



Summer service schedule, May 1 through September 4: ONE service only, at 10:00 a.m.

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**Sunday, May 1 — ONE SERVICE ONLY at 10:00 AM**

*Vision Sunday: "The Vision and the Act"*

**Rev. Don Vaughn-Foerster**

In practical terms, what does it take for a church to be both a sanctuary to restore our spirits and a springboard to propel us confidently back into the larger society? When we gather, we offer our minds, hands and hearts to a shared vision of caring deeply for each other and this world. We shall gather at this service to celebrate our shared vision and our commitment to its fulfillment. Also, we shall have the opportunity to combine our financial resources with our fervent wishes for our congregation and its service to the world. The Canvass Committee will have pledging materials ready for you, or you may sign up for a personal canvass visit.

**Sunday, May 8 — ONE SERVICE ONLY at 10:00 AM**

*"The Two Sides of Love"*

**Rev. Don Vaughn-Foerster**

Why do you suppose Cupid's arrow has a sharp point on it? On this Mothers' Day we will note that we take love to be essential, but do not often consider some of the stresses that accompany love if we truly open ourselves to its power.

**Sunday, May 15 — ONE SERVICE ONLY at 10:00 AM**

*"New Member Welcome Sunday"*

**Rev. Don Vaughn-Foerster**

This service will be a time to welcome the new members who have joined during this church year and to celebrate the rewards and opportunities of belonging to a caring, supportive congregation.

**Sunday, May 22 — ONE SERVICE ONLY at 10:00 AM**

*"All-Music Service"*

**The UUCGT Vocal Ensemble and other Musicians of the Congregation with Rev. Kevin Tarsa**

Our annual All-Music service weaves the musical gifts of our musicians with spoken reflections. Making music together offers a profound metaphor for our living, growing, and becoming as a religious community. From solos, duets and trios to choir with orchestra and congregation, come enjoy the beauty of both the music and the processes that make it possible.

**NOTE: Please attend the Annual Congregational Meeting of the UUCGT to be held in the sanctuary immediately after this Sunday's service**

**Sunday, May 29 — ONE SERVICE ONLY at 10:00 AM**

*"Memories"*

**Sunday Services Committee**

On this Memorial Day weekend service, we'll invite you to remember not only the sacrifices of our veterans, but also the memories of people or events that continue to touch your heart. How do these memories contribute to your spiritual growth? How do you keep these memories alive?

**Sunday, June 5 — ONE SERVICE ONLY at 10:00 AM**

Michael Jarvis and Shari Jonsson

**"Coming of Age Ceremony"**

We will be celebrating the coming of age of 8th and 9th graders, Neal Endicott, Rebecca Hawkins, Haley Kossek, and Lucy Perkins, along with their parents, mentors, Michael Jarvis, and Director of Religious Education, Shari Jonsson. This Unitarian Universalist tradition is a way for our community to recognize the children in our midst who are transitioning to young adulthood.

**Sunday, June 12 — ONE SERVICE ONLY at 10:00 AM**

*Fathers' Day Service*

**Rev. Don Vaughn-Foerster**

Further details will be forthcoming.

*the BEACON*

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**Pastoral Care Advisory Group**

"Love is the center of our church and service is the prayer." This, I feel, is what defines pastoral care in our Congregation. We will continue to serve the needs of our congregants as we learn what the needs are. Should you have, or know of someone else who has a pastoral care need, I encourage you to contact

and inform any one of the Pastoral Care Advisory Committee Members: Eleanor Beal, 313-8843; Jody Marquis, 941-5158; John Schneider, 223-9299; Liz Bruning, 929-9808; Bonnie Mathias, 935-3715; Arline Howe, 947-9124; Mercedes Kimling, 223-7537; Joan Sheard, 922-1834; Kevin Tarsa, 922-8146.

