

Birmingham ♡ Unitarian ♡ Church

A Unitarian Universalist Congregation

February 2011

Sunday Worship Services

9:30 and 11:15 a.m.

February 6: "Super Bowl Spirituality"

On a Sunday when the biggest and best sports teams compete for the grandest prize in front of the largest audience, Kathy and Worship Associate Elaine Morse look in the opposite direction to consider the value of a spirituality of the least and lowest and smallest.

February 13: "For Better For Worse"

A Valentine service led by Kathy and Worship Associate Kristi Fielder, exploring the ebb and flow of love in a relationship and how to find meaning in both kinds of experiences.

February 20: Guest Speaker TBA

February 27: "The Lips of Time"

The next installment in an ongoing series about central themes in Unitarian Universalism, this service led by Kathy and Worship Associate John Lake contrasts UU understandings of time and spiritual growth with those found in other traditions.

Getting to Know UU
2011 BUC SERVICE AND TALENT AUCTION
Saturday, March 12
6:00 - 9:00 pm
Tickets \$ 20/person
Tasty treats and good cheer for all
Free Child care (advance notice required)
Tickets go on sale February 20th

MAMA's Coffee House, Feb. 19

Tumbledown Town a Two-Act Musical/Theatrical Production

We are excited to present Tumbledown Town, a light-hearted, a two act musical comedy for the whole family. Presented in a concert format, much in the way radio plays of the past were performed, it is a small town love story full of intrigue and innuendo, humor, corporate espionage, tragedy and murder most foul



The cast consists of four players taking on a total of ten roles. The play focuses on the zany and intriguing events in the lives of the denizens of Tumbledown, a small Midwestern town with one blinking light. The residents of Tumbledown are worried about the rumors they're hearing. Will Tumbledown Town cease to exist as we know it? Is there a killer running amok amongst the locals? Are some folks planning to leave town? Who's got a secret stash of money and where did it come from?

There will be 5 performers opening the show playing one song each: Judy Insley, Alan Sturt, Lyn Sawicki, Bob Marshall and Maggie Ferguson.

Shows begin at 8:00pm unless otherwise specified. Doors open at 7:00pm with open mic beginning 15 minutes later.

Volunteers @ BUC Making a Difference

BUC, through the Needs Network group, again participated in warming center efforts. Early on Sunday, January 30, a volunteer group laundered over one hundred loads of linen for one of the Royal Oak nighttime warming centers.

The volunteers included: Carol Ann and Frank Arvan, Ilene Beninson, Hillary Bishop, Carol Bradshaw, Lillian Dean, Kathy DuHame, Tom Griebel, Pat Hammer, Elizabeth Harris, George Lentz, Stephen and Margaret Marsh, Elaine Morse, David Sabbagh, and Jan Wheelock. Many thanks to all of you!

What Lies Beyond Religion?

Is Compassion Unrealistic?

Award-winning religious historian, Karen Armstrong, tells us that all major religions have compassion as a core principle. Each has its own version of the Golden Rule: love your brother as you love yourself. The need to expand the concept of brother to others, even on the other side of the globe, has never been more important for mutual survival in this increasingly interdependent world. Yet we live in a highly competitive me-first world. Religions are often seen not as the answer but as part of the problem. Is compassion unrealistic? If not, how can we cultivate it in ourselves?

In her new book, *Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life*, Karen Armstrong leads the reader on a progressive path to make compassion an everyday part of one's life. The Sunday Morning Discussion Group will use this book as its main resource in a twelve-week discussion on compassion beginning Sunday, **February 13 at 9:30 a.m.** in the large conference room. Contact Diane Lake at 248-626-0222 or diane.lake@comcast.net with any questions.

Bring a cup of coffee from the social hall and join in one or more of these group-facilitated discussions.

