

# BUC

BIRMINGHAM UNITARIAN CHURCH

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



## Sunday Services: 9:30 & 11:15

### March Theme: Power

The theme for the worship services in March is power, an apt theme for a month that can impact us with its powerful winds. What is the source of your power, and how do you use it, for better or for worse? What sorts of situations or experiences leave you feeling powerless? Spiritual traditions often promise power while warning about becoming attached to it: what is spiritual power, and where does it come from? Power may be experienced as a negative idea, but power is initially neutral; the uses to which power is put represent the potential for it becoming helpful or harmful

For further exploration:

Films: *The Life of Pi*, a parable about spiritual power; *Invictus*, the story of Nelson Mandela's coming to power as leader of South Africa by empowering his country in rugby competition.

Books: *Wild* by Cheryl Strayed, a memoir of a young woman who learns of power she never knew she possessed while hiking the Pacific Coast Trail after her mother's death; *The Phantom Tollbooth* by Norton Juster, a children's fantasy in which a bored boy travels through the Kingdom of Wisdom experiencing adventures based on literal and figurative use of words.

### Rummage Intake Sunday April 28

Start setting things aside now for Rummage Intake! We'll accept your gently used items Sunday, April 28 - Tuesday April 30

March 3: "When the Power Goes Out" ~ Turbulent weather sometimes knocks down power lines, leaving us in the dark and cold. Turbulent life experiences can similarly cut us off from our usual sense of being powerful, leaving us helpless and dependent on others to come to our rescue. How do we respond when power leaves us, when all the power seems to belong to someone else? How do we get our power back? Kathy and Worship Associate Peggy Woerhlen look at times of powerlessness in our lives to see how we navigate them, and whether being without power could ever be a positive experience.

March 10: "Super Powers and Secret Identities" ~ Superman, the Green Lantern, Wonder Woman, any of the super heroes created by popular culture typically come with a secret identity that enables them to move among us undetected. They keep their super powers hidden until a crisis appears and they swoop in to save the day. Many of us pretended to be super heroes as children-but now it is up to us to resolve crises. Kathy and Worship Associate Ben Gabel wonder whether any of us might be concealing special powers beneath an ordinary self, and consider how to access those powers.

March 17: "The Power of Words" ~ Our annual Youth Sunday, when the young people of BUC lead the worship service and provide the music. Our youth will invite us to reflect on ways in which even the simplest of words can have a power beyond imagining. Pancake Breakfast following both services in the Social Hall.

March 24: "The Power of Love" ~ Each year BUC celebrates Daffodil Sunday, remembering the story of how our congregation took a stand on the side of love on behalf of people who had been excluded for being different. Co-Directors of Music Steven and Abha Dearing join Kathy for a service of stories and songs that remind us how love may be the most powerful force of all.

March 31, Easter Sunday: "Who Rolled the Stone Away?" ~ In traditional churches, Easter Sunday marks the moment when death, the ultimate power, was mysteriously overcome. Kathy and Worship Associate Lisa Demian reflect on the story of Easter as a story of spiritual power, exploring whether such power is real, who has it, where it comes from, and what it might truly accomplish.

## 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.*

Sara Constantakis's grandfather, Edward Kraynak, passed away on January 15 at the age of 93. He was an accomplished man who lived life to the fullest and loved his children and grandchildren very much. His passing, though unexpected, was swift and pain-free.

Drieka DeGraff's mother died at home on February 9 after a brief Hospice vigil. Drieka and her sister now begin the difficult task of preparing their mother's home for sale and dealing with her loss.

Aisa Berg's father was hospitalized in early February, after a series of strokes and her beloved Aunt suffered a brain aneurysm and passed away.

Mary Jo Larson's mother has been struggling with health issues.

Kelly Taylor shares a joy, "After four long months of unemployment, my husband Jeff got a job. We are quite relieved!"

Kathy Ransome's mother fell and broke her hip, having surgery in mid-February.

Marj Taylor's brother-in-law recently died of heart failure.

Sally Redston Mahood, mother of Marcia Mahood and mother-in-law of Neb Duric, passed away on February 13, in Kingston, Ontario after a brief battle with cancer, with her children and husband by her side. She was eighty-one years old.

