



+ Sunday October 30 "Binding Together BUC & the UUA"

Guest speaker James Snell will consider how the vitality and very survival of the larger UU faith community depends on our churches prioritizing the covenant that binds us. James completed a 3-year term on the UUA Board of Trustees at GA in 2016, and also served as Financial Secretary for the UUA. James is a member of the First Unitarian Church of Dallas where he has served as the congregation's President. Kathy will conduct the service; music by the BUC Chalice Choir

Polarity: Holding Fast and Letting Go

In October we consider the polarity of holding fast and letting go, contrary tugs on our lives that present themselves again and again, challenging us to choose on approach or the other—when what is often needed is some larger perspective that can accommodate both approaches. What do we keep, and what do we discard, and why? When do we dig in and maintain a relationship or lifestyle or belief, and when do we let it go, even if letting go means a time of emptiness? These are some of the questions we face in our journey,

SERVICES 10:30 a.m.

- 02 In our continuing discussion on polarity, Guest minister the Rev. George Lambridges and Worship Associate Teresa Honnold will explore ways in which we can be more engaging without compromising who we are or fighting with those who disagree with us. Music by BUC Chalice Choir
- 09 Author Brene Brown writes about vulnerability as a paradox that enables courage. To let go, and be vulnerable, can seem like taking a stance of weakness, inviting danger. How does letting go bring strength? Kathy and WA Bill Fox unravel the apparent contradiction between being strong and being open. Music by the Sound Messengers
- 16 "Pick Your Battles"
Unitarian Universalists often walk away from fights over religious beliefs and values, figuring this goes hand in hand with being a noncreedal tradition that honors individual differences of belief. Are there times to engage and fight? Knowing when to stand one's ground is a hard call. Kathy and WA Mike Auchter struggle with the challenge of discerning which fights are worth having. Music by the Sound Messengers
- 23 Just as we periodically need to de-clutter our homes, we also go through a process of de-cluttering our lives, deciding what still deserves our commitment and what we no longer what as part of who we are and how we live. Kathy and WA Ed Sharples delve into the challenge of spiritual de-cluttering. Following the service, please join us in renaming the Social Hall, in honor of the Hodas family

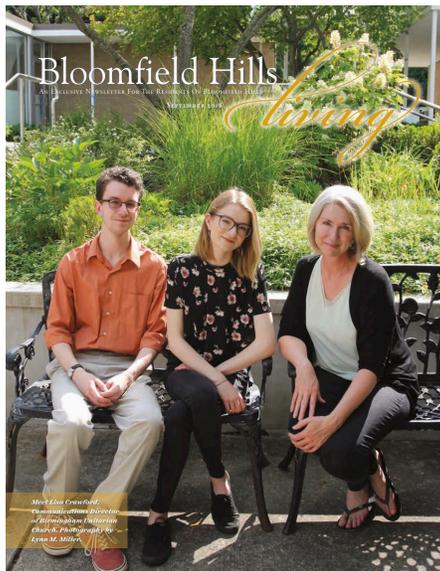
Connections

“...joy and sorrow are inseparable... together they come and when one sits alone with you... remember the other is asleep upon your bed.”

-Khalil Gibran

Chalice Circles Still Forming –Sign Up in October!

The Chalice Circle program is part of the congregation’s Small Group Ministry. Join a Chalice Circle to share life and spiritual growth stories, and deepen friendships. Circles of 8 - 12 people meet twice a month from mid-November through early May, 2017 (tweleve sessions). Each small group will have two trained lay leaders and the sessions last for 2 hours. Chalice Circles encourage people in their spiritual growth and help them develop relationships of substance and depth. The primary subject of Chalice Circles is the members’ lives. Registration began in September. For more information, look for our table at coffee hour or contact Penny Hackett-Evans at Evansph2@wowway.com



John Hammer underwent invasive surgery on his lower back in early September. He has rounded a corner in his recovery, and was released from the hospital the last week of September.

