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# Here's What's Brewing

The streets in front of MUGS come to life this time each year! The 130th Annual Loudonville Free Street Fair comes to a close this evening, and has been such a reminder of why MUGS' mission is so important. Of course the fun food and live entertainment will be a draw at MUGS, (much like they've been at the fair this week). But the similarities run so much deeper...

There is something about being surrounded by friendly face. Smiles from family, friends and even strangers make you glad you came!

There is also something very meaningful and life-changing about doing life in community. About being someplace that you know people are genuinely happy to see you, to make new memories with you, to enjoy a meal, a story, an evening with you... MUGS knows that we are better together, and looks forward to providing that opportunity all year round!



## The Coffee Prayer

*I drink this cup in solidarity with the one who planted the seedlings. In solidarity with the one who nurtured the soil, and watered the trees. In solidarity with the one who harvested the beans in their cherries, and the one who brought the harvest to market.*

*It has been a long time brewing, this cup. And with each sip, I pray for justice for everyone in the chain of production. Particularly those whose poverty prevents them from tasting the bounty you provide.*

*Solidarity, justice: this is our challenge. But one thing I have learned is that small cups can contain great miracles, and we can all find oneness there.*



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