



Worship Services 9: 30 & 11:15 a.m.

7th Our annual homecoming service, led by Kathy and Worship Associate Dan Kosuth, includes a water communion and reflection on where and how we access those wellsprings that promise spiritual renewal and a fulfillment of yearning. Music provided by the Chalice Choir.

14th "Experiencing the Spiritual Through Art" (see inset)

21st Many of our deepest yearnings cluster around the yearning to be loved, to have a relationship in which we experience ourselves accepted unconditionally. Sometimes such relationships prove to be elusive; other times they we seem unable to accept them. Kathy and WA Paul Vachon consider the yearnings of our hearts and what they tell us about our capacity for love. Music provided by the Sound Messengers.

28th Clarifying and giving expression to our yearnings can be the first challenge in finding fulfillment. Spiritual traditions address this communicative issue through the special languages of prayer. Kathy and WA Sara Constantakis take up the thorny matter of how we give voice to our yearnings, and to whom or what those voices are addressed. Music provided by the Chalice Choir.

+ 9/14 Experiencing the Spiritual Through Art

People from all cultures over the centuries have found the sacred in art and used art to encourage spiritual experiences. Guest speaker Wendy Evans is an adjunct lecturer in art history at Wayne State University. Using art from various faiths as well as secular art she will give suggestions on how to engage more fully with art in order to experience its spirituality. Worship Associate Grace Rising, music provided by Rudolfs Ozolins.

September: Yearning

Returning to school, work, and post-vacation routines seems a natural time to ask a few questions. What is it we most want? To what end is all our activity? Where do we find the places of longing in our lives, and where are our longings satisfied? How do we discriminate between yearning that is transient, and the yearnings that can consume us, drive us to extreme lifetime choices? These questions will shape the words and music of our September Sundays.

Each month, your Worship Team will provide devotional booklets containing images, and questions about the theme. We invite you to range beyond Sunday services and further explore the following resources to deepen your experience.

Poetry by John O'Donohue, Kabir, and Rumi.

Books: *Care of the Soul* by Thomas Moore, & the Thomas Mann novels.

Music: *Come Drink Deep* by Carolyn McDade, *There Is a Balm in Gilead*. For children: *Bartholomew and the Oobleck* by Dr. Seuss

Ed Howard, a long-time BUC member died at the age of 94 in late May.

Ken Kauffman, a former long-time member of BUC is recovering superbly from his spinal fracture last winter. He now has full use of one arm, can feed himself, and walk.

A BUC member from many years past, Michael Marcotty died July 15 in Connecticut. He and Paula Barthel (who informed of us his death) were part of the BUC contingent of delegates to attend the famous/notorious 1968 GA in Cleveland.

After an illustrious career as a violist with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Cathy Compton retired this summer. Those who attended the Meadowbrook Music Festival were delighted to hear her honored and recognized at her last performance.

After spending 10 days in Beaumont, Sonia Molner was diagnosed with non Hodgkin's Large B-cell Lymphoma. She has begun chemotherapy treatment at Beaumont the third week in August. She would welcome calls from BUC friends.

Marie Davids shares her joy in the birth of her 9th grandchild this summer.

Debbie Igleheart is recovering from her surgery and six weeks of radiation. Speech therapy is now on the agenda.

Beth Paul had surgery this summer, and is on the road to recovery.

Ashby Woolf's girlfriend, Katie Kramer, died on July 13 after a three-year struggle with metastatic bone cancer.

A joy from John Crissman: "My children's book is published. Thanks to Ed Sharples and Mary Jo Ebert for their help!"

Carole Wiseman's knee surgery was successful, though she is experiencing a great deal of pain. Please keep her in your thoughts. From Carole, "I am thankful to all the people who listened, empathized, made suggestions and helped me the week after the flood delivered a foot of water and sewage in my basement."

Dan Kosuth's father died on August 26 following a period of decline.

Staying Connected: BUC's Directory App for your Smart Phone

The reviews are in and the Instant Church Directory app for Android and iPhone is a hit! The app will update itself each time it is opened, ensuring that you have the latest email, cell phone number, and address of everyone who chooses to be in the BUC directory. And there's the privacy element - you must have an email in the directory database to be able to access the application.