Pat Hammer was elected to the Board of Directors for the Michigan UU Social Justice Network.

Joseph Bander and Peggy Nelson are praying for the recovery of their 10 month old grandson, Aiden Bander, who is in Beaumont's ICU fighting a serious infection.

Stefanie Bair & Clavis Janes got engaged to be married February 2. Congratulations!

Larren Warren's mother, Constance Koenig, died on February 22 at the age of eighty-nine.



### The Memorial Glen

On March 24, The Memorial Glen will be supporting awareness of the Memorial Glen in the Capek Woods as a special place, an outdoor meditative space, a destination at the end of a spiritual path, a place for remembrance and memorialization of members, and relatives of BUC members. Names of those who have passed may be engraved into the granite cenotaphs in May and recognized at the annual Memorial Service on Sunday, May 26th.

The deadline for Memorialization requests is **April 15, 2013**; please submit requests to Fred Straky or Sylvia Whitmer.

The Memorial Glen Committee

### "Buy a Heart, Save a Heart" Campaign

Thanks to the wonderful generosity of our BUC community, the Pastoral Care Associates were able to raise the amount required for the purchase of an AED as well as a wall storage cabinet.

Jim Shettel is the designated AED Program Coordinator. He will be contacting the vendor to order the equipment and explore training options. Look for more announcements regarding the specifics of BUC's AED Program in the weeks to come!





## Getting Involved: Potluck, Support, Getting to Know UU, Film & Opera

### Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup> Community Potluck

Join in the fun at the March Community Potluck and take a zany look at Hawaii with the Cooper Brothers! The potluck dinner begins at 6:30 and the travelogue begins at 7:30. Shake off those late-winter doldrums with a little BUC fellowship and hilarity! Sign up below for a dish to pas. (Fri 6:30. - 9:00p.m.)

### Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> Grief Support Group

Come regularly, or as needed. We meet once a month in the Small Conference Room from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

### Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup> Met Opera Live

BUC opera fans will be attending the Metropolitan Opera Live in HD performance of Francesca da Rimini at the AMC Forum Theater, Sterling Heights. Zandonai's compelling opera, inspired by an episode from Dante's Inferno, returns in the Met's ravishingly beautiful production, last seen in 1986. Soprano Eva-Maria Westbroek and tenor Marcello Giordani are the doomed

lovers. Marco Armiliato conducts. The performance starts at 12 PM, and tickets are \$22. (\$20. for seniors). After the opera, several of us will go out for a bite to eat and discussion. Please contact Larry Freedman if you plan to attend. Tel. 248-370-8227. lawrenceman@sbcglobal.net

### Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> Getting to Know UU: "UU in the World Today"

The last session of this church year, 7:00-8:30 in the Commons. Attendance at any of the previous sessions is not necessary. Please join us for warm beverages and conversation as we explore:

- ⊕ BUC external involvement in local area
- ⊕ Denominational
- ⊕ UUSC
- ⊕ Annual Conference/ Meeting

## Film Buffs: *The Merchant of Venice*

**Friday, March 29, 7:00 p.m.** in the Commons. "With his most brilliant performance in decades, Al Pacino has with one bold stroke brought the controversial character of Shakespeare's Venetian moneylender out of the shadows. To call the result surprising would be an understatement; the complexity with which the great actor illuminates Shylock's passion, humiliation and fury is an unforgettable experience - a timeless encapsulation of the art of acting. Shakespeare's most controversial play has rarely been filmed, due to the portrayal of anti-Jewish sentiment in its setting (a time in which the word "ghetto" was born). This intelligent adaptation makes no effort to alter the play's disturbing premise; instead, Shylock's dilemma is allowed its original and proper context - fully exploring the emotions at the core of Shakespeare's most electrifying tale. With Jeremy Irons, Joseph Fiennes, and Lynn Collins." - Detroit Film Theatre February - May 05

The Merchant of Venice (USA, 2004, 131 minutes) was rated R (some nudity) by The MPAA.

Snacks provided. For more information contact Larry at 248-569-0965 or LJWisniew@yahoo.com.



