



MAGNET

The View From The Pew

I wanted to play for Bo Schembechler, but never did.

It so happens he missed out on having the greatest running back ever to play for him. History will note that I was the best football player to never play the game. Everyone knew how good I could have been, but they figured I was too good and would ruin the games for other players and for football fans. Who wants to watch someone score a touchdown every time he touched the ball? Where's the drama, where's the competitiveness, where's the fun? Even I knew I wouldn't enjoy being so ultra-good that it would become boring. During my high school years they wouldn't let me on the team; not fair to the other players, they said. My friends and the coaches knew what I was capable of: possibly the fastest runner ever, the most powerful and adept stepper ever. Schembechler heard of me and invited me to a camp try-out, but once I arrived he realized his mistake. Other coaches would be upset with him for taking away any incentive to play the University of Michigan football team. I never donned a helmet or put on cleats because he dismissed me after a fatherly talk and explanation. He wished me the best of success in life and advised me to never play or coach, or watch football ever again. It's the best advice I ever received because here it is thirty years later and I have a family of twelve kids and a steady job at a highway toll booth in Ohio. I'm the best there is, I'm a legend at what I do and I'm happy.

Thank you, Bo.

But there's more.

After Bo died in 2006 I learned he had second thoughts about me. He looked down from his elevated loft above the big stadium and replayed in his head each game he had ever coached at U of M. He remembered names, he remembered plays, he remembered conditions, and he remembered the

scores. Each home game and each away game was vivid in his mind, and maybe his imagination skewered the facts at times.

And being Bo, the indefatigable, shrewd, emotional and competitive combatant, he would become upset once again at the losses his teams received. The panty-waist Buckeyes and the sneaky USC Trojans continued to irritate in places unmentionable. If only — if only, thought Bo shifting in the wind, kicking the clouds until rain thundered down around Columbus, Ohio. If only I had kept him and allowed him to run wild against Woody there would have been no losses to the beast of a man. My Rose Bowl victories would have soared so that the gurus of football would genuflect to the master. If only it could be done over again.

It may seem unbelievable but somehow I sensed what Bo was fuming about. I wanted to help him and I became highly agitated and stressed. And right there, in the toll booth, I suffered a sudden and devastating heart attack. The next thing I knew I was lining up in the backfield dressed in a Wolverine uniform with Harbaugh at quarterback and Morris next to me. Bo was shouting encouragement from the sideline, the ball was snapped and I took off swerving between Buckeye linesmen, giving a hip here and a straight arm there, and running swiftly down the field— and running and running.

Bo smiled and I was happy.

Jack Olds 2007



From the Director of Religious Education



I've been here now a little over 6 months and I'm really enjoying getting to know so many of you. There certainly are a lot of programs here at UUCF! With a membership of close to 200 members, it should be no surprise. Over the last year, I've had the opportunity to drop in on many of the groups...

In the fall, I visited a **Quilters Group** gathering. At the time, the Quilters were just beginning to work on the Operation Quiet Comfort Quilt they just revealed in church a couple weeks ago, finished! This quilt will go to a wounded soldier in Iraq.

The beautiful downtown Farmington photo exhibit, which was in Adams Hall when I started here in the fall, was a warm welcome and my first look at downtown Farmington in many years. More recently I've gotten to know the **Artists Group** better as they prepared a show of our talented children's work.

Lifelong Learning Forum is another group of hard working folks! I've led two sessions, and attended two sessions. I've been impressed with the wide range of topics and numbers of people they bring into our building. What a great service this is to both the church and wider community!

The Red Vesters are a warm group of folks that care so much about our young people they've decided to institute a College Scholarship to a graduating high school senior.

One day after church while putting some things away in the upstairs classrooms, I found myself listening in on **Nietzsche's Nook**. The topic sounded very interesting, after trying to catch every word through the closed door, I decided to go in and join them for the rest of the session. I was glad I did, it allowed my inquisitive mind a little playtime.

Bud Baggot invited me to join the **Daytimers** for lunch in February, I'm glad I did. The roundtable of sharing gave me a little insight into each person's life. It was interesting to learn all about people's hobbies, health, jobs and travels.

While working in my office one night, Nancy Kulka a member of the **Women's Group**, invited me to join them for their St. Patrick's Day gathering. How could I resist a corn beef sandwich with such friendly company? The classroom I usually see filled with middle school laughter and sharing was replaced with the laughs and stories of about 12 women!