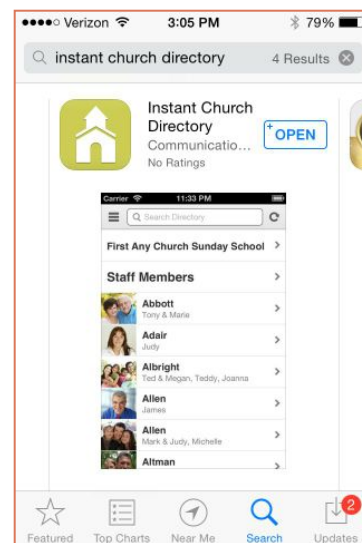
The instructions are simple, go to the App Store on whatever device you wish to download the application, and search for "Instant Church Directory," click install, and follow the directions (they will send a password to your email listed in the directory). Ta da! If you have a picture preference for use in the online directory, please email lisa.crawford@bucmi.org with your choice and it will be updated.

Heading out to a Sharing Dinner and you're not sure of the address? Look it up on your smart phone, touch the address and Google Maps opens up on your phone.

Want to give someone a call?

Look them up in the directory and touch their phone number - it will dial them up - doesn't get any easier to stay connected with your BUC family!

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



REFLECTIONS



Rev. Dr. Kathy Hurt

“To everything
there is a season,
and a time to
every purpose
under heaven.”

~Ecclesiastes

Tibetan Buddhism offers the useful term bardo to describe a transitional state, a temporary time in which one's spirit is moving from one way of being to another. Everything is in play during a bardo: it can be a rare opportunity to advance in spiritual growth—or it can be a moment when much is lost, when unskillful behaviors come to the fore and spiritual backsliding occurs.

These final days of summer, when frequent thunderstorms foretell a change of seasons, when last trips to the lake call to us, when school has not yet resumed but it is time to purchase school supplies and new clothes, when a few final summer projects can still be completed, when one more quick vacation can be fitted into the schedule: late August ushers us into a bardo when everything is again in play. So a question to explore might be how to move through our August bardo so that we do not jump into the usual work and school and church routines in September without having made some small progress in our spiritual journeys, so that we do not see summer pass with regrets and resentments about opportunities lost, so that we turn to the new season with more hope than anxiety.

Before this August bardo is over, consider whatever you had intended to see, to do, to experience over the summer that you never quite got around to, and make the effort to have that experience in some small way. Or perhaps grant yourself absolution for the projects not completed, the people not visited, the trips not taken, since all of us are limited creatures who can only do so much. Or look back at what did happen in the course of summer that brought you pleasure, a few moments of peace, and be grateful.

The author of the Biblical book of Ecclesiastes wisely noted, “To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven.” The in-between season of late August has its own meanings, invites us in unique ways to move from summer into fall. May we not fail to savor once more this special season of our lives.

Faithfully,
Kathy

Wellspring

A new daytime Wellspring group is starting in the fall, facilitated by Kathy Hurt. Wellspring is an intentional spiritual growth program, developed by the First Unitarian Church of Rochester, NY, which involves twice monthly meetings, readings and homework assignments, and covers an array of topics from UU history and theology to beliefs about God to ways in which we struggle with forgiveness and doubt.

If you might be interested in such a group, contact Kathy, 248-647-2380, Kathy.hurt@bucmi.org, to ask

New Daytime Book/Discussion Group Forming

BUC member, Marie Davids is organizing a short-story reading/discussion group. The group would meet once or twice every month, and read one or two stories to discuss at the meetings. Ideally we would meet in member's homes, preferably during the day, but evenings depending on preferences of those interested.

If you are interested in joining or exploring this opportunity, please contact Marie at (248) 298-6402 or email mariedavids@yahoo.com. An initial meeting will be set to figure out details, with the goal to begin the reading/discussion group mid-September or October.



Film Buffs, Friday 26th

Writer/director Rodrigo Garcia teams with executive producer Alejandro Gonzalez Iritu to craft this drama highlighting the powerful bond between a mother and her child. It's been years since Karen (Annette Bening) gave her daughter, Elizabeth, up for adoption, and the decision to abandon her child has always haunted her.

~ Jason Buchanan, Rovi.

Mother and Child (US, 2010, R, 126 minutes)

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

“Fellowship is heaven, and lack of fellowship is hell; fellowship is life, and lack of fellowship is death; and the deeds that ye do upon the earth, it is for fellowship’s sake that ye do them.”

~ William Morris

BUC Sharing Dinners 2014-2015

Would you like to get more connected to BUC and get to know other BUCers better? A great way is to join the more than 100 BUCers who take part in Sharing Dinners—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 must miss some. Or if it’s hard to commit, you can sign up as an alternate, to be called when a sub is needed.

