



MAGNET

Alexander's Meander

This is the last newsletter article you will see from me for 6 months, as I head for sabbatical Feb 1 (and return Aug 1). As I do, I realize that I should be clear about the sabbatical "rules of engagement" for the minister, as many of you have asked.

It is important that I be consistent with everyone as I don't believe one person should receive an exception to the "rule" and not another... That said, during my sabbatical I will not be reading emails or answering phone calls, except from George Rourke and Cheryl, and then only in the event of an emergency. The reason for this is to give the minister the necessary distance to *really* get a break from all the demands of ministry, rejuvenate, accomplish work, and do spiritual practice.

I have an ambitious agenda for my sabbatical. When I return I will have finished my dissertation, launched a communications web page, an enneagram web page, started an enneagram group outside the church (a goal, anyway), have spent much time in meditation, and FINALLY finished painting the house (Kimi and I will be able to have folks over without feeling the need to make apologies!).

But it is not only the minister that has work to do during a sabbatical. I have asked the lay leadership to give se-

rious consideration to my return, especially regarding what type of ministry they want from me. So far the model of ministry I have used is that of a Program minister. But there remain significant demands along the lines of a Pastoral minister. There are always both elements in any congregation, but just how much emphasis to give to which model varies. That is what I have asked the lay leadership to determine, so when I return our relationship can have much more clarity than it has now. It's hard to meet expectations when those expectations are unclear, and hard for everyone to feel their needs are being met as well.

Finally, please continue to attend Sunday mornings! The speakers we have lined up are good ones, AND, the point of Sunday morning is fellowship more than it is the sermon anyway. So, attend so you can stay in touch with one another. Indeed, also consider attending the Small Group Ministry program. There is still time for a few more folks to sign up, so don't delay.

Namaste,

Travel Well,

Stop and Smell the Roses (next time you walk through Kroger this mid-winter! ;-)

Alex



From the Director of Religious Education



What a weekend! 80 UU youth from Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana gathered at the Ann Arbor church for a Social Justice conference. 10 of our high school youth attended. For 8 of them this was their first opportunity to network with youth from other UU churches!

We participated in an intense 14 hour 2-day workshop. Trainers from the UUA led us in anti-racism work. We participated in individual exercises and group work around race, stereotypes, prejudice and privilege. We shared feelings and personal experiences.

We watched a short film that gave us some of the history of the UUs involvement in the civil rights movement, and some attempts of racial justice within the UUA during a very heated time in history- 1968-1971, the decisions made and actions taken were detrimental to our denomination, we lost African American members in great numbers. If you were a member in these days, and remember this controversy, I'd love to hear your stories...

The primary point coming out of the film was that we should know this piece of our denominational history in moving forward with racial justice work.

I hope UUCF adults will be interested in continuing this conversation about racism with our youth and with each other. In 1965 Unitarian minister, Rev. James Reeb went to Alabama to work with Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. On March 3rd, during a civil rights protest march; Reeb was attacked and beaten by an angry white crowd. Although Reeb was white, the hospital wouldn't serve him, because he was a civil rights worker. He had to travel some distance to a hospital for black people. His death resulted in a national outcry against the activities of white racists in the Deep South. Things may have moved forward since then, but there is still so much work to do! With a little support our youth can continue the work some of us have started in creating a more just world.

Our high school group here at UUCF is full of leaders and they're ready to make some things happen! Over the next few months they'll be beginning work on a major social justice project, creating a worship service, fundraising for a special trip and developing their leadership skills. Our youth hope to offer a Heartland District Con here, at UUCF in the Spring of 2008. In a few years some of them will be organizing in and leading our communities.

Hope to see you all at the Italian Food & Game Potluck!

