



MAGNET

Alexander's Meanders

Greetings!

As you read this I will have just embarked on my February study break. As you likely recall, I take my study break in February so that I can be available to preach in August, in order to support our efforts at year-round church. Study break means I am left alone to study – literally. Preaching 38 or so sermons a year requires that one keep read, not to mention involved in one's own spiritual discipline. The long and short of it for you, the congregation, is that I am only available for emergency situations (considerable physical or mental trauma). In such an event, please contact Mary in the church office, or Brenda Anderson. They will know how to reach me. Otherwise, you will receive an out-of-office reply when trying to contact me.

When I return in March I will be rested and ready. I hope to find continuing the conversation series that began following my Jan. 30th sermon, leading us in a definite direction regarding the near and midterm future of the congregation. As mentioned, as a congregation UUCF has been hovering at the same plateau for some time. This series of conversations is a concerted effort to move us beyond this transition phase from a pastoral size congregation to a program size congregation – an issue with which many congregations struggle. But I envision us succeeding at this, as we pull together and reevaluate our direction and our relationship – something every healthy congregation and minister should be willing to do every four years or so.

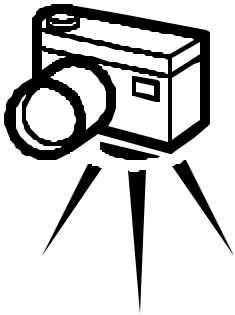
UUCF remains a wonderful community, filled with blessings and challenges. After nearly four years of ministering to you all, I still feel positive and hopeful about where we could be heading. I still see *many* opportunities for ministering to you. Part of that is helping you see the *many* opportunities for yourselves to minister to the world. Together may we soon resolve to go forth in such spirits together, resolute and strengthened in our effort to bring to this bruised and hurting world a vision of hope that is essential to our liberal tradition. As that Universalist preacher, Jonathan Murray, said over 200 years ago, "Give them hope, not hell." The message still applies today, does it not?

Namaste,

Alex

Religious Education

Are you ready? If you are an adult who has been enjoying coffee and bagels after the Sunday services, you may soon become an informal Religious Education teacher. Are you ready? As our winter session of RE gets in gear, our students will be coming into the coffee hour to talk to you, our adults, about your Unitarian Universalism. "Why did you become a UU?" "What does being a UU mean in your life?" "Is it difficult to be a UU?" These are just some of the questions that we will be exploring in Art and Soul over the next two months. We'll be trying to understand our faith as it is made real in the lives of our UUCF members.



Wear your best smile! While our youngsters are asking you about your religious views, they are also going to want to take your photograph. Throughout this whole session we will be taking pictures, of each other, of our UUCF members and friends, of our families and the other groups to which we belong. Actually many of our photos will be candid, and you may not even know that we've taken your picture. Then at the end of March we will host a big photography show so everyone can see the good work we've been doing.

So please be receptive when a young person approaches you in coffee hour and wants to ask you questions and take your picture. Remember that you are helping to teach about Unitarian Universalism in action. Please share your thoughts and feelings. It's for the future of our children, our religion and our world!

On February 20, there will be a meeting between the services for all people interested in learning about Camp Marwood for UU sixth, seventh and eighth graders. Brenda Anderson will host the meeting and there will be camp attendees and parents there to answer questions. Please join us! If you are a UUCF youth, grades 8-11, or an adult who parents a youth, or a person who cares about youth, we'd like to invite you to a meeting of like-minded people and the minister, the DRE and our UUCF Youth Program advisors. We'll gather together on Sunday evening, March 6 from 5-7 pm. We'll have pizza, a joint opening worship, fun and games for the youth, and a discussion of UUCF Youth Programming for the adults. We are facing the challenge of how to make our program more responsive to the needs of our teens. We need as many parents there as possible. Recently two of our advisors, Terie Spencer and Dana Ramsay, have returned from a weekend of special training. They want to share with us what they have learned. Please join Reverend Alex and me for this very important conversation.

Stay Warm! February is the longest month of all....

Kathy Silver

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Executive Excursions

How about some wonderful news to start the month? Well, between the supplemental pledges and the anonymous donor matching contribution, we are no longer in a deficit situation and we have additional money to address pressing needs along with funding committee requests. We are now able to resolve some staff pension shortfalls and add to the sabbatical fund which we will need to draw on within the next two years or so.

