



Birmingham Unitarian Church
A UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION



+ Sunday Meditation "Take 15" September 18 & 25

There are different ways to fellowship. There will be coffee, donuts and conversation in the social hall after service;; and beginning September 18th, there will also be a 15-minute meditation in the large downstairs classroom. Meditation will be led by davidji certified Master of Wisdom and Meditation Teacher, Dawn Kulongowski. In September, she will be teaching several basic techniques of meditation, regardless of your level of experience you may explore and sink comfortably into the practice. Following this you will be guided through 15 minutes of stillness, sharing a positive and healing energy. It's a great way to start your week!



In the month of September, as we begin our yearlong exploration of polarities (see the Reflections column for a fuller introduction of the polarities theme), the opposites that characterize so much of our life and experience, the polarity we examine is the tension between a desire to remain at home, settled among all that is familiar, and a desire to go exploring, to find new experiences. Here and there, home and away, a basic polarity that challenges us all lifelong.

September 4: Worship Associates, Ed Sharples, and Donna Mohr lead the service, as we watch Krista Tippett on our Sanctuary Screen. Krista Tippet was the Ware Lecturer for General Assembly in June 2016 in Columbus, Ohio, with an introduction by Rev. Dr. Peter Morales. Rudolfs Ozolins will provide the music.

SERVICES 10:30 a.m.

- 11** Our traditional homecoming service, led by Kathy and WA Peggy Woehrlen, considers the contradictory dynamics of returning and leaving home, what motivates each, what can be lost when only one side of the polarity is followed. Bring the water you collected over the summer for our annual water communion celebration. Music provided by the Chalice Choir.
- 18** BUC staff and volunteers were at the Baldwin Center the first week of August. The Baldwin Center serves the African American and Hispanic communities in Pontiac. Classes included music, cooking, and making simple motors. Guest Speaker Ben Gabel along with Rev. Dr. Kathy Hurt, will explore serving the community and our congregation. Music provided by the Sound Messengers.
- 28** Unitarian Universalism has generally prided itself on being a tradition where we are explorers, forever moving out to examine new perspectives on our spiritual lives. Conversely, we come to count on familiarity, so much so that conflict can arise when change comes to "the way we've always done things." Kathy and WA Paul Vachon reflect on the difficulty of knowing when to keep what we have, and when to set the usual ways aside and find a new vision. Music provided by the Chalice Choir.

Connections: Joys & Sorrows

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

-Khalil Gibran

Chalice Circles Forming In September



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

Frank Arvan & Deana Zapico were married on June 26 at BUC. Congratulations!

Keith Brown's younger brother, David Brown, died the second week in August. He had been ill for more than six months, but his death was not expected at this time. For decades, David was a professor at Pratt Institute of Art in New York City, and was well known for large scale sculpture at major sites around the country.

Margaret Marsh's daughter, Dr. Ann Marsh-Senic, was the U.S. women's and men's fencing team captain at the summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro. The U.S.A. Fencing team finished 5th among U.S. sports in Rio medal count.

Janet Patterson turned 90 on August 8! The choir had a cake and celebrated at the Choir Kick-Off Potluck at the Dearing's House on August 28.

“Many thanks to all of you who expressed kind concern and support for me during my recent surgical procedures. Both procedures, conducted a week apart, were most successful and the prognosis most positive. I will, however, need to take it easy and can expect a complete recovery in four to six weeks. I am most grateful for all the positive thoughts and prayers sent in my direction...Blessings!” Jim Lewis

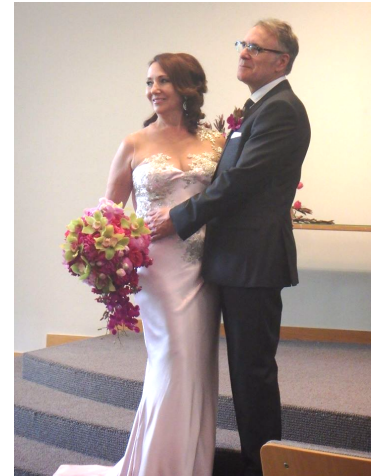
Peggy Woehrlen, “I am thrilled to report that my daughter, Lia's wedding was joyful, without drama, and it was a privilege to be part of it!”

