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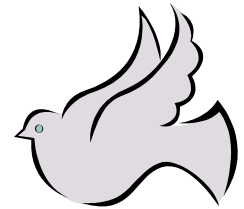
ALEXANDER'S MEANDERS

Greetings All!

Well, what a fast month that was! ...not to say, "interesting" as well. You know that "interesting" is a word I don't much care for, as it can mean so many things and essentially tells us nothing essential. But given my recent health challenges, it has indeed been an "interesting" month... I believe my perspective is forever altered, at least somewhat. I feel as though I entered study break as a plain bellied Sneech and woke up a month later with a blue star painted on my belly! At least, everyone seems to be looking at me differently – even treating me differently.

Yes, this is a way of saying that I hope for a fair amount of normalcy upon my return this month. My battle with Testicular Cancer has been a mixed blessing, but I am currently doing well and hope to continue to do so. But in the spirit of creating some semblance of normalcy upon my return, I am updating you with the latest. Hopefully, when you hear how things are going, you will be able to relax with me a bit more.

I begin prophylactic radiation treatment in mid March. This is a series of five day a week, three week long treatments intended to keep at bay whatever cancer cells might be lurking under the radar of the CAT scan (Personally I would have preferred a DOG scan!). The CAT scan, as you know by now, came out negative, but is only 80% reliable... After this treatment, there is only a 2% chance of recurrence... Things certainly look better now than they did a month ago when both doctors were "very concerned" about me. (If you've ever heard a doctor say this to you, with that faint hint of an existential somber above the eyebrows, you know what reverberations that can send through your soul!) So, things generally look good, with the exception of facing the radiation treatment. But hey, when someone gives you the choice of radiation or death – as some others of you also know – generally radiation begins to look pretty good!



Now, onto other things... I am delighted to return to the formation of a goals committee. The conversation I began the evening before my study break ensued seems to have created some energy, and I am SO glad to see it! Unlike previous goal setting strategies that seem to drift downstream and out of sight, I assure you this attempt will not. Whatever goals we ascertain as a congregation will be my mandate for my ministry style. I shall not waiver until they are completed! This is not only a commitment to you, but a necessity for me to continue being happy in my ministry. Together we WILL move forward with a persistency that will guarantee success!

Also, I am delighted to see the Adult Ed program up and running for the winter 05' program! Things look good. I was so sorry to miss the kickoff speaker, but my energy from surgery recovery is not quite good yet, and I just didn't feel I couldn't put in the effort just yet. Hopefully he had a wonderful turnout! But regarding the remainder of the program, please remember that this program is an excellent opportunity to grow the congregation. It is one of the most user-friendly ways to get people exposed to our church, so please remember to spread the word!

*So Happy to Be Back!
Namaste, Shanti (Peace),
Alex*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

February often seems to me to be the longest month, not the shortest, and this February has been no exception. So while we all yearn to bask in the sunshine once again and to shed our winter coats and boots, I thought it would make me feel better to remember some of our blessings here at UUCF. First of all, I'm grateful that Reverend Alex will soon be with us again. I'm sure that the past few weeks must have been very trying for him and for his family. We have all been concerned about his health and have been sending him our good thoughts and healthy wishes. It will be great to have him back!

I want to thank the wonderful volunteers who are working with our children and youth this winter session of RE. Each Sunday morning, these folks arrive at church ready to be loving and patient and kind. They have been flexible to the max, as we have been experimenting with our new Art and Soul format. They are the best and we are so lucky to have them!

Barry Brown Barb Danielsen Connie Porter Terry West Katherine McClure Jim Tedesco Janet Barna Suzanne Burchill Karen Schnell-Goldberg Deb Christiansen George Rourk Meg Blinkiewicz Jack Olds Joan Olds Millie Foss Gerhard Krabbe Linda Brown

I also want to thank those folks who have taken some time out of their Sunday Coffee Hours to discuss Unitarian Universalism with our youngsters. These adults have been ready to share their thoughts and their feelings. They have been open to the curiosity and the impatience for answers, which often characterize the young. We have some great photographs of some of you, which we will be sharing in our Art Show at the end of March.