And committees! Please submit requests for specific programs, cost, funds requested etc. so we can make the most of the precious funds we have. Our goal is to disperse the moneys but to allot them for planned action as opposed to just have the money sitting in a committee budget line. Any unspent money at the end of the year will be considered for staff bonuses as opposed to fixed salary increases. This is agreeable to the staff and all were pleased that salaries were not cut. At UUCF, we aim to be good employers as we expect others to be as well.

I'm greatly enthused about the action and energy that seems to be rising from the retreat, the committee formations and the new UU class. As we now have the funds to put that enthusiasm into action, let's get the show rockin' and let the world know that liberal religion has not gone away!

Joyfully yours,
Brenda Anderson, President of UUCF

February Program

February will feature guest speakers for services while Rev. Riegel is on study break. We encourage all to come and enjoy the unique perspectives that each of these services will offer. Following is a summary of the speakers/programs for the month:

February 6th: Cassi Hartley will speak on "Our Own Hero".

February 13th: Michael Ohlrogge returns with "A Sermon on Things I Don't Really Know About".

February 20th: Kelly White will provide some personal insights with a talk entitled "The Other Side of the Coin".

February 27th: Mike Gentry, Mary's son, will be speaking about "Re-Inventing Yourself".

Looking for a Way to Contribute: Consider volunteering to do an altar arrangement or light the Chalice. There's a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board on your left as you enter Adam's Hall.

Bob Tweadey, Program Committee



Denominational Affairs News 1/2005

The Heartland district of the UUA is going to hold the "2005 Youth Leadership Development Conference" Feb 25-27 at the People's Church of Kalamazoo. 1758 N. 10th St., Kalamazoo, MI 49009 (269)-375-3262. This LDC is an excellent tool to enhance the skills of a church's youth and youth advisors and those interested in becoming leaders. The Heartland District wide conference will be held April 8-10 in Cincinnati, OH at the Vernon Manor Hotel. More information can be found at www.heartlanduu.org.

If you have any questions feel free to call Sly Porambo or contact Tom Bjorkland as an alternate.

Your UUCF Connection

If you haven't already noticed it, check out the 3' x 3' bulletin board in Adams Hall (next to the Social Events bulletin board). On this board are the names and pictures of your church leadership. These are the people you go to see when you want to become more involved in UUCF.

Whether you are a seasoned member or a friend of a couple months, there is nothing that will make you feel more a part of the church family than to get involved. Referenced on this board are the major activities that we currently have going on; the committees that are so important to a well functioning church; the Board of Trustees, which forms the policies and procedures of the church; and of course, our very capable staff. Seek out these faces when you see an area that you want to get involved with.

Linda Rourk



Exhibit Features Eastern Market

The UUCF Photo Group held its annual "Shoot Out" on October 16th at Detroit's Eastern Market. Photos from that experience were exhibited in Adams Hall from January 9th through the 30th.

The photographers found subjects galore with the colorful fruits and vegetables, and interesting vendors and people. Rain and cool weather did not hinder the spirit or enjoyment of the day, including an excellent brunch at a special restaurant.

Those participating were Bud Baggett, Paul Bailey, Ted Goldberg, Linda Brown, Becky and Dan Faber, Art Hogan, Tracey Martin and Joan and Jack Olds.

Jack Olds
Photo Group

2005 UUCF ANNUAL WINTER RETREAT

This year we revised our annual retreat to a one-day format. We had a very successful retreat with 54 friends and members attending. Rev. Alex conducted an excellent program integrating a slide show presentation with break-out groups, giving us a better understanding of the religions of the world and our relationship to them. Rev. Alex pointed out that UU's are in a unique position to open dialogue amongst the world's religions, leading to a better understanding of those beliefs we all hold common. He challenged us to picture how UUCF could be a leader in this effort.

I would like to thank all those who helped to make this retreat a successful event: Paul Denawetz, Charles Baber, Ted & Karen Goldberg, Janet & Jim Barna, Dan Faber, Linda Rourk, John Lightner, and especially Alex. If you attended, please send me your comments or suggestions for next year.

