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First Unitarian-Universalist Church of Detroit Newsletter

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April Edition

Upcoming Sermon Schedule

April 7

Rev. Roger Mohr

“Global Humanism.”

Humanism is NOT a minority position. Not in the US. Not even in other lands and nations. Humanism is the foundation of the modern world.

April 14

Rev. Roger Mohr

“Voluntary Simplicity: Spring Cleaning.”

Spring is an excellent time to lighten the load and lose the baggage, in both our inner and outer lives.

April 21

Rev. Roger Mohr

“Earth Day, Detroit!”

What would a green Detroit look like, and how can we help to make that happen?

April 28

Luther "Badman" Keith

“ARISE Detroit.”

ARISE Detroit is a broad-based coalition of community groups which deal with issues troubling our community – illiteracy, high school dropout rates, crime and youth violence, drug abuse, domestic abuse, neighborhood blight and unemployment.

Luther Keith, executive director of ARISE Detroit!, is a former award-winning editor and columnist for The Detroit News. He is also an accomplished Blues musician and is known as "Badman" in the Blues world.

May 5

Rev. Roger Mohr

“Cinco de Mayo: Celebrating Cultural Evolution.”

The US is changing, and we have the opportunity to choose our strategies in relation to the foreseeable future.

FIRST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH ORGANIZATIONAL CHART 2012-2013

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Worship Services
held every Sunday
at 11:00 a.m.

All those who are involved in the service on Sunday (Speakers, Worship Coordinator, Trustee of the Day, Cantor, and Music Director and/or Guest Musicians) will meet in the Sanctuary at 10:30am each Sunday to review the service.

The President's Corner

In my last newsletter article, I said that spring was coming, now I'm not so sure this. But I am sure of a few things: that our church is becoming more healthy, that I meet and get to know a lot of great people while attending this church and that, although we do not know the future and can never know it, I do believe that the best is yet to come for First Church.

In that vein I want to introduce you to a few more people that are worth getting to know.

Mary Lou Malone-- a longtime member of this church who first started attending in the late 1960s who has held many positions of leadership in the church and currently serves on the Worship Committee. Mary Lou wants to tell you "1st UU gets more interesting all the time because of all the interesting people who come through our doors. And I really appreciate the rich history of all the people who've come before us.

Eric Cortright-- who has been attending for some months and recently signed the membership book. Eric says "I come here for the variety of interesting people there are to meet."

And last but not least, Matt Freidrichs, who also recently signed the membership book. Matt was raised as a Unitarian Universalist in Maryland and has been attending the church since last fall. Matt came to this church for the opportunity to find community in the place where I moved and stayed because I want to be a part of the rebuilding of Detroit."

One of the goals of our developmental ministry is to improve and reorganize our church structure to be more efficient and more transparent. As part of this goal I want to introduce you to three important groups or committees that currently function in our church.

The Board of Trustees of the people that you elect annually to represent you, inform you and make necessary decisions with your input. The current board consists of myself as Board President, Marilyn Mitchell, Past President, Cynthia ZurSchmiede, Vice President, Kathe Stevens, Secretary, Dan Wiest, Treasurer

The President's Corner (continued)

and four Trustees at large—Sandra Thottakoth, Sean McAde, Danny Rebb and Marsha Bruhn.

The current Nominating Committee is made up of Margaret Wilkie, Chair person, Lencha Acker, Danny Rebb, Elayne Sikelianos, and Toni Tront. You will see more information about them also in this newsletter. They are elected by you to develop a slate of candidates each year to run for the church offices laid out in our ByLaws.

And an extremely important committee made up of those who volunteer to work with the minister to develop, plan and execute our 52 Sunday morning church services each year. The current members of this committee are: Kathleen and Robert Johnson –co-chairs, Dan Secrest, Lencha Acker, Mary Lou Malone, Elayne Sikelianos, Nan Owen Nelson, and Danny Rebb. They work hard and are doing a great job of presenting us with interesting, provocative and timely worship services every Sunday.

As time goes on, we are likely to develop more and different groups and committees to do the work of the church. A recently developed Volunteer Greeter program is now up and running and I will share more information about this in the near future.

But I cannot leave out the name of our minister, Rev. Roger Mohr, who came to us almost 2 years ago as an interim minister. Roger has been like a sponge soaking up information about this area who is also willing to share all the information and skills he had developed before he came to us. Roger has been a steadying presence for us and something we needed to let us grow again and flourish.

