



# MAGNET

## Alexander's Meanders

**Merry Meets Everyone!** - a nice pagan welcome for this time of year. Yesterday was Beltane, a pagan ritual celebrating the abundance of nature. Hopefully, as we watch nature burgeon with life, we feel that burgeoning within our own souls. If you haven't felt it yet, find time to take a walk through nature. We all need to experience life throb through our veins from time to time...

Spring is a time for renewal, and in my own life I feel this intensely this year. I am still more fatigued than I would like to be, due to my radiation treatment. However, my Spirit is still tempted to soar higher than ever before. I am still alive! I am reborn with nature all over again! What was it Albert Camus said? "Happiness and the absurd our two sons of the same earth... There is no sun without the shadow, and it is essential to know the night." What a night I have known! And what a sun I see!

This spring I also notice that UUCF is burgeoning. Our attendance is up, especially at the 11 a.m. service, and much potential is in bud. Specifically, in addition to the energy we feel with so many visitors, the goals process being led by George Rourke holds out promise for the flowering of a new day at UUCF. I am greatly looking forward to our May meeting in which we vote on these goals. It is my hope that all four goals will pass. The passage of these goals will bring a strict definition about who we are and what is our mission as religious liberals. I don't know about you, but this excites me, because I see where it might lead us!

Now, I have heard some rumblings about UUCF's past failures to enact some of its important decisions. I would like to take this opportunity to guarantee you that in this instance, failure is not an option as long as I am your minister. There is far too much goodwill at UUCF and far too much talent for me to watch us not successfully move forward. Thus, I reiterate what I stated at during my "State of the Church" sermon, that the goals we vote on this May will be considered by me to be my mandate as your minister. So please, look forward to this process and this vote with great enthusiasm and confidence, and know that turning this page in UUCF's history will definitely bring us to the next chapter!

I hope to see many, many people at the May meeting, to lend their energies and support to this process and this decision-making. This is the most important agenda on our common table at this time.

Namaste,

Alex

# Religious Education

"Those who dwell, as scientists or laymen, among the beauties and mysteries of the earth are never alone or weary of life. Those who contemplate the beauty of the earth find reserves of strength that will endure as long as life lasts."

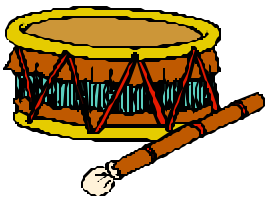
Rachel Carson, *The Sense of Wonder*, 1965

Our spring session of the Religious Education Program is well underway. In "Art and Soul", our theme for these next six weeks will be "Finding Art In Nature". We will be exploring our 7 acres of woods, as soon as the weather permits us to go outside on a regular basis. We will be looking at the beauty of the natural world and honoring Mother Nature. Our Seventh Unitarian Universalist Principle will inform much of what we do this spring. We will learn how we are all connected to the web of creation. We will discuss our responsibilities toward each other and to the Earth.

Kelly White will be sharing with us some of her knowledge about Native American customs and beliefs. She has some beautiful artifacts and wonderful stories from her experiences as "Eaglewing". Kelly will teach us about totems and we will each strive to discover the creature with which we identify. We will be doing the spring clean-up and preparation of the soil for the planting of our garden in Summer RE. (The horse manure is traditionally provided by my equine friends.) Our seedings are sprouting, we hope, as you are reading his newsletter. With the Crop Walk coming up, some time will be spent learning about hunger in the world, and where our food comes from, besides our gardens. We will work on developing an understanding of and an appreciation for the people who harvest the crops that we enjoy eating. Last month we learned about people fleeing their homes and becoming refugees because of natural disasters and wars. At 9 am the students voted to take food, water and pets. At 11, the vote was for money, food and water. We assumed that our families would be with us, so we didn't need to include them in our vote. In our discussion, the talk moved quickly from game boys and toys to survival. What valuables would you take if you had to abandon your home?