BUC’s Director of Communications, and two of her children, were featured on the September cover of Bloomfield Hills Living Magazine. The magazine has a policy of not covering churches, so BUC member and Bloomfield Hills resident Sharon Jacobs, had the idea to have the magazine do a “Meet Your Neighbor” article on Lisa as a way to highlight BUC. Former Mayor of Bloomfield Hills, and writer for the magazine, Pat Hardy was delighted to provide the opportunity for Lisa to talk about her job at BUC, providing the perfect opportunity to discuss our current renovation project, all of our wonderful activities and programs, and to raise awareness within the Hills community about who and what we are, a unique church with a passion for worship, learning, service, and justice. This online version is available through September 7, 2017

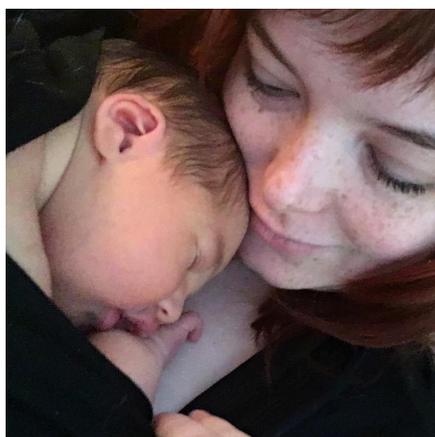
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Ruth and Aaron Goldner welcomed Benjamin Neil Goldner on September 16. The official word is that both new mom and new dad are totally smitten. Welcome Ben! ☺

The Church Directory – It’s All About Connecting

The church directory is available on our website, www.bucmi.org>About Us>Directory in both a text only PDF version, and one that has pictures. They are both password protected to add a barrier to online phishing programs. This makes it safe to let all of you know here... the password is: Chalice2014 (be sure to capitalize the “C”). These static files are updated with new information about once a month.

We also have a Smartphone or tablet App available. This option updates the directory on your device as soon as we make changes in the database. Search for Instant Church Directory and follow the directions. You do not need to be a member to be included in the directory. Lisa Crawford will be roaming around the church taking pictures on Sundays!



Grief Support Group, October 4 and 18

This group meets monthly on the first and third Tuesdays of the month from 4:30-6:00 p.m. Currently meeting in the Sanctuary, due to construction, we will announce the room change when it happens. All who are processing and experiencing grief at the loss of a loved one are welcome to come participate in this group. Any questions may be directed to Alison Rule at (248) 3020-1021.

Sunday Morning Discussion Group

The Sunday Morning Discussion Group will be completing the discussion of the book, "Care of the Soul" by Thomas Moore on October 2nd and 9th from 9 to 10:15 in the social hall. All are welcome whether or not you have read the book. If you would like to be included in that email distribution list, please email Steve Lorey at loreystone@att.net. Due to construction the group is been meeting in the Social hall from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Alliance Program Year Begins October 19

It's October - can November 8 and Election Day be far behind? Join us at our first meeting of the new program year, when our own Marilyn Kelly will talk to us about the election process.



Our meeting is Wednesday, October 19, with catered lunch at noon in the Pavilion. At 1:00 p.m. Marilyn Kelly, former Chief Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court, will speak on "This Crazy Election - Have You Ever Seen Anything Like It?" She'll reflect on the changing political landscape, comparing 2016 to past elections. What has happened and why, including the length and cost of the current campaign, among other issues.

Do join us at noon for our traditional catered lunch of quiche and salad for \$10. Dues for the year are \$10, and you may also support the UU Women's Federation for an additional \$25.

Or come at 1 pm for the program in the Pavilion. This will be a fine way to count down to the election. And be sure to vote on November 8th!

Caregivers Support Group October 13 and 27

This is a support group for those caring for a loved one with dementia. Being the sole caregiver can be an isolating, overwhelming, and challenging experience. We offer support for those doing the supporting! Join us when we meet the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 1:15 at the church. To learn more, call Alison Rule at 248-320-1021 or Camille Harris at 248 320-9651.

Humanists Group October 23



The Humanists of BUC will be meeting on October 23rd from noon to 1:30p.m. in the blue door classroom (on the east side of the courtyard), for a discussion with Austin Kralisz and Paul Plante on the South Oakland Shelter Organization. A light lunch will be provided at noon, followed by our program at 1:00 p.m. An opportunity to sign up and volunteer for our November participation, when we host the shelter for a week, will be provided. All are welcome.

