

Birmingham Unitarian Church

A Unitarian Universalist Congregation

Summer Edition 2010

Summer Sunday Worship Schedule

Sundays 10:30 a.m.

7/18 "How to Vacation"

Annis Pratt, Sue Boyce Worship Associate (WA)

The word vacation comes from the Latin vacare, which means to be free or to be empty. We Unitarian-Universalists have a hard time thinking about truly vacationing in that way:

we take busyness as a virtue and its opposite, cutting back, as a vice. In my sermon I hope to lower us gently into the terrifying prospect of doing nothing whatsoever.



(Photo of Annis being free on the Betsie River)

7/25 "Something Green"

Rev. Faith Fowler, John Lake, WA

8/01 "My Sermon"

Rev. Ken Phifer, Grace Rising, WA

8/08 "Heirs of Waldo"

Ed Sharples, Kristi Fielder WA

8/15 "Living the Blues"

Frank Arvan, Brian Schandavel, Stuart McAlpin, Hal Breidenbach and Craig Stroup

This service will explore the nature of loneliness and community. The blues music of Sonny Boy Williamson, B.B. King, Bill Whithers, Barret Strong and Brian Setzer will be featured. Craig

Stroup - Vocals, Stuart McAlpin - Piano, Hal Breidenbach - Base, Brian Schandavel -Drums and Frank Arvan - Guitar.

8/22 "What's In A Name"

Rev. Dick Nelson , Dan Kosuth, WA

8/29 'Radiant genius and fiery heart': Reclaiming the Legacy of Margaret Fuller

Elaine Morse and Kristi Fielder

May 23 marked the bicentennial of Fuller's birth into a Unitarian family in Cambridge, Mass. Best known for her manifesto for women's equality, Woman of the Nineteenth Century, she is considered, with Emerson and Thoreau, one of the three main figures of Transcendentalism.

August Artist ~ NANCY RAITT

Creating art has been my passion. My artistic journey began over thirty years ago. It has taken me from watercolors and oils to collages, mixed media and acrylics. My most recent works are inspired by nature and the beauty around me. I apply many layers of paint to the canvas to achieve depth and texture. My paintings are energetic and colorful.



Nancy's art showing will be in the Gallery & Pavilion at BUC on Wednesday, August 4th in the afternoon. It will be on display through August 30th. Viewing hours are Sunday 8-12, Mon. 8-3, Tues. 8-5, Wed. 8-5, Thurs. 8-5 and Fri. 8-1. Everyone is invited to attend her artist's reception on Friday evening, August 6th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the Pavilion

Consulting Minister Search Committee News

The committee is very pleased to announce that we will be enjoying the gifts of our new Consulting Minister, the Rev. Dr. Kathy Hurt, here at Birmingham Unitarian Church, beginning in September, 2010.

Dr. Hurt, or “Kathy”, as we have become better acquainted, is enthused to be joining us, and we on the Consulting Minister Search Committee couldn’t be happier that she said a resounding “yes”, when we asked her to join us.

Kathy earned her BA in English from Rice University, her Masters of Divinity from the University of Chicago, and her Doctorate in Ministry from Meadville Lombard, also in Chicago. She has served UU congregations large and small in Minnesota and California.

In the course of reviewing her materials, we were impressed with the strength of her sermons, the variety of her work and life experiences, including community ministry and many teaching stints with imprisoned or disturbed youth, and her thoughtful approach to ministry.

Our committee interview with Kathy showed us her verbal gifts, her encompassing approach to pastoral care, her enthusiasm for helping congregations adapt policy/governance to suit their needs, her high comfort level with engaging in stewardship efforts, and, perhaps most important, her sense of humor.

Kathy has an adult son and a female partner of 14 years, Jean. Jean will be remaining in Ohio as she completes a residency in pastoral care, but we certainly hope we can meet her on visits here.

Judy Amir, Carol Ann Arvan, Gregg Bloomfield, Tom Cranston, Dick Halsted, Teresa Honnold, and Marilyn Mast, Chair.

