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BIRMINGHAM UNITARIAN CHURCH

Our mission is to create a free and welcoming religious community that encourages lives of integrity, service, learning, and joy.

Summer Sundays: ONE SERVICE 10:30

July

July 6: "Cats, Snacks, Love & Life": Guest speaker Brenda Morgan, PhD, will share reflections on simple daily activities and their transformative value for higher evolution. Brenda has gone through a spiritual change in which her direct perception and experience of Reality has been permanently transformed. This transformation has been called many things in the history of our planet, but the core of all descriptions of it includes the awareness that everything arises from a Mystery, the Unknown and Infinite Feeling that all is One. Her transformation

brings deeper perceptions of reality and a broader vision of life and service to the earth and humanity. Kathy Hurt will conduct the service.



July 13: "Ask the Pink Jesus" – Spiritual traditions of all kinds offer help in dealing with the future, help that is sometimes practical, sometimes silly, and sometimes actually useful. Kathy and Worship Associate Camille Harris explore an array of such future-discerning tools to see what works, and why.

July 20: "Fighting Words" – Warfare, both literal and spiritual, seems to be a constant in human experience. Kathy and Worship Associate Peggy Woehrlen probe the some of the roots of our warring tendencies to see what, if anything, can either extinguish them or at least make them less destructive. (Vegan – Vegetarian potluck following service, see next page for details.)

July 27: 'Reclaiming the Sacred Path of the Labyrinth' ~ The labyrinth offers us an opportunity to use walking meditation by 'walking to the center to discover and meet the divine within'. The Labyrinth is an archetype, a divine imprint based on sacred geometry that has been found in all religious traditions, in various forms, around the world. By walking a replica of the Chartres 12-Circuit Labyrinth (the original can be found in the Chartres Cathedral in France circa 1220) we are rediscovering a long-forgotten mystical tradition that has been gaining popularity throughout the world. The Rev. Leonetta Bugleisi, now serving the UU Church of Farmington as a consulting minister, will share historical uses of the labyrinth. Weather permitting all will have an opportunity to walk the labyrinth if they choose, so please wear comfortable clothing and comfortable socks. Worship Associate Gregg Bloomfield will conduct the service.



Sunday Morning Socrates Café

The Socrates Cafe format that we adopted in June has proved to be successful. The discussion topic is selected by vote at the start of the session; so there is NO HOMEWORK.

We meet on Sunday morning at 9:30-10:15 in the large conference room ~ we guarantee room for you at the table.

August

August 3: "Re-Humanizing our Culture" - What is the overriding theme of our public ministry today? Guest speaker Rev. Tom Schade is a retired UU Minister living in Ann Arbor, Michigan. He served for 12 and half years at the First Unitarian Church of Worcester, Massachusetts. He left the church there when his spouse relocated to Ann Arbor for a job at the University of Michigan Hospital and Health Centers.

He writes a blog, "The Lively Tradition" at www.tomschade.com. Tom is active in the Continuing Education projects of the UU Ministers Association. Worship Associate Dan Kosuth will conduct the service.

August 10: "Let's Skip Church" - When reports on all sides suggest a trend away from engagement in traditional institutional churches, it hardly seems necessary to find additional reasons for skipping church. Yet Kathy and Worship Associate Paul Vachon consider this question anyway, since the reasons for skipping church often point to new possibilities for spiritual growth.

August 17: "Too Tight a Fit" - Continuing the preceding Sunday's theme of possibilities for spiritual growth, Kathy and Worship Associate Sara Constantakis take up alternatives to our customary ways of doing things when, like clothes outgrown, those customary ways no longer work, even though they still have a significant hold on us. The service will include some experiments in spiritual practices.

August 24 "Body and Spirituality" - This experiential service features presentations on embodied spiritual practices and includes simple possibilities for trying out each practice. Worship Associate Grace Rising will conduct the service.

August 31: "Gene, Ron, Tom, Dick, Harry, Otis, You & Me, OR What's Your Vocation?" - Rev. John Corrado, Minister Emeritus of the Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church and a longtime friend of BUC, shares a Labor Day sermon with us.



Too tight? Nah, I can make it work...

Vegan/Vegetarian Potluck – A Taste Adventure July 20th Following the Service



Plan to join your BUC friends for a mid-summer potluck in the Commons and picnic area.