## *Forward, March!*

### **Here Comes the BUC TALENT & SERVICE AUCTION... and You Are Invited!**

It's not just any old fund-raiser. Our Talent & Service Auction works double duty to contribute to the growth of BUC: in generating financial support for a widening range of programs, and in forging stronger bonds throughout the church as we share our talents—and a lot of laughs—together.

A focal point for BUC in 2013 is service, which leads to a lively theme for our March 23rd Auction. The event will be set in a USO “canteen” context and will celebrate the people—not the wars—who protect the peace and advance the common good. So here's your official invitation to “A Night at the UUSO!”

While a serious tribute to all types of volunteers in the BUC extended family, the event will be light and fun. Bob Hope's renowned overseas tours serve as inspiration for the event, which will feature the music, food, and pop culture aspects of different periods of time. The silent and live auctions will showcase the real stars of the night: the talents and services that people like you have donated for other BUC members and friends to bid on and enjoy! Donated services and activities will take place throughout the year, making the good times last.

### ***BUC needs YOU to make this Auction a truly memorable event!***

- Auction donations have been rolling in (thank you) and we're welcoming more until March 10<sup>th</sup>. Please fill out the [auction form](#) on our website, hit 'submit' and you're done. Or pick up and complete the form at the Auction table in the Social Hall on March 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. We'll take your photo there if you need one.
- **Important: Starting March 4, visit the BUC website [home page](#) to view the growing list of silent and live auction items and plan your bidding strategy!**
- Tickets for the evening (food/drink/entertainment/auctions) are \$20 and are available at the Auction table on Sunday or during the week in the BUC office. Please come and join the fun!

### ***Spotlight the volunteers in your family and help local veterans***

We would like to recognize any BUC family service member or non-profit volunteer—past or present—via photo display. And in appreciation of the mission of the USO, a portion of auction proceeds will go to a charity dedicated to helping local veterans. Your help is needed for both:

- Please forward your photos of volunteers with brief captions by March 10<sup>th</sup> to [BU2013Auction@gmail.com](mailto:BU2013Auction@gmail.com), or bring to the Auction table in the Social Hall for scanning.
- You can honor your family's volunteers and service members by spotlighting their names in the auction program (\$10 each, please visit the Auction table in the Social Hall). Thank you!

## Reflections by the Rev. Dr. Kathy Hurt



Philosopher Simone Weil coined a curious term, “experimental certainties,” to refer to those things we do not yet know, or believe, or cannot do, but try on for size anyway, practice believing or doing them, or act as if we know them. The purpose of such behavior is to come to an understanding of the real meaning of these things, a meaning that will not be

ours until we live into them in this way, act as if they were true, were known to us already.

This reminds me of a Paul Bunyan story I once heard when I lived in Minnesota (land of Paul Bunyan, in case you didn’t know) about a time when he and his crew were re-roofing a house in dense fog. None of them could see the roof, much less see one another, but they plunged into the task anyway, “shingling in the fog” just as industriously as if everything and everyone were clearly visible. The great Paul, when asked why he would attempt such an apparently pointless job, insisted that “shingling in the fog” could produce good results, provided one made sure to work just the same as if visibility were not challenged.

Our Unitarian Universalist faith encourages us to engage in a kind of “shingling in the fog,” to recognize that much about spirituality cannot be clearly seen right away (if ever), but not to let that lack of proof in advance stop us from action. We do this in contrast to some traditions, which claim to provide clarity about matters of belief and directions of the heart, and would stifle those voices, which challenge that claim to clarity by pointing out how much fog is still present. Certainty is wonderful, much to be desired—but spirituality deals with ambiguities and paradox, and certainty rarely appears. To wait around for certainty would likely mean a lifetime spent in such waiting.

So our journey in community is an ongoing kind of “experimental certainty,” where we try on beliefs to see if they bear up under the challenges of daily living, where we practice loving those different from us in order to learn more deeply what love means, where we may use traditional religious language but always with the awareness that such language can never be precisely defined and may need to be redefined again and again. This journey is not for the faint of heart. But for those who are willing to take the risk of a continual conversion of life, it is the only journey that matters.

