



# Community Matters

The Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Community Church of Southwest Michigan June 2017

## June Services

Services and Children's Religious  
Education Classes begin at 10:00am.  
Nursery Care is available.

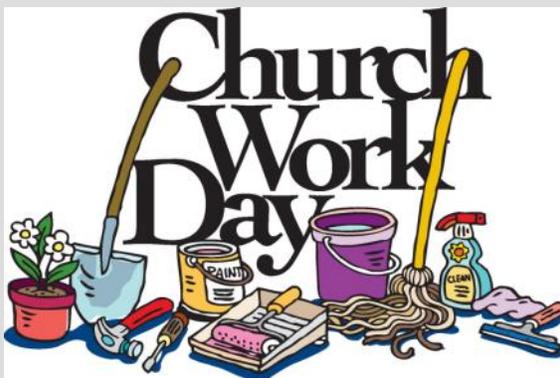
**Sunday, June 4 - Rev. Gy** will be speaking on "**Legitimate**" The Shower of Stoles Project is an extraordinary collection of liturgical stoles that celebrate the gifts of LGBTQ persons who serve faith communities in countless ways, while also lifting up those who have been excluded from service because of their sexual orientation or gender identity. The collection bears witness to the huge loss of leadership that some churches have brought upon themselves because of their own unjust policies.

This is also Generosity Sunday in support of OutFront Kalamazoo. Jay Maddock, Executive Director, will be speaking briefly about the recent organizational name change and the focus of their mission.

**Sunday, June 11 - Rev. Gy** will be Speaking on "**Other or Not?**" Rev. Gy is going to explore the development of racism and discrimination of minorities .

**Sunday, June 18 - TBA**

**Sunday, June 25 - Church Cleanup Day 10 a.m.—2 p.m.**  
**Potluck Brunch at 10 a.m.**



## From the Minister

I don't want another Pride Day. Ever. Anywhere in the world.

I remember when I first realized that I was gay. I remember where I was, who I was with, how I was holding my bicycle, and that I was 13. That's the moment all hope fell away from me.

I grew up in a family where there wasn't much talk (if any) about sex or sexuality. To show you how naïve I was, at 13 I didn't know that there was such a thing as hetero- or homosexual. I innocently believed that all girls were at first attracted to each other and one day, magically that attraction shifted to boys.

On that fateful day, holding on to my bicycle, I learned that people grow up into adults still being attracted to their own gender and that there is a name for them and the name is: HOMO-SEXUAL. And am I now a ho-mo-sex-u-al?? Ohmygod, I AM a ho-mo-sex-u-al.

The moment I realized that, in fact, I was a homosexual, I also figured out that it is not such a good thing. The context in which I found out was a joke about faggots and it wasn't pretty.

That bicycle held me up then.

It didn't take long to find out that my mother didn't much care for homosexuals either. One evening we were all in the kitchen and heaven knows why the issue of homosexuality came up (from never hearing about it before, now it was the SECOND time in a short period) and my mother had disgust written all over her face and for the benefit of the blind she made a matching sound. Her message was not to be missed by any. I made a mental note to NEVER tell her. I wanted to be liked by my mother. I was 13.

I am 28 now and living in the States, in Kalamazoo.  
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zoo. In hopes of curing this homosexuality of mine I became a minister. I figured if I served God and served Him well and faithfully, surely He'll heal me. When that didn't happen, I became a therapist in hopes of figuring it out. When that didn't happen, I became depressed.

Back then AOL was the in thing. Do you remember the chat rooms in AOL? There was one for everyone. Straight, gay, Christian, different hobbies, you name it. I entered one for Christians and typed "I am gay. Would anyone care to counsel me?" It went quiet in the "room". No one was typing a word. Then it started: "God just spoke to me and you are going to rot in hell"; "Die, you effing faggot!" and it went on like this for a while. Then someone private messaged me and said that I was fine just the way I was. Her name was Louise. Louise said that I was OK. Louise sad that I was OK with God, too. Louise gave me book titles and she promised that those books would liberate my thinking. Louise saved my life.