In Peaceful Song and Stories,
Jennifer A. Teed



Rev. James Reeb

Executive Excursions by George Rourk

February 2007



Well we've begun our "Sabbatical Adventure". Alex has started his sabbatical leave and we will be "taking care of business" for the next six months. We had a great Sabbatical Going Away Party on January 20th. A big "Thank You" to the Social Events committee, Terie Spencer, and her gang!! In my memory we have never had one of our ministers take a sabbatical although we have had a number of times when we were between ministers for periods of many months. With Alex's help we are well prepared. As most of you know we have formed a Sabbatical Committee and that committee has been working with our other committees reviewing what areas of church life we will have to cover in Alex's absence and how we will do that. I believe we are well prepared. If you have any questions about the sabbatical, please contact one of the members of the Sabbatical Committee. Elsewhere in this Magnet there is an article by Harry Munson, our SC chairperson, citing the members on the committee.

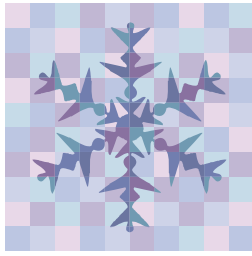
Moving on, it is with regret that I let you know that Pat McLane has found it necessary to resign from the UUCF Executive Board. I thank Pat for her service over the past year and a half. Pat has brought her outstanding sense of caring and compassion to our Board deliberations. She recently was the Board liason and driving force behind our Bylaw Change committee whose recommendations we adopted at our last Congregational meeting. Vanessa Baber will be taking Pat's place on our Board, filling the remainder of Pat's term which will end this June. Welcome Vanessa.

Lastly I would like to briefly discuss our UUCF Goals. In some recent meetings and side discussions I was reminded that a number of our newer members were unaware of our goals and that I had not recently discussed our progress on them. At our congregational meeting in May of 2005 we adopted four goals –

- 1) Define our message and make it known to the community***
- 2) Nurture each other to be a church of friends***
- 3) Build robust programs to support our church mission***
- 4) Develop/Upgrade our building and grounds to further the needs of our church community***

I will be discussing the progress we are making on our goals in my article in the March Magnet.

George



Daytimers

On Thursday, January 18, the Daytimers, the seniors social group at UUCF, had their monthly meeting at noon in Adams Hall. Fifteen Daytimers attended. The dessert, a poppyseed cake, was furnished by Nancy Bailey, and each Daytimer brought his own bag lunch.

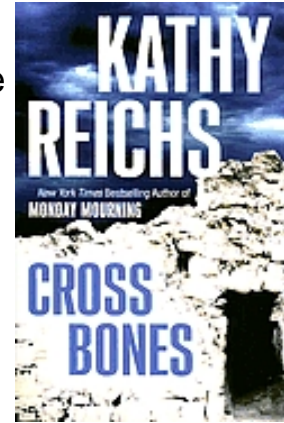
We went around the lunch table with all the Daytimers telling what was new in their lives. Priscilla Fleming started off by telling us that Joan Larson was in Botsford Hospital. Priscilla gave us Joan's room number and phone number at the hospital. Joan has been having trouble with her arthritis for some time. All the Daytimers signed a get well card for Joan, and Paul and Nancy Bailey took the card to Joan at Botsford after the Daytimers meeting. Joan told Paul and Nancy that she had been in the hospital since Monday but she was being "kicked out" at 4:00 p.m. that afternoon. Her daughter was going to come to get her. Joan was in good spirits. Daytimers and others who know Joan, I'm sure she will appreciate your sending her a card or calling her. If you don't have Joan's telephone number, please call Nancy Bailey to get the number.

We always enjoy hearing what is the latest with each Daytimer as we go around the lunch table at each meeting, but the information from Toni Davis, one of the newest Daytimers and also one of the new members at UUCF, was especially interesting. She regaled us with the adventures of her son who is a captain on a fishing ship in the Bering Sea by Alaska. He is out at sea 6 months at a time each year. The workers on his ship catch pollock which is processed right on the ship by over one hundred employees. The pollock is made into the mock crab that we all can buy at the grocery store.

Nancy Bailey gave the group some information about the new federal telephone excise tax refund that you can claim on your 2006 federal income tax return. She explained to the group that you can get this refund even if you don't usually file a federal tax form by claiming the refund on Form 1040Z-T which is a new form that is used only to claim the federal excise tax refund. Also, in the years of 2006 and 2007 on your federal return you can claim a residential energy credit which will reduce your income tax.