All winter long, there have been about 16 families who have come to church almost every single Sunday. For you, I am really grateful. Your children are the backbone of our RE program. They are the ones who are truly benefiting from the work that our dedicated teachers are doing each week. Your children are participating in lots of important discussions about what it means to be a Unitarian Universalist. They are exploring what we all can do to make the world a better place. They are learning how to work together in small and large groups with people of different ages and backgrounds. Your children are singing songs, hearing stories, playing games and making arts and crafts. They are being challenged to be as kind and as caring as they can be. We are blessed by all our children! We appreciate the efforts of their parents to get them to church, especially when they'd rather sleep in, on these dark, cold days.



Have you heard about the OWL class? OWL stands for "Our Whole Lives" and it is the Sexuality Education Program produced jointly by the UUA and the UCC Churches. This is a group of 11 girls and boys and 4 teachers who are here each Sunday morning from 9 - 10:30 to learn about human sexuality. They discuss relationships and commitment and respect and love. They are learning to talk with each other about important issues that will inform their whole lives. They are developing the communication skills and necessary information to keep themselves healthy and safe. We are all so lucky to belong to a church, which cares so much for its young people, that it offers this wonderful opportunity. Special appreciation goes to the OWL teachers, Vanessa Baber, Lorena Burke, Dan Faber and Gary Hurst.

So here in RE, as we slush through the final month of winter, we have much to be grateful for and many blessings to count. If winter starts getting you down, you can count your blessings, too! It helps.

Love to all-
Kathy M. Silver
Director of Religious Education

EXECUTIVE EXCURSIONS

Is it spring yet? I'm not dis-ing the winter lovers, it's just that spring gets me wound up (pun intended), as I hope it will all of us at UUCF as we have some weighty discussions about our future that we will VOTE on at the Congregational Meeting on May 15th. Yes, all the process in which we've engaged the past years - Vision and Goals, Dream Team, comments from the Stewardship Campaign last fall and our most recent discussions following Rev. Alex's sermon of January 30th - are culminating into a simple "Yes" or "No" congregational vote about taking some definitive actions. So, just exactly what will be the question for the yes or no response? Well, you can help shape that question by becoming a member of an ad hoc committee, lead by George Rourk who has generously offered to make this happen.

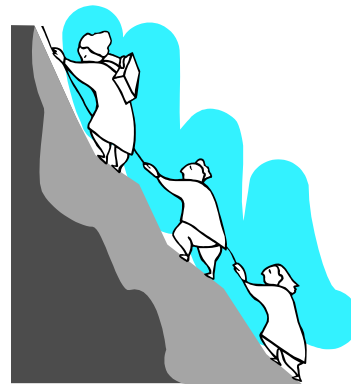
The Executive Board has decided on an approach to formalize goals which will allow all of us to focus our energy in specific areas in which we believe strongly. We want to be inclusive of anyone who would like to be part of the committee and/or discussions that will shape our future.

The first meeting will be held in the meeting house on Sunday, March 20 at 6:30 pm, led by George Rourk. That meeting will be used to decide on a preliminary set of goals based on the information gathered from the previous endeavors listed above and the opinions of the committee members. Then there will be four subsequent meetings, with everyone invited, to review and comment on these preliminary goals. Four meetings should make it convenient for each of us to attend at least one of them to express our opinion. While it's impossible to define goals that will be the highest priority for every one of us, we are hopeful this process will result in goals that we agree are important and worth the enthusiastic support of all of us. Based on the input from these meetings, the committee will present a Goals Proposal for us approve or deny in May.