There are 7 to 8 dinners going each second Saturday. About eight participants are assigned to each of the homes, and each month the names are shuffled so everyone gets to meet with as many people as possible. You will be asked to host once during the year. 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 sign up sheets in coffee hours in September, in the office, or contact Deborah Fordree debfordree@yahoo.com or (248) 310-1266. The more who sign up, the better it will be. You can also sign up from our website on the Fellowship Group Page.

Opera Buffs

Five of the most popular MET Opera productions are on the schedule this fall for BUC opera fans.

- 🌀 Oct. 11 - Verdi’s *Macbeth*
- 🌀 Oct. 25 - Mozart’s *The Marriage of Figaro*
- 🌀 Nov, 1 - Bizet’s *Carmen*
- 🌀 Nov. 22 - Rossini’s *The Barber of Seville*
- 🌀 Dec. 19 - Wagner’s *Die Meistersinger*

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).

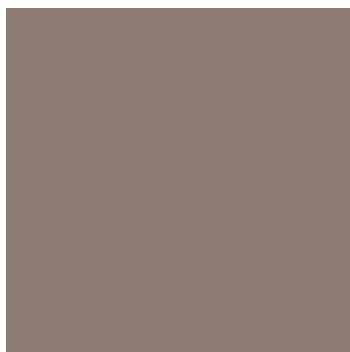
Contact Larry Freedman - lawrenceman@sbcglobal.net for more information and to be on our email list.

2014–15 *Live in HD* Season

The Met’s series of live high-definition performance transmissions to movie theaters around the world will feature 10 presentations.

Ildar Abdrazakov in *Le Nozze di Figaro*





+ Getting to Know UU

First of four on Tuesday, September 23

This four-part series is offered for those interested in learning more about Unitarian Universalism and in deepening their connections with this congregation. Just curious about what Unitarian Universalism is all about? Join us for these informal sessions and see what we're all about. The sessions can be attended singly or as a whole. Sessions three and four will be on January 27, and March 24, 2015.

The Tuesday evening sessions are from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. in the Commons. Everyone is welcome to attend! Contact Pam McAlpin with questions pam.mcalpin@bucmi.org

September 23: "History of Religious Beliefs" This session will include a brief history and definition of UU values and theology, a brief history and definitions of various religious beliefs, and a brief history of BUC.

November 18: "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.

MAMA's Coffeehouse Kicks Off with Kim & Reggie Harris September 20th

Join us on September 20 as MAMA's Coffeehouse kicks off its 21st season of fine acoustic music concerts.

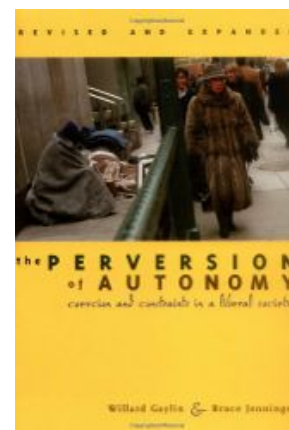
Consummate musicians and storytellers, New Yorkers Kim & Reggie Harris are a mini festival of diversity. Combining traditional African-American spirituals and freedom songs with original folk, they sing of life, love, the quest for freedom, environment and community. Their latest CD, "Resurrection Day," binds these themes into a profoundly moving personal odyssey of inspiration and hope.

Nashville's Chelsea Berry will open the show.

Sunday Morning Discussion Group

The Sunday Morning Discussion Group will start its fall program in September. We will meet September 7 & 14, and every Sunday in October from 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. in the large conference room. We will be discussing the book, *The Perversion of Autonomy** by William Gaylin and Bruce Jennings, who are bioethicists at the Hastings Institute in New York. The authors deal with the personal, moral and societal problems that arise from the ascendancy of autonomy over communitarian values.

*Note that the text we will use is the original 1996 edition, not the more recent 2003 text.



“Moral common sense... respects the humanity of others by sensing connectedness with them and with their vulnerability.”

— Willard Gaylin & Bruce Jennings

The Grief Group, Tuesday September 9

“Part of every misery is, so to speak, the misery's shadow or reflection: the fact that you don't merely suffer but have to keep on thinking about the fact that you suffer. I not only live each endless day in grief, but live each day thinking about living each day in grief.” – C.S. Lewis

The Grief Group did not meet in July and August, but is resuming its gathering on September 9 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the small conference room. This group is flexible. Come once, come every month – whatever works for you. Grace Rising facilitates this group. For more information you may contact Grace at gbrising529@gmail.com or give her a call at (248) 219-9654.

