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July Services

July 3 – Circle Service

Worship Associate: Sue Owen-Kinsey

July 10 – UU Social Justice Network

Worship Leader: Randy Block

Worship Associate: Rayna Bick

Second Sunday Donations to Food Bank-For Eisenhower Backpack Program

July 17 – General Assembly

Worship Leader: Sheila Smith

Worship Associate: John Straw

July 24 – American Civil Liberties Union

Worship Leader: Harold Ford

July 31 – String Theory

Worship Leader: Howard Nitz

Worship Associate: Thorpe Saxton

Thanks from Rev. Shelley Page

WOW! Thanks for a beautiful ending to our interim year together!! I so appreciate the love, good energy and generosity of time, spirit and resources to bestow such meaningful gifts. It has been a gift to me through the whole interim year to be serving as your minister and to have the privilege of walking with you collectively and individually. Your farewell gifts are icing on the cake. The beautiful scrapbook is a testament to community not only in its content but in the group energy that created it. I think the creation of the scrapbook should be counted as one of the interim year accomplishments! I feel very honored to receive it and so look forward to paging through it with warm memories in the future. I also appreciated receiving one of Alden's architectural renderings of UUCF's wonderful building. And your very generous "mad money" was quite unexpected and will be put to good use. I treasured our farewell conversations and hugs and the delicious strawberry shortcake! Thank you for this meaningful year of growth, learning and good work together. UUCF will always hold a special place in my heart.

Blessings,
Shelley

Service Review

By Dorothy Gae Davis, Editor

June was an exceptional month for worship services. First, the Rev. Shelley Page introduced us to Lewis McGee, whom most of us had never heard of. It seems that in 1957 the Unitarian Church of Flint had an opportunity to call an African American man with an outstanding reputation as its settled minister, but failed to follow through. I found that very sad.

Second Sunday brought a flower communion, honors and awards presentations (next page), and a child dedication, all followed by the second Sunday potluck, last of the season.

Tate Breslin, son of Stephanie and Darci Breslin was accompanied to his dedication by an extensive and enthusiastic extended family who took up several pews.

Harold Ford several times after the service remarked that this was our "A" game. He seemed to like it.

Finally, on June 19th. Rev. Shelley Page "Climb[ed] Every Mountain" going out on a high note (literally) standing in for Julie Andrews and other Rodgers and Hammerstein interpreters. Breathtaking!





At the Congregational meeting June 5, these persons were elected to serve the congregation:

Board Operations & Finance Liaison:

Dr. VanWinkle, re-elected, 2nd term

Board Justice & Communications

Liaison: Sheila Smith, re-elected, 2nd term

Board Worship Liaison: Chris Monk, re-elected, 2nd term

Board Red Carpet & Membership

Liaison: Sol Johnson, re-elected, 2nd term

Board Treasurer: Brent Smalley, new

Nominating Committee

Keith Van Camp, new

Dorothy Gae Davis, re-elected, 2nd term

Jennifer Howard, new

Endowment Committee (3-year terms)

Joanne Hood, new

Harold Ford, re-elected, 2nd term

These newly elected or re-elected Board members join continuing Board Members:

Moderator: Bob Brown

Secretary: Ron Krueger

Board Lifespan Learning Liaison: June Urdy.

Continuing on the Endowment Committee are John Straw and Charles Thomas.

Continuing on the Nominating Committee is Tina Putney.

The Board is in the process of reorganizing its committees and realigning the liaison responsibilities. A more complete chart of administrative and volunteer responsibilities will be published in the August or September newsletter.

Nominations Committee

Business

In addition to presenting a slate of persons for election at the annual Congregational Meeting, the Nominations Committee also chooses the "Volunteer of the Year," and in some years a person to receive the Jennifer Howard Lifetime Service Award. This year Sue Owen-Kinsey was recognized as "Volunteer of the Year." Ruth Straw created a stained glass window hanging as a memento of Sue's dedicated service. The Committee chose to recognize Marion VanWinkle with the Lifetime Service Award as she goes into semi-retirement from church administration. She received a gift certificate from Uni Uniques, an online vendor of UU jewelry and gifts to commemorate her many years of varied and dedicated service to UUCF.



