



September 16 "To Be Known and Loved"



September 23 "Home as a Place of Acceptance"



September 30 "Home as a Place of Boundaries"



Sunday, September 9 "Homecoming & Water Communion"

In this the first worship service of the church year, we will consider what it means to come home after a long journey. We will also celebrate Water Communion. All are invited to bring water (from home or from a journey) that we will combine in a ritual that symbolizes our unity. Worship Associate Donna Mohr. Music by the BUC Chalice Choir.

There will be a welcome celebration and light luncheon for Rev. Mandy & Jesse following the Service. This event is hosted by the Board of Trustees and the Settled Minister Search Committee. If you are interested in serving and assisting in clean up, please let us know at buc@bucmi.org.

SERVICES 10:30 a.m.

Most services are broadcast live on our BUC Facebook page

16 "To Be Known and Loved"

In our church home, our goal is be vulnerable with one another.

Vulnerability is risky, but we are protected by the covenants that we make with one another.

Worship Associate Peggy Woehrlen, music by the SoundMessengers Band.

23 "Home as a Place of Acceptance"

BUC embraces the practice of radical hospitality. What does that mean? And what does it feel like to know you truly belong someplace? WA Ben Ensroth, music by the BUC Chalice Choir.

30 "Home as Place of Boundaries"

Home is also a place of rules and boundaries. This is where we are taught to try new thing, take on challenges, and finish what we started. Our church home has boundaries, too, which we will explore during this service. WA Ed Sharples, music by the SoundMessengers.

Come to:
Share
Expand
Enjoy
Kindle

Grief Support September 11 & 25

This group meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month from 4:30 ~ 6:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room. All who are processing and experiencing grief at the loss of a loved one are welcome to participate in this group. Facilitated by Alison Rule.

Caregivers Support September 12 & 26

This is a support group for those caring for a loved one. Being a caregiver can be an isolating, overwhelming, and challenging experience. We offer support for those doing the supporting! This group meets twice a month on the second and fourth Wednesdays 2:00 in the Large Conference Room. Facilitated by Alison Rule and Camille Harris.

Living by Heart Mondays in September

Living by Heart is an ongoing group meeting on Mondays from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. in the Commons. We explore our lives by using simple art materials and by writing in response to prompts. No experience necessary. Drop in or attend regularly. Bring a journal and a pen and any simple art materials you like to work with (though we always have plenty to share!) Facilitated by Rev. Penny Hackett-Evans.

Body Wisdom

This group meets on Mondays from 5:30 - 6:45 p.m. in the Commons to explore ways of uniting our body with our heart and soul. The group involves simple movement, silence, talking, and stillness. The hope is to get “information” from our body that we too often ignore. No experience necessary. Come once or every week. Facilitated by Rev. Penny Hackett-Evans.



Knitting Ministry at BUC Monday, September 24

Let's join together to make our fibers into projects. Knitting ministry meets the fourth Monday of each month for crafting and conversation. We can use donated yarn to make scarves for homeless, lap robes for the infirmed, shawls for the saddened and blankets for newborns. Please join us from 1:00 p.m. - 3 p.m. in the small conference room. If you can't make the meetings, pick up a project bag from our yarn bin in the hallway to the Commons. Questions? Andie Stewart alamonts851@gmail.com.



BUC's Helping Hands Ministry

We are seeking an active team of volunteers dedicated to coming alongside those in our congregation who are in need of a little extra help. For whatever reason, they need a meal provided, a ride to a doctor's office, some light housework done, etc. Possibilities abound! If you are interested, please email HH Team coordinator Heidi Kapsokavathis at hikeannie@gmail.com.

