



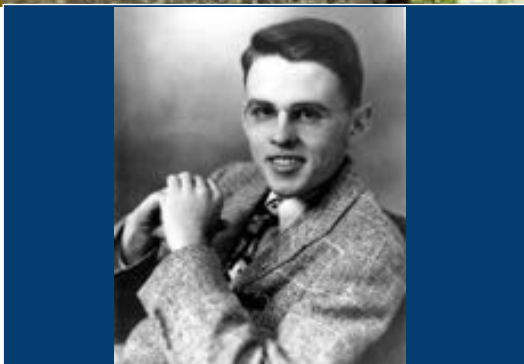
March Worship Theme: Resilience



March Services

1 “On Stable Ground”
This year’s stewardship campaign will be a little different, and so will Stewardship Sunday. Come be a part of getting our resilient congregation on stable ground.

8 “Remembering Rev. James Reeb”
The murder of Unitarian Universalist minister James Reeb galvanized the civil rights movement. What kind of resilience might we learn from his legacy? Rev. Mandy Beal with Worship Associate Tony Kubien and music from The Sound Messengers.



15 “Singing Our Resilience”
A hymn sing with reflections by some of your favorite BUC musicians, including the Sound Messengers. Led by Co-Directors of Music Ministry Abha and Steven Dearing with Worship Associate Donna Larkin Mohr.

March 1: Stewardship Sunday

March 8: “Remembering Rev. James Reeb”



22 “Heartland Resilience”
The Iowa Sisterhood was an alliance of women Unitarian ministers in the 19th century. Their innovative ministry together served a need, but they didn’t have the support of their colleagues. How might this interesting chapter of UU history still impact us today? Rev. Mandy Beal with Worship Associate Tony Kubien and music from No Treble.

March 15: “Singing Our Resilience”

March 22: “Heartland Resilience”

29 “Blooming Where We’re Planted”
Join in our annual Daffodil Sunday, celebrating BUC’s commitment to LGBTQ inclusion. This year’s service will center on flowers that bloom in unlikely places. Rev. Mandy Beal with Worship Associate Donna Larkin Mohr and music from The Chalice Choir.



31 Tuesday 7:00 p.m.
Transgender Day of Visibility
A celebration of the beauty, vibrance, and resilience of transgender, genderqueer, and gender non-conforming people. Join us in the Sanctuary on Tuesday, March 31 at 7:00 p.m.

March 29: “Blooming Where We’re Planted”

Tues. March 31: Transgender Day of Visibility

March 1 - Stewardship Sunday: A Celebration of Us!

The Stewardship Committee knows you have many questions about BUC's finances. You should. Are any of these on your mind?



Why does Stewardship always ask us to increase our pledge each year?

How have we managed our budget this year, income and expense, and have we reduced expense at all, or increased income?

Did we raise enough funds from our Capital Campaign to cover the total project cost, and does that impact our operating budget?

How much income do we get from rentals? From the plate collection?

Do we receive large monetary gifts from congregants and can we plan on those gifts?

How much should I pledge to BUC? Because I really love what's going on these days and I want to make sure I'm giving enough!

For answers to these, and any others you have, you need to attend the Stewardship Sunday service on March 1. The celebration will continue in Hodas Family Hall following the service.

From the Board

During 2020, the BUC Board of Trustees, along with Rev. Mandy, will be embarking on a strategic visioning process that will help shape the future of BUC. This vision will come from you, the members and friends of BUC. Our task as board members is to listen and learn what you value in our beloved community and how you would like to see BUC develop. Specifically, we ask that you consider three questions:

- How does BUC feed you emotionally and/or spiritually?
- What will keep you here during the next 5 years?
- What are your aspirations for BUC?

We are offering several opportunities to provide input so that everyone has a chance to express their ideas. Last November, we had a successful Town Hall. This month, we'll ask you these questions during coffee hour.

Beginning March 8, please visit the Board table in Hodas Family Hall after service to provide your written or verbal input. There will be three large paper sheets on the wall as you enter the social hall. Feel free to write your thoughts directly on the paper, or on a yellow sticky note and attach to the paper sheets.

We look forward to your ideas and opinions as you help us envision the future of BUC!

