OUR MISSION: LIBERATE TRUTH - RADIATE KINDNESS - LOVE COURAGEOUSLY

Upcoming Sermon Schedule

June 7: Julie Brock "What are we called to?"

We have reflected on and thought about how where we come from shapes our voice and perspective in the faith. How are we called to use our prophetic and authentic voice? How can we call ourselves and our faith to be accountable to its proclamation that voices on the margin matter? How can we strengthen our wider Universal Web by standing both in and outside a place of privilege? If we know what it means to be from here, what are we then called to do? (Part Two of a Two-Part Series)

June 14:

Juneteenth!

Join us for a special Juneteenth celebratory potluck following the service, including food and song. Bring your favorite Juneteenth dish to serve in the church house, a musical instrument for a jam session, and picnic blankets and lawn chairs to enjoy the outdoors.

June 21:

Nancy Owen Nelson "Searching for Nannie B."

Accomplished author and academic, and First Church member, Nancy Owen Nelson, will celebrate the launch of her memoir, "Searching for Nannie B.," an inspirational search for her roots in Alabama and her lost grandmother, Nannie B. Chandler, who died giving birth to Nancy's mother, Nannie B. Nelson. "Searching" will be available for purchase during social hour following the service. All proceeds will go to the First Unitarian-Universalist Church of Detroit.

June 28:

Professor Ronald Glossop "A World with No More War."

Professor Emeritus at Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville.
Ph.D.from Washington University in St. Louis [1960]. He is the author of three books: Confronting War [1st ed., 1983; 4th ed., 2001],
Philosophy, An Introduction to its Problems and Vocabulary [1974], and World Federation? A Critical Analysis of Federal World Government [1993]. President of the American Association of Teachers of Esperanto, national board member of Citizens for Global Solutions, and Chair of the Citizens for Global Solutions of Greater St. Louis. Honorary member of Rotary International and Esperanto-USA and a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Beta Phi.



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FIRST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH ORGANIZATIONAL CHART 2014-2015

Officers: President Marsha Bruhn Vice President Danny Rebb **Immediate Past** President Sally Borden **Board Secretary** Kathe Stevens Treasurer Dan Wiest **Board Members At-**Large: Matt Friedrichs Joan Smykowski Joel Batterman Paul Chislett

Staff:

Minister Rev. Roger Mohr Music Director Todd Ballon Office Administrator Alexis Mitchell

Worship Services held every Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

President-Elect's Letter – 2015 Annual Meeting and appreciations:

Greetings First UU Detroit members and friends! Our Governing Board president, Marsha Bruhn, is having foot surgery and was unable to prepare her usual President's Letter, so I agreed to step in as President-Elect. It will be good practice for me! We're sending our best wishes to Marsha to recuperate quickly.

Thank you to all who were able to attend the 2015 Annual Congregational Meeting on May 17. The proposed 2015-16 budget laboriously compiled by the Finance Committee, with input from the Governing Board, was approved unanimously. To all who were involved – you are much appreciated! The approved 2015-16 budget is on the following page. We're meeting our financial obligations head-on as we think about beginning a search for a settled minister, which will take 18 months. With your help, in the next year or so we hope to be on sound financial footing and to be able to attract a quality minister to Detroit.

The proposal to affirm and renew First UU Detroit as a welcoming congregation was also unanimously approved. The Welcoming Task Force will be submitting a renewal application to the UUA in the next month or so; we'll keep you updated. I'm proud that welcome and inclusion are hallmarks at the corner of Cass and Forest.

The <u>minutes from the June 2014 reconvened annual meeting</u> were approved. Draft minutes from the May 17 annual meeting are available for your <u>review on the website</u>.

Proposed by-laws amendments were on the agenda. The proposed amendments were mostly housekeeping items, and included a proposed change from one-year terms to two-year staggered terms for trustees. We did not have enough members present to pass the amendments but we responded in typical resilient UU fashion and amended the ballot to reflect one-year terms for the trustee candidates. The by-laws amendments were deferred to a future meeting of the congregation.