In faith, hope, and love, Kathy

## Discussion Groups

### Words and Spirit & Science For Everyone

These three groups, "Spiritual Conversations", "Writing as Spiritual Practice" and Science for Everyone will take a winter break for the month of March. Keep writing, reading and exploring ideas until we meet again in April!

### Sunday Morning Book Discussion

For the first four Sundays in March, meeting in the Commons at 9:30 AM we'll discuss issues raised in the book "Justice" Our next book: "The Righteous Mind: Why Good People Are Divided by Politics and Religion" by Jonathan Haidt will begin March 31. Dick Nelson will be our facilitator. If you would like to be included on our email list, please email him at [pastordick@hotmail.com](mailto:pastordick@hotmail.com).

### Sacred & Profane

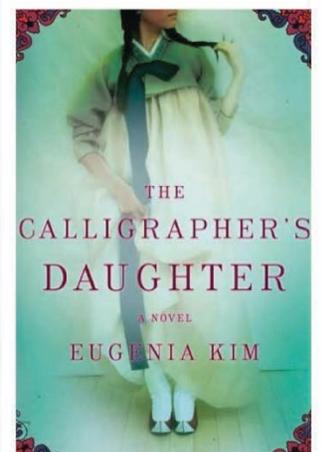
The next meeting of this discussion group is at 10:30 AM on Wednesday, March 20 in the large conference room. There will be a DVD of a TED talk by D. Zimbardo titled "The Psychology of Evil", followed by a discussion. This is an open discussion group, and all members and friends of the church are invited.

### Drop-In Book Club Thursday, March 28

*The Calligrapher's Daughter* by Eugenia Kim. Please join us in the room with the red door, across the courtyard from the main entrance. 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

“This is truly a heartwarming and lovely tale, one of those novels that touches you in such a way, you hate for it to end. It is story of a Korean girl and her mother, a story of a proud nation battling the aggressiveness of another, a story of a man coming to understand and accept that old ways and lifestyle must change, and a story of love that survives many hardships. All these stories in one magnificent novel.” *Amazon reviewer*

"A beautiful, deliberate and satisfying story spanning 30 years of Korean history . . . Elegant."—*Publishers Weekly (starred review)*



## Service & Justice

### MOSES Banquet

You are invited to attend the annual MOSES banquet on Thursday, April 11. BUC is a member of

MOSES (Metropolitan Organizing Strategy Enabling Strength), a diverse group of congregations working together on social justice matters. Our recent focus has been on advocating for mass transit for the Detroit metropolitan region. The banquet is a fundraiser and opportunity to network with others committed to social justice. Tickets are \$40. Contact Mary Jo Ebert to purchase a ticket.



## Plate Collection 2012 Summary

In 2012 our congregation donated a total of \$17,319.71 from plate collections to local organizations serving the community. Following are the organizations we supported through your generosity!

- ⊕ \$1902.40 Welcome Inn
- ⊕ \$1869.89 BUC Emerging Needs fund
- ⊕ \$1070.65 313 Project
- ⊕ \$1412.80 Ravendale Community
- ⊕ \$1218.50 Michigan UU Service & Justice Network
- ⊕ \$1308.63 Care House
- ⊕ \$1316.15 Southwest Solutions
- ⊕ \$1898.31 CUFC Friday Food Backpacks Program
- ⊕ \$1362.60 HAVEN
- ⊕ \$1652.00 Freedom House
- ⊕ \$2307.78 Seedlings Braille Books

The recipient of our plate collection donation during March is the BUC Fund for Emerging Needs. This fund is used at the confidential discretion of the minister to provide emergency assistance, primarily to BUCers but also occasionally to strangers in need. Folks living from paycheck to paycheck can be seriously set back when an unexpected repair or medical bill comes along; a job layoff adds even greater strain to a household budget. This fund is there to help out, a tangible expression of our commitment to one another in this beloved community.

