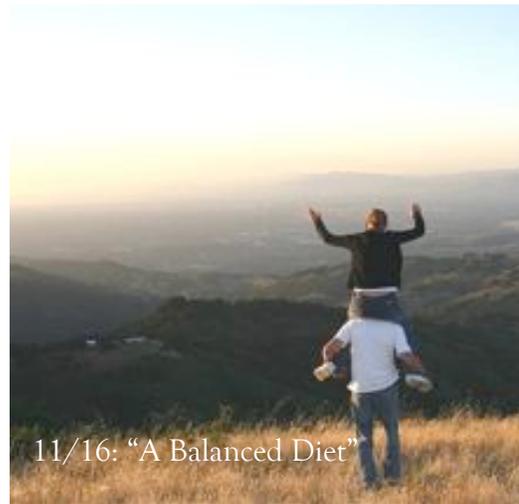
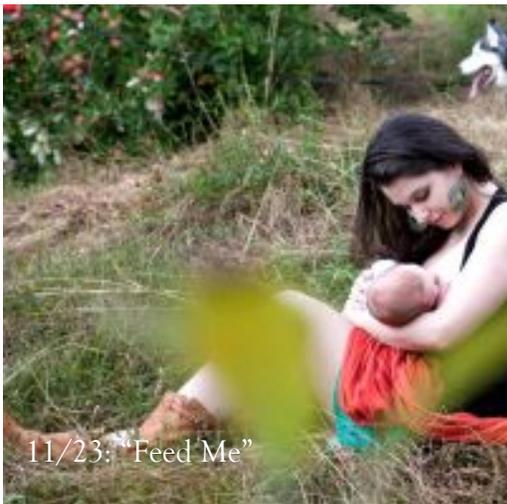


11/2: "The Paradox of Hunger"



11/16: "A Balanced Diet"



11/23: "Feed Me"

## + 11/9

### "A Hunger for Justice"

Guest minister, the Rev. Bill Breeden provides an exploration of a vision from the Jewish Testament providing insights into what it means to be a prophetic church in the 21st century. The service will be led by Worship Associate Peggy Woerhlen; music provided by Rudolfs Ozolins

11/30

### "A Hunger for Freedom"

Choral director and scholar of African American spirituals, Ms. Bobbi Thompson, with representatives from her chorus "Deep River" will share with us and lead us in singing and learning about the spirituals that fed the souls of those who hungered for freedom.

## November: Hunger

In this month of feasting and harvest and abundance, our worship services turn in a contrary direction to contemplate the experience of hunger. It is a basic human need, our need for sustenance, for daily bread; it is a need that for most of us, for most of our lives, is quickly and readily satisfied because of the gift of living in an environment where access to daily bread comes easily. Yet while we eat, too often eat to excess, others struggle to find daily bread, spend too many days without any bread at all, know the persistent ache of hunger, of not being filled. The November services wrestle with the contradictory pulls of abundance and lack, of feast and famine, of being filled and being empty.

## Worship Services

9:30 & 11:15 a.m.

2<sup>nd</sup> We are regularly besieged with reports that tell us, on the one hand, how we are eating ourselves to obesity in alarming numbers, and on the other hand how the most vulnerable among us, children and persons living in poverty, are starving. Both reports are true. What does it mean to dwell in the paradox of overeating and starvation? Kathy and WA Lisa Demian probe this difficult paradox to see what hunger has to teach us. Music by the Chalice Choir.

16<sup>th</sup> Our eating habits often tilt towards unbalance – too many foods that do not satisfy and too little foods nutritionally necessary. What is a spiritually balanced life, and how do we attain it? Is there value in being unbalanced, of throwing all our energies in a single direction? Kathy and WA Ed Sharples will lead the service. The Sound Messengers provide music for our monthly celebratory service.

23<sup>rd</sup> From the time we enter the world until the last hours of life, we need to be fed. Hunger may be the force that renders us most vulnerable, as it is a force we cannot ultimately deny or control. Kathy and WA Camille Harris consider how we manage this unique area of vulnerability, the ways in which we feed others and others feed us. Music provided by BUC Chalice Choir.

## Connections: Joys & Sorrows

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

Congratulations to Carol Jackson and Alex Tselis in celebration of their 30 years of marriage!