—Bruce Webber, President, Board of Trustees

Leadership Development Committee

The Leadership Development Committee has been excited to bring leadership testimonials to Sunday services in February. We hope this inspires you to think of how you can support leadership in our beloved community. If you would like to learn more about how to serve at BUC, please let any of the members of the LDC know. We can't wait to hear from you.

LDC members: Bob Clement, Camille Harris, Ben Ensroth, Steve Lorey, Andrea Zellner, Judy Amir, Kathy DuHame, Izzy Khapoya, Dan Isaksen, and Barbara Woolf

Resilience

Rev. Mandy Beal
Senior Minister



One of my favorite things about being a Texan is the collection of colorful phrases I've picked up over the years. One such phrase is "harder than hardscrabble." This, of course, refers to someone or something that is incredibly tough.

Our worship theme this month is "Resilience." Most of us will be familiar with the struggle to get through difficult times. I

mean the times when you have leftovers for dinner for a few days. Or when you realize you have to move on from a relationship that's soured. Or perhaps coping with a loss. In times like these, we learn exactly how strong we really are, which is usually stronger than we thought.

As I've worked my way through difficult times, I've come to think about this well of strength in different terms. Coming out of something stronger than we were before is an important part of our spiritual growth. But it's important not to associate strength with hardness. It may be important to lean on hardness in the height of difficulty, but that isn't the final stage of coping. Eventually we have to move to vulnerability.

Vulnerability requires more strength than hardness. It means facing the possibility of another difficulty with an open heart. If hardscrabble is hard, perhaps what's harder than hardscrabble is vulnerability. This process—difficulty, hardness, vulnerability—is called resilience. Exploring this idea with you in March will be challenging and rewarding. I hope you'll join in.

In faith,

Rev. Mandy Beal



Lunch with the Minister

Rev. Mandy hosts a brown-bag lunch every Monday afternoon from 12:00 noon—1:00 p.m. in the Red Door Classroom. The group meets weekly except on holidays.

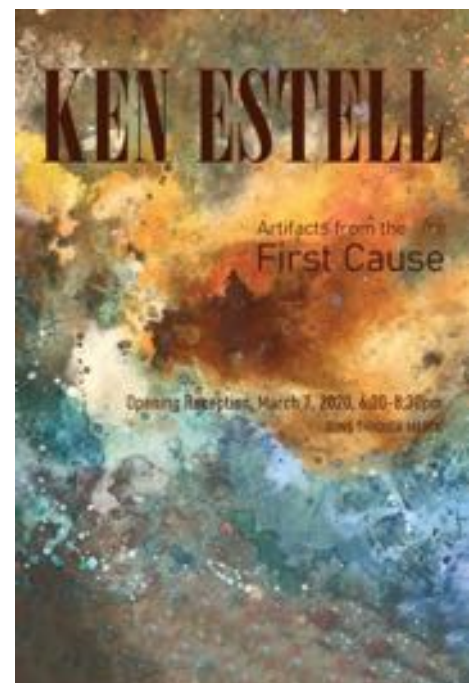
March Art Exhibit

Opening reception Saturday, March 7 | 6:30-8:30

The Art Exhibits Committee is pleased to announce our March exhibit, "Artifacts from the First Cause," by Detroit-based artist Ken Estell.

Through 2-D and 3-D mixed media, Ken interprets the cosmological, geological, and environmental processes that many of us overlook or that our humanity is incapable of seeing.

The exhibit will be displayed in the BUC Gallery through the month of March. Please join us for the opening reception on Saturday, March 7 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served.



Joys and Sorrows

Carol Yamasaki sent a note of thanks to the congregation for the flowers donated to her in November.

Paul Miller died peacefully at home on February 5. Paul and his wife, Marie, were longtime members of BUC. During his time in this congregation, Paul served on several committees, helped organize the talent and service auction, and was a greeter. He was known for being kind, generous, and warm. A service is being planned at BUC for March 21 at 11:00 a.m.

From Brian Schandavel: "On February 7, I lost my loving and selfless father, Jack Schandavel. Please hold my family in your hearts."

From Larry Larson: "Larry Freedman just turned 92. He is so helpful and so smart, too."