Marion Van Winkle says Thank You

I want to thank everyone for the honor of being the recipient of this year's Jennifer Howard Lifetime Volunteer Award. When people ask me what my spiritual practice is, I say it is volunteering. It has pleased me to be actively involved in the life of this "beloved community", and I thank you for recognizing my contributions.

Sue Owen-Kinsey Says "Me Too"

I really was surprised and very honored to receive the Volunteer of the year award, when I look around there seems to be so many people giving of themselves to help maintain the Church and belief that is so dear to my heart.

Thank you again

Sue Owen Kinsey

New in the Library

In her service on June 5, "History Happened Here," Rev. Shelley Page revealed an episode in the history of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Flint unknown to most of us: how African

American Unitarian minister, Lewis McGee was almost (but not quite) called as the settled minister for the Unitarian Church of Flint. In her sermon she mentioned two books: *Black Pioneers in a White Denomination* and *Telling Our Stories: Legacy of the Civil Rights Movement in Flint*. The first book has been in our library for some time. Its call number is 2889.1/Mo. The second book is now available. Its call number is 323/Te.



SECOND SUNDAY DONATION

On June 12, 2011, our congregation took a collection for the YWCA/Safehouse for domestic violence victims. We collected \$497.00 to help them provide this service.

This was our last collection for the 2010-11 program year. In the month of July, we will collect for the Eisenhower Backpack program through the Food Bank. Thank you for your generosity all year long. It is appreciated.

Marion Van Winkle for Social Justice and Outreach Committee



Rummage Sale

The annual rummage sale will be upon us very soon: Thursday through Saturday, July 21-23. Rummage drop off will be Sunday July 21, Noon to 2 p.m. and Monday through Wednesday 5 p.m. – 7 p.m., July 18-20. We have NO space to store anything, so please do not bring items to the church early.

Dorothy Davis will be looking for volunteers over the next several weeks. DO start sorting through drawers, closets and cupboards. If you haven't used it for two years, you probably don't need it. The Discovery Fit and Health Network on DirecTV has a series on the terrifying perils of hoarding called "Buried Alive". Don't fall into the trap.

The rummage sale will be the first big fundraiser of 2011/2012. We need to make it spectacular.



We will need strong backs Sunday to move pews and tables and get coat racks set up for clothing. Anyone who has previously been involved in set-up is cordially invited to volunteer. Monday through Wednesday we will need people to receive and sort rummage and put it where it belongs, and to price special items. On sale days Thursday through Saturday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. we will need cashiers, people to add up prices and make prices, one of the most exciting jobs, figuring out how much we can ask for an item without depriving a shopper of an item she needs. Part of our service to the community is providing usable items at low prices.

Dorothy Gae Davis for the Rummage Sale Committee

SECOND SUNDAY DONATION SCHEDULE

I did not receive any new names for a survey, so we will follow a schedule using the agencies we gave to during this last program year. They are:

- July - Eisenhower School Backpack program through the Food Bank
- August- Michigan Unitarian Universalist Social Justice Network (MUUSJN)
- September- FACT (Flint Area Congregations Together) Dues
- October- UU Association Sunday
- November - Planned Parenthood

December - Wellness Aids/HIV Services
(in honor of World Aids Day -
Dec.1)

January - UUCF Leadership Scholarship

February - Motherly Intercession

March - FACT dues

April - Food Bank (the month of
matching funds)

May - UU Service Committee

June - YWCA/Safehouse

Marion Van Winkle for Social
Justice Committee

Sunday Volunteers July 2011

First Sunday

Greeters	Charles Thomas, Ellen Patnaude, Dani Leach,
Ushers	Cathy & Dave Frazee
Kitchen	Ann DeLana
Office	Margie Latter
Sound	Thorpe Saxton
Security	Jennifer Howard
Community Keepers:	Annie Anglim

