

# First Unitarian Universalist Church of Detroit

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## Drew's News

“Welcome, I’m glad you are here.” I have heard these, and similar, words since I first arrived in Detroit. At first I was, “Thank you, I can’t believe you are here.” That came from a shuttle bus driver who was amazed that no one sent me here, but that I chose to come. What the driver didn’t know was that I had a strong pull to come to serve First Unitarian Universalist Church of Detroit and that I also had a strong suspicion that there was a mystery to solve here. The solution to the mystery turned out to be simple – there is a bunch of delightful people here already!

What the shuttle driver and others may neglect to consider is that the value in being somewhere is in the relationships that exist to be discovered and nurtured, as well as the new relationships to build. It starts with the simple acknowledgement, “I’m glad you are here.”

And I am, indeed, glad that you are here, glad that I am here, and glad for the people who are about to arrive here. Every day that we come to church we may have the chance to greet a stranger, to connect with someone we don’t really know, or to deepen a connection we already have. I write today to ask two things – when you arrive at church know this – someone is glad you are here. And when you see a newcomer, let them know that you are glad for their presence.

We are going to have a great year together! See you in church –

*Reverend Drew*

Please visit [our website](#) for information on upcoming services.

### Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for printed material is **Sunday, September 16, 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 [dfwiest@comcast.net](mailto:dfwiest@comcast.net). If you email items they must specify they are for the Newsletter.

## **Committee News**

### **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.

### **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

### **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.

## **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

### **Entertainment Books**

Entertainment Books are selling very well. I was able to give our treasurer \$120 thanks to the generosity of friends, family, neighbors and church members. I will be selling them during coffee hour. Margaret Beck

### **Thank You**

Joy Johnson, a friend of Margaret Beck and 1st. U.U. Church, gave a cash donation in memory of Juneteenth Day. Juneteenth was a very important day for Joy, because it is the date of her wedding anniversary. Juneteenth is always celebrated at 1st. Church with a service about how the Emancipation Proclamation affected African American slaves in the U.S. Thanks to Joy for honoring this special day that marks an important mile stone in her life and also in the history of the U.S. --- Margaret Beck

### **Noel Nite**

First UU will open its doors to the neighborhood and nether regions for Noel Nite on Saturday, December 1. Help us put our best foot forward by attending a planning meeting in Memorial Hall on Sunday, September 23 at 12:30.

## Labor Day 2007

Seven people from First UU marched with a coalition of: several people from area UU churches; the UU Social Justice Network, MichUhcان ([MichUhcان.com](http://MichUhcان.com)), Detroit Symphony Members and the American Federation of Musicians, Grey Panthers, and others. We marched in the annual Labor Day Parade from Warren and Woodward to Downtown. We marched for Universal Health Care. Ahead of us, and with us, were politicians John Conyers, Carl and Sander Levin, Aldo Vagnozzi- State Rep for Farmington Hills and others. There were many Union locals and quite a few spectators. It was sunny and a good day for a parade.

Margaret Wilkie

## **Interfaith Dialog**

Join the Interfaith Dialog on September 15 at 1:00 and the third Sunday of every month thereafter. We partner with the Muslim Dialog at Wayne State University. All are welcome for a discussion of faith in our lives. We meet in Memorial Hall.