The Knitting Ministry

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 4th 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 and (248) 375-2285



BUC Alliance will have their opening luncheon on October 15, with special guest speaker, Justice Marilyn Kelly.

Music at BUC

The Dearing's would like to say a heartfelt Thank YOU to the BUC congregation for sending us to the Unitarian Universalist Musicians' Network conference this summer. San Diego was lovely, and we came back with lots of new music and fresh ideas about aligning music with worship even more significantly. We can't wait to implement many of these creative, soul-stirring techniques.

The Chalice Choir kicks off their season with rehearsals every Wednesday from 7:30-9pm and begin preparing for Sunday services PLUS a collaborative concert with the Madrigal Chorale on Sunday October 19th, hosted by BUC.



Welcome to our new "sound tech" Kelsey Nowak: she is currently a senior at Groves high school, and on the tech team working many events and productions at both Groves and Seaholm.

"Music is a moral law. It gives soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination, and charm and gaiety to life and everything."

~ Plato

Our Chalice Choir will join on some songs with the other group as a fundraiser for a yet-to-be-determined cause. Do you have ideas for where the money from this benefit show should go? Let Steve, Abha or Mary Jo Ebert know. September is a perfect time to join our choir—we have room and need for YOUR voice!! Email Abha for questions abha.dearing@bucmi.org

Happy Birthday to BUC this December! The BUC Chalice Choir will perform John Rutter's *Magnificat* to celebrate our 65th year as a congregation. We will have Chamber Orchestra accompaniment for this gorgeous choral work, to be presented on December 14th.

The Sound Messengers will be a regular act on the **THIRD SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH**. The group is continuing their commitment to bringing you transformative, contemporary music to enrich your worship experience.

Questions, suggestions or comments? Please email band-leader Steven Dearing. steven.dearing@bucmi.org

The dates to remember for the new season of SoundBites concerts are November 21st, February 13th and April 10th. Steven promises rich, colorful sounds for your ears and delectable goodies for your palate afterward.

Happy Musical Autumn to all of you and see you in church.



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.

Songs, Drums, Frittatas, and Rockets!

After a successful inaugural summer class at the Baldwin Center last year, BUC staff and volunteers returned in early August to facilitate a week of fun and learning. Four classes were offered for 50 Baldwin summer campers in grades K-6 – Choir, Cooking, Science, and Drumming.

We capped off the week with a spirited performance by the children’s choir of the two songs they had learned. We’ll be posting videos to BUC’s website and sharing more photos of the week’s events.

Thank you to the BUCers who led these classes – Choir - Abha & Steven Dearing with pianist Barbara Woolf; Cooking - Karen Stankye; Science – Nathan Farrar and Colin Pocock, and all of our volunteers who helped facilitate the classes.

Baldwin’s Youth Director Lauren Fuller would welcome classes such as this in after-school segments during the school year. Classes can be offered as a series with a small group of children interested in a topic or as a one-time event. If you have a skill or topic you’d like to share with these great kids, contact Mary Jo Ebert or Sharon Kirchner. You can follow Baldwin Center on Twitter – @212Baldwin



BUC at the Baldwin Center August 2014

In Choir class, the children discussed ways to stand up to bullying and to promote the things they believe in while learning Katy Perry’s *Roar* and Sara Bareilles’ *Brave*, two songs that promote these themes.

Every kid was a “top chef” in cooking class where they made frittatas and cookies with vegetables (yes, vegetables in cookies!).

Alvin Harris watches over a young cook’s use of a mixer.



Young scientists learned about the reaction of Alka-Seltzer tablets in water. They quickly got creative in trying different ways to make their rockets shoot higher! Nathan Farrar & Colin Pocock prep a demo rocket for launch; Ian McGuire stands by to assist.

Imagine sixty K-6 graders and volunteers in one room, each with a drum or percussion instrument. It was loud!



It was fun with Lori Fithian, the Drummunity leader from Ann Arbor, leading the group in community drumming.