Brad Williams has died. He was a part of our congregation for several years. He gave of his time and energy to support Rummage, South Oakland Shelter, our annual clean-up day, and several social-justice initiatives. Plans for a memorial service have not been finalized. Our office will share any further information we receive from Brad's family.

Hope, our excellent and faithful A/V tech who handles the visuals and sound during Sunday services, was accepted into a very exclusive theater/stage management summer program. Only 10 high schoolers from around the country were accepted. Congrats, Hope!!

From Harper West: "A joy for the very well-organized and fun auction on Feb. 22 and our dedicated volunteers."

Kathy Neil's nephew is having open-heart surgery. Please keep him and Kathy in your prayers.

Bill Duffy died on February 23 after a short time in Hospice. Bill was a long-time, very dedicated member of BUC. He supported the work of our congregation at Walt Whitman Elementary School in Pontiac by forming the nonprofit group Communities United for Children. He and his wife, Nancy, also installed the Japanese tea garden at BUC, which is found between the Pavilion and Hodas Family Hall. A memorial service for Bill will be held at BUC on March 28 at 11:00 a.m., followed by a luncheon.

Helping Hands Needs YOU!



Are you looking for an opportunity to serve your fellow BUCer but don't know how to do so? Look no further than joining the team of Helping Hands volunteers!

Helping Hands volunteers perform a variety of services. One of the two most frequent is providing a meal—either home-cooked or purchased from a restaurant or deli—for someone who, perhaps due to illness or a short-term disability, cannot cook for themselves. Another service is providing a ride for someone who cannot drive. It's really that simple. Yet if you speak with someone who has been helped in this way, they will tell you how powerfully comforting the assistance was to them.

For more information on how to join Helping Hands, contact the team's coordinator, Heidi Kapsokavathis, at hikeannie@gmail.com, or phone her at 248-930-8009.

Welcome Inn

Thank you, BUC volunteers, for all that you have done this winter to bring comfort to hundreds of homeless folks from the Royal Oak region. This year we were at Starr Presbyterian Church from 7:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m. on weekdays, with sometimes as many as 60 cold and hungry folks in a day. You earned their gratitude by preparing casseroles at home, delivering fresh fruit for snacks, preparing hearty lunches on site, and trudging through stores to buy the underwear, coats, and socks to keep our guests clothed, the medicine to keep them healthy, and the ink cartridges to keep the printers up and running. Almost every Sunday morning all winter long, you brought fresh fruit, coffee, and monetary donations to the Welcome Inn table for delivery that week.

Thanks to the Needs Network for underwriting many of these purchases, to those of you who paid for supplies from your own pockets, and to the congregation for a plate collection donation. When those of us onsite receive hugs, blessings, prayers, and thanks from our guests and gratitude from the staff (who continue to be amazed at such an outpouring of UU compassion), we will pass them on to you in our hearts.

—Annis Pratt

Sunday Morning Discussion Group

Sundays | 9:00 - 10:15 a.m. | Lower Level Classroom

The Sunday Morning Discussion Group continues to meet from 9:00 to 10:15 a.m. in the Lower Level Classroom each Sunday. Topics discussed vary from week to week, as they are chosen by majority vote. However, on March 8, we will complete our discussion of the book, *The Healing of America: A Global Quest for Better, Cheaper, and Fairer Health Care* by T. R. Reid. Reading the book is not necessary to participate. Health care is, reportedly, the number-one topic for Democratic politicians.

Get acquainted with fellow UUs, as they share their ideas and experiences in a welcoming group. You can talk for up to two minutes without interruption. We especially welcome new people. Come and join us to enrich your Sunday morning experience.

Sharing Dinner

Saturday, March 14

BUC's Sharing Dinner program provides a wonderful opportunity for friendship, fellowship, and conversation over potluck dinners in participants' homes on the second Saturday of each month. Anyone is welcome to join at any time. If you would like to participate in this month's dinner on Saturday, March 14, email Dave Sabbagh at dsabbagh7@gmail.com by March 7 and let him know if you will attend as a guest or if you can host (hosts are always much needed and appreciated!) If you can't make it this month, you can email Dave to get on the list for future dinners.