## The Welcome Inn

"Those wonderful Unitarians!" Yes, I heard that at The Welcome Inn, the daytime warming shelter for the homeless in Royal Oak where our volunteers once again did a wonderful job in all sorts of ways. Larry Freedman and Roland Vriesenga covered weekly four-hour shifts and ran errands purchasing needed items. Brian Shandavel delivered medical supplies, Rose Marie Adah delivered garbage bags, as did Sharon Kirchner along with workboots and office supplies. Jim Williams also purchased and delivered office supplies, while Grace Brockett contributed work boots, Rosemary and Hal Robinson delivered underwear, and Fred Strakey and Ilene Beninson bought coffee supplies.

You did a super job providing food for our guests. Greg Bloomfield contributed leftovers from an event while Dreika DeGraf and Lillian Dean bought extras to accompany meals. Stephanie Patil, J.B. Bernard, Jim Hodson, Barbara Schandavel, Grace Brockett, Camille Harris, Paul and Mary Jo Plante, Max and Lisa Kort, Kim Shultes, Nancy Duffy and Lynn Bell's small group all made casseroles.

Every small act of kindness contributes a spark to light this world. Our heartfelt thanks to you volunteers who lit a whole row of candles to shine in the darkness! -Annis Pratt

## Needs Network

BUC, through the Needs Network group, once again participated in warming center efforts. Early on Sunday, January 27, a volunteer group laundered more than 100 loads of linen for one of the Royal Oak nighttime warming centers.



The volunteers included: Emilia Askari, Ilene Beninson, Hillary Bishop, Peggy Bocks, John Crissman, Rennlyn

DeClaire, Kathy Duhome, Ann Dunn, LuAnne Holder, Mike Kendra, Stephen and Margaret Marsh, David Sabbagh, Brad Williams, Larry Wisniewski, and Jan Wheelock.

## Alliance, March 20

Come to our Wednesday, March 20, Alliance gathering in the Pavilion at Noon, with a great program at 1:00 p.m. in the Commons. Our speaker will be Randy Block director of the Michigan UU Social Justice Network.

Randy is working with a broad statewide coalition, which is attempting to educate the public about Medicaid. One part of the so-called Affordable Care Act, Medicaid is the health care program serving low-income Michiganians of all ages. Cuts to its funding are a serious concern. Randy will give us the latest information and recommendations. Alliance provides beverages and cookies. Everyone is welcome to join us!

## Volunteer of Month: Annette Sargent

"I have been active in, around, and through BUC for over 10 years. Past and present involvements include Stewardship, teaching RE,



Green Sanctuary, Small Group Fellowship, office volunteer, Landscape Planning, and I am newly elected to LDC. You might see me outside weeding on summer mornings, or tending the plants in the Office and foyer. I have been emptying the recycle bins throughout the Church and delight that curbside pick-up at my house has increased 3 to 4 fold! I helped organize our most recent photo directory and hope to put together a supplement this spring to include our newer members/friends. Some Sundays you'll find me at the Scrip table during social hour. I'd be glad to help get your Kroger Plus Card linked to BUC. I'm in my third year as a reading volunteer at WHRC in a 6th grade classroom.

The more I get involved at BUC, the stronger and more rewarding my connections become. It's a two way street: greater giving leads to greater return. I am thankful to be a part of our Church community and to have opportunities to serve." *Annette Sargent*

## Meet Our Newest Members

Merry Hoffmeyer  
01/16/13



James Roddy  
01/06/13

Meg Baker  
02/24/13



Shawn Rooney  
02/24/13

Jim Williams  
02/24/13





# Music

## Choir

Music in March at BUC brings warmth and excitement, though you may not be feeling it yet! The Adult Choir continues to strive to higher levels of excellence and takes its responsibility very seriously. Thanks to each of our Chalice Choir singers for making our choir a fine ensemble. Many people assume you all have music backgrounds, degrees and can read music fluently. NOT SO! Though many of our choir members have such skills and music experience, still more came in and added their own insight and rich voice to our group. Everyone can sing, so why not YOU?

## Kids Choir

The Kids Choir has been making great music downstairs between services. This enthusiastic group has been working on some great UU songs, doing some sight-reading and learning how to read music! We sure had fun with the "cabbage" game last week. Please send your child to sing, age 5 to 11, from 10:35-11:10am in the large classroom downstairs.