I got to know the **Social Events Committee** while planning the Italian Potluck and Games night together. Our work paid off, we had a great turnout and a lot of fun games and good food! I especially enjoyed seeing the children and adults playing together!

Community of UU Pagan Society member Kim Reeves is teaching in RE this year. Becky Faber also visited our elementary class to share about the Wheel of the Year. RE looks forward to celebrating many Pagan holidays with CUUPS. We're already planning a May Pole celebration together May 6th, between services! Please plan to join us.

I attended the LLF session planned by the **Welcoming Committee**; the topic was "GLBT Allies", we shared some important dialogue and I walked away with a few ideas of how I can be a better ally. Last Friday, I attended the Coffee House they planned- all I can say is "WOW!" It was a great night filled with fabulous entertainment and fellowship!

On Sunday the RE Committee hosted a Passover Seder dinner. The RE Committee sponsored this event; however it was a few people outside our committee that actually made it happen. Preparing for this celebration, I enjoyed getting to know **Betty Marshall, Ted Goldberg, Janet Barna & Yvonne Scharfenaker** better.

Even without formal groups, we find ourselves in communities together. The sharing of even mundane tasks over time deepens friendships and creates memories of intensified religious insight. When done right, small miracles occur: a tangible felling of warmth spreads among the assembled; support or illumination is experienced and lives transformed.

While each of you finds a special place here at UUCF, a place to be your best self, it is also something that our children are observing... Our children are growing up knowing that: "UUCF is a community where I can find people who share my interests and a place where people want to celebrate my accomplishments with me and comfort me during my times of struggle and sorrow."

In Peaceful Songs and Stories, Jennifer A. Teed

Executive Excursions by George Rourk

April 2007



I'm happy to let you know that one of our members has made a one time \$5000 special donation to our annual operating fund for 2007. This anonymous donation is in addition to the member's regular generous pledge and is greatly appreciated as we are going to have a tight time financially this year. Many thanks to our donor!!

We're making some progress on the Meeting House Refurbishment Project. Bob Tweadey has agreed to help with the planning. Bob has a friend who is an expert in refurbishing historical buildings. Bob, his friend, and I met at UUCF a few days ago to look at our historic meeting house. We were told the basic structure and the windows are in good shape. The storm windows and screens need to be replaced and there are some areas in need of carpentry repair. He recommended we strip all the old exterior paint and prime and paint the building with some special long lasting paints he has worked with. While we are planning to hire contractors for this work, there is a significant amount of planning and contractor selection work we need to do. If you are interested in working on this project contact Joe Burchill, our Buildings and Grounds committee chairperson, or myself.

Here is an early notice about our upcoming congregational meeting; it will be on Sunday evening, May 20th at 6:00pm. We will be electing Executive Board members and Standing Committee chairpersons. Please mark this date on your calendar.

I'm sorry to say I won't be able to attend the UUA General Assembly (GA) this year. I was fortunate to be able to attend the last two years and I am planning to attend next year (in Ft Lauderdale FL in 2008). For those of you who may not know, the national association to which we belong, the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations (UUA) hosts an annual convention in different parts of the country in late June. This year it is in Portland OR. GA lasts about four days and has many different events, ceremonies, services, classes, and discussion groups. I get a GREAT charge out of it each time I go. There are typically about 4000 UU's in attendance. Sly Porambo, our Chairperson of Denominational Affairs has an excellent article elsewhere in this Magnet about our upcoming GA. If you are planning to go to GA this year, or if you would like more information about GA, please see Sly or me.

George

UU CAMP LAFORET IN CARBONDALE, COLORADO

(July 29th – August 4th, 2007)

Did you ever think about going to a UU summer camp or spending a week in Colorado during the summer? Why not combine the two and come to Camp LaForet in Carbondale, Colorado? Located at the foot of Mt. Sopris between the hot springs in Glenwood Springs and the music festival in Aspen, Camp LaForet has activities for all: workshops and support groups for adults, a children's program led by experts, and a special haven for teens and young adults. Workshops may include music, massage, yoga, poetry, drama, mindfulness, nutrition, dance, meditation, and more. Afternoons are free for hiking, rafting, trips to surrounding areas, massage, games, and the gifts you bring to share. Evenings feature such activities as Dances of Universal Peace, talent night, and the Friday Night Party. Of course, there will be plenty of time to see old and new friends and just hang out, too. Come join in the fun! We'll be celebrating Camp LaForet's 50th anniversary in 2008!

