

+ Sunday, Feb. 28th "When All is Said and Done"

Guest minister, the Rev. George Lambrides, will speak on exploring the differences between creedal and behavioral faith perspectives. He will base his talk on the fourth UU principle, a free and responsible search for truth and meaning.

Rev. Lambrides has been the Executive Director (now co-director) of the Interfaith Round Table of Washtenaw County since 1998. The IRT is a local organization of 30 religious congregations representing fifteen faith traditions whose mission is to help create a culture of understanding and inclusion.

"A free and responsible search for truth and meaning."

For anyone raised in a traditional church, the next UU principle considered in our February worship services can seem a startling one. As a non-creedal path, this principle means there is no magic endpoint, no prescribed set of beliefs; instead, beliefs emerge as one pursues his/her spiritual journey, over time—and those beliefs will likely change as one's life changes. But the search is not entirely wide open, since the principle prescribes a "free and responsible" searching. And the principle does not promise results, since it commits us to a search without noting when, where, or how that search might conclude. How do we pursue this? Why the need to lift up both truth and meaning, for what is the difference in such anchor points for our lives?

SERVICES 10:30 a.m.

- 7 Many spiritual traditions outline methods for discerning transcendent meaning. As a non-creedal path, how do we measure what constitutes spiritual meaning? Kathy and Worship Associate Donna Mohr reflect on the presence and/or absence of UU parameters of truth and meaning. Music provided by the Sound Messengers.
- 14 More words have been written about love than any other subject known to humans, and religions have always had much to say about love, much of it bewildering if not actually unhelpful and demeaning. In this Valentine's Day service, Kathy and Worship Associate Sara Constantakis view love within the context of our search for truth and meaning to wonder what a truly spiritual love might look like. Music provided by the BUC Chalice Choir with guest cellist Andrea Thorne.
- 21 To be on a search for truth and meaning inevitably results in changes of perspective, even changes of life course. How does any of us know when a belief or way of life is due for an overhaul, or requires giving up, especially when the new understanding may not yet be apparent? Kathy and Worship Associate Ed Sharples ponder when it is time to stick to one's beliefs, and when it is time to set them aside for a different truth. Music provided by the Sound Messengers.

February Sunday Specials



February 7th

9:15 Before Unitarian Universalist studies led by Kathy, in the Blue Door Room. Topic is UUism and world religions. Everyone is welcome to attend.

February 14th

11:45 After Love songs performed by the Grunyons, in the Sanctuary.

February 21st

9:15 Before Explorations in Unitarian Universalism, led by Kathy Hurt, in the Blue Door Room. Topic: Forgiveness.

9:15 & 11:45 Before AND After The annual pancake breakfast, under the direction of Max and Lisa Kort, will offer regular and gluten-free pancakes with an assortment of toppings and both meat and vegetarian sausage. There will be two seatings—early birds can eat at 9:30; with a second seating after service at 11:30. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for kids up to the age of 12. Please join us and support this year's coming of age class.

11:45 After Sing-along with the Sound Messengers, in the Sanctuary.

February 28th

9:15 Before "Lectio Divina" – which literally means holy reading. It is commonly done by reading Biblical passages. But, Penny Hackett-Evans will guide us in a process in which we will use contemporary writing and study it using this prescribed method to find its deeper meaning for us personally. Blue door classroom.

11:45 After BUC Board of Trustees Monthly Town Hall Meeting: We will have new sketches of the main entrance, and landscaping outside the entrance. We will also have some scope and cost estimate updates.

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

Marj Taylor's son, Craig, died on December 30 after a long struggle with cancer. Recently he had been the first patient at Beaumont to participate in an experimental drug trial for his cancer. Though his experience did not ultimately prolong his life, he was glad he volunteered for the medication so that others might be helped in the future.

Soren Andersen is suffering from a severe hip problem and is scheduled for surgery this month.

Keith Brown was in a car accident in January, and suffered multiple injuries. He is having intense therapy and his daughter Lauren wanted to share this: "He has been moved to Woodward Hills on Woodward in Bloomfield Hills (39312 Woodward Ave, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304), just a hop skip and a jump from BUC. Now that he is settled in Room 100A visitors are welcome! He is expected to be there for up to 8 weeks so there is plenty of time to visit. We know that he will be having daily therapy sessions Here are times that I think would be very helpful to Joy, and enjoyed by my dad.

