



MAGNET

The View From The Pew

The American Heritage Dictionary defines a shrine as a site hallowed by a venerated object or its associations. I have visited two shrines associated with the Virgin Mary. The first was in Florida where the Virgin Mary was said to be appearing on the side of an office building. Indeed on the glass covering the side of the building there appeared to be the outline of a woman wearing a cowl much like the representation of Mary one might find on a rather modernistic Christmas card. There was a makeshift altar in front of the building so visitors had a place to kneel and pray. There were also flowers brought and left like an offering. All of this was happening in a strip mall and many people were driving in to observe this phenomenon, parking and praying in front of the building.

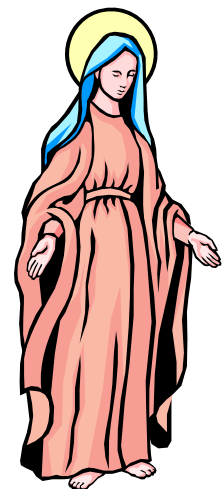
The second shrine was in Turkey and is referred to as the House of the Virgin Mary or the Shrine of the Virgin Mary. Legend has it that St John the Evangelist brought the Virgin Mary to Turkey and she ended her days in this house. The house is a tiny stone structure with three rooms containing candles that can be purchased with a donation, lit and left, an altar to Mary with a kneeler in front of it and religious pictures on the wall. Outside the house there is a walkway beside a large iron-work grid attached to the wall. The grid was full of messages or requests written to Mary.

There are no UU shrines but there is a spot in Boston that felt like one to me when I discovered it. Standing across the street from the Arlington Street Church I found myself facing a statue of the great Unitarian minister, William Ellery Channing. There is a plaque on the fence near the statue which reads in part: "William Ellery Channing (1780-1842) was the most prominent religious leader in Boston and one of the leading clergymen in America...He...inspired the (Arlington Street) church and it's membership to take major leadership roles in every important social movement and issue of the era. He was the leading spirit in the spiritual development of the Unitarian Movement ...which became the major lib-

eral force in American religion at the time. His preaching on the abolition of slavery, civil rights for African Americans, women's rights, education reform and peace issues inspired most of the important social reformers of 19th century Boston."

Those visiting the Mary shrines are bringing offerings (lit candles and flowers) and asking for something from a woman who during her lifetime according to all existing records did nothing to help or enhance the daily lives of those she lived among. The shrines to Mary require faith, faith that a historical Mary even existed and now intercedes with a personal, omnipotent God. There were no flowers or offerings gracing the statue of William Ellery Channing nor do there need to be. Channing doesn't require faith. We know that he existed, and what he said, and what he did. He doesn't require candles burned in homage to him and wouldn't have appreciated them in his lifetime either. He left us with a proud heritage and no need for shrines.

Helen Head



From the Director of Religious Education



I agree with Debbie McChesney, M. Ed., who states, "our society tends to compromise the development of the whole child; we overlook the intangible qualities such as wonder, compassion, truth, and peace. I believe these four qualities, strong and intact, are essential for the building of character and self-esteem. They are the necessary cornerstones for future happiness." This is the main reason I am so passionate about UU Religious Education! As a UU society, we do an amazing job of recognizing and developing the traits often forgotten in the larger world. The same intangible qualities McChesney mentions are just what UUs value. This intangibility makes it difficult for children to explain to us what they are learning here, but they certainly can live it! Through their actions we can tell their time spent here is invaluable.

Below, I discuss some past and future activities, I encourage families to get more involved with church events, and as your child's primary religious educator, continue the discussions at home.

The cold weather may have stopped us from skating; however, with some quick thinking, 1st UU Detroit saved the day, they decided to take us to the Institute of Arts, where we participated in an art project and a scavenger hunt! Before the DIA, we were greeted with a fabulous lunch and a tour of the historic McAdow Mansion in which part of the church is housed. Although it was a small turnout we had a great time, and send our thanks to 1st UU.

Speaking of "Thank You", I would like to thank the many parents who attended the high school and middle school parent meetings. Parents had the opportunity to learn more about what their youth have been up to, and some of the plans for the rest of the year. Parent's feedback will also help us shape the future of the program. The RE Committee will hold sessions for the elementary and preschool parents soon.

