

Birmingham Unitarian Church

A Unitarian Universalist Congregation

April 2010

All Church Work Day!

Saturday April 24, 2010

Mark your calendar. The next "All Church Work Day" will be Saturday April 24 from 8:30am until about noon. This is a great chance to get to know your fellow BUC'ers and help care for our beautiful grounds and buildings. In addition to the usual spring clean up and gardening we will continue the renovation of our beloved Čapek Woods and Memorial Glen. It is a great family activity even if you can just come for an hour or so. Depending on your interests it would be helpful to bring rakes, shovels, gloves, etc. Contact Fred Straky (248) 373-4942 if you have any questions.

***Join us for Sunday Worship Services
9:30 and 11:15 a.m.***



Save the dates May 8 and May 22! BUC joins other volunteers again this year to plant trees in Detroit. In 2009, 41 BUC volunteers of all ages joined the project. There are two sites: one in Highland Park and one in the New Center area. New trees have an amazing effect on the landscape, and people around them. They bring hope and beauty to recovering neighborhoods. Families are welcome. Show your kids a way to give to others, while enjoying a family outing. We will teach you. You can do this! Tools are provided.

Planting occurs from 8:00AM to Noon both Saturdays.

More specific info will be sent to all volunteers. This donation is for your time only, no money is solicited. If you're short on cash this year, this is a great way to contribute.

Please contact coordinator Paul Plante pplante@twmi.rr.com, Phone: 734-464-1577 now, and commit to one of these dates so we can coordinate volunteers for the trees available. Volunteers will be given a written description of how to plant a tree, a site location and map, and specifics on what to bring. I will coordinate your efforts and tie us together as a group. BUC youth groups, Small Group Fellowship Groups, and new BUC members have a wonderful opportunity to contribute here.

Sing Along with Matt Watroba at MAMA's Coffeehouse Sat. April 24

MAMA's Coffeehouse is pleased to host the Michigan kick-off of the Sing Out Community Choir. The evening promises the heart-warming music and friendly patter you expect from Matt, plus a healthy dose of community singing featuring songs from Rise Up Singing. Matt hopes to lead 10,000 voices across the country in celebration of Pete Seeger and the 60th anniversary of Sing Out! Magazine. This will be a celebration of music and community.

Open Mic at 7:30 p.m. Show at 8:00. Admission \$12, \$10 for seniors and age 16 and under. Refreshments available. Call 248-569-0965 for more information.

Connections - Joys & Sorrows

Dear Friends, Many of you know my daughter Katy; I thought I'd share with you the television coverage of this tragedy. She has ups and downs but we keep our eyes on her recovery. Sincerely, Lucille McNaughton (Web viewers [Click Here](#) or Web search "Channel 2 Houston")

Michele Kotlarsky's mother Virginia Kotlarsky died in her sleep on February 16th of congestive heart failure. She was a faithful, wonderful Rummage Sale worker at BUC for 20 years and liked coming to the bake offs. She loved to garden and she loved flowers. She had a brilliant green thumb. We extend our thoughts and best wishes to Michele and her family as they grieve this huge loss.

Nancy McCuen died on March 11 in Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania. Nancy was a lifelong member of BUC; her parents Newell & Amy McCuen were among the founders of our congregation. There will be a memorial service here, date to be determined. Her brother Charles McCuen can be reached at 375 Mill Rd, Selinsgrove, PA 17870.

Kelly Taylor wishes to share her joy in her father's successful gamma knife procedure. His brain tumor was successfully removed and all is well.

Nanette Magner has had her cast removed and is able to walk short distances. She is recovering nicely.

Michael Licholat began a new job in mid March in the U.A.E. Diane and Zachary will join him when school gets out this summer.

Like History? Are you interested in BUC's History?

Have we got the job for you! We are in need of a few volunteer archivists to review and catalogue BUC's important historical documents. If you can devote some time to helping us make our archives more user-friendly, please contact Lisa Crawford at the BUC offices or lisa.crawford@bucmi.org

Welcome New Members

Claudia Kocher, Jonathan Burleigh and Laura Burleigh signed the membership book on March 28th. Please introduce yourselves to our new members and extend them the right hand of fellowship.

Film Buffs (We're Back!)

