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DREW'S VIEWS

I won't see many of you for a little while. Summer, for me, is not exactly a vacation, although I do expect to do one or two vacation-like things. I'll also spend a lot of time in various continuing education endeavors. Both the learning and the relaxing are in the interest of being of better use when I return to the regular work routine.

In some religious traditions the clergy is present almost every Sunday, and little bit of vacation are possible from time-to-time. As you must know, we are not really the same as most traditions!

There is merit to having the same kind of church experience every week of the year, and there are good reasons to change things for one season. For now, we have a blend that addresses both needs. Last summer we kept our services in the sanctuary all year, and we will do the same this year. We will meet a little earlier, in the belief that the room may be a little cooler and that many people would like to come to church and still have plenty of time to pursue their own recreational plans for a summer Sunday. Starting June 29th and continuing for ten weeks, Sunday services will begin at 10 a.m. The entire summer is planned with interesting and diverse speakers and topics – and it looks great!

I will lead a couple of services in August as we get started in the next program year, but most of the summer I will be away (or pretending to be away).

Expect me to return with some new favorite poems, some ideas to develop for Sundays, and a lot of suggestions regarding our continued evolution as a congregation.

A few of us have already begun plans for some of our special services in the Fall, and some of the programs we will be offering as the year begins. I predict an exciting year ahead!

The Board of Trustees has scheduled a retreat in July when we will strive to experience all the best things that retreats have to offer. Much like my time away, a retreat is a chance to focus on goals and plans and to look at our future. It is a time away from the routine business.

The Worship Committee is planning a retreat in August for many of the same reasons. If you have had an interest in how we put our services together, and why we do things the way we do, consider talking to someone from the worship committee about whether this might be a time to join in this central activity.

I should be much less visible for a while, but you'll know that I'm thinking of you and what we might do together in the coming year!

See you in church! Soon –

Reverend Drew

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for printed material is **Sunday, July 6, 2008** no later than **NOON** or the following **Monday, no later than 9:00 a.m.** for electronically submitted material. Contact Wendi Winston (info@1stuu.org) for information.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

4. Mildred Robinson
5. Rose LaBolle, Ruth Seifert
7. Tracey Martin
12. Edie McKnight
18. Walter Greene III
23. Ed Collins
25. Stuart Smith

CD RECORDINGS OF THE SUNDAY SERVICE

Every Sunday Service is recorded on CD by the sound crew. Copies are made after service in coffee hour at the sound table. Please fill out the order request form as soon as possible so we can graciously make your copy for only \$5. Copies of past sermons are also available.

The sound crew schedule is as follows:

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| First Sunday: | Linda Darga |
| Second Sunday: | Len Zettel |
| Third Sunday: | Glenn Maxwell |
| Fourth Sunday: | Dan Secrest |
| Fifth Sunday: | Dave Lingholm |

Contact them on their respective Sunday for questions. If you are interested in being on the sound crew, contact Glenn Maxwell or Dan Secrest.

RECYCLING

Please note that we have recycling bins at 1st UU Detroit to recycle the paper, plastic and glass items which the Church generates. For the past

few months, the effort has been successful as we have placed over 12 containers of recycle materials to the Detroit Recycle Center (Midtown). Unfortunately, we do not have volunteers to help with taking the materials to the Recycle Center and the person handling this can no longer do it alone. Can you help us keep this effort going and represent our 7th principle?

If so, please provide your name and contact information and which day you can help take the materials to the center? It only requires 30 minutes or less, twice a month. The center is open Wednesdays from 9am to 1pm and Saturdays from 9am to 3pm.

If no volunteers step forward, we will sadly have to let this project drop and remove recycling from 1st UU Detroit.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

June 25-29th Fort Lauderdale, FL. GA Information and Tentative Agenda for Congregations, Delegates, and Attendees is available. Please let the office know if you need copies.

THEATER FUNDRAISER

Twelve of us saw the play, *Moonshine Alley* at the Detroit Rep and went to dinner at the Traffic Jam. The play was excellent comedy on homelessness. We are so fortunate to have the Detroit Rep in Detroit. \$90.00 was turned in to our treasurer and thanks again to all who participated in this fundraiser. Thanks to Ivan Cotman and Carol Bendure for contributing garage sale items. \$50 was turned in to our treasury. I no longer have garage sales at home but take things to my family garage sales to sell. Margaret Beck