Secret Pals seems to be a hit! There is so much excitement around here on Sunday mornings; adults seem to be just as excited as the children! On Sunday, March 11th everyone will finally learn who their secret pal is! We will gather in the Marge Brown room after each service. As you can imagine the children can't wait to learn who their pals are! If you have a pal and are unable to make it this day, *please* make advance plans with Jennifer, so your pal isn't let down.

Please join us on March 25, for a Passover Seder dinner. The meal is led with a Haggadah (הגדה), this contains the order of the Passover Seder. Haggadah, meaning *telling*, is a fulfillment of the scriptural commandment to each Jew to "tell your son" about the Jewish liberation from slavery in Egypt, as described in the book of Exodus in the Torah. The Haggadah we will use will include this important piece of Jewish history, as well as many stories and readings relevant to issues of today. Everyone has an opportunity to be involved; part of the story is even acted out. We will begin preparing dinner at 1:00pm, after the 2nd service. Dinner will be served around 3:30 pm. We encourage you to stay after church and help us prepare; this community building part of the celebration will not only bring us closer together, but give us a deeper understanding of the Jewish holiday of Passover. This Seder is an opportunity to learn something new, reflect, and build community. Families with children are especially encouraged to attend. Please put this on your calendar & RSVP now, it is an event not to be missed!

In Peaceful Songs & Stories, Jennifer A. Teed

Children & Youth interested in singing: Diana Munch, our Music Director would love the opportunity to work with you! If enough youth show interest a singing group will meet between services to prepare special music for an upcoming service. Talk to Jennifer if you're interested.

Executive Excursions by George Rourk

March 2007



In last month's Magnet I said I would review the status of our goals. These are the four goals we adopted at our congregational meeting in May 2005. Here's my assessment -

1) Define our message and make it known to the community:

In the fall of 2005 we developed "our message" and we adopted it at our December 2005 Congregational meeting, it is -

"We are a supportive community of religious seekers who draw our wisdom and inspiration from the world's many religions. Together, we find within this diversity value, meaning, strength, and purpose. We continually strive to be ever more understanding, inclusive, and compassionate in this shared journey of life."

While we have defined our message, we have not done much to "make it known to the community". We have work to do here.

2) Nurture each other to be a church of friends:

We want to continue to enhance an attitude of love and compassion towards one another. The main thing we can do to achieve this goal is for each of us to be continually looking for ways to nurture one another. We did take a significant step at our last Congregational meeting by approving the formation of our Committee On Assessment of Congregational Health (COACH). This committee (comprised of six of our members) will identify and attempt to resolve conflicts within our congregation and staff. This committee has just had its first meeting and will need some time to determine how best to accomplish it's objectives.

We are continuing to look for other specific steps we can take in this area. Please let me know if you have some suggestions.

3) Build robust programs to support our church mission:

Recognizing that as we have grown, the demands of ministering to all of our members have shifted. In addition to Reverend Alex, we now have a number of programs in place to help minister to the needs of our members.

We presently have over 40 activities in which each of us can become involved. While our Program Council (composed primarily by the chairperson's of our standing committees) has taken the lead in this area, we are finding we need many more of our members to become involved in committee work. This is needed to both spread the workload among us and to allow all of us to be part of the joy of making UUCF all it can be. Please look at all the opportunities where you can become involved, pick one or more and go for it!

4) Develop/Upgrade our building and grounds to further the needs of our church community:

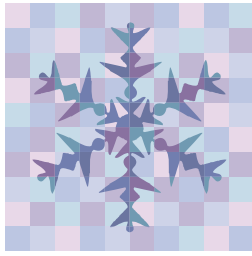
We are making progress on this goal in two areas.

First, our New Building Team has been working with our architect for almost a year now. We have identified a long term vision of how we can develop our land and building to allow us to better serve ourselves and our community. The team is now looking at how we can take the first steps; where can we make the greatest impact given what we can probably afford. The team is planning on presenting their ideas to us this spring.

In addition to the New Building Team effort, our Building and Grounds committee is looking at what near term improvements we can make. Initially they are looking at repairing and painting the exterior of the meeting house and replacing or refurbishing the meeting house windows. We expect this work to be completed by this summer. These improvements will be funded by the bank loan we approved at our last congregational meeting.

