

# First Unitarian Universalist Church of Detroit

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First Unitarian Universalist  
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Organizational Chart 2007 –  
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## Officers

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*Linda Darga*

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*Donna Walker*

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*Rev. Drew Johnston (Interim)*

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*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*

*Leonard Swint (Sunday)*

## Trustees

*Lencha Acker*

*Sally Borden*

*Trey Greene*

*David Lingholm*

## Newsletter Editor

*Irene Schultz*

## Upcoming Services

Summer services begin promptly at **10:00 a.m.**  
In the Sanctuary

**August 26, 2007**

**Rev. Drew Johnston**

*Notes from Eagle Lake*

**September 2, 2007**

**Rev. Drew Johnston - *Water Ceremony***

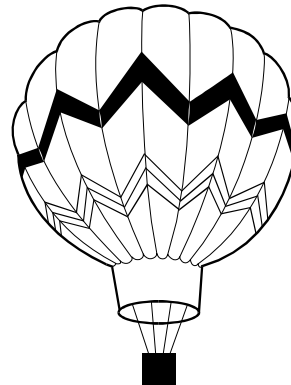
**Michael Krieger – *Worshipful Music***

Last summer service

**September 9, 2007**

**Revs. Drew Johnston & Athena Kolbe**

Return to 11:00 a.m. start time



## Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for printed material is **Sunday, September 2, 2007** no later than **NOON** or the following **Monday no later than 5:30 p.m.** for electronically submitted material. Articles may be emailed, by the deadline date and time, to [ieschultz1945@yahoo.com](mailto:ieschultz1945@yahoo.com). If you email items they must specify they are for the Newsletter.

Ed. Note... This will be the last Newsletter of the regular church year. There will be one Newsletter in July and one in August – the third Sunday/Monday. The regular Newsletter schedule will resume the first Sunday in September.

**Drew's News**

Drew is on vacation

**Committee News****Membership Committee**

Anyone interested in playing cards (and board games) on a regular basis? We were thinking we would take turns at people's houses, maybe monthly. Many of us are rusty when it comes to card playing, so we'd have to brush up our skills. This is just for fun. If interested, call Ruth Seifert at 313.340.0671 or Sally Borden 313.533.1494.

**Religious Education-Upcoming Youth Events**

Please mark your calendars for these upcoming youth events (more details to follow). All events are open to adult church members/attenders unless otherwise indicated. For questions, directions, to RSVP, financial sponsorship, or if your young person needs a ride to an event, call Athena at the church or email re@1stuu.org. Youth should wear their red First UU T-shirts to all field trips. Please see Athena if your young person needs a T-shirt and doesn't have one.

**Back to School Fair – Belle Isle Athletic Field  
Saturday August 25<sup>th</sup> 10am – 2pm**

Volunteers are needed to help staff an outreach table at the Back to School Fair. If you would like to help us reach out to more youth and families, please call Athena ASAP. You will need to meet prior to the event for a short orientation on our new school-year program prior to the Fair.

**Michigan State Fair****Tuesday August 28<sup>th</sup> 10am – 3pm**

Meet at church at 10am and bring a lunch plus \$5.00 for admission.

**Cedar Point****Saturday September 1<sup>st</sup> 8am – 11pm**

Meet at Athena's house at 8am to carpool. Bring a bathing suit or change of clothes, towel, water bottle, camera, a lunch that doesn't need to be kept cold, snacks and spending money for dinner. For more information, please email me at the address listed above. A responsible person who is at least sixteen years old must accompany children under the age of nine.

**Dally in the Alley****Saturday September 8th**

Youth and adult volunteers are needed to staff the First UU table at the Dally in the Alley. This would include talking to people about our program, the church and Unitarian-Universalism and/or doing face painting (our free service to draw people in.)

**Renaissance Festival****Saturday September 22 9am – 6pm**

Meet at Athena's house at 9am to carpool. Wear comfortable shoes and bring lunch, a camera and water bottle. Renaissance period dress is encouraged but not required.