A sorrow: one of the two men responsible for planting the famous “Daffodil Sunday” flower surprise, died on October 11<sup>th</sup> in the loving care of family and Beaumont Hospice. His partner of 26 years contacted the office and wanted to let us know, and to once again, tell us

what good neighbors we are and how much it meant to them after they moved into the area to see our “Hate Free Zone” tape around the church. He wishes to remain anonymous, but wanted to share the passing of his partner.

A sorrow” Marilyn Mast and Terri share their sorrow at the death of their dear friend Jeff Page, who died after a long battle with cancer on October 10. Jeff and his family attended BUC for a time in the mid 1980s.

A joy from Debra Miller: Roy is safely out of Afghanistan and has returned to the United States.

Mike Auchter’s father Dick underwent by-pass surgery in October. Your thoughts for a positive outcome are appreciated.

Paul Vachon’s mother-in-law is at Beaumont following a fall. She will be in a rehab facility for a short while, with the goal to return home as soon as feasible.

Please keep Sonia and Andy Molnar in your thoughts and prayers. Sonia suffered a severe infection from the chemotherapy she was undergoing and was hospitalized. She is back home now, and would greatly appreciate any calls and cards from her BUC family. After she regains her strength she will have to continue with a grueling chemo regimen.

A joy from Kelly Taylor: My husband, Jeff, started a new job this week with Magna Seating. We are very excited for this change at our house!

A joy: Congratulations to Paul Plante on being selected volunteer of the year by South Oakland Shelter.

A Sorrow: Amy Smalley’s mother-in-law, Mae Hunt-Vliek, died on October 27 at the age of 98. As Amy and her wife Cindy had hoped, her passing was quick, painless, and peaceful. “Mae did not belong to a particular religion at the end of her life, but she believed there was something beyond this life. She was most concerned that there be a prayer raised for her soul on its journey, so we’ve asked that anyone who feel drawn to do this offer a prayer on her behalf.” – Amy Smalley

## November Volunteer of the Month: Alvin Harris

Alvin Harris joined BUC in April of 2014. He quickly became involved in Hospitality, volunteering to help as a coffee server, greeter, and usher. Alvin has become our Sunday Morning Coffee Coordinator after Carole Wiseman retired from the position.

“It’s nice to be known by name. It is even better to have your face recognized – meaning we have met in person. But, the greatest thing is to be known for one’s deeds and good works. I will work very hard to be sure that everyone will know me for my deeds and good works. I am proud and happy to be part of the BUC family.”

*Alvin Harris*



## REFLECTIONS



Rev. Dr. Kathv Hurt

One of my favorite pastimes is indulging in an immersion experience of some sort: watching all the episodes of a television series or all the movies in an unfolding sequence, reading all the novels in an ongoing story or by a particular author. Sometimes referred to by the unattractive and unhealthy term of bingeing, I prefer my word, immersion. It suggests a free choice rather than a craving, a willingness to set aside usual concerns and a constant multitasking in order to be totally focused on one thing.

My latest such immersion is reading the Magician series by Lev Grossman. Similar to the Harry Potter stories, this series charts the growth of a young man and his friends who are all gifted with innate magic abilities who take up their studies at a special school for

magicians and then find their ways into adulthood, having to learn what it means to be gifted in magic and how to use such gifts in constructive ways. Early in the story, the central character is marveling at how his magic world, the world of the special school where he is surrounded by other youthful magicians, is coming to seem more real than the “real” world in which his family and non-magician friends live.

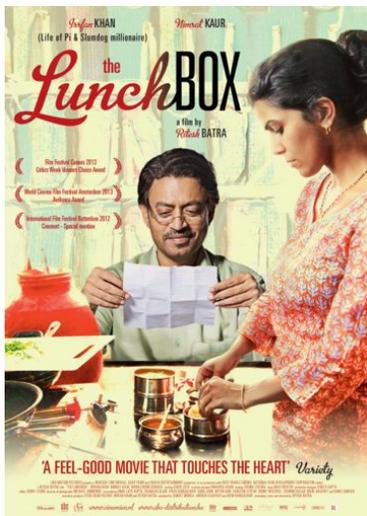
That a new and special world can come to seem more real than ordinary reality: when was the last time you had such an experience outside the venues of movies, television, or books, when you found yourself ushered into another world that had some quality which made it feel more real than the world you typically experienced? Churches of all kinds, spiritual teachers and teachings of all kinds, promise to offer us admission into such a heightened reality—but how often do they deliver on that promise? If the doors of a larger, richer world do not swing open for us, is the problem in the doors themselves or in us? If you had the chance to head off to a school of magic or some other alternate world, would you take the chance, leaving all else behind? And if your answer is yes, then when, under what circumstances, would you return to your ordinary life (if ever)?