As you can see, we have made meaningful progress in a number of areas but we have a long way to go! The key to our success will be having all of us involved in one or more ways. If you have questions about how you might get involved, please talk with me or others on our Executive Board or Program Council.

George



Daytimers

The Daytimers, the seniors social group at UUCF, had their monthly meeting in Adams Hall at noon on Thursday, February 15.

I could not attend the meeting because our oldest cat was very sick and she needed my care. Thank you, husband Paul Bailey, for being in charge at the meeting. All members brought their own lunches, and Dolores Garden provided the dessert, delicious chocolate chip/nut cookies. Thank you, Dolores. Nancy Hayden volunteered to bring the dessert to the March meeting which will be Thursday, March 15, at noon.

Some of the Daytimers members had been sick, but they were all back at this meeting, and, I believe, all felt pretty good. 18 people attended the meeting including a first time for Tracey Martin. Welcome, Tracey. Besides the Daytimers already mentioned, the others in attendance were John Lightner, John Hayden, Priscilla Fleming, Joan Larson, Joanne Monier, Betty and Bob Christie, Mary Hurd, Beverly Manheimer, Barry Brown, Pat Blackard, Bob Hawkes, Joan Daley, and Toni Davis.

UUCF members and friends, if you are age 50 or more, you are invited to join us the third Thursday of every month. We are always happy to have visitors and hope you eventually join us regularly.

Information provided by Nancy Bailey

Crop Walk

Mark your calendars for
Sunday, May 6
1:30pm



It's a 10K walk around down town
Farmington for
Church World Services
Pledge forms & more information
will be available soon..

—Pat Blackard



Red Vest

Ceremony for new members of the
honorable order of the Red Vest
will be in May. If you are at least 59
years old and wish to join this
prestigious organization please
contact Bud Baggett, Scribe,
at the church.

Guest at Your Table Report



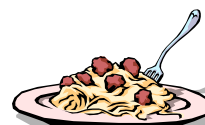
The Guest at Your Table final figure was \$1,750.00. This will actually amount to much more money since individual contributions of \$75.00 or more will be matched by a church in New York. Some contributions come in late so we will do better than we have done in years. Thank you everyone for your generosity. The UU Service Committee does work around the world, and as always, they work for human rights. This year they concentrated on four — worker's rights; the right to clean, safe water; defending human rights in a humanitarian crisis such as hurricane Katrina; and stopping cruel, inhuman treatment such as torture in prison camps. This is what the money is going for. Thanks again.

Pat Blackard, UUSC Representative

Italian Pot Luck Update

While the weather was well below freezing outside, 40 people (adults and children) ventured out for an evening of food, fun, camaraderie and games. We feasted on a wide variety of pasta, salads, breads and desserts which our excellent UU cooks and bakers prepared. A few “dash and dine” selections completed the meal. After eating, Jennifer Teed kicked it up a couple of notches with an energetic selection of intergenerational games and activities. Thanks to all that contributed in any way. Your time and energy made it a ‘magnifico’ evening.

The Social Event Committee



Welcome New Member

Wendy Betaway

Wendy lives in Rockford Michigan; she is married and has two grown sons. Wendy spends her working hours as a fourth grade teacher in Garden City. During her leisure time, Wendy enjoys sewing, reading, playing the guitar, and folk music. At UUCF she teaches the junior high RE program. One of her other activities at the church is participating in Nietzsche's Nook.

FEATHER BOWLING

IF YOU HAVE BEEN AT UUCF FOR SOME YEARS, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT YOU WOULD BE FAMILIAR WITH THE TERM "FEATHER BOWLING" AND KNOW THE GAME. FOR THE REST THAT ARE NOT, IT IS BEST COMPARED TO THE GAME OF BOCCI BALL. THE ONLY DIFFERENCES ARE THAT, YOU PLAY WITH LARGE WOODEN DISKS RATHER THAN PALM SIZED BALLS. THE OBJECT IS TO GET CLOSE TO A FIXED FEATHER RATHER THAN A BOCCI BALL. THOSE THAT HAVE PLAYED SAY IT IS GREAT FUN! IF YOU ARE A FIRST TIMER OR SEASONED PLAYER.