And it will be a simple vote - not open for comments as discussion will have already occurred in gatherings in April and early May...it will be time to make a decision. At some point in our history, people had to decide to build an RE wing, people had to decide to put the meeting house on wheels and move it from downtown to our little woods and people had to decide to build this congregation in the first place in 1840's. By golly, if they could make decisions that moved our congregation forward, then we can, too.

We owe to ourselves, our children, our minister and to future seekers of liberal religion to create the future we want in a purposeful manner. So, let's "Get to the Goals"...let's contact George...let's get on the committee...let's participate in the meetings in April and May...let's go to the congregational meeting May 15th at 6 pm and VOTE!

*Joyfully yours,
Brenda Anderson
President UUCF*



To our UUCF Family,

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your heartfelt support, words, thoughts, and cards regarding the loss of Charles Mother, Patricia Berry. A special thank you goes out to Dorothy Richards, Sally Richards, and Bev Manhiemer for their help during the luncheon.

Charles, Vanessa, Shana, and Kim Baber

Lifelong Learning Forum Update

On Friday, February 25, 2005, the Lifelong Learning Forum hosted Dr. Gary Dorrien. Attendance was 50 + and everyone seemed to enjoy a informative presentation on Neoconservatism. We hope to bring more speakers like this to you in the future.

Our Thursday night Winter Program will begin March 3, 2005 and runs through April 7, 2005. Our Social/Political track is based on **The Great Decisions** briefing book that addresses various global issues sponsored by the Foreign Policy Association. The topics and Facilitators are as follows:

- Mar. 3** Sudan and the war in Darfur - Harry Munson
- Mar. 10** Fresh Water & Foreign Policy - Orrin West
- Mar. 17** Outsourcing Jobs U.S. Dilemma - Bud Baggett
- Mar. 24** U.S. and Global Poverty - Tom Bjorkland
- Mar. 31** China-Economic Giant Emerges -
Jim Snideman
- Apr. 7** Putin's 2nd Term: A Scorecard from Russia
Tracy Martin

Copies of the articles from the Briefing Book are available in Adams Hall. Please try to read articles prior to class.

The Friday Night film series continues on March 4 with another selection by and hosted by Alex Riegel **The Cube** - This movie is odd, not to mention a great study in everything from general paranoia to a metaphor for life. It is gripping, perplexing, nerve racking, and mind bending all in one. It was a surprise find for me late one night at the video store many years ago, and only one person I know has actually seen it. At the same time, it is described as a cult smash. Hmmmm... either I live an isolated life (somewhat true) or it's reputation exceeds its popularity. Anyway, below is the Netflix description of it, which, in my opinion, does not do it justice. Consider joining us, won't you - and bring a friend. Friday, March 4, at 7:15 p.m. sharp. Suggested donation is three dollars.

"A student, an ex-con, an engineer, a social worker, a cop and a mentally handicapped person are caught like rats in a trap in a maze of interlocking cubes with no apparent way out. They're clueless as to how they got there or why they were chosen. Food or water is nowhere to be found, and upon further investigation, the six discover some of the rooms are booby-trapped with destructive devices. Conjures up the best of the 'Twilight Zone.'"

Thanks for your support and interest

Vanessa Baber

Families Like Us Program supporting Single-Parent Families announces Spring Program March 18 at Farmington Community School

Families Like Us will host the first spring program on March 18 at the Farmington Community School, 30415 Shiawasee in Farmington Hills. This program will feature marionette puppeteer Greg Johnson, as well as dinner and a cake walk. We are hoping that moving the program to the school will increase exposure and draw on single parent families from the Head-Start program. It is a conveniently located and very suitable facility. Please show your support for this Church-wide effort by signing up to assist with this program and/or one of the following programs which will be held on the third Friday in April and May.

FAMILIES LIKE US CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH 18 — "Enchanted Island" Marionette Puppet Show: dinner and cake walk included.

APRIL 15 — Grow Your Own—Gardening for Small Spaces: Veggies, herbs or flowers, there's something for everyone. And kids will be able to plant seeds to take home. Dinner included.