Expand your taste experience as you eat in a way that's healthy for you and the planet. You don't have to be a vegetarian to enjoy the tasty array. It will be a family-friendly event and we hope the beginning of a recurring feature.

This is a chance to show off your favorite meatless recipe and to sample the sumptuous dishes that others bring. We encourage you to label your offering vegan or vegetarian and provide your recipe to share.

Iced tea and lemonade will be provided. Bring any other beverages you would prefer. There are several refrigerators to store cold foods during the service and microwaves and stoves for reheating.

Sign up during coffee hours starting June 22, or respond to Sign-Up Genius www.SignUpGenius.com/go/8050C48AFAB2DA57-veganvegetarian. Questions: contact Carol Lee, carollmanlee@yahoo.com, 248-652-9427.



Connections: Joys & Sorrows

To submit Joys and Sorrows for upcoming newsletters, please submit on our website newsletter submission form or write in the Joys and Sorrows book on Sunday morning.

Ruth Lyons and Aaron Goldner were married at BUC on Saturday, June 7. Congratulations!

Cheryl & Jim Shettel are proud of their son Paul for finishing his MBA from Indiana University.

Jeff and Kelly Taylor's daughter Emma was hospitalized with a serious infection in June. More testing will be done, but Emma is feeling much better.

Dick Nelson is happy with his move from rehabilitation to an assisted living center in Union Lake, Michigan.

Eric Berg got a new job. Congratulations!

Cathy Compton is happy to report that one month after hip revision surgery, she is making good progress.

Aletha and Allen Craig's son Robert married his bride Megan on June 14. Congratulations!

John and Kathy Arnold's daughter Heather married her groom James Roney on June 21. Congratulations!

Dennis Muzzi's sister died on June 23, Anne Marie Muzzi Meyers. "Six years with Alzheimer's disease. An unfair tragedy. Our hearts break. Your thoughts and prayers; comfort and solace in our sorrow." - Dennis Muzzi and Andrea Thorne.



"I have dawn redwood seedlings sprouting in my yard and I want to find good homes for them. If someone wants one they can contact me (dsabbagh7@gmail.com) to arrange to come and get one (or more). The photos show the seedlings and the final result of 60+ years of growth." - Dave Sabbagh



Congratulations, Ruth & Aaron!



Congratulations, Robert & Megan.



Heather and her dad... wow.



Dawn Redwood seedlings, free to good homes ☺



Soul Collage Workshop – Mondays: July 7, 14, & 21

Writer Julia Cameron has written “all art is an attempt to map the territory of the heart.” So, we will attempt to do just that in this 3-week workshop. Mixing our imagination and our intuition with images we find, we will create 5 x 8 cards that reflect the various aspects of our inner and outer life.; the “nurturer”, the “organizer”, your “inner dancer” your “scared child ”as well as images of such abstractions as; death, love, courage, loneliness journeying etc.

After making the cards, we will reflect on what the images say to us. We will focus on how to use the cards as a daily meditation tool. No art experience is necessary, just a willingness to play and explore. Some materials will be supplied but bring magazines to use for collage, scissors and any good glue you have around. The group will be facilitated by Penny Hackett-Evans and will meet from 7 - 9 in the Blue Door on July 7, 14, 21.

BUC Hospitality Volunteer Incentive Program (VIP)

VIP Raffle Sponsored by: BUC Membership Committee

What is it? A monthly prize drawing for Sunday hospitality volunteers

When does it start? The first drawing will be held on July 27.

What’s the prize? Scrip gift card of your choice, up to \$25.00.

Who is eligible? Greeters, Ushers, Coffee Servers, and Booksellers

How does it work?

Fill out and submit a raffle ticket each time you serve as a Sunday hospitality volunteer. The tickets and entry bowl will be located with the hospitality sign-up sheet in the Social Hall.

Make sure your name is on the sign-up sheet. You may add your name on the day of service, even if you have not signed up ahead of time. For example, you arrive on Sunday, notice that there is only one greeter, and decide to help. You add your name to the sign-up sheet and submit a raffle ticket.

When is the drawing? Monthly, on the last Sunday of the month, after worship service. Entries will be cleared out after the drawing, so each month starts fresh.

Can I win more than once? You sure can! As long as you volunteer at least once per month, you’ll be eligible for that month’s drawing.