On Memorial Day weekend, the children will help to weed the front of the church under the guidance of Betty Hatton. Then we'll have a cook-out. Community service, helping others, is something that even the youngest of children can understand. Toward the end of the spring we will be honoring the animal kingdom. If we are lucky, maybe some UUCF pets will join us in chapel some Sunday morning. On June 5, our end-of-session celebration will be a presentation of "Animals of the World" by Dynamic School Assemblies at the 9 and 11 services.

We will be continuing to develop our spiritual practice of mindful breathing, and we will be creating individual affirmations to help us get through the hard times. Drumming was so successful at the Earth Day service that we will be incorporating more percussion into our Chapel services. Drumming connects us to the heartbeat of Mother Nature! Our children all are subject to the stresses and confusions of life in our world. On Sunday mornings we will strive to help them connect to their inner lives, to their values, to nature and to each other. I hope to see you in church.



Blessings on you, Kathy

## Executive Excursions

Hello All!

I am writing this just hours after the memorial service for a young woman, Kelly Muzzi, who belonged to the Birmingham Unitarian Church. She fell 3 stories through a plate glass window at her college and was in a coma for two days before she died on April 1, 2005. She was only 20 years old but she touched thousands of lives. She touched my life through conferences for high school youth in our district and country. As I sat in BUC, I saw many young adults with whom I've spent a weekend sponsoring, chaperoning or helping plan a conference. Many of those former kids, including Kelly, also spent several nights in my house following a Solstice celebration or any reason for them to be together. I knew then I wasn't "giving up" or sacrificing my weekends or an evening to be involved with the youth of my church and other churches...I was enriching my life and hopefully theirs as well. I saw so many young faces that I hadn't seen in a few years and all had hugs, smiles and loving comments about our times and memories together. I wish our reason for gathering had not been at a memorial service but it was comforting to see them all...then I felt sad again, for our high school youth.

I am told that parents don't want their teenagers to get involved in district conferences or events because they don't want to drive a few hours to a host church, don't want to volunteer a weekend to be a chaperone or are afraid the kids might engage in talk about sex with their fellow UU youth.

I can't imagine how less vibrant my life would have been without the hours and conversations I had with these kids. And I am not the only person who has invested in our teenagers. To name a few - John Lightner spent countless hours driving kids to conferences, sleeping on floors or couches and all his kids were grown! Doug Callow has gladly sponsored youth to attend General Assembly, Sly and Carole Porambo logged many hours on couches and floors for our high schoolers before their own kids were even in middle school. Joel Goldberg gave his heart and

soul to our older youth as he knew how vital it was to reach out to kids at many points. He became a UU for life when, as a teenager, he attended a youth conference with a friend. The high school years are a time that kids are sorting out when to try those wings and finding exactly where those roots are grounded. I can say with great happiness, that John, Doug, Sly, Carole and many other adults at UUCF are a big part of why my 3 girls are not afraid to use their wings because they have so many roots through UUCF, Heartland District, Marwood summer camp and UU's across the country.

So back to being sad...I hope that we, as a church community, can find ways to nurture and encourage our older youth. Our teens need us but you know what? We need THEM! They keep us vibrant, they keep us energized and they keep seeing the world with new eyes (if we'll let them). There are adults who will volunteer to chaperone kids to a district conference, spend a night on the couch for an overnight at UUCF or just hang out. But parents also have to encourage and push their teens to at least try the larger UU world before they can see the many rewards and lifelong lifelines they can forge. I know would never have had the chance to know Kelly Muzzi if she hadn't attended district conferences.

In closing this long and rambling reflection, I have so much hope and faith in UUCF and UU'ism. Nicki was so struck by how church members at BUC came together to facilitate and host Kelly's memorial. I told her that's what a church family does; that's what UUCF does. Her eyes teared up. UUCF is her church family; there have been rough times for her with church folks and policies and then's been incredible support...just like other families. I want all our youth, all our young adults, all our parents, all our adults, all our senior members to feel the love and support of our church family - through the good and bad. May it be so.

