First Unitarian Church Pittsburgh, PA

**NOVEMBER 1, 2014**

**9:00AM – 3:00PM**

Cost: \$15.00

Register at [www.ohiomeadville.org/omdevents/776-pittcluster2014](http://www.ohiomeadville.org/omdevents/776-pittcluster2014)

# BETTER TOGETHER

## SCHEDULE

- 8:25 – 9:20 **Cluster Choir Practice**
- 9:00 **Registration**
- 9:30-10:15 **Worship**  
Led by Cluster Ministers  
Music led by Jon-Erik Schreibner
- 10:15-10:45 **Keynote Speaker:**  
Anita Mentzer, UUPLAN Director
- 10:45-11:00 **BREAK**
- 11:00-12:15 **Workshops**
- 12:15-1:00 **LUNCH** (children eat free)  
Options:
- ¼ roasted chicken, cole slaw, hoppin john
  - Macaroni & Cheese, collard greens & hoppin john
  - Smoked tofu, collard greens & hoppin john
  - Children's meal – Macaroni & Cheese, apple sauce, carrot sticks
- 1:00-1:45 **Business Meeting**
- 1:45-2:15 **Closing Ceremony**

If interested in participating in MarketPlace, please contact Jen Halperin

## WORKSHOPS

- *Youth Mental Health First Aid for adults*  
Jen Halperin
- *The Shared Pulpit:*  
Rev. Robin Zucker
- *UUPLAN Panel*  
Anita Mentzer
- *Communication & Social Media:*  
Amy Walters  
Celeste Taylor
- *Stewardship Panel:*  
Randy Weinberg, First Unitarian  
Carol Balance, North Hills  
Michelina Olmstead, Indiana
- *Music:*  
Jesse Landis-Eigsti, Allegheny

Child care and children's programs available upon request, children must be pre-registered. Please indicate your needs on the registration form. Programming will be developed based on needs.



# BETTER TOGETHER WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS



## **Youth Mental Health First Aid**

This workshop is an overview and introduction to Youth Mental Health First Aid. This 8 hour course is designed to teach those adults and older youth leaders who regularly interact with young people how to help an adolescent (age 12-18) who is experiencing a mental health or addictions challenge or is in crisis. The course introduces common mental health challenges for youth, reviews typical adolescent development, and teaches a 5-step action plan for how to help young people in both crisis and non-crisis situations. Like American Red Cross First Aid training for physical health, Mental Health First Aid is the initial help given to someone who may be developing a mental health problem or experiencing a mental health crisis. Managed, operated and disseminated by the National Council for Behavioral Health, the Missouri Department of Mental Health, and the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

**Presenter:** Jennifer Halperin. Jennifer is Director of Children and Youth Ministry at First Unitarian Church of Pittsburgh. She recently became certified to teach the 8 hour Youth Mental Health First Aid course. Interested participants will help determine the dates and times we will offer the course to the Greater Pittsburgh Area Cluster of UU Congregations.

## **The Shared Pulpit**

The Shared Pulpit workshop is based on the Skinner House book of the same name. In this sampler from the program, participants will discover ideas and resources for creating a skilled group of “worship weavers” in your congregation. We will touch on organization and training, public speaking, and the preparation of compelling and inspiring sermons and services.

**Presenter:** Rev. Robin Landerman Zucker, Assistant Minister, First Unitarian Church of Pittsburgh

## **Unitarian Universalist Pennsylvania Legislative Advocacy Network**

Our keynote speaker Anita Mentzer, will moderate a panel representing UUPLAN’s six action teams and the work they are currently organizing across Pennsylvania. The six action teams are: Anti-Mass Incarceration, Economic Justice, Environmental Justice, Immigration Justice, Reproductive Justice, LGBT Justice.

**Moderator:** Anita Mentzer

## **Communication and Social Media**

A presentation, conversation and hands-on workshop to bolster our communications and new media skills.

**Presenters:** Celeste Taylor and Amy Walters

## **Stewardship Panel**

Panelists will share success stories from church annual pledge campaigns, capital building campaigns and endowment fund raising programs. An opportunity to share your stories, concerns, suggestions and questions.

**Panelists:** Randy Weinberg, First Unitarian; Carol Balance, North Hills UU, Michelina Olmstead, First UU Indiana PA

## **Building Your Music Ministry**

Come and hear two experienced music leaders from our Cluster talk about what has worked in the music programs at their churches. Bring your own success stories to share with others! Or bring your challenges and gather constructive and helpful suggestions from others! Let's begin to build a network of relationships among people in our Cluster congregations who are devoted to music! We will also do some singing at this workshop to share ideas about repertoire.

**Presenters:** Jon Erik Schreiber, Sanctuary Choir Director, First Unitarian Church  
Jesse Landis-Eigsti, Director of Worship Music, Allegheny Unitarian Universalist Church