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE GROUP THAT IS GOING TO CADIEUX CAFÉ ON SUNDAY, MARCH 18. DINNER WILL BE OFF THE MENU WHICH IS A BELGIAN FARE AND THE COST FOR BOWLING WILL BE 10 DOLLARS PER BOWLER. WE HAVE THE LANES UNTIL 7:00 PM.

START TIME IS 4:00 PM AND A GROUP WILL BE CAR POOLING FROM CHURCH. PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE FORM THAT IS POSTED ON THE SOCIAL EVENTS BOARD IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN THE GROUP.

THE SOCIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE



Second Chance 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 at the church to reserve your tickets today.

Sharon K.

Unitarian Universalism: the uncommon denomination.



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.

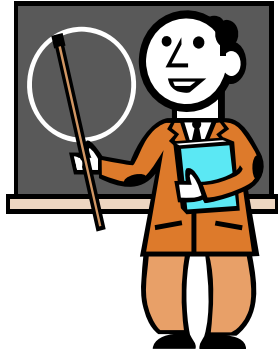
The Social Action Committee

2ND FRIDAY WOMEN'S GROUP



THE WOMEN CELEBRATED VALENTINE'S DAY EARLY WITH A SECRET VALENTINE GIFT EXCHANGE, MUNCHIES AND CONVERSATION. THE GROUP IS OPEN TO ALL THE WOMEN OF UU AND ALL ARE INVITED TO COME FOR A RELAXING EVENING. START TIME IS 7:00 PM EVERY 2ND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH AND MEET IN THE MARGE BROWN ROOM. UPCOMING WILL BE THE WOMEN DAY AT THE NOVI TOWN CENTER. MORE DETAILS TO COME. FOR ADDITIONAL INFO ON THE GROUP CONTACT: JOAN RAMSAY OR MARY SMITH AT THE CHURCH.





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 1:00PM – 2:30PM. 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 Hall.

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 March



The programs in March include three ministers and one of our own members, Maureen Linker. The Program Committee is continuing to find quality speakers that we feel will fulfill our Congregation's interests and spiritual needs.

March 4 Rev. Colin Bossen - Colin will speak to us about our Universalist tradition and its message of radical love and acceptance.

March 11 Maureen Linker The Problem of Good - A persistent concern for philosophers and theologians in the Western tradition has been "The Problem of Evil." The problem is essentially the question of how an all powerful, all loving, and all knowing God could permit the existence of naturally occurring evil including disease, floods, earthquakes etc.

However, these same scholars have not addressed the problem of the good nor have they questioned the existence of naturally occurring good.

This talk will focus on the philosophical attention to evil and the lack of attention or conceptualization of the good. If good exists how can it be understood in the absence of an all powerful, all knowing, and all loving God?-

March 18 Dr. James Robinson - Professor of Communications and Theater Arts, Eastern Michigan University, "Aspects of Love"

March 25 Rev. David Anthony - The Power of Myth - "The Hero's Adventure": The mythologist Joseph Campbell believed that the world's myths carry psychological and spiritual truths that can change people's lives. Rev.

Anthony will explore Campbell's thought around this, focusing in particular on the myth of the hero.

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

“PSYCHEDELIC SIXTIES”

UUCF Fundraising Auction - 2007

21 April 2007



HAVE YOU RECENTLY BEEN A GUEST AT A GREAT INTERNATIONAL, CHILI, OR LOBSTER DINNER? SEEN SLIDES OF AN EXOTIC VACATION? BEEN TO A POOL PARTY? WORN A BEAUTIFUL HAND-KNITTED SCARF? HAD THE ASSISTANCE OF A HANDYMAN? SPENT THE WEEKEND AT A CABIN UP NORTH? BEEN TO THE THEATRE? GOTTEN A MASSAGE? BEEN TO A WINE TASTING? HAD YOUR HOME IMMORTALIZED ON CANVASS? HAD A BIG NIGHT AT A CARD PARTY? GONE GOLFING WITH FRIENDS? BEEN TO A THEMED PARTY? SPENT A SUMMER DAY AT THE LAKE? RECEIVED SOME MUSIC LESSONS? HAD BRUNCH WITH THE MINISTER? ENJOYED THE BABYSITTING SERVICES FROM ONE OF OUR MEMBERS OR TEENAGERS? OR PARKED IN YOUR VERY OWN VIP PARKING SPOT AT UUCF?