Immersion experiences are usually intended to intensify a change process or teach quickly some skill that would require far more time to learn without the immersion. While I have not yet figured out what my self-selected immersion experiences in television or movies or book series are intended to teach me, I do know that when I finally emerge and pick up the daily round I left behind, I see things a bit differently, experience myself as somehow altered. The ordinary world seems a bit less ordinary, now that I know a portal to a magical world might exist on the other side of any hedge. And that may be the ultimate value of immersion: coming to recognize how the extraordinary lies all about, disguised as ordinary, waiting for us to come on inside.

Faithfully,

Kathy

*“If the doors of a larger, richer world do not swing open for us, is the problem in the doors themselves or in us?”*



## Film Buffs, Friday 28<sup>th</sup>

"We're in Mumbai, India's commercial capital, where a middle-aged man - Sajaan - is about to get a very tasty surprise at work: A devoted young wife — Ila, not his — has packed her husband's daily lunchbox with an amazing-looking Indian meal, and sent it to him by way of an only-conceivable-in-India delivery service. However, the meal is delivered to the wrong desk. This leads to Ila and Sajaan corresponding via notes in the lunchbox. A "virtual" romance ensues that has nothing to do with social media. 'The Lunchbox' nicely captures the almost overwhelming crush and noise of contemporary India, and it plays cleverly and delicately with the tension of whether its two correspondents might eventually meet." -Bob Mondello, NPR  
The Lunchbox (India, 2014, PG, 104 minutes)

7:00 p.m. in the Commons. Snacks provided. Contact Larry at 248-569-0965 or [LJWisniew@yahoo.com](mailto:LJWisniew@yahoo.com)

## Thanksgiving Potluck

Unsure what to do for Thanksgiving? Too busy to plan anything? Don't feel like having people over this year or traveling long distances? Come join us for a wonderful potluck dinner at BUC on Thanksgiving Day. Sign up at church after service between the 9th and 23rd or contact Carol Winslow, coordinator at [cwin@att.net](mailto:cwin@att.net)

Carol is looking for a co-host. Could it be you? Come on, host with Carol, it'll be fun!

## Opera Buffs

- ☞ Nov, 1 – Bizet's *Carmen*
- ☞ November 22: Rossini's *The Barber of Seville*

BUC opera goers meet at the AMC Forum 30 theater in Sterling Heights for the live in HD Saturday matinee transmissions directly from the stage of the Metropolitan Opera in New York. Many of us go for a bite to eat after the opera for discussion and fellowship. Tickets are \$22. (\$20 seniors).

Contact Larry Freedman – [lawrenceman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lawrenceman@sbcglobal.net) for more information and to be included on the opera email list.  
Phone: (248) 370-8227

## Living by Heart; Poetry and Reflection Mondays in November

During the month of November we will gather from 7:30 – 9:00 on Monday evenings in the Blue door for a sharing of the words of others that touch us. Feel free to bring a poem or short piece of prose that moves your spirit. We will use a process of listening to each other's offered words reverently and reflecting on their meaning in our own lives. We are interested in what moves us, what we wrestle with, who we are as UUs. This group is facilitated by Penny Hackett-Evans

Pause, reflect, meditate — together



November Monday Meditations  
6:00-7:00 p.m. in the Blue Door Room  
Meditation 25 min., reading reflection 20 min.,  
10 more min. of meditation. Everyone welcome.



+ Getting to Know UU  
 “Sharing Our Spiritual Journey”  
 Tuesday, Nov. 18, 7:00-8:30

This series is offered for those interested in learning more about Unitarian Universalism and in deepening their connections with this congregation. Contact Pam McAlpin if you have any questions, [pam.mcalpin@bucmi.org](mailto:pam.mcalpin@bucmi.org) (248) 647-2380 ext. 223

Join us in the Commons room on Tuesday, November 18 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. for "Sharing Our Spiritual Journey" The session leader and Membership Committee members will share briefly about their respective spiritual journeys as examples. Participants will then be invited to share their spiritual journeys and discuss where/if they see their journeys changing. How might those changes take place? How might attending BUC influence the journey?