- ✓ Lunch any time between 11:30 and 1:00. Visitors can bring their lunch and eat with him or just visit.
- ✓ Ice cream social 2:30-3:00 - WH offers wonderful ice cream for residents and guests.
- ✓ Dinner/Evening from 4:30-9:00 - Dinner is served 4:45-5:45. Any time after the dinner festivities he is up for chatting and/or TV watching.

I will begin maintaining the Visitor Schedule. Please contact me at either number below or

my email and I will block out the time for you. Thanks to all the BUC Community for all the love and support! Lauren Brown (w) 248.594.4488, (c) 313.938.8667 email: LAUREN@LBAREP.COM”

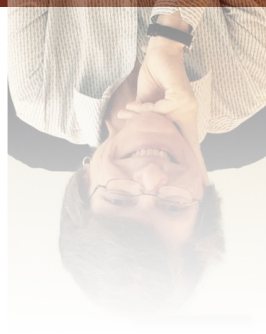
From Richard and Nancy Schmitt: “We would like prayers for the family of Thomas and Paula Schmitt who suddenly lost their son Joseph who was only 20.”

A joy on January 17: “Marie and Paul Miller happily and with gratitude celebrated their 64th Wedding Anniversary - It was snowing with lightening and thunder on this day in 1952.”

Dick Nelson died on January 23. A retired Lutheran minister who made BUC his church home for several years as he battled amyloidosis. His memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, February 2 at Christ Lutheran Church, where he served as pastor for many years. 5987 Williams Lake Road, Waterford, Michigan.

REFLECTIONS

Rev. Dr. Kathv Hurt



“Welcome Home Wednesdays”

Thanks to the generous bequest BUC received recently from the estate of long-time member Bette Dyer, and as a result of new guidelines developed by the Board of Trustees for assignment of undesignated bequests, funding is now available for the creation of new program initiatives. The first of those initiatives will come in the form of a midweek package of worship, program, fellowship, and food called “Welcome Home Wednesdays.” A number of Unitarian Universalist churches have experimented with such formats as a way of offering more options to members and newcomers besides what already happens on Sunday mornings, and BUC is preparing to join those experiments. A Welcome Home Wednesday begins with a catered meal, followed by an alternative worship service that will be primarily music in its focus, and then moves into

program offerings for adults, youth and children, or an intergenerational mix. You are invited to come for any one part of the Wednesday events (meaning if you simply want to stop by for dinner on your way home from work, that would be fine), or stay and sample all of them. Watch upcoming announcements for the start date of Welcome Home Wednesdays, and consider trying out this program experiment.

More new programs will launch in the coming months as staff and leaders from the Program Council develop creative ideas designed to enrich and grow our congregational life. Any ideas you want to propose are always welcome—and your commitment to work to bring those ideas to fruition is even more welcome. One focus for many of the new programs will be a deliberate effort to engage newcomers to BUC, not for the sake of growth alone but from a belief that what we have to offer, in our Unitarian Universalist message and in the ways that message is lived out at BUC, is much needed by the world. This represents evangelism in the best sense of the word, in what it meant before it was co-opted by a very narrow interpretation: evangelism as good news, as values and meaning and connections that enable us to live more fully and love more deeply. Get ready to join our BUC evangelism efforts, for what we have is simply too wonderful to hoard just for ourselves.

In faith, hope, and love,

Kathy

Look Who Signed the Book!



January 24: Wendi & Scott Corteville

Wendi, Bradley, Holly, and Scott Corteville have been attending BUC for about a year now and just became members. Scott is an engineer at General Motors, Wendi is a CRM Consultant, Bradley is in 7th grade and Holly is in 4th grade in Walled Lake Schools. We have been enjoying the openness and straightforward worship services and look forward to getting more involved in the years to come.