Getting to Know UU

Sunday, March 8 | 12:00 noon | Red Door Classroom

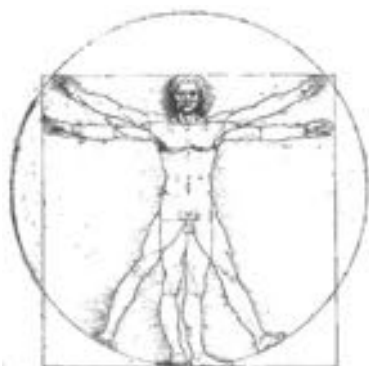


You are warmly invited to "Getting to Know UU," a four-session Sunday class for anyone interested in learning about themselves, Unitarian Universalism, or BUC. It's a great way to connect in a casual setting. The second session of this four-class series facilitated by Rob Davidson will be on Sunday, March 8 from 12:00 noon-1:30 p.m. in the Red Door Classroom. A light lunch is provided, and childcare is available. Sign up at the Membership table after service in Hodas Family Hall, or email Rob at kathyd8082@gmail.com, and be sure to include childcare needs. The remaining two sessions in this series are scheduled for April 5 and May 3.

Brought to you by the Membership Committee

Humanists of BUC

Sunday, March 22 | 12:00 noon | Lower Level Classroom



The next meeting of the Humanists of BUC will be on Sunday, March 22. The featured speaker is Jesse Beal, spouse of our minister and Director of the LGBT Resource Center at Michigan State University. We begin at 12:00 noon in the Lower Level Classroom with a light lunch provided. A secondary speaker, Dave Greer, will talk briefly on the history of Humanism. We conclude with a discussion, ending about 1:15-1:30.

Everyone is urged to support our group and participate on March 22 with your questions and comments on LGBTQ issues.

Music at BUC

This month's worship theme is Resilience, and a recent example of this came during a rehearsal for the BUC Chalice Choir. The Choir rehearses weekly. They work on music for upcoming services, including hymns, so they can support congregational singing. Lifting our voices in song is profoundly important to the worship experience. This past month, when Rev. Mandy programmed "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" in service, I asked the Choir to open their hymnals and sing it through. For some, it was the first time singing this song. For others, it was an unwelcome reminder of the patriarchal, puritanical, and rigid religion they thought they escaped. A few made stern comments, a couple asked incredulous questions ("What the hell are we doing this for?") and others were overtly disgusted with the song. Well, I quashed the negative energy with some humor, invited opinions, then closed with, "Rev. Mandy chose this for a reason, and if anyone has a problem, let's discuss it later." The exchange left Steve and I discussing it much more. On Sunday morning with Choir, we talked about empathy, context, the origins of this particular hymn, and how sometimes, church is NOT for us, but it IS for our neighbor. As a result, our Choir "showed up" in service with a renewed commitment to grow affinity and love for each other, especially those whose origins are different from ours. I am proud of the resilience our choristers showed as we worked through some of the pain and discomfort they felt and grew stronger as a result.

February thank-yous: Craig Stroup, who guest-sang with Sound Messengers; Chris Slon, who led Choir; and Christina Dragone, who played piano for service. March will be totally different!

What do you think of when you hear "BUC Music"? We hope you think varied, soulful, joyful, thought-provoking, noisy, and reflective, to name a few. You may not know that our UU music lexicon is richly diverse and pulls from many traditions, including Christianity. Many UUs come to our faith feeling apathy or even anger and resentment towards their faith-of-origin. For some, the church experience before BUC was oppressive, dogmatic, narrow, and unaccepting. The music and worship join to be an antidote for those traumatic experiences.

BUC Music is YOU, wherever you are.

—Abha Dearing and Steven Dearing

Co-Directors of Music Ministry

MAMA's Coffeehouse: Gaines & Wagoner

Saturday, March 21 | 8:00 p.m. | Sanctuary



\$15 adults | \$13 students/seniors

Tickets at the door only

Sue Gaines and Chris Wagoner are a fun and talented couple from Wisconsin with an arsenal of clever and thoughtful tunes. Both are impressive instrumentalists and Sue has won a Best Vocalist award from a different MAMA's (Madison Area Music Awards). Sue specializes in jazz guitar and cello; Chris shines on violin, mandolin, guitar, and lap steel. They boast an arm's-length resume of musical accomplishments, including working with a sizable cast of well-known performers. Don't miss this one!

As always, MAMA's will have beverages and snacks available.