—Arline Howe, Chair

## INTERIM MINISTER'S COLUMN

May 2005

From time to time I ask myself what is a religion that is both mentally and spiritually healthy? That's the kind of religion most Unitarian Universalists seem to want. At least that's pretty much what they say when I ask them.

I have come to believe that a healthy religion has to start in freedom. Freedom unshackles the mind and lets loose the aspirations of the heart. Freedom enables us to transcend the creeds and to plumb the depths of knowledge and inspiration. A religion that cannot free us to do this cannot grow. If it cannot grow as our understanding of the natural world and our knowledge of ourselves grows, it becomes dead weight, dragging us down farther than it lifts us up.

Also, a healthy religion honors the needs of the whole person emotionally as well as intellectually. It gives "the feelings of the heart full scope and expression under the guidance of the alert and informed mind," as Donald Harrington, former minister of Community UU Church of New York City once expressed it. We want this done for ourselves and we want to do it for one another.

Not only is healthy religion deeply concerned with the realities of the individual, but it is equally directed toward society and its problems. A healthy religion recognizes that

the individual cannot be "saved" alone. It is only within society's context of struggle for compassion and peace, ethical conduct and justice that the individual is able to deal with the issues of his or her own life. Society is where we are enabled and empowered to be human.

A healthy religion, then, leads us both to seek to know ourselves and to look beyond ourselves. It serves us best when we help it to strengthen itself in the world and to touch the lives of all who desire its help. If our religion is healthy, we want it to be strong institutionally and effective in the life of humanity. And, as it leads out of ourselves and into the world, it inspires us to more than a passive tolerance toward other great faiths. A healthy religion leads us to active cooperation and sincere respect for others of different beliefs.

And so, a mentally and spiritually healthy religion—one that appeals to many Unitarian Universalists—starts with freedom, grows as our minds and hearts grow, honors the whole person, concerns itself with society's struggle for love and justice, seeks to be institutionally sound and effective, and truly respects the integrity of other great faiths. These characteristics are more than the roots of our free faith. They are also its branches and its fruit. It is such a religion I try to cultivate here in Traverse City.

— Rev. Don Vaughn-Foerster

## YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### Summer Multi-Cultural Arts and Crafts and Games.

May 15 marks the last day of the regular Religious Education programming. After the All Music Service on May 22 – which all but Nursery and Preschool aged children will attend – the summer RE program will begin on May 22. Preschoolers will have the choice of joining "the big kids" (grades 1 – 8) or playing in the Nursery. The RE committee is tentatively planning a Multi-cultural Arts and Crafts and Games series for our children. With all of the talented artists in our Congregation, this is likely to be a rich experience for our summer attendees.

If you think you would like to contribute your time and/or talent (talent is not a requirement) to the summer series, please let me know as soon as possible.

### Youth Group Field Trip to Chicago

As you read this, several Youth Group members will likely be visiting Unity Temple, a Frank Lloyd Wright-designed Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Oak Park, Illinois. They will be joining in with the Unity Temple Youth Group in a social action project there. In the future we hope to host the Unity Temple Youth Group here. After many years of fundraising efforts, some of those funds will be used. The kids are very grateful to all of you who so generously supported them, thereby making this trip possible.

### Noted Thanks

This past year the RE committee has done a huge amount of work as they not only oversee the programming for over 140 classes during the regular Sunday season but help put on extra-curricular events along with providing input on the building expansion, the budget and the five-year plan. This has involved hours and hours of volunteer work from them. Thinking of them particularly has made my decision to move on all the more difficult. Their already heavy workload

just got very much heavier. While everyone is overloaded, giving them your support and letting them know how much you appreciate what they tirelessly do will help them through these large RE changes. This congregation would not be as strong without these people: Anna Bachman, Nancy Doughty, Sue Hawkins, Kathy Prentice, Lynne Perkins, Kathy Tack, Gail Trill and Marsha Walton.