MAMA's Coffeehouse  
 Mike Agranoff  
 November 22<sup>nd</sup>

Doors Open at 7:00 – Show begins at 8:00  
 \$15 (\$12 students/seniors)

Equally at home in the contemporary and traditional camps of the Folk world, Mike is a fine musician and storyteller. His prime instrument is the guitar, upon which he shines with intricate fingerstyle arrangements of anything from Tin Pan Alley tunes of the '20s to fiddle tunes to his own music. He also plays concertina, piano, banjo, or sings acapella. He can be uproariously funny, contemplative, and powerfully emotional in the space of a few minutes. The man will capture your attention, and then your heart.

## Campus Development and Prioritization Committee

Please join us for an update on the CDPC Planning process and an announcement about the Capital Campaign on Sunday, November 16.

## Sunday Morning Discussion Group

Everyone is welcome to join in the book discussion group that meets on Sunday mornings in the Large Conference Room from 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. In November the group will meet three of the five Sundays, Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## The Grief Group Tuesday November 11<sup>th</sup>

This group is flexible. Come once, come every month - whatever works for you. Grace Rising facilitates this group. Due to BUC hosting the South Oakland Shelter the week we will be meeting, our room will change to the room with the red door, across the courtyard from the main foyer entrance. For more information you may contact Grace at [gbrising529@gmail.com](mailto:gbrising529@gmail.com) or give her a call at (248) 219-9654.



## The Knitting Ministry – November 24

The Knitting Ministry provides lap robes, shawls, and baby clothes for members of the Birmingham Unitarian Universalist congregation, and supports other outside groups when they are able. They meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month, from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. in the small conference room. The group is open to all whom knit or crochet. Patterns, yarn, and instructions are available. Contact Andie Stewart for more information [aims851@hotmail.com](mailto:aims851@hotmail.com)

## Alliance: Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>

BUC Alliance has two important events planned for 2014. The first is on Wednesday, November 19 at noon. Our senior minister, Rev. Dr. Kathy Hurt will speak to us about our church - including some plans ahead. This gathering features your brown bag lunch, with Alliance providing beverages and cookies.<sup>12</sup>

Yes, we will be having our wonderful holiday luncheon on Wednesday, December 10 at noon at the Radisson Kingsley Hotel. Everyone is invited! This is a delightful occasion to share with guests. We have kept the charge at \$25. Watch for details with reservation information very soon! But put it on your calendar NOW - Wednesday, December 10.

We hope to see you November 19 and on December 10 as well!

*“I saw few die of  
hunger; of eating,  
a hundred  
thousand.”*

*~ Benjamin Franklin*

## Music at BUC

We are falling into music at BUC. The joint benefit concert for Ryan Rocks!!! Outdoor Adventures was well-attended on October 19th. Special thanks to Chris and Diane Slon who served as liaisons between our Chalice Choir and the Madrigal Chorale to pull off a fantastic concert, afterglow and lots of money raised to help kids who suffer from cancer to experience the outdoors during treatment. SoundBites is coming up November 21st at 7:30pm. This first concert of the 2014-15 series will feature "Taiko", a Japanese drumming and martial arts group in our sanctuary! You DON'T want to miss this.

The Sound Messengers have been shaking things up on the 3rd Sunday of each month. If you like what you see and hear regarding the band or have some ideas, contact bandleader Steven Dearing. [steven.dearing@bucmi.org](mailto:steven.dearing@bucmi.org)

The Chalice Choir is busy rehearsing for the December 14th performance of the Rutter "Magnificat" with a chamber orchestra. This large work will serve as the music for the 10:30am service that day, followed by birthday cake celebration for BUC! January will be a fresh start for choir, so if you are thinking about joining, email Abha Dearing [abha.dearing@bucmi.org](mailto:abha.dearing@bucmi.org). We would love to welcome some new singers to our fun group.

Questions, suggestions or comments? Please email band-leader Steven Dearing. [steven.dearing@bucmi.org](mailto:steven.dearing@bucmi.org)

“Where  
words fail,  
music speaks.”

~ Hans Christian  
Andersen

**SoundBites**  
Concert, Afterglow & Yaki

Join us



**SoundBites Presents - Raion Taiko!**  
**Friday, November 21st, 7:30 p.m.**

Join us for an evening of Japanese drumming and martial arts,  
followed by wine and small bites in the Pavilion.