MAY 20 — Smart and Chic Home Fair: Pick up new ideas to lend a fresh look to your home for summer. Special program for kids, too. Dinner included.

Meijer Community Rewards

UUCF received a check for \$152.09 !!

Help keep us earning \$\$\$ UUCF can earn \$3 for each new Meijer Community Rewards member that signs up between March 1st to March 31st, 2005. New members would need to make at least one purchase using their new MCR card by April 30, 2005. We must have a minimum of 10 qualifying new members to be eligible. Applications in Adams Hall or at Meijer.com.

Don't wait to participate!

Fundraising Committee

Equinox Peace Meditation

On Sunday, March 20, at 1:00 PM, a Equinox Peace Meditation will take place at the Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington. Eastern traditions will celebrate the balance between inner harmony with Yoga led by Tada Gunter, and outer activism with Keith Gunter of Peace Action of Michigan. Call or e-mail for more information. Sponsored by the soon-to-be CUUPS of Farmington



CROP WALK ALERT—MAY 1

The 20th Annual Farmington/Farmington Hills/West Bloomfield CROP WALK for Church World Service will take place on May 1st in downtown Farmington. Pledge sheets and further information will be available on March 13th, from Pat Blackard.

Care to Care?

The **Lay Pastoral Committee** is designed to help meet the needs which arise in our UU family. Would you care to join us? The next committee meeting is **March 14, 2005, at 6:00 PM** in The Marge Brown Room. See you there!

Welcoming Congregation Meeting March 16

UUCF has the official status as a Welcoming Congregation. The committee representing our church is being resurrected and will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 16, in the Marge Brown Room. Church members are welcome to attend to learn about this special program.

A Welcoming Congregation is inclusive and expressive of the concerns of gay, lesbian, and bisexual persons at ever level of congregational life – in worship, in program, and in social occasions, welcoming not only their presence but the unique gifts and particularities of their lives as well.

UUCF should once again declare itself an active congregation by planning and participating in programs and activities. You are invited to join us in making this program successful.

Jack Olds & Bud Baggett



HAPPENINGS WITH OTHER UU'S

News From The HUUD BOT (Heartland UU District Board of Trustees)

Your district Board of Trustees works under a 'Policy Governance' model of nonprofit leadership. Under this model, the Board establishes ends (prioritized outcomes for member congregations to be accomplished through District programs and services) and gives the professional staff (District Executive) limitations policies (statements of what she cannot do) within which to accomplish the desired ends. The District Executive then works with other staff (Lifespan Religious Education Program Consultant and Office Administrator) and volunteers (Program Council & Consultant Teams) to develop and implement programs to accomplish these ends. This model gives the District Executive broad authority, responsibility, and accountability for accomplishing the goals. It frees the Board to work on strategic issues of vision. An example of the excellent work our staff and volunteers are doing is given below.

"Gather the Spirit"

The HUUD Program Council, working with our District Executive and Program Consultant, has put together a tremendous program for our District Annual Meeting. This event will be held in Cincinnati, Ohio, April 8-10, 2005. The Keynote Speaker will be UUA Executive Vice President Kathleen Montgomery. Friday's activities include registration, a celebratory congregational banner parade, worship, budget and by-laws hearing, a reception honoring delegates, and live jazz! Saturday is packed full of worship, Kathleen Montgomery, a new idea swap and learning exchange, awards luncheon, workshops, free meetings with consultants (by appointment), the district business meeting, etc., etc., etc. Whew, what an excellent program they have put together! I urge you not to miss this! It is wonderful to meet with UUs from all over the District and from UUA headquarters and our UUA Washington Office! Check with your office administrator for brochures, call the district office at 1-888-948-481 83, or check our website at <<http://www.heartlanduu.org>> heartlanduu.org, where you can not only register online but pay by credit card, an option not available if you mail in your registration forms.

I look forward to meeting you in Cincinnati!