### April RE Volunteers

Yet again, many, many people gave their time – usually on Sunday mornings during the service – to help grow our children: Kerry Alspaugh, Katy Bean-Larson, Mary Cheney, Lisa DelBuono, Martha Eldredge, Solveig Gustafson, Jeff Hawkins, Sue Hawkins, Scott Huggins, Jessica Jacobs, Michael Jarvis, Betsie Kortokrax, Trudy Lewis, Emma McCarthy-Stone, Molly Paryani, Craig Richard, Jeff Sanborn, Kathy Tack, Gail Trill, Bob Walton, and Marsha Walton.

—Shari Jonsson

Director of Religious Education  
228-7649

## Notice of meeting

The Annual Congregational Meeting of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Grand Traverse will be held **after the 10:00 Service on May 22, 2005** in the UUCGT sanctuary. *Please plan to attend and participate!*

### Agenda:

#### I. Elect Officers of the Board

For one year terms beginning Sept 1, 2005.

Board President: Penny Ort  
President Elect: Mary Van Valin  
Treasurer: Christie McGue

For two year terms beginning Sept 1, 2005:

Secretary: Jim Cook  
Program VP: Linda Wikle

Note: The position of Admin. VP is filled by Fred Schaafsma for a two-year term ending Sept. 1 2006.

#### II. Elect three members to the Nominating Committee

For one year terms beginning Sept 1, 2005.

Anne Hughes  
Bob Hicks  
Barb Berry

Note: Two additional members will be board appointed.

#### III. Vote on proposed change to the Bylaws

Change:

Article VI. Board of Trustees, paragraph A. Composition  
From:

The members of the Board shall consist of elected officers. The Minister serves as an ex-officio member of the Board without a vote.

To:

The members of the Board shall consist of elected officers. The Minister, *the Minister of Music, the Director of Religious Education, and the Office Administrator* serve as ex-officio members of the board without a vote.

(New language is printed in *italics*.)

#### IV. Update from the Building Expansion Steering Team

Our course

We have completed our search for a new settled minister for this year. Our Settled Minister Search Committee reviewed all the candidates available this year, considered one especially, and chose to work another year to find us the very best fit for our needs. We deeply thank the members of that committee for their ardent efforts and for their deliberate decision. To continue the 'Halfway up the Mast' metaphor from last month: Now we see from our viewpoint half way up the mast that our course leads us through a second year of interim. Our search has passed up the near island for one still on the horizon.

We will have more time to prepare our processes and for a new settled minister and to determine what we wish to have in that minister. Our Interim Minister, Rev. Don Vaughn-Foerster, has identified some areas of growth for us to address and our board has determined goals we wish to achieve in the second year of our interim period before we call a settled minister.

We have asked Reverend Don Vaughn-Foerster to stay on for the second year as our Interim Minister. Don has accepted. We are delighted to keep our pilot for the remainder of the voyage.

We have much to do. We have until July of 2006 to finish our preparations for our new Settled Minister (if called). I call for you to pitch in. Start by talking to each other. Advance by introducing yourself to a visitor. Introduce your acquaintances to your fellow congregants. Talk about your hopes for our religious community. Bring ideas to a committee that can act on those ideas. Committees: Bring your knowledge to the Council meeting. Let's build now the community we will be when we call our new minister in 2006.

- Bob Walton

## From your Minister of Music

“Sing out praises for the journey, pilgrims, we, who carry on.”

I am aware, as we enter our second year of interim ministry, that now the real work begins. The thought is both frightening and exhilarating.

For one year, it’s possible to simply wait, without any urgency to look closely and carefully at the deepest aspects of ourselves. But a second year gifts us with stronger and more fruitful demands. Though some, I know, are disappointed that we must wait another year for a settled minister, we are fortunate for this opportunity.

“Look inside, your soul’s the kindling of the hearth fire pilgrims knew.”

We are confronted with the reality that the future of

this congregation rests not with any of your ministers, but with you. I encourage you to enter deeply into the journey as Rev. Don Vaughn-Foerster and our Board guide the congregation across this current threshold and into and through the unfamiliar terrain that unfolds before us.

