

Birmingham Unitarian Church

A Unitarian Universalist Congregation

September 2010

Sunday Worship Schedule

9:30 and 11:15 a.m.

September 5: "The Sanctity of Labor"

The service will explore how chronic disregard for worker's rights around the world has threatened the hard won gains of US workers. Are cheap goods worth the price? Rev. Penny Hackett-Evans, and Worship Associate, Lisa Demian will lead the service. Special Music by John Hammer.

September 12: "Lie Back"

As we move into the accelerated pace of fall, how do you maintain a center of calm, or hang onto the relaxed perspective you enjoyed during your summer vacation? Our new Senior Consulting Minister, Rev. Dr. Kathy Hurt, and Worship Associate Brian Schandavel will lead the service.

September 19: "Down the Passage Not Taken, Through the Door Never Opened"

Do you have choices you regret, or wish you could make over? Kathy Hurt and Worship Associate Dan Kosuth lead an exploration of decisions made and not made in this service recognizing the Yom Kippur theme of atonement.

News from the Welcome Inn

As fall approaches, the South Oakland Citizens for the Homeless is preparing to open the doors of the Welcome Inn Day Center for another winter season. BUC volunteers have participated in making this homeless shelter a place of rest and compassion for Royal Oak for seven years.. As is the case with many charities in these times, financial resources to fund this vital mission continue to decrease. Would you like to have fun and benefit the Royal Oak Homeless at the same time?

Spread the Laughs V -- Sponsored by South Oakland Citizens for the Homeless (S.O.C.H.)
Monday, October 25th at the Comedy Castle
310 S. Troy Street, Royal Oak, MI 48067

Cost is \$30 per person – (\$15 of this may be claimed as charitable income tax deduction). See Annis Pratt (avpratt@aol.com) or the office for tickets between Sept. 13 and Oct. 15.

Tutors Wanted

This fall marks the 12th year that BUC volunteers will be tutoring elementary school students in reading skills at the Whitmer Human Resources Center (WHRC) in Pontiac at Woodward and Orchard Lake Road. Walt Johnson and Arlene Fredrick initiated the project in 1998 and since then scores of BUC'ers and others have participated.

No prior experience needed. A training session will be held in the Commons, Saturday morning, Sept. 25th. There will be coffee and Danish at 9:30am and training will start at 10:00am.. We'll get you out no later than noon. Current tutors are urged to attend. Sign up for the session in the church office or in the Social Hall after church on Sunday.

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote:

What Lies Beyond Religion?

New Adult RE Opportunity for the Spiritually Curious

Starting on Sunday, Oct. 3, at 9:30 a.m. a new Adult RE class will begin which will be a facilitated discussion on John Shelby Spong's book *Eternal Life: A New Vision*.

Don't be misled by the title, this book is about life, not death. Retired Episcopal bishop, theologian, and one of the English-speaking world's leading spokespersons for liberal Christianity, Spong has written a book for those who have thrown off the constraints of traditional Christian belief, but still have a sense of "something more" which leads them on a continuing search of what that "something" is. This book is the culmination of Spong's life and twenty book search for the meaning of life. He reviews the historical development of concepts such as God, redemption, sin, etc., which leads him to a concept of god that is consistent with science and human experience. Spong takes the reader along on his personal journey which has brought him to a new vision that is beyond Christianity and religion itself.

There will be eight classes on consecutive Sundays. Each Sunday will cover two chapters. Commitment to attend each class is not necessary but reading the entire book is highly recommended before attending the first class. All participants must read the chapters to be discussed before each class. Chapters One and Two will be discussed at the first class. Since the class will be held at the time of the first service, all participants are expected to be present at the second service. – Diane Lake

Small Group Fellowship at BUC

Please stop by the Small Group Fellowship table during coffee hour in September and learn more about how this program works. It's a great way to get to know your BUC community.