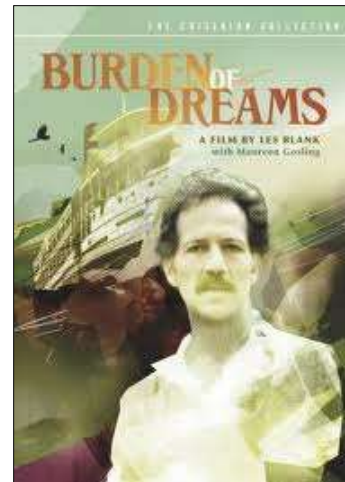
The Sacred and Profane Discussions

The Sacred & Profane discussion group met on Jan 18, and discussed the topic of "Epiphany". Rev. Dick Nelson was the facilitator, and guided us through both the sacred (Christian) significance and the profane (secular) examples of epiphany. The group suggested world-changing epiphanies and participants described their personal epiphanies (Eureka moments).

The group will next meet on **Wednesday, Feb. 16** at 10:30 AM in the large conference room. We have invited Rev. Kathy Hurt to lead a discussion of the topic "A Language of Reverence". All members and friends of the church are invited.

BUC Film Buffs ~ Feb. 18, 7:00

Join us in the Commons for *Burden of Dreams*. Documentarian Les Blank trained his cameras on Werner Herzog, as the eccentric German filmmaker made his epic *Fitzcarraldo* in the Amazon rainforest of Peru. Herzog's production is in trouble right from the start. He begins filming with Jason Robards playing the title role, and Mick Jagger playing Fitzcarraldo's sidekick, Wilbur. With 40 percent of the film shot, Robards becomes ill and



goes back to the states, where his doctor will not let him return. Because of the delay, Jagger, with album and tour commitments, is forced to quit the production. Thinking no one can fill the rock star's shoes, Herzog jettisons Jagger's role. He eventually casts his frequent collaborator Klaus Kinski as Fitzcarraldo and begins shooting again. "If I abandon this project," Herzog explains at one point, "I would be a man without dreams, and I never want to live like that. I live my life or I end my life with this project." ~ Josh Ralske, All Movie Guide

Snacks provided. For more information contact Larry at 248-569-0965 or LarryWisniew@att.net.

Saturdays, Lunch and a Movie...

Interested in joining others for lunch and a movie on a specific Saturday each month? Local theatres, the Maple Art or the Main Art theaters, Detroit Film Theatre at the DIA and Indie films are some of the possibilities. If interested, contact Gail Rouse (248-677-3728) or gbr1145@att.net.

Holiday interior and exterior decorations were courtesy of Rose Marie Adah, Keith Brown, Jim and Mary Ann Hunter, Marilyn Webster, Carole Wiseman with help from Jason McDonald.

Marilyn Webster and Carole Wiseman will continue enhancing the front entrance with seasonal themes in 2011. Ideas or suggestions are welcome!

Call Carole at 586-446-0165.

Connections - Joys & Sorrows

We were saddened by the news of the death of Dorothy Harrington, wife of one of BUC's long time leaders, the late G. Robert Harrington. We send our best to Dorothy's family.

Sharon Rose had a new grandchild born on December 28th. His name is Noam Zev, and means "sweet wolf". Sharon was very thrilled to have the opportunity to stay overnight in the hospital with mommy and new baby and then stayed the week to help with the other little ones.

Chris McNally and the other members of Communities United for Children (CUFC) would like to thank the BUC community for adopting 41 of the families in need for the annual Christmas giving. This translated into 151 children sharing happiness and the gift of Christmas giving that would not have happened otherwise.

Bob and Cindy Clement are thrilled to report that their two great-nephews born recently, are doing well and thriving.

Kim Schultes father died suddenly on January 7. Please keep Kim and Matt Chope in your thoughts and prayers as they experience this huge loss.

Louise Angermeier is currently undergoing outpatient treatment for metastatic breast cancer. She underwent gamma surgery on February first – it went very well. Louise and her doctors are optimistic and she welcomes the support and love she is receiving from this beloved congregation.



Johnny Symons, documentary filmmaker of the award winning, *Don't ask Don't Tell* and son of Susie Symons and John Glick, was invited to attend the signing of the repeal of DADT by President Obama.