The Daytimers next meeting is Thursday, February 15, at noon in Adams Hall at the church. Dolores Garden volunteered to bring the dessert. UUCF members and friends, please come join us if you are 50 years old or older.

The Mystery Book Club will meet on Monday, February 26 to discuss the book *Cross Bones* by Kathy Reichs. This is one of the series featuring forensic anthropologist Dr. Temperance "Tempe" Brennan who gets caught in mysteries past and present with a photograph of a skeleton, taken in Israel in 1963. The photo sends her to Israel to solve a murder and a mystery revolving around a first-century tomb that may contain the remains of the family of Jesus Christ. The plot is based on a number of real-life anthropological mysteries.



Our book for March will be *Case Histories* by Kate Atkinson. Breaking detective-thriller form, *Case Histories* is told from multiple points of view, reducing the burden on the detective to "solve" the crimes for us and letting each character bloom in the light of the author's sharp, observant prose.

We will meet at Panera Bread (12 mile and Halsted) for dinner at 5:30 and come back to the church for the book discussion at 7. If you can't join us for dinner, join us for the book discussion. If you have any questions, contact Helen Head.

Bylaw Review Committee

Last fall, a bylaw review committee was formed and at the December congregational meeting they passed several bylaw changes but also announced that the committee will be continuing to review our current bylaws and propose additional changes as needed. We are currently looking for "a few good men" (and women!) to join this endeavor. If you are interested in being a part of this ad hoc committee to review and discuss further bylaw changes, please contact me at or Harry Munson. The first meeting of this year will be Thursday February 8th at 7pm at the church.

Vanessa Baber



Greening Efforts at UUCF

Many of you have made it a habit to reduce, re-use & re-cycle at home and we applaud your efforts. There are also many environmentally-friendly practices happening right here at UUCF that you should be aware of.

- Perhaps most obvious is that we invite regular members and attendees to bring in ceramic coffee mugs to be used during coffee hours, meetings and other events held at the church. There are disposable cups, as well, for those who opt not to (in case you're wondering, the latter are cardboard, though they look and feel a lot like Styrofoam). We encourage all committees and groups to use re-cycled and/or earth-friendly products whenever hosting events, whether they are food-related or not.
- Speaking of the kitchen...located under the little sink is a box where one can place bottles (glass or plastic) and cans to be re-cycled or returned for deposit*. Feel free to add your rinsed out items that are emptied during a church activity.
- Also in Adams Hall, directly under the Green Sanctuary bulletin board, you'll find bookshelves that hold our ongoing Magazine Exchange. Pass on your current (no more than six months old, please), recently read periodicals. We hope all ages participate in this. Know that magazines which cover your favorite topic/pastime probably have great appeal to other UUs! See something you, yourself fancy? Dig in!
- Do you need to dispose of old, used computer printer cartridges? Why not bring them in to UUCF! The collection box for these is near the church office. The cartridges are picked up by an outside company who gives us funds for the cartridges. These monies go to help support our R.E. program.

Finally, used paper is routinely collected in the main office for re-cycling*. (*Thanks to our Church Agent, Jim Richard's extra efforts in helping with these tasks).

Since UUs are known for our "deeds, not creeds" outlook on life, our maintaining earth-friendly practices in and around our building makes good sense. If you'd like to recommend and/or help with future efforts, we'd love to hear from you.

The Green Sanctuary Committee





Social Action News

Rebuilding Together

Rebuilding Together's mission is to preserve and revitalize houses, assuring that low-income elderly or disabled families live in warmth, safety and independence. This year the UUCF is sponsoring a home in Farmington. In addition to recruiting volunteers to do landscaping, painting, cleaning, electrical, carpet and whatever repairs are needed, we will sponsor the house by raising \$2000.

Beginning in February, UUCF members will be asked to donate supplies, so more of the donated money can be spent on the house.