Friday, April 9 at 7:00 PM in the Social Hall: The Life and Times of Hank Greenberg (USA, 1999, PG, 95 minutes) - This is a wonderful documentary about the former Tigers slugger who came close to breaking Babe Ruth's home run record in the 1930's. As the first Jewish baseball star Greenberg had a profound



impact on the Jewish community both in Detroit and the US. The documentary features numerous interviews, including ones with Ernie Harwell, Joe Falls, Alan Dershowitz, Carl and Sander Levin, and Walter Matthau,

who remarks "I joined the Beverly Hills Tennis Club to eat lunch with him, and I don't even play tennis." Snacks provided. For more information contact Larry at 258-569-0965 or LarryWisniew@att.net.

Heartland District Spring Conference

The Heartland District Spring Conference is being held on April 9-11 at First UU Congregation of Ann Arbor, MI. The conference provides a valuable opportunity for BUCers to meet UUs, lay leaders and ministers from other area UU congregations. BUC can send up to nine delegates but you don't have to be a delegate in order to attend. If interested in being a delegate contact Abe Amir at aamir@wowway.com

The keynote speaker for the conference is Kay Montgomery, Executive Vice President of the Unitarian Universalist Association.

For more information and registration go to www.bucmi.org/heartlanddistrict

In the Interim

Rev. Marcel Duhamel



Some may be surprised to learn that the celebration of communion is practiced in several Unitarian Universalist churches. I know of a few who have a communion service on the first Sunday of every month. Some churches, some UU churches, own very valuable antique silver communion services. The communal sharing of bread and wine can be a powerful spiritual experience. On Maundy Thursday, April 1, at 7:30 P.M, I will officiate at a UU communion service in the sanctuary. I will bake bread using a sour dough starter that I have had since 1978. There will be the traditional wine but there will also be grape juice for any who prefer to eschew alcohol for whatever reasons. Young people, children are

especially welcome. This is not intended as an exclusively Christian service but most of you who are at least somewhat familiar with a Christian communion service will no doubt recognize many of the elements. All are welcome at this table without regard to belief or unbelief for the community we share is greater than any of these. Even curiosity is sufficient reason to come. Maundy Thursday of course is that day when Jesus shared a Seder with his disciples and tradition has it that he introduced the practice then. Did he? Maybe. Who knows, He might have.

This will be the 21st such service I lead and it has become meaningful for me. Who knows, you might like it.

Amitiés,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marcel".

Senior Minister Search Committee News

Many of you have read the message in “This week at BUC” that our choice for senior minister selected another congregation. We on the Search committee would like to share with you how that came to pass.

For the record, we have been at work for a little over two years, during which time we conducted the All-Church survey, tabulated the results and shared them with you; sponsored the “Beyond Categorical Thinking” weekend with UUA facilitators; prepared our Congregational Record (a self-description of our congregation made available to ministers who are considering applying) and shared it with you; and prepared our packet, a more detailed self-description supplied to ministers we wished to talk with further, which we also shared with you.

We received and read 20 Ministerial Records – ranging from 10 to 21 pages long. We requested and read full packets from 10 of those persons. (we probably read and/or listened to 40 sermons.) We did one to one and a half hour long phone interviews with eight of those and invited three to pre-candidate. We spent three weekends from Friday night thru late Sunday afternoon getting to know these candidates. In addition we talked to an average of 10 references for each person. We then determined that two of those persons were outstanding and a great fit for BUC.

In addition we talked to several people who are in the know and received a number of recommendations for other ministers we might invite to apply. We made nearly 20 calls to these folks. We were not allowed to ask the minister to be our candidate until noon on Monday, March 15. The week before one of our candidates withdrew with many apologies and wonderful things to say about the search committee and BUC. He had been offered a tenured university faculty position at the same university where his wife works. At this time in his life he felt this was a better career move for him.

On Monday, March 15, we called and made an offer to our other candidate who told us that he had already accepted the call to another congregation – one that is smaller than BUC, with a bigger staff and a bigger salary package. Needless to say we were and still are devastated. We had agreed from the beginning that we would not “settle” for just anyone. And we didn’t, and we have no apologies for that decision. The Settlement Handbook from the UUA describes the ONLY failure for a Ministerial Search committee as one that calls a minister who is a poor match for the congregation. So we haven’t failed. And most of us on the committee have already decided to continue on.