Adult Religious Education

Everyone was invited; no-one came.

No-one but me turned up for the June 16 meeting of the discussion group. This lack of attendance was in part because this item was omitted from the This Week at BUC email. The July meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 21st at 10:30 a.m. in the Large Conference Room. To add excitement to the meeting I propose to discuss SEX. Maurice Lefford

Meadowbrook Fans

For several years BUC has organized a group outing to Meadowbrook. This is not happening this summer,



but Michelle, the Coordinator of Groups at Meadowbrook, is offering group rates to any BUCer at any performance this summer! Call Michelle at 248-377-8638. Identify yourself as a BUCer and mention our contact person's name, “Pat Schwing” - have your credit

card ready. Michelle is prompt about returning calls so leave a message. Enjoy! (Oakland Press has an event listing [here](#).)

Sunday Morning Sanctuary Flowers

Thank you to all who have already sent in your request for a date to donate flowers on Sunday mornings during the upcoming year. It would be wonderful to have the calendar year set for flowers with folks getting their expressed choice of date – please take the time to fill out your request. Some of you have or will receive forms. There are blank forms available in the Interiors/Flower box in the church office.

Remember that you may bring your own arrangement or include a check for \$50 marked “flower donation” with your request and Just Add Water will provide flowers.

Commemorating someone or something means so much to all of us and enhances the beauty of our Sanctuary on Sunday mornings.

Grace Rising 248-545-2178 or gbrising@comcast.net

Help Wanted

Please take a moment and send a quick email to one of our fantastic coordinators listed below - sign up to help host a Summer Sunday morning at BUC. The old adage is true; many hands make light work.



Coffee, Roger Marshall rhm3368@sbcglobal.net
Ushering, L. Freedman lawrenceman@sbcglobal.net
Greeting, Karen Stankye kesala@msn.com

Connections - Joys & Sorrows

On June 12th, Lillian and Walter Dean's daughter, Cathy was married to Josh Moger, in Richmond, Virginia, at what was by common consent, the happiest wedding ever! On June 14th, Walter's mother, Jean Dean, died peacefully and painlessly after a happy weekend spent with her whole family at the wedding. She was 92, a long life well lived - truly, "Joy



and woe are woven fine." - *Our hearts are with you as we share in your joy and sorrow.*

Tim & Chris Horning have a mixed joy and sorrow. They are happy to share that Tim has gone back to work at his former company. The mixed part is a move to Santa Fe. This will be a great adventure, but they and their daughter, Emma will miss their Michigan life and the community they've found here at BUC. *The three of you will be much missed. Best wishes on your new adventure!*

Barbara Robinson's father, Jack Robinson, died on June 12th. Jack had visited BUC on several occasions, our sympathy and our hearts go out to Barbara at this huge loss.

We are saddened by the news of the sudden death of former BUC member and friend, Dave Bertke, in Charlotte, North Carolina. Memorial gifts are suggested to go to the UU Church of Charlotte's Social Justice Fund, 234 N. Sharon Amity Rd., Charlotte, 28211. Their home address: 4415 Pebble Pond Dr., Charlotte, 28226.

Howard Wolf suffered another mini-stroke the first week in July. He is in good spirits, working hard at his physical therapy. *You inspire us Howard, keep up the fight.*

Shirley Hodas would like to come "home" to visit later this summer. Bunny, Shirley, and their two older, sleepy cats are looking for a short-term furnished lease for four to eight weeks during August and September. They need a minimum two bedroom, and stall shower. If you know of anything or would be interested in swapping the time for a lovely four bedroom, 2 1/2 bath with a pool in Scottsdale, Arizona please call Bunny at 704-965-0970 or send an email to bunny@bunnyhodas.com

"A note to thank the many BUCers who sent kind thoughts and gifts for the healing of my daughter Katy Hays. Katy is at her home now in Texas. She is progressing towards as complete a healing as possible. Her baby is doing well. The other two children, her family members and friends are rising to the occasion to help." *Lucille McNaughton*. You can follow Katy's progress in a remarkable blog done by her husband, click [Katy Update](#).