Debbie and Terry Blankenship are thrilled to announce the marriage of their son Aaron to Sabine Schmid in Rochester Michigan on December 29. He and Sabine live in San Francisco and have both recently received their PhD's in Neurobiology.

Alexa Standard and Richard Binder are very happy to announce that they are expecting their first child together, due in July.

Paul and Marie Miller celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary in January. Congratulations!

Larry Larson welcomed his second grandchild, Delilah Theresa Larson, born on January 18th. He is thrilled and delighted.



Saffron Prelogar was born on January 19. Mom and dad, Goldie and Nico Prelogar and big brother Ronan, are all celebrating and adjusting to life as a family of four. Congratulations!

Andy Gross is home recovering from quadruple bypass surgery. He wishes to express his thanks for all the good thoughts and prayers he felt coming his way.

On January 24, Inta Davis welcomed her first grandchild, Owen Michael Davis. The reports are in that he is "beautiful and perfect." Son, Jacob, and mother of Owen are doing fine. Inta's joy was overflowing as she also announced the engagement of her younger son, Tony for a July 2012 wedding.

Almost ninety women attended the Starry, Starry Night at BUC on January 30. Many have expressed the wish to share their gratitude and thankfulness for the wonderful group of women who so beautifully and graciously organized this very special event: Marilyn Mast (not pictured), Lisa Demian, Penny Hackett-Evans, Carole Wiseman, Karen Schreck, Elaine Morse, and Janette Andrews.



Reflections

Rev. Dr. Kathy Hurt



One of the changes I am noticing as my relationship with you shifts from that of being your consulting minister to being your candidate for settled minister to actually being called to be your senior minister involves expectations for our ministry together. These changes make sense, as they develop alongside the changed dynamics and timing of our relationship. That is, while a consulting minister operates within carefully defined objectives set out by the Board and unfolding in a specific time, a settled minister serves at the call of the entire congregation and (if all goes well) for an open-ended time period, or, as I suggested when I accepted your call, serving as long as we both, minister and congregants, shall truly, spiritually live.

Now the stakes are higher, as they should be. Expectations have risen: I hear that you expect me to vastly increase the membership of BUC, invigorate and increase volunteer participation, increase the budget, enhance staffing, improve the appearance of our facilities, and, before going home at night, walk on water.

I must tell you, if you have not already guessed, that I harbor similarly high expectations of you. I expect you to love one another at all times, volunteer for three times as much work around BUC as you currently do, double your pledging, spruce up the appearance of our facilities, and, before going home on Sundays, walk on water.

Congregations and ministers are warned about such mutual expectations, told to ignore them, dismiss them, puncture them, and look for them to flatten out into safe and predictable goals when the honeymoon period of the new relationship ends. I propose that we *not* wave our expectations away too quickly, but rather hold onto them for awhile, scrutinize them for the insights they provide—not about what we expect of one another, but about the hopes we hold.

Our expectations represent the literal, concrete expressions of an underlying hope for a powerful and creative ministry together. And while expectations can disappoint or lead to bitterness, hope cannot. Your capacity to form so many expectations points to a deeper capacity now for hope, hope that rises strong despite any earlier disillusionments, hope that grows even in the midst of anxiety about what will become of us. Far from being worried about your expectations for ministry, I am heartened by them, for they testify to your resilience and strength as a congregation.

None of us has yet mastered walking on water. As for anything else, who knows? Hope creates a space in which the unexpected, the amazing—even the miraculous—can occur.

In faith, hope, and love,

Kathy

Friday, February 4 ~ 6:00 Vespers and Vittles

Come join our new settled minister, Rev. Dr. Kathy Hurt, as she conducts her first intergenerational Vespers service appropriate for all ages! The evening begins with a potluck at 6:00pm. BUC will cook the main dish of pasta with your choice of marinara, meat and alfredo sauces. Everyone is asked to bring a potluck item or assist with set-up or help with clean-up. Vespers will begin at 7:00pm and last for approximately 30 minutes. This will be immediately followed by the ever popular Drum Circle lead by Dave Sabbagh and Brian Schandavel! So, bring your drums and other percussion instruments and join in the fun. RSVP by contacting Kathy DuHame via telephone, 248-670-0307, or e-mail, kduhame@ameritech.net. Keep March 4, 2011, open for the Vittles, Vespers and Variety Show. Look for sign-ups in the Social Hall starting February 13.