George Rourk, Social Events

Altruism is the **WORD!!!**

Have you seen someone performing a random act of kindness inside of UUCF? Seen someone help a lost visitor find their way to the coat rack? How about someone taking the time to admire a child's work of art? If you have, you can spread joy and let others know who is actually doing these kind and positive acts. There will be a new bulletin board in Adams Hall where these things can be shared. All you need to do is write down a description of the act of kindness you witnessed and identify the person caught in the act. Then attach the notice to the bulletin board for all to see and admire. Who knows?...this wonderful selfless crazy nice kindness just might spread. Who knows?

News from Social Action

Families Like Us will commence a spring series of programs for single parent families beginning March 18. The programs will be held on the third Friday of March, April and May. We are planning to host a special puppet show event as our kick off program. Sign up sheets will be available in February to help with this community outreach program. Look for us in Adams Hall after services. If you can give some time to the FLUS steering committee, we are in need of more help. Areas you may consider are program planning, recruitment, publicity, or grant writing. For more info, contact committee chair, Becky Faber.

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Guest at Your Table

Thanks to all for contributions totaling \$1,991. If you would still like to make a contribution, please contact Pat Blackard, our UUSC representative. All money goes to the UU Service Committee.

UU "Challenge Grant" WDET 2005

Use your donation to public radio to not only help support the fine programming on WDET but also to contribute in making our congregation more visible in the community. Last year, our support to WDET totaled over \$1,500, which purchased more than 20 spot announcements during prime driving hours. Hopefully, everyone had an opportunity to hear one.

The process will work as it did last year with our in-house deadline being Sunday, March 27th. On-air fundraising begins April 2nd through April 9th. Here is what you can do to help make this underwriting campaign as successful as last year.

- Make your check payable to WDET. We'd like to encourage a minimum donation of \$50.
- Place your check in an envelope in the Publicity mailbox or present it in person to Jim Tedesco or Sally Richards during coffee hour.
- Your cancelled check will be your receipt.

Our LIBERAL voice will be heard in the community through our sponsorship of WDET broadcasting. Thanks for you continued support.

Sally Richards
Publicity Chairperson

Grief Support

We hope to hold a meeting on Sunday, February 13, at 12:30 pm in the Marge Brown Room. This is a grief support program for all walks of life----young & old. We hope to reach out into the community also. This will cover: children / loss of parent spouses / loss of spouse grandparent / loss of children parent / loss of child. If there are any questions please direct them to: Marie Taylor Kidd or Beverly Manheimer. This will be open to all members of UUCF and outsiders as well. We hope to be able to help all who may need a helping hand in grief. See you there.

**CAMP DEARBORN 2005
FAMILY & FRIENDS CAMPING**

Who wants to go camping?

This year our trip will be Friday through Sunday, June 3 - 5 at Camp Dearborn. It is located on General Motors Road in Milford. It encompasses 626 acres of rolling hills, six lakes, a half-mile sandy beach, shaded picnic grounds and family-oriented camping areas. Each tent is constructed on a cement base and furnished with 6 cots, a refrigerator, electric cook-top, electricity, charcoal grill and a covered patio area with picnic table. You bring sleeping bags & pillows, food & drinks, your own propane grill (if you wish), cookware, eating utensils, cups & plates, lawn chairs, and fixings for s'mores. There are buildings with toilets and showers, a swimming pool, a 27-hole golf course, softball diamonds, miniature golf, paddle boats, and tennis courts.

Please sign up on the Social Events bulletin board in Adams Hall no later than February 27; no extra tents will be available. The total cost for camping the 2 nights is \$50 (\$25/night). A deposit of \$10 is requested when you sign up. The remaining \$40 is due May 1.

Linda Rourk, Social Events Committee

Poems as you Like it

You needn't be Robert Frost or Alice Walker to create a special piece of poetry. Your opportunity to write a short piece will be available in February in Adams Hall. The UUCF Writers Group will make the exhibit wall ready for your contribution beginning Sunday, February 6th. Magic markers will enable you to write or print a few sentences expressing your mood, your thoughts or your wishes. Participants of all ages are encouraged to create in free verse or rhyme, using old words or new words. It's your poem. Let's communicate with each other.