Margaret Marsh has a new grandson, Lucas, born May 28; 10 1/2 pounds at birth and gaining rapidly. Congratulations!

"Recently I and couple of other members of BUC had an opportunity to hear and experience Geshe Michael Roach. He has founded and funded many projects in the area of human education and preservation of ancient Tibetan and Sanskrit texts. All of these are listed under the Mother website www.world-view.org Happy journeys, *Ashok Bhambri*"

Welcome New Members

Inta Davis has been attending BUC for almost three years, being actively involved on the Facilities and Plate Collection Committees. She is mom to two newly adult sons, and bakes a mean banana blueberry loaf. Inta is a Senior Property Manager for Kirco, and brings her expertise to BUC as chair of the Facilities Committee.

Doré Lepic was an active member of the youth group, and signed the membership book in the early 1980s. Doré has been attending regularly with her young daughter since late last year and is reactivating her membership with BUC.

Chris Marusiak and fiancé **Ray McNally** signed the membership book and are eagerly anticipating their wedding this fall.

Kimberly Oliver and **Anthony Kubien** are engaged to get remarried in September here at BUC. Kim is a Client Relations person for Kubien Wealth Management where Tony has his practice as a Financial Planner.

Rebecca Rydzewski has been attending BUC since early May. We look forward to meeting and interviewing Rebecca later this summer.

Please look for the shiny new permanent name tags on these, our newest members and extend them the right hand of fellowship. Introduce yourselves and welcome them into community here at BUC.

Reflections

Rev. Dr. Kathy Hurt



Greetings to all members and friends of BUC! I am honored to be serving as your consulting minister for the coming year. All that I have learned about you thus far, from conversations with some Board and Search Committee members, and from perusing annual reports and materials prepared for the search process, suggest that I am coming to a congregation with a fine spiritual depth and a wonderful reservoir of creativity, perhaps the two most vital characteristics a church can possess.

I write this column while still in Ohio, surrounded by the chaos of moving: boxes everywhere, the stuff of my life arranged into piles of “keep,” “donate,” and “discard,” the air full of dust from objects recently moved after years of resting in one place. This external sorting mirrors an internal sorting that has been in process ever since I was invited to be your consulting minister for next year, a sifting and weighing of the time spent in another tradition, another kind of ministry, a seeking to understand why my journey is taking me to a new place.

Though you may not be physically relocating this summer, perhaps you find yourself in the midst of an emotional or spiritual relocation, one you may or may not readily embrace. Certainly you are experiencing a kind of relocation in your relationship to BUC, as you move from interim ministry and the anticipation of settled ministry to consulting ministry and another year of the search process, from one individual style of leadership to another individual style of leadership. And this organizational relocation, like any relocation, invites—even requires—that you spend some time sorting, making piles to keep, donate, and discard. What are you keeping from the previous years of your experience at BUC, and what are you eager to be rid of? What traditions, what perspectives will you donate to the next era of BUC life? Has any dust been stirred up by this transition, or is everything being kept in its place, locked down tight, to avoid the dust of disturbance? And where, in all the upheaval and change, do you sense the presence of the sacred, a point of spiritual meaning?

Though my external sorting process will be finished in about a month (it has to be, when my movers arrive on my doorstep), my internal sorting will continue for some time. My ministry with my present congregation has afforded me challenges, disappointments, and rewards. Such a complex mix of experiences does not readily yield to my efforts to sort, make sense of, savor, forget, forgive, cherish. The sorting we will do together as a church community, continuing the change of ministerial leadership, will likewise continue through our year together and probably beyond, as any significant transition must. No doubt we will sometimes agree, sometimes disagree, on what to keep, what to discard. Dust will be raised by all the moving about, and may not settle immediately.