Please explore our website for more information or to register:
www.CAMPLAFORET.COM



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.



Daytimers

The Daytimers, the seniors social group at UUCF, had their monthly meeting at noon on March 15 in Adams Hall. Fifteen of the regulars came to the meeting, and George Rourk joined us and talked about a possible new social group that the church may start. Nancy Hayden brought festive St. Patrick's Day cupcakes (frosted with green and white icing). Thanks, Nancy, for bringing the dessert. For our next meeting in April Toni Davis has volunteered to bring the dessert.

We had our usual pleasant time, catching up on the latest happenings of each Daytimer.

At our next meeting on Thursday, April 19, it was suggested that we talk about going to Marvin's Marvelous Mechanical Museum in Farmington Hills as part of our May meeting. Marvin Yagoda has collected many, many vintage small children's rides, pinball machines, video games, and many coin-operated oddities. There is no charge to see the museum, but everyone should bring quarters to work some of the machines. It should be a fun afternoon. I will check to see if Marvin has machines to change our dollars and five dollar bills into quarters. If you have any young relatives that you want to bring, I'm sure they would enjoy this FUN museum also. The tentative date that we will be going to Marvin's Marvelous Mechanical Museum is Thursday, May 17.

Information provided by Nancy Bailey

Crop Walk



The 22nd annual Farmington/Farmington Hills/West Bloomfield CROP WALK will be on Sunday, May 6 at 1:30pm. Registration will start at 1:00pm. This is a 6.2 mile (10K) walk starting at First Methodist Church in downtown Farmington (across from Starbucks). Free Starbucks coffee and Panera Bagels will be served during registration. A 2 mile mini-walk will also be offered. All walkers will receive CROP WALK T-shirts.

Money raised goes to Church World Service and 25% to be split between four local charities: Salvation Army, Neighborhood House, Baldwin Center and St. Alexander's Food Cupboard.

Children are welcome to walk, as well.

Walkers, please see Pat Blackard for pledge forms as soon as possible.

UUCF Finances

Finally spring is here, The days are getting longer. We are beginning to see the light green show in the weeping willow trees. Unfortunately, our financial situation is not so green. We have fallen behind in our anticipated pledges and we are dipping into our savings. So please help the situation by paying your pledges.

Marsha McCullough
VP, Finance

Denominational Affairs from Sly Porambo



Save the Date !
UUA General Assembly
June 20, 2007
Portland , Oregon

Ladies and Gentlemen - start planning for General Assembly 2007 in Portland, Oregon! This GA will differ from previous GA's because it will focus on the core business of the Association: determining what difference Unitarian Universalism should make in the world.

General Assembly 2007 will be the first time congregational delegates have discussed the purposes of the association since the consolidation of the Unitarians and Universalists forty-five years ago.

Please check out the website www.uua.org for more upcoming GA 2007 highlights.

New & Improved, Greener by You!

The Green Sanctuary Committee is always up to something and soon you'll see a new "attraction" here in the Magnet that we'd like to try. It would be something like a much-shortened version of "This I Believe", featured on NPR. I might be called something like "My Green World" or "Let Me Tell You How I Love the Earth", but more on that later.



We hope to encourage church members to share their favorite "green practices" with all of UUCF! We'll feature one or two each month. For example, there's one member who has what she calls a "Both Sides of the Paper Policy". All paper that enters that person's house, that can be written or printed on, before being recycled--is. Anything that can run through a printer, or attached to a clipboard for use as note paper, ends up being just that. After "both sides" are used and no longer needed, it goes into recycling. Think about how many handouts and/or print ads you could re-use. It cuts down on the cost of printer paper and waste. Think about how much paper you could bring home from work/office/business, to re-use at home, instead of buying new.

This is just an example, but you get the idea. We are sure that others, here at UUCF, have great Green ideas and we can't wait to hear them, so each of us has the opportunity to incorporate whatever makes sense for our lifestyle, into our routine behaviors and/or practices.

Right now we're working on a process, so that many or most of our members can participate in the naming of this ongoing, featured column, with hopes that it will help introduce and familiarize everyone with this new level of participation and heightened energy. Our hope is that this gets people talking and trying new things.