January 17: Helen Strahl



January 24: Brianna and Trevor Zamborsky

Trevor and Brianna met in Marquette and now live in Ferndale with their daughter, Helen. Trevor works as an attorney at Seva Law Firm and Brianna is a children's book author and poet. They are thrilled to join this community, to grow and watch Helen grow here, and to put it's principles into practice.

January 28: John Spangler

After 25 years of attendance and a long journey of spiritual growth, as a congregation native, I finally signed the BUC membership book!



February Volunteer of the Month:

Emilia Askari



“More than two decades ago, I was working as a reporter at the Detroit Free Press when my editor asked me to do a story about something unusual happening at a church in Bloomfield Hills, of all places. BUC was declaring itself a hate-free zone, welcoming what we now call the LGBTQ community. That was front-page news back then, on a slow Sunday. In the years since, I have been motivated many times by BUC's spirit of social justice and commitment to community service. We cannot make change by ourselves. I am particularly inspired by our outstanding Religious Education program. It has been such an honor to help some of our young people articulate their values and begin their life journeys.” *Emilia Askari*

Tuesday Grief Support Group, February 2

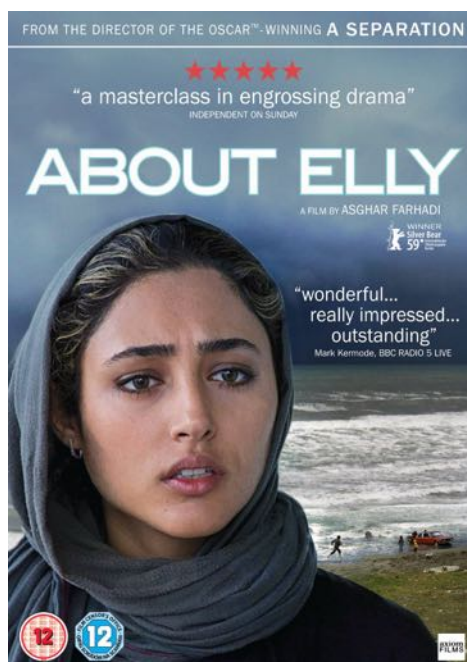
Facilitated by Pat Kridler, the Grief Support Group meets the first Tuesday of the month February 2 from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. The February topic is, “How can we honor our loved one?” We hope you feel welcome to join to join us for encouragement, and to relax in a safe place to share your grief.

Sunday Morning Discussion Group: Socrates Café

Sunday mornings from 9:00 to 10:15 join us in the large conference room, to the right of the main entrance. February 7 the discussion topic will be, “The Right Thing to Do.” Each week we will determine a topic for the following weeks discussion.

Archaeology of Inner Realms: *an exhibition of the work of Hope Swann*

In the Gallery and Pavilion through February 26. Hope Swann works in "Found Object Mixed Media Assemblage," which means, as she puts it: "Sticks and stones and scrap metal and stuff stuck together by a variety of methods, as an exploration of the Mundane as Metaphor." Her work has been described as "From the Ridiculous to the Sublime, from the Dumpster to the Mythological, with a healthy dose of the Trickster thrown in for good measure..."



Film Buffs, Friday, February 26 7:00 p.m.

Join us at 7:00 p.m. in the Commons "This surprising and intricate mystery-thriller from Iran's Asghar Farhadi was filmed just prior to his Oscar®-winning *A Separation*. This film is especially concerned with the intricate ways in which human behavior can surprise us when ordinary circumstances – in this case, a carefree holiday weekend – take unexpected turns. Winner of the Berlin Film Festival's Silver Bear Award as well as the prize for Best Picture at the 2009 Tribeca Film Festival. In Persian with English subtitles." - DFT Film Guide Summer 2015 "Critics' Pick! Devastating and gorgeous." -Stephen Holden, The New York Times About Elly (Iran/France, 2009, NR, 119 minutes)

Snacks provided. For more information contact Larry at [248-569-0965](tel:248-569-0965) or LJWisniew@yahoo.com.

BUC Alliance, Wednesday, February 17th

Alliance will meet on Wednesday, February 17. WE will provide coffee and cookies for our brown bag luncheon in the Pavilion at noon.