The election results were:

- President Kathe Stevens
- Vice President Paul Chislett
- Trustees at Large Matt Friedrichs, Dave Vailliencourt (one-year terms)
- Nominating Committee Lorenza Acker, Marsha Bruhn, Mary Lou Malone, Rhonda Rogers, Elayne Sikelianos
- Delegates to UUA General Assembly 2015 Kathe Stevens, Joel Batterman
- Delegates to MidAmerica Regional Assembly 2016 Kathe Stevens, Glenn Maxwell

Congratulations to all!

Many, many thanks to Marsha Bruhn for her leadership as President. She'll continue to advocate for First UU Detroit as Immediate Past President and for that we're grateful. Sally Borden will step down from Board work after six long years of service; we will miss her voice but expect she'll still be (and is now) involved in half a dozen other projects.

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President-Elect's Letter – 2015 Annual Meeting and appreciations:

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Danny Rebb has agreed to an appointment as Secretary, so we'll still have his voice on the Board. Thank you for your continued leadership, Danny! A big hug of appreciation goes to Joan Smykowski as she ends two years of service as a Trustee. We are so grateful to you, Joan, for your leadership and for inspiring us to the practice of radical hospitality.

Paul Chislett is moving from a Trustee position to Vice-President and we're glad he continues his steady dedication to the governance of First UU Detroit. Matt Friedrichs will start another term as Trustee after serving for two years; we appreciate his continued leadership. A hearty welcome to our new board member, Dave Vailliencourt. We're excited that you'll be joining us.

Thank you to the current Nominating Committee (Lorenza Acker, Colleen Dolan-Greene, Rhonda Rogers, Elayne Sikelianos, Corinne Streicher) for putting together an impressive slate. Colleen Dolan-Greene, who worked hard this year as chair to find candidates for leadership positions, is coming off the committee, and she'll be missed. Marsha Bruhn and Mary Lou Malone are new faces on the Nominating Committee.

You'll be hearing more about the general and regional assemblies from your delegates. A big shout out to regional delegate Glenn Maxwell, who always has my back. Joel Batterman and I will report after the General Assembly in Portland, OR.

Deanna McGraw reported on the outcomes of the <u>2015 Strategic Plan</u>; she's done a yeoman's job in keeping us on task to achieve our goals from the 2014 leadership retreat. Danny Rebb introduced the <u>2014-15 Annual Report</u>. Matt Friedrichs gave an update on the work of the Interim Search Committee. We'll keep you up-to-date about the interim search.

Thank you so much for your support in electing me as your new President. I'll do my very best to honor your trust throughout the next year. As some of you may know, my style of leadership is to roll up my sleeves and quietly get things done. The shape of my leadership will have to change but the hard work won't! We'll be tapping some of you on the shoulder over the next year to talk about leadership roles and I know you'll respond enthusiastically.

I've been asked about the focus of my leadership. I'm interested in outreach to the greater community, especially the UUA and MidAmerica, and how we do that outreach. That may change or expand. When I've been sitting in the hot seat for a few months, I'll report back!