Those who have gone before, those “who knew wild roads,” as one of our hymns sings, tell us that indeed a hearth, a home awaits us on the far side of this journey. Let your heart be touched by that ancient yearning of our spiritual ancestors, and let it be in your life, kindling for a newfound truth.

Yours,

- Rev. Kevin Tarsa

### ALL ABOUT US

Congratulations go to:

- o Bronwen Heath who delivered a baby boy, Oliver, on April 10<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulations also to grand- mother - Gail.

- o To Rebecca and Fred Schaafsma who also have a new grandson.
- o To A.J. Kortokrax who has been admitted to Honors college at Ferris State.

We hold in our hearts:

- o Charlie Hansen who begins chemo treatments.
- o Karen McCarthy's brother, Dann, who remains in Intensive Care.
- o MaryAnn Force's daughter-in-law who suffers with lymphoma.
- o Katy-Bean-Larson's father who is very ill.
- o Kevin Tarsa's mother who has had a setback and was in the hospital.

We continue to be mindful of:

- o Kim Gribi
- o Richard Myer
- o Joan and Ralph Laird
- o Joe and Beecy Fraser
- o Jim Gamble
- o Sally Neal

Thanks to all who give meals, transportation and cards.

—Arline Howe, Pastoral Care

An idea for a pastoral care program for 2005-06

The idea is to have Pastoral Care and Social Action join together to set a goal of having every adult member of the congregation have a Five Wishes form filled out and filed with their doctor and a copy in our pastoral care file. I don’t know if all of you have filled this out, or have a durable power set up. Before we can have a meaningful discussion about it, we all need to have done this.

There are several reasons for becoming advocates for having an entire congregation have plans for end of life care in a faith based setting:

1. It is most useful for those unable to participate in their own care, either having a terminal or severely compromising unconscious condition. In many instances, these conditions come about suddenly and totally unexpectedly, as a result of a stroke or accident. Waiting to fill out the Five Wishes until one is “ready” can be socially irresponsible as well as create an enormous burden for family and friends, since the default position in health care is to keep people alive unless specifically noted otherwise.
2. It does not require hiring a lawyer and spending a lot of money setting up a living will or durable power. It is legally binding in most states.
3. It is the socially responsible thing to do!
4. It could be a way to empower the congregation to participate in their own care, as well as that of their

families and friends.

5. It could be the first step in establishing a congregational pastoral care “tree” perhaps taking advantage of existing groupings.
6. It is most appropriate for us as an aging congregation to have such a program,
7. We could probably get a rep from Munson to come and get us started, and perhaps give us enough copies of Five Wishes (which cost \$1 each) for the whole congregation.
8. It would be good publicity in the community that we are making this kind of congregational effort.
9. Social Action could support this by talking about the costs of extended life support to society; that this is a positive step to do as a community.
10. 100% participation is our goal in order to help people see it is not just an individual choice to do this, but also a way to be a part of our community. It creates a “super ordinate goal” that enhances group identity. (Of course there will be some who refuse to do so, but perhaps they will then look at why they would not do so rather than it just being a personal aversion to anything dealing with death and dying). In any event, it sure would get the attention of our congregation to suggest that there is anything we as a congregation could do that could even approach involving 100% of our membership.

Let me know your reactions!

—John Schneider

## Canvass Continues Through May

The UUCGT congregation will be working together throughout the month of May to make community vision come true during our annual canvass for the operating budget.

This year's pledge drive begins Sunday May 1<sup>st</sup> – Vision Sunday – with a special service, pledging, festivities, and food. The service will mark the beginning of the “summer schedule” for Sunday mornings with services beginning each Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. With the motto **Bold Vision: Keep it Growing**, this year's canvass will feature convenience. Members and friends will have options of pledging on the first three Sundays in May, dropping by during office hours to pledge, or receiving a pre-arranged call in person from a canvasser. during the second half of the month.