By the time this newsletter arrives, we will have decided our course going forward. Matt Chope, co-chair of the committee, shared this quote from T.S. Eliot’s “Four Quartets”:

We shall not cease from exploration

And the end of all our exploring

Will be to arrive where we started

And know the place for the first time.

This seemed like an apt thought for where we are now. We have made our recommendations to the Board by the time you are reading this. In the meantime, we want to be as open with you as we can be, and members of the committee are ready to answer your questions and listen to your concerns.

Senior Minister Search Committee

Matt Chope and Marilyn Mast, Co-Chairs

Judy Amir, Gregg Bloomfield, Dick Halsted, Teresa Honnold, Kym Worth

Alliance presents a preview of DIA Exhibition on April 21



Our Alliance program on April 21 will give us an illustrated preview of the unique exhibition at the Detroit Institute of Arts. The title: [“Through African Eyes – the European in African Art, 1500 to the Present”](#) describes the unusual perspective of the show. The African works show the artists’ impression of outsiders over a 500-year period -- the result of years of work by the DIA staff. The exhibit includes 16th Century Benin bronzes, Kongo stone and wood commemorative images, as well as 20th Century items, all depicting “the exotic white stranger.” This exhibition runs April 18 to August 8, when it will travel to Kansas City.

Everyone is very welcome to attend Alliance events. This is our last Brown Bag lunch and regular program of the church year, with our Annual Meeting coming up on June 9. Before that, however, the Spring Rummage Sale will be held! Please note that the sale is earlier than usual – with intake beginning Sunday, April 25, and the sale ending May 1.

Bring your own lunch on April 21 and the Alliance will have dessert and hot beverages for you. We meet in the Pavilion at Noon for lunch, then move to the Commons for the program at about 1:00.

We will have a special luncheon for the Annual Meeting on Wednesday, June 9, at noon, in the Social Hall. We will start taking reservations at the April meeting. Our charge for the luncheon, catered by Donna Hollis, will be \$15 with payment due in advance. This is our last Alliance gathering until September, so please plan to come!

How Come and What Comes Next?

Carol Ann Arvan, Congregation and Board President



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)?

First, how come? As explained by Search Committee Co-Chair Marilyn Mast, BUC ended the recent search with two strong candidates. One candidate removed himself from consideration at the end of the process because he received a tenured academic offer that proved a better fit. Our other candidate accepted another church's offer because the chosen church has a larger staff than BUC and offered a more generous compensation package than BUC.

These two factors boil down to money. Bear in mind the chosen church is smaller than BUC. That's right, smaller. So how do they do it? Do they have a larger endowment than we do? Is their average pledge larger than ours? Is their facility rental income higher? Are their expenses lower than ours? Do they prioritize their expense dollars differently than we do? We have lots of questions. Although it is highly unlikely we will ever be vying with this particular congregation for a Senior Minister, we will be competing with other churches that may have similar characteristics. They may have greater ministerial and/or program staff support. They may have more generous compensation packages.

I think we have the opportunity to learn something valuable by trying to better understand how our sister UU congregations raise their money and spend their money. I've asked the Budget & Finance Committee to take a look at UU churches comparable to BUC in size to find out how much money they raise each year and how they do it, as well as how they spend their money each year. Is there a pattern or an opportunity out there that we're missing? Is there something we could or should be doing differently or better when it comes to raising and spending the congregation's money? My thanks go to Chris Music who is leading this effort. We look forward to sharing the results with the congregation.

And **what comes next?**

Perhaps the most obvious and the easiest step would be for us to ask Rev. Marcel Duhamel to remain as our Interim Minister another year. We did broach this idea with Marcel, but for many reasons he and Ellie have decided they will travel another path once their time with us ends this summer. We do appreciate the ministry, humor, empathy, integrity, industriousness and intelligence Marcel and Ellie have shared with us. We will treasure the time we have spent and have remaining with them as we wish them "bon chance", "bon sant  " and "bon voyage" in the days ahead.