Rebuilding Together- Wish List

Painting Supplies

Brushes (new or used)

Rollers/Roller Covers/Paint Trays/Tape

Drop Cloths/Tarps

Wallpaper Remover

Other Supplies

Sponges (any sizes) Rags

Paper towels Scouring pads

Buckets (any size)

Latex or work gloves

Trash bags (any size)

Yard waste bags

The date for working on the house is Saturday April 28th. More information about how you can volunteer and donate will be coming soon.

The Social Action Committee

The COACH has arrived at UUCF

At our last congregational meeting we adopted a bylaw change which created a new committee – our Committee On Assessment of Congregational Health – our COACH. This committee is the result of discussions about how we can earlier identify problems/concerns related to our staff and congregation. Further, once identified, what is the best way to address these problems/concerns. Every church has issues arise in the relationships between congregants, congregants and staff, and between staff members. The UUCF COACH is our attempt to improve our performance in identifying and addressing problems/concerns.

A big "THANK YOU" to the six UUCF members who have agreed to become our first COACH. They are Marc Bay, Alison Beland, Lisa Hayhow, Patrick Laird, Sarah Radke, and Leslie Travis. The Executive Board met with the COACH at the first meeting of the COACH in late January. We reviewed the purpose of the COACH and some possible operational approaches.

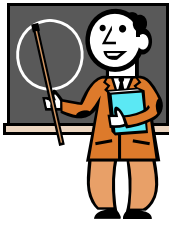
When you have concerns about how things are going at UUCF, please contact one of the COACH members. Also, I'm sure they will be interested in hearing from you when you think we are doing something particularly well.

Publicity release for Local Unitarian Universalist newsletters:

First Unitarian Universalist Church, Detroit is seeking a Director of Religious Education. Our Historic Church is located in Midtown Detroit, near Wayne State University, and serves a diverse population. Our current students are mostly of middle school age. We are a growing program. The position is for approximately 12 hours per week, salary based on experience. For more information or to send resume and letter of intent, contact information is as follows:

RE@1stuu.org
or First Unitarian Universalist Church Detroit Att: RE Committee
4605 Cass Ave
Detroit, MI 48223

New UU Class – Are you a visitor or a new member, or do you want to learn more about the UU tradition before becoming a member? Then join us for the next session of “New UU” on Sunday, March 11, 18, and 25 from 12:30 PM – 2 PM. Lunch will be provided, and childcare will be available (with notice given by March 3). These classes cover the history of the Unitarian Universalism religion as well as our Farmington church. It also gives you a chance to ask questions about membership, take a tour of the facilities, and even explore your own personal religious journey. To register, contact the church office at 248-478-7272 by March 3 or sign up at the Newcomer Table in Adams



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RED VEST SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



A new program from the Red Vesters has been established to assist a graduating UUCF high school senior who is enrolling in a school of higher learning, including trade schools, to further his or her education.

Each year one or more scholarships of \$500 may be awarded, depending on voluntary contributions from Red Vesters.

Parents and young people, please think about applying. Applications may be obtained from Bud Baggett, Jack Olds, Pat Morrill, John Hayden and Paul Bailey. Deadline for filing is April 7, 2007.

Eligibility is as follows:

1. The applicant must have been a participant in the UUCF religious education program.
2. The applicant must show evidence of being accepted at a school of higher learning or at a trade school.
3. The application must be prepared by the applicant or by someone assisting the applicant with the applicant's written permission.
4. The applicant must be graduating from high school.

Bud Baggett, Scribe, and the Red Vest Scholarship Review Committee of Jack Olds, Pat Morrill, John Hayden, and Paul Bailey

Coming Up Sundays in February



The Program Committee, under the direction of Barb Eglinton, has been busy planning the Sunday Morning programs starting in this month.

You may have noticed that the Service Leaders are members of the Executive Board and Committee Chairpersons. They are scheduled to introduce our speakers throughout the time Alex is away. We thank them for serving this double duty, and hope that this may also offer the Congregation an opportunity to recognize our Church leaders. Feel free to discuss church activities, your joys and concerns with them, especially while Alex is away.

February programs 9:30 and 11:30 AM:

Feb. 4 - La'Ron Williams -- Culture of Struggle, Culture of Faith.

Intergenerational Service.

