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# First Unitarian-Universalist Church of Detroit Newsletter

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March Edition

## Upcoming Sermon Schedule

March 3

Rev. Roger Mohr

### **"Urban Eco-village."**

The eco-village movement is a way of forming eco-logically and socially sustainable communities. Is it time for a Detroit experiment?(Will include visual aides)

March 10

Rev. Roger Mohr

### **"The Purpose of Leadership"**

As I said at the beginning of this church year, a major theme is Ubuntu, the idea that we create one another through our actions and decisions. How we work together matters as much as what we are doing.

March 17

Koho Vince Cousino Anila

### **"Deep Listening: Zen Buddhism and a Free and Responsible Search for Truth and Meaning".**

He will be speaking on Zen practice, what it is and what brought him to the practice, as well as touching on its parallels in other traditions.

March 24

Dan Secrest

### **"Democracy, God, and Pascal's Wager."**

Belief in God works, although God is open to a wide variety of interpretations. Likewise, democracy requires faith to perform its magic. So argues Dan Secrest, a member of our congregation and degreed economist. Mr. Secrest also holds a Master's Degree, in Science!

March 31

Rev. Roger Mohr

### **"Easter, Ostara, and the Arrival of Spring ."**

Easter is about excellence, the opportunity to embrace the possibility of new growth.

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.

## FIRST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH ORGANIZATIONAL CHART 2012-2013

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

The deadline for newsletter articles is the 20th of every month! Please send any articles to [office@1stuu.org](mailto:office@1stuu.org) or drop them off in the office.

*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**

As I sit here waiting for spring, as I do every year, I have to remind myself to be patient and that spring will come as it always does. Spring is my favorite time of year because the weather is getting warmer, the snow and ice go away and plants and trees start growing again. This never gets old for me.

But spring is also coming to First UU and we are slowly growing too. It is wonderful to see so many new visitors, young and old, find us every Sunday and many of them are coming back again and joining the church. It is wonderful to see our "squarkle" get so crowded that we will soon have to make it bigger. I think we have something to offer those who want to think for themselves and want to look at the world around us and try to make it better in whatever way each of us can find.

Both Rev. Mohr and myself have mentioned the concept of Developmental Ministry before. I am awaiting final word from the UUA, but it looks as though we will be able to have a Developmental Ministry at First UU with Rev. Mohr as our minister for the indefinite future. The goals that we submitted to the UUA and which have received favorable comment are the following: 1) continued steady growth and recruitment of new members, 2) continued organizational restructuring, 3) developing a stable ministry, 4) improved communication and 5) leadership development.

I will share more with you on how we will go about working on these goals as I obtain more information myself, but as I keep saying, it's an exciting time to be at First UU.

**The President's Corner** (continued)

I will be interested in your feedback about these goals and other ideas you may have to strengthen and improve our church.

I also want to introduce you to two more of our members, one quite new and one who has been with us since 1996.

Sandra Thottakath began attending church with her husband and two children in 1996 because they wanted a church home "that wasn't traditional." They had met James and Mildred Robinson at some social events who invited them to our church. They started attending and have no regrets. Sandra is now a member of the Board of Trustees and enjoys meeting all the various members.

And Paul Chislett, from Windsor, Canada, says he has identified himself as a Unitarian Universalist for about four years. He began attending our church last fall with some other UU friends from Windsor and joined immediately. Paul is now retired but describes himself as a political and social justice activist. He frequently sends us e-mails during the week about people he is interviewing on a Windsor radio station.

So please welcome Paul and say hello to Sandra when you see them.

And spring is coming, I promise.

Sally Borden

President

## The Rev's Room

As we head into the spring, I am pleased about where we stand as a congregation. We are no longer in a desperate struggle for survival, or just flapping our arms to slow the fall. We are emotionally stable, in the black financially with a balanced budget, adding many new members and seeing consistently strong attendance at services. It seems that I will be around to lead you for a while, so you are not facing a leadership crisis, which, although secondary to the budget, was a contributing part of the general anxiety.

So it seems like we are going to have to find something else to worry about. Or more positively, what would we like to create together? Thus, my agenda for this spring is to talk with you about what we want to do for next year.

As I evolve, I am developing a much more explicit vision for my ministry and what I can bring to our church. During my doctoral coursework, I was given a leadership test that sorted our styles between the Driver (Task/goal oriented), the Organizer (Detail/Procedure oriented), the Collaborator (Relationship oriented), and the Visionary (Mission oriented).