I am now 47, happily married to my wife, Patti, and no longer worried about my homosexuality. I have come to completely accept and love myself just the way I am and I know that I am OK. My mother still doesn't completely accept me and I can live with that. I am no longer 13.

There are, however, other 13 year olds out there and they don't all find their Louise. And so many of them struggle with deep depression and even commit suicide, because the jokes about faggots are still mean, because there are still many who are quick to tell them that they will burn in hell and that God hates them.

Society has changed so much in my lifetime when it comes to gays, but not enough. Two girls or two boys holding hands walking down a street can still be a risky choice. Sometimes it attracts a dirty, disapproving look, sometimes worse. And I don't know that I would dare hold my wife's hand down South. There are countries where gays are locked up, stoned, thrown off tall buildings simply for loving differently than the majority.

As long as there is even one gay in this world being discriminated against, there is need for another Pride Day. It is our way of claiming the right to be, to love the way it is true for us. It is our way of celebrating our equal, precious, unique human beingness. We claim the right to live and live with dignity.

So, no, I don't want another Pride Day if it is in protest to discrimination. Ever. Anywhere in the world.



## **2017 Kalamazoo PRIDE - Saturday, June 10 from 1 PM - 6 PM**

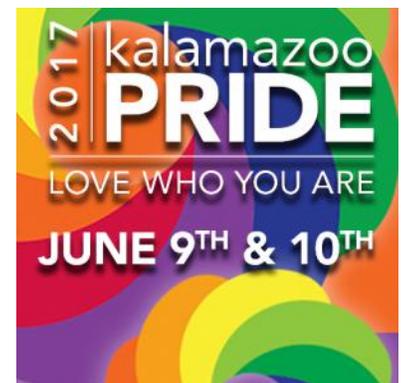
UUC will again be a presence in 2017 Kalamazoo PRIDE on Saturday June 10, 2017. Thank you to the folks who have already volunteered to help represent UUC during this important annual event in Kalamazoo. Sign-up sheets for the various time periods are still available at the church. All that you need to bring is your lawn chair and your water.

**HELP NEEDED:** More volunteers are still needed, especially for SETUP: A minimum of 4 people are required to erect a portable canopy tent that our own Rita Stevens generously donated to the church two years ago. SETUP begins at 1 p.m.

Please contact one of us to advise if UUC can count on YOU to help carry in and then raise this outdoor booth, at the Arcadia Creek Festival Place in downtown Kalamazoo. Likewise, we'll need at least 4 people to dismantle and then carry out the canopy tent, at the end of the day.

Jacquis Robertson is our point person and reserved the booth space; however, she will be out of town that weekend. UUC's booth will have Unitarian Universalist pamphlets, cards and bookmarks plus other table giveaways, as in previous years. Volunteers need to bring their own lawn chair and water.

Thank you,  
Jacquis Robertson, Brian Leekley, Stephanie Grathwol, Kathryn Ragains



**As we close another UUCC year, we give thanks to the many generous people who serve our faith community on Sundays throughout the year--Greeters, Lay Leaders, Sound Techs. Thank you for sharing your gifts with UUCC and helping to make our Sunday Services special.**

Chris Bartley, Joe Calme, Nancy Calme, Ron Crowell, Nancy Crowell, Pat Fuehr, Stephanie Grathwol, Denise Hartsough, Freya Lake, Marsha Laya, Brian Leekley, Erin Michael, Eric Nelson, Regena Nelson, Betty Lee Ongley, Kayle Rice, Lauren Ritter, Mary Roscoe, Rita Stevens, Nancy Stob, Steve Tasko, Jon Vanderberg, Joan Young...and, for many previous years, "retired" John Folz

Sincerely, UUCC Sunday Services Committee  
Pat Fuehr, Lauren Ritter, Rev. Gy Ludvig-McCartney, Mary Roscoe, Kayle Rice



