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# First Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Ann Arbor, Michigan

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## June Newsletter

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## Worship @ UUAA

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One Worship Service at 10:00am each Sunday through August, 31 with classes for children K-8 followed by Social Hour.

#### June 1, 2014

"Come, Sing A Song With Me!" & Bridging of High School Seniors

Rev. Gail R. Geisenhainer and Glen Thomas Rideout, Director of Music with special musical guest Laz Slomovits

Week two of our SGD Intercession offer the theme of "Song." What better time to gather all together in the Sanctuary for a Multi-Generational Hymn Sing. We will Bridge our High School Seniors and enjoy the musical talents of special friend, Laz Slomovits.

## June 8, 2014

#### **Coming of Age CREDO Service**

Come join Rev. Gail as we celebrate our Coming of Age Youth in this inspirational 90 minute service where we witness and receive their Credo summaries.

Not To Be Missed!

June 15, 2014 "Redemption" Rev. Mark Evens

June 22, 2014 "Providence" Rev. Mark Evens

June 29, 2014
"Embracing the Cousins"
Rev Fran Dew

Summer is, finally, upon us. For many families this is the season to spend time with "the cousins", people we're related to but may not know all that well. In 1961 the UUA brought together two families, the Universalist Church of America and the American Unitarian Association. This morning we'll take a look at how these cousins evolved from their historical separate roots to an embrace of one

another's values.



## From Our Staff

# **Gleanings**Reflections from Rev. Gail R. Geisenhainer, Senior Minister



Dear Ones, All:

I have wonderful news. Beginning June 1, 2014, Glen Thomas Rideout, D.Mus.A. will rejoin our senior staff team as our FULL TIME Director of Music. As we speak, Glen Thomas and I are deep in discernment about how his full time focus will affect all areas of our Congregation's life. Clearly and certainly, his presence on Sundays will continue to be a core element of our Services of Worship. And we envision more. We have joked about adding titles to describe how we see the reshaped work of music ministries. We could call him Chief Collaboration Officer..., or my current favorite: Chief Ensemble Officer. All this is to say: Stay Tuned for creative interchange to be happening at UUAA! Glen Thomas and I will be collaborating and discerning over the course of the next few months. I do not want to rush something so promising.

REMINDERS: Annual Meeting, Sunday, June 1st. Immediately after the Worship Service.

**Water Communion** is September 7. Bring a wee bit of water to add to the common bowl.

Water Communion & Ingathering Sunday is where we each add a wee bit of water to the common bowl as a ritual act of re-gathering the community to enter into the program year. Bring a bit from places you travel in the summer. Bring a bit from your kitchen tap. All are invited to bring a bit of water as restart two services and our full fall programming.

For my part, after I get back from the UUA General Assembly, I will be largely present this summer. There is much to plan and prepare for the special year ahead as we celebrate our 150th Anniversary with special events all year. I hope, also, that Celeste and I will carve out some "staycation"time to enjoy our back yard.

Peace be with you all in the warm days ahead.

My Love to Each, Rev. Gail



Musings Rev. Mark Evens, Associate Minister

The grass is growing so fast I can hear it. Dandelion seeds are wafting in the breeze. The wind turbine is spinning against the sky as the solar array tracks the glowing orb on its path through the day. It's time to mow the lawn, and shop for training wheels, and pack for a trip. It's time to plant the garden and take old couch pillows to the donation drop off.



Amidst the many details of daily life I pause to enjoy the flowers of May and anticipate the sprinkler play of June. It's time to breathe in the warmth and anticipate summer. Amidst the many unchanging textures of living, it's a good time to reflect on our changing world and our place in it. This world we have now can be a pretty nice place.



May we enjoy our moments in the sun and work to make peace and joy available to all.