Open mic at 7:30 p.m. Interested in performing? Send a note to mamascOFFEEHOUSE@BUCMI.ORG.

More info at:

gainesandwagoner.com

BUCMI.ORG/mamas-coffeehouse | Facebook.com/MAMAsCoffeehouse

Religious Education

March Worship Theme: Resilience

Resilience is defined as the ability to bounce back to your original shape after impact. I like to think of resilience like a bouncing rubber ball. I love little bouncy balls! I have been known to collect them in a jar, especially the bright, fluorescent-colored ones. Like human equilibrium, bouncy balls are difficult to keep under control. They are easy to lose altogether as they bounce wildly away (I expect that they go to the place that lost socks and mittens go). To me, the bouncy ball has an additional lesson beyond bouncing back to its original shape. The bouncing rubber ball rarely bounces back to the same place. When people bounce back, we are changed by that bounce. To be resilient involves coping with change, pain, or loss, then returning to a state of balance. I would say that each time we regain our balance, we end up in a different place. We are changed. Sometimes our bounce is more controlled and we come right back to the hand that tossed us. Other times we bounce all over the place, completely out of control. Yet we do return to our original shape—we are still the same person that we were before the impact, just in a different place.

—Shari Daly-Miller, Acting Director of Religious Education (shari.dre@bucmi.org)

Upcoming Events

March 1: All 6th-12th grade youth attend service

March 15: GUUSH Meeting

March 22: UFO to DIA Museum for Native American exhibit

April 5: Youth Career Workshop

Rummage

Do you have bags of stuff you're about to donate to a thrift store?

WAIT!

Save them for **RUMMAGE** instead!

Everyone who helps with rummage is important, but we really depend on the people who donate goods—you can't have a sale without stuff to sell!

So as you're spring cleaning and decluttering the next few months, if you could hang on to those treasures for just a little longer, and bring them here instead, it will make a huge difference for BUC!

Drop off dates are:

Sunday, April 26

Monday, April 27

Tuesday, April 28

Also, we can use paper grocery bags and shopping bags of all kinds, shapes, and sizes for the sale itself, so bring those in if you have them.

Thanks!

The Rummage Committee



Membership

Well, that was fun! A big THANK YOU to everyone who helped make our inaugural Member Appreciation Month possible, and another big THANK YOU to everyone who participated! Stay tuned here year-round for what else the Membership committee is up to!



If you didn't get a chance to download the Instant Church Directory or get your photo updated, come see us anytime at our table in Hodas Family Hall. And as always, keep making our visitors welcome and sending them our way! WE LOVE OUR MEMBERS!



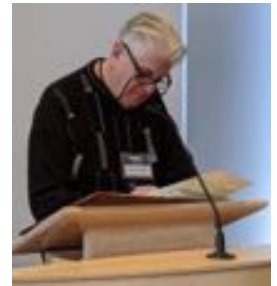
New Member Corner



Ginger and Dave Luckins

Dave is a retired Technical Specialist for General Motors. Ginger is a retired Broadcast Engineer for CBS. Nowadays, you'll find Ginger actively engaged in Tai Chi, and Dave can be found volunteering at Red Wings games. They love to go tent camping and have a goal of visiting every National Park.

Dave and Ginger met through a mutual interest in cave exploring. Over the years, Dave's talents have led him into leadership roles in the National Speleological Society, including serving as its national President. Ginger's caving interest led her on a more adventurous path and into "extreme rappelling." She currently is the oldest woman in the world to have successfully made the 2650' single-rope rappel off El Capitan in Yosemite National Park.



Sharon Niedermaier

Sharon is an empty-nester who has recently moved to Birmingham and is thrilled with all the city has to offer: year-round activities in Shain Park, the seasonal Farmers Market, and being one of the top 20 most walkable communities in the nation—a welcome lifestyle after Sharon's 30+ years in Cupertino, California. Sharon is a travel enthusiast, avid reader, and lifelong learner and loves so many interests from her youth: bicycling, hula hooping, hiking, walking, and being part of a community. BUC was an intuitive spiritual connection from the first visit. Membership will be an opportunity for roots!