Jeff Wrisley People's Church, Ludington, MI Heartland District Trustee Barbara Hamilton Office Administrator Heartland District of the UUA 317-634-5384 (toll free 888-948-4883) Life is Good! Hug somebody today.

Inexpensive Vacation Travel

Do you dream of inexpensive vacation travel to interesting destinations where you can stay in the homes of friendly people who share your ideals and are happy to provide directions and advice for their area?

The UU bed and breakfast directory UU're Home (formerly Homecomings) can help you fulfill your dream. For 25 years, we've provided a network of hosts in the United States (and a few abroad) who enjoy meeting new friends and who are happy to open their home to like-minded people.

The directory is published every year in April. For a copy of the 2005 directory, please send a check for \$18 to UU're Home, 43 Vermont Court, Asheville, NC 28806. UU're Home has just launched a new web site at www.UUreHome.com , which includes about half of the listings. Entries are updated whenever changes are made or new hosts are added.

wUUrld's 2005 WhaleCoast Alaska

Five Alaska UU fellowships invite other UUs from "outside" for our UU eco-spiritual/intercultural programs in July, 2005. See the *REAL* Alaska! Stay in UU homes in Anchorage, Seward, Fairbanks, Juneau and Sitka and enjoy discussions and dinners with Alaska UUs. See whales, sea otters, sea lions, seals, bears, moose, caribou, wolves, Dall sheep, puffins, eagles and other birds in the wild from the Arctic Ocean to the Inside Passage in the south. Visit Denali's Mt. McKinley and Kenai's fjords and glaciers. See totem poles, native arts, dancing, story-telling. Rev. Dick & Mary Weston-Jones, leaders.

Visit website www.wuurld.org, e-mail dick@wuurld.org, or phone toll-free 1-888, 998-8753 for a brochure. Reservations due April 1.

HAPPENINGS WITH OUR UU'S

New "Transitions" Grief Support Group at UUCF

There are some events in life which can instantly change our lives...events which can redefine our lives in terms of 'before the event happened' and 'after the event happened'. These are times of transition in our lives.

We welcome you to our new grief support group at UUCF. We meet the second and fourth Sunday of each month at 1:00 pm in the Marge Brown room. This is a peer support group for all who have experienced a loss, and this group is open to the community. We will have many resources available regarding how to cope with loss, as well as information regarding other grief support groups and services in the area. We plan to have occasional guest speakers. Meetings are free of charge, and refreshments will be available. For further information, please call Marie Taylor-Kidd.

Daytimers

At the February meeting we had our usual brown bag lunches at the church with a delicious brownie dessert baked by Priscilla Fleming. At every meeting we go around the table and each Daytimer tells us what is new in his/her life. We always learn a lot of interesting things from each other. Mary Hurd showed us a very useful paperback book for seniors called "How to Avoid Falling" by Erick Fredrikson, Firefly Books, published 2004. Mary purchased her copy online through Amazon.com, but it is undoubtedly available through many bookstores.

Nancy Hayden volunteers as an usher at different theatres. She informed us that Orchestra Hall, part of the MAX, is looking for ushers. They would like each usher to volunteer at least twice a month, and of course the ushers get to hear the concerts for free. If anyone is interested, they should call 313-576-5406 as soon as possible.

Paul Bailey told us about the Baileys' cat Midnight who recently had surgery by a veterinary specialist in order to get some biopsies of his intestine to find out what was wrong with him because he had lost weight and appeared to have stomach problems. The specialists determined that Midnight has a low-grade cancer, which hopefully will be put into remission by chemotherapy pills. Midnight has had his first pills (which he will get every two weeks), and so far he is tolerating them well and he is eating. The Baileys said that their pet cats are their "family" now that their children are all grown and that they wanted this gentle cat to feel better and to have as long a life as possible.