Second Sunday

Greeters	Ron Krueger, Ann DeLana and Sol Johnson
Ushers	Bonnie Pobocik, Virginia Chatfield and John Straw
Kitchen	Rita Short
Office	Audrey Bassett
Sound	Dave Handwerker
Security	John Helsom
Community Keepers:	Chris Monk



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Third Sunday

Greeters	Sheila Smith, Ann- Marie Roberts, Mary Wolski
Ushers	Howard and Tammy Schultz
Kitchen	Diane Vack
Office	Gael Edmonds
Sound	Dave Hurt
Security	John Straw
Community Keepers:	Karen & Jason Plummer

Fourth Sunday

Greeters	Scott Stensaas, Thorpe Saxton, & Phyllis Stanbury
Ushers	Wyn & Dave Handwerker, Karen Plummer
Kitchen	Diane Vack
Office	Dorothy Davis
Sound	Karen Olson
Security	Keith Van Camp
Community Keepers:	Steve Urdy

Fifth Sunday

Greeters:	
Ushers:	Virginia Chatfield, Bonnie Pobocik, and Chris Monk
Kitchen:	Diane Vack
Office:	Tina Putney
Sound:	Dave Handwerker
Security:	Dr. Van Winkle

Second Sunday Donations to Food Bank-For Eisenhower Backpack Program

July 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 RE Work Party, 9am – 1 p.m.
3 •Worship, 10:30 a.m.	4 •Office Closed •Yoga-Cancelled •Jr. High Youth Group 6-7:30 p.m.	5 •Worship Weaving, 2 p.m.	6	7 •Yoga, 7:35-8:35 am	8	9
10 •Worship, 10:30 a.m. •Second Sunday Donations •Nominating Committee meeting, 12 p.m. •PFLAG, 2-4:30 pm	11 •Yoga, 7:35-8:35 am •Jr. High Youth Group 6-7:30 p.m.	12 •Worship Weaving, 2 p.m. •Finance Committee meeting at 4	13	14 •Yoga, 7:35-8:35 am	15 •Communications meeting, Noon •Membership Committee meeting, 1:30	16 •Memorial Garden Work Party, 9 am – 1 pm •Summer Negro Spiritual Recital Series-with Glen Holcomb, 3 p.m.
17 •Worship, 10:30 a.m. •Rummage Sale Drop-Off, 12-2 p.m. •FACT-LOM-Blackinton-12:30-2 p.m.	18 •Yoga, 7:35-8:35 am •Rummage Sale Drop-Off, 5-7 p.m. •Jr. High Youth Group 6-7:30 p.m.	19 •Worship Weaving, 2 p.m. •Rummage Sale Drop-Off, 5-7 p.m.	20 •Rummage Sale Drop-Off, 5-7 p.m.	21 •Yoga, 7:35-8:35 am •Rummage Sale, 9 am-5 pm •Safe Congregation Task Force meeting, 6:30 p.m.	22 •Rummage Sale, 9 am-5 pm	23 •Rummage Sale, 9 am-5 pm
24 •Red Carpet Committee meeting, 9:30 a.m. •Worship, 10:30 a.m.	25 •Yoga, 7:35-8:35 am •Jr. High Youth Group 6-7:30 p.m.	26 •Worship Weaving, 2 p.m.	27 •Operations Committee meeting, 4:30	28 •Yoga, 7:35-8:35 am •RE Dream Team meeting, 6:30 p.m.	29	30
31 •Worship, 10:30 a.m.						

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www.uua.org/socialjustice/issuesprocess/currentissues/55648.shtml

Unitarian Universalist Peacemaking Initiative,
www.uua.org/socialjustice/issuesprocess/currentissues/44160/resourceguide/44160.shtml

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About the Newsletter

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