**Detroit Zoo****Sunday September 30**

Carpool from church after coffee hour

**Women's Alliance**

September is almost here! It's time for the Rummage Sale at First UU. Why have a Rummage Sale? 1) The Sale provides a community service. 2) The Sale is a form of recycling. 3) The Rummage Sale is the principle fundraiser for Women's Alliance. Mark your calendars for September 9 – September 15.

Sunday, September 9: After church, begin to drop off your donated items

Monday – Wednesday: Setting up and organizing from 10am – 3pm in Pullman Hall.

Thursday: Sale opens – noon to 7pm

Friday: Sale Day – noon to 7pm

Saturday: Sale Day 10am – 2pm. Clean up begins at 2. We will need extra assistance on Saturday afternoon for packing leftover items from the sale in preparation for pick-up by a local charity. For more information see Alma King or Helen True

**Worship Committee**

The Worship Committee is interested in any feedback or suggestions you may have regarding our worship services. The members are [Lencha Acker](#), Marylou Malone, [Dan Secrest](#), and [Len Zettel](#) along with staff members [Drew Johnston](#), [Todd Ballou](#), [Gwen Foss](#), and [Athena Kolbe](#).

### **In Memoriam**

Margaret Mellen, wife of John Mellen – former First UU church member, died July 31<sup>st</sup>. Margaret had retired from teaching in July after 55 years of teaching

### **Entertainment Books**

Entertainment Books are for sale during coffee hour. The cost is \$20.00 per book with our church earning \$4.00 for each book sold. We also get two free books to sell. If over fifty books are sold, \$10.00 is earned from each book. There are fantastic values in the books. I have saved money at restaurants, plays, dog grooming, hotels, etc. See Margaret during coffee hour for more information.

### **Editor's Note**

Jon and I will be going to Salina, KS for his Navy ship reunion – hey, isn't Kansas landlocked? – at any rate, we will be gone from September 11th (uh-oh) – 26<sup>th</sup> so Dan Wiest has generously offered to do the September 16<sup>th</sup> Newsletter.

**Please submit any articles to him and not to me** for that issue. From Kansas we will head to Jet, OK to visit friends then on to Las Cruces to hang out with Jan, Cindy and Hillard.

### **Book Discussion Group**

The First UU Book Discussion Group will be meeting on the second Sunday of September. The book for discussion is *Have a Little Faith: A Collection of Stories* by various authors. We will resume having our meetings on the first Sundays in October.

### *Thank You*

Thanks to all who helped with and participated in the Summer Potluck, the Gleaners Food Drive and the Hands Along Woodward event. We collected items that will aid others in need. After the First Annual Summer Picnic Potluck, about 25 of us took our handholding expertise to a new level out into the world by lining up on Woodward between Warren and Hancock at 2pm. There was a great feeling of camaraderie as the rain let up for a while. Although we were small in numbers, we were mighty in spirit. We shared the block with people from several other area churches. No church bells rang as advertised, but there were honking horns and friendly waves from passerby. We concluded with some of us singing *We Shall Overcome*. Alma King and Sally Borden

### **Street Retreat**

What is a Street Retreat? Essentially, it is walking outside with a deep awareness of your environment (both people and place) while reflecting on what you are experiencing inside. I will be doing a Street Retreat October 11 – 14 in Midtown Detroit (aka The Cass Corridor). The retreat will be led by Sensei Grover Gauntt, dharma successor of Bernie Glassman. Joining me will be a student from the Ecumenical Theological Seminary, my husband, Stuart, and several others. If you would like to join us (I know it's a big commitment), please call me at 313-617-4615. Why are we doing this? We believe that the homeless problem can be solved. To learn more about bearing witness to homelessness, read [Bearing Witness](#) by Bernie Glassman. In power and faith, Lynda