What if I forget to turn in my raffle ticket? If you forget to submit a ticket, please contact Merry Hoffmeyer or Pam McAlpin before the last Sunday of the month.

The Fine Print:

Members of the Board, Membership Committee, and Hospitality Coordinators are not eligible for the VIP Raffle. The Membership Committee reserves the right to modify or cancel this program at any time.

 JULY 2014	BUC HOSPITALITY VIP RAFFLE!! Volunteer Incentive Program	 Thank You!	SUNDAY HOSPITALITY VOLUNTEERS SIGN UP TO WIN! JULY, 2014
	1st monthly drawing: Sunday, July 27, 2014 Prize: Scrip card of your choice (up to \$25) Price: Your commitment and time Need not be present to win		Name: _____ Phone or email: _____ Date of Service: _____ Job: <input type="checkbox"/>Greeter <input type="checkbox"/>Usher <input type="checkbox"/>Coffee <input type="checkbox"/>Books

Poetry, Art & Writing,
Meditation, Opera
Group, Film Buffs &
Grief Group are on
Summer Break - Stay
tuned for details in the
September Newsletter

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Meet your next favorite book.



BUC Readers — Now on goodreads

Open to anyone on Goodreads — join the group and see what other BUC folks are reading and discussing. Search for BUC Readers.



Sunday Morning Socrates Café

No homework required — join us in the large conference room
Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:15 for discussions.

Rummage Ruminations

If you are whiling away a muggy Michigan summer day by cleaning closets or refreshing a toy box, remember that intake for BUC's Fall Rummage sale will begin on Sunday, September 28. Even if you don't have a lot of time to work at Rummage, you can help make this semi-annual sale a success by planning ahead:

1. Make sure anything you set aside for Rummage is in good condition. Garments should be clean, not stained, with intact fasteners. (Stained or damaged clothing and linens can be dropped off at any of the area collection bins run by the Disabled American Veterans or other groups.)
2. Instructions for appliances, games, electronics, etc. are a real asset! If you are donating something with small parts, please make sure everything is together, then seal the loose pieces inside the box or in a separate bag.
3. Pre-sort your goods. Categories are: Linens, house wares, office supplies, holiday items, toys, books, and, of course, men's, women's, and children's clothing. Hanging items that are already on hangers make life so much easier for the clothing volunteers! You can replenish your hanger supply if necessary.
4. If you have something especially "good" that might be of interest to Silent Auction, box or package it separately and label it clearly. Include its history or other indicator of value.
5. Keep a running list of your donations to make your tax records easy!

If you love Rummage and would like to become more involved, consider joining the Rummage Committee! We are looking for a sign coordinator. This position involves getting out and setting up the signs during intake weekend and organizing them for storage when Rummage is over. If you are interested, talk to Kimery Campbell, Laura Lee, Mary Dunn, or anyone on the Rummage Committee.

Reflections by the Rev. Dr. Kathy Hurt



When I made a mistake recently in setting up a video recording, I ended up with a portion of a show in which a curmudgeonly grandfather was having lunch with his teenage granddaughter. From time to time during the meal, the granddaughter's phone sounded the chime indicating an incoming message. She would reach for the phone to see the message, only to have her grandfather

place his hand over the phone and say to her, "Choose!" With each successive incoming message (and there were several), this scene repeated itself, the grandfather's tone growing sterner with each demand that she choose, the granddaughter becoming agitated, saying, "I really need to check in—it will only take a second."

Theologian Johannes Metz worries that we are becoming increasingly "narcoleptic," his term for a kind of waking sleep that he believes we are succumbing to, in which we pay less and less attention to the world around us. With eyes fixed on the small screens of our phones and tablets, we drive, walk down the street, settle into crowded waiting rooms, stand in checkout lines, and proceed to ignore everything else but whatever is unfolding on the screen. Given a choice between physical reality, the world and the people and the events around us, and virtual reality, the world and the people and the events brought to us through our electronic connections, we often demonstrate a preference for virtual reality, at least in situations we may assume will have nothing of interest to offer us. After all, I seem to enter checkout lines, airport waiting areas, and routine trips to work or do errands, as experiences that are unlikely to present me with anything or anybody new, so I opt to disconnect as much as possible from those experiences and connect as much as possible to the alternative world coming to me through my digital devices.