But I can attest, as I sit amidst the clutter of my relocation from Ohio, that an odd reward comes to those willing to plunge into the transition: when everything has been pulled out, closets opened and shelves emptied, you do find unexpected treasures, all the things and people and experiences you had forgotten or thought lost forever, still hidden away in the stuff of your life, waiting to be enjoyed once more.

In faith, hope, and love,

Kathy



Children Religious Education

Eleanor McGuire, Director of Religious Education for Children



Thank you to all the families who helped BUC team up with University Presbyterian of Rochester to provide a nachos lunch to 90 Habitat for Humanity workers on June 22, 2010 – our fourth year in a row!

On June 20th, Children's RE began its summer schedule, offering 10:30 am programming during BUC's one worship service. There is a Nursery for the littlest ones, a Preschool class and a Kindergarten 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. BUC's youth (6th grade--High School) are welcome to join us or go into the Sanctuary for worship. The Summer RE activity schedule might be subject to change due to weather – please contact us if there is a particular activity that you don't want to miss!

Traditional Sunday morning RE classes will resume on Sept. 12, 2010. Yearly calendars, registration forms and other important information will be sent out in late August.

Remaining R. E. Activities – Summer 2010

	Preschool	1st thru 5th
July 25	Pretzels	Tin Etching
Aug 1	Tie-Dye butterflies	Tie-Dye Art
Aug 8	“Try New Things” plate	Recycled Paper
Aug 15	<i>Outside games and bubbles (weather permitting)</i>	
Aug 22	Pocket Fairy	Kaleidoscopes
Aug 29	Blow-out Frogs	Stained Glass Cookies
Sept 5	Bear-in-a-cup	Egg Drop

We are looking for volunteers to lead Preschool or K-5th grade multi-age classes during our single 10:30 service. The RE staff does all the prep for you, walks you through the activity before the class starts and then cleans up after you. We have a great bunch of kids who make teaching a fun and rewarding experience. Please look for the sign-up board in the Social Hall or contact Eleanor or Laura to request a particular date or activity. [laura.ross@bucmi.org or ellndave@yahoo.com]

Youth Religious Education

Laura Ross, Director of Religious Education for Youth



General Assembly 2010 Minneapolis – the DRE for Youth Report

There was power in the convention center in Minneapolis the last week of June as 3000 plus UUs got together to discuss business, chat, learn and work together on the foundations of our faith. I spent a large portion of my time, not surprisingly, in workshops and lectures geared towards religious education programming in the church. I have several new ideas to implement on service learning projects, multi generational and cross-cultural programming improvements, and am rejuvenated by the fresh, focused, and passionate meeting of minds as we build better paths for journeys in our dynamic faith. I have many new books to support the professional DRE credentialing process completion (April 2010). Hearing from people like Al Franken – who cited John Adams' “do good and be just” as a fitting synopsis

of how he felt UUs oriented their work, singing with Peter Mayer, being inspired by environmental/activist Winona LaDuke, participating in the huge Twin Cities' Pride Rally with our Standing on the Side of Love campaign, and allowing myself to become enfolded into Youth worship and our great GA Sunday morning worship give the context for the minutiae of the work I do. We are part of a grand and forward-thinking collection of individuals working for peace, justice, and freedom. Being in such a throng of progressives is heartening, but more than anything, reminds us not stand in our own ways. We need to stand up. Get things done. Continue to be [innovative](#). Be proud. We are the change we wish for the world.

In peace, Laura

Unitarian Universalist General Assembly of 2010

Sue Boyce



The biggest issue was whether to hold General Assembly in Phoenix in 2012 as planned or to boycott the state and move GA elsewhere. The latter plan carried with it inherent financial ramifications as the UUA would lose the over \$600,000 it had already spent in reserving hotel space. From talking with UUs in Arizona and from my own contemplation, it was pretty clear that GA should stay in Arizona as an opportunity for public witness and work on the ground with those organizations and communities that are under so much pressure in the state, but the issue is an emotional one and the potential for rancorous and divisive conversation was high.