Trying to be joyfully yours,  
Brenda Anderson, President UUCF

### ***Red Vest Society***

All members of the Red Vest Society please wear your Red Vest on Sunday, May 15, 2005. Those wishing to join the Red Vest Society and are 59 years of age, please contact Bud Baggett.

Scribe,  
Bud Baggett

### ***HEARTLAND DISTRICT CHALICE LIGHTER GRANT PROGRAM***

Help Spread the Light of Unitarian Universalism! A brochure for the Heartland District Chalice Lighter Program was enclosed with your January Magnet. We hope you read it and were inspired to join this program that gives small grants to Heartland District churches for specific purposes. There are three calls a year, and you can pledge as little as \$10 for each call. Chalice Lighter Brochures are available in the rack near the Church entrance.

The 2005 Winter call brought in \$12,160.00. This was divided evenly between Epiphany Community Church in Fenton, MI and the UU Church of East Liberty in Clarklake, MI. Epiphany is in the process of purchasing land and constructing a church building. East Liberty will use its grant to help provide handicap accessibility for its church and schoolhouse.

The Spring 2005 call has just been issued. Peoples Church in Ludington, MI has requested \$3500 for startup materials for a youth chime choir, much of which can also be used for a handbell choir in the future. The UU Church in Fort Wayne, IN has requested a grant to hire a quarter time Director of Lifespan Education UUCF would like to apply for a grant, possibly for the Families Like Us Program. However, there is a hitch. IN ORDER TO APPLY FOR A GRANT, a minimum percentage of UUCF Members must also be Chalice Lighters. If you don't already belong, we hope you will send your application in as soon as possible. After we establish our eligibility it will still be a year before we can actually apply for a grant. (The rules may be rewritten in the near future.) But think how many other UU churches you will be helping in the meantime. PS. Non-UUCF members can also become Chalice Lighters, but won't be counted toward the membership requirement.

Millie Foss, UUCF Chalice Lighter Liaison

### ***Annual Congregational Meeting Announcement***

Please join your church family at the annual congregational meeting on Sunday, May 22, 2005 at 6pm for the opportunity to participate in our most basic decision-making forum and governance. We have the following to consider (not an exhaustive list, just a sampling):

- ◆ Elect a slate for new executive board members 2005-2006
- ◆ Decide whether or not to move on Goals Committee proposal
- ◆ Other stuff

If you are not able to make the meeting, you can obtain an absentee ballot or proxy through the church office. Ballot language for the slate is in this issue of the Magnet (can you find it?). Absentee ballots have the exact wording of the slate and any issues requiring a vote so any changes to wording adopted from the floor would nullify the absentee ballot. So some folks prefer to designate another member to vote on their behalf through a proxy vote. A member can only serve as a proxy voter for one other member. All proxies must be in Mary Mancini's possession prior to the start of the meeting. Absentee ballots and proxy must be obtained by the Wednesday prior to the meeting (May 18th). Call Mary at 248-478-7272 for questions or arrangements.

Come if you've been a member forever or if you're a new member (those having joined less than 90 days prior to May 22 are not eligible to vote this time, but come anyhow to see how it all works). Let's see how democracy REALLY works!

*Brenda Anderson, President UUCF*

On **June 12**, the parents of **new RE students**, preschool through grade 8, are invited to a meeting to learn more about the Religious Education Program here at UUCF. This is an opportunity to ask questions and learn about Unitarian Universalism. Please join us from **11:30 to 12:30** after the Sunday service. Childcare will be provided.