We have much to be thankful for.

Sally Borden, President

The Rev's Room

I am currently preparing to write on the subject of leadership as a spiritual discipline. I have begun doing research, and I am already learning a great deal. But as expected, the reading and interviews greatly shifted my assumptions about what leadership really is and how it works. The more you know, the more you realize you don't know, and this project is no exception. There are very real costs to successful leadership.

One thing that struck me was that many leaders have very troubled relational histories, where the people closest to a leader are expected to subordinate themselves to the leader's goals and agenda. And as I am reading their biographies, I am seeing that pattern in others, as well. Those who have achieved public success in their chosen work, whether as a leader, an artist, or whatever, usually put their projects before other people. And that "project comes first" ethos even included their own health and wellbeing. Leadership is based on the creative will of the leader.

It is the creative will that is the engine of progress. But there is a price that we pay when we reward and promote that sort of single minded orientation. Not surprisingly, much of post-modern criticism of modernist progress made exactly that argument. People matter! And so we began to focus on inclusiveness and fairness, and to disparage those who put their work first or who exercised power too insensitively. Creative genius asked no quarter and showed no mercy. No wonder then that such an approach fell into disfavor in the less achievement oriented period of postmodernism.

However, progress is about solving problems, and that takes both focus and energy. We need to find ways to engage the creative will while recognizing the larger meaning and impact of the process. It is not the project alone that matters. But neither can we allow stagnation for the sake of security. What we need is to develop leaders who have both the drive and discipline to achieve the goal, AND the compassion and reason to take the larger perspective into account.

The Rev's Room (continued)

We need a new sort of leader. The leader of the future must have an enlightened will.

So how does any of this apply to the church? First, it is a major part of our work together to both achieve our goals and to remember that even in our successes there are those who will not feel it as success. There are those who may feel displaced by change, others may become more anxious or insecure as things change. Remembering them is important. Yet the changes are also important, perhaps even necessary. Keeping our perspective is a sign of enlightened leadership. Second, it is important not to be single minded in our approach to the problem. Growth may be a goal, and we are doing well, having already achieved our goal of 15% growth (85 members), with three months remaining in the church year. But there is more to growth than just our membership number. Are we also growing spiritually and organizationally?

Let us cultivate enlightened leadership for our church, and share that model of creativity with our community. We need our creatives, our leaders, even if we do not all have the strength of will required for leadership. But we all have a role to play in shaping our project and agenda. Creativity is wonderful. But creativity must be joined also with reason and compassion to be fully human.

Namaste! Rev. Mohr

Membership Drive And Annual Canvass

I am pleased to report that the following new members joined the Church on March 10th: Richard Hilliard, Joan Smykowski, Tim Bailey, Corinne Streicher, Joel Batterman, Eric Cortright and Sydney Schaaf. Also, long-time member Don Clark, whose Sunday morning work schedule prevented his attendance in recent years, came to the service on March 17th and said he plans to attend regularly. With Don's return, First Church now has **86 members**, surpassing the goal of 85 we set at the leadership retreat last summer. Since Rev. Mohr has been our minister, we have welcomed 15 new members, which is just an unheard of percentage increase!

Rev. Mohr, Sally Borden and I held the orientation session for prospective new members on the first Sunday of March. The session was attended by Laura James, Richard Hilliard, Joan Smykowski, Bryan Hill, Julie Phenis and François Billingsley. Julie commented that our members had made her feel very welcome – moreso than other churches she has attended.

The ANNUAL CANVASS campaign for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013, kicked off on March 10th. Three of our newest members have already made their pledges, and many past pledgers are increasing their pledges. The canvass table on the west side of McCollester Hall will be personed through March, so please step up and make your pledge.

If you need to know the amount of last year's pledge, ask me.

If you need to know where you stand in fulfilling last year's pledge, contact Tamara.

Our church is on a very good roll. Let's keep it up. See you in church.

Marilyn Mitchell

Membership and Canvass Chair

Activities Coordinator

Where does Sherry get that stuff she puts in the calendar?