You can sign up to visit an existing group, commit to a new group for one year, or indicate an interest in rotating to another group to broaden your network of friends. Since most groups meet from early fall through May, we'd like to have the names of all potential new members by the end of September.

If you have any questions or want to submit your name via email, contact Stephanie Patil at sp4public@gmail.com

South Oakland Shelter at BUC November 7 thru 14, 2010

“Save the Dates”! There are over 300 volunteer slots required to house 30 men, women and children homeless guests at BUC for a week. This is the largest Needs Network project we do. For over 20 years, members have done an outstanding job. Thank you! Volunteers are needed for driving, food, facilities, host, laundry and special adult and children activities. Emerson and Paint Creek will be joining us again this year. Sign up begins Sunday October 10 in the Social Hall. A few leadership positions are still open.

Questions to co-coordinators: Paul Plante: pplante@twmi.rr.com , Ph: 734-464-1577 and/or Grace Rising: gbrising@comcast.net , Ph: 248-545-2178

The Sacred and the Profane

The “Sacred and Profane” discussion group met on July 21. Ten members attended a discussion of Darwinian evolution in relation to our current way of life. Biological evolution depends on sexual reproduction with the profligate production of new beings, the excess being eliminated by natural selection. Our civilization is counter-evolutionary in that we favor the birth of fewer children, and the preservation of their lives regardless of handicaps. In essence we have decided to over-ride biological determinism with humanitarian compassion and our economic desires. – Maurice Lefford

On August 18, twelve members participated in the discussion of “Theism, Deism and Atheism.” Statistics were presented showing 46% of BUC members are Humanists, 43% have an earth or nature centered religion and 11% are Theists. Many in the group said they were humanists and others said they were combination of atheists, agnostics, transcendentalists and pantheists. Worship is sacred when good human qualities and ideals are revered. Religion can be profane when it is inhuman and demeaning to humanity.

Next meeting is September 15 from 10:30 to noon.
We will discuss the question: “Is morality possible without religion?” This is a drop-in group without registration. All are welcome to meet and discuss this topic in the Large Conference Room. – Larry Larson.

Connections - Joys & Sorrows

Last spring Pan Godchaux finished up her Peace Corp assignment and moved into her summer role of lighthouse keeper at the St. Helena Island Light House Station. There was a nice article in the August 15, Sunday edition of [The New York Times](#). Thanks for helping keep the light on, Pan! Picture at right of the St. Helena Light House taken by Pan, via facebook.



Alison Polidano's grandma made it to her 84th birthday before her death on July 5th. Alison writes, "She lived a wonderful life and I know her energy now surrounds us as she is free of her human shell."

Long time BUC member Howard Wolf died on July 15. His son, David Wolf writes, "His final days were comfortable and we were able to be with him every day. My dad lived a great life of just over 90 years. He inspired many people and has certainly left the world a better place than he found it! If there is something beyond life as we know it, he is certainly in a place of well-deserved distinction. My dad really cherished the BUC community and fellowship." There will be a Memorial Service Saturday, September 18th at 11:00 in the Sanctuary.

Elaine Morse's son Christopher, a respected chef in Chicago, died at the age of 43 on Saturday, August 21 following a brief, intense illness. The week before he died, he and his long time partner, Pam, were married in an intimate affirmation of love. Elaine, Christopher's father, his brother, Pam, her children and close friends shared in the journey, making the most of his last physical days.

Keith Brown's step-mother, Kay, died August 22 in North Carolina at the age of Ninety-nine, after a twelve year struggle with Alzheimer's. Keith was 17 when his mother died. His father remarried, creating a family that had already known and grown together, with four active teens and one four-year old. Kay brought open love, grace, and elegance. She had a love of life and learning, a passion for making the world a better place, and was active in both Central

Methodist in Detroit, and for many of her last 38 years, the Asheville Unitarian Church.

"Do you have any air mileage you don't need? If so, I would love to use them to visit my quadriplegic daughter in Texas. Thank you, Lucille McNaughton."