Discussion on GA 2012 was carefully staged in the plenary session. The issue was indeed emotional and lengthy with many participants from the Pro and Con microphones. The motion as it reached the plenary floor was the result of hours of "mini-assembly" discussion and over 12 hours of painstaking drafting by key participants. The preparation and discussion process on the plenary floor took probably an hour and a half, but it was riveting and felt, at its conclusion, to have been only about 10-15 minutes of intensity, it was that absorbing.

The final vote was to hold GA in Arizona in 2012 but to substantially change the format of the meeting for that year. General Assembly in Phoenix will have a minimum of UUA business. Instead there will be workshops on immigration, educational opportunities, trips to the border, many opportunities for public witness, and a focus on working with local Latino organizations and businesses. It should be the GA of a lifetime, the civil rights issue of our times, and a chance for UUs from across the globe to speak out against oppression and prejudice and to take a stand on the side of love.

I was very proud of our Association and the work it did. I hope you will consider joining our ranks in 2012.

From Teresa Honnold: *How do you distill the sights, and insights, worship and music, learning and sharing of a week spent in community with over 3,800 Unitarian Universalists? That is the week I just had at the Minneapolis Convention Center, site of the 2010 General Assembly of Unitarian Universalist Congregations. Wow! Much of what we witnessed can be viewed at the UUA's website www.uua.org. There is so much more. I hope you explore and enjoy the link. I would enjoy talking with you about it.*

Here is a few of my favorite highlights...

- *Singing Blue Boat Home with the entire assembly led by the musician and author of the song, Peter Mayer*
- *Participating in the social witness event, "Standing on the Side of Love" at the Minneapolis Gay Pride weekend.*
- *The Ware lecture by Native American activist Winona LaDuke*
- *An incredibly moving speech by Minnesota senator, Al Franken*



Summertime and the living is ...busy!

Carol Ann Arvan, Congregation and Board President



BUC is a dynamic congregation with lots of good things happening. By now most of you have heard the news that BUC was not chosen by either of the two strong settled Senior Minister candidates identified by our dedicated and diligent Senior Minister Search Committee. Which begs two questions: How come (why didn't our choices choose us) and what comes next (now what do we do)?

We are very happy that the interim ministry search committee identified Rev. Dr. Kathy Hurt as our Consulting Minister for 2010/2011. Kathy will officially join us in September. She brings to BUC training from Meadville-Lombard Seminary as well as a wealth of ministry experiences, including her most recent engagement at a Baptist congregation deemed too welcoming by its denomination. Sounds like my kind of church! And no, we didn't hire her because of her beguiling Texas accent, although she did make me feel like I was talking to my cousins. A big ole Texas-sized thank you to Marilyn Mast, Judy Amir, Teresa Honnold, Gregg Bloomfield, Dick Halsted and Tom Cranston for working with me on this important step in the unfolding history of BUC.

Our newly reconstituted personnel committee, comprising Drieka DeGraff, Jenn Karteczka, Pam McAlpin, Julia Gragg and Walter Dean, has been working diligently to capture BUC as a living breathing organism (can you say Org Chart?) and to help us clarify the tasks and expectations for both paid staff and unpaid lay leaders. The Board greatly appreciates the fine work these dedicated members are devoting to BUC.

Both Rev. Hurt and the Personnel Committee will be instrumental in helping the Board with our number one goal this year: to ensure all we do is helping BUC Grow in Spirit and Give to the World. Our mission is the touchstone by which all decisions are made. It gives us clarity, it gives us focus, and it gives us direction.

Our Worship Committee and Worship Associates have done an outstanding job ensuring BUC will have engaging, meaningful worship experiences during the summer minister hiatus. Many thanks to Frank Arvan and his dedicated team.

We have pledged to give 35% of our Sunday offering plate collection to outside causes this year. Our Plate Committee, led by Annis Pratt, continues to meet and review groups and organizations identified and recommended by you, the members of BUC, as potential recipients. I am encouraged that in these hard economic times our plate contributions are meeting or exceeding our year-to-date goal. Thank you for helping BUC to be a generous giver.

