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# First Unitarian-Universalist Church of Detroit Newsletter

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May Edition

## Upcoming Sermon Schedule

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.

May 12

Rev. Roger Mohr,

***“Our Feminist Faith.”***

On Mother’s Day, we remember our legacy of activism for women’s rights and voices.

Readings selected and presented by Nancy Owen Nelson.

We will also be recognizing some of our leaders for their work this year.



May 19

Rev. Roger Mohr,

***“Relational Ethics.”***

For most religious traditions, morality is based on obedience and duty. But we might also ground ethics in mutuality and relationship. Annual Meeting will follow the service.

June 2

Rev. Roger Mohr,

***“Play-time, Play-space, Play-mates.”***

It is possible that we are all on vacation together here on Earth, for the fun of it. But are we enjoying our trip?

## FIRST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH ORGANIZATIONAL CHART 2012-2013

### Officers

#### President

*Sally Borden*

#### Vice President

*Cynthia ZurSchmiede*

#### Immediate

#### Past President

*Marilyn Mitchell*

#### Board Secretary

*Kathe Stevens*

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#### Minister

*Rev. Roger Mohr*

#### Music Director

*Todd Ballou*

#### Cantor

*Gwen Foss*

#### Office Admin

*Tamara Halliburton*

**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**

I am writing this while the ongoing saga of terror in Boston is taking place. While I have no answers or explanations for the violence that seems to surround us, we must remember that most of the time people are good and try to help others.

I think our church serves an important function in giving us an outlet to do good things for our self and others and to model for others in the community that love and kindness exist and make a difference.

As part of making a difference, I am going to propose to our Board at our May Board meeting the suggestion that the church select a process and choose a couple of charities that we want to focus on for maybe a year or two. I will be interested if any of you have ideas about what would be the best process to use in selecting some charities to focus on and also what charities you would like to see us "adopt." The Siena Literacy Center in Detroit has been the focus for several years and the church continues to have some active volunteers to tutor on a weekly basis. I would like to see us continue that focus as it is an important way to help people change their lives for the better.

Another nonprofit group that I would like to see us provide some regular help for is Freedom House, a place that continues to struggle to provide housing and help for those seeking political asylum in the United States. Last December Rev. Mohr and Geraldine and Ken Grunow spoke at a service about the importance of human rights on Human Rights Day. Many of those who were living at Freedom House at the time came to our service and we got to meet many of them in person during the social hour potluck.

Several times I have collected a few basic supplies such as toilet paper and paper towels and taken them to Freedom House the next morning. Some of you may remember a time when we had a large basket in the front of the sanctuary in which we collected non-perishable items for Cass Methodist Church every

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Sunday and delivered them to Cass Methodist Church soon after. I was thinking of a similar collection with a basket up front near the pulpit that members and non-members could put what ever supplies they were able to spare for Freedom House. Individually it would cost us very little, but could help others in a consistent way.

So please think about what I am proposing and feel free to give me your feedback.

Also several months ago I mentioned that the Board was thinking of donating most of our archives to the University of Michigan Bentley Historical Library and asked for your feedback. I did receive several replies and all were in favor of us doing so if that was the best way to preserve our material, some of which goes back to the 1880s. So the Board voted to donate our paper archives and that took place on March 18, 2013. I supervised the process and several months from now our archives will be ready for viewing for free to anyone who is interested in visiting that library. We also will have access to borrowing our material for special occasions and have a signed letter from the Bentley Library acknowledging our donation and spelling out the details.

And as part of our usual tradition, our annual congregational meeting will take place, Sunday, May 19, 2013 right after the morning service. We will be electing our officers, our Board and vote on some minor but important changes to our by-laws, which are mainly to clarify the length of time each board member can serve. This meeting is an important part of our democratic tradition.