Speaking of new things...our featured spot on the Social Action bulletin board, in Adams Hall, will have a new look soon. We hope to post and highlight some of the latest news & information about environment issues on the board, later recommending them on the UUCF as they become less current.

Linda Brus



SOUP AND SALAD BAR



As our own special field trip, UUCF's middle schoolers are raising money for a trip to Cedar Point. To support this fund, they're holding a special soup and salad day for anyone who's hungry. The Middle schoolers will provide the soup and a salad bar. Come on April 29th after the 11:30 service, there will be food that both kids and adults will enjoy. \$5 a person, \$2 for kids ten and under. Please visit the table at coffee hour in Adams Hall to sign up on a Sunday before the 29th.



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

Feather Bowling Update

It was a bright sunny Sunday afternoon as 20+ UU's drove to the Cadieux Café. For many of us, it was our first experience with the feather. The game was casual or competitive depending which team you were on. Either way it was a fun-filled

day; bowling, dining and visiting with each other. Learning a piece of Detroit's history added to it all.

The Social Events Committee



TACO FEST FAMILY POTLUCK ON CINCO DE MAYO

Saturday May 5th at arrive at 5:30

dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Look for a sign-up in Adams Hall

Sponsored by the Membership Committee

Hope you can join us for the fun!!!

Thank You

To My UUCF Family:

I want to thank everyone who sent me get well cards, e-mails, flowers, and telephone calls during my stay at Beaumont Hospital and recovery at home over the past weeks.

As I mentioned during Joys and Sorrows on March 11, I suffered an intra-cranial hemorrhage; thank goodness it was just a little one. I received 2 weeks of in-home physical therapy and soon am going to start out-patient therapy. I appreciate all your kind thoughts and warm wishes.

John Hayden



The **Mystery Book Club** will meet on
Monday, April 23.

We will meet for dinner at Panera
(12 mile and Halsted) at 5:30
and come back to the church for the book
discussion at 7:00.

For April, we are reading *S is for Silence*
by Sue Grafton. This is Grafton's nine-
teenth mystery featuring no-nonsense PI
Kinsey Millhone. Kinsey takes on a cold
case--the question of what happened to a
shady lady who disappeared 30 years ear-
lier. If you can't join us for dinner, come
for the book discussion.

Helen Head

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

CELEBRATE GOOD TIMES. COME ON!

On Saturday, March 24th, the RE Committee had an all day Retreat. One of our first activities was to brainstorm our accomplishments that we've had this year. It was powerful, the RE Volunteers have made a lot of great things happen for our children & families!

Sometimes when we get caught up in meeting, planning and carrying out tasks we forget why we do it, and the impact it has. May I suggest that each committee take a moment to celebrate your accomplishments at each meeting? This is something we will certainly make a point of doing at future RE meetings. We will also create time for teambuilding and creative activities. By providing such important ministry to the church, our committee work should be fun and refreshing!

This is the accomplishment list created at our RE retreat- please join us in celebration!!!

- ◆ Viable High School Youth Group
- ◆ High School group participation in district activities
- ◆ Hired a new (creative, caring, committed) DRE
- ◆ Conducting a UU Identity Group (2nd-4th Grade Journeymen)
- ◆ Connection with another UU Church (Field trip to Detroit/DIA)
- ◆ Expanded our Secret Pal Program
- ◆ Solid Middle School Class
- ◆ Variety of Teachers
- ◆ Great Holiday Party with Women Arise
- ◆ Italian Potluck and Game Night
- ◆ Children's names were entered into the church database
- ◆ Youngers classroom painted
- ◆ DRE led two LLF sessions
- ◆ Great transition during a complicated time, due to the work of the DRE Search Committee

Thank you current members:

Karen Schnell Goldberg
Deb Christiansen
Terie Spencer
Diane Nolan
Maureen Linker

Special thanks also to:

Jeanie Bay
Valerie Kosaka
Denise Lester
Sharon Kramer
Laura Evans
The Red Vesters

and of course our MANY teachers and chaperones!

Please take a moment to thank these people as you see them in church.

If your interested in knowing more about the RE Committee, we are always looking for new members, please get in touch with me, and let me know you'd like to be part of the fun!

Thanks, Jennifer Teed, Director of Religious Education

TOP 10 QUESTIONS ABOUT THE UUCF AUCTION

- 1. Is it true that the Supremes may get back together if I attend the Auction?**

Yes

- 2. Is it true that the Auction raises a lot of money for the church?**

Absolutely. Last year we set raised over \$30,000. This is the biggest fundraiser outside of our stewardship campaign.