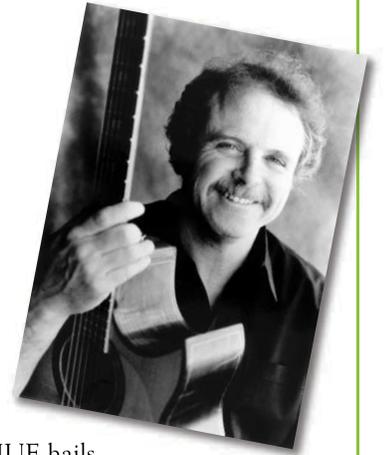
## Teen Choir

The Teen Choir will rehearse on 3/3 and 3/10 at 12:15pm with Abha in the sanctuary to prepare for Youth Sunday services. Come and sing together to make a statement about what the Teens at BUC stand for! I can't wait to work with you.

## SoundBites

Although the last SoundBites concert drew an intimate crowd, the performers of traditional Hindustani music, led by Geetha Ragu had a great time in our space. I have heard from non BUC folks that attended the concert, who were totally impressed with how professional our music series is and how classy the afterglow was.

For all those who baked/purchased/devoted time in any way, huge thank-yous, and know that ALL who attended the concert had a great evening out.



Grammy winner PAT DONOHUE hails from St. Paul, where he's 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' music, and a talented writer of his own songs, 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."

Folk/jazz fingerstylist JOEL PALMER will open the show.

ADMISSION: \$15 (\$13 student/senior)



The artists playing are Sophia Vagnone, Ian Arnold, Josh Johr, and Of City And Sea. All proceeds go to support and benefit the ROPE trip to Boston. Cost \$5 per person, \$15 per family.



## Children's Religious Education

BUC's Kindergarten through Fifth grade kids are continuing the Family Duties rotation throughout March.

## Youth Religious Education

The annual Youth Sunday service will take place on Sunday, March 17. This year's theme is "The Power of Words" and will include a selection by the Teen Choir under the direction of Abha Dearing. Readings, music, and worship for this multigenerational service will all be done by the BUC 6th through 12th grade youth with a little help from DRE for Youth Kimery Campbell and Performing Arts Director Pam McAlpin. Youth Sunday rehearsal is on Saturday, March 16 from 9 to 1 in the Sanctuary and Social Hall—snacks provided.

On Sunday, following both services, congregants are invited to the annual ROPE Pancake Breakfast fundraiser. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children and the menu includes regular and gluten-free pancakes, a toppings bar, and meat and vegetarian sausage. All profits support the ROPE Boston trip.

On Sunday, March 3, the 6 & 7 class will join the high school youth in Red Door for a class dedicated to Youth Sunday planning. March 10 and 24 will feature a visitor and a field trip to further understanding of the Roman Catholic faith. Spring teachers are Steve Lorey, Debbie Fordree, and Scott Farrar.

The 8th grade Rite of Passage Experience (ROPE) will join in the Youth Sunday service on the 17th and, of course, help with the pancake breakfast. Classroom activities will include a second writing day, a session in which the focus of discussion is the history of BUC, and few rounds of the ever-popular Theological Jeopardy!

The High school class are continuing with the Recognizing Boundaries workshops throughout March.

## All Youth:

- The first rehearsal of the Teen Choir for Youth Sunday will be on Sunday, March 3, following second service. We will rehearse Christina Aguilera's "Beautiful." All 6-12 youth are encouraged to join in. Additional rehearsal times and

planning sessions will be announced.

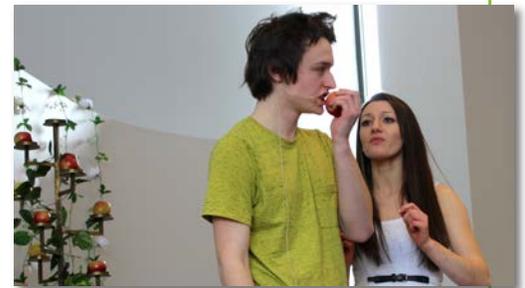
- Youth Sunday is March 17, both services, with rehearsal on March 16 from 9 to 1. Snacks will be provided!