From some of you (John Angry, Maysel Brooks for two), from Leslie Malcolmson of the Midtown Alliance (courtesy of Kathe Stevens) who has a wide range of sources, from the WSU Music and other departments, the DIA, the African-American Museum, Historical Museum, and such. Often I need to cut-and-paste or type anew from a flyer.

BUT you would not read what I find and list if Tamara did not lay it out in an attractive, easy-to-grasp format. Content can be ignored or lost in too much busyness mistaken for fancy graphics. Though she learned even more in marketing classes, this is a crucial basic.

Speaking of Tamara--her deadline for Order of Service insert items is 4 p.m. on Thursday so get it to me well before then. Events needing more advanced announcement can be sent to both Tamara and I--we work together on them and can tell you of possible conflicts.

My "crew" members have been busy helping organize many activities you've been reading about. Was the Activities Coordinator idea a bit of a catalyst? If so, I'm pleased.

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Proposed 2013-14 Slate of Officers for Board

Our constitution requires the Nominating Committee announce a proposed slate of officers before the Congregational Annual Meeting of May 19, 2013. The slate includes Board of Trustees, Nominating Committee and delegate(s) to General Assembly and Heartland District.

We would like to thank the current board members, Sally Borden, Kathe Stevens, Dan Wiest, Cynthia ZurSchmeide, Sandra Thottakath, Sean McAde, Danny Rebb and Marsha Bruhn for outstanding service to our community. Kathe, Dan Wiest, and Sean are willing to continue in their current positions. Our constitution prohibits Sally for running for a third term, and Sandra Thottakath has decided not to continue.

The Nominating Committee nominates Marsha Bruhn for the position of president, and Danny Rebb for the position of vice-president. In addition, we nominate Cynthia ZurSchmiede and Matt Friedrichs to fill two open positions as trustees.

Nominations may also be made from the floor, but only with previous consent of the nominee.

If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee: Lencha Acker, Danny Rebb, Elaine Sikelianos, Toni Tront or Margaret Wilkie.

2013-2014 Proposed Slate:

President: Marsha Bruhn

Vice-President: Danny Rebb

Secretary: Kathe Stevens

Treasurer: Dan Wiest

Trustees: Sean McAde, Cynthia ZurSchmiede and Matt Friedrichs

Nominating Committee: Lencha Acker, Colleen Dolan-Greene, Elaine Sikelianos, Toni Tront and Margaret Wilkie

Delegate(s) to General Assembly and Heartland District: Mary Lou Malone

97th Birthday Celebration: Fundraiser to Benefit the Preservation of our Skinner Organ

A concert of organ, flute and vocals will be given on April 6, 2013 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., featuring Grampa Jenkins from SideBar Black Art Theatre of Detroit. Free tickets can be reserved at <http://www.eventbrite.com/event/5555939966>. Donations will be accepted at the door. Wine, cheese and food will be available for purchase, and a silent auction will be held.

Our four manual, 52 rank, Opus 232 Ernest M. Skinner organ is one of the finest orchestral organs in the Detroit area. It was built in 1915 by the Ernest M. Skinner Company of Boston, MA. It is one of the few Skinner organs still in an unaltered state from its installation. The organ was dedicated in 1916 to the memory of Simon Jones Murphy and Ann Door Murphy, Charter Members of the church, by their daughter Annie Dorr Murphy.

The specific purpose of the funds raised is to pay for the updating of the electrical power source. The organ still has its original power source, and power surges are causing the magnets to go bad. When an organist presses a key, it is the action of the magnets that allows the air to go through a pipe and make a sound. Or as Robert Johnson explained it, there are little magical gnomes running around in the organ that make it work, and we need funds to feed them. Either way, our goal is to raise \$1000 through a series of fundraisers.

If you are interested in donating wine or cheese, supplying or soliciting items for the silent auction, and/or volunteering as an usher, greeter, sommelier, silent auctioneer, or hot dog vendor, please track down one of the Organ Fundraising Committee members. These fearless fundraisers include: Todd Ballou, Gwen Foss, Sydney Schaaf, Eric Cortright, Kathe Stevens, and Kimberly Kleinhans. Also, if you are on Twitter, please follow @1stUUSkinnerOrg, which is, according to @UUWorld, "the first #UU organ with its own Twitter account."

Thank you!

Church Announcements and Events

1st UU Board Meetings

Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month.

