

First Unitarian Universalist Church of Detroit

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First Unitarian Universalist Church
Organizational Chart 2006-2007

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Linda Darga
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Immediate Past Moderator
James Harvey
Board Secretary
Donna Walker
Treasurer
Dan Wiest

Staff

Minister
Minister Emeritus
Rev. Larry Hutchison
Director of Religious Education
Athena Kolbe (Interim)
Music Director
Todd Ballou
Choir Director
Gwen Foss
Church Secretary
Wendi Winston
Building and Grounds
Joe Brimmer

Trustees

Lencha Acker
Sally Borden
Jim Brown
Charlene Evans
Earl Harvey
Mary Lou Malone
Irene Schultz
Donna Walker
Dan Wiest

Newsletter Editor

Irene Schultz

Upcoming Services

Services begin promptly at 11:00 A.M.

December 17, 2006

“We’re All in this Together”

Rev. Drew Johnston, Guest Speaker
Congregational Meeting and Potluck
Following the service.

December 24, 2006

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
(Note – there will be no morning service)
This service will begin at 6:00 P.M.
with a pre-service sing-a-long beginning
at 5:00 P.M.

Rev. Lynda Smith, Guest Speaker

December 31, 2006

New Year’s Eve Service
(Note – there will be no morning service)
This service will begin at 6:00 P.M.)
Rev. Olaf Lidums, Guest Speaker



Newsletter Deadline:

The deadline for printed material is **Sunday, December 17, 2006** no later than **NOON** or the following **Monday no later than 5:30 P.M.** for electronic material. Articles may be emailed, by the deadline dates and times, to ieschultz1945@yahoo.com If you email items they **must** specify they are for the Newsletter.

Committees and Affiliates

Membership

If enough people are interested in going to the Detroit Rep Theatre and dinner afterwards as a small fundraiser I will be glad to plan one. Also, \$172.00 was raised from Entertainment Book sales. I ordered more books and should have them December 17 but will not be able to stay long at coffee hour so please let me know if you are interested. Thanks to all who bought and also got extra for presents.
Margaret

Choir

Upcoming Choir Fun

The First UU Choir welcomes and invites all interested musicians to share the joy of music making. No audition is required. The Choir generally rehearses on the 1st, 2nd, 4th, and 5th Sunday mornings 9:30 – 10:30 am. . For more information please contact Gwen Foss, Choir Director at gwenfoss@netrek.net

Congregational Meeting

Save the date Sunday, December 17, 2006, after church in McCollester Hall for an important Congregational Meeting to vote on the revision of our Church's Constitution and

	By-laws.	
Sally Borden		313-533-1494
Earl Harvey		313-563-2629
Mary Lou Malone		313-837-7952

Search Committee News

The Ministerial Search Committee conferred with the Rev. Lisa Presley, Heartland Interim District Executive, regarding important “next steps” in the search process. At that meeting we also reviewed the draft packet, and approved it. Soon we’ll begin assembling it.

Kathe Stevens compiled a history of the church using information contained in previous packets and the history on our website and by searching the Internet. This history will be included in the packet sent to ministerial candidates. An email was sent requesting help with the history. If you did not get the email and are interested in helping, please email kathe@mbwgroup.com or call Kathe at 313-831-4135.

If you did get the email and were able to review the attached document containing the history, the Committee asks that you contact Kathe if you can add any dates/events. For example, Alma Kosmowski suggested adding the appointment of the Future Facilities Task Force and the vote to sell the Church buildings. That was a great suggestion. It's an important part of our history, even if it's recent history.

Thank you.

The Ministerial Search Committee,
Dr. James A. Robinson, Chair
Dr. Ivan Cotman
Sharlene Gage
Marilyn Mitchell
Kathe Stevens

LETTER TO REV. HADASH

Reproduced below is a letter sent to Rev. Brendan Hadash of the St. Johnsbury , Vermont Unitarian Universalist church. Rev. Hadash introduced himself to Kathe Stevens at GA and explained that his church had a photo that he believed belonged to First Church . Kathe and Rev. Hadash coordinated to bring the picture home. The photo is now in the historical records room. Please contact Alma Kosmowski to view it.