Covenant Between Rev. Dr. Kathy Hurt and Rev. Mandy Beal

The Unitarian Universalist Minister's Association Code of Ethics sets forth guidelines for how ministers interact with each other, including ministers serving congregations that have Minister(s) Emeritus/a. Specifically, the Code of Ethics states:

"If I am a settled minister in a congregation that has elected a Minister Emeritus/a, I will recognize the meaning of the honor that the congregation has bestowed, and the significance of the continuing relationship of ministry it implies. I will initiate an open and direct conversation with my Emeritus/a colleague(s) to enter a mutually agreed covenant, expressed in a Letter of Understanding, about their participation in the life of the congregation. I will bring any concerns arising from the relationship the Minister Emeritus/a has with the congregation directly and promptly to that colleague's attention."

Unitarian Universalism is a covenantal religious tradition. This means that we enter into agreements about how we will honor our relationships and our differences. They provide a framework for how we treat each other. Covenants serve as the foundation of our liberal faith by explicitly stating what we need from each other to be in community.

As I'm sure most of you will recall, the 2018-2019 church year was particularly eventful. Although I find the Covenanting process valuable, I was unable to initiate this work at that time. In November 2019, Rev. Dr. Kathy Hurt and I began work on a Covenant that would support our relationship with each other and BUC's relationship with Rev. Kathy. We have agreed to the following Covenant:

Rev. Dr. Kathy Hurt will:

- Honor appropriate boundaries with BUC and its congregants. She is a member of BUC, and that creates dual roles. In order to manage those roles, she will remain a Minister Emerita first and a peer to congregants second.
- Her interactions with BUCers will be supportive of Rev. Mandy's ministry.
- She will provide advice and an historical perspective to Rev. Mandy.
- In the event of important discernment at BUC, Rev. Kathy will abstain from commenting unless she is asked to participate in the discussion.

Rev. Mandy Beal will:

- Show respect for Rev. Kathy's ministry at BUC.
- Extend an open invitation to participate in the life of the congregation.
- Be willing to negotiate adjusted boundaries for Rev. Kathy and the congregation over time.
- Create opportunities to publicly acknowledge Rev. Kathy's contributions to the congregation, ensuring her legacy at BUC.

In order to maintain a healthy and supportive relationship, Rev. Kathy and Rev. Mandy have mutually covenanted:

- To have quarterly check-ins about the life of the congregation.
- Practice a high level of confidentiality and frankness with each other.
- Listen with a sympathetic ear.
- Share openly with each other and offer practical ideas.

Social and Environmental Justice

The Social and Environmental Justice team meets on the **third Wednesday of each month**, at 6:45 p.m. in the Large Conference Room at BUC. All are welcome to attend meetings, and join us in our work. To be added to our email list for notices of BUC activities and outside events, please contact us at janeaoneil@gmail.com.

—Jane O’Neil and Julia Pulver, Co-Chairs

sacred earth Congregational Art Exhibit Submissions due March 15!

Many of today’s artists are using a wide variety of creative expressions to address the impact we as human beings are having on our planet. The BUC Art Exhibits Committee invites you to join them by entering the BUC Sacred Earth Art Exhibit. Planned for April to help celebrate Earth Day, the exhibit offers an opportunity for BUC members to use artistic media to express our hopes, fears, and goals with regard to the climate emergency and environmental justice issues. All forms of fine art are eligible—painting, photography, drawing, sculpture, textile art, poetry, ceramics, and multimedia. All submissions must be your original art.

The show will be juried by a panel comprised of members of the three sponsoring committees: the Art Exhibits Committee, the Green Sanctuary Ministry, and the Climate Change Resolution Task Force. Any sales of works should be negotiated between artist and buyer. Donating 10% of any sale to the BUC Art Exhibits Committee or Green Sanctuary causes is encouraged.

March 15: Please submit image files of up to three different pieces by email to cjmacleoduart@gmail.com. There is a \$10 nonrefundable charge for each piece submitted, payable in the BUC office, or at the Social and Environmental Justice table at social hour after service on Sunday. Sculpture can include detail shots or multiple views. Include an artist’s statement and the dimensions of the pieces. Please be conscious of the church’s available space.

March 18: The show will be juried on March 18, and you will be notified about which pieces have been accepted as soon as possible.