Tickets are \$20 — reserve online at [www.bucmi.org](http://www.bucmi.org)  
or by phone (248) 647-2380

## Service & Justice

Through our Service & Justice program, BUC ministers to the needs of our communities, promotes social and economic justice, and serves as an agent of social systemic change.

## Hunger in Michigan

During November, the theme of “Hunger” will be explored in various ways during Sunday services. For an estimated one in every six people in our state, the lack of a steady food supply is a harsh reality and a daily struggle. Many of the people experiencing “food insecurity” are working full-time or are willing to work and cannot find steady employment or they experience other barriers to work. Through a variety of programs such as the school lunch program, SNAP benefits, and organized food banks, together with donations and volunteer efforts of many Michigan residents, the struggle is lessened. But despite the generosity of many, food banks report that demand has grown and inventories are running short. BUCers can help by participating in several projects this month:



- ⊕ SOS hosting
- ⊕ Food donations for Open Hands Pantry: watch for announcements about this
- ⊕ Plate collection for Welcome Inn

We recognize that donating food is a short-term response, and persistent advocacy is needed to address the complex web of causes of food insecurity. In the meantime, we can each make a tangible difference for a person or family who might otherwise be hungry for another day.

## SOS at BUC Nov. 9-16

SOS is at BUC: November 9 thru 16, 2014. Paul Plante, BUC SOS Coordinator pplante@twmi.rr.com (734) 464-1577

All the volunteer information can be found by going to BUC's website [www.bucmi.org](http://www.bucmi.org) ~ located under the Service and Justice tab, on the SOS drop down menu.



## Get Out and VOTE on November 4!

Have your senses been dulled to the many campaign ads, signs, Facebook posts, etc.? Maybe so, but don't let that keep you from exercising your right to vote on November 4! Great sacrifices were made for us to have this civil right.

## WHRC Elementary School

We are accepting donations of new and gently used books for grades K-6. The need is greatest for K-2nd grade. Donated books may be placed under the coat rack near the office, across from the restroom. We would also welcome volunteers for the book trolley program at WHRC. Contact George Lentz for more information.

It's that time of year .... Watch for information about our holiday adopt-a-family program for WHRC families.

## Social Justice Updates:

Human Trafficking: On October 16, a package of victim-centered legislation addressing human trafficking was passed with bi-partisan support and signed into law, making Michigan the leading state for comprehensive law and survivor support, according to State Sen. Judy Emmons. A Metro Coalition of Congregations (MCC) task force and their many allies worked diligently during the past 18 months to educate people about human trafficking in our state and build support for legislation to combat modern slavery. Any BUCer who would like to help continue this work may contact Annis Pratt, Mary Jo Ebert, or Sharon Kirchner.

Marriage Equality: So much is happening across the country on marriage equality! The Supreme Court took a landmark stance on October 6 when it declined to hear appeals from five states that were challenging lower court rulings legalizing same sex marriage. Their stance gave a final legal stamp of approval for marriage equality for those five states and set the stage for six others. At last count, 32 states and DC have full marriage equality, encompassing over 60% of the population. Equality Michigan at [equalitymi.org](http://equalitymi.org), or Freedom to Marry at [freedomtomarry.org](http://freedomtomarry.org)

BUC Service & Justice Co-Chairs: Mary Jo Ebert, Sharon Kirchner  
 MUUSJN (Mich. UU Social Justice Network): [www.uujustice.org](http://www.uujustice.org)  
 UU Service Committee (UUSC): [www.uusc.org](http://www.uusc.org)

## Plate Collection Recipient – the Welcome Inn

The Welcome Inn is a daytime warming shelter in Royal Oak that BUC has supported for many years with donations of time, our infamous casseroles and other goods, and volunteer time. It is run by South Oakland Citizens for the Homeless at Starr Presbyterian Church and is open from December to March. In keeping with the theme of “Hunger” this month, a portion of our plate collection will be donated to Welcome Inn to provide shelter, a warm meal, and other services for people who would otherwise be out in the cold during the winter months.

If you know of a local organization to recommend for our plate collection, submit an application online at [www.bucmi.org](http://www.bucmi.org). Click the “Social Justice” tab, then “Plate Collection Application.”

