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Drew's News

This week I am offering a list that originated in some email some years ago. Since it is Thanksgiving, and the beginning of a season that challenges many of us, let this serve as fodder for appreciation, and feel free to add to it as you wish.

I am thankful, for the taxes that I pay, because it means that I have income.

For the mess to clean after a party, because it means I have been surrounded by friends.

For the clothes that fit a little too snug, because it means I have enough to eat.

For my shadow that watches me work, because it means I am out in the sunshine.

For a lawn that needs mowing, windows that need cleaning, and gutters that need fixing, because it means I have a home.

For all the complaining I hear about the government, because it means that we have freedom of speech.

For being caught in traffic, because it means I have somewhere to go – and so do all these other people.

For the parking spot I find at the far end of the parking lot, because I am blessed with transportation and made it this far.

For my huge heating bill, because it means I am warm.

For the person behind me in church who sings off key, because they are singing boldly.

For the pile of laundry and ironing, because it means I have clothes to wear.

For living in a place that has seen hard times, and is creating a brighter future.

For weariness and aching muscles at the end of the day, because it means I have been capable of working hard.

For the laughter of little children, who may retain their sense of humor into adulthood.

And finally—for having retained some of my sense of humor so far in life.

See you in church.

Rev. Drew

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for printed material is **Sunday, December 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 If items are emailed they **must** specify they are for the Newsletter.

Committee News

November Events for Children, Youth & Families

❖ **Wednesday, November 28 – I Love to Shop LE**

Wear your red FUU t-shirt or sweatshirt and join us at the mall for a little shopping and some fun learning

❖ **Friday, November 30 – Nearly Noel Night Cookie Bake**

Bring your favorite cookie ingredients and help make batches of cookies to distribute at Noel Night

Women's Alliance

Consider joining us for our monthly lunch and program. All are welcome. Lunch is only \$6.00 and reservations must be made by noon of the previous Monday by calling the church office.

December 12 – A Christmas Story and Sing-A-Long

Finally, get your cookie recipes out because the Women's Alliance will hold a Bake Sale on Noel Night (December 1) and would appreciate donations of delicious goodies.

Please note: The December meeting will be on the second Wednesday.

Fundraising

We had a great time seeing the wonderful play, DOUBT, at the Detroit Rep Theatre and going to the Traffic Jam for dinner. Our treasury is \$115 richer now. I will have Entertainment books for sale at \$20 each for a few weeks. They make great gifts. My nieces save money on the Pet Smart dog grooming, roller-skating, grocery stores, and many restaurants.

Thanks to all who bought tickets to the theatre for this fund raiser.

Margaret Beck

Membership Committee

Welcome and congratulations to the following people who have recently signed the membership book of 1st UU church.

Nathan Andrew
Dessa Cosma
Ruth Decker
Rahman Harris and
Ryan King

We will be having more pictures of both new and "old" members, along with the Board and others on the Bulletin Board in McCollester Hall. So look for new pictures. And if you want your picture taken and we haven't gotten to you yet, please feel free to talk with a member of the Membership Committee at Coffee Hour after church.

Alma King, Maysel Brooks, Nora Holt or Sally Borden

Octoberfest Thank You

Our heart felt thanks for all these people who helped make the Octoberfest a success.

Lencha and Al Acker
Alma King
Nora Holt
Faye Colling
Glen Maxwell
Joe Brimmer

We made \$432.52 of which we have donated all to the furnace fund. The Mitchell's and Harvey's felt this was the perfect use of the money.

Many thanks for all that came.



Noel Night

It is now the last week of November and that means Noel Night isn't very far away. We have at least 15 wonderful vendors lined up but there is always room for elves to help out with cookie plate replenishing – and bringing; cider stirrers and greeters. This year the RE folks will be offering soup and ask that some be donated. Please speak to Athena about that. Let Dan Wiest or Irene know what you can do to make our church really stand out on Noel Night.

December Birthdays

- 9. Bob Neale, Joe Samples
- 11. Marilyn Mitchell
- 13. Barbara Stevenson
- 17. Ken Meyer
- 21. Gail Twitty, Lee Thume
- 23. Ardith Dickason
- 24. Nick Greene
- 26. Charlotte Allen
- 28. Dorothy Allen
- 29. Jerry Gochnour
- 30. Adelia Minor

20th Annual Kwanzaa Jazz Concert Saturday, December 29, 2007 7pm

The Black Concerns Working Group of First U.U. Church presents the 20th Annual Jazz Concert in our elegant church surroundings deserving of its creativity and genius.

Each year we attract more and more people who appreciate and enjoy this timeless art form. The concert has become the most popular "In Place" to go during the holiday season. This 20th Annual Kwanzaa Jazz Concert features Detroit's own internationally renowned pianist Dr. Barry D. Harris and Ed Love of WDET-FM as our Master of Ceremonies.

The Black Concerns Working Group plans all year to make this concert a financial success. YOU can be an "INTEGRAL" part of this success by becoming more involved with the presentation of the concert. An important fact to keep in mind is that the concert is a fundraiser for the church. Your participation is urgently needed for its success. Your ticket purchases are tax deductible. To help support the concert, you may consider purchasing tickets as holiday presents, and/or sponsoring a group party, and even mailing our flyers in your greeting cards.

Our goal is to involve EVERY church member and friend to participate in making this a successful concert, in every way.