# Nomination Slate

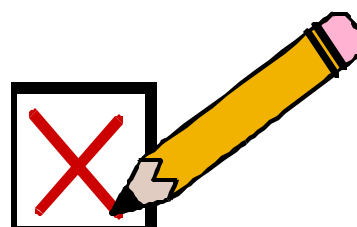
UUCF Executive Board and Program Council Chairs for 2005-2006

**Executive Board**

- President                                      George Rourke-Nominee for 1-yr term ending June 30<sup>h</sup> 2006
- Vice President Administration        Linda Brown-Nominee for 2-yr term ending June 30<sup>th</sup> 2007
- Vice President Finance                 Marsha McCullough (Fulfilling Term ending June 30<sup>h</sup> 2006)
- Corporate Secretary                    Pat McClane-Nominee for 2-yr term ending June 30<sup>th</sup> 2007
- Moderator                                 Renzo Hutchinson (Fulfilling Term ending June 30<sup>h</sup> 2006)

**Standing Committees Chairpersons for Terms beginning July 1,2005 ending June 30, 2007**

- Social Action                                Cassandra Hartley- Nominee
- Membership                                 Linda Rourke-Nominee
- Fundraising                                 Peter Travis -Nominee
- Denominational Affairs                 Sly Porambo-Nominee
- Publicity                                      Sally Richards Nominee
- Memorial Gardens                        Priscilla Fleming, Joan Daley



**Standing Committee Chairpersons for terms ending June 30, 2006**

- Social Events                                Janet Barna (Fulfilling Term ending June 30<sup>th</sup> 2006)
- Building and Grounds                    Tom Bjorkland- appointee (Term ending June 30<sup>h</sup> 2006)
- Program                                        Jim Berry - appointee (Term ending June 30<sup>th</sup> 2006)
- Religious Education                      Karen Schnell-Goldberg (Fulfilling Term ending June 30<sup>th</sup> 2006)
- Memorial Gardens                        Jim Richards (Term ending June 30<sup>th</sup> 2006)  
 Millie Foss, Lynn Seaton (Term ending June 30, 2008)

*Respectfully submitted by Vanessa Baber and Gary Hurst  
 Chairpersons Nominating Committee*

## Special Events

### *Lifelong Learning Forum Update*

Currently the committee is busy contacting speakers for our Fall 2005 Program. We are very excited about the program we have planned. Even though our Thursday night programming is over until Fall you can still attend our special ongoing programs. The Friday Night film series continues on May 6<sup>th</sup> with another selection by and hosted by Alex Riegel. This month's selection is **Deconstructing Harry**- Description is as follows.

When Harry Block (Woody Allen) decides to write a novel about his best friends, things take a turn for the worse. His inner circle hates him, and his former girlfriend (Elizabeth Shue) -- whom he belatedly realizes he loves -- decides to marry a man akin to the devil (Billy Crystal). Now, Harry must make a last-ditch attempt to win back his girlfriend and his buddies. Movie begins at 7:15 sharp. Snacks and Soft drinks provided. Donation of three dollars will be accepted but not required.

**Due to other church programming our next Friday night movie will be on Aug 5, 2005.**

**Nietzche's Nook** --Hosted by Alex Riegel & Jim Berry, continues the second Sunday of the Month at 12:30 pm. Feel free to brown bag a lunch or grab a bagel after service.

For May 8<sup>th</sup> and June 12<sup>th</sup> we will continue with Robert Solomon's one half hour DVD lectures on existentialism (As you may remember, Solomon is the Professor of Philosophy at the University of Texas in Austin.). In addition, in May we will look at Camus's novel, "The Stranger." This is a relatively short book (my version has 123 pages). So, by May, please read through the portion of the book where our protagonist commits his murder. The second half of the book, his trial, will be discussed in June. **At that point**, we will discuss whether or not we want to continue delving into Camus, choosing another existential thinker, are taking an entirely different direction...

We strongly want to encourage everyone to purchase a

copy of the book and read it. Please **do not use an audio version of the book**, as having the book in hand is sometimes indispensable to meaningful conversation about it. Previous attendance in the class is not required join us at anytime but please read the book prior to attending classes.