Sharing Dinners are... Changing

Sharing Dinners, a much beloved fellowship opportunity at BUC, is reformatting. People's lives are increasingly busy, and it appears there is a need for us to be more flexible, and dynamic in our scheduling process. Our new trial model will still plan on the date of Sharing Dinner being primarily the second Saturday of the month from October – May. The call will go out for hosts in the previous month to determine the number of guest spaces available for the following month. The assumption is you would be willing to host once, if you plan on regularly participating as a guest. If someone is not able to host in their home, hosting a table in February (when the Sharing Dinner will be held on site in the Hodas Family Hall, and coordinated by Carol Winslow) is the perfect option.

Interested in being a Sharing Dinner host on October 13? Email Dave Sabbagh at dsabbagh7@gmail.com with "Sharing Dinner Host" in the subject line, by **September 20** to sign up, indicating the number of guests you are able to accommodate. Once we have determined the number of available guest spaces, the October Newsletter, and weekly email communications from BUC, we will open for reservations. They participants will be filled on a "first reserved, first filled" basis, with reservations closing October 6. On October 7 the hosts for October 13 will receive their guest list, and the contact information of their guests. The monthly hosts, email their guest list, providing a copy of the guidelines for Sharing Dinners, organize the potluck menu, and finalize remaining details. We'll give it a try!



Film Buffs Friday, September 28

Join us at 7:00 p.m. in the Commons for "The first film in six years from Aki Kaurismäki, Finland's master of comic melancholy ('Leningrad Cowboys Go America'), is the story of two hapless refugees who meet in a Helsinki holding cell, unaware that at the same time, a traveling shirt salesman is fleeing his bad marriage to try his hand at the restaurant business. It's at his dive of an establishment - The Golden Pint - that these lives come together in unexpectedly moving, deeply comic twists. While timely in subject and brimming with Kaurismäki's deadpan humanism, 'The Other Side of Hope' might best become known for the most hilarious and startling sushi scene in movie history. In Finnish, English, Arabic and Swedish with English subtitles. (Finland/Germany, 2017, NR, 100 minutes)" - DFT Film Guide Autumn 2017



"A buoyant, bittersweet comedy-drama with a marvelous cast. A must-visit destination." - The Hollywood Reporter

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

Opera Buffs Saturday, October 6: Aida -- Verdi

The 2018-2019 schedule of operas live in HD from the stage of the Metropolitan Opera in New York, opens with one of the most popular operas in the repertoire. BUC opera fans will meet at the Maple Theater – Maple Road near Telegraph. The show begins at 12:55 p.m. Tickets have been \$24 (\$22 for seniors). After the opera join us for a bite to eat and fellowship at a nearby restaurant. Contact Larry Freedman – lawrenceman@sbcglobal.net 248-370-8227.

"Coming Home for the First Time"

Rev. Mandy Beal
Senior Minister



I am so excited to get started as the Minister of Birmingham Unitarian Church! These past few months have been a flurry of activity and anticipation. And now, here we are - September! For many of us, September is a month of homecomings. It signals the end of long summer days and a return to the routines of school, work, and other responsibilities. It's also the beginning of the church year, which we will mark on September 9th with Water Communion.

As with many elements of our religious tradition, there are a few different origin stories about Water Communion. The one which I find the most compelling is that Water Communion was first used at a women's spirituality gathering in 1980. The conference, called "Coming Home Like Rivers to the Sea," was hosted by Carolyn McDade and Lucile Schuck Longview in East Lansing, Michigan. The women wanted create a new ritual that spoke to the interconnectedness between them and between them and the earth (To learn more about this, click here:

<https://www.uua.org/worship/holidays/water-communion/original-water-ritual>)

Over the decades, Water Communion has become a common practice in many of UU congregations. I love the idea of beginning our church year in the same way as so many others. This is a ritual that reminds each of us that we are inextricably connected. We come from different places, we have different life experiences and identities, but we are one community. Likewise, our congregations have different theological perspectives, local concerns, and approaches to worship, but we are one Association. We are many, and yet, we are one.