Jack Olds—for the Writers Group

**How many UU's does it take to have fun at a
comedy club?
Come help us find out!**

**Dinner and Comedy Club: Saturday night Feb. 19:
Carpool at 4:30, Dinner at 5:30, show at 8:00,
socializing at 9:30**

Come out for an evening of good food, friends and laughs. The Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase is featuring Eddie Gossling. Perhaps you've seen him on TV?

Car Pooling is optional and we'll be meeting at the church at 4:15 with a 4:30 departure. Dinner is at 5:30 so that there's time to be social. The **Arbor Brewing Company** is honored to have us as their customers. Phone: **734-213-1393**, 114 E. Washington (www.arborbrewing.com)

The Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase is located at 315 East Liberty and **YOU** must call them at **734-996-9080** to reserve your personal tickets. Tell them you're with UUCF to get preferred seating! (Do so as early as you can with a suggestion to pick them up at the door.) **10.00 for tickets in advance or 12.00 at the door**. (www.aacomedy.com)

Please sign up so we can grab enough seats for dinner. See the sheet on the Social Events Bulletin Board.

Social Events: Dan Faber



Lifelong Learning Forum Update

Our Thursday night Winter Program will begin March 3, 2005 and runs through April 7, 2005. Brochures will be ready for distribution after Services on February 6, 2005. Our social/political track is based on The Great Decisions briefing book that addresses various global issues sponsored by the Foreign Policy Association. Weekly topics and facilitators are to be announced. So please watch the Magnet, order of service and the emails for more up to date information on all these programs

On Friday February 25, 2005 at 7 pm we will be hosting a guest speaker. Gary Dorrien is the Parfet Distinguished Professor at Kalamazoo College. An Episcopal priest, he is the author of eleven books and over one hundred articles that range across the fields of theology, philosophy, social theory, politics, ethics, and history. Dorrien speaks frequently at universities, colleges, religious congregations, seminaries, civic groups, and professional associations. Dr Dorrien has graciously agreed to speak at our church, on neo-conservatives. A 5 dollar donation per person will be requested. 2 dollars for students. Flyers are available in Adams Hall please distribute to friends, family coworkers, etc.

The Friday Night film series will be on Feb 4. at 7:15. Hosted by Terie Spencer Snacks and soft drinks will be provided. A three dollars donation per person will be accepted but not required. The title of the movie will be "The Eyes of Tammy Faye", a recent documentary about Tammy Faye Bakker. Terie Spencer will host. We'll also view some old television clips of "The PTL Club". The film will begin at 7:15. Snacks will be provided, but a donation of a few dollars is appreciated.

Thanks for your support and interest

Vanessa Baber

Daytimers

At our January meeting, we had our usual brown bag lunch with a delicious angel food cake for dessert—thanks Beverly Manheimer. Joan Larson was back after a 3-month absence during which she had a scary fall out by her mailbox. She injured her arm and soon will be starting therapy.

After lunch, we had a very interesting talk by Tom DeWard of Farmington Hills who, as part of his job (and now as a hobby) has studied the telephone rates and services of the various telephone companies. He gave us a lot of good information and a useful handout.

We are planning to go on the Ford Rouge Tour on Thursday, April 21. If we can get 15 people, the cost is \$11 for seniors and \$12 for others. If we have less than 15, the cost is a dollar more for both groups. We are opening up this activity to anyone at UUCF who would like to go with us. We'll probably leave the church around 1:00 p.m. If you are interested, please call Nancy Bailey. We usually drive together in several vans.

We would like to invite others age 50 and over to join us the third Thursday of every month. We meet at Noon, with bag lunches and are usually done about 2:00. or 2:30 p.m. It's an opportunity to get to know your fellow churchgoers and get out on a few afternoon trips each year.

Your new leader Nancy Bailey

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!! SAVE THESE DATES!!!