In faith, Mark



## The Business of the Church Thom Bales, Executive Director

#### **UUAA's Capital Replacement Reserve Study**

In the 2012 Board of Trustees document, *Strengthening Our Connections*, "deferred maintenance addressed" was listed as a specific tactic for implementation between 2013 and 2016. While deferred maintenance typically means postponing maintenance activities, such as property repairs, in an attempt to save costs or realign available budget monies, in our context, we are concerned mainly with our capacity to "replace" larger capital expense items, especially those whose failure could result in a substantial, sudden, and perhaps prolonged shutdown of UUAA operations. Things like our boiler or water pump. It might be useful for us to



think about such work as a ministry of the facility, showing "respect and care for our beautiful building and grounds" (UUAA Governing Policies 1.4).

In 2013, UUAA engaged Miller Dodson Associates to conduct a Capital Replacement Reserve Study of our current facilities. Generally speaking, the purpose of a Capital Replacement Reserve Study is to estimate the amount of money that should be set aside to replace those common capital items anticipated to wear out before the entire facility requires replacement. Specifically related to UUAA, we engaged this study to better define the financial resources needed to maintain a similar aesthetic and functionality of our facilities in future years.

During the study, a consultant made an area-by-area, room-by-room, indoor and outdoor assessment and inventory of common capital items, including:

- Site components, such as parking lots and retaining walls;
- Building exteriors, such as the brick, doors, and roof;
- Building interiors, such as carpet, paint finishes and the Social Hall floor;
- Building systems, such as Sanctuary/Social Hall audio and the HVAC system;
- Miscellaneous elements, such as classroom furnishings.

Items with lesser replacement value were typically excluded from the study. The study also excluded UUAA office equipment/furnishings and property beyond the immediate environs of our buildings.

The final report, presented to the Board in April, listed a number of items (such as our upper parking lot) that need to be addressed fairly soon. Jim Gallas has assembled a team of lay folks to draft an action plan in the next several months that addresses these most critical capital

replacements. The team will be keeping the Congregation posted as they proceed.



### Half-Potluck Senior Lunch Meredith Ley, Pastoral Care Program Coordinator

Celebrate the start of summertime fun on Monday, June 9 in the Social Hall. Join us for the Summer Senior Lunch. We will begin at noon and end around 1:30pm. Pastoral care will provide sandwiches and a salad. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share or just bring yourself.

Everyone is welcome to partake of a light lunch and enjoy the company of fellow UUers. Our entertainment will be Kathy Edgren reading her poetry. I know we will all enjoy Kathy's love of poetry.

If you are unable to drive let us know and we will make every effort to pick you up and take you home. Register during Social Hour, call 665-6158 Ext. 118, or email me at meredith@uuaa.org. I look forward to seeing you Monday.





#### **Board of Trustees**

### **Board of Trustee and Leadership Development Team Nominations**

Listed below are the biographical sketches of the nominees for positions on the Board of Trustees and the Leadership Development Team.

#### Nominees for Board of Trustees - Officers Vice President to President: Beth Hospadaruk

"My husband Bob and I have been members of this Congregation since 1992. We started attending in 1990, when our children were 3yrs and 4yrs, and wanted a religious home for us all. Bob grew up UU in the Detroit area, so he 'converted' me from my long ago abandoned Catholic faith. Over the years, I have been very active and involved, mostly in Religious Education (RE), teaching 2nd, 5th, 6th grades, two years in the Coming of Age program (several years as a mentor) and five years in the high school YRUU program. I have also served this Congregation in various other capacities: taught adult SGD, served on the Women's Retreat, Auction, Annual Pledge Drive, and Caring Teams, and spent four years on the Board prior to Policy Governance as the Fundraising Liaison. In 2004, I decided to go back to school and spent the next five years earning a special education teaching degree while working full time. In 2009, I was hired by AAPS and currently teach at Wines Elementary School in a self-contained classroom and love it! In 2011, I started a Master's program and just finished this spring. During those years, I took a necessary hiatus from any church teams or commitments, so when I received the call to serve again, I felt the time was right to say yes. I am humbled and honored to be considered for a position on the Board of Trustees."