April 10	Memorial Hall	7:00 - 9:00 pm
May 8	Memorial Hall	7:00 - 9:00 pm
June 12	Memorial Hall	7:00 - 9:00 pm

All are welcome at board meetings. If you have an item you wish to have included on the agenda for discussion at the meeting, please contact Kathe Stevens, Board Secretary at kathestevens@gmail.com

Vespers Wednesday

Vespers runs from 6:00 - 7:00pm on the **2nd** Wednesday each month.

Singing Circle

Wednesdays at **7:00 pm** - Singing Circle at the church. Open to all. Contact Gwen Foss gwenfoss@netrek.net for more details.

Monthly Young Adults Meeting

Join young adults from the congregation and beyond to discuss the development of this new social and community group within First UU. They meet on the third Sunday of the month at 12:30 in Memorial Hall.

Message Topics

Remember, Rev. Mohr is always open to new ideas for sermon topics, either in terms of texts and sources, or in terms of topics. If you have an idea for a sermon, please do feel free to share it.

Church Announcements and Events

FIRST Sundays: Intro to FUUD

Are you new to the church, or just interested in learning more about our church and tradition? The New UU class is about offering introductory information about what the church is all about, and it is an important step toward becoming a member. There are two objectives: one is to share information on the UU tradition as a whole, and a second goal is to focus specifically on the history and traditions of the Detroit church. Please do attend: We are proud of who we are, and we want you to be proud to be with us!

SECOND Sunday: Welcoming New Members

This is a normal service, but we also include a time to invite our new members to come forward, present themselves to the community, and sign the membership book. This is an important ceremony honoring those who have chosen to identify themselves with our values, our tradition, and our community. Make them feel welcome among us!

SECOND Sunday: Potluck

Time to break out your best recipe and bring it to church – share your food with FUUD! As we begin to add new members, it is a good time to share fellowship and nourishment with the people who nourish us, in return. Remember that everything must come and go the day of the event – we have no refrigerator space to keep things beyond the immediate need. If you have dietary concerns (peanut allergies, and such), please do let us know, so that food can be labeled.

Church Announcements and Events

Chancel Flower Donations

Our custom for providing flowers for each Sunday service is to have members and friends donate them in honor or memory of a person or event. The signup sheet for donating flowers is in the back of the church (some call it the narthex). Please take a moment to add your name and the person/event you wish to honor. Suggested donation is \$20 but is negotiable depending on your situation. Lencha Acker purchases the flowers each Saturday at the Eastern Market and delivers them to church on Sunday. The donor then takes the flowers home to enjoy and returns the vase later. If you have questions, see Lencha Acker after the service or call her at 313-393-8544. Thank You!

Acknowledgements

If you have a milestone or visitor to introduce, please write the message and put it in the *visitor-milestone box *in the narthex (foyer at back of church) or give it to any usher to deliver for you.

Amnesty International

Amnesty International is a global movement of people fighting injustice and promoting human rights. Amnesty International meets at 1st UU on the third Monday of every month at 7:30 pm in the Parlor. Contact Dan Wiest for more information.

Weekly Order of Service Deadline

Have an item/event to be included in our weekly Order of Service? We'll do our best to include it, although printed materials have significant space limitations. Send your information to office@1stuu.org by **4:00 pm Thursday**.

Church Announcements and Events

Sunday Worship Service

The Worship Committee generally plans for Sunday worship service to run for about 1 hour. However, the Worship Committee does allow our speakers to take a few more minutes if needed to finish their point. So as a general guideline, please plan for Sunday worship services to end between 12:00 and 12:15pm.

Entertainment Books

I learned Entertainment Publications declared bankruptcy. I've been selling Entertainment books as a fundraiser for 1st UU and The Alliance for over 20 years. Except for last year it has brought in over \$200 every year, last year it was \$150. Our church members bought books and also my relatives, friends, neighbors, and even my dentist. It is sad they won't be around any more.

Margaret Beck

Pop Songs for a FUUD hymnal!

We have been using lots of "contemporary" songs in our services this year, and we want to start collecting them up so we can gather sheet music for our professional musicians, Todd and Gwenn, to use on Sundays. What songs do you love to sing that might be uplifting for our services? Pete Seeger, "Turn Turn Turn"? How about Desiree, "You Gotta Be"? Beatles, "All You Need Is Love"? Marvin Gaye, "What's Going On"? Louis Armstrong, "What a Wonderful World"? If you think of something, Rev. Mohr is collecting them, just send your ideas with artist and title to reverend-mohr@gmail.com.