December 2, 2006

Rev. Brendan Hadash
Unitarian Universalist Church
47 Cherry Street St. Johnsbury, Vermont
05819

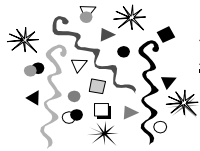
Dear Rev. Hadash:

On behalf of the First Unitarian-Universalist Church of Detroit, I extend a hearty thank you to you for your diligence in restoring to us a piece of our heritage. As we move through the often painful process of selling some of our church buildings, it is good to be reminded that change is part of our history.

Sincerely,
Linda Darga, Moderator
First Unitarian-Universalist Church of
Detroit

Women's Alliance

Please note the date change for the December Women's Alliance. The luncheon and meeting will take place on the **second** Wednesday, December 13th at noon.



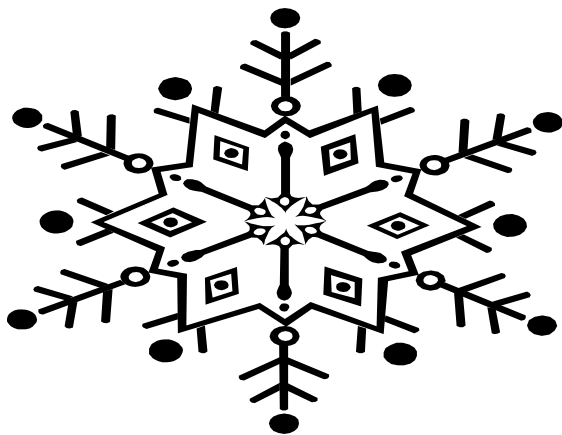
December Birthdays

24 – Nick Greene

From Empire to Earth Community **A Leadership Gathering**

Reserve the dates! From March 30 to April 1, 2007 a conference on *Navigating the Great Turning*, will be held in Columbus, Ohio. The keynote speaker will be David Korten, author of *"The Great Turning: From Empire to Earth Community"* David was a featured speaker at the June 2004 Green Party presidential candidate. The gathering will focus on actions being taken and identifying actions we can take individually and together in cities and towns across the country to create true "Earth Community" to gradually replace the "Empire" pattern that is rapidly destroying our future. For a better understanding of "The Great Turning" go to any of the following websites: uujec.org, or greatturning.org, or davidkorten.com

The proposed schedule of the conference will be emailed and posted by December 8, 2007 at uujec.org/schedule.pdf



Stop Global Warming

Global warming isn't opinion. It's a scientific reality. The science tells us that human activity has made enormous impacts to our planet that affects our well being and even our survival as a species. The science also tells us we can begin to make significant repairs to reverse those impacts – but only through immediate action. That's why we urge you to join us. The Stop Global Warming Virtual March is virtual but its purpose is real. By spreading the word and sharing this with others, our collective voice will be heard around the world. There is no more important cause than the call to action to save our planet. This us a movement about change, as individuals, as a country, and as a global community. We are all contributors to global warming and we all need to be part of the solution. Join the 528,733 supporters of the Stop Global Warming Virtual March, and become part of the movement to demand solutions to global warming now. To get more information and to join up go to: stopglobalwarming.org

Noel Night Thanks

Thanks go to the following for helping to make Noel Night run "smoothly": Maria Majer who gained valuable child behavior experience while monitoring the cookies and cider, Janet Thompson, Alma King and Sharlene Gage who decorated the church house and McCollester Hall, Irene Schultz who handled the vendors, Hillard Williams to supplied sound system expertise for the performers, those who helped Athena Kolbe with the make'n'take ornaments as well as Margaret Wilkie and Mary Catherine O'Neal who chipped in where needed. Thanks also to the stagehands who helped rearrange the chancel when needed between acts.

Ed. Note: Thank you, Dan, for your tireless energy. I honestly don't know where this church would be without you! Irene

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