ANNUAL THEME: THE SEEK CORE VALUES

This year we are exploring the values which hold us together as a community, through the lens of the Core Values of our Sunday Ethical Education for Kids program. These are the values we think are so important that we teach them to our children, so it’s worth spending a year thinking carefully about them! Each month we will examine one of the SEEK Core Values, while the younger members of our community learn about that same value – bringing the whole community together after a period of disconnection. You can read all of our SEEK Core Values by clicking here.

I STRIVE TO LIVE MY VALUES

None of us are perfect: we will all fail to live up to our values from time to time. Nonetheless, we try. We try to be the people we know we should be. This July at the Ethical Society, we explore ethical striving. Why do we try so hard to be good, and how can we be more successful?

July 10, 10 a.m.
Lessons of Hope from the Teaching Profession
Music Teacher James Young
Music: Kelly Wells & Ryan Spearman, folk music

July 17, 10 a.m.
Refuse to Be Silent - Stand Up & Fight For Democracy
Hon. Stacey Newman
Music: Jennifer Spohr & JD Brooks, organ

July 24, 10 a.m.
Putting Away Childish Things
Author Dave Warnock
Music: JD Brooks, organ

This will be JD’s final performance.

July 31, 10 a.m.
How Can We Live Our Values When Others Won’t?
Leader James Croft
Music: Patrick Rafferty, guitar

Join us for our Platforms in person or on Altar.
Masks are recommended & proof of vaccination or negative COVID test are required in the building.
Unprecedented Challenges/Unprecedented Opportunities

We’ve gone through so much in the last few years, and we’re coming back together as a congregation. We’re reviving the ways we met in the past, and we’re starting to meet online in ways we’ve never met before. We’re emerging from these Unprecedented Challenges with Unprecedented Opportunities. Capitalizing on those opportunities takes creativity, time, staff effort, and... capital. You’ll be receiving more information about the upcoming Pledge Drive. This article is just a “heads up” for what is coming in the next few months. Your Friends on The Pledge Team: Lance F, Eric C, Kayla C, and Brian V

JOIN US FOR EXPANDING HORIZONS BINGO

The End Racism Team is proud to present Expanding Horizons BINGO, which has multiple suggested experiences for you to learn more about the cultures, peoples, and history of Saint Louis. We invite you to participate and to take a friend or an Ethical group with you on your various adventures. You have the whole summer to complete a row, column, diagonal, or ambitious coverall of activities and experiences! Share photos and stories about your learning experiences to have an online dialogue -- tag @ethicalstl and use the hashtags #EthicsInAction and #ExpandingHorizonsBINGO -- and we will come together as a full community in the fall to reflect on what we’ve learned and experienced through this summer of expanding horizons.

UGANDA HUMANIST SCHOOLS TRUST UPDATE

The Ethical Society has a multiple-year connection to the Uganda Humanist Schools Trust (UHST), and to Isaac Newton and Mustard Seed Schools in particular. Peter Kisirinya, head of Isaac Newton, shared this image for the updated sign on the girls’ dormitory; funding the dorm and continuing to support UHST demonstrate a strong testament to our shared ethical values.

If you are interested in learning more about UHST, check out ugandahumanistschooltrust.org or reach out to Allison Hile at allison.hile@gmail.com or Krystal White at krystalsnowhite@gmail.com.

JULY GOOD EATIN’ VEGGIE POTLUCK

The July Good Eatin’ Veggie Potluck will be held on Friday, July 8, 2022, at 6 p.m. at the Webster Groves home of Stephanie Sigala and Jim Rhodes. Come and tour their beautiful gardens. If you’re lucky, you’ll be able to see and hear a train go by. Please bring a veggie dish for eight people, serving utensils and a beverage of your choice. You must be fully vaccinated and masks are encouraged while you are not eating or drinking. Please RSVP to Stephanie at stephanie.sigala@sbcglobal.net. There will be a limit of 25 people.

ACTIVIST ACADEMY

In response to the Roe v. Wade decision, the Ethical Society will be hosting a series of practical workshops for members and friends to learn skills related to organizing and activism. If you are interested in teaching activist skills, please contact James Croft at jcroft@ethicalstl.org.
HUMAN TRAFFICKING TALK & TRAINING BY ANNA FOSTER

Anna Foster is the Human Trafficking Task Force coordinator at the International Institute of St. Louis and the St. Louis County Police Department. The task force uses a trauma-informed, person-centered, human rights-based approach in their work against trafficking. On Tuesday, July 26, at 7 p.m. in the Hanke Room. Anna will speak to us about what human trafficking is, how it happens, indicators, and what to do to help. The training is about 90 minutes long and will be followed by a social hour.