During our joint meeting on March 25 we decided that without Marcel, another year of interim ministry is not what BUC needs. We have accomplished most of the tasks needed to prepare the way for a new settled minister. In fact, we were eager to call a new settled minister this spring.

We have therefore decided to enter into a very short, very intense late search organized by the UUA for a new Settled Senior Minister. Candidates in this pool include people who did not express an interest in BUC initially, either because they were focused on another opportunity or because they did not participate in the organized selection process for any number of reasons. However, these candidates are vetted by the UUA Transitions Office and will be screened and reviewed by BUC's Senior Minister Search Committee using the same process they used in normal search process. We expect to know by April 20 whether any of these candidates are a good fit for BUC.

The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large.

If the late search does not produce a likely candidate, we have agreed to apply for a Consulting Minister vetted by the UUA for the 2010/2011 program year. Unlike an Interim Minister, whose job is to help a congregation transition from one Settled Minister to another, a Consulting Minister has specific skills or talents to help meet a congregation's specific needs. Staff management and realignment, communication enhancement, fundraising, and governance clarification are all areas identified for improvement at BUC, and a Consulting Minister can help us implement these changes.

To put it bluntly, a Consulting Minister is likely to be much more involved in the day-to-day running and management of the church than an Interim Minister would be. If our late search does not yield a Settled Minister, then BUC is ready for this type of minister and this type of ministry. Like the late search for a Settled Minister, the search for a Consulting Minister is very brief and intense, much like the two Interim Minister searches we undertook in 2008 and 2009.

All seven members of the Senior Minister Search Committee have agreed to participate in the late search. If we need to engage in a search for a Consulting Minister, five of the Search Committee members have agreed to work on this effort. The board will select two of its members to serve with the five remaining committee members for any Consulting Minister search. In this way the Consulting Minister Search Committee will be configured much like the prior Interim Minister Search Committees.

If the late search is not successful, we will again engage in the normal UUA search process for our next Senior Minister this fall. Our dedicated and tenacious Senior Minister Search Committee members will come together once more to find the best candidate for BUC.

My personal thanks go to the Board members and the Senior Minister Search Committee members who were available during coffee hours on March 21 and March 28 to speak with and listen to BUC congregants and guests. Your Board Trustees and Officers are always willing to hear your concerns and answer your questions to the best of our ability. Please feel free to contact any of us: Carol Ann Arvan (President), Tom Cranston (Vice President), Keith Ensroth (Secretary), Pauline Mengebier (Treasurer), Alex Adah, Walter Dean, Julia Gragg, Boris Silberberg and Peggy Woehrlen.

We owe our search committee a bottomless well of gratitude for taking on the late search and, if needed, the search for a Consulting Minister. Please thank a Senior Minister Search Committee member when you see them: Co-Chairs Marilyn Mast and Matt Chope, Judy Amir, Gregg Bloomfield, Dick Halsted, Teresa Honnold and Kym Worth. Theirs has been a labor of love for BUC that continues still. We will be forever grateful.

As a congregation we have experienced a very real disappointment, but this too shall pass. BUC is a dynamic congregation of loving, giving, exploring, supportive, questioning, compassionate, dedicated souls. We are not sheep, but as one member put it at a recent committee meeting, we are looking for a shepherd. Someone to show us intellectual and inspirational paths we may not have considered. Someone to help us incorporate our individual religious truths into our daily lives. Someone to encourage us as we work for human equality and environmental responsibility. Someone to lead the rituals that mark our life passages.

Our search continues, but the shepherd who will find us in time is also searching. With our Search Committee's help we are moving forward. We are all forming the future. Together we are all BUC and together we are becoming the church of our dreams.

Together with you in service to BUC,

Carol Ann

Musical Notes



March Music

Music in March started with the One Hour Choir singing *Bonse Aba*, a traditional Zambian song that translates as “All that sing have the right to be called the children of God.” The piece featured the clear, pure voice of 8-year-old **Randy Pierce** as soloist. You can check out the video on our BUC Facebook page!