The Daytimers are still planning to go on the Ford Rouge Tour in Dearborn on Thursday, April 21, in the early afternoon. We are opening up this activity to the whole church. Please call Nancy Bailey if you would like to go with us. The charge is \$2 less if we can get at least 15 people. If we can get 15, the cost is \$11 for seniors and \$12 for others. Wheelchairs are available for those who need them, but please tell Nancy so that she can order the wheelchairs. However, there is really not a lot of walking on this tour.

If you are 50 or over, we invite you to join the Daytimers at the church the third Thursday of each month at noon. We are a casual, friendly group that usually meets at the church for lunch but also goes out on some afternoon outings during the year.

From your new leader Nancy Bailey

ACTIVITIES

2005 UUCF Seder

On **Saturday, April 23rd, at 5:30**, join us for one of our most popular traditions - **the UUCF Seder**.

Bring the entire family, and all your friends too. We'll be joined by the Northwest UU church in a Humanistic version of a Seder service, to be followed by a delicious pot-luck dinner (there are a lot of great cooks in this congregation). Please bring a dish to pass, and \$5/person or \$10/family to cover the cost of the Seder plates, wine, and soft beverages. To help us with planning, please sign up on the sheet on the Social Events bulletin board in Adams Hall.

P.S. You don't have to be Jewish to enjoy this evening!

To add to the fun, we'll also be setting up for a bonfire after dinner, so bring your lawn chairs and any musical instruments suitable for accompanying a sing along. Don't miss this opportunity for fun and fellowship. If you haven't come to a social

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 and have **FUN!** 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 more **FUN!** Those were just the "warm-ups"! If you've never attended one, you're in for a **FUN** 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. Soda and snacks will be provided, though feel free to bring anything else you'd rather drink. The sign-up sheet is posted on the Social Events bulletin board, so get your "act" together for this **FUN** night. Questions? Janet Barna @ 734-397-3738 or Linda Daniels @ 734-425-9355, Social Events Committee

State Fair



The Farmington Players will be doing State Fair at the barn this spring, and we are looking for people interested in attending. The date will be Saturday, May 7th, and a pre-party will be hosted once again at the Denawetz household. Tickets for the play will be \$15 and a sign up sheet can be found on the social events board. If you plan to attend the pre-party, bring your beverage of choice and an appetizer to share. The pre-party will start at 5:30 and the play begins at 8 pm. We have blocked out 40 seats for this event but they must be paid for by April 7th so if you are interested in attending please sign up early.

Social Events Committee

OUR BIG FAT GREEK AUCTION

SATURDAY, APRIL 9 @ 6:00 PM

WE'RE ONLY A MONTH AWAY FROM ONE OF THE BIGGEST PARTIES AND BIGGEST FUNDRAISERS THAT OUR CHURCH MEMBERS THROW! WE'VE GOT LINDA BROWN PLANNING DINNER WITH HELP FROM LESLIE & GEORGE; JULIE ADIS IS WORKING ON THE DECORATIONS WITH ASSISTANCE FROM BECKY; SUE BREEN IS GETTING READY FOR THE RAFFLE; COMMITTEES ARE CREATING "THEME BASKETS" FOR THE RAFFLE; THE YOUTH ARE LINED UP FOR ASSISTANCE AND CLEAN-UP ON AUCTION NIGHT; BARB EGLINTON IS PREPARING FOR THE SILENT AUCTION AND WILL GET ASSISTANCE FROM TED AND NANCY; PAUL DENAWETZ, PETER TRAVIS AND THE REST OF THE FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE ARE SOLICITING OUTSIDE ITEMS (BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP TOO); BARB WINDSOR IS COLLECTING PRE-REGISTRATION FEES; AND TOM ADIS IS FINE-TUNING HIS FINANCIAL PROGRAM. WHEW, A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE DOING A LOT OF WORK TO MAKE THIS YEAR'S AUCTION ONE OF THE BEST EVER. WITH ALL THAT WE DO, IT IS REALLY UP TO YOU TO MAKE IT A GREAT AUCTION – GET DONATIONS IN AND COME TO THE AUCTION TO BID ON GREAT ITEMS.