## June Calendar

<p><b>Sunday, June 4th</b> <b>*NO POTLUCK*</b></p> <p>See Sunday, June 25</p>	<p><b>Monday, June 5</b> 6:30 p.m. - Board Meeting</p>
<p><b>Saturday, June 10</b> 1:00 p.m. - Setup UUCC's Booth at 2017 Pride</p>	<p><b>Sunday, June 11</b> 11:30 a.m. - Connections Team Meeting 11:30 a.m. - Faith in Action Meeting</p>
<p><b>Wednesday, June 14</b> 5:30 p.m. - Sunday Services Committee</p>	<p><b>Saturday, June 17</b> 8:30 a.m. Men's Group Breakfast</p>
<p><b>Sunday, June 18</b> Father's Day 11:30 a.m. - Program Council</p>	<p><b>Sunday, June 25</b> 10 a.m. - UUCC Potluck Brunch and Spring Cleanup Day</p>

## R. E. flections

**Jacquis Robertson**

*Director of Religious Education*



“So be sure when you step, step with care and great tact. And remember that life's A Great Balancing Act. And will you succeed? Yes! You will, indeed! (98 and  $\frac{3}{4}$  percent guaranteed) Kid, you'll move mountains.”

— Dr. Seuss, *Oh, The Places You'll Go!*

Here we are at the end of another church year; it's funny how time goes by so quickly, it seems that just yesterday it was September, yet here we are in June.

This year has brought wonderful people and moments to the church at large. I think of our new (well, not so new anymore) minister Rev. Gy and I think of our new pianist Laura Bultman.

This year has also brought exciting lessons and experiences for our children in R.E. I'm remembering some of our guests:

Master Mike, from Walkers Tae Kwon Do Academy, who demonstrated and then coached the kids in some moves;

Representative Jon Hoadley, who talked with our kids about the Fifth Principle;

Our own Eric Nelson, who guided the kids through a Buddhist Meditation;

Sheriff Richard Fuller, who talked about Law Enforcement and Human Rights.

I think that we've had one awesome year! It would not have been possible without our R.E. Committee and Volunteers, so THANK YOU!!!

to the R.E. Committee: Denise Sonier, Steve Tasko, Meridith Malone, Jay Malone and Mary Roscoe.

to Volunteers Marcia Adams, Eric Nelson, Brinna Michael, Mary Roscoe, Rita Stevens, Stephanie Grathwol, Denise Hartsough, Denise Sonier, Regena Nelson, David Bott, Kathryn Ragains, Pat Fuehr and Rev. Gy Ludvig-McCartney.

As excited as I am to begin another church year in August, I am sad to lose one student, Hayden Tasko, as he transitions from R.E. to the congregation.

Hayden has been a part of R.E. for 5 years! In my short time here, I have been moved by his unique insight, witty comments and willingness to help when asked. Hayden has been a delight to work with during the last

two church years. Now, I'm not the only person who has had the privilege of instructing him. UUCC's former longtime DRE (2005-2015) Miriam Epskamp was kind enough to send the following comments about Hayden:

“Jacquis, thanks for giving me the opportunity to send Hayden my greetings on the occasion of his graduation from high school.

I didn't get to know Hayden until he was in middle school and during his first years at UUCC, he stayed pretty quiet during youth group, not willing to put himself out there. It took a bit of effort and a lot of bad jokes on my part to break down his walls, but it was worth it because I found hidden, under that reserved exterior, someone who was irreverent, funny and always willing to question authority.

It was never enough for me to ask him to do this or be in charge of that. I needed to provide a good reason why. I am grateful to Hayden for keeping me on my toes.

I will also cherish the memories I have of traveling to Boston with Hayden on the 2014 Youth Group Heritage Trip, including playing euchre in various hotel rooms (he is a good card partner); hearing his report on Theodore Parker in the King's Chapel cemetery (doing research reports isn't Hayden's favorite past time, but learning about a guy who wrote sermons "with a pistol in my desk...loaded... and ready for action" wasn't so bad); listening to him play the organ and ring the bells at Arlington Street Church (he is always so serious and focused when he plays music), and wandering the halls of Harvard and learning about some of the fascinating rituals in Mesoamerican cultures (the rituals were gross and I can remember the sound of his laughter.).

