

# First Unitarian Universalist Church of Detroit

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May 21, 2006

First Unitarian Universalist Church  
Organizational Chart 2006-2007

## Officers

Moderator  
*Jim Harvey*  
Vice Moderator  
*Dan Wiest*  
Immediate Past Moderator  
*Colleen Dolan-Greene*  
Board Secretary  
*Donna Walker*  
Treasurer

## Staff

Interim Minister  
*Rev. Diana Heath*  
Minister Emeritus  
*Rev. Larry Hutchison*  
Director of Religious Education  
*Jennifer Teed*  
Music Director  
*Todd Ballou*  
Choir Accompanist  
*Janice Berry*  
Church Secretary  
*Wendi Winston*  
Building and Grounds  
*Joe Brimmer*

## Trustees

*Lencha Acker*  
*Alicia Biggers*  
*Jim Brown*  
*Linda Darga*  
*Carolyn Ludwig*  
*Mary Lou Malone*  
*Jackie McNaughton*  
*Irene Schultz*

## Newsletter Editor

*Irene Schultz*

## Upcoming Services

Services begin promptly at 11:00 A.M.

**Sunday, May 28, 2006**

**Memorial Day Service**

**Audrey Mantey, Guest Speaker**  
**Member of Veterans for Peace**

**Sunday, June 4, 2006**

**Bridging Ceremony**

**Rev. Diana Heath**  
**Honoring High School Graduates**  
**Souper Sunday –Please bring a**  
**Pot of soup to benefit the RE Department**

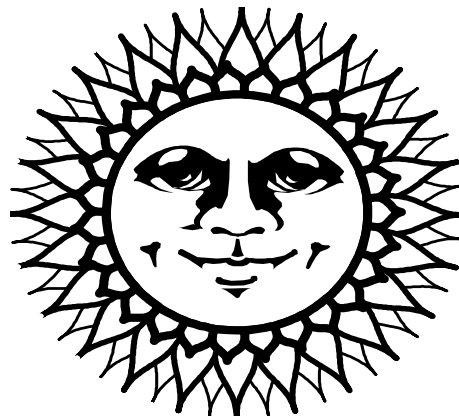
**Sunday, June 11, 2006**

**Guest Speaker - Topic to be announced**

**Please note – there will be a congregational meeting at 12:30 in**  
**McColleston Hall for the purpose of considering calling Rev. Harry Cook as**  
**Bridging Minister. Linda Darga, Moderator Elect**

**Sunday, June 18, 2006**

**Juneteenth Service**  
**Dr. James Robinson, Speaker**



## Newsletter Deadline:

The deadline for printed material is **Sunday, June 4, 2006** no later than **12:30 P.M.** 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](mailto:ieschultz1945@yahoo.com) If you email items they **must** specify they are for the Newsletter.

**From the Minister**

No Column

Religious Education Committee

Fran Morgan and Eugene Perrin

**Report on the Congregational Meeting – May 21, 2006**

On Sunday, May 21, 2006, there was a continuation of the Annual Congregational Meeting of the First UU Church of Detroit from two weeks prior. Because a long meeting that afternoon would conflict with the Be-Bop Jazz Concert, a 45-minute meeting was scheduled beginning as soon as possible following the service. The planned agenda consisted of the balloting for officers, the review of the budget and report of the election results.

Ann Harvey provided the report of the Nominating Committee. The Committee’s proposed slate of candidates to take office effective June 1, 2006 included:

Moderator – James Harvey

Vice Moderator- Alicia Biggers

Board of Trustees –

Three year term – Earl Harvey, Donna Walker and Dan Wiest

Two year term – Sally Borden

One year term – Mary Lou Malone

Religious Education Committee

Athena Kolbe, Carolyn Ludwig, Mary Catherine O’Neill and Margaret Wilkie

Nominating Committee

Nora Holt, Neil Hunt, Alma King, Carolyn Ludwig and Mary Lou Malone

Heartland District April 2007 –

Sally Borden

General Assembly, June 2006

Sharlene Gage, Glenn Maxwell and Kathe Stevens

Board of Review, three year term –

Ann Harvey

The following individuals were nominated from the floor and agreed to serve if elected:

Moderator – Linda Darga

Board of Trustees

Three year term – Andee Seeger and Margaret Wilkie

Two year term – Dan Kosmowski

Ballots were distributed and collected. The ballots were counted by Colleen Dolan-Greene, Jackie McNaughton, Dan Secrest and Janet Thompson. Prior to the results of the balloting being announced, three issues were raised that may affect the outcome of the balloting:

- 1) The slate of the Nominating Committee was not included in the call for the Congregational Meeting as required by the Church’s By-laws.
- 2) Athena Kolbe stated that she is not eligible to be nominated to the RE Committee because she is not a member of the congregation.
- 3) Several members questioned whether ballots had been submitted by individuals who were not eligible to vote in accordance with the Church’s Constitution because they have not signed the Church Membership Book, or because they have subsequently resigned, or because they have not made an eligible financial contribution of record. Since the meeting, a formal challenge to the election has been filed. Due to this formal challenge, the Nominating Committee will meet to consider reconducting the balloting prior to any formal announcement of any election results. The congregation will be advised by the Nominating Committee about the outcome of its meeting. The proposed budget was distributed by Dan Wiest, acting Treasurer. Due to the expiration of the time limit for the meeting, the budget will need to be considered and adopted at another Congregational Meeting.