As the coming months unfold, a similar process will take place between this congregation and myself. I will settle more deeply into my role as the Minister of BUC, and also become more integrated into the life of this thriving community. This important work has already begun! I have been greeted with such warmth and enthusiasm, and I'm eager to get to work. It's true that I'm new here, but in so many ways; this is the greatest homecoming I've had.

Rev. Mandy

Report from the Board September 2018

During the last year the Reverends Patricia Shelden and Daniel Budd served BUC as our co-ministers. I appreciate the contributions they have made. To name just a few: they have given us meaningful worship services, provided pastoral care, led adult education on a variety of topics and shared their perspectives with us. I wish Daniel and Patricia well.



We now begin a year with our new settled minister, the Reverend Mandy Beal. I'm excited for what this next year will bring, and look forward to her leadership and ministry.

I also look forward to meeting new people, deepening existing friendships, and continuing to learn and grow as I participate in our community.

"I'll miss the sea, but a person needs new experiences. They jar something deep inside, allowing him to grow. Without change something sleeps inside us, and seldom awakens. The sleeper must awaken." ~ from the movie Dune, 1984

Bruce Webber, President of the Board of Trustees

+MAMA's Coffeehouse John D Lamb CD Release Show

Saturday, September 22, 2018

Admission \$15 (\$13 student/senior). Show begins at 8:00 p.m. Tickets at the door only.

"I come from the album generation," says Lamb. "If you sat down to listen to an album, you sat down to listen to the whole thing, side one, side two. I tried to make a record that people will listen to in that way. Something that will make them want to take the time to spin it all."

While Lamb's unconventional, and often whimsical songwriting, provides the record's framework, his acoustic rhythm guitar drives the feel behind each cut.



Music at BUC

We are so excited to be back with everyone as we kick off a new church year this Fall at BUC with our newly minted Rev. Mandy Beal at the helm, our beloved Chalice Choir back in the loft, Sound Messengers house band on the chancel, our fine pianist Rudolfs Ozolins and all of YOU, our singing congregation!

Steve and I had a great, busy summer. We spent time with each other, with our families, doing lots of baseball and softball with Rahk age 12 and Raina age 10, traveling to Traverse City, Cooperstown in New York, and to Oregon for the annual Association of Unitarian Universalists Music Ministries (formerly known as the Unitarian Universalist Musicians Network). The AUUMM conference had some great workshops for both of us to learn from and to bring back for you to experience in worship this year. We appreciate the support of the congregation to attend the conference and gleaned lots of great tips, music and ideas. We have been asked in previous years to perform, and were asked again this year, but decided to take a more observational role. Even without being recognized from performing, we were approached by many eager music directors, choir directors and freelance musicians. Through our BUC online presence and the grapevine, lots of respected and well-trained music leaders see what we are doing in our church and want to know how they can get more people involved in all styles of music and in all aspects at their churches. We felt blessed to be able to talk about YOU.

Special thanks to Rudolfs for taking on the role of Summer Music Coordinator. He did a fine job of playing, choosing hymns and coordinating the music for the different volunteers and guest musicians who graced our services this summer. Hearty thanks to Chris Slon, Amy Smalley, Tom Raffel, Cathy Sherwin and Mike McGillivray for their summer music contributions during services.

Your voices are always welcome in our choir. Email Abha abha.dearing@bucmi.org Do you have song ideas for the band? Do you play an instrument and are you interested in playing for a service? Email Steven steven.dearing@bucmi.org for an opportunity to audition and see where we can include your music contributions.

We can't wait to be with you again as we change the world with music at BUC. – Abha Dearing, Co-director of Music

Service and Social Justice September 2018

BUC members were recently challenged in a sermon about what it means to be an inclusive faith community. While our first UU Principle affirms and promotes the inherent worth and dignity of every person, we are also called, as the Side of Love campaign puts it, to harness Love's power to stop oppression. The Service and Social Justice Team is committed to working towards radical hospitality affirming that, all of who you are, is sacred and all of who you are is



welcome here at BUC. Yes, we do have much work to do welcoming folks who think differently than us, including our family and friends on the other end of the political spectrum. However, our inclusion of those who may not be politically aligned with us should not be at the expense of doing our religious work together as a congregation that believes "Love is Love, Black Lives Matter, Climate Change is Real, No Human Being is Illegal, and Women's Rights are Human Rights."