Reed McAlpin, son of Pam & Stuart McAlpin, led a band of Boy Scouts from Troop 1005 and completed his Eagle Scout project on August 20. They did an awesome job renovating our path through the Capek Woods and into the Memorial Glen. Thank you Reed!

The Church Directory – It's All About Connecting

The church directory is available on our website, www.bucmi.org>About Us>Directory in both a text only pdf version, and a version that includes pictures. They are password protected to add a barrier to online phishing programs. The password is: Chalice2014

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



Grief Support Group, September 6

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

Sunday Morning Discussion Group

The group is not meeting on Labor Day Weekend, (September 4). Join us for continuing conversations on Thomas Moore's book *Care of the Soul*. September 11 we will be discussing chapter 8, September 18 chapter 9, September 25 chapter 10. It is not necessary to have read the chapter to join the group discussion. If you would like to be included in that email distribution list, please email Steve Lorey at loreyzone@att.net. Due to construction the group is been meeting in the Social hall from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Sign Up Now for Sharing Dinners 2016-17

Would you like to get to know more folks at BUC, while enjoying some good food and conversation? Join the more than 100 people who take part in BUC's Sharing Dinner events. Except for December, they meet the 2nd Saturday, the months of October – May. Each time a different group of 6-8 people share a potluck dinner in participants homes, or in February, at BUC. **You do not need to be a member of BUC, or have a table that seats eight to participate!**

There will be 7 to 8 dinners going each second Saturday. About eight participants are assigned to each of the homes, and each month the names will be shuffled so everyone gets to meet with as many new people as possible. You will be asked to host once during the year (potentially twice for couples). If you are unable to host at your home, you can still participate by helping with the February joint dinner, which will be held at the church.



Sign up online under "About Us" "Fellowship" "Sharing Dinners". Also look for sign-up sheets available during coffee hours in September, in the office, or contact Karen Maidment and John Richards at johnrmi@aol.com or call them at their numbers in the church directory. We look forward to your participation.

Caregivers Support Group

This is a support group for those caring for a loved one with dementia. Being the sole caregiver can be an isolating, overwhelming, and challenging experience. We offer support for those doing the supporting! Join us when we meet the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 1:30 at the church. To learn more, call Alison Rule at 248-320-1021 or Camille Harris at 248 320-9651.



Humanists Group

The "Humanists of BUC" will be meeting on the fourth Sunday at noon starting in September. On September 25th a talk on, "Greening of Detroit" will be the central program at 12:30, following a lunch at noon. Our meeting will be in the green door classroom. BUC participates in this charitable organization at least annually as part of our community service work. We are committed to creating a better environment. All are welcome.

REFLECTIONS



Rev. Dr.
Kathy Hurt

As we begin a new church year and the first elements of our remodeled building come into view, we prepare to launch a yearlong exploration in our Sunday services of the theme of polarities, those ever present currents in our lives and our beings that pull us in opposite directions. The election season sets before us on an hourly basis significant polarities in community life and choices; friends and loved ones, however much we may have in common, will often set up oppositional paths and priorities. And with each polarity, the natural tendency is to select one side and discard the other. Yet much psychological and spiritual teaching caution us against falling into this automatic either/or pattern, encouraging instead the holding of the polarities, in tension, to allow a third option to emerge that will not be a simple combining of the opposites but a new possibility that transcends the opposites. Yet the tension for any of us when we are caught between opposing pressures can become unbearable. How do we navigate these difficult dynamics in our lives so that the creative third option can be found? Each month our services pick up a common polarity for consideration of these questions.

Unitarian Universalism is a tradition accustomed to wrestling with polarities: we began by setting ourselves in opposition to traditional Christian thinking which either made no sense or seemed to provide an image of humanity that was one-sided, if not downright false. Even now many UUs define themselves in polarity language by saying what they do not believe, how we are not like another church. Yet this amounts to leaning on one side of a polarity and missing the creativity that could come if instead of an either/or stance ours became a stance of both/and. That we have figured out how to be a church without requiring the definitions of any creedal statement suggests we are equipped with the kind of openness and flexibility that being able to embrace contradictory sides of polarities requires.