Children's Religious Education

Eleanor McGuire, Director of Religious Education for Children



Children's Rotation Curriculum

March's Birth and Beginnings rotation is part of a larger exploration of how our faith helps us deal with our life passages (coming of age, marriage, parenthood, death). This rotation answers two main questions: "Why is it so important to celebrate births?" and "Why do all major religions celebrate the birth of their spiritual leaders?" In particular, this rotation focuses on ways that families, congregations and communities welcome their newest members. It also looks at

how almost all religions celebrate the birth of their spiritual leaders in order to remind their followers to also live dutifully and not be distracted by life's other paths.

How does our UU religion welcome new arrivals into our faith? From the earliest times, people have used symbolic words and actions, which have evolved into "welcoming ceremonies", to show the importance of the arrival of a new life. Two basic types of ceremonies are baptisms and dedications. Simplified, a baptism is a formal expectation while a dedication is an invitation, not a ceremony necessary for later participation in the UU faith. The Games workshop teaches the meaning of key words like sin and covenant, in order to understanding the larger differences between a baptism and a dedication ceremony.

Do all children have inherent gifts? Do some children face more challenges? Are parents the only people who can nurture a child's potential? Our UU Principles teach us that every child has inherent worth, dignity and goodness. The Art workshop emphasizes the UU belief that for a child to become a loving and independent adult, that child will need the wisdom, counsel, love and support of many friends, both young and old.

Why is Buddha's birth so important and celebrated? What "Path" did he tell his followers to take? The Drama workshop focuses on Siddhartha Gautama, an ordinary man who, through his own efforts, came to a greater spiritual understanding of why there is suffering in life and how people can work to ease it. Early Buddhism emphasized the earnest wish and effort to mold one's own mind and ensuing actions. Buddha taught his followers that neither a life of great pleasure or of severe self-denial would bring contentment – all individuals most aim to follow the Middle Path.

Why do Muslims celebrate Muhammad's birth? The Storytelling workshop explores why Muslims celebrate Maulid al-Nabi, which means "birth" of the "prophet" or messenger. Briefly, God spoke to Muhammad, his final messenger, over a period of 23 years, asking Muhammad to carry God's last messages to humankind. Muhammad prayed, memorized and shared God's words and later his messages were written down in the Muslim holy book, the Qur'an.

Please contact Eleanor McGuire, Children's DRE, with questions at: eleanor.mcguire@bucmi.org

2011 Religious Education Survey

As part of our continuing effort to be responsive to the needs of our RE families, in mid-February we will be asking BUC's parents to fill out a brief online survey for each child participating in the RE program. The anonymous responses will be compiled by the RE Council to help guide programming for the 2011-12 church year. We appreciate your candid, honest responses. And we thank you for contributing your time to maintaining the quality of BUC's programs

Youth Religious Education

Laura Ross, Director of Religious Education for Youth

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The 31st ANNUAL BUC BAKE-OFF! Sunday, February 13th

12:30 - 2:00pm, in the Social Hall Please join us for this all-church luncheon and youth group fund raiser.

A lunch of delicious homemade soups, salads and breads is part of the fun. Most of the donated baked treats will be sold through written auction. Special delicacies made by 15 “Celebrity Chefs” will be auctioned off through an enthusiastic live auction. The live auction takes place during the luncheon, and the written auction closes fifteen minutes after the live auction bidding is complete. Some items are for immediate sale, as well, so you are sure to go home with a homemade treat.

All BUC members and friends are invited to share their culinary talents by making baked goods for the written auction. Cakes, candy, cookies, breads, pies, etc. are all great items. If you’re interested in being a **Celebrity Chef** please contact Laura Worley Ross as soon as possible, laura.worleyross@bucmi.org or (248) 225-5210. This is a fun event to introduce friends to BUC, and a fabulous venue for showing off your baking talents, and of course, a wonderful way to indulge your sweet tooth, perhaps buying for your sweetheart – Valentine’s Day is the following day!