May Newsletter Deadline

Saturday, April 20th

Next issue covers May 1 - May 31, 2013

No submissions accepted after the deadline.

Send items to office@1stuu.org

Our Neighbors

East Michigan Environmental Action Council (EMEAC) began as a response in the 1960's to environmental concerns in southeast Michigan. Algae blooms were choking out life in Great Lakes and inland waters. Household and industrial wastes were piling up in landfills. Air pollutants were becoming a health issue in many urban neighborhoods and highways and buildings were covering up wetlands and open areas at the urban fringe.

Several groups joined together forming EMEAC to consider what they could do to resolve these problems and to influence southeast Michigan's environmental policies. A cornerstone of EMEAC's formation was the belief that informing the public about environmental issues would lead to solutions to environmental problems. Founding members and staff established an organization that would always predicate its public information and advocacy on careful research. With the help of our members' continuing support and enthusiasm, EMEAC will continue to pursue its mission: "to protect and restore land, air, water, and diversity of life through informed personal and public action."

For almost fifty years, EMEAC has been working in the legislature, in the courts, in township halls and in schools. They played a role in the enactment of most of Michigan's environmental laws. They have used those laws in court to protect air and water quality, wetlands, natural areas, farmlands and wildlife. We have drafted regulations for local governments and have provided public information and environmental education opportunities throughout southeast Michigan.

Their programs Include:

- Detroit Food Justice Task Force
- Stand Up Speak Out (SUSO)
- Greener Schools
- Multicultural Environmental Arts & Sciences (MEAS) Labs
- The Ugliest Schoolyard Competition
- The Gardening Angels
- ReMedia
- Digital Media Economy Collaborative

For more information on EMEAC, visit their website <http://www.emeac.org/>

Cass Corridor Commons Partners

Detroit Grassroots Cultural Arts Center

The DGCAC will serve as a multicultural visual, performing and literary arts center that provides access to information, equipment, services, and programming to members of the community. Activities are designed to educate and encourage grassroots activism while creating a community space that supports diverse progressive arts for Metro Detroit residents of all ages and backgrounds.

FenderBender

Fender Bender is an inclusive bicycle building and mechanic training organization with focus on creating a safe and nurturing space for women, trans and gender-queer people to learn bicycle repair skills not only as a means of transportation but also as a tool to address relevant social issues.

<http://fenderbenderdetroit.wordpress.com/>

Media Arts Cooperative

The East Michigan Environmental Action Council in partnership with the Detroit Media Economy Collaborative have formed a cooperative that will train multimedia educators and producers, provide budget friendly studio space to Detroit based artists as well as host and co-create a multimedia arts cooperative. Once prospective cooperative members demonstrate proficiency and have a solid plan for success, EMEAC will support the development of a revenue generating cooperative that specializes in the development of fine art and multimedia products.

People's Kitchen Detroit

People's Kitchen Detroit emerged from the work of Detroit Evolution, which helped to create a space where community members shared tools, techniques, information and inspiration to create sustainable lifestyles and practices. Founded by Angela and Gregg Newsom, the People's Kitchen Detroit (formerly Detroit Evolution), believes that having safe, healthy and affordable food options, so the community itself can be healthy, is a basic human right. Its vision is to create a safe, healing space in which Detroiters can reconnect with their community, the earth and themselves, and to learn how to step down from the high stress, destructive and unsustainable nature of the standard American lifestyle.

<http://www.peopleskitchendetroit.org/>

UU Announcements and Events

Summer Vacation Fun for Single Adults

You are invited to attend a fun vacation for single adults. Two week long vacations are sponsored by AMUUSE (Adult Midwest UU Singles Enrichment) this summer.

Tustin, Michigan Saugatuck, Michigan

July 7-13, 2013 August 4-10, 2013

Mornings at AMUUSE weeks offer you the opportunity to truly connect with a small group of single adults with similar interests in a week-long group interacting on various topics. Afternoons are open for a wide range of activities (recreational, social, crafts)...or perhaps to just relax and enjoy the idyllic surroundings. Evenings offer a variety of fun activities...a coffeehouse, costume parties, campfires or a camp show, followed by high-energy dancing, hanging out at the informal hospitality area or other activities of your choice.