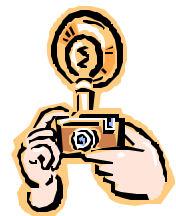
Our Walkers Group is also picking up speed if you would like more information on this group contact Peg Campbell

*Thanks for your support and interest  
Vanessa Baber, Chairperson LLF Committee*

### *Artists' Group News*

Kyla Hurst will be exhibiting her photography during the month of May in Adams Hall. These are photographs Kyla has taken and developed herself. A "Meet the Artist" reception will be held on Sunday, May 1 from 2-4:30 pm at which time additional work not displayed on the wall will also be shared. All are welcome to stop by that day or enjoy the work throughout the month.

Thanks--  
Becky Hurst



### *The Mystery Book Club ...*

will meet on **Monday, May 23**. We will meet at LaShish (12 mile & Halsted) for dinner at 5:30 and at UUCF at 7:00 for the book discussion. This month we are reading one of two books (or both) by Barbara Vine (aka Ruth Rendell). The Blood Doctor and The Chimney Sweeper's Boy will be discussed at the meeting. If you can't come for dinner, come for the book discussion.

If you have any questions, contact Helen Head.

**Senior High Youth News**

The Senior High Youth had a great overnight in April. They watched and discussed the movie "The Passion of the Christ", in spite of frustrating but often funny technical difficulties. In RE, the Youth have visited a labyrinth and learned about practicing yoga.

**Mother's Day Breakfast**

The UUCF Youth will be honoring all UUCF mothers on Mother's Day, May 8th, with a breakfast between services. Come celebrate, Moms!! Donations to cover costs will be greatly appreciated.

**Welcoming Congregation Committee**

UUCF is reinvigorating its commitment to being a Welcoming Congregation. The committee has been reformed and is planning participation in the Metro Pride Fest in Ferndale, and the Michigan Pride March in Lansing, both in June. We are committed to improving our welcoming atmosphere for the LGBT in all aspects of UUCF.

This fall we will offer to the congregation a review of the Welcoming Congregation curriculum, and then move on to the new "Living the Welcoming Congregation" in the spring. Contact **Terie Spencer** if you would like to be involved in the work of this committee.

**FUNERAL CONSUMER INFO SOCIETY MEETING**

FCIS (formerly Greater Detroit Memorial Society) is having its annual meeting at the Northwest U-U Church on Sunday, May 15, at 2:30 p.m. Guest speaker is Joshua Slocum, Executive Director of the Funeral Consumers Alliance, our national organization. The meeting is open to the public and will be over in plenty of time for you to grab a bite to eat before UUCF's Congregational Meeting at 6:00 p.m. For more information contact **Millie Foss**

**Bulletin Boards in Adams Hall**

It has been observed that many visitors gravitate to our 'community' bulletin board, we believe because of its size and placement (on the left as you enter Adams Hall). Currently, at that board, they don't get a feel for who UUCF really is. We believe that using the board for the following would be more indicative of who we are and what we do:

- The UUCF photo board of church leadership, staff, standing committees, and activities, along with descriptions, phone number and email addresses of all
- a district organization chart
- upcoming events (updated weekly)
- usher/greeter sign-up sheets
- and the Lay Pastoral Committee (including what it does)

We will also put up plastic containers on that board to house UU and UUCF pamphlets. And we will remove the table in front of that board so there is easy access to it.

Starting in May, the Executive Board has authorized the Membership Committee to take ownership of this bulletin board.

The bulletin board across the room that currently houses the photos of our Staff and our church Leadership will become the community board. Subject to our usual update process, the current materials on the community bulletin board will be moved to the other board.

We hope that this change is for the betterment of all church members.

*The Executive Board*

I wanted to say **thank you** to everyone for all the sympathy cards and kind words since the death of my aunt. I really appreciate everyone's caring and thoughtfulness!