As it turns out, I am tied between Visionary and Collaborator, which means I am most concerned with the larger purpose and the emotional dynamics of the community. I look at the big picture and am concerned with how people interact. I am less of a Driver and not much of an Organizer, so I am not terribly agenda-focused, and prefer to leave details and compliance to others. That is an opportunity for the Drivers and Organizers among us to help balance my style, as well.

## **The Rev's Room** (continued)

If we might say that the first two years of my work here have been about “communication,” I think the next step in my ministry to you will be about “leadership.” For me, the major focus of my ministry is leadership as spiritual practice. I am horrified and disgusted by the truly deplorable, selfish leadership we experience too often in our world. The leader who thinks only of self is a very poor example of the true potential of leadership.

Yet effective leadership enables people to get good things done. The proper role of leadership is in creating and developing excellence in the community as *a whole*. The concept of “Ubuntu” that recurs in my preaching, and that I announced as a major theme for the year, is about the way that we empower and enlighten one another by our own attempts to achieve excellence together. “Excellence” means simply to do better than before in whatever we try to do. Leadership is about creating the circumstances that help all of us to do better together.

I want to develop a culture of Ubuntu among our leaders, so that we all become more pro-active about creating an environment in which we can achieve excellence, both individually and collectively. And so, my ministry to you is to help create a model of leadership where by we work together in the creation of the beloved community. As a visionary collaborator, I hope my leadership may be nourishing and empowering to this community.

Namaste! Rev. Mohr

## **Membership Drive And Annual Canvass**

Your membership committee and canvass chairperson is challenging YOU to own your commitment to First Unitarian-Universalist Church by March 17, St. Patrick's Day. You and the Church will both be "wearin' the green" when you become a member or renew your membership and make a financial pledge to sustain First UU.

Why March 17<sup>th</sup>? For one thing, it's an easy date to remember. More importantly, however, the Board contemplates May 19<sup>th</sup> as the date for the Annual Meeting when officers and trustees are elected and a budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013 is presented to the congregation for a vote. Only members can stand for office and vote, and under our By-Laws, one must have been admitted to membership 60 days prior to the Annual Meeting to be eligible.

Please mark the following schedule on your March calendars:

Sunday, **March 3<sup>rd</sup>**, Unitarian-Universalist orientation, chat, Q & A after coffee hour.

Sunday, **March 10<sup>th</sup>**, the Church welcomes new members to the congregation, and we enjoy a potluck lunch. Several of you have been attending our church for weeks and months, and you know you like it here. So, come on! Sign the membership book on March 10<sup>th</sup>, accept a chalice pin and feel good about yourself for making one of the important commitments in your life.

**Membership Drive And Annual Canvass** (continued)

March 10th is also the Sunday I intend to kick off the 2013-2014 Canvass. There will be a Canvass table in McCollester Hall, and we will invite all members and pledging "friends" to make a pledge for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014.

It is crucial to complete the pledging process in March so our Treasurer can prepare a realistic budget to present to the congregation for a vote in May. The biggest item in the budget, of course, is Rev. Mohr's salary. He is committed to First Church, to Detroit and to all of us, but he needs to know we can afford each other.

Membership growth and financial stability were critical factors in persuading the UUA to approve a Developmental Ministry for our church. Developmental Ministry is a new program that allows Rev. Mohr to remain as our minister for at least the next four years. Continued stability and sustained growth on the corner of Cass and Forest will secure our future.

So many new members and friends have joined us over the past twelve months that our membership rolls currently list seventy-eight (78) members and 8 pledging "friends". If YOU have not yet joined, now is the time. I have placed an order for more lapel pins and wallet cards in anticipation of a successful membership drive!

Marilyn Mitchell  
Immediate Past President and  
Membership and Canvass Chair

## Activities Coordinator

Ever attended something because you thought you “should” or that it would be a good thing to do--and then you find out it was so much more and so good for your well-being?

That’s what Al Acker’s Vespers has been for me each month and I don’t want to be selfish. You may come, too, for that mid-week / mid-month lift in your life.

I have little poetry in my life so it took some getting used to, but Al enjoys it so much. He brings such a variety--some thought-provoking, some delightful. And similarly a variety of music that he matches and intersperses with it. Yet even within that format, he sometimes alters the presentation to make us participants. It’s never “same old, same old.” See you next time!