If this sounds to you like the adventure of a lifetime, you are right!

For more details, see the AMUUSE website at <http://www.amuuse.org/>

Or contact Gwen Valore, President (740) 363-4630, gwencody@hotmail.com

Or Sharon Spencer, Registrar (847) 816-3356, ssamuuse@aol.com

Community Announcements and Events

MOSES 16th Annual Banquet

Strengthened by the Fire of Faith

Thursday, April 11, 2013

Reception - 5PM ~ Program 7PM

Tickets on sale now!

Tickets: \$40 for members

Fellowship Chapel

7707 W. Outer Drive, Detroit MI 48235

Contact Eufayba Touray at (313) 962-5290 ext. 10 or

email MosesMI@mosesmi.org

Inclusive Justice Presents: A Soulforce Training in Non-Violent Resistance

Saturday, April 13, 2013

1:00 pm-7:30 pm – Registration begins at noon. Dinner included.

Eastern Michigan University Student Center

900 Oakwood Street, Ypsilanti, MI 48197

Registration www.inclusivejustice.org

Student \$20, Adult \$45, Patron \$75 (sponsors scholarships)

Agenda

1:00-2:00 pm Keynote, Rev. Dr. Cindi Love, Executive Director of Soulforce
Pop Ups, Flash Mobs & Digital Activism in Public Square

2:00-4:45 pm Workshops, Two sessions (2:00-3:15 and 3:15-4:45). Select from:
Using social media to change hearts and minds
Ending spiritual oppression in faith communities
How to use the power of non-violent resistance

5:00-6:00 pm Dinner

6:00-7:30 pm Performance Art for Justice

Community Announcements and Events

Global Imaginaries, Individual Realities Artist Lecture: ALFREDO JAAR

APR 03, 2013 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM Detroit Institute of Arts

Artist, architect, and filmmaker, Alfredo Jaar investigates ways that art can be used as a tool to awaken consciousness about social and global conditions that, in turn, advance justice. His critical approach to mass media solicits empathetic responses through multi-media installations. Born in Chile and living in the United States, Jaar's commentaries expose latent prejudices embedded in images of cultural differences that uncover imbalances of power between the industrialized and developing nations: holocaust in Rwanda, gold mining in Brazil, toxic pollution in Nigeria, and issues related to the border between Mexico and the United States.

Peace and Conflict Book Discussion Series

Thursday, April 4th

7:00 PM

Livonia Civic Center Library

The Third Side: Why We Fight And How We Can Stop. Book by William Ury

Spring Planting with The Greening of Detroit

Volunteers are needed to plant trees throughout Detroit. All plantings are on Saturdays from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Visit <http://greeningofdetroit.com/> or call Julia, volunteer manager, at 313-285-1254 for location information and registration. The remaining spring planting dates are: April 6, 13, 20, 27; May 4, 11, 18; June 1, 8

The Woodward Lecture Series - Ross Bleckner

APR 17, 2013 7:00 PM W-100-WENDELL W. ANDERSON JR AUDITORIUM

Ross Bleckner, a painter who make images that are visually dramatic and subtly representative of the artist's interest in human confrontations with tragedies. Time—and, by extension, mortality—has been a prevailing theme of Bleckner's work since he began exhibiting in the late 1970s. Much of Bleckner's work deals with the AIDS crisis and "the idea that something beautiful, like a cell, can mutate into something treacherous." Lectures are free, open to the public, and take place in CCS's Wendell W. Anderson Jr. Auditorium, Walter B. Ford II Building, Walter & Josephine Ford Campus, in Detroit's Midtown Cultural Center. Seating and parking are available on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, please call 313-664-7800 or visit www.collegeforcreativestudies.edu/events/woodward

Community Announcements and Events

Reception, Reading, Discussion, and Book Signing with Authors Rayya Elias and Elizabeth Gilbert

APR 18, 2013 7:00 PM Detroit Institute of Arts - Detroit Film Theatre

Free with required advance registration

When she was seven, Rayya Elias and her family fled the political conflict in their native Syria, settling in Detroit. Bullied in school and caught between the world of her traditional family and her tough American classmates, she rebelled early, sang with several start-up punk rock bands, partied at now-legendary clubs in Detroit and NYC and then lost it all to a debilitating drug habit - eventually living on the streets of New York and or as a guest in the NY prison system. Elias' new memoir, *Harley Loco*, charts four decades of a life lived in the moment for the moment, a path from harrowing loss and darkness to a place of peace and redemption that is supported by a cast of unforgettable characters, both famous and not. Elias will read selections from *Harley Loco*, followed by an on-stage discussion with *Eat, Pray, Love* author Elizabeth Gilbert.