Our Middle School and High School Youth did a superior job of planning and leading both services the second Sunday. The congregation appreciated the combo of **Dylan McGuire, Graham Ross, and Austin Hoffrichter**, playing the Prelude. **Mae**

Rooney played a lovely piano piece for Meditation Music. **William Sargent**, piano, and **Weylin Frisbie**, violin, both did a great job on the Offertory. The **Teen Choir**, almost 40 voices strong, sang a beautiful unison anthem, *I Am But a Small Voice*. The morning was topped off with an excellent Postlude by **Jorah Huntington** playing cornet! It was an energizing, uplifting service!

On March 21st we welcomed Mezzo Soprano **Lisa Agazzi** through the generosity of **Gloria** and **David Boddy**. The warmth and tenderness of Lisa’s singing, along with the very appropriate selections, really enhanced the worship. It was a grace-filled morning.

The **Youth Chorus**, under the direction of **Pam McAlpin**, and the **Chalice Choir**, with director **Abha Dearing**, and accompanist **Angelina Pashmakova**, shared their musical gifts with us during both services on March 28th.

Coming up in April

April 4 – **Chalice Choir** – “Hallelujah, Amen” from *Judas Maccabeus* G. F. Handel

Carol Forrester and her daughter Megan Saletta singing “De torrente” from Handel's *Dixit Dominus* and “Laudamus te” from Vivaldi's *Gloria*.

April 11 - **Vicki King** and **Walter Dean**, bassoon duets

April 18 and April 25- **Chalice Choir**

Spring Concert April 18 ROPE–Music Fundraiser

Lunch 12:15 Concert 1:30 Ticket \$15

We are looking forward to another delightful afternoon of music. The program features our own BUC musicians, along with guest pianist, Ania Sorokhtei.

Cathy Sherwin and **Jennie Spenner** – Flute Duet

Mike McGillivray, violin, **Ania Sorokhtei**, piano, Beethoven Sonata No. 10, Op. 96

Barbara Woolf, piano

Kaye Rittinger - Soprano

Andrea Thorne, Grace Brockett, Cyndi Peltonen – Cello Duet with piano

John Hammer – Jazz Piano

We hope you will make plans to join us!

Please send information on upcoming performances by BUC musicians to cyndi.peltonen@gmail.com by the 3rd Sunday of the month, to be included in the newsletter.

Choir



The BUC Chalice Choir did a beautiful job singing for the UU Choir Festival held on March 21st at Northwest UU Church. We had at least 22 of our choir members take part with 7 other church choirs from around us: 115 singers in total. What an exciting musical event! We sang great music, worked with many dynamic conductors and had a chance to visit with other UU's in southeast Michigan and Ontario. The choirs all wore red, black and white and performed a huge variety of songs. Of course, our Canadian counterparts sported cute Maple-leaf neckties. Thanks to the congregants from BUC who came out to support us and enjoyed a great show. Special thanks to Barbara Woolf who played piano with me as I sang a couple of art songs. This time, the choir directors joined to sing a song by ourselves, "The Road Not Taken". This Festival has grown and enriched us over the years. Now, we'll look to the future and maybe do some smaller collaborations with the Ann Arbor and their dynamic director, Glen Thomas Rideout. Thanks, Choir, for your continued energy and commitment to choir. You rock!

The Teen Choir did a solid job on Youth Sunday on March 14th. We had the largest group of singers ever on "I am But a Small Voice". You sang so well, teens--thanks for being a part of this choir experience, even if some of you had your arms gently twisted to sing :). Many of you have expressed that you are interested in doing Teen choir once more before June. Please e-mail me if you are not already signed up to the Teen Choir e-mail list. I want to include as many of you as possible. Song ideas? Let's talk.

Abha Dearing, Choir Director
www.dearingconcertduo.com



Children & Youth Religious Education

Eleanor McGuire, Director of Religious Education for Children

The *Environmental Awareness* rotation is part of a larger objective of sharing with our children how our religion helps us live according to our values. This rotation asks "What are some solutions to the problem of limited resources? Whose responsibility is it to care for the Earth and her creatures? and What might be the best way to share and conserve the Earth's limited resources?" This rotation aims to stay away from more recent, controversial issues and instead focuses on the facts of well-known ongoing environmental situations. Great effort has been made to stick to "Just the facts, ma'am" during the presentation of all issues. It will explore four aspects of environmental awareness:

Scarcity & the fight for land – How has human consumption lead to the loss of animal habitats? What happens to an animal if it loses its habitat?