I hoped he enjoyed our time together at UUCC as much as I did. Please share my congratulations on his graduation and best wishes for his next adventure.”



## June R.E. Schedule

### Nursery (Babies, Toddlers and Preschoolers)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Volunteer</u>
4	Kathryn Ragains
11	Kathryn Ragains
18	Kathryn Ragains
25	Kathryn Ragains

<u>Date/ Lesson</u>	<u>Volunteer</u>
6/4 Gardening	Regena Nelson
6/11 Finishing up Gardening	Help Wanted
6/18 The Importance of Fathers	Help Wanted
6/25 Cleanup Day	Everyone

### **POTLUCK NEWS**

Our last potluck of the church year will be a Potluck BRUNCH on Sunday, June 25, instead of the usual potluck on the first Sunday of the month, to go along with our semi-annual UUCC Cleanup Day, outside and inside.

Please plan to share in this communal event with a dish to pass--brunch items and/or sandwiches--along with finger foods and beverages that can be left out for folks to enjoy in between their spruce-up jobs. Please also remember to bring your own place setting, to take home to clean, and thus free up UUCC's kitchen.

Questions? Please see Potluck Coordinator Stephanie Grathwol and thanks.

# Who's Who and Who's New at UCC



Welcome, Connect, Engage!

Calling all Engagers! The Connections Team is in need of an inspired and enthusiastic person (or two) to lead the team for the 2017-18 church year. Please talk to any member of the C-Team if you are interested or wish to learn more. This role begins on July 1, 2017.

**Newcomers' Dinners:** Change of date is a coming! Keep your eyes and ears open for an update on our June dinner offering at Stephanie Grathwol's home. We warmly invite all who are newer to our congregation to dinner in a member's home. The sign-up sheet with the new date will be on the Welcome Desk soon. Once you have signed up, we will contact you with directions and details. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

In the month of May, **we welcomed** and offered our love and support to Danna, Joan, Janice, Mike, Harold, Bob, Cyndy, Mike, Laura, Alex (and his baby sister), Tom, Fontayne, Dominic, Sherry, Tabitha, Jean Damion, Lisa, Bobbie Jo, Dorothy, Meg, Barb and Joe who are looking for a community who will meet you where you are and which *Stands on the Side of Love*. Please reach out to those who are unfamiliar to you, enquire of their journeys and dreams, and make a connection!

**Celebrate with us!** Our successes this church year include:  
 Using Church Windows software (database)  
     Provide data tracking who is engaging and when  
     Supports us in our effort to CONNECT!  
     Directory out earlier, great format, correct info, easier updates  
 UCC website improvements! Check it out!  
 Two successful orientations, Roots and Wings, thanks to Kayle Rice  
 Joining Ceremony once a year with a new format (thanks Rev. Gy)  
 Welcomed three new members!

Name change which is more inclusive  
 Newcomer Dinners  
 Productive meetings, real team work (Thanks everyone!)  
 Welcoming new team members to our group!  
 Improved assistance to get out the word of those who required help and assistance

**Our mission and goals** for the upcoming church year:  
 Welcoming – by all and to all  
 Connecting – improve communication of opportunities to socialize, engage, help and lead, both in our community and the community at large  
 Streamline – our processes, put them in writing, provide training to more people

Sunday attendance averages

2016-17		2015-16	
Adults	45.5	Adults	38
Children	6.5	Children	9
Visitors	8.6	Visitors	Not available
Members/ Friends	36.9 (81%)	Members/ Friends	Not available

As our church year comes to a close, please help me thank those who volunteered to do the work of our Connections Team making your stay a bit brighter. With deep gratitude, Freya Lake, Joan Young, Nancy Crowell, Ron Crowell, Nancy Stob, Nancy Calme, Joe Calme, John Vanderberg, Regena Nelson, Pat Fuehr, Kayle Rice, Rita Stevens, Chris Bartley, Betty Lee Ongley, Eric Nelson and Mary Roscoe .