"After the sermon on Sunday August 1, Rev. Ken Phifer, his wife Tawnya and several other BUC guests gathered at my home for a potluck lunch. It was an

enjoyable, leisurely post-Sermon summer afternoon that was filled with fine food, lemonade and good conversations." ~ Ashok Bhambri

Anniversaries: Barb and Brian Schandevell 12 years; Kristi Fielder and Eric Pierce 23 years.

Longtime BUC member, Jay Smith celebrated his 88th birthday on July 26th; he writes "Eighty-eight keys on a piano – that's how many years I have lived. Lots of sharps and flats – mostly naturals."

LuAnne Holder completed her PhD program in education and thoroughly enjoyed her commencement celebrations on August 14th.

Goldie and Nico Prelogar, along with big brother Ronin are announcing the addition of a baby daughter, sometime mid-January.

"I had a day of joy on August 28th, commemorating the Martin Luther King, Jr. march in downtown Detroit, along with a few thousand others. I marched in 1963 with M.L.K., Jr. and a large group of BUCers down Woodward Avenue to hear him give his original "I Have a Dream" speech at Cobo Hall, before he delivered it in Washington, D.C." ~ Keith Brown

While on vacation in Maine, Lisa Crawford and her daughter, Madeleine spent an afternoon visiting our former Interim Minister and his wife. Marcel and Ellie wanted everyone to know



that retirement is “fitting very well.” They shared a lovely picnic, some breathtaking scenery, and managed to work in a cribbage game.

Reflections

Rev. Dr. Kathy Hurt



Earlier this summer, I learned that my seminary alma mater, Meadville/Lombard Theological School in Chicago, the training ground for countless Unitarian Universalist ministers for more than 150 years, would merge with Andover Newton Theological School, an American Baptist and United Church of Christ seminary in the Boston area, and the buildings put up for sale. This news inspired a round of reminiscing for me and some of my colleagues who also attended the school, as we swapped stories about Meadville/Lombard's wonderful library, the Curtis Room where students lounged and spent late nights studying, the adjacent old houses that the school used as dormitories.

But I confess that what I will miss most about Meadville/Lombard is the inspiration of the school's basement. Having grown up in Texas where basements do not exist, I still find a basement a novel place, and Meadville/Lombard's basement is especially wonderful because it has a spring. Down among the pipes, at the deepest point of the boiler room, a cold, clear stream of water flows continually, creating a rusty stain to mark its path.

Though the image of a spring, boiler pipes, and rust in a dark basement may not sound promising, I have returned to that scene over time, both literally and in my imagination, as an image of hope. The spring in the most unlikely and unlovely of places, a basement full of heating equipment, reminds me of the unexpected life that often wells up from the depths of ourselves and our world. Because it comes at moments and in places where it was not sought, this spring of life can easily be missed. All the rusty apparatus of daily existence, the pipes and valves which control and direct our energies can conceal the spring from eyes in search of a more impressive source of renewal.

But whether we recognize it or not, the spring is there. I hope the future owners of Meadville/Lombard's buildings will cherish and protect the spring. And I hope you, likewise, cherish and protect the springs that are already there, flowing freely from the mysterious, hidden center of this earth and your heart, providing new life for any who will come and drink.

In faith, hope, and love,

Kathy

Minister's Office Hours

Kathy is available for appointments Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10:00 - 4:00, Saturday 10:00 - 2:00, and other times upon request. Fridays she works at home, and Mondays are her day off.

Senior Minister Search Focus Group Opportunity, September 19th

The Senior Minister Search Committee is seeking input from members who are new or newly active since 2008, or who did not have a chance to fill out our all-church survey of that year. Please join us Sunday, Sept. 19, after either service to share your thoughts on BUC's future and our congregation's ministerial needs, and to ask any questions you may have regarding the senior minister search process. We look forward to seeing you there.