#### Secretary (second 2-year term): Priscilla Spencer

Priscilla has been active with the Congregation since 1989 and became a member in 2001. She has served as Secretary of the Board of Trustees since May 2012. Over the years, she has been very involved with the Congregation, including as a 4th grade SGD teacher, member of the Religious Education Advisory Team, Coming of Age mentor, and was in the "Leading with Love" program. She is active with the Accessibility Initiative and is a member of the Lotus Circle women's group. She is married to Rajeev Batra. Their two sons, Neale and Ray, both enjoyed the SGD program from early childhood through high school. Priscilla has worked

professionally for 15 years with Formative Evaluation Research Associates, Inc. as a program evaluator for non-profit organizations. She has earlier professional experience in the areas of nutrition and adult/higher education administration. She loves her volunteer activity at Matthaei Botanical Gardens, loves outdoor activities, and is an avid news reader.

#### Nominees for Board of Trustees - At Large (2-year Term) Tricia Mooney

Tricia is a life-long Michigander. She attended the University of Michigan, where she majored in mathematics and met her husband Pete. Trish currently works as an actuary/computer programmer, specializing in software used in calculating employee benefits.

Trish and Pete have been attending the Church regularly since 2001 after going on a several month long "church crawl". Trish has taken various adult classes at the Church. She began teaching Sunday School around 2005 and enjoys spending time with the children (ages 7 - 10) in her classes. She has also been on the Webtech committee since 2003, which involves helping to maintain and design the Church's website. Most recently, she has served as entertainment chair for the Church's annual auction fundraiser.

Outside of work and the Church, Tricia loves music - both playing the piano and attending performances of various styles of music. She creates stained glass and mosaic artwork, and enjoys old-fashioned wood jigsaw puzzles. She's a fervent animal lover, supporting the Humane Society and other animal charities. Her greatest passion, however, is for the Michigan's men's basketball team. She attends every home game and watches every away game. Go Blue!

#### **Allen Duncan**

"My wife Janet and I were married in the Unitarian Fellowship of College Station, Texas in 1991. After stints in College Station, Chicago, and Milwaukee, we moved to Ann Arbor in 2001, began attending UUAA in 2003, and joined in 2005. I have been an active member of the Khasi Hills Sponsor-a-Student Committee since 2006 and had the privilege of representing our Congregation in India with fellow team members. I truly appreciate the opportunity to serve our Congregation on the Board of Trustees."

#### **Ginny Creasman**

Since 2009, Ginny has been the assistant medical center director at the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System. Prior to her arrival in Ann Arbor, Ginny was the Chief of Pharmacy for the Cincinnati VA Medical Center. Ginny and her family, Jonena (partner) and her two sons, Joseph and Jonah, have attended for four years, recently joining in 2011. While in Cincinnati, she attended St. John's Unitarian Universalist Church (member since 1992) and was significantly involved in the lay leadership and social activities of the church where she served in numerous leadership roles, including being a member of the Ministerial Search Committee that called the Rev. Barbara Edgecombe; a Board member in the roles of trustee, secretary, and president; chair of the Sabbatical, Bylaws, Personnel, Stewardship, Leadership Development, and Strategic Planning Committees. In addition, she was a co-founder of the Lavender Ladies Activities Club (LiLACs), a social group for LGBT women that attend the church. "I have enjoyed my short sabbatical from these roles, but I just cannot help myself. I am looking forward to the opportunity to serve the Congregation of First Unitarian Universalist of Ann Arbor as a Trustee At Large."

#### Nominees for the Leadership Development Team Appointed by Board (2-year Term)- Kathy Friedrichs

"My family joined the UUAA in 1982. In the next 30 years, I worked with religious education, the Personnel Committee, served on the Board of Trustees, and have a long-time involvement with Social Justice. Currently, I work on the Pastoral Care Leadership Team and co-chair the

Challenging Racism group. I retired from U of M in December 2013 and am now busy with creative writing, our two grandchildren, gardening, meditation, Restorative Justice, and keeping physically fit. UUAA has been an important part of my family's lives, and we are very grateful for the opportunities and wonderful people we have met there."