*Hugs, Mary Mancini*

### **CAMPBELL LABELS REMINDER**

Just a reminder to keep those Campbell Labels for Education coming in for the Farmington Community School and Head Start. ANY CAMPBELL PRODUCT qualifies, including V8 and other juices, gravy, and chili; PREGO; FRANCO AMERICAN; PEPPERIDGE FARM and SWANSON broths. Save the label from cans (we'd appreciate it if you would submit just the front part of the label, with the name of the product); save the UPC code from bags (such as stuffing) and boxes; and save the lid from Prego Pasta Bake Sauce and pasta sauces 46 oz. or larger. Please submit in a zipperlock bag. For more information, see me or visit [www.labelsforeducation.com](http://www.labelsforeducation.com). The collection box is usually in the entryway during Sunday services, otherwise at the foot of the stairs on the Adams Hall level, on top of the chest for Neighborhood House donations. It has pictures of Campbell products on it.

*Millie Foss*

### **Check Out Your UU World**

I suggest everyone read the section titled Making Sense of the Conservative World View in the bookshelf section (pages 54 through 57) in the May-June issue of UU World magazine. Particularly important for liberals is the book Don't Think of an Elephant : Know Your Values and Frame the Debate by George Lakoff. Mr. Lakoff also wrote Moral Politics. One of the main points in this book is that liberals and conservatives use the "Nation-as-Family" metaphor. Government is viewed as a parent; citizens are siblings. Conservatives have the "Strict Father Family" view. Liberals have the "Nurturant Parent Family" view. I intend to try to read the "elephant book" this summer. Another book I recommend is The World is Flat by Thomas Friedman.

I am proud to be a liberal which is derived from "libre" (free) --not bound by authoritarianism, orthodoxy or traditional forms and advocating freedom for all. I grow weary of conservatives' demonization of the word.

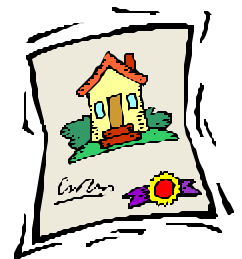
*Hannah Donigan*

*P.S. If you are up at 7:00 AM on Sunday mornings, I recommend a TV program on PBS, "Religion & Ethics".*

### **Wanted: UUCF Building Plans!**

We have a set of rolled drawings of the current UUCF buildings, but it does not include any of the mechanical plans for the building (electrical, plumbing, heating, etc.) As we look at near- and longer-term building improvements we need the full set of plans to make decisions, tradeoffs, etc. If you've acquired these over the years, please drop them by the church office and/or notify **George Rourke, Linda Brown or Hank Holst**.

Thanks for your help!



### **Daytimers**

Thursday, April 21, we went to Dearborn and took the Ford Rouge Factory Tour. The tour was attended by Pat Blackard, Beverly Manheimer, Priscilla Fleming, Paul & Nancy Bailey, Joan Daley, Bob Hawkes, and John Lightner. Joining them from church were Millie Foss and her friend, Clara Trout, Hannah & Don Donigan, and Bill Hatton; also the Bailey's friend, Vivian Nyland, and Nancy's sister, Dorothy Hunsicker. Priscilla Fleming's 84th birthday was the day before our trip. Best wishes to you!

The next meeting will be at church at noon on Thursday, May 19. June's meeting will be at noon on Thursday, June 16. Weather permitting, we will drive to Heritage Park where we'll have our lunch and visit the Nature Center. We invite all who are 50 or over to join us for our meetings!

*Submitted by Nancy Bailey*

## Adult Talent Show Update

Tons of talent came out from the woodwork on March 19th. They were all stars in their own right, and very capable of providing entertainment for our Sunday morning program. Hint! Hint! **Dave Durham** never ceases to amaze with his DJ abilities and comedy routines! He was in rare form, or should I say rarer form that evening. Dave kept his end of the shtick up all night, keeping us all in stitches.