Children Religious Education

Eleanor McGuire, Director of Religious Education for Children



On Sunday, September 12th BUC will resume offering two services each Sunday, beginning with our annual Homecoming celebration. The 6th-12th grade youth will attend the entire service, sharing in BUC's first service led by Rev. Hurt. The Preschool – 5th grade children will first meet Rev. Hurt during the Children's Corner and then go to a multi-age class led by DRE Eleanor McGuire. *Traditional religious education classes will begin on September 19th.*

An **RE Open House** will be offered **in the Commons** between services on September 12th. This will be an opportunity to hear about this year's curricula as well as the larger RE program. RE Council members as well as both Directors of RE will be on hand to help answer questions. Registration, Code of Ethics and Background Check forms will be available to be filled out and signed. Childcare will be provided

September's *Golden Rule* rotation stems from a larger objective of sharing with our children how our religion helps us make ethical decisions. The Unitarian Universalist Second Principle asks us to "respect the inherent worth and dignity of every person." The Golden Rule provides a simple way to decide between right vs. wrong actions. It is found in the scriptures of nearly all of the world's religions. Many wise teachers have noted that the Golden Rule is easy to say but difficult to practice. Upholding the Golden Rule often requires foregoing immediate desires to instead choose a path that will create a more peaceful future. Following it helps us to resolve our dilemmas with equity, awakening our consciences to a sense of community and reciprocity. Upholding the Golden Rule creates the beginning of trust and a sense of safety within a relationship. Each week, the children will hear a Golden Rule story from a different religion, exploring an implication of the Golden Rule as well as introducing a unique, fundamental belief of that particular religion. This rotation asks, "*Why is the same Golden Rule taught by so many different religions?*"; "*How does following it nurture peaceful relations?*" and "*What might be the difficulty or risk in following it?*" Here is a brief overview of the four workshops and some of the ideas that will be discussed within this rotation:

- ☺ Drama – The children will participate in a re-enactment of a Buddhist folktale called The Living Kuan Yin, learning how the main character, Po-wan, upholds the Golden Rule simply by practicing his own Buddhist values of compassion and self-control.
- ☺ Games – The children will explore the Golden Rule through an activity based on a traditional Muslim tale, The Dog at the Well. This tale emphasizes the Islamic teaching that all life is sacred because it was created by Allah and therefore humans are responsible for all living creatures.
- ☺ Art – The children will focus on the Golden Rule through two stories from the Hindu Upanishads. These stories will present the Hindu belief that moral living is a means to connect with Brahman, or the "World Soul," but that moral living is not an end in itself.
- ☺ Story Telling – The children will share in the Jewish tradition of "matching wits," using both logic and creativity to answer difficult questions. The Golden Rule will be highlighted through two folktales from the book While Standing on One Foot: Puzzle Stories and Wisdom Tales from the Jewish Tradition by Nina Jaffe and Steve Zeitlin.

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

Youth Religious Education September Calendar

Laura Ross, Director of Religious Education for Youth

Unitarian Friendship Organization (UFO) – September 12, 11:15 a.m.

Parent orientation for OWL -- Sunday, September 12, -- 4:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Our Whole Lives (OWL) begins -- Sept 19, 930 – 1230

Sunday morning High School classes begin September 12, 11:15 Red Door Room

Greater Unitarian Universalists High School (GUUSH) first meeting, September 12, 6:00 p.m.

Laura is available via phone or email laura.ross@bucmi.org for questions or consultation.

Sad News from Afghanistan

What a blessing to have known Tom Grams. Tragically, he was one of the ten humanitarian aid workers killed in Afghanistan on August 5th. Tom had traveled three times to donate dentistry to the orphans, students and their families at the Jamaludin School in Wardak Province. Most had never before seen a dentist.