Both worlds, the physical world and the virtual world, are worthy of our attention. I do not agree with the television grandparent that an absolute choice must be made between the two. I do, though, share Metz's concern about the physical world getting short shrift these days, whenever I notice myself or those around me oblivious to everything but that small screen. What would have to happen, who would need to suddenly appear before me, to tear my attention away from the latest text or tweet or Facebook post? And given how quickly I

tend to want to transfer the actual experience into a photo or comment to be shared online, does the actual experience count for something in and of itself, or only to the degree it can be transformed into digital form for posting?

In this summer season, when the physical world can be particularly wonderful, offering us an array of beauty and experience that cannot be found anywhere online, perhaps we might try doing as the grandfather demanded, and choosing what and who surrounds us for a change. Experiment with simply driving without recourse to phone calls or music to pass the time, or spend the time waiting for your delayed flight by watching people going by. Drink in a beautiful scene without whipping out your phone to take a picture, and let your own memory, your own spirit, be what captures it for savoring. No need to choose once and for all, but maybe choose differently and give the glorious world around us as much time as the glorious digital world is already receiving.

Faithfully,

Kathy

Volunteer of the Month: Nancy Duffy

Nancy has worked hours upon hours tending the grounds, weeding, and shaping nature's abundance around BUC. A passionate gardener, she and her husband Bill built the bamboo fence that shields the gas meter from view in the enclosed Japanese garden between the Pavilion and Social Hall windows. Nancy has been involved with Alliance, and works Rummage with her quiet smile and willing attitude.



Service & Justice

Baldwin Center Summer Program

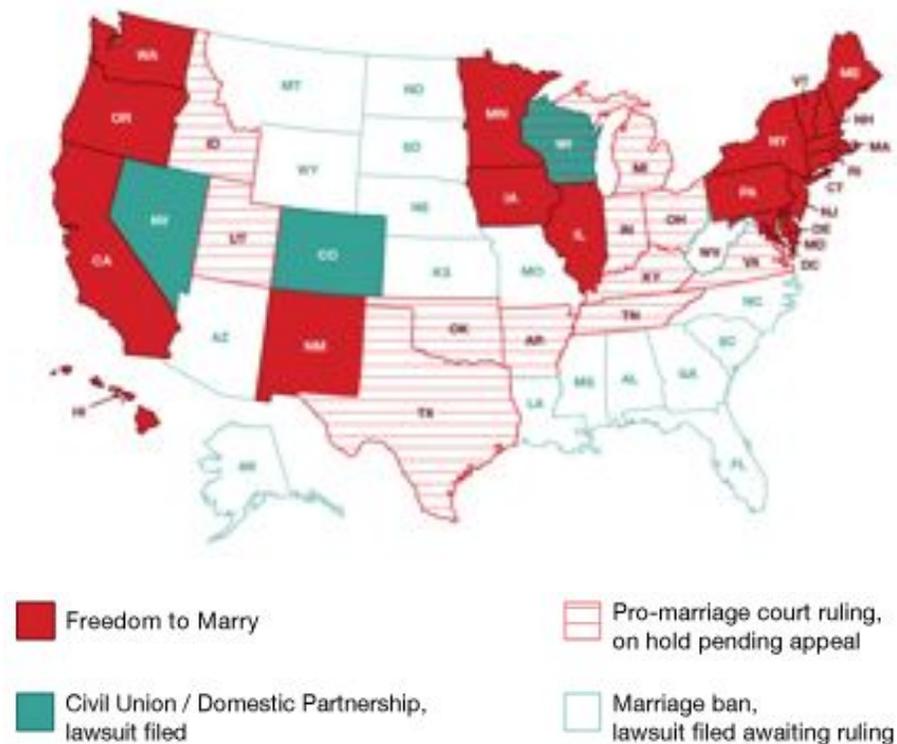
We're planning our second annual summer program for children at the Baldwin Center and there's still time for you to get involved. If you have a skill that could be taught or demonstrated or if you can volunteer as a helper, contact Mary Jo Ebert or Sharon Kirchner. We expect to run our program in the latter part of July or early August and are hoping to expand it this year. It will be run during afternoons for 1-2 weeks. The children are interested in a wide range of topics including art, science, singing, dancing, cooking, video technology, creative writing, and many more.

Marriage Equality Update

In March, a federal judge ruled that Michigan's ban on same-sex marriage is unconstitutional, and the ruling is being appealed to the U.S. 6th Circuit Court of Appeals.