This year's Canvass themes have emphasized vision, dreams, and boldness as outlined in the brochure mailed to members and friends in April saying: *We see ourselves growing as individuals, as a congregation, and as a voice in the larger community. And all this in a newly expanded building, and with a new minister.*

*With our annual pledge, we can make all these dreams come true. Our gift is the concrete form in which our bold vision can be expressed in the world.*

The recommended budget for the 05-06 church year is \$219,125.00 which reflects an overall total budget increase of 9%.

“Many caring people worked hard and sacrificed much to hold the line on spending,” reported Penny Ort, Canvass Spokesperson and President Elect. “Some needs, though, had to be addressed for us to move forward.” Ort cited highlights of the new budget as required costs to continue to search for and to call a new minister; debt service (paying the “mortgage”) on the building expansion; 1.5% pay raise for all staff; extra hours for all part-time staff; and additional hours from our cleaning service.

Ort also explained the details of how the new, convenient Canvass will work. After the Vision Sunday Service on May 1, members and friends will have a chance to fill out pledge cards. For two more Sundays, May 8 and 15, pledges can be made after the service. People also may make pledges at any time during UUCGT office hours. After May 15<sup>th</sup>, those who have not filled out a pledge card will be canvassed one-on-one.

## SOCIAL JUSTICE AND ACTION

Social Justice ACTION  
based on Don's Sermon  
April 3, 2005

The response to Rev. Don's sermon on Social Issues, April 3, was amazing! People responded from the heart about things they wished for, and actions they already do.

First we were asked to write what we wanted. Many ideas were written which can only be summarized here. One category mentioned education—for All, for Women, for Peace, for tolerance, and understanding. Another category mentioned was saving the Environment, all aspects of it!

Internationally people mentioned things like work for peace, help other countries to develop, be fair to other countries and peoples, population control, educate women, health for others including women's right to control their bodies, sharing the world's resources, economic justice for all, and much more.

Nationally people wanted honest politicians, health care for all, human rights for all including gays, homeless rights and care, relief for the increasing numbers of poor, and protection for those unable to help themselves. Also get religion out of politics, accept all religions, stop murder in the name of a higher being.

People got in touch with some of the personal things they felt important—like fellowship, respect for others, restore hope, dignity in death, be joyful, and much more.

At the end of the sermon, we were asked to write the things that we were already doing to help meet our wishes for social justice. The

outpouring of activities that people are doing is overwhelming.

Some people offered what seems to be so little and yet is one of the most important things we do! That is they are raising children with a sense of love and tolerance, even appreciation for all, and by so doing setting an example for those children and others. Several people mentioned this and included grandchildren and setting an example at work too. This was especially mentioned and is important for those many who are teachers.

Many people told about how they are active in local endeavors like the Tuesday lunch, peace work, and many activities helping others at the UU. Many help with other organizations like Planned Parenthood, schools, disabled, much more. Some were active in local politics.

There were people who mentioned speaking up when they heard a slander against another or against a group. They also made a point of speaking up and supporting positive words and statements. Many are "armchair activists"—they write letters and sign petitions, call representatives and the like. Some were able to give money to organizations. Others were aware that giving money to family members in need is also social action and worthy!

Many mentioned preserving the environment and the many things they do locally and nationally to help. Some give money; help with education at the local level, and many, many recycle.

Education of themselves and others was commented on a lot. People felt that learning and sharing what they learned was important. Sharing with family and people at

work was mentioned. It is amazing that only one person mentioned the actual act of voting! I am sure that is a socially responsible act that most of us do, but apparently we don't look at it that way. If I may comment personally, please keep it up!

We also found that four people mentioned frustration! I think that is something we all feel at times.

We will post these responses on the Bulletin Board in the hallway. Hopefully you will look at it and see your notes and others too. Talk to others who identify themselves with your interests, bolster each other, and help each other to continue to act, and in so doing our numbers will increase, and we will influence more people in our way of liberal open thinking and action.