We welcome your questions about making connections, membership at UCC, and your input and feedback as we move forward in this church year! Please contact us; Nancy Calme, Nancy Crowell, Nancy Stob, Freya Lake, Kayle Rice and Erin Michael. Love to see your smile!

## UUCC Congregational Meeting Minutes April 30, 2017

Ron Crowell started the meeting at approximately 11:43 a.m. Erin Michael and Kevin Brozovich took attendance. A quorum was confirmed; 37 of the 54 members were present.

Today's Agenda was presented. Marsha Laya moved to accept the Agenda, and Jon Vanderberg seconded the motion. There was unanimous support for the motion.

### Minutes of 2016 Annual Meeting

The minutes of the 2016 Annual Meeting were presented. Bob McWhorter moved to accept the minutes as read. Jon Vanderberg seconded the motion. There was unanimous support for the motion.

### Presidential Remarks

Board President Ron Crowell spoke about the state of UUCC, noting that the church is in an unusual, but not unexpected, position with a deficit budget. This has been the case for several years now, and the deficit has been covered in a variety of ways. UUCC is a small but clearly enthusiastic congregation that has hope for our future. President Crowell quoted Rev. Lisa Presley and Rev. Peter Morales about how "religious life is changing", with Morales expressing "...a great cultural shift in America is on our side..." for Unitarian Universalism.

### Nominations for the 2017-2018 UUCC Board of Trustees and Nominating Committee

#### Nominations for the UUCC Board of Trustees

Motion made by Joe Calme to approve the slate of nominees--Brian Leekley, Mary Roscoe, Marsha Laya, and Phil Najar—for a 2-year term on the Board of Trustees. Lucille Boyer seconded the motion. Discussion involved how to vote today because the original slate included Julie Kelemen; however, she is moving out of state and had recently withdrawn her name. The Nominating Committee nominated Phil Najar; however, this was not done with 30 days' notice, as stated in our Bylaws. Those present decided to vote on the new slate today, vs waiting for 30 days to vote on Phil Najar. The motion passed, with 24

voting Yes and 13 voting No.

### Nominations for the UUCC Nominating Committee

There will be another meeting called to approve the 2017-2018 UUCC Nominating Committee.

### Adoption of the Budget

The proposed 2017-2018 budget was presented. Marsha Laya moved to accept the proposed budget and Nancy Calme seconded the motion.

Motion made by Denise Hartsough to amend the budget, for a one-half time minister (versus the proposed three-quarter time minister). Bob McWhorter seconded the motion. Discussion. Bob McWhorter then called the question and Marsha Laya seconded it. The motion did not pass, with 10 voting Yes and 25 voting No.

Motion made by Denise Hartsough to amend the budget to pay in full our "Fair Share" affiliation dues of \$4,590 total (\$3,240 to the UUA and \$1,350 to the MidAmerica Region). Bob McWhorter seconded the motion. Discussion. The motion did not pass, with 5 voting Yes and 21 voting No.

Motion made by Bob McWhorter to amend the budget, as now recommended by the Board, to pay one-half of our "Fair Share" affiliation dues as follows: Total \$2,295 (\$1,620 to the UUA and \$675 to the MidAmerica Region). Erin Michael seconded the motion. The motion passed with 26 voting Yes and 5 voting No.

Bob McWhorter moved to approve the 2017-2018 budget as amended, and Marsha Laya seconded it. The vote was conducted by ballot, and the motion passed with 31 voting Yes and 4 voting No.

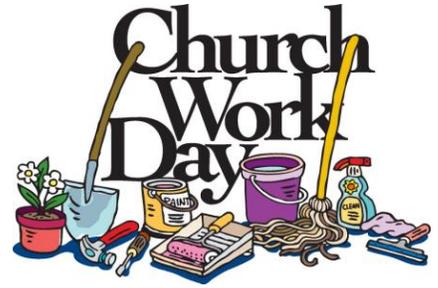
Nancy Calme moved to adjourn the meeting and Pat Fuehr seconded the motion. The Congregational Meeting adjourned at 1:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lauren Ritter  
Secretary, 2016-2017 UUCC Board of Trustees

## **UCC BRUNCH & CLEANUP DAY: SUNDAY JUNE 25, 2017 from 10 AM - 2 PM**

Please plan to join us for our spring Cleanup Day on Sunday, June 25, beginning with a Potluck Brunch at 10 AM.