BUC has helped to support this school since 2002. When it became too dangerous to travel to the school several years ago, Tom set up a clinic in Kabul where he trained assistants who could treat people in his absence. He had a great love for high mountains and places where people must live more simply. Global Dental Relief with whom he worked extensively in Asia and Guatemala has figured that he has treated 24,000 children in these remote places. When he was home in Colorado, he spent a lot of time collecting warm

clothing, shoes and boots to send to Afghanistan. I have participated in this project and wish to continue. Many of you have contributed in the past. Please contact me if you are moved to help out in the future. It has been a profoundly heartbreaking loss for the many of us whom Tom has touched. He dedicated his life to service. He was generous, selfless, whole and free. His life will continue to inspire all who have known him. ~Carol Yamasaki carolyamasaki@mac.com

September Artist at BUC: Cecilia Gabel

Cecilia Gabel is a native Detroiter – born in the city, and raised in the near suburbs – her life forever imprinted with the unique cityscape of a once grand metropolis outwardly providing dreams of technology and mobility while inwardly struggling to survive strife and decay. The duality of her surroundings finds its way into all of Cecilia's work, usually as the obvious subject, but also in subtle ways, as when photographs of real places and found objects are incorporated into a piece. The lines of roadways and overhead wires form unique and lovely patterns, in spite of – or because of – the over-industrialization that they belie.

Cecilia graduated from Wayne State University with a Bachelor of Science in Art Education. She received her Master of Art degree from the Rhode Island School of Design. She has taught art to children of all ages and loves teaching as much as creating artwork.



Everyone is invited to attend her artist's closing reception on Friday evening, September 24th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the Pavilion.

Adult and Teen Choir News

Anyone want to travel to the United Kingdom with a great group of folks for 2 weeks during the summer of 2011? The BUC Choir is planning a tour of the U.K. and would love to include your voice with us. We'll probably go during the end of June and beginning of July, but it all depends on YOU! Will you join us? If you have some singing experience and/or your significant other is in choir already, consider going on the trip. We need a set amount of singers to perform well and to secure the lowest rates for the best experiences. The cost will be between \$2500-3000 per person to include air fare, transportation and boarding while we are there. We'll have specially scheduled rehearsals from January till we leave. Teens and adults are welcome. Write me if you have more questions, this is the beginning basic information. Come and Sing this fall and plan to go on tour Summer 2011!

Abha Dearing

www.dearingconcertduo.com

BUC Film Buffs ~Friday, September 24 Presents: Cold Comfort Farm



(United Kingdom, 1995, PG, 95 minutes) In this period comedy Flora Poste is an aspiring young writer with two needs: material for her first novel, and a cheap place to live and work. A wealthy friend encourages her to take advantage of her country cousins and impose upon them for lodgings. Flora finds Cold Comfort Farm to be a ramshackle affair populated by eccentrics including the imperious Ada Doom, her daughter Judith, Judith's rough but handsome son Seth, and Amos, an amateur preacher who's sermonizing seems to release some kind of demons within him. Undaunted by this menagerie, Flora gets to work organizing the household, and she comes to realize that the material for her book is right in front of her. ~ Tom Wiener, All Movie Guide.

The Commons, 7:00 p.m. snacks provided. For more information contact Larry at 248-569-0965 or LarryWisniew@att.net

Sharing Dinner Signups Begin for 2010-11

Sharing Dinners are a wonderful way to get to know people at BUC and create a greater sense of connection and community. More than 100 people take part in the Sharing Dinners program. These dinners are small monthly potluck gatherings held in members' homes.

Dinners are held the 2nd Saturday of the month (October through May, omitting December). Although you are encouraged to attend them all, you can take part even if you can only attend a few. If your schedule makes it hard to commit, you can sign up as an alternate, to be called when a regular participant cannot attend.

You will be asked to host once during the year. The rest of the participants are assigned to one of the hosts, and each month the names are shuffled so everyone gets to meet with as many people as possible. 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.

Look for signup sheets in coffee hours in September, in the office, or contact Carol Lee carolallmanlee@yahoo.com 248-652-9427. The more who sign up, the better!