Our speaker is BUC's own Karen Stankye, talking about her travels from the North Pole to the South Pole – "Polar Bears and Penguins" – journeys to the edge of the earth. Join us in the Pavilion at noon for lunch, and at 1:00 for the presentation. All are welcome!

Humanists of BUC: Sunday, February 28

Mary Jo Ebert will be speaking at our February 28th meeting. We will meet from noon to 1:30 or 2:00 in the classroom with the green door, east of the central courtyard. A light lunch will be provided from noon to 12:30. Hear Ms. Ebert speak about Social Justice and Income Inequality awareness at BUC.

Scholarship Fund For Pontiac High School Graduates

The BUC Goldsmith Scholarship Fund was founded with funds from the estate of Stuart Goldsmith, who along with his wife Suzanne, were early members of the church. Administered through the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan, the program awards a \$2,000 scholarship each year to a Pontiac High School graduate, and is renewable for up to three years at \$2k per year. At present, there are three students receiving the scholarship, one of whom is in her 3rd year at Oakland University and two others in their 1st year at Ferris State and Oakland U. In December, the fund received a donation of \$6,000 from an Indianapolis UU who is a Pontiac High School alumni. This was a wonderful surprise! Others are welcome to donate to the fund. Contact Mary Jo Ebert for information.

Music at BUC

The New Year is in full swing musically at BUC. The choir is revved up and sang lovely on the second and fourth Sundays, and the Sound Messengers got us in the groove for celebrating MLK on the third Sunday of January. Rudolfs helped set the tone for our guest Islamic scholar on the fifth Sunday.

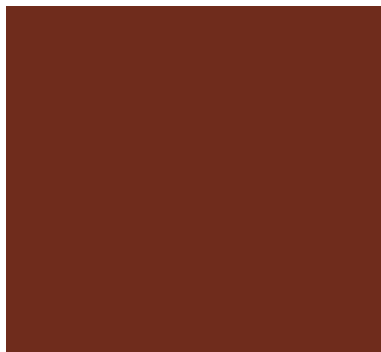
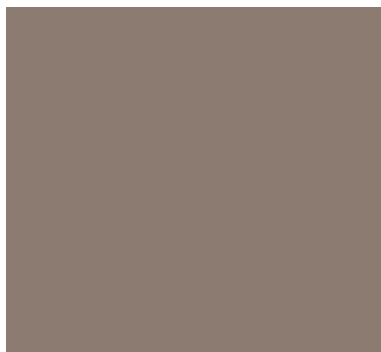
Looking ahead, you will hear the band twice in February as they set the mood for the worship service. Be prepared to laugh, cry, and sing along. On Feb 14, the choir will help us set the mood for the Chinese New Year with special guest cellist Andrea Thorne. Come hear the choir sing in yet another foreign language! ☺ And after the service February 14, we welcome The Grunyons an a cappella chorus, as our music Sunday Special.

Lastly, a word of thanks for all your support as we experiment with alternative styles of music for worship. It is always heart warming to hear your kind words in the receiving line.

Peace, love, the Dearing's



The Grunyons (*and YES, that is BUC's Ron Fredrick front and center!*)



+ MAMA's Coffeehouse
February 20:
Two Headline Acts!



MEAN MARY

Known internationally for lightning-fast fingers, haunting vocals, and intricate story songs, Mean Mary travels the genres of folk-rock, bluegrass, and blues with banjo, fiddle, and guitar. Anything from ghost pirates to demon guitars could romp through a Mean Mary show. She is also an award-winning book author, and the fun-loving star of Nashville TV show, Never-Ending Street.

TALLER THAN THEY APPEAR



Jere Stormer, Bobby Pennock, Sigrid Christiansen and Lauren Crane are Taller Than They Appear, a band of songwriters. Each has a style that is miles from the next, but come together with soulful harmonies, arresting arrangements and an extensive array of instruments. Birdcalls, bells and bongos, woodblocks, washboards and whistles round out the guitars, violins and ukuleles. "We are like a bunch of seven-year-olds playing in the musical sand," says Jere. "You all have something here," say their listeners.