Best ... Kathe Stevens, President-Elect

	Α	В	С
	First UU Budget as approved at the May 17,		•
1	2015 Annual Congregational Meeting	2014-2015	2015-2016
2		BUDGET	BUDGET
3	REVENUES	DODGET	DODGET
4	Donations		
5	Pledges	77,955	71,980
6	Sunday donations, offerings & social hour	13,540	
7	subtotal-Donations	91,495	86,080
8	Fundraising	2,510	1,100
9	Other Revenues	2,510	1,100
10	Trust	4,200	4,200
10	Prentis Parking Lot Rent	8,000	15,960
12	Other	0,000	<u>10,000</u>
	Subtotal-Other Revenue	<u>0</u> <u>12,200</u>	<u>20,460</u>
	Total Income	106,205	<u>20,400</u> 107,640
15		100,203	107,040
	EXPENSES		
	Ministerial		
	Minister pay and benefits	73,806	49,323
19	Other Staff Payroll	6,459	5,409
	Operational areas	0,100	2,122
21	Worship Budget	4,350	6,000
22	Contract Services-Music	9,645	11,000
23	Other	1,667	2,599
	Subtotal-Operational Areas	15,662	19,599
	Fundraising Expenses	600	640
	Administrative and General	6,826	11,675
27	Office Expenses	2,852	3,080
-	Minister Search Expense		4,400
	Total Expense	106,205	94,127
	Income/(Loss) before unbudgeted items	(0)	
31			
32	One-Time prior period liabilities		
33	Pension arrearage	4,800	4,800
34		1,700	2,100
35	Fed Tax Penalties	600	
36	Fed Tax Penalties refunded	(602)	
37	Total unbudgeted items	6,498	6,900
38		-	
39	Annual Cash Difference	(6 <i>,</i> 498)	6,613

Why Become a Unitarian-Universalist?

The late Wallace W. Robbins, a leader in our Unitarian-Universalist Christian Fellowship, grounded his convictions and his spirituality in biblical theology...As Robbins wrote in a reading widely used in our churches:

- Ours is a church of reason-not because the mind is free of errors, but because the dialogue of mind with mind, and mind with itself, refines religious thought.
- Ours is a church of moral work-not because we think morality is a sufficient religion, but because we know know no better way of showing our gratitude to God, and our confidence in one another.
- Ours is a church of conscience-not because we hold that conscience is infallible, but because it is the meeting place of God and the human spirit.

 Ours is a non-creedal church-not because we have no beliefs, but because we will not be restrained in our beliefs ...

Behrens, John A. and Church, Forrest. *A Chosen Faith.* 2nd ed. Boston, Beacon Press, 1998

For more information about becoming a member, please attend the next "Introduction to First Church" session.

Membership News

Welcome to Our Newest Members of First Unitarian-Universalist Church of Detroit

> James Biller Annie Jacobites

We welcome James and Annie as members on April 2015.

Becoming a Member of First Church

We are people of all ages, people of many backgrounds, and people of many beliefs. We create spirituality and community beyond boundaries, working for more justice and more love in our own lives and in the world.

Unitarian Universalism affirms and promotes seven Principles, grounded in the humanistic teachings of the world's religions. Our spirituality is unbounded, drawing from scripture and science, nature and philosophy, personal experience and ancient tradition as described in our six Sources.

If you are interested in becoming a member, please see Regina Hollingshead. Or contact Regina at: <u>regina.hollingshead@gmail.com</u>.

If you're interested in becoming a member of First UU, please contact Regina at regina.hollingshead@gmail.

If you're interested in volunteering as an usher or greeter, please contact Glenn at <u>DetroitGlenn@gmail.com</u>.

First Unitarian-Universalist Church of Detroit Newsletter

Thank You, for practicing radical hospitality!

Thank you to all the Greeters and Ushers at First Church during April and May 2015. As we practice radical hospitality to our visitors, members and returning guests!

Joel Batterman James Biller Sally Borden Maysel Brooks Paul Chislett Dale Compton Dan Wiest Anita Jones Bob McKnight Edie McKnight Glenn Maxwell Marilyn Mitchell Bob Neale Danny Rebb Kathe Stevens Regina Hollingshead Gloria Williams Jerry Williams

To volunteer as an usher or greeter, please contact Glenn Maxwell at <u>detroitglenn@gmail.com</u> To sign up or check which date you volunteered for, please visit: <u>http://www.1stuu.org/Worship/</u> worship.php

Member May and June Anniversaries

May 1977-Al and Lencha Acker May 1981-Dan Secrest and Andee Seeger May 1984-Arthur Gabhart May 1996-George and Sandra Thottakath May 2005-Elayne Sikelianos May 2008-Edward Collins and Felice Rizzo May 2011-Sherry A. Wells June 2013-Dale Adcock May 2014-Rev. Roger Mohr

We're happy you're part of our Church family!