Submitted by Colleen Dolan-Greene, Immediate Past Moderator



## **Women's Alliance Rummage Sale – 2006**

The Rummage Sale is the principal fundraiser for Women's Alliance. The funds that we raise through this support church activities and assist with building care projects. Some of the uses of funds in the past few years include: scholarships for church members to attend Heartland conferences; Christmas gifts to church staff; many improvements to Memorial hall such as carpet cleaning, window repair and curtains; cash donations for food items for ministers' retirement parties; equipment for kitchen use; coffee urns used at coffee hour and special events.

The sale to the public this year will be on Thursday, September 14, Friday, September 15, and Saturday, September 16. The sale hours will vary from day to day.

### **Here's what you can do to help!**

1 – Save clean, useful items over the summer and **bring them in on Sunday, September 10.** Please donate clean items and items that don't need repair. We do not have the time, energy or people power to get items cleaned and repaired. While we act as recyclers in a sense, we cannot handle moldy, mildewed, broken or damaged items. Please consider this when you are cleaning out your basement or garage. If it looks or smells nasty, put it in your own garbage can!

2 – You can bring items to the rummage sale the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday prior to the sale between the hours of 10am and 3pm. If you have large items, you can contact Ann/Earl Harvey because they have a pickup truck. If you have smaller items that need to be picked up, you can talk to Alliance members who may be able to help.

3 – **Volunteer your time.** Consider donating some hours that week. We can use your help any set-up day and on sales days. If you can only come for as little as a few hours on one day, that is still helpful. If you can come for several days to help, that would be even better. When the sale ends at 4:00 Saturday afternoon, there is the huge task of bagging and boxing up the remaining items. The more

help we have at that time, the more quickly it gets finished. What we have taken all week to sort and display, now gets packed up to be donated to a charity the following Monday. We need to take care of that so Pullman Hall can be returned to order. Clean-up last year was the best ever because we had so much help that we got Pullman back in order in record time

4 – Last but not least – come as a shopper ready to search for treasures and bargains.

**Mark you calendars for September 10 – 16. Sunday, September 10 -after church, drop off donated items; Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday – setting up and organizing 10am – 3pm in Pullman Hall. Thursday – sale opens noon – 7pm Friday – sale day noon – 7pm Saturday – noon – 4pm – Clean-up begins at 4pm.**

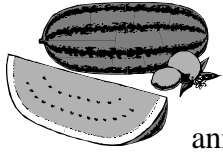
## **First UU Happenings**

**Book Sale...**Come to after church service book sales located in the Blue Room off the kitchen. Books will be on sale every Sunday until summer services. Money goes to the church budget. Paperbacks are \$.25 and hard covers are \$.50 each. The book source is Larry Hutchison's collection given to the church to do as we wished. If you want to help with sale call Janet Thompson at 313-886-5351.

**Holy Conversations...**Sunday, June 4 from 12:40 – 1:40. A draft of the Covenant will be presented along with an update from the Future Facilities Task Force.

**Book Discussion Group** Will be meeting on June 4<sup>th</sup> in Memorial Hall at 1:00 PM. The book to be discussed is *Southern Discomfort* by Rita Mae Brown. It is important that you read the book prior to attending the group and bring a snack to share.

**Interfaith Dialogue** We will be continuing this very interesting discussion on Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 3pm in Memorial Hall. For further information call Margaret Wilkie at 313-255-5048.



### **Juneteenth Picnic**

Come join us for our annual Juneteenth Picnic on Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup> following the church service. Please bring a picnic lunch and a dish to share. Watermelon and lemonade will be provided.

### **Opus and ConCentric 2006**

(Age 18 – 35)

Opus (August 11 – 16) is the annual spiritual retreat of the Continental Unitarian Universalist Young Adult Network and ConCentric is the annual meeting and leadership development conference of the Continental Unitarian Universalist Young Adult Network. This year we will be meeting at Camp Mardela in Denton, Maryland. Camp Mardela is located on the eastern shore of the Chesapeake Bay, across the bridge from Annapolis and is less than 60 miles from Baltimore-Washington International Airport. For more information call Jon Schultz at 313-492-7554.

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### **June Birthdays**

- 4. John Angry, Margaret Beck
- 12. Sondra Thottakath
- 16. Ann Harvey
- 18. Joe Thomas

- 20. David Robinson
- 23. Ardith Dickason, James Robinson
- 26. Ruth Crawford, Carolyn Ludwig
- 29. Dan Secret

Ed. Note...If you haven't seen your birthday listed, it's because I don't have it. Jot it down on a piece of paper along with your name and place it in the Newsletter box outside the church office. Day and month only please – year not necessary.

### **Items from the Internet**

The Positive of Life

- \* Living on Earth is expensive but it does include a free trip around the sun every year.
- \* How long a minute is depends on which side of the bathroom door you're on.
- \* Happiness comes through doors you didn't even know you left open.
- \* We could learn a lot from crayons: some are sharp, some are pretty, some have weird names, some are dull and all are different colors but they all exist very nicely in the same box.
- \* You may be only one person in the world, but you may also be the world to one person.
- \* A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.