Service & Justice February 2016

Winter Speaker Series – February 18:

“Has America Fulfilled It’s Promise of Equal Justice for All?”



Hon. Marilyn Kelly

Come out to BUC on Thursday, February 18, at 7:00 p.m. to hear the Hon. Marilyn Kelly discuss how poverty strips our citizens of their constitutional rights of access to justice and equal protection under the law, along with encouraging news about steps being taken to do something about it. Marilyn served on the Michigan Supreme Court for 16 years, two as Chief Justice, and is a Distinguished Jurist in Residence at Wayne State University. To register, click on the Winter Speaker Series slide on the BUC website home page or contact Pat Hammer, Marti Szilagy, or Mary Jo Ebert. Cost is just \$7 for each speaker or \$15 if you registered for the series. A fee waiver is also offered, no questions asked.

**Escalating
Inequality:
Let’s Talk!**

Mark your calendar for March 17, when Peter Hammer will present, “150 Years Later: The 13th Amendment – Freedom Comes to Michigan?” The Winter Speaker Series is presented by the Escalating Inequality task force of BUC and four other area UU churches. High school students are welcome. These events are open to the public; please spread the word!



Chuck Collins, at BUC
January 14, 2016

Clean, Affordable Water

United Nations Global Goal #6 seeks to “Ensure access to water and sanitation for all.” Our state is surrounded by the Great Lakes which hold 20% of the world’s fresh water, yet some of our citizens struggle to have water to live. Water shutoffs in Detroit and other communities and the well-documented contamination of Flint water are two of the major issues. Following are a few things we can do:

- Contact your elected representatives and demand that solutions to these problems be relentlessly pursued. Find out where they stand and how you can be part of the solution.
- Write letters to the editor requesting that their publications be vigilant in informing the public about these issues and help hold elected officials and public employees accountable for safety and accessibility of water in our state.
- Visit WeThePeopleOfDetroit.com to learn how you can help get fresh water to people who need it.



Plate Collection: Breast & Cervical Cancer Screening



A portion of the February plate collection will be donated to the Ferndale Health Center of Planned Parenthood to be used for breast exams and cervical cancer screening.

Any BUC member may nominate a local organization for the Plate Collection Committee to consider. Submit an application at www.bucmi.org. Click the “Service & Justice” tab, then “Plate Collection Application.”

The Welcome Inn: Urgent Need!

Urgent Need: Overnight shelter is closing early unless you help. By giving up one night in your bed, you can keep 100 people from sleeping on the street for 3 weeks this winter.

Part of our mission is ensuring our guests also have a warm, safe place to sleep each night. We partner with a group of rotating overnight centers, currently hosting 100+ guests each evening. **A partner church in this rotation has lost their building on short notice and will not be able to host this season – from the brutal cold of February 27 through March 19.**

In order to provide overnight shelter for guests this winter, we need you, your friends or a group you're part of to pitch in – give up one night in your bed to volunteer overnight – so that 100+ people can have shelter for 3 weeks. Our host, Starr Presbyterian Church, has offered their space for guests to sleep at night, and we need you to make this possible.

The hope is simple: We need four people to provide dinner and help make the transition from daytime to overnight center. Experienced staff will be onsite during this time to help guide you. We will use the following schedule:

- 6pm: Begin transferring registrations from our daytime guests to those staying overnight. You will also be registering new visitors coming for overnight shelter.
- 7pm: As we settle in, prepare and serve dinner to guests. (It's your choice, you can bring something in, or use what we have in our pantry to make dinner.)
- 8:30pm: Begin breaking down tables and setting up sleeping area. Let guests settle in and quiet down for the night.
- 9:30pm: Help guests make the final transition into bed.
- 10pm: Lights out and wrap up.
- At 10 p.m. four more people (two men and two women) will come in to stay awake overnight. From 10 p.m. – 6 a.m. you will monitor the space (while our guests sleep) and do some checking in and out as people may come and go. Morning staff and volunteers will help you rouse guests and get ready for the new day!