The BUC Social Justice Team this year plans to continue to work together with BUC towards dismantling barriers, collectively harnessing Love's power to stop oppression. We will focus on three social justice areas; gun violence, confronting racism, and partnerships within the Puerto Rican community. We'll be hosting Service and Social Justice ballot initiative education forums, book discussions, volunteer opportunities, and field trips to engage in our work together!

Sara Constantakis, *Service and Social Justice Co-chair*, Eric Sargent, *Service and Social Justice Co-chair*
Ben Gabel, *Director of Service and Social Justice*

BUC's Plate Collection

Communities United for Children

Each month, 25% of our plate collections are donated to a local 501c3 charitable organization. Our plate collection recipient for September, except on Water Communion Sunday, will be Communities United for Children (CUFC) to purchase school supplies for students at the Walt Whitman Elementary School in Pontiac, MI.

Flint Child Health and Development Fund

In recognition of Water Communion Sunday on September 9th, our plate collection recipient will be the Flint Child Health and Development Fund, which is part of the Community Foundation of Greater Flint. This fund was created to address the numerous and ongoing medical, educational and other needs of the children and their families.

Any BUC member may nominate a local non-profit service organization to be a plate recipient. Submit an application online at bucmi.org - click on "Social Justice" and then "Plate Collection Application." Or, contact Barbara Robinson at [248/320-8366](tel:2483208366) or brjdr8719@gmail.com to submit a paper application or discuss a potential organization.

"Dear BUC, we thought you would like to know how we are spending Birmingham Unitarian Church's Plate Collection Donation. Thank you so much!

8 cu. ft. Poly Wheelbarrow, Dual Wheels - True Temper (2) for \$250; 6 cu. ft. Steel Wheelbarrow - Jackson (2) for \$200, Echo Lawn Edger PE-225 for \$205, and Honda 21" Commercial Lawnmower for \$369.

The wheelbarrows are for Community Forestry. The other two pieces of equipment are for our Fee for Service program, which employs graduates from our Workforce Development program. It will greatly improve their ability to mow residential properties for our Detroit residents." - *Fai Foen, ASLA, LEED GA, Green Infrastructure Director -Interim, The Greening of Detroit*

Join Our Team at Walt Whitman

After a 10-week summer break, K-5 grade students return to classrooms at Walt Whitman School in Pontiac where they'll be greeted by a new principal and a building that received fresh paint and new flooring during the summer. Grade 6 moved to the middle school this year. We have a variety of volunteer opportunities to fit different interests and schedules, including tutoring, mobile library, after-school Banana-grams, and special projects. If a weekly commitment is too much, we can join people in pairs or small teams to "job share." Join our team and help make an impact on the academic success and self-esteem of a young student. You'll also experience firsthand a community that may differ from your own. Contact Mary Jo Ebert at maryjoebert@gmail.com.



Gun Violence Prevention

1. Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America Monday, September 10 at 7:00 pm

The Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America - Oakland / Macomb County Chapter meets at BUC every month on the second Mondays at 7:00 pm. Text the word READY to 64433 for action alerts.

2. Concert Across America to End Gun Violence Sunday, September 23 at 11:30 a.m. immediately following the service

The Service and Social Justice team will be kicking off our gun violence program by sharing opportunities for action and engagement. Please plan to remain in the sanctuary immediately following the service on September 23rd as we watch the video of this year's unifying song from the Concert Across America to End Gun Violence (www.concertacrossamerica.org). "Shine" was written by students at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, FL, one week after the tragic mass shooting. If you feel like following the link, and learning the song in advance, we can all sing along!