To help you start off in the right direction and help with your self-education, come to the **SJA Videos**.

The video "**Surplus**" will be shown on **Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>** at 7 PM in the Sanctuary. The video is about how our government urges us into buying, buying, buying! Discussion will follow the video. The public is welcome! Donations will be accepted.

The film "**How Democrats and Progressives Can Win**," by George Lakoff, will be shown on **Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>**, at 7 PM. Based on Lakoff's book, "Don't Think of Elephants," the film demonstrates Lakoff's theory of reframing issues as a way to win arguments and discussions. Tom Shea will facilitate a discussion following the film. Participants are encouraged to read the book ahead of time. The Social Justice and Action Group also host this film. The public is welcome! Donations will be accepted. For more information about either video please call Emmy Lou Cholak, 943-7999. Thank you!

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS  
EDUCATION

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Part-time position to start including Sunday morning. Position is to provide leadership for the religious education program. A qualified candidate will have experience in volunteer recruitment and development; provide curriculum planning and preparation; maintain resources. Until May 6, 2005, letters of application and résumés may be directed to:

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**We Welcome Your  
Membership**

Not a member? We'd love to have you join our spiritual community. New members, who must be at least 16 years old, signify their commitment by signing the Membership Book during a meeting with our minister. It is understood that members actively support their Congregation through attendance, service and financial commitment. To start your process of becoming an official member of our lively, compassionate and challenging congregation, call the congregation office at 947-3117.

**MINDING THE STORE**

**Announcement:**

A new Settled Minister Search Committee will be formed in the next few months. The current MSC has completed their work for the first year of interim. Some will step down and rest, others have offered to serve out the second year. We will fill the open positions with energetic individuals chosen from our diverse congregation. If you are energetic, open minded, work well with the team, and are interested in serving on this important panel, please express your interest in writing to the Board President: Bob Walton ([bobjlw@yahoo.com](mailto:bobjlw@yahoo.com))

**Five-Year Plan Committee  
Underway**

On April 5, members of the newly-formed Five-Year Plan Committee met with David Halperin, who helped the group write its statement of purpose: *"Provide the UUCGT Board, at their August meeting, with a strategic 5 year plan that achieves the vision of the congregation."* The committee is chaired by Penny Ort. Current members are: Price Watts, John Hoffman, Pam Godbout, Kathy Prentice, Misty Sheehan, Emmy Lou Cholak, Sally Mitchell, Barb Bloomer, Joan Sheard, the Rev. Don Vaughn-Foerster and the Rev. Kevin Tarsa. A report on the committee's April 28 meeting will be provided at a later date.

—Pam Godbout

**Rummage Sale planning**

Time to collect resalables and plan a time when you can help unload, price, sell, clean up, cart items to Goodwill, and buy stuff!!

The fun starts Wed. afternoon June 15<sup>th</sup>— need to set up and price. Thurs. - price and organize all day. (May have special sale to workers then.) Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> - 8:30-5:00—The Sale. Sat. 9:00-12:00 (items go on sale mid morning) Noon to 2:30. Cleanup, clear out; vans needed. Contact Kay Boyne, Mary Lee Orr to help us raise Big Bucks! We raised \$2,114.60 in 2003. Let's top that this year!!

—Kay Boyne

**Spring cleanup**

UUCGT Spring cleanup will be Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 to 12:30. Please set aside at least a portion of the morning to stop by and help. There will be plenty to do, both indoors and out! Many UU hands make short work!

**ADULT PROGRAMS AND  
EVENTS**

**UU Quilters**

Come enjoy a relaxing afternoon of stitching and conversation with UU Quilters on Wednesday, May 11 from 1 - 4 p.m. at the social hall. Novices as well as experienced quilters welcome. Materials supplied. We will begin quilting what we've been piecing since the new year. Call Bonnie Mathias or Kathy Prentice for more info.