**Jim Berry** warmed things up while tickling the ivories and getting a fantastic jazzy kind of mood going in Adams Hall while we were setting up. **Richard Kent** strummed his guitar while he sang a couple of heartfelt songs about women. **Janet Barna** read some original poetry she had written from the heart. **Betty Hatton** was light on her fishnet-hosed feet as she danced Motown style with a lot of soul. **Jack Olds** read a reading about Ace Server: Writer. This reading was an amusing take on life by an octogenarian. **Terri Spencer** sang an old Patsy Cline song. Of course, she put her hilarious take on "Crazy for being UU." **Jim Snideman** (didn't he look like Cheech? or maybe Chong?) sang his version of "Born to be Mild" by Steppenwolf. **Marsha Spencer** sang karaoke for us. Boy, that whole **Spencer** family has got talent!

**Jim Berry** and **Renzo Hutchinson** performed a duet with piano and flute that was outstanding! **Bud Baggett** was on strict orders not to talk about Dot (a little bird told me!) this time around, so he related a captivating story about his youth. **Steve Curtin** performed Equinox music with enough electronics to bring the house down, and who better to be the Sound Engineer for the evening. He sure knows his stuff!

Huge thanks to everyone who made this a **FUN** night out! From **Dave Durham** and **Steve Curtin** to all the **GREAT** talent to **everyone** who showed up to show their support and be entertained at the same time. This was one **GREAT** night! **Thank U! Thank U! Thank U!**

*Social Events Committee*

## FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

What a night for the entire church. A fabulous, fun and profitable night was had by all at the "BIG FAT GREEK AUCTION". Nearly 140 people registered to eat great food, mingle with friends and engage in lively bidding. The weather was near perfect for the Greek gods & goddesses, Geeks and refugees from a wedding gone bad. In the end a record night was achieved. More than \$31,000 in revenue with a profit of nearly \$28,900 was realized, beating last year by more than \$5,000 in each area!! Thanks to all you contributed, either by donating items, bidding on items or just by showing up to support the church. To the many volunteers who made the evening a huge success, thanks to all of you. If you would like to participate in future fundraising committee work, please attend an upcoming meeting such as this Tuesday, May 10 at 7:30.

*Peter Travis  
Fundraising Chairman*

## NEW MEMBER BIOS

**Nickie Ross**—lives in Plymouth with her husband, Tom, and 7-year-old daughter, Kaley. She is a stay-at-home mom who enjoys involvement in a book club, movies, scrapbooking, and especially working out. Nickie attributes her decision to join UUCF mostly to Kathy Silver and the great RE program that she supports.

**Cassi Hartley**—lives in Livonia with her husband, Robbie, and their two puppies. They moved to Michigan from Utah where Cassi earned a degree in Journalism from the University of Utah. She currently works at U of M in government relations. Cassi is also planning to attend divinity school to become a UU minister. She has already become involved at UUCF. Hopefully, you had the opportunity to hear her sermon "Our Own Hero" on February th. Cassi also has been involved in teaching the New UU classes. Her other interests include volunteering with the Girl Scouts, traveling, writing, photography and canoeing. Cassi's decision to join our congregation was mainly due to how welcomed she felt from the UUCF members.

**Joanne Monier**—has moved back to the Detroit area after living in Caseville, MI for the past few years. She is a longtime UU. Joanne taught in the Detroit schools for 30 years. She was also a docent at the zoo for many years. Her activities include spinning and weaving, painting watercolors, reading and walking. Joanne's real passion is "just being outside" Environmental matters are also important to Joanne. She joined UUCF because it was close to her home, she loves the feel of the church, our minister Alex, the size of the church and how fun and welcoming our members are.

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An Environmental Action Event for the Whole Family "Saving the Environment In Your Own Back Yard"

- ◆ Keynote Speaker & Breakout Sessions
- ◆ Justice Action
- ◆ Volunteer Opportunities
- ◆ Networking
- ◆ Family Activities

SAVE THIS DATE Saturday, May 14, 2005 (9 am - 1 pm) Birmingham Unitarian Church

Sponsored by the Michigan UU Social Justice Network & Local Environmental Action Groups

Contact Randy Block (248-549-5170) - George Lentz (248-223-9947)



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