La'Ron is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University.

His background includes theater, visual art, film and video productions, gymnastics, modern and traditional dance, vocal and instrumental music.

La'Ron believes that we all have to take the time to tell each other stories, with all the joy and frowns and pain and smiles that they bring.

We will come to accept the ways in which we are different and become aware of and appreciate the ways in which we are alike.

We look forward to La'Ron's stories.

Feb. 11. - Jim Berry --The Glories of Love Valentine's day will occur on Wednesday this year. Often times this day provides an opportunity to reflect on the nature of love: human and divine.

What is love? What are the forms of love? The talk will focus on need-based love and growth (gift) based love. The classic four loves of affection, friendship, Eros, and charity will be discussed.

Feb. 18. - Paul Bailey --Marilla Marks Ricker, Prisoner's Friend. Marilla Ricker was a 19th Century attorney, abolitionist, suffragist, humanitarian and free thinker, who has been all but left out of American history.

Sabbatical Support Team Update

Rev. Alex started his six-month sabbatical leave on February 1st. During this time he will have the opportunity to relax, refresh and renew himself and to finish his thesis. And during this time, we as members will have the opportunity to hear some different perspectives and bond together as a congregation.

The Sabbatical Support Team has been working with the committees and groups at the church to assure that all of our programs and services will be effectively covered. Our Program Committee, under the very capable direction of **Barb Eglinton**, has been doing a wonderful job of putting together programs for all of the Sunday mornings. They have assembled a wide variety of programs, including some UUCF members, outside speakers, and several other UU ministers. Pastoral care needs will be coordinated by **Lisa Hayhow** and her Pastoral Care Committee. We have also arranged for other local UU ministers to be on-call in case we have any emergency needs.

If you have any questions, concerns, problems or recommendations during this sabbatical time, please feel free to contact me or one of the other members of the Sabbatical Support Team: **Susan Breen, Ann Ford, Maureen Linker, Joan Olds, or George Rourk.**

Harry Munson

Chair, Sabbatical Support Team

Red Vest



In May there will be a ceremony for the Honor Order of the Red Vest.

All those wishing to become a Red Vest Sage and are 59 years of age, please contact Bud Baggett

SHAMANIC HEALING

Friday February 16 7:00PM @ UUCF Meeting House

UUCF is hosting Daniel Iasius and his wife Jenni to speak about Shamanic Healing. They will be making appointments for 1 hour sessions to be held on Saturday. Donations will be accepted for the talk on Friday, there will be a cost for the individual sessions on Saturday.

Shamanic healing has been around since the beginning of time. As an adjunct to modern medicine as well as holistic and alternative therapies shamans are skilled in the unseen forces of nature. They work in a virtual reality that some call theta or the dream state when they are seeing what is out of balance. They connect with helping spirits in a manner that allows them to work with the spiritual energies associated with physical or mental illness due to trauma, abuse, loss of self identity, drug and alcohol addictions, or spirit/soul loss from just trying to exist in this fast paced industrialized society in which we live. The work of the shaman is to help the individual release any unwanted possessing influences from those people who have been close to them since childhood and to reclaim aspects of their true self that may have been lost in the process. The goal of this work is to bring balance and to restore a sense of personal power as well as a stronger sense and connection to nature and the world around us.

TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

As a husband and wife shaman team we both have over 25 years experience doing spiritual/shaman healing work and university training in the sciences and engineering fields including courses and advanced training at the Foundation for Shamanic Studies under the direction of renowned anthropologist Dr. Michael Harner. We have given numerous lectures at the University of Michigan Medical Center, are regular presenters at the Starwood Festival in Western New York, and have conducted workshops all around the country. However, we have decided to return to our home in the Upper Peninsula to complete work on our first book, "The Water Lives Deep In the Woods" which illustrates our work as contemporary shamans and to connect with that which we feel is our true responsibilities which is to serve our community.

Take your Valentine to Prom!

Give what may be the most unique Valentines gift you've given in years!

Sharon Kramer is holding a "Second Chance Prom" dinner dance and silent auction for the Muscular Dystrophy Association on Saturday, March 24th.