Sally Borden,  
President

## The Rev's Room

The theme for this month, for me, seems to be “The Meaning of Life.” As I have started to take my public work as a Humanist religious leader more seriously, I have become aware that I had lost touch with a sense of meaning and purpose in my work, and in my walk. I am increasingly active in interfaith work, and have been involved in several projects with those of several different faiths. They are often very clear in their sense of ultimate meaning. But I do not share their faith, or their perspective. I have to make it up as I go. But I have been so busy doing and planning that I had lost touch with the foundational principles that I believe are most important in the way I live. Like a toddler, I started asking myself, “Why?”

As I have said before, I personally do not believe there is any ultimate or intrinsic meaning or purpose to the cosmos. We are here because we are here. That's as far as I think the available evidence will carry us. In response to our “Why?” the universe seems to be too busy with its own becoming to offer an obvious answer. The universe says, “Just DO it!” There are many answers offered to us by religions and philosophies, of course, but very often they seem to have a bit of the Wizard of Oz about them: “Pay no attention to the man behind the curtain!” Despite the theatrics and pyrotechnics, first person answers to our question of ultimate meaning are almost always offered to us by other human beings for very human reasons.

So my current philosophical project is to take seriously the premise that the universe has no intrinsic meaning. Perhaps most of us would refuse that answer, preferring something more directive and purposeful. And that is as it should be, each of us must work out our own paths. But what if there is no ultimate meaning to our existence at all, really? What if we are all simply here for a while, and in time we will all depart? Maybe we are here for no reason, with no purpose except to make the best of our stay, to the best of our abilities. How would we live differently if our life's itinerary and interpretation (with the exception of our universal destination), was up to us? How would we live, if we are only here for our own reasons and purposes, as best we can identify and enact them?

The answers, I think, are very positive and productive. Human beings care about each other, care about the Earth and other creatures, care about making things better, about learning, about building and exploring. As I have said, I think that our species is characterized by the Holy Trinity of Human Being: Reason, Compassion, and Creativity. If we concentrated on being more human together, rather than on attempting to divine some sort of divine plan, we might be more successful in discovering the source of meaning within ourselves.

Namaste! Rev. Mohr

## **Activities Coordinator**

### **Women Walking Woodward for Peace**

Last year, about two dozen women walked from Grand Circus Park to Geary Park in Ferndale. At least one co-founder of this, Anita Jones, is a Unitarian Universalist. Before we began to walk, she read the same writing from Julia Ward Howe that our minister read from the pulpit that morning.

I did this last year and, after I stepped out long enough to attend our church service, Carolyn Ludwig participated by driving me back to catch up.

It did not feel like the 11 miles it was, because many who walked or drove by (or under, when we crossed an overpass) yelled out "Happy Mother's Day," honked and flashed the peace gesture or waved with a smile. A television station sent someone out to film the walk and interview Anita.

To join in on this, contact Anita at [racedancer@hotmail.com](mailto:racedancer@hotmail.com) or me, Sherry Wells, 248-543-5297.

### **Detroit Soup**

I finally got to attend this. Sean McAde was there, too. It was quite packed so come before 6:30 to get a seat. Most were new there that night, including me. The soups and salads and bread were tasty. The four "pitches" for the pot, which started at 7, were varied and interesting. The \$5 we each pay goes entirely to the winning start-up or community organization.

Detroit Soup has a grant to establish these in neighborhoods, which sounds good because this one was crowded and food seemed to be running out. Ferndale has one, too, that I've attended and enjoyed.

The next Detroit one is May 5, at 6 pm. at 2900 E. Grand Blvd. and goes until 8-ish.

### **Suggestions ?!**

Now that Spring is here, there's the River Walk and the Dequindre Cut for two outdoor activities that congregants listed last year at my Activities Open House display. I've never done either so how does one do the 5.2 mile River Walk and get back to the car?

## Membership Drive And Annual Canvass

We continue to grow! In addition to the seven new members we introduced to the congregation on March 10, two more joined on April 14<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to introduce yourselves to Tommy Wyatt and Kevin McKinney. Vanessa Navarre of Wyandotte, who joined the church in 2007 but has been unable to attend recently, appeared on April 7<sup>th</sup> and asked for a pledge form, which she filled out and signed! Please look for Vanessa in the coming weeks. Also, long time member, Don Clark, joined us on two Sundays recently. We hope he will continue to attend.