This delicious afternoon is all yours for the low donation of \$4 per person, \$14 per family of four or more. Proceeds from Bake-off are divided among our 6th – 12th grade Youth Groups: GUUSH (Great Unitarian Universalist Senior High), ROPE (Rite of Passage Experience) and UFO (Unitarian Friendship Organization).

YOUTH CALENDAR

- ◆ GUUSH all 9th – 12th graders are welcome! February meetings: 13 & 27 6p-8p
- ◆ Bakeoff: February 13 12:30 – 2p
- ◆ Youth Sunday March 20, 2011 Both Services – ROPE Pancake Breakfast, too!
- ◆ ROPE Boston Trip April 28 – May 1, 2011
- ◆ Heartland District Conferences:
 - o Spirituality Development Con- Location: Gross Point UU- Date: February 11 – 13
 - o GUUSH-Sponsored Fun Con at BUC April 8 - 10
 - o Social Justice Con- Location: Thomas Jefferson UC, Louisville- Date: March 11-13
 - o Bridging- Location: UU Indianapolis - Date: April 29 - June 1
 - o Jr. High Election - Location: St. Johns Cincinnati- Date: May 13-15

**Coming up...10th - 12th Grade Our Whole Lives (OWL)
April 14 - 16, 2011**

April 14, Friday, 7:00 to 10:00 - April 15, Saturday, 9:00 to 5:30 - April 16, Sunday, 1:00 to 5:00

March 27, Sunday 10:30a – 1p PARENT ORIENTATION. Free for BUC 10th, 11th and 12th graders; \$25 for other UU 10th - 12th grade Youth

Even those who participated in OWL in Eighth Grade will find new benefits in this more advanced cycle of Our Whole Lives. High School OWL differs from Junior High OWL in that it recognizes the higher maturity level (physical, emotional and spiritual) of 15 – 18 year olds. The topics will include discussion of anatomy, sexual behaviors and risks, and relationship issues. Specific units which differ from Junior High OWL include sessions on body image, identifying good relationships, breaking up, date rape/consensual sex, and others. Some units are similar: discussions of anatomy, contraception, gender roles and orientation, sexual and emotional health. Many older teens have more knowledge of relationship issues, even if they have not been in significant relationships yet themselves. They're likely to be more interested in forming romantic and sexual relationships and because of this are more capable of initiating pregnancy. Life issues for older teens may include anticipating moving out on their own, which increases the urgency of forming personal codes of sexual conduct and learning to set boundaries. Older teens are also able to intellectually process more abstract and complex issues, and are more likely to address topics in a collaborative discussion-based format. The experts who developed the OWL curricula recognize these differences and have produced materials accordingly, including covering new topic areas not appropriate for younger teens. The program, like all OWL programs, is grounded in a values-based process, encouraging responsible, knowledgeable and respectful behaviors.

Please contact DRE for Youth Laura Worley Ross at laura.worleyross@bucmi.org or 248-225-5210 for more information.

Alliance

On Wednesday, February 16, Alliance will feature Professor John Mogk of Wayne State University School of Law. The title he gives his presentation is “Detroit: The Road Traveled and The Road Ahead - Re-urbanization and Downsizing of Detroit”. Professor Mogk is Chair of the Michigan Council On Labor and Economic Growth. He spearheaded the “Citizens for a SMART Future” millage campaign for public transportation, which passed last August. His talk will be illustrated with relevant scenes of the city.



The meeting at noon begins with a brown bag lunch in the Pavilion. Alliance will provide beverages and homemade cookies, courtesy of our wonderful bakers. The program will begin at about 1:00 pm in the Commons. You are welcome to come for just the program.