March 29: If you have been notified that your art has been selected, please deliver the artwork to the church, ready to hang or set up, on Sunday, March 29. Any oil paint should be dry.

April 1: We will hang the show on Wednesday, April 1. If you can assist in the hanging of the show, please contact Cindy MacLeod at cjmacleoduart@gmail.com.

April 19: The show will come down on Sunday, April 19 after service. You will be responsible for taking your own work down and removing it from the church building.

Chasing Coral film screening with the Film Buffs | Friday, March 27 | 7:00 p.m. | Commons



Chasing Coral, a Sundance Award-winning film, will be shown by Film Buffs with the BUC Climate Resolution Task Force on Friday, March 27 at 7:00 p.m.

Chasing Coral follows a team of divers, photographers, and scientists out to photograph the elusive process of coral bleaching, a phenomenon happening at an unprecedented rate around the world due to warming ocean temperatures. Learn what’s happening below the waves, how coral health impacts our seafood stocks, and solutions to prevent further warming of our oceans. The film took 3.5 years to make and features 500 hours of underwater footage and submissions from over 30 countries. For more information and to view the trailer, visit chasingcoral.com.

The screening is free and open to the public. Join us in the Commons for snacks and a post-film conversation.

Climate Change Resolution Task Force

YOU ARE INVITED to attend any or all of our presentations to learn all about the BUC Climate Change Resolution. We will be voting on the Resolution in May at the Annual Meeting, so here are some chances to find out what it's all about.

HEAR ALL ABOUT IT! We are planning three sessions that will zero in on our Resolution, including discussion of one of the Resolution's key provisions, the Energy Innovation Act. Please try to join us for one of these sessions:

Family Night: On Friday, April 17, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., kids of all ages can spend the evening making "green" crafts with Shari Daly-Miller, while their parents hear all about the Resolution. You do not need to have a child to attend!

Sunday Morning: After service on Sunday, April 19 (our Earth Day observance), you have another chance to hear the presentation about the Resolution and the EIA.

Saturday Morning: Saturday, May 9 at 10:00 a.m. will be one more chance to hear all about the Resolution. Plus, we will be joined by EIA expert Jim Rine. Jim is a geologist who worked in the Texas oil industry. He returned to his native Michigan upon retirement and has been devoting his time to the Citizens Climate Lobby and the Energy Innovation Act.

To learn more about the Resolution, or to join the committee, go to www.bucmi.org/service-justice and click on the Climate Change Task Force circle, or ask any Task Force member.

Climate Change Resolution Task Force:

Anne Calomeni, Mary Dunn, Mary Jo Ebert, Izzy Khapoya, Jane O'Neil, Karen Stankye, Kurtis Zetouna

Climate Change Resolution

Be it resolved that the congregation of the Birmingham Unitarian Church (BUC) favors:

1. Public policy actions to lower greenhouse gasses quickly
2. Recognition that fossil fuel pollution causes far-reaching negative health consequences
3. Speedy transition from use of fossil fuels to renewable energy by individuals, corporations, state and local governments
4. Participation in the fast-evolving non-carbon economy

To bring our actions into alignment with our position, BUC will:

- Endorse the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act as introduced in the 116th Congress of the United States
- Provide educational programs on
 - use of fossil fuels, their impacts, and alternative energy sources
 - environmental justice and collaboration with frontline communities
- Renew commitment to BUC's Green Sanctuary ministry.



Naomi Klein will give the Ware Lecture at this year's UUA General Assembly in Providence, RI.

Klein is a climate activist, an award-winning journalist, and *New York Times* bestselling author of *On Fire: The (Burning) Case for a Green New Deal*. She is Senior Correspondent for *The Intercept*, a Puffin Writing Fellow at Type Media Center, and is the inaugural Gloria Steinem Endowed Chair in Media, Culture and Feminist Studies at Rutgers University.

The Ware Lecture is Friday, June 26, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. at the Dunkin' Donuts Center in Providence, Rhode Island. General Assembly registration is required to attend.

Naomi Klein
2020 General Assembly
Ware Lecturer

Click [here](#) to read more about Naomi Klein and the Ware Lecture.

Click [here](#) for all the information about General Assembly and registering to attend.

Talent & Service Auction Extends Big Thanks!