See Facebook event for more information or to RSVP.

JOIN US FOR JULY HUMANIST HANGOUTS

07/09: Backyard Movie Night, 8:30 p.m.
4623 S 37th St., St. Louis
Join us for a backyard movie night for Indiana Jones and the Temple Of Doom! This is the second of a series of three movie nights featuring the 1980s Indiana Jones films. Bring a chair or blanket to sit on and your own movie snacks/drinks and spread out in my backyard for the evening. Film will start at sunset, which is around 8:30 p.m. See Facebook Event for more details and updates! Contact Mandy at 314-642-0268 with questions.

07/16: BBQ Social Night, 7 p.m.
This month’s social hour will be at Bryan’s house and will involve BBQ! More details and Facebook event link coming soon. Check out our main group page for updates. Please email Bryan at BSBryan@gmail.com for his address.

07/20: Whitaker Music Festival, 5 p.m.
Missouri Botanical Gardens
Join us for a picnic in the Gardens with some great tunes from Mo Egeston All-Stars at Missouri Botanical Gardens Whitaker Music Festival! For the picnic dinner at 6 p.m., bring a snack to share and drinks are BYOB. (Please note, there is no glass allowed in the Gardens.) Also be sure to bring your own plates/cups/utensils to use for the picnic dinner, a chair or a blanket to sit on, and bug spray.

You must RSVP by Wednesday, July 13, as tickets have been selling out hours after they are available the Thursday before. I will get 10 tickets and then ask someone else to help if we need more than 10 tickets. See Facebook Event for more details and updates! Contact Mandy at 314-642-0268 with questions.

07/29: Art Hill Movie “The Sandlot” at SLAM, 9 p.m.
Art Hill
The Saint Louis Art Museum is once again hosting FREE movies on Art Hill. On July 29, they will be showing “The Sandlot” – field opens at 6pm and the movie starts at 9 p.m. More details and Facebook event link coming soon. Check out our main group page for updates.

YOUNG ETHICAL LADIES – ART HILL FILM NIGHT – ‘A LEAGUE OF THEIR OWN’

Who says girls can’t play ball? Come join YELs on Friday, July 8, at 6 p.m. for an evening out on Art Hill to catch up and watch the 1992 film A League of Their Own. The Art Hill Film Series hosts food trucks and live music prior to the movie, which will begin at sundown. Bring a chair or a blanket and join us on the hill!

Young Ethical Ladies aims to develop relationships and build community around female or feminine experiences, in the context of ethical humanism. We use an inclusive definition of “ladies,” and we welcome trans women and those who identify as female. For questions, please contact Beth Correnti at beth.correnti@gmail.com.
**Tai Chi Returns in September**

Tai chi will take a hiatus during July and August. We will continue with two movement classes in September. These will be appropriate for people who are new to tai chi as well as the more experienced. The advantage of two movements is that they can be repeated again and again so that students can begin to learn them. All previous Zoom classes are available at www.donaldbeere.com. We don’t yet know whether class will be held in person in the Hanke Room at the Ethical Society or on Zoom. Either way, everyone is welcome. You do not have to be an Ethical Society member to participate. There is no charge. During the pandemic, class met via Zoom on Fridays at 10 a.m. The teacher is Don Beere. He has been learning, practicing and teaching tai chi for over 50 years.

**GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION GROUP RECONVENES IN SEPTEMBER**

The Great Books reading and discussion group will reconvene on September 14, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. The group will meet at that time on second Wednesdays, monthly, through May 2023.

The anthology from which we will take selections is titled Counterparts. This anthology can be purchased from the Great Books Foundation. From the book cover, “The ten paired texts in Counterparts will challenge your assumptions and spark debate. Presenting bold perspectives on topics such as art, war, fidelity, and death, Counterparts raises questions that go to the heart of the human conditions.”

All are welcome to join the group for any number of our sessions. Hope to see you in September! Contact is Alan Easton at ameast89@yahoo.com.