**Men's Group**

The Men's Group will meet for dinner at 6 PM Monday May 9 at South City Limits. Watch the Orders of Service on May 1 and 8 for any specific program information. Join us! For further information, call Bob Hicks, 946-8862.

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26 Thurs Yoga, Mary Van Valin, 9 – 10 a.m.  
26 Thurs Vocal Ensemble, Kevin Tarsa, 7 p.m.

**29 Sun "Memories," Sunday Services Committee, ONE SERVICE ONLY at 10:00 a.m.**

30 Mon NO SOS meeting today.  
31 Tues Yoga, Mary Van Valin, 9 – 10 a.m.

**JUNE**

1 Wed Supper at Six, all welcome, Chianti's, reservations needed, contact Pinkie or John Hoffman, 275-3602, 6 PM  
1 Wed Coming of Age, RE Committee/Shari Jonsson 7-9 p.m.  
2 Thurs Yoga, Mary Van Valin, 9 – 10 a.m.  
2 Thurs Vocal Ensemble, Kevin Tarsa, 7 p.m.

**5 Sun Coming of Age ceremony, Michael Jarvis and Shari Jonsson, ONE SERVICE ONLY at 10:00 a.m.**

5 Sun Coming of Age Reception, RE Committee, Shari Jonsson, 11:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

7 Tues Yoga, Mary Van Valin, 9 – 10 a.m.  
8 Wed Administrative Council, Fred Schaafsma, 7 – 9 p.m.

9 Thurs Yoga, Mary Van Valin, 9 – 10 a.m.  
9 Thurs Vocal Ensemble, Kevin Tarsa, 7 p.m.  
10 Fri Social Justice video, Emmy Lou Cholak, 7 - 9 p.m.

**12 Sun Fathers' Day Service, Rev. Don Vaughn-Foerster ONE SERVICE ONLY at 10:00 a.m.**

13 Mon POM II Annual Meeting, J. Braennger, 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.  
13 Mon Finance Committee, Phyllis Jessup, 7:30 – 9 PM  
14 Tues Yoga, Mary Van Valin, 9 – 10 a.m.  
14 Tues Board Meeting, Bob Walton, 7 – 9 p.m.  
15 Wed UU Rummage Sale set-up, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
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16 Thurs Yoga, Mary Van Valin, 9 – 10 a.m.  
17 Fri UU Rummage Sale, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
18 Sat UU Rummage Sale, 9 a.m. – noon  
18 Sat Youth Group Bridging Planning, RE Committee, Shari Jonsson, Katy Bean-Larson; 6 p.m. Sat – 8:30 a.m. Sunday

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All events take place at the Congregation building unless otherwise noted