Alliance with Rev. Dr. Kathy Hurt



This 2010 – 2011 program year of Alliance starts on Wednesday, September 15 with Rev. Dr. Kathy Hurt as our guest speaker. It marks the beginning of our 57th year! As always, we are planning great programs on the third Wednesdays of September through November and January through April. On December 8 we will have our very special holiday luncheon at the Radisson/Kingsley, and on June 8, 2011 we will hold our Annual Meeting with a catered luncheon in the Social Hall. Of course, soon you'll need to know the dates for Rummage, which are September 26 – October 2 and May 1 – 7. As the originators of the legendary BUC semi-annual rummage sale, Alliance members are devoted supporters of these major observances on the church calendar.

Our opening meeting on September 15 will give us the opportunity to get acquainted with Rev. Dr. Kathy Hurt as she speaks with us at the start of her year at BUC as consulting minister. Everyone is invited to attend the luncheon at Noon; the charge will be ten dollars. The program will begin at about 1:00 and you are welcome to join us just for the program if you wish.

The next meeting will be on October 20, our first Brown Bag lunch of the year. Stay tuned for the program details, which will be related to current election/ballot issues.



For our November 17 meeting, we will have a field trip to Forgotten Harvest, the unique Food Bank which daily picks up food from restaurants, grocers and produce suppliers/vendors – which it distributes throughout our community. They have invited us to bring our Brown Bag lunches there to eat in their conference room, so that we can be there earlier to watch the timely operations of sorting and packaging food for immediate delivery to food kitchens ready to serve. Arrangements for car-pooling, exact times, etc., are pending, but do put this on your calendar now, along with the other dates above. See you September 15!

Sunday Morning Sanctuary Flowers

Thank you to all who have already sent in your request for a date to donate flowers on Sunday mornings during the upcoming year. There are blank forms available in the Interiors/Flower box in the church office. You may bring your own arrangement or include a check for \$45 marked “flower donation” with your request and Just Add Water will provide flowers.

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

International Day of Peace

Join the Troy-area Interfaith Group for our interfaith panel discussion in celebration of the International Day of Peace on Tuesday, September 21st from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Islamic Association of Greater Detroit! A panel from different faith traditions (Muslim, Christian, Jewish, Hindu, and Unitarian-Universalist) will reflect on what it means to strive for peace in today's world and between the differing

faiths. Everyone is invited to participate in this dynamic evening! Dessert will be provided following the panel discussion and the small group discussion. Phone: 248- 852-9345 <http://www.iagd.net>

Islamic Association of Greater Detroit,
879 W. Auburn Road, Rochester, MI 48307

Rummage Week Sept. 26th ~ Oct. 2nd

Rummage is coming! It's not too soon to plan on supporting this half-century-plus BUC tradition. Rummage intake Sunday is September 26th. The sale runs from September 30th through October 2nd. It goes without saying, (but we'll say it anyway!) -- We need many hands for sorting, pricing, moving furniture, and kitchen help. Sorting clothing is a particular need. If sorting stuff is not your thing, there are lots of ways you can help behind the scenes.



We need your gently-used goods. Start checking your closets, attics and basements now. We are accepting only flat-screen TVs and computer monitors. Please do not bring any appliances that are not in working order. (If you want to dispose of a non-working appliance, we recommend trying Freecycle.) It is a tremendous help for you to sort your donations by category, and bringing clothes on hangers, if possible. (Come back on Saturday at closing time and get a bundle of hangers so you can start the process again for the next sale.)

Carol Ann Arvan and Boris Silberberg enjoy a Rummage moment ☺

More ways to help: save old newspapers, magazines, phone books, catalogs, textbooks, and other papers for our rummage recycling effort. We get cash by weight for these discards, so label them "recycle" and bring them to church during rummage drop-off. Recruit a friend! We can use new muscles, new expertise, new ideas and new connections. Talk it up. Tell young parents, new college students, exchange students, bargain lovers, and anyone else you can think of about our sale.