The next time you feel a pull to take a side in opposition to another side, whether the other side is a person who holds a view you disagree with, or an idea you want to separate yourself from, consider a different approach: try moving closer to whatever seems opposite, try on the perspective for a time, and watch what happens. Jungian thought, which has much to say about polarities, claims that something totally new comes into being when we hold onto opposites. Heaven knows we can use something totally new, in this time when one of the most frequent descriptions of our common life and culture is the description of us as “polarized.”

Faithfully,

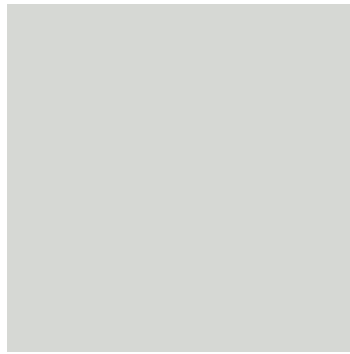
Kathy

Alchemy and Spiritual

Transformation: Women's Retreat

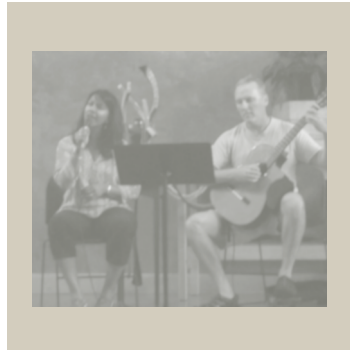


BUC Women's Retreat will be held on Sept. 30 – Oct. 2 at the Columbiere Retreat Center in Clarkston Michigan. This will be an opportunity to deepen friendships and to explore our own transformations. The retreat will be led by Rev. Kathy Hurt. Get registration forms from the BUC office or from Penny Hackett-Evans. Evansh2@wowway.com



Music

This fall holds notes of promise for further transformative experiences as we work to intertwine music with worship more than ever. Steven and Abha attended another invigorating Unitarian Universalist Musicians Network, in lovely Madison, Wisconsin. Amid the almost 300 UU music professionals, the Dearing's led a well-attended and well-received workshop "So You Have a Band-Now What?", performed original music and other songs in recital, and played various music pieces for a powerful worship service during the week. Thanks so much, Beloved BUC community, for supporting our travel and experience at UUMN. Each time we go, we come back inspired by great music and fellowship, armed with lots of new music to share with you in services, and this year was even more rewarding. We can't wait to share our insights with you.



Our Baldwin Center experience was another success! Ben Gabel and Mary Jo Ebert helped create a great schedule for the Baldwin kids so they were able to enjoy so many cool things during our time there. The Choir was a hit with kids, culminating in a high-energy performance at the end of the week. Under Abha's conducting, Steve's guitar, and Rahkesh Dearing's keyboard support, the kids learned three songs, which you will hear in a video presentation in church soon. Thanks to our awesome volunteers: Mike Auchter, Mary Dunn, Alex Lind, Kathy Ransome, and Amy Smalley.



We had a wonderful potluck choir party at the Dearing's on August 28th. Familiar choir folks, new choir folks, and their families all gather to have some fun and kick off our musical year. We celebrated the longest serving member in the choir, Janet Patterson's birthday, and played bocce ball with fierce competition. It's not too late to join the choir! Calling all people with voices: NOW, and I mean NOW, is the best time to join. We rehearse on Wednesdays from 7:30-9pm (free childcare is available, but please email Abha) starting **Wednesday, September 7**, and all singers are welcome. Please email abha.dearing@bucmi.org to be sure we add you to our choir email list.



Photo credit: Kelly Taylor

This start of the church year brings new and wonderful music for our services, more involvement by more of YOU, more kid's music, concerts and spiritual richness to be shared, imagined, and experienced together.



Photo credit: Barb Eschner

Construction Update!