#### Elected by Congregation (2-year Term)- Dee Dishon

"I started attending UUAA in February 2011 after moving back to Michigan from the DC area. I joined the Church in May of that year and was a member of the Chalice Singers for two years. I have been on the Alpha House planning committee as well as the Auction Planning Team. I grew up in the Baptist and Methodist churches. My experience in leadership in the Unity and the UU Congregation of Fairfax included the choir, board of directors, as well as leadership roles in auctions, fellowship, and welcoming of new members.

I bring skills of communication, cooperation, group process, and presentation skills not only from my career as a teacher and an educational consultant but also from my 13 years of living in co-housing. I am now retired and devote a great deal of my time to various areas of leadership within the Touchstone community.

I am honored to be asked to be a member of the Leadership Development Team and hope that my participation can strengthen my own and others' leadership skills."

### **Activities and Events**

## **Annual Congregational Meeting \* Sunday, June 1**

All are warmly invited to attend the 2014 Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, June 1, from 11:15am to 12:45pm in the Sanctuary.

The agenda includes a "Questions for the Board" period and the following topics:

- Election of Board Officers, Trustees, and Leadership Development Team members
- State of the Congregation
- President's Report
- Announcement of General Assembly Delegates
- UUAA's 150th Anniversary Celebration
- Update on Disability/Ability Action Certification Pilot Program
- Proposed Motion on Marriage Equality Affirmation

Questions? Contact Board secretary Priscilla Spencer at paspencer44@yahoo.com.



## Senior Dinner \* Wednesday, June 4

All seniors are invited to dinner at the Gourmet Garden on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:00pm to enjoy a good meal and good conversation. Questions? Contact Marie Duke at 734-769-0467 or at <a href="mailto:omaduke7@gmail.com">omaduke7@gmail.com</a>

## Our Land for Worship Work Day \* Saturday, June 7

Our Land for Worship work day service opportunity will be on Saturday, June 7 from 9:30am to 1:00pm. There will be snacks, drinks, and lunch.

Help to reduce risk of brush fires by consolidating brush that has been cut in past couple years to two sites so it can be chipped for mulch and trail enhancement. The larger pieces will then

be cut up for use for firewood for sweat lodge and other activities. If time permits some larger dead trees near trails may be taken down. Learn to identify poison ivy, and major trees and shrubs, native and invasive.

Wear sturdy footwear, bring gloves, and long sleeves are best. For questions and to sign up contact Scott Morgan and to sign up at 734-649-4475 or <a href="www.wsm371@gmail.com">wsm371@gmail.com</a>.



## Habitat for Humanity \* Saturday, June 7

This Congregation has played a key role in the Good News House interfaith Habitat for Humanity project since 2000. Keep this very wonderful opportunity for hands-on ministry going strong and help put real neighbor families into great energy-efficient houses. When finished, these once marginalized homes will have families taking care of them and will be a real asset to the neighborhood.

impact on the build while also having a fulfilling and fun day!



This year the two houses that are being refurbished sit side by side on Rambling St in northeast Ypsilanti. The next volunteer opportunity will be on Saturday, June 7. Volunteers can sign up to work on the two 2014 houses during Social Hour or online. Or, volunteers can choose to make lunches for the workers. And of course, financial support is needed to reach the \$7000 commitment. Read up on the houses at <a href="mailto:uuaa.org/h4h">uuaa.org/h4h</a>. In the spirit of the 150th UU birthday celebration, a goal of 150 volunteers has been set. Say "yes" to an important UUAA community outreach. No previous construction skills are needed to have an

Talk to anyone on the Habitat team for more information: Sandy Simon, Mike Muha, Michelle Lovasz, Fran Lyman, or Barb Pickett. Barb can be reached at <a href="mailto:bmpickett55@gmail.com">bmpickett55@gmail.com</a> or 734-206-2470.