Everyone is cordially invited to our Alliance events, usually held the 3rd Wednesdays of the month. The upcoming dates are March 16 and April 20, both including Brown Bag lunches. We do not meet in May when we are ALL busy doing rummage, Mat 1 – 7. Our last gathering of the 2010 – 2011 program year will be our Annual Meeting on Wednesday, June 8, in the Social Hall. Stay tuned for details of the catered luncheon and put it on your calendar along with the above dates. Alliance brochures, along with the other spring programs are in the pamphlet racks. We hope to see you February 16th!

Social Justice Committee

Are you interested in Social Justice issues? The Social Justice Committee is now holding regular discussion sessions, roughly every other Sunday either in the Large or Small Conference Room at 12:45. This current topic of “Framing” can help us in speaking to others with different viewpoints. The book we'll be using as our guide is George Lakoff's, *Don't Think of an Elephant*. Contact Lucille McNaughton for more information. All are welcome! lucillerm@sbcglobal.net or phone at 313-561-5692.

Getting to Know UU - Talent and Services Auction March 12

Are you a gardener? Are you a whiz in the kitchen? Do you have techie talents and love the computer? Perhaps you are a musician? Please consider donating your talents for others to bid on during BUC's upcoming auction.

The talents of our church run deep. Past auctions have featured pet sitting services, piano lessons, handyman help, babysitting, yoga classes, home organizing talents, garden tours, sewing tutorials, boat rides, French dinner, jewelry making, computer assistance...and more. Don't be shy. Just think of a service that might help another save time, have fun, or learn something new; we'll find the bidder who will scoop it up!

And you don't have to do this by yourself. Join with a friend, or your small group or committee to offer up your special abilities. Sharing your talents is a very personal way of making BUC a more welcome and connected community. You may even make a new friend or two!

It's easy to participate. Simply complete the donation form by clicking [here](#) and choosing either the pdf form to print or the word document to fill out on your computer and attach as your submission. Option B - you may pick up a form from the office and drop it off in the Auction mailbox or the auction table during the social hour after Sunday services.

Deadline for submissions: Sunday, Feb. 13th

Donations will be featured in the Gallery starting February 20th Tickets for the Auction go on sale February 20th Questions and forms may be emailed to marciamahood@gmail.com or call at 248-593-5790

Our BUC Facility: A Building Update

Inta Davis, Chair of Facilities

The lighting retrofit is nearly complete at BUC. Thanks to a rebate from DTE Energy, the electric savings will cover the cost of the new ballasts, bulbs and labor to install in 1.5 years. In addition to saving us money, the change will reduce our carbon footprint and make BUC "more green". The retrofit includes the following lighting changes:

1. 36 fluorescent light ballasts and bulbs changed from T-12 to T-8. The T-12 bulbs use more electricity than the T-8 bulbs. (throughout halls and classrooms)
2. 22 fluorescent two bulb hanging light fixtures replaced; again T-12 replaced with T-8 fixtures and bulbs. (in classrooms)
3. 8 exit light fixtures replaced with LED exit light fixtures. (throughout BUC facility)
4. 63 dimmable flood light bulbs, 90 watts each, in the sanctuary replaced with 19 watt dimmable LED lights. LED light bulbs have an expected life of 9 years.
5. 24 dimmable flood light bulbs, 90 watts each, in the pavilion replaced with 20 watt dimmable compact fluorescent bulbs.
6. 6 light fixtures on the building exterior that used standard bulbs were replaced with fixtures using 19 watt compact fluorescent fixtures and bulbs.

Spring 2011 is expected to be a busy time at BUC. Several projects are slated to begin and be completed during this time. They are as follows:

MARSHALL COURTYARD: Savings from natural gas for heating and for Marshall Courtyard work that did not occur in 2010 has been placed in a separate account at BUC and will be used for these repairs in 2011. The work specifications are being finalized and rebid so work can begin as soon as the weather permits. Plans to complete this work in late 2010 were delayed when the bids received were higher than anticipated. We fully intend and expect to complete this work this spring.

CARPET REPLACEMENT: Another important and much needed project scheduled and budgeted to occur this spring is replacement of the carpet in much of the BUC facility. Even though the carpet is in dire need of replacement today, a decision was made to complete that project once winter ends in late March / early April 2011.