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WHRC Volunteers Make a Difference

WHRC Elementary School students had an early kick-off of the new school year on August 25. Under the direction of Communities United for Children (CUFC), BUCers and other volunteers support programs for K-6 graders, including tutoring, book trolley, and teacher assistance. BUC member George Lentz leads the CUFC board, whose members include BUCer Ron Fredrick, two WHRC teachers, and several people from other churches and organizations.

The early start date is part of the three-year “balanced calendar” pilot program being implemented by the Pontiac School district, which, in addition to the earlier start, reduces summer break to 25 days.

Class sizes are expected to be 30 students this year. The attention given by volunteers can have a significant positive impact on a young learner. Have you ever considered serving as a volunteer? If you would like to learn about the ways to get involved, contact George Lentz, Mary Jo Ebert, or Sharon Kirchner.

Social Justice Updates

Effective September 1, Michigan’s minimum wage is increased from \$7.40 to \$8.15. A state law was passed in May in response to pressure from a petition, signed by many UUs, to place a proposed wage change on the November ballot. The alternative law passed in May will incrementally increase the wage yearly to \$9.25 in January 2018 and hold tipped wages at 38% of the prevailing wage. The approved change is a step in the right direction but is expected to receive continued attention because even at \$9.25, a full-time worker struggles to live on \$18-19k per year.

On August 6, six legal cases involving marriage equality were heard by the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals, which covers Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, and Tennessee. In each state, federal judges have ruled in favor of marriage for same-sex couples. A ruling by the 6th Circuit is expected this fall. One of these cases or another of the 75+ active lawsuits nationwide seeking the freedom to marry or respect of legal marriages could be heard by the US Supreme Court as early as 2015.

The need to understand and address racism continues to be a priority topic for social justice advocates, as evidenced by events surrounding the Aug 9 shooting death of Michael Brown in Missouri. BUCers are encouraged to join the MUUSJN (MI UU Social Justice Network) mailing list to receive periodic updates on social justice topics such as this and actions we can take to bear witness and enact change. Visit www.uujustice.org.

Mark your calendar for the MOSES 2014 Public Meeting - Sunday, October 5, 3:30 p.m., Galilee Missionary Baptist Church, 5251 E. Outer Dr., Detroit. Read more at www.MOSESMI.org.

Plate Collection Recipient - WHRC School Supplies

Our plate collection recipient for August 31 thru September 28 is the school supply program at WHRC Elementary School. With many families living near or below the poverty level, children receive school supplies through the generosity of communities such as ours.

The Plate Collection committee is accepting applications for fourth quarter recipients. Submit applications at www.bucmi.org. Click the “Service & Justice” tab, then “Plate Collection Application.”

BUC Service & Justice Co-Chairs: Mary Jo Ebert, Sharon Kirchner

MUUSJN (Michigan UU Social Justice Network): www.uujustice.org

UU Service Committee (UUSC): www.uusc.org



Religious Education

Fall 2014 Welcome Back!

K-5th DRE: Eleanor McGuire

6th -12th DRE: Kimery Campbell

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Children's RE

On Sunday, September 7th BUC will resume offering two services each Sunday, beginning with our annual Homecoming celebration. The 6th-12th grade youth will attend the entire service while the Kindergarten - 5th grade children will first participate in the Children's Corner and then go to a multi-age class led by DRE Eleanor McGuire. There will be a Nursery for the littlest ones (0-3 year olds) and a Preschool class for 3-5 year olds, both located in the Lower Level of the church under the Sanctuary. Traditional religious education classes will begin on September 14th.

Children's Rotation Curriculum

This year's theme of "Beginnings" explores how our UU faith supports us as we choose the paths we will take through our ever-evolving world.

- ⊕ September's Golden Rule rotation focuses on how we can foster compassion, reciprocity and equity by upholding this universal spiritual principle.
- ⊕ November's Creation Myths explores both the diversity and similarities between the world's creation myths as well as how these tales offer comfort to their believers.
- ⊕ January's rotation, Coming to Agreement, looks at the balance needed between diverse individual opinions and community needs, especially in order to reach a consensus.
- ⊕ March's Birth rotation reaffirms how the beginning of every life is a unique opportunity.
- ⊕ May's rotation, Fair Start, focuses on the ways both our church works to guarantee that every child has the things he or she needs during the early years of life.