GUUSH: In addition to the ongoing Youth Sunday planning, we will be making plans for our Art Con (April 19 to 21 here at BUC). Many volunteers are needed to make this event a success, so please contact Kimery if you are willing to pitch in. Then, from March 22 to 24, all high school youth are invited to participate in the annual High School Retreat at Mystic Lake YMCA Camp in the town of Lake MI. Please return your registration forms and payment to Kimery as soon as possible. Cost is \$75, which is unchanged from 2012, but we do need a minimum of 20 participants (including adult chaperones) to break even. A limited amount of scholarship money is available, so please contact Kimery if cost is an issue.

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](mailto:kimery.campbell@bucmi.org).

## Pam's Pen

Kudos to Emily Arnold, Jaden Eller, and Bruce Lipka for their Sunday performance of: "Excerpts from the Garden of Adam and Eve." I loosely based this on the wonderful Mark Twain book: The Diaries of Adam and Eve. A great winter read. The February Potluck and Contra dance was SO MUCH FUN! My back is still sore after all the jumping and twirling (turns out I should have been dancing). We had the perfect amount of people (young, high school, and adults) and plenty of food. Peter Baker and his Quartet from Ann Arbor provided the music. People immediately requested more dancing at BUC. Stay tuned...



Ever been to a travelogue? I used to attend a few with my mother in law to hear the Cooper brothers and enjoyed it so much that I ordered many of their videos. Come join us on Friday, March 6th for a BUC community potluck followed by a fun and entertaining Travelogue video by these zany brothers. Potluck is at 6:30 followed by a 1 hour video perfect for all ages. Sign up in the Social Hall after service or on line at [bucmi.org](http://bucmi.org) and click the picture for the event on the home page.

The Women of Paint Creek  
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Congregation Invite you to:

*International Women's Day  
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Around the World*

*Friday, March 8, 2013  
6:00 pm to 9:30 pm*

*\*Supper \*Music \*Poetry \*Voices of  
Women Activists*

*Drumcommunity: Lori Fithian  
with Jean Chrorazyczewski  
Keynote speaker:  
Joan Tinkess*

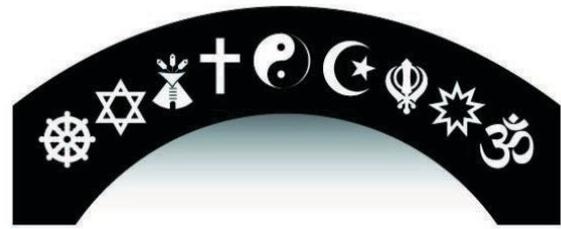
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teacher. She spent many years in the  
Dominican Republic teaching and  
creating a savings and loan  
cooperative for peasant women."*

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at 3:30pm***

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March 7: "Isle Royale: A Naturalist Tour"

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Program Format:

- 6:30-7:00pm Light Refreshments, Social
- 7:00-7:30pm Group Announcements: Calls to Action
- 7:30-8:30pm Guest Speaker
- 8:30-9:00pm Volunteer Sign Up, Social

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The Parliament of Poets, an Epic Poem by Fredrick Glaysher

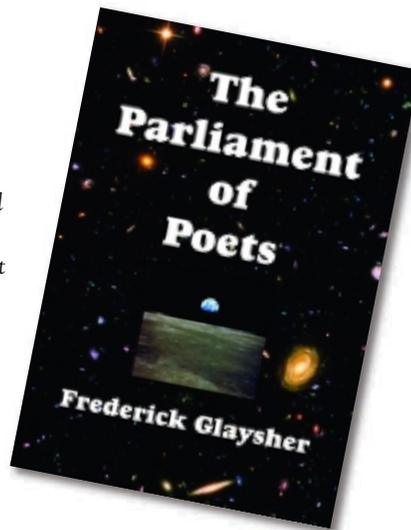


The Parliament of Poets: An Epic Poem, by Frederick Glaysher, takes place partly on the moon, at the Apollo 11 landing site, the Sea of Tranquility.

Review

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"A wonderful book. As a fan of poetry and especially epic poetry I found this book to be up to the standards set by Homer. I met some new poets that I have looked up and added to my collection. This book also is very thought provoking as it brings into question what humanity is doing to the Earth and each other. I highly recommend it." Oct 25, 2012



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