**FINDING CONNECTIONS BOOK CLUB MEETS ON SATURDAY MORNINGS**

A new discussion group has started meeting at the Ethical Society! The Finding Connections Book Club will explore ethics through faith, philosophy and personal growth.

Meetings will be held weekly on Saturday mornings at 10 a.m. in the Hanke Room. The participants select the group’s reading material. Contact Alan Easton at ameast89@yahoo.com with questions.

**Sci-Fi Book Club Meeting**

On July 25, at 7 p.m., the Sci-Fi Book Club will be discussing Influx by Daniel Suarez. Join us on Zoom.

Zoom ID: 384 422 5785

**SEEK is on Summer Hiatus; Childcare is Available**

While we hire a new SEEK Director, all SEEK programs will be suspended during the summer (June-August). However, there will still be childcare for young children available, so feel free to bring your kids on Sunday mornings!

**TUESDAY WOMEN’S ASSOCIATION UPDATE**

TWA has no programs scheduled for July.

**HAVE A HAPPY JULY!**

See you on August 2, 2022!
### July 3 - July 9
- **Sunday, July 3**: No Platform
- **Friday, July 8**: 6 p.m. Good Eatin’ Veggie Potluck
- **Saturday, July 9**: 6 p.m. YELs Art Hill Movie Night
- **8:30 p.m.**: Backyard Movie Night

### July 10 - July 16
- **Sunday, July 10**: 10 a.m. Platform: Lessons of Hope
- **Friday, July 15**: 11:15 a.m. Membership Team Meeting
- **Saturday, July 16**: 10 a.m. Finding Connections Book Club
- **7 p.m.**: BBQ Social Night

### July 17 - July 23
- **Sunday, July 17**: 10 a.m. Platform: Refuse to Be Silent
- **Wednesday, July 20**: 10 a.m. Finding Connections Book Club
- **Thursday, July 21**: 7 p.m. Whitaker Music Festival
- **Friday, July 22**: 9 p.m. Humanist Hangouts
- **Saturday, July 23**: 10 a.m. Finding Connections Book Club

### July 24 - July 30
- **Sunday, July 24**: 10 a.m. Platform: Putting Away Childish Things
- **Monday, July 25**: 7 p.m. Sci-Fi Book Club on Zoom
- **Tuesday, July 26**: 7 p.m. Human Trafficking Workshop
- **Friday, July 29**: 9 p.m. Art Hill Movie Night
- **Saturday, July 30**: 10 a.m. Finding Connections Book Club

### July 31
- **Sunday, July 31**: 10 a.m. Platform: How Can We Live Our Values?

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**PLATFORM DETAILS**

**7/10 – 10 a.m. – Lessons of Hope from the Teaching Profession – James Young, Auditorium and Altar**

Life doesn’t always turn out the way we expect, for better or for worse. However, through it all there is always hope— and a reason to look ahead. Persevering through challenges and finding purpose and meaning in serving others becomes the true measure of success. Teaching has been a journey of finding the joy in fulfilling the calling of a lifetime while learning my own invaluable lessons.

**7/17 – 10 a.m. – Refuse to Be Silent - Stand Up & Fight For Democracy – Hon. Stacey Newman, Auditorium and Altar**

How Missourians of all stripes must be vocal and involved in protecting our democracy and not wait for anyone else to save it, including real-world tips on putting yourself in the activist and legislative arena. Stacey Newman condenses ProgressWomen’s popular long-running statewide #GOV101 series into urgent doable actions, compelling you to get off the couch and do something while you still can.

**7/24 – 10 a.m. – Putting Away Childish Things – Author Dave Warnock, Auditorium and Altar**

Dave Warnock, author of the memoir “Childish Things,” argues that moving away from childish thinking means embracing the complexity and nuance in the world. Fundamentalist thinking keeps individuals and societies in an infantile state of mind. We must move away from that if we are to progress.

**7/31 – 10 a.m. – How Can We Live Our Values When Others Won’t? – Leader James Croft, Auditorium and Altar**

We live in a world, and a nation, beset by enormous challenges. Rising extremism, political dysfunction, and social polarization have created an increasingly mean and rancorous public square. Events like the overturning of Roe v. Wade suggest that American society is moving further from the progressive ideals the Ethical Society represents, while the attack on the Capitol showed how sick American democracy is. In such a challenging climate, how can Ethical Humanists live their values? Should we fight fire with fire, or should we be peacemakers?