THE THEME

DRESS FOR COMFORT; DRESS FOR OUR BIG FAT GREEK AUCTION. MAYBE YOU COULD WEAR A TOGA. AN IDEA FOR MEN WOULD BE TO WEAR A PLEATED SKIRT WITH KNEE SOCKS. HOW ABOUT ARMOR? DO YOU HAVE A "SNAKE" BRACELET THAT YOU COULD WEAR HIGH ON YOUR ARM? WHATEVER YOU CHOOSE, BE SURE TO HAVE FUN WITH IT! IT IS A GUARANTEE THAT MOST EVERYONE WILL BE DRESSED FOR THE OCCASION; BUT IF YOU CHOOSE NOT TO DRESS TO THE THEME, YOU CAN STILL COME (AND SPEND YOUR MONEY).

THE RAFFLE

MARCH 13, 20, 27, & APRIL 3

ON THESE SUNDAYS YOU CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE RAFFLE. JUST BUY YOUR TICKETS IN ADAMS HALL AFTER EACH SERVICE, PLACE YOUR TICKETS IN THE RAFFLE BOXES FOR THE PRIZES YOU WANT TO WIN, AND COLLECT YOUR PRIZE (IF YOU ARE THE WINNER) AT THE AUCTION ON APRIL 9 (BUT YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE PRESENT TO WIN).

DONATIONS

DUE BY SUNDAY, MARCH 27

THERE'S STILL MORE TO DO AND MORE FOR YOU TO DO! FILL OUT THOSE DONATION FORMS – YOU HAVE UNTIL MARCH 27. AND DON'T FORGET TO PICK UP A DONATION FROM YOUR FAVORITE RESTAURANT, THEATER, OR OTHER BUSINESS.

PHYSICAL DONATIONS, GIFT CERTIFICATES, ETC

IF YOU ARE DONATING A PHYSICAL ITEM (AS OPPOSED TO A DINNER), PLEASE BRING THAT ITEM THE NIGHT OF THE AUCTION. IT SHOULD BE AT CHURCH BY 6:00 PM SO THAT BIDDERS CAN SEE THE ITEM – VISUALS MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE IN BID VALUE. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO BE AT THE AUCTION (WHAT KIND OF EMERGENCY COULD POSSIBLE HAVE PRECEDENCE??), PLEASE BRING YOUR ITEM TO THE CHURCH THE WEEK PRIOR AND PLACE IN THE OFFICE CLEARLY MARKED THAT IT IS FOR THE AUCTION.

EARLY REGISTRATION

MARCH 20, 27 & APRIL 3

EARLY REGISTRATION COSTS YOU \$10 PER PERSON; REGISTRATION AT THE DOOR IS \$15. FOR THIS YOU GET A GREAT DINNER, DRINKS THROUGHOUT THE EVENING, SNACKS, AND A GREAT TIME WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO BID ON SOME GREAT ITEMS!

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“Green” Issues

The Green Sanctuary Team will again be sharing ideas for helping our earth, and they asked me to contribute mine this month. I combine my passions for walking and

improving the environment on my daily four mile walks around Plymouth. I'm the lady in the funny hat carrying bags, picking up returnables, recyclables and TRASH. A few people wave, but it sure would be fun if someone joined in, even part way, sometimes.

Peg Campbell suggested we start a group walk. Perhaps we could incorporate environmental cleansing along with a body strengthening activity.

To take it further, we could give the environment a hand while putting the church in the public eye. UUCF can apply to MDOT to adopt a two mile section of highway. We would agree to a two year commitment, picking up litter at least three times a year. UUCF would be listed on two highway signs. We need to sign up at least six participants and three back-ups. Participants must be at least 12 years old, and those under 16 must be supervised.

I will make the application and be the group leader if enough folks are interested. Please let me know if you'd like to wear an orange vest. (I was hoping for green vests, but MDOT has a rule.)

Julia Petro



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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