3. Michigan Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence Sunday, October 7 at 11:45 am

Linda Brundage, Executive Director of Michigan Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence will be at BUC after service on Sunday, October 7th. She will share information about how we can become more engaged in legislative advocacy.

Confronting Racism Planning Meeting and Potluck

Saturday, September 22 at 6:00 pm

Location: Peggy Bock's Patio: 4305 Bristol Drive, Troy, Michigan 48085

What to Bring: Potluck. Peggy Bock's will make ribs and potato salad.

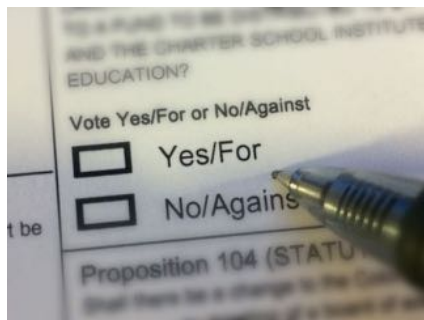
Who: Anyone interested in planning to confront racism.

Contact: Peggy Bocks, pbocks@gmail.com, 248-763-6360 (cell) Please RSVP if you plan to attend.

Sunday Morning Hospitality: The Hodas Family Hall

Radical Hospitality! Harper West and Carole Wiseman are seeking volunteers after services for the remaining open Coffee Hosting positions during the church year, (RE will take care of the Sundays they have i.e. Bakeoff, Pancake Brunches, etc). Unlike Greeting and Ushering, this volunteer activity is roughly a two-hour commitment. 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. set up and 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. for coffee service and breakdown/cleanup. Never worked in the kitchen before? Don't worry we can pair you with an existing "Pro." Ready to sign up? Click here <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b48a8ad2aa13-sunday> Please stop by the kitchen to see Harper or Carole. Call or email either Harper: harper_west@yahoo.com - 248-464-1297 or Carole: hellonoodlestheclown@gmail.com - 586-446-0165 to learn more about this rewarding opportunity.

Ballot Proposal Forum



Thursday, September 20 at 7:00 pm

Location: Northwest UU Church: 23925 Northwestern Highway, Southfield, MI 48075

Have you been keeping up with news about the various ballot proposals for the November election? If not, you're not alone! The UU Economic Inequality Task Force is hosting a forum featuring speaker presentations and Q&A on September 20 at 7:00 p.m., at Northwest UU Church in Southfield, open to the public. Watch for details via other BUC communication channels or contact Mary Jo Ebert at maryjoebert@gmail.com.

Senior Community Interfaith Dinner

Thursday, September 27 at 5:30 pm Registration / 6:00 pm Dinner

Location: Muslim Unity Center: 1830 W. Square Lake Rd., Bloomfield Hills Mi 48302

The Muslim Unity Center is delighted to announce that we are hosting a "Senior Community Interfaith Dinner". They would like to invite seniors (60 years of age+) to attend. **Tickets:** Event is free of charge with pre-registration (open to all seniors 60 years and over). **RSVP Deadline: Thursday, September 20, 2018.** Seats are limited (registration will close once capacity is reached). Register at mucinterfaith@gmail.com or call 248-346-6513

BUC's Green Sanctuary Field Trip September 8

The IHM Sisters in Monroe, Michigan work toward a "right relationship" with creation, honoring and respecting the whole earth. They believe sustainability is a moral mandate for the twenty-first century, and have made their convent and grounds



an example of putting that mandate into action. Cost is \$27 includes lunch (if cost is any issue, please contact Ben Gabel; scholarships are available).. Questions?

Contact Jane O'Neil at jane.oneil.gsm@gmail.com. Register at www.tinyurl.com/BUC-convent.

When: Saturday, September 8

How/Where: 9 a.m. meet at BUC to carpool

Food: Include lunch in convent cafeteria at 11 a.m.

End: Arrive back at BUC at 4:30 p.m.