AUTOMATIC DOOR OPENERS: Automatic door openers from the outdoors into the sanctuary by the Bridal room will be installed in February or March 2011.

Another project the Facilities committee is researching and considering is restroom renovations, especially the restrooms on the main level that get heavy use. Much of this work can be completed by Jim Dean, part-time Maintenance Tech at BUC making these renovations affordable.

Jim has been busy installing the new lighting and completing other miscellaneous maintenance tasks. Because Jim works full time at another company, he completes maintenance tasks evenings and weekends. This works well at BUC since it is often difficult to access rooms during normal hours due to use by members and outside groups. Report any maintenance related items at BUC to Lisa either by leaving her a note or via e-mail. She works closely with Jim and coordinates all maintenance work with him.

With your help, the Facilities Committee is dedicated to continuing its work to maintain BUC not only for today, but for future years.

Together with you in service for BUC.

The BUC Facilities Committee










BUC's January 2011 Scrapbook is now online at [YouTube](#). Click on the photo to the left or type in "UnitarianBirmingham" to see all the videos that have been uploaded to our page or "BUC January 2011 Scrapbook" to see some snapshots of what took place @ BUC in January.



Welcome New Members!

Sunday, February 27 we will be formally welcoming in our newest members during both of our Sunday morning services. Following the second service there will be a lasagna lunch in the Commons for our newly welcomed members, those who are interested in membership, or those who would appreciate the opportunity to learn more about our church community. The next New to Unitarian Universalism Class will be **Wednesday evening, February 16** at 7:00 in the Commons. If you would like to attend please email: lisa.crawford@bucmi.org or you may call the church office at 248-647-2380 and leave a message. We would love the opportunity to hear your stories and share BUC and Unitarian Universalism's story with you!

Our newest members:

			
Eun Joo Kim	October 10, 2010	Lisa Baker-Grunza	January 9, 2011
	Gail is retired from newspaper advertising. After her husband died in 2008, Gail moved here in 2009 to be near family. She loves gardening, cooking, quilting, hiking, and Scrabble.		
Gail Rouse	October 24, 2010	Lynn Baker-Grunza	January 9, 2011
	A Retired Social Worker and former devotee of Fountain Street Church in Grand Rapids. Larry enjoys participating in discussions on spiritual growth, and current controversial topics.	Susan Nash	January 16, 2011
Lawrence Larson	October 31, 2010	Susan Reiter	January 16, 2011
		Jesse Reiter	January 16, 2011
Hillary H. Bishop	October 31, 2010		Paul is a free-lance writer (who wrote a lovely piece about BUC last spring). A former seminarian, he enjoys the sense of community and fellowship he has found @ BUC.
Nicole Szczepanski	December 12, 2010	Paul Vachon	January 23, 2011
	Bret is an Entrepreneur, with skills in financial analysis, planning and management. Bret's primary interest is people – "everything else is secondary" he describes his greatest need, "leaving the world better than I found it."	John Ballantyne	January 23, 2011
Bret A. Bergeron	January 9, 2011	Nanci Ballantyne	January 23, 2011
		Mary T. Abbott	January 23, 2011
			
		Anne Calomeni	January 30, 2011
		Kate Hayman	January 30, 2011

Please join us in welcoming these newest members of BUC. If you have been considering joining the membership of BUC please contact our Minister, Rev. Dr. Kathy Hurt kathy.hurt@bucmi.org, Church Administrator, Lisa Crawford lisa.crawford@bucmi.org, or Congregational Development Chair, Lisa Demian, ldemian@ameritech.net.

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I have recently become a member of BUC, a church I can finally call my spiritual home! I have been a chiropractor for over 15 years in Michigan, specializing in giving individualized, loving, specific, gentle care to all ages, pregnant moms to newborns, the elderly, and all levels of athletes. I work Tuesday & Thursday 9-1, 3-6:30 pm and Saturday 10-12 pm.

Monday/Wednesday/Friday by appointment only. If you have any questions about your particular case, please feel free to email me drejkim@gmail.com or leave your number at the office.

Thank you, Dr. Eun Joo Kim.

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