As of April 14, the membership of First Unitarian-Universalist Church is 88 strong, surpassing our goal of 85 set at last summer's leadership retreat. We must continue to add members to account for the attrition that is bound to occur over the coming years.

### Canvass Report

Thirty-seven (37) households or individuals have submitted pledges for the fiscal year that begins July 1, 2013. That figure needs to double soon. The majority of pledges received to date have equaled or exceeded existing pledges. **New members** should understand that each member makes a pledge every year for the coming fiscal year. The current fiscal year ends June 30<sup>th</sup>, and 2012-13 pledges should be paid by that date. Reminder letters will be sent out to pledgers who have 50% or more of the current pledge left to pay so that people can plan accordingly.

### Miscellaneous Information

Rev. Bill Neely and wife Shannon added baby boy, John Lester Neely, to their family in 2012. He joins sister, Rachel. Bill writes that he misses the Church and Detroit.

Former interim minister, Bruce Johnson, celebrated a birthday recently and is serving the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Duluth, Minnesota.

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

Rev. Emmy Lou Belcher is minister of the Unitarian Universalist Church—Dupage, located in Naperville, IL and is just finishing a new \$4 million sanctuary. Son Ben is the father of a 4-year old daughter, Elena Simone Castillo. Emmy Lou says the girl children will take their mother's last name and any boys will be Belchers. Emmy Lou plans to retire in August, 2014.

Bill, Bruce and Emmy Lou are all on Facebook if anyone wants to catch up.

Finally, I recommend a fascinating book by Cynthia Grant Tucker called *No Silent Witness, The Eliot Parsonage Women and Their Unitarian World*, Oxford University Press (2010). It begins with Andrew Eliot in 1718 in Boston but quickly shifts to his great-grandson, William Greenleaf Eliot, who married Abigail Adams Cranch, a great-niece of Abigail Adams, wife of President John Adams. William and Abigail Eliot left Boston for the frontier of St. Louis, Missouri to bring Unitarianism to "The West". William was the grandfather of poet, T. S. Eliot, and founded Washington University in St. Louis. William G. Eliot and Abigail Adams Cranch were the parents of Thomas Lamb Eliot, who went west to pastor the Church of Our Father in Portland, Oregon, bringing Unitarianism to the Pacific Northwest. Descendants founded Reed College and started a Unitarian seminary, which developed into Starr-King seminary. Another distinguished Eliot was Charles Eliot, president of Harvard. I found this book not only inspirational but a very interesting history of the United States, and the part Unitarians played in it.

## **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



## **Proposed Amendments To Church By-Laws**

The Board of Trustees proposes the following amendment to Article V, Section 2 of the By-Laws for your approval at the Annual Meeting on May 19<sup>th</sup>: Note: It returns us to the practice of having 2 two-year director positions that overlap, so that only one will be elected this year. In addition, it makes the secretary and treasurer positions of indeterminate length, and persons serving in those positions will serve at the will of the Board.

### **ARTICLE V – The Governing Board**

**Section 1** is unchanged.

**Section 2** should be amended as indicated below:

**Section 2.** The Board of Trustees shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Immediate Past President and four (4) Trustees-at-Large. Two Trustees are elected at the Annual Congregational Meeting for two (2) year terms every other year, and two (2) trustees are elected for one-year terms. Each Trustee may run for an additional term. The President, with the consent of the Board, shall appoint a person to complete the term for any position that is vacated before its expiration. The President and Vice President are elected for one (1) year terms and may serve for two (2) consecutive terms. The Secretary and Treasurer are appointed by the Board from members in good standing and serve at the pleasure of the Board without automatic term limits. The Immediate Past President remains in office until a new President is elected.

## UU News

What's your elevator speech about Unitarian Universalism?