Becoming Involved at First UU of Detroit

Attending weekly church services, is a great place to start, but to really become part of the Church community, please join one (or more) of the committees, groups or activities we offer. Please join us at the next "Getting Involved" session.

To find out more, please contact the following individuals:

- Building and Grounds-Tim Bailey at <u>tbailey44444@yahoo.com</u>
- Church Choir-Todd Ballou at <u>trballou@comcast.net</u>
- Development Committee-Matt Friedrichs at <u>friedrichs.matt@gmail.com</u>
- Finance Committee-Dan Wiest at <u>dfwiest@comcast.net</u>
- Membership Committee-Joan Smykowski at joan.smykowski@gmail.com
- Singing Circle-Gwen Foss at bookdoctorgwen@gmail.com
- Social Justice-Joel Batterman at joelbatterman@gmail.com
- Vespers-Al Acker at <u>ackera@hotmail.com</u>
- Welcoming Task Force-Kathe Stevens at <u>kathestevens@gmail.com</u>
- Worship Committee-Robert Johnson at <u>hurin2@gmail.com</u> or Kathleen Johnson at <u>lilbunniest@gmail.com</u>
- Young Adults-Aletha Oberdier at alethafaye@gmail.com

For more information about the next "Getting Involved" session, please connect with Regina Hollingshead.



From the Welcoming Task Force...

A big "thank you" to the members of our congregation for voting unanimously at the May 17 annual congregational meeting to affirm recognition by the Unitarian Universalist Association as a Welcoming Congregation. The Task Force will be preparing an application to submit to the UUA to renew our Welcoming Congregation designation, which we first attained in 1997. It's been inspiring and fun planning activities and engaging with all of you!

In June 7, 2015, at 12:30 P.M. after the worship service, Prof. Peter Hammer, Professor of Law and the Director of the Damon J. Keith Center for Civil Rights at Wayne State University Law School, will present on the current state of LGBTQ equality in Michigan. A Q&A session will follow. Light refreshments will be served.

The Task Force will be ending as a group in the near future. We're hoping to complete some work on branding and then have the Task Force work continue as an Outreach Committee so LGBTQ education – and other issues – will remain in the forefront at First Church.

Respectfully submitted, *Al Acker, Deanna McGraw, Kathe Stevens* – Co-Leaders

From the Canvass Committee...

Our canvass campaign for 2015-16, "Give with a Loving Heart, Love with a Giving Hand," is close to winding up. We appreciate all who pledged already. If you haven't already turned in your pledge form, I'll be reaching out to you soon. Your pledge will ensure that our congregation continues its plan of fiscal responsibility for the next year. At each home canvass meeting we asked:

- 1. What are the three greatest strengths of this congregation?
- 2. What are the three most important challenges this congregation needs to address in the next five years?
- 3. What do you think the congregation's annual growth rate should be?

We tallied the results, which you may read in the 2014-15 Annual Report on the 1stuu.org website.

Thanks for supporting our amazing church!

Respectfully submitted, *Kathe Stevens*, Chair

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Ann Arbor Congregation 150th Anniversary

The First UU Congregation of Ann Arbor recently wound up festivities for its 150th Anniversary. First UU Detroit honored that celebration by presenting this framed recognition, signed by Rev. Mohr and the Governing Board, which read: "The First Unitarian-Universalist Church of Detroit recognizes and honors the First Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Ann Arbor, organized on May 14, 1865, for upholding the traditions of our liberal faith and beliefs, and our purposes and principles, on a local, national and international level. for 150 years. Your example of resiliency and dedication provides inspiration and hope for all who continue on their journey toward enlightenment and justice. The Governing Board and Congregation of First