If you can volunteer, we have a simple online signup, [found here](#). We are opening the schedule week-by-week. When the first week is full, we'll open the second, then the third. If you can't volunteer, but can help pay some of our expenses (including possibly hiring someone to staff overnight) you can [donate here](#). If you'd like more information, visit our [website](#), [facebook page](#) and contact Jason Morgan at [248.677.8757](tel:248.677.8757) or jason@sochwi.org. Thank you!

Volunteers Needed -- WHRC

Every Thursday, volunteers support the book trolley program at WHRC Elementary School in Pontiac. On Thursdays after school (3:45-5:15), volunteers support the Bananagrams program. One can also tutor or provide classroom support for a teacher. These are great ways to make a difference in the life of a young student. You can sign up for weeks that fit your schedule. Contact Alison Rule for book trolley and Mary Jo Ebert for the other programs.



Social Justice Advocacy – Information Sources

We regularly feature social justice advocacy news in BUC's weekly update, newsletter, and Facebook page. In addition, we encourage you to join the Michigan UU Social Justice Network (MUUSJN) email list at www.uujustice.org, and tune in to national and international projects of the UU Service Committee (UUSC) at www.uusc.org. Contact Mary Jo Ebert to be included in a periodic email update on social justice topics. Get plugged in to these sources, and discover how your voice can make a difference. UU voices are needed!

Campus Developments

Dramatically Increased Construction Costs Now Being Addressed by CDPC

Sunday, January 17th saw the latest in a series of Town Hall meetings held to keep the congregation up to date on the Campus Development & Prioritization (CDPC) initiative. Dick Cantley, BUC treasurer and CDPC chair, reviewed the scope of the construction project, which led to a mid-2014 estimate of \$1.9M (nearly \$1.5M raised in the Capital Campaign plus a congregation-approved \$400K mortgage). He then reported that the actual bids from various construction trades, received in December, totaled an unexpected jump to \$2.4M.

Dick explained that this increase is largely due to the booming local economy and what contractors called the challenges and complexities of our existing building and site, once they walked the campus. Also unexpected were additional costs for foundation and firewall, and for site changes required by the City of Bloomfield Hills.

The CDPC in its prioritization role determined changes that would bring costs back in line but still allow for wheelchair access from BUC's entry through to the Sanctuary:

- Simpler, modest design for exterior entry and vestibule
- Simpler lobby roof, without clerestory windows
- Remodeled "color-door" rooms but no new interior passageway or addition

These changes would reduce projected costs to \$1.75M, which would include a reduced mortgage of \$250K. Discussion during the Town Hall underscored the desire for more barrier-free restrooms, which will be explored.

During the Town Hall, a BUC member requested a review of the overall project scope. Here is the list as it appeared in the Capital Campaign brochure, annotated for what the work likely will be.

A) All items originally deemed "urgent" –safety and structural repairs. Includes:

- Main entrance roof and skylight. Replaced in new design, extending entrance to the South allowing larger lobby and gathering area with configurable seating
- Connector to Commons. Rusted and leaking materials will be replaced.
- Sidewalk. Will be repaired/replaced in conjunction with new main entrance.
- Elevator. The elevator has been repaired.

B) All items originally deemed "essential"—important maintenance and renovation. Includes:

- Classroom interiors. New paint and flooring; responsible, ecological finish materials. Existing bathrooms remodeled, new fixtures, new cabinetry, and fresh paint.
- Improved site drainage. Pipe replacement already begun and drainage capacity has been enhanced. The pond will be cleaned and dug out to hold more water.
- Parking lot resurfacing and lighting. Toward the end of construction, late 2016 or spring 2017 due to weather.
- Social Hall. Refurbishing will include fresh paint, new flooring, new chairs and tables.
- Front foyer. Entrance will be brought forward and enlarged. New configurable seating will be added.
- Bathrooms new fixtures, tile, and fresh paint.
- AC for Red & Green Door rooms.
- Remote access for security and climate control. This was removed from the list, as our building and HVAC layout does not lend itself to remote access.

Finally, the enhancements we can afford will be done, including landscaping required by Bloomfield Hills.