If you've been away for the summer, much has been accomplished on our building renovations - and much more will be happening this month, with overall completion targeted around the beginning of December. [A brief synopsis of recent work and upcoming stages \(all dates are tentative!\)](#)

By the end of September:

- Work will be completed in the colored door rooms (insulation, ceilings, lighting), except for restrooms (early October, along with Social Hall restrooms!).
- The Commons corridor will be rebuilt and new HVAC ductwork installed along with a new furnace in the RE office.
- Concrete will be poured and walls built for the new trash dumpster enclosure.
- Concrete curbs will be poured, as will sidewalks at the front entrance, around the Social Hall walkway and at the west entrance by the Commons.
- The parking lot will be resurfaced (mill and cap).
- The construction zone (and fencing) will be removed from the parking lot, opening up the driveway.
- The new foyer interior work will be continuing through the month, including renovation of the restroom into an enlarged ADA-compliant one.
- Final restoration work on the pond will be completed.

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

Service and Justice

All I can say is, wow! Wow, it has been a busy summer. Wow for all those who have come to me and Mary Jo wanting to be involved with social justice. Wow for the joy on people's faces we serve when we are out in the community. Wow for the conversations and sharing the struggles when doing this work.

During the first week of August, BUC staff and volunteers were at the Baldwin Center in Pontiac during the first week of August. For the September 18th service, Kathy and I along with our music directors Steven and Abha will share our experiences during our week at Baldwin.

We have also formed a new Social Justice Committee. We met in August and projects are in the works for the fall. We are working out details on how BUC'ers can be involved with voter registration, early voting, and driving folks to polls stations for the upcoming general election. This election year is particularly important because many anti civil rights voting laws have been passed across the country including in Michigan in the last couple years.

Also in the fall, BUC hosts 30 plus homeless folks in early November from the South Oakland Shelter. Block out Sunday, November 6th through Saturday, November 12th so you can help out! It takes over 200 volunteers to make our week a success. There will be many jobs to do, from driving folks in the morning to their work sites, providing dinner, and helping folks during the overnight shifts.

In September, we will begin our yearlong worship theme exploring polarities in our lives. What polarities may you hold? What comes to mind when there a desire to support the movement for Black Lives as well to struggle becoming a beloved community? What emotions arise for you when you are in communities that may not be familiar to you? The service and social justice program area will have many opportunities that will challenge us. As we travel together in our work, I invite you to explore the polarities and tensions that may come to the surface. I invite you to share those stories with others. We are doing sacred work and thank you for letting me be part of that journey.

Ben Gabel

New School Year, New Location, New Name



BUC has coordinated volunteer programs supporting WHRC Elementary School in Pontiac

since 2003. During the summer, the school swapped buildings with International Technology Academy and is now located at 125 West Montcalm Street. Its new name is Whitman Elementary School, named for the building it now inhabits. With its 400+ K-6th grade students who started school on September 6, Whitman has 200 fewer students than WHRC had last year. BUC will continue to provide support for Whitman students through the non-profit Communities United for Children. Volunteer information will be published to past volunteers and through regular BUC communications.

Voter Support

The right to vote is a cornerstone of our democracy and aligns with the UU 5th principle supporting use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large. A large turnout is expected in November, along with the possibility of long lines. BUCers and friends are encouraged to consider absentee voting if you meet one of the criteria:

- Age 60+
- Unable to vote without assistance at the polls
- Expect to be out of town on election day (includes scheduled to work outside of your voting precinct)
- In jail awaiting arraignment or trial
- Unable to attend the polls due to religious reasons
- Appointed to work as election inspector outside your precinct of residence

Important upcoming voting deadlines:

- **October 11:** Last day to register to vote in the November 8 election
- **November 5, 2:00 p.m.:** Deadline to request absentee ballot be mailed

Watch for information regarding ways to help people exercise their right to vote in November to be published by the Service & Justice team through regular BUC communications.

Regional Transit – November Ballot

Public transit is a vital service for people across the socio-economic spectrum to thrive in any large metro region. The BUC Service & Justice program has promoted efforts to improve and expand public transit in our region for many years because it supports access to jobs, schools and health care, reduces urban sprawl and the associated environmental costs, and balances public funding more effectively between road maintenance and shared transportation. After decades and countless hours of community advocacy work, the Regional Transit Authority voted last month to put a measure on the November ballot and allow voters to decide if we will support expanded public transit. Watch for more information on this important ballot initiative and ways that you can help promote it among your family, friends, and co-workers.