VIP AUTHOR RECEPTION Rivera Court, 6 p.m. \$300

Tickets include a private reception with Elias Gilbert. Complimentary valet parking at Woodward entrance, cocktails, light hors d'oeuvres, one signed copy of *Harley Loco*, reserved open seating for public reading and discussion.

Shimmering Sensations: Silver of the American Arts & Crafts Movement

APR 25, 2013

5:00 PM – 9:30 PM

The Scarab Club

Speaker Lisa Koenigsberg, PhD, President, Initiatives in Art and Culture

Chair for the evening is Agnes Gira

Among the most alluring works produced by makers within the Arts and Crafts movement in America were those made of silver. The silver we consider displays varying stylistic and regional characteristics, and reveals varying sources. However, these glorious objects (some incorporating other materials such as enamel and stones), all celebrate glistening material and superior artistry Gallery: Wednesday - Sunday 12:00pm to 5:00pm

Bridges of Understanding Interfaith Conference

The "Bridges of Understanding" interfaith conference will be held at Henry Ford Community College on April 5 - 6. First UU has made a donation, thus members are **free**. Roger Mohr will be speaking on Saturday. Please register by going to <http://hfccbuildingbridges.eventbrite.com/#> Schedule and other information will be available at www.hfcc.edu next week. Questions? NancyOwen Nelson: nelnan@aol.com

National Events

2013 Heartland District Assembly

April 12-13, 2013

Horizon Convention Center

Muncie, IN

"Claiming the Future in Two Parts"

This year's District Assembly will have two main components: conversations and decisions on the future of Heartland District, and conversations and reflection on the changing world of religion.

http://www.heartlanduu.org/District_Assembly_Pages/assembly_home.html

Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations

General Assembly, A Meeting of Congregations

June 19 - 23, 2012

Louisville, KY

www.uua.org/ga

APRIL 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>Additional details about events can be found in the newsletter</i></p>	1	2	<p>3:00pm - Singing Circle 7:00pm - Global Imaginaries, Individual Realities Artist Lecture, DIA</p>	<p>4:00pm - Peace and Conflict Book Discussion, Livonia Happy Birthday Ivan Cotman and Elianna Martinez!</p>	5	<p>6:00pm - 97th Birthday Celebration: Fundraiser to Benefit the Preservation of our Skinner Organ various locations Building Bridges Conference</p>
<p>7:00am - Choir Practice 11:00am - "Global Humanism." 12:30pm - Intro to FUUD</p>	8	9	<p>10:00pm - Vespers 7:00pm - Singing Circle 7:00pm - Board Meeting</p>	<p>11:50pm - MOSES 16th Annual Banquet, Fellowship Chapel</p>	12	<p>13:00pm - Inclusive Justice Training, EMU Student Center 9:00am - Spring Planting 2013 Heartland District Assembly</p>
<p>14 New Member Sunday 9:00am - Choir Practice 11am - "Voluntary Simplicity: Spring Cleaning." 12:30pm - Potluck</p>	15	16	<p>17:00pm - Singing Circle 7:00pm - Woodward Lecture Series, CCS</p>	<p>18:00pm - Reading, Discussion and Book Signing, DIA</p>	19	<p>20:00am - Spring Planting, various locations Happy Birthday Lily Secret!</p>
<p>21 11:00am - "Earth Day, Detroit!" 12:30pm - Young Adults Meeting</p>	22	23	<p>24:00pm - Singing Circle Happy Birthday Bill McKnight!</p>	<p>25:00pm - Shimmering Sensations, Scarab Club</p>	26	27
<p>28 11:00am - "ARISE Detroit."</p>	29	30	<p>Happy 37th Wedding Anniversary to Trey Greene and Colleen Dolan-Greene! Happy 27th Wedding Anniversary to Tim Bailey and Joan Smykowski!</p>			



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