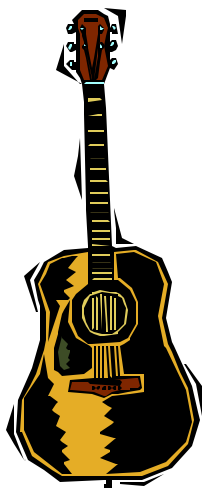
Junior Youth Group Events – Upcoming

Feb. 27, 2005	The Putting Edge in Novi
March 13, 2005	Bowling at Drakeshire
April, 2005*	Horseback Riding
May, 2005*	Laser Tag

*Date to be announced

It's Baaaack! You Asked! It's Coming!
Adult Talent Show and Dance
Saturday, March 19 at 7PM

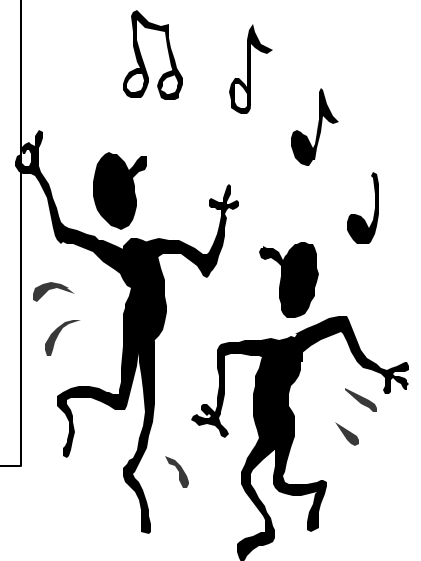
Get the date on your calendar and your act together! This is the day when we "adults" bring out our inner child and let loose! Anything goes, as far as the "talent" goes! The time is sooner than you think! We're pleased to announce the amazing Dave Durham as the Master of Ceremonies and also the talented Steve Curtin as the Sound Engineer for the evening. If you attended one of our previous talent shows, this one is going to be even better! Those were just the "warm-ups"! If you've never attended one, you're in for a treat! We have some pretty incredible "talent" (term used loosely) here at UUCF. Then again, we have some pretty incredible talent (term used literally) here at UUCF. The sign-up sheet is posted on the Social Events bulletin board, so get your "act" together for the night. Questions? **Janet Barna** or **Linda Daniels**, Social Events Committee



MAGNET deadlines for 2005 (at Noon)

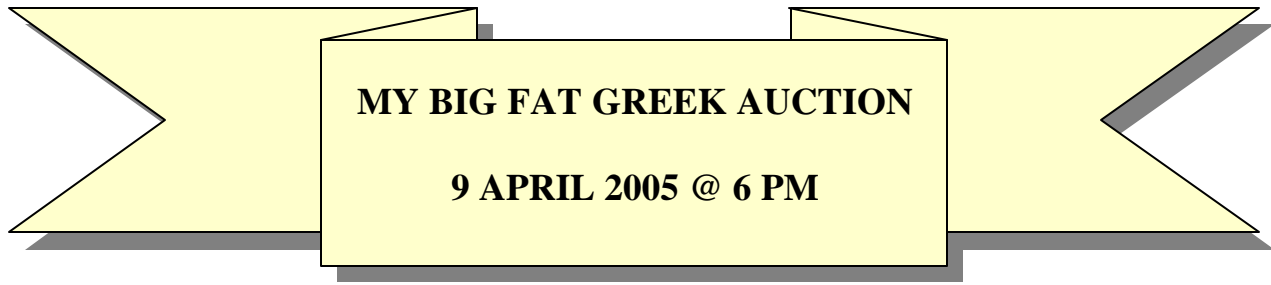
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<i>June</i>	<i>June 5 **</i>
<i>July</i>	<i>June 26</i>
<i>August</i>	<i>July 31</i>
<i>September</i>	<i>August 28</i>
<i>October</i>	<i>September 25</i>
<i>November</i>	<i>October 30</i>
<i>December</i>	<i>November 27</i>

MARK YOUR CALENDARS (** revised)



Any Swingers Out There? - Any Wannabes? - Adults Only

Are you available on Saturday, **Feb. 5** about **7:30PM**? Then put on your comfy flat heeled shoes and join us as we follow our New Years resolution (wasn't it?) to exercise, at the Pittsfield-Grange Hall in Ann Arbor. We are going **Contra Dancing**, a GREAT workout for your whole body! No experience or partner is needed! This dance is similar to square dancing, though done in line-form. Group instructions will be given before the dancing starts. Layer your clothing, since before the night is over you'll be down to bare as you dare. Repeat... this is a GREAT workout! The cost is about \$9 per person, and includes simple refreshments during the break. See the sign-up sheet on the Social Events bulletin board to car-pool, leaving our parking lot at 6:45PM. You can also meet us there at 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd., about 1/4 mile south of I-94, EXIT 175, in Ann Arbor. Any questions? See **Betty Marshall**, Social Events Committee



You've heard the rumors.