Youth RE

BUC's Youth RE program is divided into three levels of Sunday morning classes and youth groups. For the 6th and 7th graders, we offer our Sunday morning Neighboring Faiths class, which examines other faith traditions, often with a visitor and a field trip. This year, we will study Unitarian Universalism, historical roots of Judaism, Catholicism, Islam, Orthodox Christianity, and Protestant practices. The first class will take place on September 14 and faith units will vary in length from one to four Sundays. The Unitarian Friendship Organization (UFO) is our 6th and 7th grade youth group. They enjoy a succession of social and service events organized by parents. We will meet for a planning session in September. All middle school youth are encouraged to attend the annual UU Junior High Retreat at Mystic Lake YMCA camp near Clare, Michigan, Oct. 17-19, 2014. This event is open to all 6-8th grade youth. We encourage parents to participate, too

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Fall begins our 8th grade Coming of Age curriculum, the combined OWL (Our Whole Lives) and ROPE (Rite of Passage Experience) programs. OWL, which will run from 9:30 to 12:30 each Sunday from September 14 to December 14, is an intense sexuality, relationships, and values education program specifically designed for middle school youth. Orientation will take place on Monday, September 8, 2014 in the BUC Sanctuary.

Unlike many UU churches, BUC offers high school youth both a Sunday morning high school class and a youth group, the Great Unitarian Universalist Senior High (GUUSH). The Sunday morning class will begin on September 14, with a focus on reconnecting the youth as well as an overview of the year's theme, Radically Inclusive. This year's discussions will be juicy, touching on topics such as freedom, peace and military service or the meaning of money within an individual's life, etc. GUUSH meets on Sunday evenings from 6:30 to 8 p.m. There will be an informational meeting in September, which will be a good opportunity to ask about youth conferences, social action, curriculum, and anything else involving the high school youth. All 9th through 12th grade parents are invited to attend.

BUC's Religious Education program will continue its two new social action projects: Blessing Bags for the homeless and the weekly food collection for the Open Hands Pantry at St. John's Episcopal Church in Royal Oak. Blessing bag supplies are available each week at the Scrip table in the social hall and food donations will be collected by the children following the Message for All Ages. Alternatively, donations may be left in the collection box outside of the Religious Education office.

Rummage Fall 2014

Rummage is coming! Time to go through the closets and the bookshelves, talk with the kids about the virtues of giving away unwanted toys, try out a new recipe to show off at the Rummage lunches, and sign up to sort, schlep, schmooze, and shop! If you are new to BUC, you need to know that for one week each spring and fall, we turn the church into a giant resale shop. This provides an important source of both funds and community building to our church. You can make your household spending budget go farther by shopping for clothing, furniture, and other goods ~ it is the BEST place to bring your own gently-used discards*! (*We do not accept sofa beds, stained or damaged furniture, analog TV or computer monitors, bike helmets, or children's car seats.) Please sign up during on any Sunday in September in the Social Hall or electronically on our website.

If you have large furniture items to donate, please plan ahead. The bulk pickup crews will collect furniture and other large items on Saturday Sept. 27 and Sunday, September 28 but you must reserve a spot on the truck in advance. Please contact truck coordinator Soren Andersen now (buc.rummage.pickup@gmail.com)!

If you have a computer to donate to the BUC Fall rummage sale, please bring it to the Social Hall on any Sunday. Dan Kouth will take it to Motor City Free Geek for processing. Highly skilled volunteers will inspect your computer and, whenever possible, make it ready for a new owner. The hard drive will be wiped clean and software will be replaced with open source (free) software to make sure that all software licenses are respected.

Campus Development & Prioritization Update

A rigorous selection process has led BUC to retain **inFORM studio** as architect for our Campus Development initiative.

Founded in 2000 by Gina Van Tine, inFORM is known for designing exceptional environments that are economically, environmentally, and socially/culturally sustainable. Its work has been recognized with numerous state, national, and international design awards.

Armed with BUC member input collected by the Campus Development & Prioritization Committee, inFORM's Northville team soon will begin to conduct its own in-depth study of our campus, programs, and needs before suggesting architectural solutions. BUC's upcoming Capital Campaign will then determine what funding will become available for implementation.

We encourage every BUC member to visit inFORM's website at www.in-formstudio.com to gain a sense of their approach and view past projects. You might enjoy a 7-minute film about their award-winning work involving repurposed Ash trees in the design of Ann Arbor's Traverwood Library at www.upfromashes.org.

-Dick Cantley on behalf of BUC's Campus Development & Prioritization Committee

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Next class BEYOND LIMITS will start mid October.

We are renting classrooms at BUC for this series.



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