On June 17, thirty-one unique amicus briefs were submitted to the Circuit Court, in which a significant number of businesses, military, faith leaders and religious institutions, child advocacy organizations, representatives from both political parties, and numerous legal scholars urged the court to put an end to Michigan's laws that deny same-sex couples the freedom to marry. The Court, which has cases pending from all four states in its jurisdiction - MI, OH, TN and KY - will hear arguments in those cases on August 6, 2014. More details can be found at www.equalitymi.org.

Meanwhile, the number of states with legal action pertaining to marriage equality is growing. Each state's status is illustrated in the map.



In June, the White House announced that President Obama would issue an executive order requiring that all companies who contract with the federal government must not discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity. The order, expected to be finalized in the coming weeks, is an extension of similar orders issued by past presidents banning employment discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin among contractors and subcontractors who do over \$10,000 in business with the government in any one year.

Trips for Kids: Enjoy biking and want to share that joy with kids at Baldwin Center? Visit <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050c44a4ad2ca02-baldwin> to see the schedule and to sign up or contact Stefanie Janes. On designated Saturdays during the summer, Baldwin staff and volunteers take children and a fleet of bikes to area parks to ride. The kids love it! Volunteers must be 18 years or older.





The Michigan Senate and House have passed a bill that eliminates the Minimum Wage Law and replaces it with one that will increase the minimum wage to \$9.20 per hour by 2017, with cost of living adjustments thereafter.

Lesson Learned: While this bill fell short of what was being sought via a petition drive that collected nearly \$320,000 signatures, and many people are angry about the way this bill was handled, the change that did get approved happened BECAUSE OF the pressure resulting from the petition drive. No change would have been made to Michigan's minimum wage if ordinary citizens had not voiced their support through contacts to their representatives, letters to the editor, and a simple signature on a petition. Never underestimate the power of your voice to influence the change you wish to see. One voice, when raised with others whom you don't even know but who share your passion for a particular change, can make the difference needed.

July-August Plate Recipient – Freedom House

The recipient for July 20–August 24 is Freedom House, a non-profit organization located at the foot of the Ambassador Bridge in Detroit, which provides housing and other services for an average of 35-40 people seeking asylum in the U.S. and Canada on an ongoing basis. Our donation will be used for transportation to appointments such as legal meetings, asylum interviews in Chicago, medical and diagnostic testing, and English language classes. With the rising cost of gasoline and other transportation costs, our donation can make a difference for people who are fleeing various oppressive situations and seeking the chance to “breathe free” in our country. Visit www.freedomhousedetroit.org to learn more.

No Summer Vacation ...

There is no summer vacation for poverty, hunger, and injustice. Please allocate time during the summer months to work for justice in our communities and to make life a little easier for someone who cannot take a vacation from the struggles of daily living.

Service & Justice Contacts

BUC Service & Justice Co-Chairs:
Mary Jo Ebert, Sharon Kirchner
MUUSJN (Michigan UU Social Justice
Network): www.ujustice.org



The summer months provide chances for introspection and variety in music at BUC. We welcomed Christina Dragone and her jazzy, improvisatory style to our piano, Ramesh Mangrulkar on harmonium to help convey some of the sounds and moods of Hinduism, some Mormon hymns to complement that service, and some meditative pieces to reinforce the reflective nature of other moments.

For now, the choir is on summer hiatus, gathering for fellowship and music a couple of times to prepare for the fun, challenging work in the fall. The Chalice Choir will be performing John Rutter's "Magnificat" for December's large-work celebration of BUC's Anniversary.

The Dearings head to San Diego for the Unitarian Universalist Musicians' Network conference in July. Again, BUC is a pioneer for growth and exploration in our denomination. Steven has been asked to be a consultant on the workshop that tackles the introduction and success of house bands in church. At BUC, we have seen what has worked and not worked over the past year and your music directors have fresh insights on how to continue this appealing part of our spiritual fabric. We look forward to the fruitful exchange of ideas and great music that we can bring back to you.

Finally, are YOU thinking about joining choir? Are you a soloist looking for a place to sing inspirational songs? Email steven.dearing@bucmi.org or abha.dearing@bucmi.org to inquire about joining choir and being involved in music with us.