Because so many now find their way to BUC through our virtual locations (BUC's website and FaceBook pages) plans are afoot to make some changes and add some oomph to our overall communications activities. Stay tuned for future announcements and an opportunity to help make it happen!

And our Facilities Committee, led by Inta Davis, is doing an outstanding job in identifying property issues and resolving them in ways that respect both BUC's limited resources and our desire to maintain the campus for our use and for generations to come. Inta's intervention on our dumpster agreement alone will save us roughly \$1200 in 12 months. That's real money folks!

So enjoy your summer, come join us on Sunday, and know that there's always something happening at BUC.

Together with you in service,
Carol Ann

Musical Notes



June and July Music

June 6 was ROPE Sunday and the congregation enjoyed singing along with the Teen Choir *Puff the Magic Dragon* and *Don't Worry, Be Happy*

June 13 was the last Sunday of the Choir season. In honor of Marcel's last day the Chalice and Chamber Choirs sang *i carry your heart*" and *O Magnum Mysterium*.

UUMN Conference

This summer, BUC music staff: **Abha Dearing**, **Pam McAlpin** and **Cyndi Peltonen**, will be attending the annual UU Musicians Network conference in Madison Wisconsin. Some of the money from our ROPE/Music fundraising concerts will help defray trip expenses. We appreciate the congregation's support of this important professional development opportunity.

Send information on **upcoming performances by BUC musicians** to cyndi.peltonen@gmail.com by the 3rd Sunday of the month, for inclusion in the following month's newsletter.

Summer Guest Musicians

June 20, 27 th & July 4	Paul Abdullah
July 11 th & 18 th	Soo Choe
July 25 th	Bill Russell and Emmon Scott
August 1 st	Jennie Spenner and Louise Angermeier
August 8 th	Jim Bizer
August 15 th	BLUUs band: Stuart McAlpin, Craig Stroup, Brian Schandavel, Frank Arvan
August 22 nd	Emmon Scott and Bill Russell
August 29 th	TBD
September 5 th	the John Hammer Trio

Better Know a Committee ~

One of the expectations of membership in BUC is active service on boards, committees, and participation in church sponsored projects. BUC has a multitude of committees! In an effort to better inform the decision making process, each month we'll highlight a committee in the newsletter. If you're not currently giving of your time and talents on a committee, hopefully one of them will catch your eye and the rest will be history.

Congregational Development Committee (CDC)

The Congregational Development Committee meets on a monthly basis throughout the church year to plan introductory classes about Unitarian Universalism for newcomers, discuss new membership outreach, coordinate new member or inquirer interviews, and support the hospitality coordinators who



arrange and maintain the greeting, ushering and coffee hosting volunteer positions for BUC's Sunday mornings.

This committee is currently working on developing and implementing a path to membership which would more clearly identify those who regularly attend and are considering joining BUC. Altering the "new member interview" to become the "interview of intent" would foster a better understanding of BUC and help integrate new members into meaningful relationships within our community.

Lisa Demian is chair person of this committee, comprised of Lisa Crawford, Larry Freedman, Bruce Lipka, Roger Marshall, Cyndi

Peltonen and Karen Stankye - pictured here at their annual end of the year pot luck. This committee is currently seeking two additional members who share their desire to foster and encourage the wonderful community of which we are privileged to belong.

BUC's Calendar July 15 - August 31, 2010

Please Note *Summer Office Hours*:

Sunday 10-12; Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9-5

July 18	Sunday	10:30	Summer Sunday Service – “How to Vacation” Annis Pratt
July 21	Wednesday	10:30 – 12:00	Adult RE The Sacred & The Profane – Topic Sex <i>Large Conference Room</i>
July 25	Sunday	10:30	Summer Sunday Service – “Something Green” Rev. Faith Fowler
August 1	Sunday	10:30	Summer Sunday Service – “My Sermon” Rev. Ken Phifer
August 3	Tuesday	11:00	Celeste Roe – Gallery & Pavilion Show down
August 4	Wednesday	11:00	Nancy Raitt – Gallery & Pavilion Show installed
August 6	Friday	6:00 8:00	Nancy Raitt – Artist Reception <i>Gallery & Pavilion</i>
August 8	Sunday	10:30	Summer Sunday Service – “Heirs of Waldo” Ed Sharples
		11:30	BUC Town Hall Meeting – Pavilion
August 15	Sunday	10:30	Summer Sunday Service – “Living the Blues” Frank Arvan, Brian Schandavel, Stuart McAlpin, Hal Breidenbach, Craig Stroup
August 22	Sunday	10:30	Summer Sunday Service – “What’s in a Name” Rev. Dick Nelson
		Midnight	Deadline for September Newsletter Submissions
August 26	Thursday	7:00 – 9:00	Board of Trustees Meeting – <i>Large Conference Room</i>
August 29	Sunday	10:30	Summer Sunday Service – “Radiant Genius and Fiery Heart” <i>Reclaiming the Legacy of Margaret Fuller</i> Elaine Morse
August 31	Tuesday	11:00	Nancy Raitt – Gallery & Pavilion Show down

What is Falun Dafa?

Falun Dafa (also called Falun Gong, or just Dafa) is a high-level cultivation practice guided by the characteristics of the universe—Truthfulness, Benevolence, and Forbearance.

"Cultivation" means continuously striving to better harmonize oneself with these universal principles. "Practice" refers to the exercises – five sets of easy-to-learn gentle movements and meditation. Cultivating oneself is essential; practicing the exercises supplements the process.

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universe. Following the principles, practitioners of Falun Dafa are able to reach very high realms, enlightening to the true meanings of life, and finding the path of return to their origins and true selves.

While the exercises have deep inner meanings, they also help to reduce stress and can bring great improvements in health and fitness.

Interested? For more information please visit the website falundafa.org

Tuesdays in the Commons at BUC from 7:30 – 9 p.m., beginning July 27th, Valerie Avore will begin a workshop teaching the five sets of exercises.

Social Action Alert: an opportunity to Stand of the Side of Love right here in our Community. August 3rd Vote YES on Regional Transportation!

On August 3rd, 75 communities in Oakland and Wayne counties will have the opportunity to ensure the continuation of the SMART bus system. **There will be no NEW taxes, voting YES on this proposal will simply renew in 2010 the 0.59 mill levied by the Wayne and Oakland County Transit Authorities and continue the 283 fixed SMART routes that connect Wayne, Oakland and Macomb Counties.**

Moses and Citizens for a Smart Future are asking you to remember your family and friends who use the SMART bus. **There will be a planning meeting on Thursday July 22nd followed by an action on Tuesday, July 27th.** Participants will be riding SMART buses, at no cost, to inform other riders about the millage. If you would like to be part of the planning meeting or the action contact Pat Hammer 248-644-6568 ; patriciajhammer@gmail.com or MOSES organizer, Aaron Walker at 313-962-5290.

[Citizens for a SMART Future](#)

Citizens For A SMART Future

Vote Yes on SMART.
There's a lot riding on us.

Citizens for a SMART Future is asking all citizens dedicated to preserving regional transportation and strong economic growth to support a renewal of the SMART millage. Voting YES involves no new taxes — but is necessary for continued bus service throughout Southeastern Michigan!

- ✔ SMART is the regional public transit provider for southeastern Michigan.
- ✔ SMART serves 75 communities in Macomb, Oakland, and Wayne Counties.
- ✔ SMART has 283 fixed route buses and over 350 paratransit vehicles that provide service to an area of more than 1,200 square miles.