REFLECTIONS



Rev. Dr.
Kathy Hurt

Pretty much anything written for churches about money and volunteers and how to have more of either/both of them includes strong recommendations that a church do a lot of thanking. As one author puts it, “thank, thank, and thank again.” While it may sound as if that recommendation assumes each of us needs lots of acknowledgment, such is not the rationale for the advice; rather, the high concern for thanking, for building it into the way a church operates, is that thanking reminds us, each time we do it, how much we depend on one another for, well, everything.

Unitarian Universalists may especially need this kind of urging to be thankful because of our traditionally strong emphasis on independence, autonomy, and self-reliance. We are a church where nobody is told what to do or how to think, but instead expected to come up with such perspectives on his/her own. By contrast, being thankful and saying thanks to others keeps in front of us the awareness of all

that we receive from one another, all that comes not through our sturdy individual efforts but by way of the community and the network of relationships we enjoy in our church community.

Elsewhere in this newsletter, you will see an article inviting you to a celebratory saying of thanks to the Hodas family for their many contributions to our church. Beginning in October, our worship services will include a time for gratitude in each service, to accustom us to cultivating a spiritual practice of noting what we have received and being thankful for it. Many spiritual traditions advocate gratitude as a discipline, so that one is to find a way, each day, to reflect on all that has been received and acknowledge it, from the morning sunlight to the kindness of a random stranger who let you cut in line because you were in a hurry, to the family member who helped you with a task, to the neighbor who cared enough to check when he saw a door accidentally left open.

Each one of us, in the course of a day, has much that comes our way which we did not create through our own efforts. Consider coming up with three things you are grateful for before your feet hit the floor in the morning, or before you turn out the light for sleep at night. Gratitude reminds us of our place in the universe as dependent, in every moment, on the interconnected web of existence.

Gratefully,

Kathy

Sunday Meditation “Take 15” Begins October 9

Wednesdays Effortless Meditation on October 19

There are different ways to fellowship. There will be coffee, donuts and conversation in the social hall after service; and beginning October 9, there will also be a 15-minute meditation in the blue door classroom. Meditation will be led by davidji certified Master of Wisdom and Meditation Teacher, Dawn Kulongowski. In October, she will be teaching several basic techniques of meditation, regardless of your level of experience you may explore and sink comfortably into the practice. Following this you will be guided through 15 minutes of stillness, sharing a positive and healing energy. It’s a great way to start your week!

Wednesdays Effortless Meditation with Denise Everheart will begin again in the blue door classroom on October 19 from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.



Hodas Family Hall Dedication October 23

On October 23rd, BUC will celebrate the dedication of the Hodas Family Hall (formerly the Social Hall) in gratitude for their lifelong support of Birmingham Unitarian Church and our Unitarian Universalist denomination. Plan to stay after the service on Sunday, October 23, for a special celebration honoring the Hodas family for their many contributions over the years to BUC. The celebration will include music, refreshments, and culminate with a ceremonial renaming of the social hall to be the Hodas Family Hall. For those who did not have the opportunity to know this family, here is some background.

Ernie and Shirley Hodas had moved to Michigan in the early 1950s with their two small boys, soon to be joined by sister Bunny. Like so many of us in this congregation, Ernie wanted a religious community for his young family that included a focus on social justice. He saw a small ad in a local paper about this little start-up Unitarian congregation that met in a school in Royal Oak. "Feeling one's own inner religious approach, as opposed to relying on, or depending on some outer-space 'being' or 'deity'...did more than any dogmas or traditions could ever do to make me feel very much at home with Unitarians," said Ernie at the time.*

Ernie and Shirley, having joined BUC in its infancy, helped create, support, and build BUC into the thriving congregation it is today. Shirley had a deep understanding and commitment to philanthropy that Ernie also embraced. They understood the meaning of stewardship and wanted the church to be there for future generations. They did not ask for recognition of their contributions. Ernie was not concerned about personal recognition. He believed in living one's religion, not parading it.

Ernie believed that with our UU principles we could create world peace, and committed to that through serving on the UUA President's Council at the invitation of then UUA President, Rev. Dr. Bill Schultz. Their daughter Bunny is now the first second-generation member of the President's Council. Rev. Schulz went on to serve as President of the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee and in 2012 started the Stewardship Circle with the Hodas family as members since its inception.

It is with deep gratitude that we honor their name with the Hodas Family Hall.