### MAY

1	Sun	<b>Vision Sunday: "The Vision and the Act," Rev. Don Vaughn-Foerster, ONE SERVICE ONLY at 10:00 a.m.</b>	11	Wed	Coming of Age, RE Committee/Shari Jonsson 7-9 p.m.
1	Sun	Parent Chit Chats, RE Committee/Shari Jonsson, Minister's Office, 10-11:15 a.m.	12	Thurs	Yoga, Mary Van Valin, 9 – 10 a.m.
1	Sun	VISION SUNDAY Reception/Canvass, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.	12	Thurs	Vocal Ensemble, Kevin Tarsa, 7 p.m.
2	Mon	Watercolor class, 4 <sup>th</sup> of 6, MaryAnn Force, 6 - 8 p.m.	13	Fri	Social Justice video, <i>Surplus</i> , Emmy Lou Cholak, 7-9 PM
2	Mon	SOS, Rev. Don Vaughn-Foerster, Jeff (946-8680) 7 – 8:30 p.m.	14	Sat	UUCGT Spring Clean-Up, Richard Miller, 8:30-12:30. All welcome! ☺
3	Tues	Yoga, Mary Van Valin, 9 – 10 a.m.	15	Sun	<b>New Member Welcome Sunday, Rev. Don Vaughn-Foerster, ONE SERVICE ONLY at 10:00 a.m.</b>
4	Wed	Supper at Six, all welcome, \$4 contribution, Ann Dressel, 6 PM. Program: Rev. Don Vaughn-Foerster: Our Tradition: Those who have shaped it: Olympia Brown. 7-8 PM.	15	Sun	Parent Chit Chats, RE Committee/Shari Jonsson, Minister's Office, 10-11:15 a.m.
4	Wed	Coming of Age, RE Committee/Shari Jonsson, 7 – 9 p.m.	16	Mon	Watercolor class, 6 <sup>th</sup> of 6, MaryAnn Force, 6 - 8 p.m.
5	Thurs	Yoga, Mary Van Valin, 9 – 10 a.m.	16	Mon	SOS, Rev. Don Vaughn-Foerster, Jeff (946-8680) 7 – 8:30 p.m.
5	Thurs	Vocal Ensemble, Kevin Tarsa, 7 p.m.	17	Tues	Yoga, Mary Van Valin, 9 – 10 a.m.
8	Sun	<b>"The Two Sides of Love," Rev. Don Vaughn-Foerster, ONE SERVICE ONLY at 10:00 a.m.</b>	17	Tues	Coming of Age, RE Committee/Michael Jarvis, 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.
8	Sun	Parent Chit Chats, RE Committee/Shari Jonsson, Minister's Office, 10-11:15 a.m.	17	Tues	Board Meeting, Bob Walton, 7 – 9 p.m.
9	Mon	Men's Group, South City Limits, Bob Hicks, 6:00 p.m.	18	Wed	Membership Committee, Judy Halsted, 3 – 4:30 p.m.
9	Mon	Watercolor class, 5 <sup>th</sup> of 6, MaryAnn Force, 6 - 8 p.m.	18	Wed	Supper at Six, all welcome, potluck, Ann Dressel, 6 PM.
9	Mon	SOS, Rev. Don Vaughn-Foerster, Jeff (946-8680) 7 – 8:30 p.m.	18	Wed	Coming of Age, RE Committee/Shari Jonsson 7-9 p.m.
9	Mon	Finance Committee, Phyllis Jessup, 7:30 – 9 p.m.	19	Thurs	Yoga, Mary Van Valin, 9 – 10 a.m.
10	Tues	Yoga, Mary Van Valin, 9 – 10 a.m.	19	Thurs	Vocal Ensemble, Kevin Tarsa, 7 p.m.
10	Tues	Coming of Age, RE Committee/Michael Jarvis, 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.	20	Fri	Social Justice video, Emmy Lou Cholak, 7 - 9 p.m.
11	Wed	UU Quilters, 1 – 4 p.m.	21	Sat	DRE Interviews, Linda Wickle, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
11	Wed	Membership Committee, John Hoffmann, 3 – 5 p.m.	22	Sun	<b>All Music Service, Kevin Tarsa and UUCGT musicians, ONE SERVICE ONLY at 10:00 a.m.</b>
11	Wed	Supper at Six, all welcome, \$4 contribution, Ann Dressel, 6 PM. Program (the grand finale of the season): Music program: Grand Traverse Winds. 7 p.m.	22	Sun	UUCGT Annual Meeting following the service. Please see meeting notice and agenda on page 3.
			23	Mon	Dining Out, Minerva's, Pinkie or John Hoffman, 275-3602, 6 PM (happy hour at 5:30)
			23	Mon	SOS, Rev. Don Vaughn-Foerster, Jeff (946-8680) 7 – 8:30 p.m.
			24	Tues	Yoga, Mary Van Valin, 9 – 10 a.m.
			24	Tues	RE Committee, Kathy Prentice, Shari Jonsson, 5 – 7:30 p.m.
			24	Tues	Program Council Meeting, 6 p.m. Potluck/Conversation, Mary Van Valin, 7 – 9 p.m.
			25	Wed	Coming of Age, RE Committee/Shari Jonsson 7-9 p.m.

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