PRESENTED TO THE FIRST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF ANN ARBOR FROM THE CONGREGATION OF THE FIRST UNITARIAN-UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF DETROIT ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 150" ANNIVERSARY The First Unitarian-Universalist Church of Detroit recognizes and honors the First Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Ann Arbor, organized on May 14, 1865, for upholding the traditions of our liberal faith and beliefs, and our purposes and principles, on a local, national and international level, for 150 years. Your example of resiliency and dedication provides inspiration and hope for all who continue on their journey toward enlightenment and justice. The Governing Board and Congregation of First Unitarian-Universalist Church of Detroit look forward to continuing the journey with the First Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Ann Arbor in fellowship and wish you good fortune in your future endeavors. Roger Mohr, Minister Danny Rebb, Vice President Dan Wiest, Treasure mel Ri Paul Chislett, Trustee-at-Large car on Lon Matt Friedrichs, Trus Joan Smykowski, Trustee-at-Large APRIL 8, 2015

Unitarian-Universalist Church of Detroit look forward to continuing the journey with the First Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Ann Arbor in fellowship and wish you good fortune in your future endeavors."

Final Report of the UUA Outreach Team Beta-Testing Program Available

In August 2014 a First UU Detroit committee was formed in response to a request from the Unitarian Universalist Association for congregations willing to help "beta" test elements of a new outreach program. The testers were Al Acker, Lencha Acker, Irene Brisson, Trey Greene, Mary Lou Malone, Deanna McGraw, Sharon Mills, Dan Secrest, and Kathe Stevens.

One aim of the program was to identify a niche for outreach – you've been hearing about that from the Welcoming Task Force. Another was to create a new UU brand identity and outreach framework, intended to convey UU core values in a clear and compelling way.

The UUA has now issued an 11-page <u>Spring 2015 Outreach Team Beta-Testing Program Final</u> <u>Report</u>. The "brand identity" will début in the Spring 2014 issue of the *UU World* magazine. The brand identity "provides an engaging look and feel of Unitarian Universalism. It includes an updated logo, colors and design elements, and key language describing who we are as UUs, what we do, and why it matters. The framework recognizes that, given the shifting landscape of religion in America, it is not enough to 'preach to the choir' or wait for people to seek us out on their own."

Your esteemed webmaster, Dan Secrest, already has introduced the new logo on our website. You may have noticed the UUA-recommended font, Helvetica Neue, in the materials passed out at the recent annual congregational meeting. We hope to use the UUA Outreach Team's Final Report to work on other branding and on continued outreach.

Kathe Stevens will attend the UUA Outreach Team's workshop on outreach, branding and beta -testing at General Assembly this year. The Outreach Team is also planning to schedule a time for beta-testers who are attending GA to get together and meet one another in person; Kathe will be glad to make those connections in our wider community as well.

We're proud that the only congregation quoted in the Final Report was First UU Detroit (albeit anonymously), from our survey responses: "It gave us the structure and tools to begin reaching out for new members, something we have not done for a long time. It has provided us with new ideas, good feelings about being a UU, and motivated us to take action."

Respectfully submitted, Al Acker, Deanna McGraw, Kathe Stevens – Co-Leaders

Church Announcements and Events

1st UU Board Meetings

Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month.

June 10Parlor, First UUJuly 8Whole Foods Community Room

7:00 - 9:00 pm 7:00 - 9:00 pm

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All are welcome at board meetings. Whole Foods is located at 115 Mack Ave at John R, Detroit. If you have an item you wish to have included on the agenda for discussion at the meeting, please contact Kathe Stevens, Board Secretary at kathestevens@gmail.com

<u>Vespers Wednesday</u>

Vespers runs from 6:00 - 7:00pm on the 4th Wednesday of each month.

FIRST Sundays: "Intro to First Church."

Are you new to the church, or just interested in learning more about our church and tradition? The New UU class is about offering introductory information about what the church is all about, and it is an important step toward becoming a member. There are two objectives: one is to share information on the UU tradition as a whole, and a second goal is to focus specifically on the history and traditions of the Detroit church. Please do attend: We are proud of who we are, and we want you to be proud to be with us!