As before, our many hands have allowed us to accomplish the many tasks in a relatively short period of time. Sign-up sheets will be provided in advance, so you may indicate your preferred work area. Also as in the past, please bring necessary accessories--gloves, buckets, tools, brooms, rags--and wear your grubbies. Eric Nelson will have certain other supplies on hand (ceiling tile, switch plates, batteries, weed killer, etc.).



Thank you, Stephanie Grathwol, Eric Nelson, Sunday Services

### **COFFEE HOUR THANK YOUs**

...to JOE and NANCY CALME, for being our 4th Sunday Coffee Crew (since January 2010)!  
 ...to RON CROWELL, for helping to make coffee on any number of Sunday mornings these last few months  
 ...to BRINNA MICHAEL, for her occasional help in preparing our Coffee Hour  
 ...to JO COOPER, for donating cream (half-and-half) to our Coffee Hour  
 ...to YOU GENEROUS FOLKS, for regularly providing foods and Teas to share during Coffee Hour

THANK YOU! Stephanie Grathwol



### **Keeping UCC Neat: "Did You Know?"**

..That Eric Nelson has been our one man volunteer Building & Grounds Committee for some years now; his attention to the BIG and the little things makes all the difference!  
 ...That Hunter Ridley is doing most of the lawn mowing.  
 ...That Jim and Mary King continue to bring their tools and supplies and volunteer their time, on a regular basis, to spruce up our outside. Mary has also brightened our round tables with seasonal decor for years; she continues to do so, now with Nancy Stob.  
 ...That Freya Lake and Jim King (during part of the winter) keep our inside plants alive and well.



Thanks to all of these generous people; they are just some of the dedicated UCCers who support and enhance our faith community. If you would like to share in keeping UCC neat, please talk with one of these folks.



## June Caring Community News

“In June, as many as a dozen species may burst their buds on a single day. No person can heed all of the anniversaries; No person can ignore all of them.” *Aldo Leopold*

This month of June we celebrate the good news that is carrying over from our days in May.

Kimberly Ridley, our long time finance chair, has had a very important promotion at her work place. Kimberly has been promoted to Corporate Controller at the Miller-Davis Company. Miller-Davis is a full-service construction company which was founded in Kalamazoo in 1909. Congratulations to Kimberly!!

Other good news in the healing category, is that Judy Pigg-Behrendt is back home after ankle and foot surgery. She is using a scooter for support and many UCCers are helping with meals and transportation. If you can help, please call Freya Lake, Judy Oliver or Nancy Crowell.

Harold Beu is doing very well after his throat surgery. He reports that he can swallow well and is very satisfied with the process.

In the Tasko/Sonier household, the trips to Canada have decreased for now. Both Denise's parents are back to their home and have help to keep healing and become stronger. Denise and Steve appreciated the concern and help that UCC shared.

The celebrations of births continue in June with Rita Stevens; Brent Ridley; Bob McWhorter; and Judy Pigg/Behrendt on. Happy sunny days to all.

Happy Anniversary to Jeff and Sharon Mais on June 19<sup>th</sup>. One more until the big Silver!

Please reach out to Judy Oliver; Nancy Crowell or Freya Lake when you are aware of needs or celebrations.

### Highlights of the May 1st Board Meeting

The meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

The Board is working on nominating people for the nominating committee then set another congregational meeting. There was discussion on UCC and its future, inspired by members' emails. The Board is looking forward to the Vision/Mission meeting (date to be determined) with the congregation.

The Board reminds everyone that the Board meetings are open to all to attend. The next meeting will be June 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Community Room at UCC.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren Ritter  
Secretary  
UCC Board of Trustees



## May 21 Program Council Minutes

**Chair:** Stephanie Grathwol

**Minutes by:** Marsha Laya  
20 Attended

### Religious Education

Events Planned: Volunteers Needed: July 16th and 23<sup>rd</sup>. July 30th - Coming of Age & Picnic.