You've heard about the great dinners, the condo offerings, the craft instruction, the football games, the sculptures and paintings, the great knitted items, the great handyman work someone has done for a friend, the restaurant or theater gift certificates, the weekend trips, the wine tasting parties, the yoga, the themed parties, and the great times on the lake or at the pool. Now is your opportunity to receive great items or participate in these events and make new friends, too.

I'm talking about UUCF's biggest fundraiser of the year outside of our annual pledge drive. And it's also the biggest party we throw.

On **April 9th** we want you to come and enjoy a great dinner with wine, soda or other libation, and bid to your heart's content on items or events that you must have. In the past, our Silent Auction has had about 90 great offerings and our verbal auction has had 60 awesome offerings. Oh, and of course, you will want to dress to this year's theme, "*My Big Fat Greek Auction*".

Our Fundraising Auction is the party that lasts all year. That's because you can make purchases that you will take home that night or you can make purchases for some thing or some event in the future.

Our offerings come from our generous members and friends as well as from the businesses that we frequent in the area. The way you participate in this process is to donate something that you believe would be of value to another UUCF member(s) or friend(s). I gave you some ideas in the first paragraph above. We're especially open to any new ideas that you may have. Another way to donate is to visit a restaurant, theater, or any other business you frequent and ask them to donate to our fundraising cause. We will provide you with donation forms that will make this process very easy.

We know that some of you have never been to this annual event. And we're wondering, "Why not?" Even if you're not sure if you want to bid on any items, it's still a way to enjoy a great dinner with friends and libation for the reasonable fee of \$15. And if you do happen to bid on something you can't live without, we can almost promise you'll be glad you did.

Watch the Magnet and Orders of Service for further information about this awesome event. But for now, just be sure to keep this date open for a truly **FUN**draising time!!

Linda Rourk, Fundraising Committee

A Liberal Voice of Reason in Farmington for Over 150 years

Former UUCF members, Tiffany Rushton and Tim VanDenBerg, are back from a year in France where Tim was teaching law. They are now living in Virginia with their new baby, Emerson, who was born on October 13, 2004. They miss their friends at UUCF, and they would love to hear from you. They can be reached at:

Rushton-VanDenBerg Family
12207 Stonebridge Lane #103
Chester, Virginia 23836

NEW MEMBER

Shana Baber has been attending UUCF with her family since she was about 10 years old. Now 19, she is a sophomore at Eastern Michigan University majoring in speech language pathology. Shana also plays the flute in the marching band. Her other interests include teaching in the religious education program and participating in the Enneagram class.

If You Like to Paint...

Mary Gentry and Becky Faber will be applying paint to paper...or canvas...or whatever...on Sunday afternoons from 1:00 til about 2 pm beginning February 6. If you like to paint in the company of others, please join us. Bring your own materials (water based paints only, please). If you have still life objects you would like to use, bring those. If you would like to model for an hour, we'll treat you to coffee! Meet downstairs in the first RE classroom.



Remember to sign up for "email only" of the Magnet on the church website at **uufarmington.org** or **bill@hayhow.org**. Save the church money, and save a tree.

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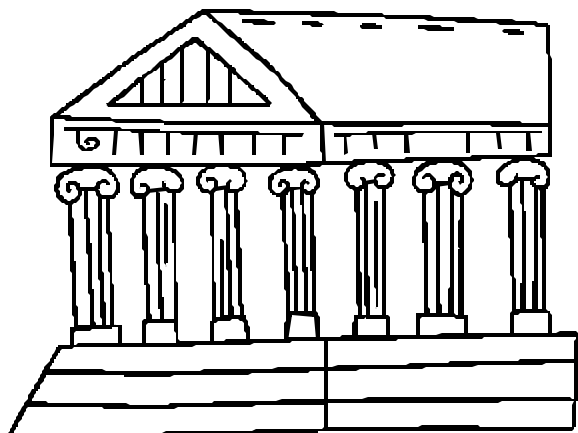
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Next Magnet Deadline:

February 27, 2005

The Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington Presents:

“Our Big Fat Greek Auction”



SATURDAY April 9, 2005
6:00 pm - 10:30 PM
Dinner, silent and
Live Auction

★ GIFTS REQUESTED BY MARCH 28 ★

ITEM:

DESCRIPTION OF ITEM / SERVICE :

DATE OF EVENT IF APPLICABLE:

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Dear Friends,

Do you want to let people know about your business or the goods and services that you offer? Are you interested in connecting with hundreds of well-educated, community-focused individuals from areas such as Farmington, Novi, Livonia, Canton, Northville and Plymouth? Here's a great opportunity for you!