South Oakland Shelter at BUC -- SAVE THE DATES!

Sunday, November 4 through Saturday, November 11

Save the dates for this satisfying volunteer opportunity. BUC will host 30 homeless men, women and children during a week in November, continuing a tradition started in 1989. Volunteers provide shelter, beds, food, and rides to and from BUC, entertainment and general good cheer. **Signups begin in October, but planning to volunteer begins now.**

Issues and Ale Friday, September 7

Location: M-Brew: 177 Vester Ave., Ferndale, MI 48220

6:30 p.m. We're gathering to engage in conversations about social justice issues in an informal atmosphere. Stop by, have a drink and some food, and join in the conversation.



THANK YOU!

We had a problem – some of our drainage pipes were crushed, and the estimate cost to fix it was WAY out of our budget. Jim Clark and Jim Shettel volunteered their time, sweat, and expertise, and along with a few hired hands, saved BUC thousands of dollars. We cannot thank them enough. (But we can try – if you see them, please let them know you appreciate all that extra hard work.) All they asked in return was pizza and Coke to stoke their energy. It means so much for our BUC micro-interconnected web of existence, that people are willing to serve so dedicatedly.

Friends of BUC's Capek Woods

Dear friends of Capek Woods,

Last year, on the north side of the path in Capek Woods, a huge double trunk cherry tree died and had to be removed. Much of the planting will be in this newly opened up area. Plants were recommended in consultation with [Plantwise](#), restoration specialists.

Please let me know ahead of time if you can help or if you have questions. I might have to arrange to hire help if we don't have volunteers. And, let's meet a little early, before it gets hot, **9:00 AM, Saturday September 8.** Remember the **long sleeves and pants** uniform to protect from poison ivy. **Hat and gloves** are also needed. The other tools are available at the church. Thank you, Stephanie Patil sp4public@gmail.com



Coming Soon: BUC's 121st Rummage Sale!

Yes, September 30 - October 6 is your chance to clean that cluttered closet and boost BUC's budget at the same time. This is more than a 121-sale tradition. The Rummage Committee reports that sales have contributed at least \$1.2 million toward church operations since the start. BUC has made many friends in repeat customers who rely on our low-cost, quality goods. The church itself has gained useful items among our many donations. And our volunteers have made lifelong friendships by working side-by-side. Including our popular Silent Auction for stand-out donations, Rummage is fun!

How You Can Help Keep our Sale Sustainable!

We're looking for just a few more "point people" for certain areas, and many others to help with four-hour shifts for sorting and pricing donations and as cashiers during the sale. We're talking the Fall Rummage only—no "career" assignments—and we'll gladly train. Helpers can be BUC individuals, families, and small groups... friends and friends of friends. Hours are flexible, after 5pm as well as during the day and on Saturday, too.

Please note: All workers are well fed during set-up, sale, and take-down! Plus, workers and food providers earn shopping privileges ahead of the public. So, donating tasty meals and snacks is an option for contributing to our Rummage effort as well.

We're also offering "Rummage on Wheels." If we get enough volunteers, we'll have a small crew ready to pick up donations from seniors and others who cannot deliver. Unfortunately large furniture has become impossible to sell at Rummage, and will not be included in pick-ups.

Please view the materials [here](#) on our website; volunteering is easy through Sign-up Genius or by visiting the Rummage table during social hours. THANK YOU for helping to sustain our first-rate Rummage for another successful year!

Religious Education

Children & Youth

This year, BUC will be introducing the Unitarian Universalist Association's (UUA) elementary-age OWL (Our Whole Lives) curricula. This program includes 8-10 hour-long sessions that will be offered for K/1st and 4th/5th graders. The introduction to these curricula explains it best:

"Children learn about sexuality every day, regardless of whether parents/caregivers, teacher, or other adults share information with them. Throughout our whole lives, we learn the biological, psychological, social, cultural, and spiritual dimensions of human sexuality. Sexuality education is a lifelong process of acquiring information and forming attitudes and values about identity, intimacy, relationships, and sexual health." We are planning information sessions about this new program for later in the fall, but questions are welcome at any time!