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The Detroit Institute of Arts Film Theatre has several films dealing with spiritual and/or social justice issues to spark further conversation. (\$6 each with the 5-punch card): Coming up Sunday afternoons in March:

3rd, at 3 p.m. “Brooklyn Castle” Documentary about five junior high champion chess players from poverty and the loss of school funding.

17th at 2 p.m. “Happy People: A Year in the Taiga.” 300 Siberians live as they have for centuries.

24th at 2 p.m. “Waiting Room”. Documentary about an emergency room and uninsured patients.

Linda Darga and I attended a showing of the documentary, “More Than a Month,” in which the filmmaker proposes we do away with Black History Month. Our admission included a copy of the DVD so we’ll schedule that sometime soon--be ready to support your position for or against his proposal in typical UU discussion fashion.

Other exciting activities will get their own larger space in this month’s newsletter.

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## **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.

March 13	Memorial Hall	7:00 - 9:00 pm
April 10	Memorial Hall	7:00 - 9:00 pm
May 8	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](mailto:kathestevens@gmail.com)

### **Vespers Wednesday**

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

### **Singing Circle**

Wednesday **7:00 pm** - Singing Circle at the church. Open to all. Contact Gwen Foss [gwenfoss@netrek.net](mailto: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.

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### **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.

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### **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 [reverendmohr@gmail.com](mailto:reverendmohr@gmail.com) .

### **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.

### **Easter Sunday Potluck**

On Easter Sunday, March 31, there will be a special potluck after church. We encourage you to bring a favorite Easter or Spring dish.

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### **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.

### **Coats For Detroit's Children: Operation Warm**

Since coming to Detroit, I have been increasingly involved with the Detroit Rotary Club. Colleen and Trey asked me to join when I arrived, and I was honored to be asked to join. Since then, I have been very pleased to join other Rotarians in projects that range from the global efforts to end polio and to provide fresh drinking water around the world. More locally, Rotary is involved with efforts to increase Literacy, promote non-violent conflict resolution, identify and support young leaders in high schools and colleges, and more. I am privileged to be part of their good work.

Operation Warm is a Detroit Rotary project intended to help to provide disadvantaged children with new winter coats, and was featured in Rochelle Riley's column in the Free Press. The need is enormous. According to the agencies we have agreed to support, there is a need for at least 18,000 coats - 18,000 children will be without protection from the Michigan winter. In order to provide for our community's children we need your help. Twenty dollars will buy one coat. Will you help keep a child warm this winter? I am grateful for your compassion and generosity. Thank you! Rev. Mohr

To Donate to Operation Warm:

<https://donate.operationwarm.org/page/contribute/snuggle-rotary-in-detroit>

## **UUSC Announcements and Events**

### **UUSC's Not-So-Hidden Treasure**

The National Volunteer Network

By Lauralyn Smith

(copied from *Rights Now: The newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee* Winter/Spring 2013 edition)

One of the UUSC's most valuable assets comes in the form of people power: the National Volunteer Network. Engaging fellow congregation members in UUSC's work, these volunteers gain personal growth and development while helping UUSC thrive.

The mainstay of the Volunteer network is the local representative, who serves as a direct link between their congregation and UUSC. Local reps build solid relationships with congregational leadership, such as ministers, religious education professionals, board members, and social action committees. The local reps are UUSC's eye-to-eye partners in their congregations - people who are close to the ground, know and are trusted by those they serve, and share with UUSC their experience of how to best achieve mutual goals.

Local reps and other congregational volunteers help to raise approximately 12 percent of UUSC's annual revenue, a vital component of UUSC's annual budget. There are local reps serving in over 540 congregations nationwide. They are an important reason that UUSC is able to put 87 percent of its expenses toward program work, not administration. Local reps are vital in helping UUSC communicate effectively by mobilizing their congregations to act together when urgent issues need member participation.

Regional coordinators are experienced volunteer leaders who mentor 10 or so local reps in nearby congregations. Local reps not under the jurisdiction of a regional coordinator are mentored by UUSC staff. Regional coordinators aren't liaisons for a specific congregation, but they do help UUSC connect more broadly

## **UUSC Announcements and Events**

with UU districts and clusters. UUSC supports the Volunteer Network leadership with an annual training conference and ongoing support resources.

The Volunteer Network leadership also includes national co-chairs, who participate in volunteer policy decisions. The co-chairs, who oversee three territories in the United States, nominate and mentor 9-12 regional coordinators in their territory. In addition to the roles listed above, UUSC also has a multitude of project coordinators - people who help with specific campaigns, such as Justice Sunday, an annual program that provides resources for learning, reflection, and action on a key human rights issue. More than 340 people facilitate Justice Sunday and many more work on other programs and projects.