SECOND Sundays: Welcoming New Members.

This is a regular service, but we also include a time to invite our new members to come forward, present themselves to the community, and sign the membership book. This is an important ceremony honoring those who have chosen to identify themselves with our values, our tradition, and our community. Make them feel welcome among us!

SECOND Sunday: Potluck.

Time to break out your best recipe and bring it to church – share your food with FUUD! As we begin to add new members, it is a good time to share fellowship and nourishment with the people who nourish us, in return. Remember that everything must come and go the day of the event – we have no refrigerator space to keep things beyond the immediate need. If you have dietary concerns (peanut allergies, and such), please do let us know, so that food can be labeled.

Singing Circle

Wednesdays at **7:00 pm** - Singing Circle at the church. Open to all. Contact Gwen Foss bookdoctorgwen@gmail.com for more details.



Church Announcements and Events

<u>Acknowledgements</u>

If you have a milestone (joy or sorrow) to share or a visitor to introduce during a worship service, please write the message on one of the index cards which can be found in the backs of the pews, and place the card in the offering basket during the collection. Milestones and visitor names will be passed to the minister for sharing with the congregation as part of our closing circle.

Amnesty International

Amnesty International is a global movement of people fighting injustice and promoting human rights. Amnesty International meets at 1st UU on the third Monday of every month at 7:30 pm in the Parlor. Contact Dan Wiest for more information.

Young Adults Activities

The first UU Young Adults group participates in two activities per month. To learn find out about upcoming Young Adults activities, visit us on Facebook at: groups/young1stuu/ or contact Beth Bailey to be join our Google Group.

Chancel Flower Donations

Our custom for providing flowers for each Sunday service is to have members and friends donate them in honor or memory of a person or event. The suggested donation of \$20 is negotiable if your situation requires. Lencha Acker purchases the flowers each Saturday at Eastern Market and brings them to church. The donor takes the flowers home to enjoy and returns the vase later. If you would like to signup, please visit the signup sheet on our website at 1stuu.org/Worship/worship.php, see Alexis after the service, or send an email to webmaster@1stuu.org.!

Care Committee

The Care Committee addresses pastoral cares of our church community. It is chaired by Nancy Owen Nelson. Other members are Sally Borden, Edie McKnight, and Nathan Strickland. Please contact Nancy Owen Nelson, nelnan@aol.com or call her at 313-914-3475, if you would like a member of our Care Committee to reach out to you in a time of need.

Church Announcements and Events

Farewell to Rev. Mohr

The congregation will say farewell to Rev. Mohr and send him off with good wishes for the next step in his career. The celebration will take place on Sunday, June 21, in the Social Hall after the worship service and in conjunction with the launch and book signing of Nancy Owen Nelson's book, "Searching for Nannie B," for which Rev. Mohr wrote the "Foreword."

Farewell Gift for Rev. Mohr

We are collecting money for a gift for Reverend Roger Mohr as he prepares to leave our community. Please give your cash or checks (made out to "First Unitarian-Universalist Church of Detroit"—memo "Rev Roger gift") to Nancy Owen Nelson or Sydney Schaaf--deadline is Sunday, June 14.

Curiously Odd Movie Night - Virunga

Friday June 12 - 7:30pm

In the forested depths of eastern Congo lies Virunga National Park, one of the most bio-diverse places in the world and home to the last of the mountain gorillas. Here, an embattled team of park rangers that includes an ex-child soldier and a Belgian prince, risk their lives to protect this UNESCO World Heritage Site from armed rebels, poachers, and even corporations trying to wrest control of Congo's rich natural resources. Nominated for an Academy Award for Best Documentary Feature.

Join us at Robert and Kathleen's place (3479 Bishop Detroit) and share some popcorn while we watch this important work.