By William G. Sinkford

I spent some time recently rereading our Purposes and Principles. You may well think that I can recite them by heart, but periodically I make it a point to read them again. It is a good discipline to revisit our foundational language occasionally. We are having so much success making our faith more visible in the world that more and more of us are getting asked the question: "What's a Unitarian Universalist?" When most of us answer, we tend to go first to the Seven Principles.

The UUA Commission on Appraisal is currently studying theological fragmentation within Unitarian Universalism, and is seeking input on the question, "Where is the unity in our diversity?"

What struck me as I reread the Principles was that they contain not one piece of traditional religious language, not one single word. And this is a wonderment to me.

Our Principles serve us well as a covenant, presenting a vision of a more just world on which we agree and our promise to walk together toward that vision, whatever our theology. But I wonder whether the language of the Principles is sufficient to capture our individual searches for truth and meaning. For this, I think we need what the Rev. David Bumbaugh, a Unitarian Universalist minister and religious humanist, calls a vocabulary of reverence. "We have manned the ramparts of reason and are prepared to defend the citadel of the mind," Bumbaugh writes. "But in the process . . . we have lost . . . the ability to speak of that which is sacred, holy, of ultimate importance to us, the language which would allow us to enter into critical dialogue with the religious community."

Our resistance to religious language, I believe, helps to account for the struggle that so many of us experience in trying to say who we are as Unitarian Universalists. I always encourage people to work on their elevator speech, what you'd say when you're going from the sixth floor to the lobby and somebody asks you, "What's a Unitarian Universalist?" You've got forty-five seconds. Here's my latest: "The Unitarian side tells us that there is only one God, one spirit of life, one power

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of love. The Universalist side tells us that God is a loving God, condemning none of us, valuing the spark of divinity that is in every human being." So my version of what Unitarian Universalism stands for is, "One God, no one left behind."

Many of you, I know, are bothered by the use of the word "God." I understand. I called myself an atheist when I came to Unitarian Universalism and was a devoted humanist for years, although my spiritual path has taken me elsewhere. But "religious language" doesn't have to mean "God talk." David Bumbaugh observes that a vocabulary of reverence is implicit in humanism, with its emphasis on human study and understanding of the natural world:

"Humanism . . . gave us a doctrine of incarnation which suggests not that the holy became human in one place at one time to convey a special message to a single chosen people, but that the universe itself is continually incarnating itself in microbes and maples, in hummingbirds and human beings, constantly inviting us to tease out the revelation contained in stars and atoms and every living thing."

This is truly religious language. As Bumbaugh says, it "whispers of a larger meaning to our existence," and carries with it implications for how we should live.

Your elevator speeches may be very different from mine. Hone them. Put a name to what calls you, and to what you find yourself called to do in response. Practice telling it to others. We have Good News for a world that badly needs it. But we may need to expand our vocabularies if we want others to hear us.

## Church Announcements and Events

### **1st UU Board Meetings**

Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month.

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

Wednesdays at **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.

## **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](mailto: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.

### **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](mailto:reverend-mohr@gmail.com).

### **1st UU Walking/Running Team**

Rev. Mohr is interested in starting a team of walkers and runners to participate in local races. The next 5K is the May 18th Race for the Cure; the team needs to be ten people. If you are interested in participating in this race, or if you have any suggestions about other races, please contact Rev. Mohr. For more information on Race for the Cure, please visit their website: <http://www.karmanoscancer.org/KomenDetroit/teams.aspx>

### **June Newsletter Deadline**

Monday, May 20th

Next issue covers June 1 - June 30, 2013

No submissions accepted after the deadline.

Send items to [office@1stuu.org](mailto:office@1stuu.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

### **May Day: Solidarity with Immigrant Workers & Families**

Annually on May 1

Supporting human rights for all people, especially those most vulnerable, is a core Unitarian Universalist value. The Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) has a long history of support for migrant workers, refugees, and other displaced peoples. Immigration: Faithful Witness and Action



## **Community Announcements and Events**

### **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: May 4, 11, 18; June 1, 8

### **Student Exhibition Opening & Sale**

May 17, 2013 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

460 W. Baltimore in Detroit's New Center Area

Enjoy the exclusive opportunity to browse and purchase exceptional artwork by CCS students before the show opens to the public. Listen to live music by local bands and sample hors d'oeuvres and cocktails provided by area restaurants and caterers.