BUC Opera Buffs: October 8 and 22

Two live HD transmissions this month from the stage of the Metropolitan Opera in New York kick off the new opera season.

Saturday, October 8, 12:00 pm *Tristan und Isolde* – Wagner

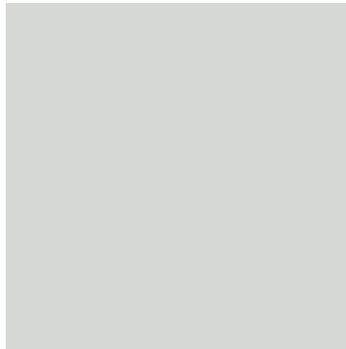
Nina Stemme and Stuart Skelton head an outstanding cast in Wagner's breathtaking meditation on love and death. The vocal challenges, the sumptuous symphonic scale of the orchestral writing, and the mystical nature of the story, with its opportunities for creative visual design, make this awe-inspiring work a phenomenon of the repertory.

Saturday, October 22, 12:55 pm *Don Giovanni* – Mozart
 Keenlyside sings the title role in Mozart's operatic retelling of the Don Juan myth that is neither tragic nor entirely comic, but rather lighthearted, urbane, and ironic.

Tickets at the AMC 30 theater complex at M-59 and Mound Road are \$24. (\$22 seniors). After the opera, many of us go for a bite to eat and fellowship.

Contact Larry Freedman – lawrenceman@sbcglobal.net 248-370-8227





MAMA's Coffeehouse October 15: Pat Donohue

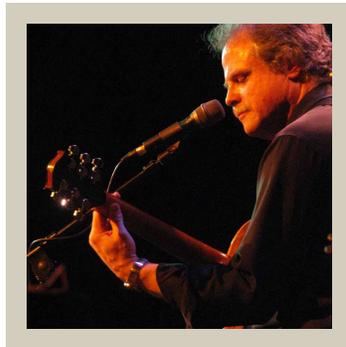
MAMA's begins their 24th Season Saturday, October 15, 2017, 8:00pm

Grammy winner PAT DONOHUE hails from St. Paul, where for years he's been the guitarist in the house band of the popular radio show *A Prairie Home Companion*. Highly acclaimed for his guitar playing, he is also a fine singer, an inventive interpreter of others' songs, and a talented writer of his own, from sensitive ballads to wickedly funny song parodies. One of MAMA's strongest draws, he attracts attendees from other states to his concerts here. No less than Chet Atkins once called him "one of the greatest fingerpickers in the world today."

CHELSEA BERRY opens the show.

Upcoming concerts:

Nov 19: Ruth & Max Bloomquist, Dec 17: Lee Murdock,
Jan 21: Reggie Harris



Music at BUC

It has been a joy to be back in the new church year with you: many warm friends and so many new people to get to know. Music activities have kept the choir and band members very busy. In September, we started with a bang, presenting a variety of celebratory music with voices and instruments. Special thanks to our fine BUC Chalice Choir who rehearses diligently each Wednesday and has far too much fun than should be allowed. ☺ Come and join Choir now—it is a GREAT time to be part of this group. Just email me and we can talk it over!

Rudolfs Ozolins did a fine job on piano in September's services; Brian Schandavel, our resident percussionist, added lots to Homecoming Sunday on djembe and shaker, and Cathy Sherwin on flute joined the congregation for our beloved "Blue Boat Home".



The Sound Messengers teamed up with Ben Gabel to present music about our Baldwin Camp experience this year, reminding us how much fun it is to learn through music. The Sound Messengers welcomed new back-up singer Jenny Romanczuk to the fold—great first service, Jenny! The BUC Chalice Choir sang a song on September 25th as part of the Faiths United to Prevent Gun Violence initiative around the country. All around the US there were concerts and numerous churches performed a song related to this issue to raise awareness of this epidemic in our country. Thanks to Karen Maidment for bringing the event to our attention and for sharing the background about it in the service. October

brings reflective music for the Jewish New Year of Rosh Hashanah and helps us celebrate Diwali, the Hindu Festival of Lights. The Sound Messengers have some spirited music in store as well. We look forward to celebrating October with you.

Construction Update!