More information to follow from Director of Religious Education Jacquis Robertson.

### Faith in Action

Joe Calme reported that the service on June 4th will feature an art exhibit of stoles; it is also Generosity Sunday. Jay Maddox from OutFront Kalamazoo (formerly the LGTBQ Resource Center) will be speaking and will provide information on the organization's name change and their mission. Any funds collected during the Offering will be presented to OutFront Kalamazoo at the 2017 Kalamazoo PRIDE event.

A Sign-up sheet was circulated and people volunteered for various tasks—setup, staff, and take down of UUCC's booth at PRIDE on Saturday June 10, between 1 and 6 PM. The Marketing Team will support. Those who will help to represent UUCC should bring a lawn chair, beverages and sunscreen. Jacquis Robertson, Stephanie Grathwol, Brian Leekley are gathering supplies. Stephanie will soon provide a list of volunteers, and the tasks they will take care of on that day.

ISAAC: Nancy Crowell thanked those who attended the May 6 Banquet. UUCC was again very well represented, filling nearly two tables. Brian Leekley advised about workshops and a future SHARE Healing Retreat for ISAAC members.

### Caring Community

Freya Lake reported that Denise Sonier's parents are back home and receiving assistance; the Tasko Family appreciates our support with food, etc. Judy Pigg Behrendt has been discharged from Rehab and will be needing additional help; Freya will send out an email with specifics.

### Connections Team:

*A special welcome was extended to Ken VanEssentile who signed the membership book today!*

The June 17 Newcomer's Dinner at Stephanie Grathwol's in Parchment is being rescheduled; more information to follow later.

The Connections Team has received requests from visitors for information about UUCC committees. Erin Michael requested a short, half-page summary of each committee from the committee chairs—as an update to the 2013-2014 Committee Booklet.

### Marketing Team

Kathryn Ragains reported that she has a list of volunteers and will soon set a meeting date. Additional information and an agenda will be published in UUCC Communications (weekly email, Order of Service, etc.). The Team is working on plans to publicize UUCC.

### Adult Religious Education

Movie Series: Denise Hartsough recently hosted "D&A is not Destiny". This short, meaningful documentary will be shown again in the fall after a Sunday service; discussion leader Suzanne Coleman of Family & Children Services has volunteered to return. Ron Crowell will circulate a list of possible movies on social justice issues with the hope that individuals will be willing to serve as hosts on the third Wednesday of each month, starting in August.

Workshops: "The Workshop on You" presented by Rev. Gy has concluded. The iPhone/iPad class will begin the first week of June. Registration is complete; a waiting list will be started.

### Sunday Services

Sunday June 25 is Cleanup Day, outside and inside. Sign-up sheets will be provided soon, so people may indicate their area(s) of interest. We plan to begin with a 10 AM potluck brunch, as we did last October. A Brunch Host is needed; contact Stephanie Grathwol to volunteer.

### Reminders and Action Assignments

Committee Chairs: Please prepare a year end one-page summary; Board Secretary Lauren Ritter will distribute. While these are due in August, suggest that they be completed in June.

Stephanie Grathwol: Check Google Drive for the 2013-14 description of UUCC Committees and send these to Erin Michael (because visitors have asked about how UUCC works).

Kathryn Ragains: Will check with Progressive Kalamazoo about getting a supply of the "Hate Has No Home Here" yard signs (UUCC's was donated by Susan Beechler).

**We, the member congregations of the  
Unitarian Universalist Association.  
Covenant to affirm  
and promote:**

The Inherent worth and dignity of every person;

Justice, equity, and compassion in human relations;

Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;

A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;

The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;

The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;

Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

Source: *Singing the Living Tradition* 1993  
The Unitarian Universalist Association  
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**The next Newsletter Deadline is**

**Tuesday, June 13 at Noon**

**Send Submissions to:**

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