### **Detroit Farm and Garden Free Classes**

Detroit Farm and Garden hosts a number of free classes each season; classes run from 1-3 p.m. Contact them at 313-655-2344 for more information or email [detroit-farmandgarden@gmail.com](mailto:detroit-farmandgarden@gmail.com) to be added to their monthly events and classes listserve.

### **Upcoming Classes**

Medicinal Herbs - May 19th

Raised Ben and Container Gardening - June 16th

Organic Lawn Care - July 21st

Hard-Scaping, Patios and Walkways - August 18th

Composting - September 15th

Fermentation - October 20th

## **National Events**

# **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)

## **Mark your calendars now!**

*2103 General Assembly Preliminary Program Slots Include:*

Statement of Conscience on Immigration: What Congregations are Doing

Roe v. Wade at 40 and What's Next

The Promise and Practice of Good Governance

Building a Young Adult Environmental Justice Network

Leverage UU Consumer/Investor Power with Social Media

What Young Adults Look for in a Congregation

Radical Relationship I: The Science of Covenant

Covenant of Gratitude: Our Commitment to the Earth

Navigating Cultural Differences We Never Knew We Had

Civil Disobedience: It Takes a Team

Worship: Come Sing a Song With Me

Climate Change: Civil Rights for All Ages

Building Interfaith Alliances: When We Are Not Enough

Occupy Your Faith!

The Teachable Heart: Lay Leadership Formation

Loving the Hell out of the World

Spiritual Tools for Activists

# MAY 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Happy Wedding Anniversaries to Eiko Takemoto and Eiko's granddaughter on May 5th!			1 May Day 7:00pm - Singing Circle	2	3	4 9:00am - Spring Planting, various locations
5 9:00am - Choir Practice 11:00am - "Cinco de Mayo: Celebrating Cultural Evolution." 12:30pm - Intro to FUUD Happy Birthday Mary Lou Malone!	6	7 Happy Birthday Alma King!	8 6:00pm - Vespers 7:00pm - Singing Circle 7:00pm - Board Meeting Happy Birthday Jerry Mitchell!	9	10	11 9:00am - Spring Planting, various locations
12 New Member Sunday 9:00am - Choir Practice 11am - "Our Feminist Faith." 12:30pm - Potluck	13	14	15 7:00pm - Singing Circle	16 Happy Birthday Todd Ballou!	17 Happy Birthday Andee Seeger!	18 9:00am - Spring Planting, various locations
19 11:00am - "Relational Ethics." 12:30pm - Annual Meeting 1:00pm - Medicinal Herbs class at Detroit Farm and Garder	20 7:30pm - Amnesty International Meeting	21	22 7:00pm - Singing Circle	23 Happy Birthday Felice Rizzo!	24	25
26 11:00am - Sermon Topic TBA	27	28	29 7:00pm - Singing Circle Happy Birthday Valerie Lauer!	30	31	Additional details about events can be found in the newsletter



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us a call at (313) 833-9107.

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## First Unitarian-Universalist Church of Detroit Classified Ads

### Dear UU Friends,

Needing to raise income for my extravagant lifestyle; I turn to you for assistance. I offer two possible ways we may benefit each other. First, many know I make original hand beaded jewelry. I offer the chance to host a jewelry get together. I benefit from sales; you benefit from hostess gift. Jewelry repair is also available. Secondly, I have been a rep for a distinguished natural food supplement company for over 30 years. I know how such products are different from each other and I can help you understand this also. This company has a 50 year history of making environmentally friendly household products and naturally sourced food supplements.

I hope you will feel free to talk to me about any of this.

Sincerely and thankfully,

Yvanne

248-703-3971 or [yvanne1@comcast.net](mailto:yvanne1@comcast.net)

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