## Plant-Strong Potluck \* Saturday, June 7

Come to a vegan family potluck in the Fahs Chapel from noon-2:00pm. Bring a plant-based vegan dish without meat, fish, eggs, dairy, honey, or other animal products. Enjoy the company of fellow mindful eaters, share information (like the wonders of Portland, OR) and eat delicious food. Bring table service and serving tools. Questions? Contact Donna Estry at 734-484-0913 or <a href="mailto:estry@umich.edu">estry@umich.edu</a> or Jenny McKillop at <a href="mailto:finnabar@gmail.com">finnabar@gmail.com</a>.



## DCT Forum \* June 8

The Demoninational Connections Team (DCT) will offer a Forum on "What to Expect at GA 2014" in the Fahs Chapel on Sunday, June 8 at 11:15am for those interested in learning about or attending General Assembly 2014. Questions? Contact Royla Furniss at refurniss@gmail.com



## DCT at GA 2014 \* Wednesday-Sunday, June 25-29

General Assembly (GA) is the annual meeting of Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) of Congregations. GA 2014 will be in Providence, Rhode Island from Wednesday-Sunday, June 25-29. Attendees worship, witness, learn, connect, and make policy for the Association through a democratic process. Anyone may attend. The theme for GA 2014 is *Love Reaches Out*. Delegates will



be selecting the next Congregational Study/Action Issue for 2014 to 2018.

If interested in going to GA or being an offsite delegate (a new way of being a delegate), sign up during Social Hour at the Denominational Connections Team (DCT) table. Questions? Contact Royla Furniss at <a href="mailto:refurniss@gmail.com">refurniss@gmail.com</a>.

DCT serves as a conduit for the exchange of information between UUAA and the wider Unitarian Universalist (UU) community, providing our Congregation and the denomination with a vibrant means of cooperating together and strengthening our identity as UUs.



#### Women's Breakfast \* Saturday, June 28

Join on the fourth Saturday of every month at 8:15am at the Classic Cup Cafe on Jackson Avenue across from Alpha House. Casual, lively conversation, emerging friendships, satisfying food. No sign-up required, just drop in. Curious? Call Judy Slater at 734-679-3497.



## **Announcements and Notices**

## **Sharing the Collection**



The Sharing the Collection program of community outreach and support began in January, 2006. On the first Sunday of each month, our collection is donated to non-profit community service organizations to support their important work.

After collecting and reviewing 13 applications, the Sharing the Collection team, which consists of David Allen, Lynn Ayres, James Johnson, Terry Madden, and Theresa Rohlck, selected the nonprofit "Growing Hope" in Ypsilanti as the December 1, 2013 recipient of the first Sunday collections.

The name Growing Hope is apropos for all the nonprofit service organizations selected in order to allow the members of the Congregation to reach out and support these outstanding providers of "hope" and essential services on a shoestring budget.

In 2014, our annual recipients are: IHN Alpha House, the Michigan UU Social Justice Network, the UU Service Committee (UUSC), and Habitat for Humanity - the Huron Valley chapter were selected along with the following organizations:

January 5: Packard Health

January's Sharing the Collection was postponed due to a snow storm; it will be rescheduled for September

February 2: Corner Health Center
March 2: Friends In Deed
April 6: UU Service Committee
Habitat for Humanity

June 1: House By the Side of the Road

July 6: Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw: Senior Services

August 3: <u>Student Advocacy Center</u>

Sept. 7: Packard Health

October 5: Washtenaw Prisoner Re-Entry Program

November 2: IHN/Alpha House

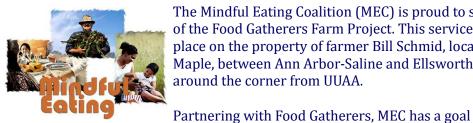
December 7: Michigan UU Social Justice Network

Applications will be accepted in October for the 2015 funding period. Non-profit organizations that serve or advocate for disadvantaged families and individuals living in Washtenaw County are urged to apply.