## The Welcome Inn Needs Your Help

The Welcome Inn is a daytime warming shelter in Royal Oak, which BUC has supported for many years. It is provided by the South Oakland Citizens for the Homeless at Starr Presbyterian Church (13 and Crooks) and is open from 6:20AM to 8PM from December 15 to mid-March. Your BUC Welcome Inn Volunteer Coordinator is Annis Pratt ([avpratt@aol.com](mailto:avpratt@aol.com), 248 644-0737).

COME TO OUR VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION AT STARR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SATURDAY NOVEMBER 22 AT 9:30 AM

We need volunteers for the following tasks:

- Make a onetime purchase of needed items like medicines and clothing and deliver it either to the Inn or to the church. You can bring your receipts to the church office where you will be reimbursed from a fund budgeted to the Needs Network.
- Prepare a casserole or, better still, gather a group at your home (like a small group, fraternity/sorority, etc) to prepare four or five. These are done from set recipes which will be sent to you when you have established a date. The casseroles need to be delivered to the Inn.
- Help the Social Worker with her tasks, or provide medical assistance with the Nurse.
- Sign up for a couple of hours a week to be at The Inn and help with serving lunch and other tasks.
- Cash donations are very welcome. Please make out checks to S.O.C.H. and mail to S.O.C.H., P.O. Box 1937, Royal Oak MI 48068



Please contact Annis about any of these activities (She will be a table during Coffee Hour). Every small act of kindness provides a spark to light up this sorry old world.



“Here’s how a guest feels about her time at the Welcome Inn: “Thanks for all your help I don’t know what I’d have done without your help. Everyone here was kind to me and helpful even when I was pretty stressed out. God Bless you all.”

BUC Volunteers from left to right: Rolland Vriesenga, Jan Wheelock, Annis Pratt, Larry Freedman, Lillian Dean, and Sharon Kirchner.

## R.O.P.E. Poinsettia Sale



The BUC R.O.P.E. Students are again selling wonderful poinsettias this holiday season! The annual Poinsettia Sale is one of the several fundraisers necessary to ensure all of the students can experience the annual R.O.P.E. trip to Boston.

The plants are big and beautiful, florist quality poinsettias, available in Red, Pink, White, Burgundy, Jingle Bell, Marble or Peppermint. Jingle Bell plants have a red “petal” dashed with creamy white and pink. Marble plants have a pink “petal” with creamy white edges. Peppermint is a luscious blend of rose and pink speckles. All of the plants are truly gorgeous and 4 different sizes will be available.

Plants are delivered to the church in early December. Large orders can be delivered upon request. You can place your order at church in November by visiting the poinsettia table in the social hall after either service. Orders can also be emailed to Deb Christiansen at [charlieboy323@yahoo.com](mailto:charlieboy323@yahoo.com). You may also call Deb at (734) 306-3230 for further information.

## Children's RE

For detailed information about November RE topics, please contact Eleanor McGuire, the Children's DRE for a schedule at: [eleanor.mcguire@bucmi.org](mailto:eleanor.mcguire@bucmi.org)

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Education*

## Youth RE

BAKEOFF is November 23, 2014!

What is Bakeoff?

Bakeoff is a 30+ year BUC tradition that combines an all-church luncheon with an all-youth bake sale fundraiser. Our three youth groups, the 6&7 Unitarian Friendship Organization, the 8th grade Coming of Age group, Rite of Passage Experience (ROPE), and the Great Unitarian Universalist Senior High (GUUSH), receive little funding from the church. All funds for special events and activities, party snacks, and field trip admission fees either come from families or are raised during Bakeoff. (The ROPE share is applied to the cost of the UU Heritage trip to Boston.) As a suitable wrap-up to the November theme of Hunger, this year's Bakeoff will take place on November 23, just in time to shop for Thanksgiving goodies!

Each of the three youth groups has its own responsibilities for food and volunteering. Michelle Chapman is the coordinator for UFO. Lisa Alfelt and Daniel Eller are the coordinators for ROPE and the high school youth coordinate GUUSH's contributions.

Please mark your calendars for Nov. 23 and join us for a soup and salad luncheon (\$5 per person) and both silent and live auction of baked goods. Not only is this a prime opportunity to support our youth programs, it's a prime opportunity to share a meal with your fellow BUCers.

UFO: SOS week is Nov. 9-15, so that means that cookie baking is coming! Watch for details.