A brief synopsis of recent work and upcoming stages (all dates are tentative!) Overall project completion is still targeted for around the beginning of December.

Upcoming in October:

- The colored door rooms (insulation, ceilings, lighting, and restrooms) will be functional by early October, along with the Social Hall restrooms. Final pieces to be done later this month include the restroom accent tile walls and the Social Hall restroom new partitions, and the Green Door carpeting.
- The Commons corridor glass walls will be replaced, along with a new furnace in the RE office.
- Concrete curbs will be poured, as will sidewalks at the front entrance, around the Social Hall walkway and at the west entrance by the Commons.
- The parking lot will be resurfaced (mill and cap) and a new entrance-way pedestrian tabletop surface.
- The construction zone (and fencing) will be removed from the parking lot, opening up the driveway.
- The new foyer concrete floor will be poured and interior work will be continuing through the month, including renovation of the restroom into an enlarged ADA-compliant one.
- Final restoration work on the pond will be completed.

Thanks to all for your patience and understanding of the "pardon our dust" conditions - and to all for your early and continuing financial support of this project. Contact me in the office with any questions.

Jim Shettel



Service and Justice

The word that has been on my mind lately is *empowerment*. Who do we empower to make the decisions in the church? Who do we empower to speak on Sunday mornings? Whose voices do we hold in the center and whose voices are at the margins?

During our homecoming service on September 11th, two of our BUC youth were invited to be ushers for the service. In addition, a youth, Dani Somerville, selected the recipient for the plate collection. The recipient was Together Baton Rouge. Before the offertory, Dani shared a story about attending Thrive, a UU program for youth and young adults of color and how he got inspired to help the flood victims in Louisiana. The BUC staff and the Plate Collection Committee supported this youth's initiative and decided to donate 100% of our plate collection. Guess what was the result? We collectively raised nearly \$1,700 dollars to donate to the flood victims. Thank you for your generosity.

This fall, we are inviting families to light the chalice at the beginning of our worship services. We will see more folks involved in the process on how we do church together. As Rev. Kathy Hurt mentioned in a recent service, how do we change from serving for to serving with? Serving for allows us to still be in the position to call the shots. However, when we are serving with, we are calling the shots together.

While speaking of fall, school has begun. We are setting up the book trolley program at Walt Whitman Elementary School, following a move from Whitmer Human Resource Center (WHRC) School. We plan to have the book trolley program up and running by the time you receive your newsletter. Tutoring and after-school Bananagrams programs are also being launched.

We have plenty of service and social justice activities organized in the upcoming months. Listed below are ways for you to get involved!

~ Ben Gabel, Director of Service & Social Justice

New School Year, New Location, New Name

Walt Whitman School Year Underway! There was special excitement in the air last month as students and teachers kicked off the school year in a new location, the Walt Whitman Elementary School on Montcalm Street in Pontiac. Our partnership with the school, formerly WHRC Elementary, began over 13 years ago when an intern minister challenged our congregation to consider what would be missed in the community if BUC were to disappear. We're launching our book trolley and after-school Bananagrams programs in October, and tutors are already helping students with reading and math. We would welcome new volunteers to our team. Contact Ben Gabel or Mary Jo Ebert if you can dedicate a bit of your time to helping a young learner reach his/her full potential.



Supporting the Right To Vote

The Escalating Inequality Task Force, with members from BUC and four other UU congregations, has teamed with MOSES, a



coalition of congregations in Detroit and the metro area, to support citizens' right to vote in November. This includes voter registration events, promotion of absentee voting to alleviate long waits, particularly in precincts whose ratio of voting machines to voters may pose challenges, and other actions to help people prepare to vote as informed citizens. For information on how to volunteer for these activities, contact Mary Jo Ebert.

Have you registered to vote? The registration deadline is October 11. Absentee ballots may be obtained from your city clerk's office. Most cities and town post their ballots online for voters to study prior to the election.

Regional Public Transit – Voters Will Decide

Can regional public transit finally become a reality? Following are some of the reasons to give thoughtful attention to the transit proposal that will be on the November ballot.