Important Note from the CDPC: The above list of "urgent and essential" was originally estimated to cost \$1.6M. This became the target for the Capital Campaign, which thankfully resulted in nearly \$1.5M in congregant contributions. Architectural firm inFORM's design for a gently sloping floor and a dramatic new entrance brought the project estimate to \$1.9M and the congregation approved an additional \$400K in the form of a mortgage. The sloped floor raises BUC's ability to become truly wheelchair accessible from the front entry to the Sanctuary. Access then continues to the color-door rooms via concrete ramps. After the course corrections described during the Town Hall, our new cost estimate for the entire project is \$1.75M (to include a \$250K mortgage). This course-corrected plan will address BUC's needs and values, with greater accessibility helping us to become more welcoming to members, visitors, and friends in the future.

Next steps are for architectural firm inFORM Studio to revise the design plan so that construction manager McCarthy & Smith can obtain new bids from a wider net of bidders. The CDPC has set a February deadline for this revised design, in order to keep to the new construction schedule of June-November (vs. late April-October).

For more detail, see the complete video of the Town Hall presentation, Q&A, and supporting slides now posted here-in the About Us > Campus Development section of the BUC website. Please direct any questions to Dick_Cantley@yahoo.com.

Thank you for your support.

Children's Rotation Curriculum

Religious Education

February's Coming of Age rotation explores how our religion helps us move through the stages of our lives. One of life's larger challenges involves transforming ourselves from children into adults. This journey requires letting go of being cradled by our families and instead moving onto a path that leads to greater self-reliance. This process is a universal human experience, yet marked in different ways all over the world. Finally, while many of us experience formal moments where we are recognized by others as "coming of age," life also offers other small moments where we (or others) notice that we have moved further into a powerful adulthood. Please contact Eleanor McGuire, Children's Directory of Religious Education, with any questions at: eleanor.mcguire@bucmi.org

Youth Religious Education

In February, the 6 & 7 Neighboring Faiths class will begin looking at non-Buddhist Asian religions, including Taoism, Sikhism, and Confucianism. The 6th and 7th graders continue to be involved in planning Youth Sunday with the older youth. The 8th grade Rite of Passage Experience (ROPE) class will move to another level in their looks at faith and spirituality. After interviewing family members in January, they will interview congregants, plus discuss ideas about God, cultural literacy, and make first attempts at credo-writing. Planning for the UU Heritage trip to Boston April 28 to May 1 continues, too.

The Sunday morning high school class will continue its focus on current political issues such as water rights, immigration and tax reform, all as part of this year's theme of Truth and Equity. BUC's high school youth will host the Heartland Area annual social justice conference from Feb. 12-14. High school youth from UU churches throughout our region will join our youth for justice-themed workshops, group discussions, worship, and, of course, social times. Thank you to the many adults who have volunteered to help support the youth in planning and execution of this project. Planning for Youth Sunday on March 6 continues throughout the 6-12 youth



Sunday, February 21

9:30 and/or 11:30 ☺

Congregants will have an opportunity to show their support for the ROPE trip by eating pancakes! The annual pancake breakfast, under the direction of Max and Lisa Kort, will offer regular and gluten-free pancakes with an assortment of toppings and both meat and vegetarian sausage. There will be two breakfasts – early birds can eat at 9:30; with a second seating after service at 11:30. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for kids up to the age of 12. Please join us and support this year's coming of age class.

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Green Sanctuary: Hosting Second Annual Workshop

BUC's Green Sanctuary Committee Holding Workshop **Save the Date, April 9th**

Our second annual Building Green Bridges workshop will take place on Saturday, April 2nd. Come to exchange ideas with other community faith groups about how we can live up to our environmental principles.

Registration and healthy continental breakfast at 8 o'clock, the program begins at 9:00. Early bird registration is \$10 and will help in planning breakfast and lunch. In March this will increase to \$15, and on the day itself it will be \$20 at the door. Speakers:

Cybel Shattuck always has wonderful examples of what small groups can accomplish working with limited resources. Sister Patricia Benson, OP, will help us understand Laudato Si', the recent papal Encyclical Letter. Plus Jerry Hasspacher representing the Sierra Club of Michigan will also speak. Time will be allotted for the exchange of ideas during breakout sessions.



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