Summer Religious Education

The work that we do with our children and youth is arguably one of BUC's longest-lasting contributions to the future of our faith. From the simple religious and values concepts that we present to our preschool-age children to the topical discussions that take place in the high school classes, we strive for appropriate, appealing, inclusive and memorable curriculum and instruction for the next generation.

While the Directors of Religious Education, Eleanor and Kimery, try hard to prepare the material to be covered in class each Sunday morning, a critical piece of that program comes from our volunteer teachers. As most of us know, learning from the right adult can be a transforming experience—and this opportunity is by no means limited to current RE parents! If you are interested in having an impact on our young people and have been involved with BUC for at least a year, please talk to Eleanor or Kimery about teaching.

Questions about Youth RE can be addressed to Kimery Campbell at kimery.campbell@bucmi.org

Children's RE, Eleanor McGuire at eleanor.mcguire@bucmi.org

Summer Youth Happenings

It may feel as if summer RE at BUC is all about the younger kids, but there is a place for youth as well. We encourage the UFO (6&7) families to plan summer events such as picnics, pool parties, or trips to the movies. All it takes is choosing a date and sharing the details with Kimery. She will generate a flyer and distribute it to the families. So plan now for middle school summer fun!

Kimery is also planning some summer craft nights, to be held here at BUC. Whether you are a committed artist or an occasional doodler or just like working with your hands, please

watch your inbox for the dates. For the older youth, watch email and Facebook for leadership planning meeting and information about our intended camping trip in August. But there are lots of opportunities for other summer fun. If you are willing and able to organize a picnic, host a pool party, plan a day at Kensington or a backyard barbecue or bonfire, or anything else to get our church youth together, please let Kimery know the details!

Summer Children's RE

Children's RE is now on its summer schedule, offering multi-age programming during BUC's 10:30 am worship service. There will be a Nursery for the littlest ones and a four-year-old through Fifth grade class meeting each Sunday through Labor Day. Our summer theme is always Great Books & Great Fun, involving creative craft activities, games and sharing wonderful stories. This year, we are introducing some new titles to our list of great books. BUC's youth (6th grade--High School) are welcome to join us or go into the Sanctuary for worship. Occasional Youth Group programming will occur during the summer - stay tuned to your email for notices of events with UFO, ROPE &/or GUUSH.



Flower Communion Sunday, June 9



Explorations

School for Young Learners

Preschool Summer Camp Through July 17!



Summer camp at Explorations is off to a great start! Lead teacher Pam McAlpin put together a wonderful “Under the Sea” program for our first two weeks of camp that featured activities and crafts related to all types of sea creatures. The program also included lots of outdoor play, water, bubbles and homemade ice cream! The camp program is built to be flexible in order to work around summer schedules and there are still openings available. Please tell your family, friends and neighbors about BUC’sour Preschool Summer Camp. Program for 18 months – 5 year olds on selected days through July 17th, please go to our website for the sign up link: explorationspreschool.com or find us on Sign Up Genius at: EXPLORATIONS SCHOOL FOR YOUNG LEARNERS Registration also continues for our 2014 - 2015 Toddler and

Preschool Programs. Please visit our website for registration information.

PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

Preschool for 3s, 4s and Young 5s

Young Explorers Toddler School for 18 month – 33 month olds

The lower level classrooms allow us to serve up to 34 children per half-day session, or 68 children per day, and we are eager to serve more families. The preschool has been a wonderful outreach to young families, especially young mothers, and has really helped to get BUC’s name out into the community. Please help us increase enrollment by recommending our preschool to neighbors, friends and family. Thank you for your continued support as we grow our preschool program.



Contact Kim Ruiz at explorations@explorationspreschool.com or [248-647-6531 x 210](tel:248-647-6531) for more information or if you have any questions.

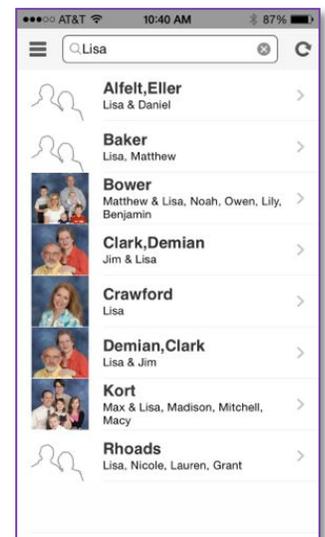
Instant Church Directory Mobile BUC App

What is the Instant Church Directory Member App and who can access it?