ROPE: Poinsettia sales begin on November 2 and continue through Nov. 23! Please help support the 8th grade Boston trip by ordering your holiday poinsettias from BUC. Stop by the sale tables each Sunday to check out the broad assortment of colors and sizes or see Poinsettia chairs Deb Christiansen and Bob Guzick if you have questions.

GUUSH: From Nov. 7-9, the Fort Wayne, IN UU Church will host a Spirituality Development Con. The conferences are wonderful opportunities for youth to attend workshops in new areas, make interchurch connections, and develop leadership skills but we must have more drivers. Parents, we are relying on you.

If you are not receiving regular email updates about youth events, please send your contact information to Youth DRE Kimery Campbell or if you have questions please email [kimery.campbell@bucmi.org](mailto:kimery.campbell@bucmi.org)

## Explorations Preschool for Young Learners

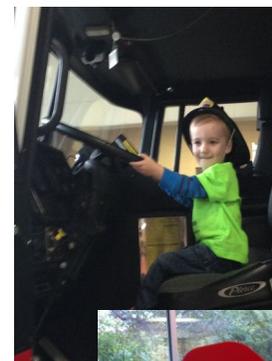


October was been a busy month at Explorations School for Young Learners! The 3-year-old preschoolers toured the Bloomfield Hills Public Safety Department for Fire Safety Month and both the preschoolers and toddlers visited Bowers Farm. At Bowers Farm they picked pumpkins, went on a hayride and had a snack of cider and donuts! The children had a great time seeing the animals and enjoying all the fun activities! Both groups also had a fun time trick or treating through BUC in their Halloween costumes.

The preschool staff also had a busy month! We attended two conferences presented by the Michigan Association for the Education of Young Children. Each daylong conference provided valuable information and insight.

The highlights for November will be Thanksgiving and beginning our focus on celebrations around the world. Every day is an adventure when you are toddlers and preschoolers at Explorations School for Young Learners!

We are still accepting registrations for our fall programs for 3 year old and 18 - 33 month old children. Our lower level classrooms allow us to serve up to 34 children and we are eager to serve more families. Please help us increase enrollment by recommending Explorations Preschool to your family, friends and neighbors. Check out our website at [explorationspreschool.com](http://explorationspreschool.com) or find us on Facebook at Explorations School for Young Learners. For further information please contact us at [explorations@explorationspreschool.com](mailto:explorations@explorationspreschool.com) or 248-647-6531 x 210. Thank you for your continued support as we grow our preschool program.



## Green Sanctuary Committee News

The Unitarian Universalist Association is convinced that we are facing a climate crisis and that climate change is already causing suffering for peoples around the world every day. Recognizing the interdependence of all life, we are called as people of faith and conscience to heal and sustain the planet we call home. We believe that we are diverse in spiritual belief, yet united in faith that a better world is possible and that our collective power can create change. To harness the power after 400,000 people marched for climate justice in New York City on September 21, 2014, the UUA established an action group and website so that each of us can take whatever steps we can to preserve our beloved planet.

Green Sanctuary is recommending that all BUC congregants access the website: [www.commit2respond.org](http://www.commit2respond.org) and register your support. Or, visit the Green Sanctuary Table in the Social Hall during November. We will have laptops and tablets signed in to Wi-Fi where you can easily sign-up in a few clicks.

At their October meeting, the BUC Board of Trustees gave their institutional support to this initiative with the approval of the following motion:

That Birmingham Unitarian Church joins the Unitarian Universalist Association and the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee in their commitment to respond to the dangers of climate change.

We have gotten institutional support from the board for the commit2respond initiative! Additional encouraging news is that during SOS at least three dinners will use real dishes instead of disposables. Thank you to those in charge of the nights when real dishes will be used - we know it is extra work for you! We are making green progress, surely and steadily.

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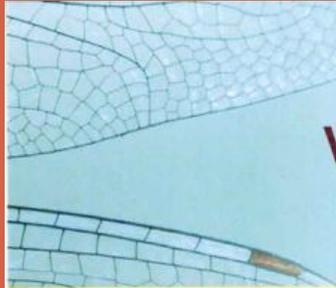
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If you chose to make Birmingham Unitarian Church or UU organization a recipient of your estate, I will donate up to 20% of the fee to the Church or that UU organization.



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