If you have, you were probably the recipient of one of MANY offerings from our 2006 Auction. Our Fundraising Auction is the party that lasts all year. That's because you may make purchases that you take home that night, or for some thing or event in the future.

Our offerings come from our generous members and friends as well as from the businesses that we frequent in the area. The way you participate in this process is to donate something that you believe would be valuable to another UUCF member(s) or friend(s). I gave you some ideas in the first paragraph above. We're especially open to any new ideas that you may have. Another way to donate is to visit a restaurant, theater, or any other business you frequent and ask them to donate to our fundraising cause. We have both donation forms and business solicitation letters available in this newsletter, the office, and in Adam's Hall after Sunday services – pick one (or several) up and let your creative juices begin to flow.

This is our biggest fundraiser of the year outside of our annual pledges. And it's also the biggest party we throw. On **April 21st** we want you to come and enjoy a great dinner with wine, soda or other libation, and bid to your heart's content on the items or events that you absolutely must have (and there will be so many things to choose from). Oh, and of course, you will want to dress to this year's theme, "*The Psychedelic Sixties*".

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

You DON'T want to miss the biggest UUCF event of the year. Watch for further information as we lay out the timeline for this awesome event. But for now, just be sure to put this date on your calendar – **APRIL 21** – for a truly FUNdraising time!!



Your Fundraising Committee

Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington

25301 Halsted Road

Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248-478-7272



Dear Friends,

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

Make a donation to the UUCF Service Auction 2006. Here's what we're looking for:

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

Your donation will be prominently featured in our published auction book and before hundreds of bidders and their friends at "Hooray for Hollywood Auction", held this April 8. With fabulous decorations, great food and hundreds of supporters attending, the auction continues to be the highlight of fundraising efforts for our 158 year-old church.

In addition to being the oldest continuously functioning Universalist Church in Michigan, our membership has increased over 100% in the past decade. Our vitality and presence is reflected in the community in numerous social outreach programs such as our Lifelong Learning Forum and our work with Neighborhood House in Farmington.

Your generosity makes possible many acts of caring and concern. Please send your contribution to the above address with attention to "AUCTION 2006" or call and we will pick-up your generous donation. Your prompt response will allow us to prepare for this exciting event on April 8. Thank you very much for your consideration. Please contact me if you have any questions.

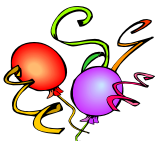
Sincerely,

Peter Travis, Chairman

UUCF Fundraising Committee

Art with Heart

The Artists Group and RE invite all our UU kids and youth — from preschool through high school — to submit their best art work for an exhibit in Adams Hall. Drawing, painting, collage or sculpture...work you have done at home or school or church. One entry per individual, please. Bring your artwork to RE class on Sunday, or contact Jennifer to make alternate arrangements. All works (except sculpture) will be matted by the Artists Group for hanging on March 24. Deadline for submission is Sunday, March 18. Artists, their family and friends, and the Congregation are invited to attend a Closing Reception and pot luck dinner on Saturday, April 14th (time to be announced.) So dust off your best work or create a new one! Let's see what the next generation of UU artists are doing today! Questions? Contact Evan or Becky at the church or Jennifer Teed at [dre@uufarmington.org].



Happy Membership Anniversary!!

	Yrs of Membership	Date Joined
Barbara & Art Windsor	42	3-20-1965
Linda Brown	23	3-13-1984
Doug Callow & Evelyn Evon	17	3-11-1990
Carole & Sly Parambo	14	3-14-1993
Dorothy & James Richards	10	3-9-1997
Deb Christiansen & Bob Guzick	9	3-18-1998
Barb & Steve McGuirk	8	3-21-1999
Nancy & John Eggenberger	5	3-3-2002
Renee & Jonathon Armstrong	5	3-17-2002
Linda Brus	5	3-17-2002
Lorena Burke	5	3-17-2002
Robin Bowns	3	3-21-2004
Nichole Ross	2	3-20-2005
Cassandra Hartley	2	3-27-2005
Joanne Monier	2	3-27-2005

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

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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