- 3. I'm fairly new to the church and don't know many people. Will I have fun?**

*There's a reason **FUN** is part of Fundraising. This is definitely one of the biggest parties we have at the church all year. Lots of food, lots of laughter.....*

- 4. I'm usually in bed at 9:30 and this seems like a real late night. What do you think?**

Consider this like New Year's Eve and let loose. Come early – food will be available at 5:30 and the Silent Auction is ready for you to review. The Live Auction starts at 7:30 and is done by 10:30. Just settle your bill and go.

- 5. Let's talk food. Is there any?**

The word is out – the food is great! You do not want to eat dinner at home tonight!! This meal is enough to justify the admission charge by itself. We will also have fresh fruit, cheeses, crackers, veggies and dip, chips, pretzels, candy, pop, coffee, beer, wine (and maybe some parsley, sage, rosemary, and thyme).

- 6. What to wear, what to wear.....**

The sixties offer a ton of choices – everything from Doris Day or Jackie "O", to Janis Joplin or Jimmy Hendrix. Make sure to wear a flower in your hair.....

- 7. I've never been to an Auction and I'm afraid I'm going to embarrass myself while bidding.**

It's easy. When you register, you get a card with your own personal number on it. Just stick it in the air and wave it around if you want to bid the amount the auctioneer is asking for.

- 8. Are there a lot of items to bid on?**

Would you believe...? we usually have 60-90 items at the Silent Auction and another 60 items during the Live Auction. We split the Live Auction into 3 - 45 minute sessions with 20 items each session and a break between.

- 9. How come I can't leave before the end of the Auction?**

Our fabulous accounting people are just trying to keep up with everyone's bidding. If they stopped to figure some people's totals, it would create a huge problem. Plus, you could miss that one great item that you can't live without.

- 10. What are the best things to buy at the Auction?**

Dinners, photography, lobster boils, monthly desserts, paintings, VIP parking spot at church, a beach party, cottage weekend, computer, furniture - it's all great!

PLAN ON ATTENDING THE AUCTION –
“PSYCHEDELIC SIXTIES” SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 5:30

p.s. – don't forget to turn in your item/service donation form(s) this Sunday, April 1

UNIVERSALIST-UNITARIAN CHURCH OF FARMINGTON
WELCOMING CONGREGATION COMMITTEE
MOVIE NIGHT - FRIDAY, APRIL 27, 2007, 7:30 pm



HOLIDAY HEART

2000 97 min Rated R DVD

Featuring Ving Rhames*, Alfre Woodard* and Mykelti Williamson; Directed by Robert Townsend*.

Holiday Heart is a church choir-directing female impersonator who is openly gay, religious, and alone. His loneliness ebbs when he rescues Wanda and her pre-teen daughter from Wanda's drug-abusing boyfriend. He invites the pair to live free of charge in the duplex across the hall from his own and they form a family of sorts. Then Wanda hooks up with a well-heeled drug dealer. Unfortunately, her intelligence and love for her daughter are no match for the demons of her addiction, and Holiday gives up his own dreams to take care of the girl. "Holiday Heart" combines the sentiment of a family story with the harshness of street life. The film's noble desire not to pretty things up does make for some tough scenes and a less-than-happy ending but it has its fun moments, too, many of them thanks to Holiday's mincing fellow impersonator Jambalaya Blue, played with relish by Jonathan Wallace. (Amazon review freely adapted by Millie Foss)

* Winners of the 2001 Black Reel Awards for Best Actor, Best Actress and Best Director,

For more information contact:

Millie Foss or Terie Spencer at the church.

The Welcoming Congregation Committee will meet on Wednesday, April 18, at 6:30 pm. The committee focuses on making our GLBT members, friends and visitors welcome and on informing the entire congregation of GLBT oriented events at church or in the larger community that they might find of interest. All UUCFers are invited to participate in committee meetings. For more information contact Millie Foss or Terie Spencer at the church.

Thank you. Millie





Visitor Coffee Cups:

The Membership Committee is sponsoring a new initiative to better identify visitors. If someone stops by the **VISITORS TABLE** during coffee hour, he or she will be given a cranberry-colored coffee mug, and told their coffee and bagel are free that day. When they are finished, they should leave the mug by the sink in the kitchen, where it will be washed and ready for next week's visitors. They should be given a piece of paper with this information at the greeters' table, and it is also in the order of service. We are asking the congregation to be on the lookout for people with these mugs, and make it a point to welcome them to our church.