This "Second Chance" dance is for the 21 and over (much over) crowd, to re-live their glory days, and perhaps "fix" the mistakes of their youth (bad hair? bad dress? bad date?) The dance will be held at the American Polish Century Club in Sterling Heights, MI--this is a half hour drive from the parking lot of UUCF--a straight shot down 696 to Mound Rd.

Tickets are \$40.00 per person (before March 1, 2007), and include a fabulous dinner, admission to our 60 item silent auction, three drink tickets, raffles, door prizes and LIVE entertainment (tribute artists and impersonators). Better yet, a table of 10 tickets can be purchased for \$360.00--and we'd LOVE to see a contingent of UUCF friends there supporting us in this endeavor.

Dress as fancy or as casual as you like, wear an old prom dress or powder blue tux, or come decked out in your finest digs. Come as a geek, a nerd, a varsity letterman, a cheerleader, or a chaperone. We don't care what you wear; just please come. This event is "single" friendly, as well as GLBT friendly. We'd love to see you there. Call Sharon through the church office to reserve your tickets today.

Sharon K.

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"Psychedelic Sixties"

April 21



FAR OUT..... it's time to save this date for the annual Fundraising Auction. As always, the auction will be fun, exciting, and the #1 money making event here at UUCF. The evening promises great food and drink, goofy friends in silly outfits, and fantastic auction offerings that will provide you a good time throughout the year. This years' theme of "*Psychedelic Sixties*" is sure to bring out some interesting styles (from Jackie O., to Haight Ashbury, and everything in between)!

If you want to have even more fun (seriously!) - the Fundraising committee always needs some help in staging this big event. It takes a lot of hands to throw an auction for 125 people. This is a great way to get involved in either your first volunteer role at UUCF, or as an addition to the list of all the things you currently do. Some of the help we need only requires an hour before or after the auction, the night before or during. Some other help we need begins now, with collecting items, or planning decorations and food.

Areas you can volunteer for:

**Item collection * Publicity * Cashiers * Silent auction
*Food prep *Decoration / clean-up *Master of Ceremony*

Please contact Linda Brown through the church office if you would like to join in the fun (go on, SOCK IT TO ME). Our next meeting will be Tuesday, February 13: 7:30pm at the church. We would love to have you be part of the COOLEST event of the year. And don't forget to save April 21 on your calendars!!

You may be receiving a call from "Friends of the UUA"

As a supplement to periodic mailings, Friends of the UUA will be conducting a fundraising phonathon beginning the week of February 19th and continuing through the third week in March. Outreach Associates, a telemarketing firm located in Pittsburgh, will be phoning members who are currently active Friends of the UUA to ask them to renew their support.

Theme: Progress Report on Tapestry of Faith Lifespan Curriculum

Our contract with this firm requires that all callers must be courteous, respectful, and succinct as they offer identified Unitarian Universalists an opportunity to support our Association directly. Your feedback about the calls will help us to monitor their quality. We have established a Friends Phonathon Hotline to facilitate that feedback: Members may call (617) 948-6525 to leave a message to ask to be placed on the "no call" list or to share a comment directly with a UUA staff member.

Your willingness to support the UUA enhances our ability to provide services and programs to member congregations and presents avenues for future growth of Unitarian Universalism throughout the country.

From "Friends of the UUA", a part of the Unitarian Universalist Association

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of North Bay

WINE COUNTRY EXCURSIONS



*“Far exceeded our expectations... We would love to do it again!”
Valerie and Larry Foley, Wellesley, Ma.*

The UU’s of Napa, California are proud to offer our third season of **Wine Country Excursions**, a delightful way to enjoy two of America’s most scenic valleys, Napa and Sonoma, an hour northeast of San Francisco.

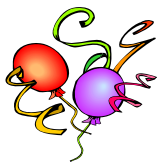
Tours are small and customized to focus on guest’s interests, e.g. wine education and tasting, art, history of the region, gourmet dining, or exploring the natural beauty of the hills and valleys. Visits will include private room/bath and breakfast in the homes of congregation members.