The Volunteer Network - grassroots supporters joining together in their dedication to human rights - is one of UUSC's treasures. UUSC could not be as effective as it is without these volunteers!

*Lauralyn Smith is UUSC's senior associate for member development. If you are interested in becoming a member of UUSC's National Volunteer Network, email [volunteerservices@uusc.org](mailto:volunteerservices@uusc.org)*

### **Bid for Justice!**

Looking for a unique gift - for your loved ones or yourself? Get ready to find it in UUSC's online auction, running March 15-30. Featured items will include one-of-a-kind paintings from youth artists in Haiti, luxury vacation stays, a service-learning trip to Haiti, and hand-woven baskets from a UUSC partner in Kenya.

**Mark your calendar today and visit [uusc.org/auction](http://uusc.org/auction) on March 15th to start your bidding!**

## **Community Announcements and Events**

### **Alternatives for Girls 25th Anniversary Role Model Dinner**

Join Alternatives for Girls on Thursday, March 21st for Silver Linings - Alternatives for Girls 25th Anniversary Role Model Dinner. AfG will be honoring:

Patricia Maryland, Dr.Ph, President and CEO of St. John Providence Health System Ascension Health Ministry Market Leader - Michigan Region

Trina R. Shanks, PH.D, Associate Professor, School of Social Work - University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Regina Sharma , Development Officer - Detroit Public Schools Foundation  
Mary Ellen Gurewitz, Attorney - Sachs Waldman P.C.

The dinner will be held at The Fillmore Detroit, 2115 Woodward Ave, Detroit, MI 48201. There will be a cash bar. The event is business casual.

Reception and Silent Auction - 5:30 PM

Dinner and Role Model Awards - 7:00 PM

Live Auction and Fund the Mission - 8:15 PM

For tickets, call (313) 361-4000 ext. 223, purchase tickets online at [www.alternativesforgirls.org](http://www.alternativesforgirls.org) or email [soliver@alternativesforgirls.org](mailto:soliver@alternativesforgirls.org)

### **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](mailto:MosesMI@mosesmi.org)



## Community Announcements and Events

### **Allies for Racial Equity Conference**

Cultural Humility: Developing Intercultural Competency

March 15 - 17, 2013

The Unitarian Universalist Church

4848 Turner Street, Rockford, IL 61107

The annual conference will offer Unitarian Universalists who identify as white the opportunity to develop their anti-racist and anti-oppressive analysis and practice. Whether this will be your first or fifteenth anti-racist conference, we will provide you an opportunity to learn, grow and explore how you can turn your commitment into action.

Full Conference registration includes lunch & dinner, programming and materials. If you have questions about the conference please contact Kimberlee Carlson, ARE Conference Coordinator, at: [alliesracialequity@gmail.com](mailto:alliesracialequity@gmail.com)

All Conference Information & Registration Information:

<http://alliesforracialequity.wildapricot.org/>

### **Community Organizing 101 Training - Free**

Hosted by MOSES

Sat, March 2, 8:30am – 3:00pm

Evangel Ministries, 13660 Stansbury, Detroit MI 48227

For more information, contact [ponsella@gmail.com](mailto:ponsella@gmail.com)

### **Fellow UU Church Fundraiser**

Sunday, March 3, at 7:30 p.m. Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church bought out the house at the Repertory Theater. "Postcards, by William Costanza, tells the story of a 1930s photographer from the South, who took racist pictures that were turned into postcards. A box of the infamous postcards follows his every step and haunts his every move. Tickets are \$20 adult, \$10/children 15-18\* (15 is minimum age allowed in for this play). Call Beata Lamparski at 248-417-8085 to reserve your seats.

## Community Announcements and Events

### **Tonalism and the Detroit Connection**

MAR 13, 2013

5:00 PM – 9:30 PM

The Scarab Club

Speaker Lee Glazer, Associate Curator of American Art, Smithsonian Institution

Chair for the evening is Carole Morisseau

For Gilded Age connoisseurs and critics, tonalist landscapes represented a purely aesthetic territory, unclaimed, as one writer put it “by bustling men and talkative women.” Even so, it was among the captains of industry that tonalism found its most appreciative audience. Taking a network of Detroit based collectors as a starting point, this talk will discuss the creation, reception, and exhibition of a suite of paintings by Dwight Tryon and Thomas Dewing, exploring how tycoons and tonalists fit into the broader context of Gilded Age culture.

