

Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent Hosts Community Celebration of the Cuyahoga River and the Kent Environmental Council

Saturday, March 13, the Social Justice Committee of the Unitarian-Universalist Church of Kent will host a community celebration of the Cuyahoga River and contributions to the health of the river made by the Kent Environmental Council, which was born 40 years ago in the church's basement. KEC's first project, for Earth Day 1970, was a cleanup of the river banks that grew into the award-winning Riveredge Park and, more recently, into Heritage Park, beside the river flowing freely around Kent's historic dam.

Bill Zawiski of the Ohio EPA Twinsburg office will present a program titled "The Cuyahoga River Story: Then and Now . . . and Next." Zawiski has been with the Ohio EPA for 21 years; he holds degrees in biology from the University of Akron, and now teaches classes in geology and environmental studies there.

The Social Justice Committee will provide a simple supper (free-will offering) at 6 p.m., with the program following at 7 p.m. Child care will be provided for small children; school-age children are encouraged to attend the program. Past and present members of Kent Environmental Council will be special guests for the evening, and everyone with an interest in the Cuyahoga River is invited to attend. Reservations are not required, but it would be helpful to know how many are coming—please call the church office at 330-673-4247 or send an e-mail to uukent@sbcglobal.net (with "KEC Dinner" in the Subject line).

The Unitarian-Universalist Church is located at 228 Gougler Ave. in Kent. Parking is available across Gougler Avenue and behind the church.