On September 16 all Sunday morning classes resume, and all Religious Education families are invited to a RE coffee hour in the Red Door Classroom. Parents and offspring will have a chance to mingle and share special snacks and get a BRIEF overview of the upcoming church year from Directors of Religious Education Eleanor McGuire and Kimery Campbell. There will be a chance to ask questions and even offer ideas for extra-curricular fun and social action activities. We hope to see you all at 11:30 in the Red Door Classroom!

September is the beginning of the new church year, but for BUC 8th grade youth, it is also the beginning of their very important Coming of Age year. The youth will begin in the fall with the Our Whole Lives (OWL) middle school curriculum, this year being taught in conjunction with Northwest UU in Southfield. In the winter, the BUC youth will progress to the Rite of Passage Experience (ROPE). There will be an OWL parent orientation meeting from 7-9 p.m. on September 11. On behalf of our OWL and ROPE families, thank you in advance to our church community!

This year, BUC's high school youth will be following a new curriculum — Principled Music, developed by Imagine-RE. This 16-session series will explore seven different social justice issues through the lens of recent or not-so-recent popular music. Youth will listen to (and watch, if the songs have associated videos) three songs during each session, and then have an opportunity to review and discuss the lyrics, the music, and the overall message delivered by the song. We are excited about this new program and look forward to rolling it out in our first class on September 16! (For everyone's viewing pleasure, we have a brand new large screen monitor in the classroom to watch all these great music videos ☺)



2018-2019 Board of Trustees & Rev. Mandy Beal

Pictured left to right: Craig Stroup, Barbara Woolf (Vice-President), Donna Larkin Mohr, Rev. Mandy Beal, Bruce Webber (President), Claudia Kocher (Treasurer), Debbie Fordree, Mary Gawel-Ensroth (Secretary), Jay Labban, and Marilyn Kelly.

Sunday Morning Discussion

Join in the discussion from 9:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. in the north Green Door Classroom. Each week, we pick a topic by majority vote so there's not even homework. ☺ All are welcome to come and share their thoughts or simply listen.

Humanists of BUC Sunday, September 23

Our fourth year begins on Sunday, September 23rd, by focusing on those living at risk, and in need of support, in the Pontiac area. Elizabeth Longley, executive director of the Baldwin Center, will be our primary speaker. Everyone is invited to learn how we can participate, and engage more, with the many organizations in Pontiac whose mission is to help those who are at risk in the community. We will meet at noon in the lower level classroom while sharing a light lunch. We welcome everyone to join us. ~ Humanists of BUC Planning Committee

Alliance – Save the Date October 17

Our first meeting of the fall will be on Wednesday, October 17 at noon in the Pavilion. Anne Calomeni, our wonderful chef will cater our luncheon. Cost is \$10.

Our speaker at 1 pm will be our new settled minister, the Rev. Mandy Beal.

Mark you calendar to join us! Other dates to mark are Wednesday, November 14, our program at the church, and TUESDAY, December 5 for the annual Holiday Luncheon at the Iroquois Club.

All are invited. We look forward to another interesting year together!

THANK YOU!

We wish to thank you all for the lovely farewell reception on August 12, and an extra thank you to the Board for the tasty cakes with the wonderful inscriptions.

We enjoyed journeying with you this year and wish you all the best in your future with Rev. Mandy!

Blessings,

Daniel and Patricia



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Karin Hoffeecker's *The Nell Poems*, published by Blue Light Press and 1st World Publishing, is a collection written for her granddaughter honoring her father in light of his untimely death in 2016. She will be reading from the collection on **Sunday October 14th from 2-4 p.m.** in The Commons. A book signing will follow the reading and copies of the book will be available for purchase.