### **The Woodward Lecture Series - Jens Hoffmann**

MAR 28, 2013

7:00 PM

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Jens Hoffmann, writer and exhibition maker, has curated more than 30 exhibitions internationally and written over 300 texts on art and exhibition making since the late 1990s. Since 2012 he has been deputy director of the Jewish Museum in New York where he oversees exhibitions, collections and public programs. In addition, he has recently been named Senior Adjunct Curator at MOCAD, where he will produce new exhibition projects. Hoffmann will speak about his work and his curatorial vision for MOCAD, which is presenting his exhibition *When Attitudes Became Form* *Become Attitudes*, on through March 31, 2013.

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](http://www.collegeforcreativestudies.edu/events/woodward)

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### **Thierde World Order**

APR 05, 2013

11:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Heidelberg Project Gallery

Detroit, Michigan, (February 12, 2013). "Everyone has a world that they somehow tap into; it comforts you, it guides you, and it is better than this one, too, isn't it?"

For emerging Artist Gerard Thierde, reflecting on what makes him, him, often occupies his daydreams. Thierde (pronounced "Third") invites viewers to enter his world of storybook images blended with a distinguished "street art" style in Thierde World Order, the first Emerging Artist exhibition of 2013. Thierde World Order opens with a reception at the Heidelberg Project Studio Gallery on Saturday, March 9, 2013 from 6-8pm, with complimentary hors d'oeuvres and drinks.

Paying homage to life's influences and indulgences paints an intimate retrospective of the Detroit-born Artist. From childhood, the quiet kid with the pencil has translated the challenges of coming of age in today's society into an otherworldly biography, splashed with color and emotion. Evolving as both a man and Artist meant internalizing the world's lust for money, disregard for nature, and the struggle to save his city into a world of his own. Thierde processes the immense-- but often necessary-- evils of the world, not with words, but with images.

Thierde World Order is on display until April 5, 2013. The Heidelberg Project Gallery is located at 42 Watson in Detroit. Gallery hours are 11:00am -5:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Visit [www.heidelberg.org](http://www.heidelberg.org) or call 313-974-6894 for more information.

### **Motor City Blues Festival**

MAR 23, 2013

9:00 PM

Masonic Temple

Tickets and additional information available at the Masonic Temple box office.

## **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](http://www.heartlanduu.org/District_Assembly_Pages/assembly_home.html)

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## **Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations**

### **General Assembly, A Meeting of Congregations**

June 19 - 23, 2012

Louisville, KY

[www.uua.org/ga](http://www.uua.org/ga)

# MARCH 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>Additional details about events can be found in the newsletter</i></p>						
<p>3 9:00am - Choir Practice 11:00am - "Urban Eco-village" 12:30pm - Intro to FUUD 3:00pm - "Brooklyn Castle" 7:30pm - Northwest UU Fundraiser</p>	<p>4 Happy Birthday Cynthia ZurSchmiede!</p>	<p>5 Happy Birthday Julia Meyer!</p>	<p>6 7:00pm - Singing Circle</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>
<p>10 <b>New Member Sunday</b> 9:00am - Choir Practice 11am - "The Purpose of Leadership" 12:30pm - Potluck</p>	<p>11 Happy Birthday Anarosa Mendoza-King!</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 5:00pm - Tonalism and Detroit Connection 6:00pm - Vespers 7:00pm - Singing Circle 7:00pm - Board Meeting</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 Allies for Racial Equity Conference - through March 17th</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17 11:00am - "Deep Listening: Zen Buddhism..." 12:30pm - Young Adults Meeting 2:00pm - "Happy People..."</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 Happy Birthday Linda Dargal!</p>	<p>20 7:00pm - Singing Circle</p>	<p>21 5:30pm - Alternatives for Girls 25th Anniversary Role Model Dinner</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 9:00pm - Motor City Blues Festival</p>
<p>24 11:00am - Sermon, TBA 2:00pm - "Waiting Room"</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 7:00pm - Singing Circle</p>	<p>28 7:00pm - Woodward Lecture Series <b>Happy Birthday James Harvey!</b></p>	<p>29 <b>Happy Birthday Lencha Acker!</b></p>	<p>30</p>
<p>31 11:00am - "Easter, Ostara, and the Arrival of Spring" 12:30pm - Easter Sunday Potluck <b>Happy Birthday Janice Berry!</b></p>						



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