- In a Crain's Detroit Business poll, 73 percent of millennials listed public transit as their number one wish for the region. For many, it is an important criteria when deciding where to live.
- Nationally, 560k people with disabilities rarely leave home because of transportation difficulties.
- There are unfilled jobs and unemployed people in SE Michigan simply because transit doesn't connect them. Unstable public transit leads to employee turnover and higher cost to employers to replace workers.
- Transportation costs and excessive time spent getting to school contribute to college dropout rates and extended times to graduate.
- As baby boomers reach retirement and later years, demand for public transit is increasing among that age group. More than ever, seniors want to retain independence and mobility.
- If Michigan voters approve the public transit proposal, our state can unlock up to \$1.7B of federal funds which we forego without an approved plan.

The BUC Service & Justice team endorses this proposal. We recognize that any millage may be difficult for some citizens to fund, but we also recognize that without viable public transit, the downsides are an even greater burden and lost opportunity for many people. We believe the potential benefits for individuals and the region as a whole make this a worthwhile investment. If voters approve this proposal, we won't immediately have a system that rivals other cities, but think of it this way: We cannot achieve something great if we never get started.



South Oakland Shelter at BUC! SAVE THE DATES: November 6-13
October Plate Collection – South Oakland Shelter

Our plate collection recipient for October is South Oakland Shelter. BUC is one of over 100 congregations who team up to host SOS guests on a weekly rotational basis each year. **Our host week is November 6-13.**

Green Sanctuary Ministry

The Meaning of Life

Michael Pollan wrote, “Apollo and Dionysus were names the Greeks gave to these two faces of nature, and nowhere in nature is their contest as plain or as poignant as it is in the beauty of a flower and its rapid passing. There, the achievement of order against all odds and its blithe abandonment. There, the perfection of art and the blind flux of nature. There, somehow, both transcendence and necessity. Could that be it—right there, in a flower—the meaning of life?”



As we watch fall descend, in all her glorious color, we also observe—each and every year—the passing of our flowers. Their life, so brief and beautiful, has brought joy to us as we watched them break through the soil, climb toward the sun, and give us beautiful bouquets or glorious food. Summer sun produces the golden zucchini flowers, male and female, that—when pollinated—give us the ubiquitous zucchini. We grate those zucchini, ring them dry in a towel, add an egg, a spoonful of flour, a pinch of salt, and fry delicious pancakes; or, we add more flour, eggs, sugar, lots of cinnamon and, voila, sweet zucchini bread.

Oh, the pleasure of seasonal change.... Some of us are ready to let go of the summer sun and enjoy the crisp feel of fall, but what of those flowers and the meaning of life? I read about the biological irrationality—chance mutations, color breaks—that are so popular in the tulip family. Why a flower does a certain thing—reverting to the form or color of their parent—is not unlike what we humans do: why, when we work to be so opposite of our parents, do we end up being so like mum or dad?

As we ponder the meaning of life, we know we must go into the garden for fall cleanup. We need to remove all the detritus from the many flowers and vegetables we planted and all the dry maple leaves. We need to wrap up the tender perennials, decide which plants have failed and need to be deposited in the compost heap, and what amendments to add to the soil. It’s also time to plant bulbs that will surprise us in spring with all their uniqueness. We’re particularly fond of alliums—yes, they’re from the onion family and its many relatives, like garlic, leeks, chives. Even though they last a short time, the world within a world the allium provides says, “give me a try.”

Entering this ever-so-busy season, it is a bit challenging to spend our time looking for the meaning of life in a flower. There are stories galore about we humans and our relationship to flowers, to plants, to trees, to all things in the natural world. When I look at a single flower in a vase on my dining room table, I can’t help but note the petals, the stamen—the male fertilizing organ of the flower—and its pollen. Nature, right there in my dining room.

Each flower has a story to tell; each person has a story to tell. When we look inside the flower or the person, we seek meaning. We might like to think each needs the other, but many flowers would survive without we humans. On the other hand, so many blossoms produce the food we consume. The meaning of life in a flower? That flower provides sustenance; in a sense, it is life for us. Look closely at the beautiful apple blossom next Spring and know that—with the help of bees—that blossom will become an apple. This fall, when apples are so prolific, slice the apple through the middle and observe the sanguine-colored seeds, each seed representing a potential new tree.

No matter how we slice it, there are many ways to search for the meaning of life. Enjoy the fall and spend a little of your time pondering life in the natural world. What stands out most to me is the interconnectedness between every flower and every human. In the mix of delving into the meaning of life, I’ll spend some time this fall eating those lusciously sweet apples.