What & When: Transit Forum September 14, 7-8:30 p.m.

Where: Birmingham First United Methodist Church

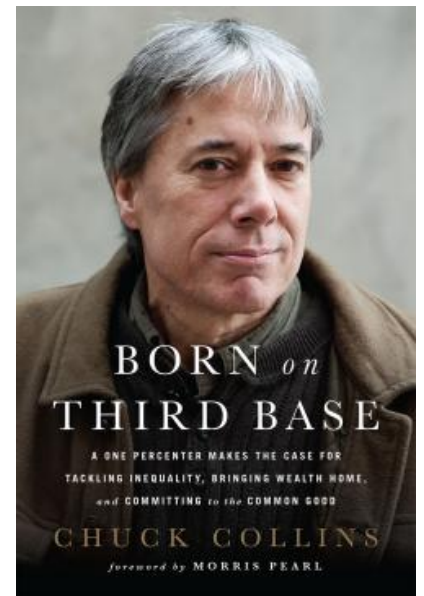
Topics: Master Plan Presentation by the RTA, Community Leaders Make the Case for Transit, Call to Action

ESCALATING INEQUALITY: Let's Talk

Returning September 29 with author Chuck Collins – “Born on Third Base: A One Percenter Makes the Case for Tackling Inequality, Bringing Wealth Home, and Committing to the Common Good”

Please NOTE this is not at BUC, but is being hosted by **Beacon UU Church** (formerly Emerson & Paint Creed) in Troy, 7:00 ~ 9:00 p.m.

Admission is free; and while no reservation is required, it does help with planning to know that you will be attending. Call Pat Hammer (248) 644-6568 or email patriciajhammer@gmail.com



September Plate Collection Recipient: CUFC & Whitman Elementary School

Plate Collection Recipient – Our plate collection recipient for September is Communities United for Children to be used for classroom supplies for Whitman Elementary School.

Any BUCer may nominate a local service organization to be the plate recipient. Submit an application online at www.bucmi.org. Click the “Social Justice” tab, then “Plate Collection Application.” Contact Sharon Kirchner at skirch47@hotmail.com if you prefer to submit a paper application.

Service, Justice and Theater!

This summer, I had the joy of running a three-week theater camp at the Baldwin center in Pontiac, culminating in a final day performance. At the start of camp, we talked about total trust, the courage to try new things and how to be supportive with one another. We began each day with a new improvisation exercise, and it didn't take long for many of them to open up and amaze me with their enthusiasm and creativity. Some were slower to follow but by the end of camp, everyone was comfortable and eager to participate.



For our show, we learned and danced our way through two songs from *Annie* and wrote a new verse to the Unitarian Hymn *There's a River* which included their parents. Campers learned and memorized skits, monologues, poems, and jokes for the big day. We even threw in gymnastics at the beginning of the show! A personal highlight for me, happened two days before our performance; a shy young lady who I had never heard speak before, came up to tell me that she wanted a speaking part in the show. At our final performance, her Mother was surprised and pleased to see her daughter doing something like this for the first time. The kids and watching their growth, made this camp gratifying. I miss them already.

Pamela McAlpin/Theater Director

Green Sanctuary Ministry

In the face of climate change, we experience feelings of helplessness, even hopelessness, making us cynical about green steps our friends are taking. "Too little," we say, "Too Late."

An important dimension of our environmental hopelessness is feeling alone. But we are not alone. We dwell in our Beloved Community and are part of a denomination enacting our Seventh Principle "to affirm and promote respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part."

BUC's Green Sanctuary Ministry provides us with small suggestions for our everyday life. How can such tiny steps help? We are reporting actions to you that thousands and thousands of people are already taking and that have added up to significant changes already.

Tip of the Month - Save that Cap!

Boost your personal bottle-recycling rate by 6%-12% simply by leaving the plastic cap on the plastic bottle! Just make sure the bottle is empty.