Make a donation to the UUCF Service Auction 2005. Here's what we're looking for:

- **Travel Packages**
- **Restaurant Certificates**
- **Sports Tickets**
- **Wine**
- **Art & Collectibles**
- **Hand-crafted Items**
- **Musical and Electronic Equipment**
- **Massage Therapy**
- **Auto Repair**
- **Legal Services**
- **Home Repair Service**
- **Vacation Get-Away's**

Your donation will be prominently featured in our published auction book and before hundreds of bidders and their friends at "Our Big Fat Greek Auction", held this April 9. With fabulous decorations, great food and hundreds of supporters attending, the auction continues to be the highlight of fundraising efforts for our 158 year-old church.

In addition to being the oldest continuously functioning Universalist Church in Michigan, our membership has increased over 100% in the past decade. Our vitality and presence in the community in numerous social outreach programs such as Families Like Us - a program for single parents, Neighborhood House in Farmington and our Lifelong Learning Forum.

Your generosity makes possible many acts of caring and concern. Please send your contribution to the above address with attention to "AUCTION 2005" or call and we will pick-up your generous donation. Your prompt response will allow us to prepare for this exciting event on April 9. Thank you very much for your consideration. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Peter Travis, Chairman

UUCF Fundraising Committee

UU NIAGARA EXPERIENCE JULY 17-20, 2005

If you have ever wanted to visit Niagara Falls or if it is already one of your favorite places, this is a chance to experience the wonder of Niagara Falls including some great educational opportunities while in the company of UUs from around the country. The UU Church of Niagara is conducting a four day UU Niagara Experience which is a lifetime opportunity to encounter the Falls up close from every perspective, even safely riding beneath a tethered balloon. Spend four days with us exploring the rich history and natural wonders around the Falls. For information visit our web site :

<http://www.uunex.net/>

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THE FOLLOWING IS FROM THE DETROIT UU CHURCH.

In recognition of the Season of Non-Violence, UDM's JUSTICE group will host a film series (films will be shown in LS 113).

February 10th (12:45-2 pm)

Lost Boys of Sudan (2003)

This award winning documentary follows two Sudanese refugees throughout their intense journey from their native Africa to the United States.

February 24th (7-9 pm)

Mickey Mouse Goes to Haiti (1996)

Focuses on workers in Haiti who were making 28 cents per hour to produce clothing that Disney sells in the U.S. In this moving film, several workers risk being fired to describe their inhuman working and living conditions.

- A speaker will join us to share her experiences in Haiti over Christmas break, as an independent news reporter.

March 3rd (12:45-2 pm)

Unarmed Commitment

This documentary investigates the peace brigades in Guatemala during the civil war of that country.

March 17th (12:45-2 pm)

Collusion

This film investigates the British state sanctioned violence in Northern Ireland, and looks into why no one has been convicted of the murders.

March 31st (7-9 pm)

Promises (2001)

Documentarians went to Israel to work on a project about children and conflict, interviewing Palestinian and Israeli kids ages 11-13 to get their views on living in a society afflicted with violence, separatism and religious and political extremism.

- A speaker will join us to share his experiences traveling to Palestine.

April 7th EARTH DAY (12:45-2 pm)

The Burning Season (1994)

Starring Raul Julia this film is based on the true story of a Brazilian rubber tapper who leads his people in protest against government and developers, who want to cut down their part of the rainforest for a new road and ranch land

April 21st (12:45-2 pm)

4 Little Girls (1997)

Director Spike Lee uses this feature-length documentary to tell the story of the 1963 bombing of an Alabama African-American church- an event that took the lives of four little girls and became a pivotal moment in the civil rights struggle