For more information, contact Terry Madden at <a href="mailto:terence.madden@gmail.com">terence.madden@gmail.com</a>.



#### Food Gatherers Farm Project 2014



The Mindful Eating Coalition (MEC) is proud to sponsor year three of the Food Gatherers Farm Project. This service project takes place on the property of farmer Bill Schmid, located at 3725 S. Maple, between Ann Arbor-Saline and Ellsworth Roads, right around the corner from UUAA.

of helping to maintain a steady supply of fresh, nutritious produce for the hungry of Washtenaw County. Farmer Bill, whose deteriorating health no longer allows him to work actively in the garden, does the planning and provides the equipment, tools, seeds, water, and more. Volunteers provide the labor, which includes all chores of a working farm, such as soil prep, planting, watering, weeding, harvesting, and maintenance. All experience levels are encouraged to attend; from novice to master gardener, there's a job for everyone.

Work hours are Monday and Thursday evenings, and Saturday and Sunday mornings from June through October. Most volunteers sign up for two-hour slots as their schedules allow. Some show up weekly on a regular basis, some are sporadically involved, a few come only once or twice a season. Once comfortable on the farm, set any schedule desired. This is an all-ages activity. Families and friends are welcome. Questions? Contact Colleen Crawley at ccrawley59@gmail.com. Ready to sign up and volunteer? Go to Food Gatherers Farm Project -Sign Up.



## **UUSC Coffee Project**

It's time for tea--the cold summertime kind. Nothing goes with thirsty hot weather like invigorating iced tea--preferably in a tall, sweating glass, topped with a sprig of mint or mixed with lemonade for an Arnold Palmer. Tea is sold every Sunday, traditional English Breakfast as well as herbals. The purchase of Fair Trade tea benefits the farmers who grew it, the UUSC, which works to build sustainable livelihoods and advance human rights, and our church. Questions? Contact Cathie Breidenbach at <a href="mailto:cathie@breidenbach.net">cathie@breidenbach.net</a>. 



#### Thank U to UUs \* Prison Books

"Dear Jim (Gallas),

I would like to send to you and to your team my deepest words of appreciation and gratefulness. Thank you very much for all of those years of support and for all of the books, magazines, and cassettes we received from you.

I am very conscious of the fact that without your help and efforts the Main WHV Library would be very poor and all of the unit libraries would not exist at all.

I really appreciate your effort, your good will, and your cooperation with our library. Please consider this card as a modest sign of my sincere thanks!

Renata Fracz"





## **Housing Needed for OWL Facilitators**

UUAA will be hosting a regional Our Whole Lives (OWL) facilitator training from Friday, July 25 through Sunday, July 27. Most participants in the OWL training will need overnight accommodations. SGD is looking for anyone interested in providing home hospitality for one or more adults. Those interested, contact Maria Thomas at <a href="mailto:maria@uuaa.org">maria@uuaa.org</a>. Thank you.

#### **Snowbirds Chalice Pilot**

Beginning in the fall of 2014, a pilot program for a shorter term Chalice Circle will start in early September and end in December 2014. This represents an effort to make the Chalice Circle experience available to Congregation members and friends who leave Michigan for much of the winter. Those interested or who have questions, contact Margaret Pekarek at 734-998-3522 or <a href="mailto:mdawsonpekarek@gmail.com">mdawsonpekarek@gmail.com</a>.

Registration for the pilot chalice circle will begin in July and will be separate from the larger Chalice Circle program.