The February 22 Talent & Service Auction is in the books, and what a fun time for all who were able to attend! This Mardi Gras party was a true testament to the generosity and support of our beloved community. We brought in over \$27,000 in revenue (estimated net) and the event was one of the most successful auctions to date. But more importantly, it set the stage for over 60 future events for BUCers and friends to enjoy together. The good times keep rolling on! There was also a special appeal to refresh the Commons, and we are “floored” by your generosity! Almost \$1,900 was raised, so new carpeting and even more improvements are in store for the Commons. Thank you, BUC!

A big thank you to the donors of over 60 different talents and services. Thanks to the kitchen helpers, cooks, bartenders, A/V helpers, shoppers, BUC staff, ticket-takers and sellers—and many more. And thanks to the attendees who bid so competitively on a wide variety of fun items.

It took a talented and dedicated auction “krew” to pull this all together. A special and heartfelt thanks to: Amy Smalley, Diane Slon, Barb Eschner, Dick Cantley, Pat Butkiewicz, Mary Jo Ebert, Bruce Webber, Teresa Honnold, Barb Schandavel, Julia Gragg, and Andrew Schreck (for last minute auctioneering). It couldn’t have happened without your stellar help.

It takes a community to make an event like this come together. Again, my deepest appreciation to all who helped make it happen.

—Marcia Mahood, Auction Chairperson



March Plate Collection



The Greening of Detroit, our plate collection recipient for March, strives to inspire a healthy urban community by planting trees, encouraging green spaces and healthy living, providing job training and opportunities, and educating the public—especially our youth—about our precious but fragile natural environment.

BUCers have partnered with Greening of Detroit for over two decades. As in the past, a portion of this month's plate collection will be used to purchase supplies for a tree-planting project on May 9. Watch for further details, or contact Paul Plante at 734-464-

1577 or pplante@twmi.rr.com for more information.

Any BUCer may nominate a local nonprofit organization to be a plate collection recipient. Submit an application online at our website at bucmi.org – click on the “Social Justice” menu, then “Plate Collection Application.” Or contact Barbara Robinson at 248-320-8366 (calls and texts) or brjdr8719@gmail.com to discuss a potential recipient or submit an application by phone.

Living by Heart

Mondays 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. | Blue Door



The Living by Heart group meets on Monday afternoons from 1:30-3:30 p.m. in the Blue Door Classroom. We use both simple art techniques and writing techniques to explore what matters most in our lives. Open to all genders, and no experience is necessary. Bring a journal, a pen, and any art supplies you like. Contact: LuAnne Holder (luanneholder@wowway.com)

Grief Support Group

If you've experienced a human loss, recent or past, and would like to be part of a grief support group, please call Alison Rule (248-320-1021) or Cindy Goldman (248 320-1750).

Caregivers Support Group

Being a caregiver can be an isolating, overwhelming, and challenging experience. If you'd like to be part of a caregivers support group, please call Alison Rule (248-320-1021) or Camille Harris (248-320-9651)

Alliance

The Alliance will not meet in March. Mark your calendars for Wednesday, April 15, when our speaker will be Kevin Picuch, an attorney and Executive Director of the Southwest Detroit Immigrant and Refugee Center.

Our final meeting of the year will be our annual meeting on Wednesday, June 3.

We look forward to seeing you on April 15.

—Ann Throop for the Alliance Committee

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Pastoral Care

Pastoral care associates are specially trained lay members of BUC. They work in collaboration with the minister to extend their services throughout the congregation. Pastoral care involves:

- Being present with the person
- Listening to the person describe his or her situation
- Asking appropriate questions to help the person tell their story
- Offering empathy and emotional support
- Referring to the minister, if appropriate, for pastoral counseling

The minister offers pastoral counseling. Pastoral counseling is typically short term and may lead to referral to other support resources.

Pastoral care also has a “Helping Hands” program that provides short-term practical support like food and transportation. If you know of anyone who needs pastoral care support, please let the minister or a pastoral care associate know. Also, if you know of someone who is housebound and would like a visit, please let us know.

Current Pastoral Care Associates are Alison Rule (Chair), Cindy Goldman, Ed Sharples, Paul Fordree, Mary Markovski, Helen Strahl, and Kim Schultes. The Helping Hands Coordinator is Heidi Kapsokavathis.