We also ask that members use either their personal mugs or the white ceramic mugs for coffee, so we don't go through as many disposable cups at coffee hour.

Summer Assembly

Lake Geneva Unitarian Universalist Summer Assembly , often referred to LGSA, has moved about 40 miles north from Lake Geneva to the Olympia Resort in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, which is just 2 miles north of I-94 along Wisconsin Highway 67. The owners of campus where we have held our summer assembly since 1946 changed their mission, greatly down sized their housing and the camp is no longer available to us.

If you have wanted to go to LGSA during the Fourth of July week and couldn't because of the lack or quality of housing, too many hills and/ or non private bathrooms, this year is for you. LGSA is now Midwest Unitarian Universalist Summer Assembly (MUUSA) and will be held at the Olympia Resort in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin. MUUSA is held July 1-7, 2007. Only the name and location has changed, all of the wonderful programs and people will be at remain.

You can access and down load the 2007 MUUSA brochure at www.muusa.org, or contact Susan Porter at msrporter@aol.com or 317-251-7346.

April Service Line-Up from The Program Committee

If you have enjoyed the thoughtful presentations of our guest speakers during March, wait until April!! Our own High School Youth will let us know their thoughts about the world, UUism, and their goals and expectations. When they were dedicated into our UU Church, we may have stood and proclaimed our care and concern for these young people. Now we encourage them to continue with the ways of UU's, and our presence will show them the respect and joy they deserve. We are very pleased to have our own CUUPS and Green Sanctuary groups help us celebrate Earth Day. Our other speakers are well known in the Detroit area and will bring us both scholarly and personal religious views. A diversity of speakers is the goal of the Program Committee.

April's speakers are:

April 1 - "High School Service"

The High School Youth will present this Service celebrating their lives in the UU Church and beyond.

April 8 - "Extreme Church Makeover"

Casandra Hartley, UUCF member and seminary student. Easter is a spring holiday that celebrates hope and renewal. Just as nature is reinventing itself, we too have a chance to make changes in our lives. Why not start with our church? What does it mean to be a UU - both in our Sunday worship and in our daily lives?

April 15 - "Mary Magdalene in Legend and Recent Scholarship" Jane Schaberg is a professor at University of Detroit Mercy, and has written a book concerning the life of the Magdalene. Before – and after – the DaVinci Code, the figure of Mary Magdalene has fascinated historians, artists, poets and novelists. Ms. Schaberg will discuss aspects of this fascination, from the accounts in the canonical Gospels, the apocryphal Gospel of Mary Magdalene, to the recent inscription on the Talpiot ossuary from what the Discovery Channel calls "the tomb of Jesus' family."

(Check New Yorker Magazine, February (13 & 20), 2006 for some of her writing.)

April 22 - "Earth Day Celebration"

CUUPS Group and Green Sanctuary Committee are co-sponsoring Laura MacKimmie, life coach, eco-coach, and consultant. Laura will share tips for getting in touch with nature's rhythms, trusting ourselves, and having a "juicier" life. Check out Laura's website: www.juicierlife.com. Also in the service, we will be drumming and chanting and participate in a short earth centered ritual.

April 29 - "The Freedom of Being an Agnostic" Reverend Harry Cook - Pastor of St. Andrews' Episcopal Church in Clawson and co-founder of a new group, Science and Citizens United. This service will include a talk-back.

IN OTHER NEWS



Happy Membership Anniversary!!

	Yrs of Membership	Date Joined
Patricia & Art Morrill	50	4/7/1957
Dennis Monthei	24	4/24/1983
Roger & Ann Oberts	15	4/12/1992
Janet Barna	13	4/10/1994
Mike Dunaway	13	4/10/1994
Barb Eglinton	9	4/12/1998
Nancy & John Hayden	6	4/1/2001
Beverly Church	5	4/21/2002
Terie Spencer	5	4/21/2002
Julie Plassman	5	4/21/2002
Debra & Tom Hanson	5	4/21/2002
Ben & Marie Taylor-Kidd	3	4/15/2004
Marion Moir	3	4/18/2004
Sean McAde	2	4/20/2005
Joel Devonshire	1	4/16/2006
Melissa Falb	1	4/16/2006

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