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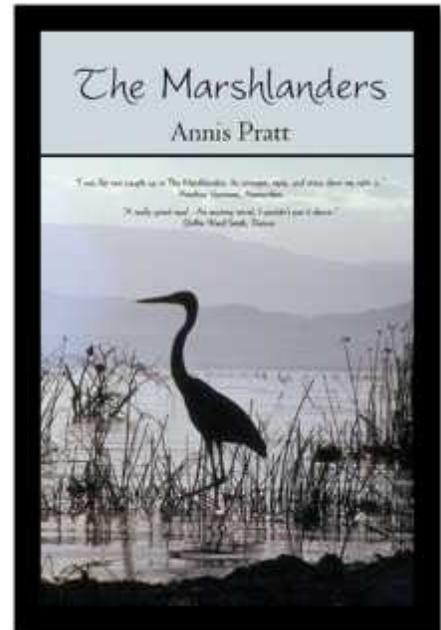
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Eric Sargent "*Enjoying The Marshlanders by Annis Pratt. Ms. Pratt has spun a fine web of a story and I am now fully entrapped by it! I purchased it from Amazon (Kindle) and I'm reading it on my iPad.*"

The Marshlanders is a compelling work of environmental fiction about a green world threatened by a world of greed. It tells a gripping story about the conflict between self-sustaining communities and their enemies, who are determined to drain their wetlands for agricultural development.





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SEMINAR DATES & TIMES

Fri Aug 6	6-8pm
Aug 27	6-8pm
Oct 15th	6-8pm

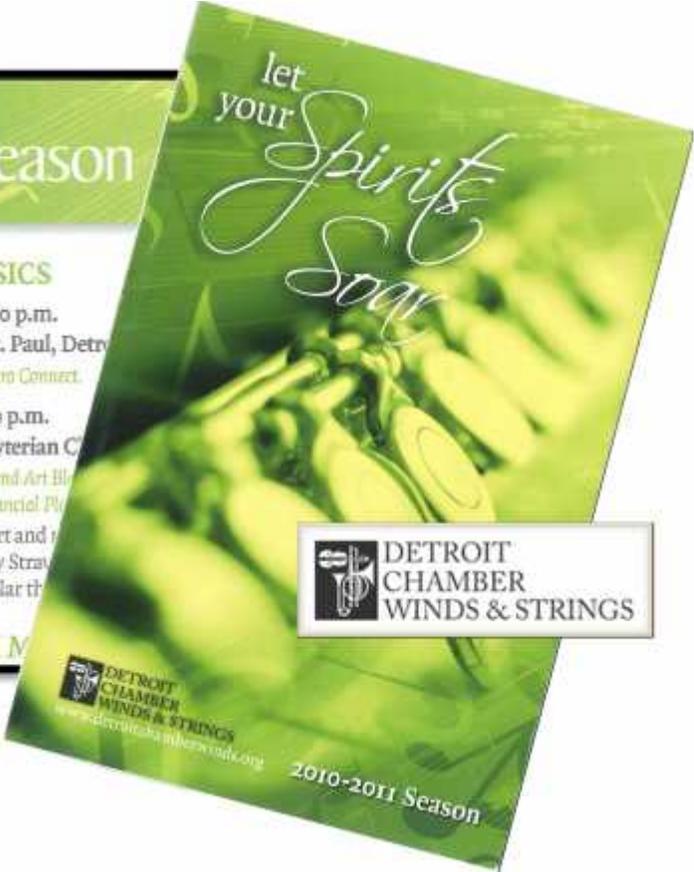
LOCATION DETAILS
Birmingham Unitarian Church (Commons)
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Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings

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2010-2011 Subscription Season

BAROQUE TO BOLCOM
Sunday, September 19, 3:00 p.m.
Birmingham Unitarian Church
Sponsored by The Family of Burton D. Jones
and The Family of Carroll V. Williams.
Sunday, September 26, 4:30 p.m.
Christ Church Grosse Pointe
The season's opening cast begins with a baroque delight that baits the hook for Schubert's Trout Quintet. William Bolcom's Graceful Ghost Rag completes the arc.

HOLIDAY BRASS

BACK TO CLASSICS
Sunday, March 6 at 4:00 p.m.
Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Detroit
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Sunday, March 13, 3:00 p.m.
Kirk in the Hills Presbyterian Church
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