Equity & sharing – How does the world agree to share the oceans? How does the world work together to protect the creatures that live in the oceans?

Implementing best practices – Where does the energy that warms our church & homes come from? Does gathering oil and coal do any damage to the environment? How can we use that energy most efficiently?

Planning for the future – What has happened to BUC's Čapek Woods? How is our church working to restore the woods and plan for the future?

Music-ROPE Chili & Salad Lunch

April 18th 12:30-2:30pm

Fantastic music, award-winning chili (possibly)! Sound familiar? That's because we couldn't fit enough great music, food and friendship into our last two Music/ROPE events. Some of the same great musicians and wonderful new musicians will be playing after your filling lunch of chili and a variety of salads. We really hope to see you there!

Proceeds go towards the Music Department and the 8th grade ROPE Boston trip.

Youth News

- Daffodil Sunday: April 18 GUUSH High School Youth offer daffodils at low prices. Proceeds to benefit GLBT organizations.
- ROPE (Rite of Passage Experience) Heritage Trip to Boston. April 22-25.
- April 25: ALL Youth classes participate in Rummage Setup. We rely on your help! Please be sure to be there to participate in BUC's largest community event!
- RUMMAGE Consolidation Overnight for Great Unitarian Universalist High Schoolers. April 30 6p-9a. Lots of fun – and vital to the Rummage effort at BUC!
- High School Conference: May 5-7, 2010: DYSC Bridging Con, Cincinnati. For 9th – 12th grade youth. Talk to Laura Ross laura.ross@bucmi.org or visit www.heartlanduu.org for more details
- 6th – 8th grade Junior High Retreat. May 14-16. Mystic lake YMCA Campground, Clare, MI. Talk to Laura Ross laura.ross@bucmi.org or visit www.heartlanduu.org for more details

The Memorial Glen

The Memorial Glen in the Čapek Woods is a special place, a destination at the end of a spiritual path, a place of remembrance and memorialization for members, friends and relatives of BUC members. On Sunday May 30th, an annual special ceremony will be held to memorialize and honor the memory of all those who have passed since last year, as well as others from previous years. Names are cut into the granite cenotaphs prior to this service, once per year. Names will also be added to the Death Register, and other information added to the Memorial Book, all maintained by the church. Members who desire to have names added to the cenotaphs prior to Memorial Day must contact the Memorial Glen Committee before April 4th this year.



In addition to the cenotaph memorialization, remembrances are encouraged for Sunday services by donating flowers by prearrangement with the Sunday Morning Flower Coordinator. Please Contact: Carol Lee, carolallmanlee@yahoo.com, or Lisa Crawford for additional information

Rummage April 25 - May 1, 2010

Robins on the lawn, mud on the floor-- if spring is here, can Rummage be far behind?

Although Rummage is a half-century-plus BUC tradition, this is not your father's rummage sale. With 11,000 square feet of sales space, you will find departments ranging from housewares to electronics (or soup to nuts and bolts, if you prefer). We have brought 21st Century advantages-- e-Bay and Craig's List, and the recycling movement--to the process.



Veterans, when you sign up in the Social Hall during April or show up to work a shift, please check our handout, "What's New at Rummage" so that you will be one of the special people in the know! If you've never worked at rummage before, we want you!

We are looking for people knowledgeable in antiques and collectibles to help with Silent Auction; experts on the latest toys; people with organizational skills and an artistic eye for display; budding chefs to test and price kitchen appliances and housewares; geeky types with knowledge of computers, gaming equipment, and peripherals in Electronics; strong and social types for Intake-- it goes on and on.

Work at least four hours in any department and you get early shopping privileges. It's a great way to earn community service, outfit a dorm room, dress well on a shoestring, and meet new people. The food alone (daily lunches plus two family dinners) makes it worth the trip. (Have more culinary skill than time? Talk to us about making a food donation. Significant food contributions earn early shopping privileges too.) When families work together, it gives even elementary age children a chance to make a worthwhile contribution.