## **Bird Sightings**

Congregant Connie Frederick is UUAA's resident bird lover. She walks the land recording and maintaining a list of bird sightings that are posted on the "Bird Corner" Bulletin Board, located just inside the doors of the lower SGD wing. This gives trekkers an idea of possible birds to watch for while walking the trails.

Connie has seen many different bird species: Common yellow throat warbler, gray catbird, rose-breasted grosbeak, and numerous other birds found with patience and calmness.

She is often asked about plantings and food sources that draw specific birds. The Eastern bluebird feeds on berry-producing shrubs but also eats raisins and meal-worms. Many birds, like scarlet tanagers, Baltimore orioles, and Northern flickers, feast on berries (black-, blue-, service-, and elder-berries) and dogwood. Carolina wrens love all things "peanutty" like raw peanuts or peanut suet cakes. The gray cathird also enjoys berries along with holly, hawthorn, and bayberry. The pileated



"Bird Corner" has this season's list of birds seen on the UUAA property.

woodpecker likes grapevines, as well as sumac and Virginia creeper. To attract the goldencrowned kinglet, plant spruce, pine, and hemlock, and put out suet with berries.



Winston

Recently, the Church was adopted by "Winston", a handsome red-winged blackbird who loves to hang out on cars parked along the sidewalk particularly on car mirrors. He's been seen shuttling between cars and a birdfeeder in the cove by the front doors.

Connie can always put bird-food, new or used tube feeders, and cash donations to good use. She loves to keep the birds tweeting! Questions? Contact Connie at <u>tweettweetconnie@gmail.com</u>.



#### **Road Construction**

Road work. Road work. The \$2.2 million reconstruction project on Ann Arbor-Saline Road between Eisenhower and Oak Valley Drive is scheduled to last through August affecting many routes to Sunday Service. Here are links with detour maps from the Washtenaw County Road Commission, on construction phases, and more detour details.

## **New Members**

#### Kat McGraw and Carra Wilson

Carra

"It took many years of soul searching and problems with other churches, but I believe I have finally found a home where I can grow spiritually and help others."

Kat

"I am a physical therapist and have been attending services with my partner for 5 years. I have been involved with Interweave and look forward to making deeper connections within this community."

## **Jack Volk and Donna Roe**

Donna and Jack met at a UUAA Singles Group and married in 2003. Their initial interest was that he was a graduate of U of Detroit and she was a librarian there. He had never been in the Library. His proudest moment was marrying her. Her proudest moment was being the first librarian from a Catholic University to be awarded the



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Women's Studies Librarian of the year by the American Library Association.



Jack is a retired engineer from Ford. They each have 2 children, and 4 grandchildren. Besides getting together with family and friends, they enjoy traveling, bridge, and biking. Donna recovered from a stroke in 2012 and plans to start writing. Jack volunteers at Silver Maples, helping seniors learn about computers. Donna and Jack are happy to become members of the UUAA Congregation.

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## **Church Office News**

#### **Building Hours:**

Sundays, 8:00am-9:00pm Mondays-Thursdays, 9:00am-9:00pm Fridays, CLOSED Saturdays, 9:00am-5:00pm

The Church Office is open Mondays-Thursdays from 9:00am-5:00pm

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General Email: office@uuaa.org

#### **Communicating at UUAA:**

The deadline for submitting UUAA event, news, and program notices for inclusion in UUAA's Weekly Bulletin is 5:00pm each Wednesday. Send submissions to <a href="mailto:bulletin@uuaa.org">bulletin@uuaa.org</a>.

The deadline for submitting UUAA event, news, and program notices for inclusion in UUAA's July Newsletter is 9:00am on Saturday, June 21. Send your submissions to <a href="mailto:newsletter@uuaa.org">newsletter@uuaa.org</a>.

Lay and staff program leaders may submit changes, additions, or updates for the website (www.uuaa.org) to webtech@uuaa.org.

For more information about how to get things done at UUAA, refer to the Lay Leader Administrative Guide. (click here).

#### **Building & Office Team:**

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