It used to be that we were instructed to throw the cap away. Current technology, however, is able to separate and capture the two different plastic types by shredding the plastic and putting it in water-cap pieces float; bottle pieces sink. Plus, the cap keeps the air in, so the bottle won't get flattened. Flat objects (think lids) act like a sheet of paper at the materials recovery facility (MRF), where our commingled recyclables are sorted through various means. Flat bottles and cans (don't smash your cans!) could be mechanically directed into a mixed paper bale. If there is too much contamination, the whole bale might be rejected by the buyer. So recap your empty plastic bottle, and don't bother putting a loose cap in recycling. It is too small to make it over gaps in the MRF's conveyor belt and winds up going to the landfill. Even better? ~ Think reusable instead.

Recycling requires water and energy. Carry an empty cup or metal water bottle in your bike bag, car trunk, or backpack. Avoid contributing to the 50 billion disposable water bottles~only 23% of which were recycled~that Americans used last year.



Religious Education

Welcome to BUC's 2016-2017 Church School Year!

Welcome back to a new year of Religious Education! We hope to make this a fun and meaningful year, despite some of the logistical challenges presented by construction. All of BUC's children and youth will attend service in the Sanctuary on Sept. 11 for Homecoming Sunday. Please bring a little water with your family to church that morning which represents something that was an important part of your family's

life during our time apart. It could be water scooped up during a college visit, on a family vacation, or from your garden hose. Water is an essential part of every human body and life and the commingling of water when we come back together represents our coming together again as a community.

Children's Religious Education

This year's first rotation, Moral Teachings, explores how our religion guides us in leading moral lives. All of the world's major religions have different answers to the question of how to lead an ethical life. This rotation asks the BUC's children to contemplate for themselves four different moral perspectives: 1) Christian Sermon on the Mount – The Storytelling workshop explores how both Jesus' words and actions taught his followers to lead a moral life, focusing on the value lessons that Unitarian Universalists can find in Jesus's teachings of the Beatitudes. 2) Pillars of Islam – The History workshop focuses on some core Islamic beliefs, exploring what this faith teaches Muslims about the Qur'an, the prophets and Judgment Day. This class also examines the Five Pillars of Islam and how these expectations guide Muslims in their spiritual and moral lives. 3) Hindu Duties – The Art workshop explores what the Hindu faith teaches its followers about the meaning of "Dharma" or duty. It also examines how a Hindu practices his/her faith, particularly through Puja or worship. 4) UU Seven Principles – The Games workshop examines how the UU religion guides its followers in their moral decisions by offering them the Seven Principles to follow. This class also explores how our religion deliberately encourages a covenant for its members - a loose collection of value statements that leave the ultimate ethical decisions and corresponding actions up to us as both individuals and communities.

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

Youth Religious Education

On September 18, the 6 & 7 Neighboring Faiths class will begin the year with a look at Unitarian Universalism. We will spend several Sundays discussing our own faith tradition before we begin to look at the roots of monotheism and Western faiths. We expect to be back in our own Blue Door classroom by that date.

OWL (Our Whole Lives) will also begin on Sept. 18 and will meet from 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. in the lower level classroom (until further notice). This year, we have a fabulous roster of facilitators for this intense sexuality, values, and relationships program: returning are Dave Graham and Vickie Muir, who will be joined by Ben Gabel, Kateri McMullen, and Kye Campbell-Fox, all of whom were trained at the Midland Fellowship in July. Experienced facilitators Terry Blankenship and Alison Rule will be available to sub. RE Assistant Beth Lorey also went through the July training, so all of BUC's religious educators are now OWL-certified.

Note: BUC Parents, if you have an 8th grade youth who will be enrolling in OWL and you have NOT yet confirmed this with Kimery, please let her know as soon as possible.

High school class: Unlike many UU churches, BUC offers high school youth both a Sunday morning high school class and a youth group, the Great Unitarian Universalist Senior High (GUUSH). The Sunday morning class will begin on Sept. 18, with a focus on fun, games and introductions. GUUSH meetings are still to be scheduled; please make sure that Kimery has your contact information so that you can receive prompt updates about any youth group plans.

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.

Exciting Season Ahead for Opera Buffs



BUC Opera Buffs will attend ten magnificent Saturday afternoon performances of great operas transmitted during the 2016 - 2017 season live from the stage of the Metropolitan Opera in New York to over 2000 theaters in 70 countries. We look forward to enjoying the unique combination of hearing and watching many of the world's finest opera stars, a first class symphonic orchestra, dynamic choruses, beautiful ballet and folk dancing, along with superlative dramatic staging and acting of tragedies, romances and comedies., all at a fraction of the cost of a ticket to the Met itself.