Watch for our sign-up tables after services beginning September 5. We love Rummage and we want you to be part of it. If you have questions, please talk to anyone on the rummage committee, or Kimery Campbell, our Rummage Coordinator at kimery.campbell@bucmi.org

Better Know a Committee

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

Rummage Committee

The purpose of the Rummage Committee is to serve as an instrument of BUC to oversee all operations of the semi-annual Rummage Sale.

This committee meets four or five times a year, and handles all aspects of planning and

recruiting for the semi-annual Rummage Sale. The members of the Rummage Committee are: Soren and Walli Andersen, Scott Cameron, Kimery Campbell, Joanne Copeland, Walter Dean, Tony Hardesty, Laura Lee, Margaret Marsh, Pat Schwing, Debbie Stroup, and Ann Throop.

Speaking of Committees...

The Music Committee is seeking an at-large member from the church membership to join them in the coming year. The Music Committee is responsible for assisting the music director and staff in planning and setting policy for the music program. Anyone interested should contact Mary Jo Larson at larsonbizer@comcast.net.



Unitarian Universalist Service Committee

Since the world learned of the floods now devastating Pakistan, conditions have worsened dramatically. As of August 23, the Pakistani government estimates that **17.2 million people** are affected by the floods – **more than the Haiti earthquake, the 2005 South Asia earthquake, and the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami combined.**

The growing enormity of this humanitarian disaster has compelled UUSC and the Unitarian Universalist Association to launch our [UUSC-UUA Joint Pakistan Flood Relief Fund](#).

The scale of the disaster has caused enormous complications for the global humanitarian response. Areas inaccessible to aid are growing in number, including large expanses in northern Pakistan that have been cut off from aid for weeks. Millions of people have no access to safe drinking water or sanitation, and desperately need food, emergency shelter, and basic health services. Two of UUSC's partners are responding to the crisis in Pakistan, with a specific focus on the needs of women and unaccompanied children. Donations to the [UUSC-UUA Joint Pakistan Flood Relief Fund](#) will support their work.

• Help Wanted

Please take a moment and send a quick email to one of our fantastic coordinators listed below - sign up to help host a Summer Sunday morning at BUC. The old adage is true; many hands make light work. Take a few minutes to look at the schedule in the Social Hall the next time you're at church and fill in one of the blank spaces needed for all these very important hospitality opportunities. Better yet, grab a friend and sign up together, filling two slots at once!

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



***Baroque to Bolcom* with Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings, Sunday September 19, 3:00 at Birmingham Unitarian Church**

Sponsored by the Family of Burton D. Jones and the Family of Carroll V. Williams

The season's opening cast begins with a baroque delight that baits the hook for Schubert's *Trout Quintet*. William Bolcom's *Orphee Serenade* completes the arc.

Special discount tickets for BUCers for sale at coffee hours on Sundays Sept. 12 and 19.

\$18 adults, \$15 students & seniors, \$7 children. (Tickets at the door will be \$30 adults, \$27 students & seniors, \$15 children.)

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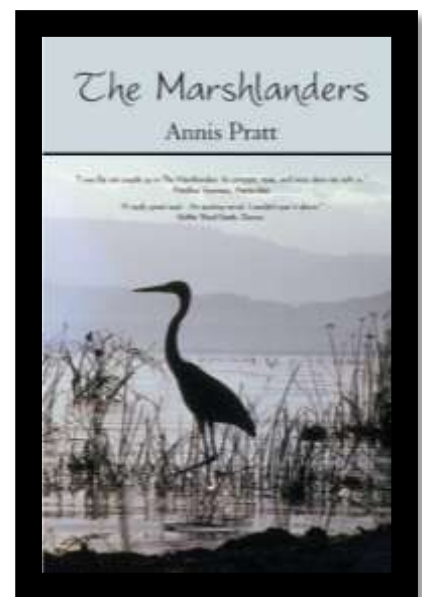
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