First UU featured in Crain's Detroit article:

The donation of our buildings to EMEAC was featured in a May 17, 2015, <u>Crain's Detroit article</u> written by Sherri Welch: "The concept of repurposing sacred spaces, as detailed in [an earlier] story, may not be common, but it isn't brand-new in Detroit. In 2011, First Unitarian-Universalist Church in Midtown donated its complex of buildings, including the sanctuary and attached church house with social hall and second-story church, to the East Michigan Environmental Action Council. Those buildings are now part of the council-managed Cass Corridor Commons, a multiuse, nonprofit and green space for tenants such as the Sugar Law Center for Economic and Social Justice."

Church Announcements and Events

General Assembly 2015:

Do you want to participate in the UUA's General Assembly June 24–28, 2015, but you're unable to travel to Portland, OR? Good news: this year, anyone can join in a <u>Virtual GA</u> and watch major parts of the meeting from their homes or wherever they have Internet access. Off-site registrants will be able to view live-streaming video of plenary sessions as well as nine workshops. Everyone wishing to participate in Virtual GA must register. Registration (ends June 19) is \$160. Joel Batterman and I will be attending in person; check out the programs and workshops, join us virtually, and we can compare notes afterwards! – Kathe Stevens

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!				
John	Angry	6/4		
Margaret	Beck	6/4		
Glenn	Maxwell	6/5		
Margaret	Wilkie	6/12		
Sandra	Thottakath	6/12		
Nancy	Owen Nelson	6/14		
Anarosa	Mendoza-King	6/16		
Ann	Harvey	6/16		
Joey	Thomas	6/18		
James	Robinson	6/23		
Carolyn	Ludwig	6/26		
Daniel	Secrest	6/29		
Tim	Bailey	6/29		

**There will be cards to be signed on the first radiator on the right for birthdays.

Joys / Concerns

We are happy to have long time member Andy Seeger, here with her cousins. - 5/24/15

My daughter has just graduated from college. I am both excited and terrified. I don't know how to help her and her sisters spread their wings. *Submitted By: Judy Briggs*

The Goddess wishes everyone Happy Beltane-Happy May! A special month to enjoy everything growing and the greening of Detroit.

Please pray for loved ones facing homelessness, foreclosure, loneliness and loss of water access. Pray for peace.

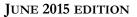
Lencha and Al Acker share their sadness at the loss of her brother, Jaime Camacho, who passed of lung cancer.

Church Announcements and Events

UU Regional Picnic & Spring Gathering!

Our second annual Regional Picnic gathering will take place on Saturday, June 6th, 2015 from 10am - 3pm at Shelter 9 on <u>Belle Isle</u>. Volunteer activity in the morning, and a potluck & BBQ picnic and games to follow. UU Congregations from throughout Southeast Michigan are welcome to attend! The planning committee is seeking volunteers to assist with setup/break-down, cooking, and activities (contact Aletha Oberdier, 248-872-3837 or alethafaye@gmail.com) and donations of food & condiments (contact Beth Bailey, 313-244- 4796 elizabethbailey88@gmail.com)









FIRST UNITARIAN-UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF DETROIT

4605 Cass Avenue Detroit, MI 48201 ... in the Cass Corridor Commons ...

Please visit us at <u>www.1stuu.org</u>, email us at <u>info@1stuu.org</u>, or give us a call at (313) 833-9107.

Church Announcements

Message Topics

Remember, the Worship Committee is always open to new ideas for speakers and for sermon topics, either in terms of texts and sources, or in terms of topics. If you have an idea for a speaker or a sermon, please do feel free to share it: worship@1stuu.org.

Weekly Order of Service Deadline

Have an item/event to be included in our weekly Order of Service? We'll do our best to include it, although printed materials have significant space limitations. Send your information to <u>office@1stuu.org</u> by **12:00 pm Thursday**.

June Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday, May 20th Next issue covers June 1 - June 30, 2015 No submissions accepted after the deadline. Send items to <u>office@1stuu.org</u>