Donna Larkin Mohr
Green Sanctuary Ministry

Religious Education

Children's Rotation Curriculum

Beginning in October, BUC's K-5th graders will resume their traditional religious education classes with a focus on the Moral Teachings of several different major faiths, a set of lessons originally intended for September.

For further information, please contact Children's DRE Eleanor McGuire at eleanor.mcguire@bucmi.org.

Youth Religious Education

Youth Religious Education is off to a great start at BUC! We are looking forward to a year of fun, service, and learning and we have several youth group events in works to complement our classes.

This year, the 6 & 7 Neighboring Faiths class is going to try out a new format. Instead of recruiting a team of three teachers for each half year, we are going to ask teachers to commit to teach a specific faith unit. Although this means that the teachers will have less opportunity to get to know the youth, it also means that adults won't miss as many worship services. In October, we will begin our look at Judaism and the beginnings of monotheism with teachers LuAnne Holder and Bill Fox.

OWL (Our Whole Lives), which meets each week from 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. in the lower level classroom will consider body image, questions of sexual and gender identity, and disability issues.

Unlike many UU churches, BUC offers high school youth both a Sunday morning high school class and a youth group, the Great Unitarian Universalist Senior High (GUUSH). At our first GUUSH brainstorming session, the youth created a list of fun and social action events. In October, we hope to make several of these events a reality. Watch for announcements! The Sunday morning high school class will continue with "fun and games" for a few more weeks before launching into their Justice & Equity curriculum.

BAKEOFF 2016 – October 16

If you are new to BUC, you may be asking, "What's a Bakeoff?"



Bakeoff is a more than 30 year BUC tradition that combines an all-church luncheon with an all-youth bake sale fundraiser. Our three youth groups, the 6&7 Unitarian Friendship Organization, the 8th grade Coming of Age group, Rite of Passage Experience (ROPE), and the Great Unitarian Universalist Senior High (GUUSH), receive little funding from the church. All funds for special events and activities, party snacks, and field trip admission fees either come from families or are raised during Bakeoff. (The ROPE share is applied to the cost of the UU Heritage trip to Boston.) But Bakeoff is also an opportunity for BUCers to share a delicious meal of soup, salad, and bread, spend social time together following worship, and observe and support the young people of our congregation.

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, October 16 and plan to dine, shop for goodies at the silent auction, and bid on the extra-fancy live auction items by our fabulous BUC Celebrity Chefs—right here at BUC.

If you are not receiving regular email updates about youth events, please send your contact information to Youth DRE Kimery Campbell at kimery.campbell@bucmi.org.



Families in Flint still need help!

Join us for a special benefit concert to support the [Flint Child Health & Development Fund](#). Donations made at this concert will directly support the future health of the children of Flint who have been exposed to lead in their water. *All gifts received by December 31 will be matched by the C.S. Mott Foundation - up to \$5 Million!*

The evening is Co-Sponsored by the BUC Green Sanctuary Ministry & the GAIA Chorus & will feature music of solidarity and hope by the **Gaia Women of the Great Lakes Basin** and Ann Arbor folk quintet **Harmony Bones**, and an update on the Flint Water Crisis by guest speaker, **Claire McClinton**, from the Flint Democracy Defense League.

Suggested donation: \$20

! Bring family and friends and enjoy an evening of music and support for an important cause.

Can't attend or more, at the door.

Help make a difference, **but want to donate?** Send a check, made payable to **Foundation for Flint** with "Flint Child Health & Development Fund" on the memo line, to:

Foundation for Flint
500 S. Saginaw Street
Flint, MI 48502-1856

<p>A BENEFIT CONCERT</p> <p>HELPING THE KIDS OF FLINT</p> <p>Supporting the Flint Child Health & Development Fund</p>		
<p>FRIDAY NOV. 18</p> <p>8 PM</p>	<p>Birmingham Unitarian Church 38651 Woodward Ave. Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304</p> <p>Guest Speaker Claire McClinton Flint Democracy Defense League</p>	<p>MUSIC BY:</p> <p>Gaia Women of the Great Lakes Basin</p> <p>Harmony Bones</p>

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