BUC operagoers will experience an eclectic selection of many operatic tastes this season. New productions of popular works are included along with some less familiar operatic gems. Below is the schedule, so mark your calendars. All dates are for Saturday matinees. Encore presentations will be available the following Wednesday evening at 6:30 PM

The satellite transmissions are delivered to movie theaters in Dolby Digital 5.1 surround sound, the next best audio experience to being at the opera. The live HD video broadcasts are produced with at least 10 cameras, resulting in any many different kinds of views not available in the opera house, including special camera zooms and close-ups. The HD live experience is enhanced during intermissions with videos and backstage interviews by cast members, conductors, stage directors, and key behind the scenes personnel.

Oct. 8, 12:00 PM Wagner *Tristan und Isolde* - Nina Stemme stars in this breathtaking meditation on love and death that includes some of the most thrilling orchestral music in opera.

Oct. 22, 12:55 PM Mozart *Don Giovanni* - Baritone Simon Keenlyside plays the title role in this lighthearted retelling of the Don Juan myth.

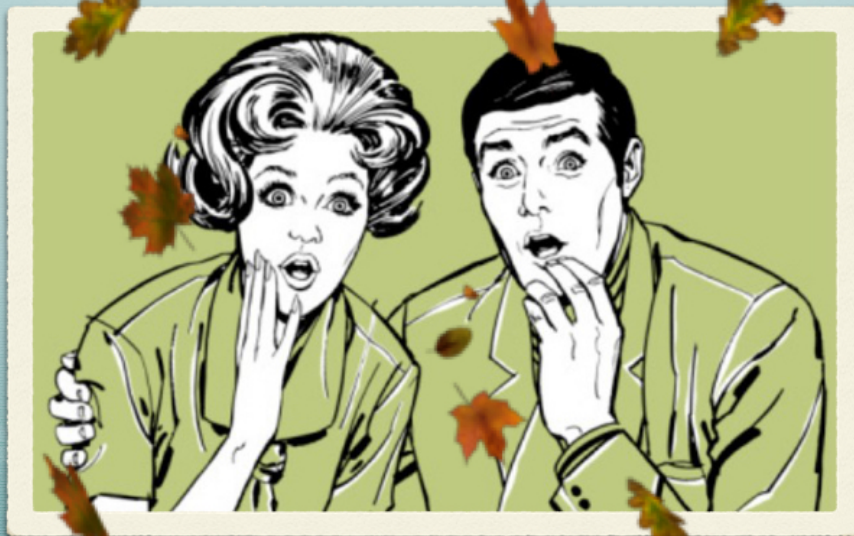
Dec. 10, 12:55 PM Saariaho *L'Amour de Loin* - A Met Opera premier featuring Eric Owens as the knight on a quest of love and Susanna Phillips as his lover across the sea.

The BUC group meets at the AMC Forum 30 complex in Sterling Heights at Mound Rd, and M59. Admission has been \$22 (\$20. for seniors). Additionally, after each opera, several member of the group will gather at a nearby restaurant to extend the fellowship and enjoy some discussion about the opera.

For more information contact Larry Freedman at: lawrenceman@sbcglobal.net Tel. 248-370-8227.

Take Note!

Due to Construction
BUC's FALL RUMMAGE SALE
is CANCELLED
Next Rummage: April 30 — May 6, 2017



Moon Energy: Rhythm, Mystery, Illumination
October 19-23, 2016



Registration for our fall event, Moon Energy: Rhythm, Mystery, Illumination is now open! Come join us as we honor the cycles of the moon and celebrate our connection to its mystical, magical influences. Please visit our website, www.uuwomenspirit.org, to view a copy of the brochure and instructions on how to register. Be sure to complete your registration by September 21st to take advantage of the early bird discount.

Birmingham Unitarian Church
38651 Woodward Avenue
Bloomfield Hills MI 48304
www.bucmi.org



Happening NOW at BUC – See page 6 for the
September Construction Updates!