- We are making a big effort to "go green." Make sure your Rummage donations do not include un-saleable items such as raggedy clothing, broken appliances, plastic cups, or analog televisions or computers and while you're working, be sure you put cast offs in the proper recycling bins. We can earn money by recycling paper goods. Bring your discarded newspapers, magazines, textbooks, and un-saleable hard and soft cover books. Sort them separately, mark them "recycled" and leave them with your rummage donations.
- Each department will have its very own champion. For the first day, at least, we hope to have a knowledgeable person on hand in each department who can answer questions and ensure that sorting and pricing is consistent. If you are particularly good at some area of Rummage, please mention it when you sign up or contact a member of the Rummage team now.
- Gold prices are up and we can get cash for old jewelry! If you have useless bits of gold, please donate them to Rummage. One gold earring or a broken necklace may not look like much, but in quantity, it could make a difference. (Just like people.)
- It makes the sorting process go a LOT faster if all donations are in sale-ready condition-- clothing on hangers, sorted by age and gender; toys with all pieces firmly sealed in a box or bag; electronics and small appliances pre-tested and labeled with any caveats; instructions for anything included wherever possible. It's especially helpful to have pre-sorted donations-- items grouped by department and clearly marked. (By the way, children's books go to Toys, rather than Books.)

Join us. Please. So, sign up-- any Sunday in April! Intake Sunday is April 25th; donations accepted through noon on the 27th; sale begins Thursday the 29th at 6:30, with half price from 10 to 2 on Friday, April 30th, Consolidation Friday night; Bag Day from 9 to noon on Saturday and clean-up immediately after.

See you there!

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Laura Ross, DRE for Youth at BUC is there, every day, because it's so much fun – and she leads the camp. Pick up a flyer from the BUC information rack, visit www.motivepeace.org, or call Laura Ross 248-225-5210 to get more information.

EARLY BIRD rates apply until April 15 (\$150 new Campers, \$125 returning) after April 15, the cost is \$180 for new campers, and \$150 for returning campers. Sibling discounts are available.

Who: Children & Youth in Kindergarden - 8th Grades
Volunteer leadership opportunities for 9th – 12th grade youth

When: Week 1: Week 2: July 5-9; July 12-16; July 19-23; July 26-30
Join us for different activities each week!
9am – 3:30pm
Before and Aftercare available

Where: 5500 N Adams Road, Troy
Between Square Lake & Long Lake Roads, just south of I-75
At St Stephens Church

BUC's Calendar April 1 - May 1, 2010

Thursday	1	7:30	Maundy Thursday Communion Service – Sanctuary at BUC
Sunday	4	9:30 & 11:15	Easter Sunday Worship Services – Sanctuary
			GUUSH will not be meeting this week
Wednesday	7`	11:00	Margarete Koenen Art Installed in the Gallery & Pavilion
		7:30 & 8:00	Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
Friday	9	7:00	Film Buff's Movie – <i>the Life and Times of Hank Greenberg</i>
Sunday	11	9:30 & 11:15	Worship Services - Sanctuary
		10:30 & 12:30	Town Hall Meetings – Pavilion
Wednesday	14	6:30-8	Tentative New to UU – please check the website calendar
		7:30 & 8	Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
Sunday	18	9:30 & 11:15	Daffodil Sunday & Earth Day Celebration Services – Sanctuary
		12:30-1	ROPE & Music Fundraiser Chili lunch and Salad Lunch
		1:30-2:30	ROPE & Music Fundraiser Spring Concert
Thursday	22	11:00	Margarete Koenen Art – down
Saturday	24	9-noon	BUC's All Church Work Day
		7:15 & 8:00	Open Mic and Matt Watroba BUC's MAMA's Coffee house
Sunday	25		New Member Signing
		9:30 & 11:15	Sunday Worship Services – Sanctuary
		10:30	Coffee Hour after 1 st Service Only
		Noon	RUMMAGE Sale Intake Begins! All hands on deck...
Monday	26	5:00	Rummage Family Lasagna Night
Thursday	29	6:30-9:00	Rummage Sale opening night – Silent Auction 6:30-8:30
Friday	30	10-2:00	Rummage ½ Price Day
		4-8:00	Consolidation and GUUSH Sleepover
Saturday	May 1	9-Noon	Bag Day! Grocery Bag \$5, Garbage Bag \$10
		Noon-3:00	Clean Up!

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