Sites of particular interest include COPIA (the American Center for Food, Wine and the Arts); Jack London’s home; renowned and boutique wineries; fine restaurants including the Culinary Institute of America; the diRosa Art and Nature Preserve; many museums and galleries; miles of bicycling and hiking trails, etc.

In 2007 we will offer Excursions from mid-May through mid-October. Plan for two days of touring and a two or three night stay with all local transportation provided. **Home hospitality without tours is also available.** Our fees are below market rate for similar services with all proceeds donated to our small fellowship. We have limited openings, so contact us now for details. Iris Barrie, 707.265.6926 or barrie001@comcast.net.

“Napa was as delightful as I had expected. What was equally important and somewhat unexpected was the profound connections I felt with my hosts and hostesses.”

Carol Lim, Los Angeles



Happy Membership Anniversary!!

	Yrs of Membership	Date Joined
Mille Foss	39	1-28-1968 <i>(Missed in Jan)</i>
George Rourk	38	2-24-1969
Sherry Underwood	24	2-13-1983
Linda Rourk	20	2-22-1987
Roberta Campbell	10	2-9-1997
Peggy & Don Campbell	5	2-17-2002
Barbara Swanson	5	2-24-2002
Marsha McCullough	4	2-9-2003
Mary A. Smith	1	2-7-2006
Shirley Worth	1	2-12-2006
Reshounn Foster	1	2-12-2006

Lifelong Learning Forum Update

*Committee Changes ** Upcoming Programs*

The Lifelong Learning Forum hosts a six-week series of classes with three different topics offered each week. Topics include religion, philosophy, art, science, health, and social and political issues. These free sessions are scheduled twice a year in the fall and winter. No advance registration is necessary. Simply drop by on a Thursday night and pick the class that interests you the most! All classes are open to the public.

Changes are taking place within the committee. Peg Campbell, long-time committee member, is taking over as chair in 2007. Peg says "Vanessa has done a great job with this committee and will be a hard act to follow. But we have a great team of people working on the programs and look forward to continued success." LLF also hosts the Many Paths pot-luck dinners held at UUCF.

Join us for free classes on a variety of topics

Thursday Classes • March 1 – April 5, 2007 • 7:30-9:00 p.m.

Three topics to choose from weekly

Refreshments are served at our social gathering at 7 p.m. Free childcare provided.

March 1

Great Decisions - Migration	Buddhist Meditation: Vipassana	Nikola Tesla, Inventor
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March 8

Becoming an Ally to the Gay Community	Five Love Languages	Karl Marx
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March 15

What is Neo-Paganism?	Culture of Awakening	Great UUs - Emerson
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March 22

Our Whole Lives	Transforming Anger	Game Theory
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March 29

Great Decisions - War Crimes	Slow Up and Win	Dante
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April 5

Movie: An Inconvenient Truth	Pranic Healing	Privilege, Power & Difference
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PLEASE NOTE: This class starts at 7:15

Program descriptions are listed on our website at www.uufarmington.org/uucf/re-lifespan.html

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IN OTHER NEWS



CAMP DEARBORN 2007 – FAMILY & FRIENDS CAMPING

Brrrrrr it's cold outside; but it's time to think about camping! A UUCF tradition of many years has been to go camping for a 3-day weekend at Camp Dearborn!

This year our camping trip will be Friday through Sunday, June 1 - 3. While we can't guarantee how the weather will be, it's good to know that we have had many years of great weather with sunny skies – even years we have swam in the lake and pool. Different family combinations have enjoyed the weekend with us in the past, including families with children, singles, folks with no children . . . whatever works for you!

Camp Dearborn 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, paddleboats, and tennis courts. You may fish, roller blade, and bike. Also don't forget your board games and cards. Sorry, no pets allowed.

Please sign up on the Social Events bulletin board in Adams Hall not later than February 25 to participate in this weekend event (I reserve our tents on March 1). While we occasionally have a family sign up and are then unable to attend, I never reserve additional tents. The total cost for camping the 2 nights is \$50 (\$25/night). This money is due to me when you sign up.

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