The feedback from users was completely positive, thus we have signed up for a years service. I particularly like the searchable feature and having a pictures to put with names is very nice. Most of these are the directory pictures from 2011, if anyone has a more updated picture or would like to change the picture I have for them, please email it to lisa.crawford@bucmi.org and I will upload and attach it to your directory entryI don’t think this is the prettiest app, but it seems easily navigable, and the cost to the church at \$60 a year, seems reasonable for the functionality we receive.

To download the app, while on your device, go to the App Store, search “Instant Church Directory” – download the app and follow the directions.

Who can access the app? Anyone who has an email address listed in the directory will be able to request access to download and sync the directory on his or her device. Each member will receive a password per device, which cannot be shared with other members. **Furthermore, all of the data is protected by SSL so only the church and our members will have access to your church data.**



BUC's Green Sanctuary Committee

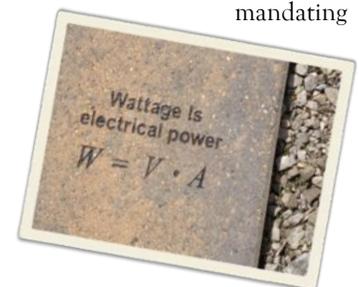
Wind & Solar Power as nature intended ...

On a sunny Saturday in May 2014, The Green Sanctuary coordinated a road trip for 12 people to First Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Ann Arbor. The goal was to see in person, their numerous renewable energy sources and to hear first hand how effective it is. The tour was conducted by Dave Freidrichs one of the champions of renewable energy in use at First UUAA. He showed us the campus and explained how all the components interact, are monitored and save the church money in their operational budget. The benefits of the wind & solar project are defined at First UUAA as: 1. Educational opportunities, 2. Reduced use of fossil fuels, 3. Visibility & outreach, 4. Savings



The project for renewable energy took about 10 years from the first interested people gathering more knowledge until the wind turbine & solar panels were implemented. They have fixed solar panels on a roof providing 10.8kW, land based solar tracking panels of 2.55kW & a wind turbine that creates 2.5kW for a total of 15.8kW. Between the wind & solar energy generated, these systems exceed the estimated energy. BUC is looking at solar panels that will provide 30kW. All these were implemented after the church was built and included room for kW expansion. The projects were completed between 2010 & 2011. First UUAA was able to take

advantage of incentives that DTE offered to help themselves meet the guidelines in Public Act 295 10% renewable energy by 2015. PA 295 is up for renewal in 2015 & if the renewable energy mandated is enough, maybe there will also be incentives to benefit BUC.



Monies were raised for these projects by the creation of an "Energy Plaza", where for a donation of \$250 or \$500 you could have a personalized landscape tile in a garden setting with benches overlooking 2 of the 3 projects and across from the main walkway entrance to the church. First UUAA successfully raised \$100,000 this way.

Go to the First UUAA website at www.uuaa.org/e and you can see the actual monitoring of the equipment and chart performance in 15 minute intervals. Output from the systems approaches 20% of UUAA's annual use of electricity & saved the congregation close to \$4000 per year in each of its first 3 years of operation. Other charts and detailed information about their process and systems is available on the BUC Green Sanctuary Facebook page accessed from www.bucmi.org under Service & Justice.



We seem to me missing some of our glass coffee mugs in the BUC kitchen. Ten wild, escaped cups were located in the office, and the Commons Kitchen - please keep your eye out for about 10 other offenders...

During the summer the offices are closed on Mondays in addition to Fridays. Staff office hours are different during the summer with vacation time, and various workshops and meetings. Excepting holidays and some vacation times, the office is generally open Tuesday-Thursday 9:00 to 4:00 in the summer

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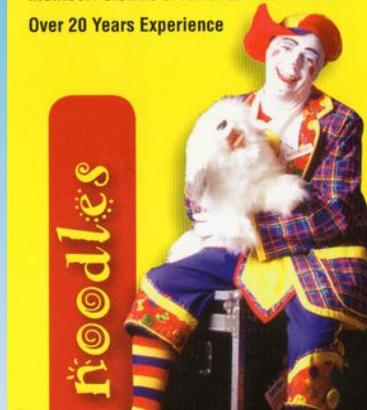
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