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

"Native Americans, Treaties and Spirit"

Helen Tanner

Helen Tanner, Senior Research Fellow at Chicago's Newberry Library, whose *Atlas of Great Lakes Indian History* has been called "a quantum leap forward in the study and understanding of Indian history," will speak on "the blessings of balance—an Indian viewpoint." Dr. Tanner is a recognized authority on Indian treaties and has often testified in cases presented before the Indian Claims Commission. She also serves as a historical consultant in other cases of tribal litigation. It wasn't until after the Civil War that Northern Michigan Indians began to be affected by increasing numbers of white settlers. Adverse effects of the influx of whites in the mid-1800s and their repercussions exist today. You are invited to remain after the service for a discussion of her topic.

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

"Integral Spiritual Practice: Types"

Rev. Chip

The enneagram and beyond; the fifth and last of our "Integral Vision" series (you need not have heard any of the previous four to appreciate this one).

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

"Fathers of Universalism and Unitarianism"

Cal Boulter and Paul Ward

Celebrate Father's Day with some of our spiritual ancestors.

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

"Wage Peace!"

Rev. Chip; Vocal Ensemble with R. Gary Deavel

Peace is more than the absence of war. What can we do to make our lives more peaceful?

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

"Questioning Souls"

Rev. Kevin

Chet Raymo, a science writer for the Boston Globe, divides our culture into two groups – Skeptics and True Believers. The difference, according to Raymo, is that a Skeptic is willing to live with a measure of doubt and uncertainty, willing to "accept the evolving nature of truth." I have come to understand that this attribute of skepticism is a common denominator among us religious liberals, though our theologies vary widely. Knowing this offers an invitation to bring our differences out into the open where we can engage our community's religious diversity more clearly and more honestly, with greater depth and with greater compassion.

Sunday, July 6 — ONE SERVICE ONLY at 10:00 AM

"Acts of Patriotism"

Open mike service with Maura Brennan

One person's act of patriotism is another's act of desecration. Is the Patriot Act really patriotic? Can dissent be patriotic? On this fourth of July weekend we will explore this emotionally charged issue, and try to find common ground and respect, which is, of course, the cornerstone of peace.

Sunday, July 13 — ONE SERVICE ONLY at 10:00 AM

"A Healing Community"

Anne Hughes, John Schneider & Rev. Chip

Our congregation offers healing, to each other and to the wider world. What are the hallmarks of a healing community, what are we doing well, and what might we do even better?

Sunday, July 20 — ONE SERVICE ONLY at 10:00 AM

To be announced

Sunday, July 27 — ONE SERVICE ONLY at 10:00 AM

To be announced

Sunday, August 3 — ONE SERVICE ONLY at 10:00 AM

"Grateful Dead: One Man Gathers"

Rev. Chip; live band

This intergenerational service will feature the music and wisdom of the rock band, "The Grateful Dead." The title comes from their song, "Saint Stephen." "...talk about your plenty, talk about your ills, one man gathers what another man spills."

"Autumn
Affair" Returning to
UUCGT!

Want to have fun? Like to party and have a good time?

Part of the balanced budget our board approved for the upcoming year was the reinstatement of the popular fundraising activity from years past—the "Autumn Affair."

This will be a *big congregational party* featuring food and drink, entertainment, as well as silent and live auctions. We will need *everyone's* participation to make it a success—contributions of food, handiwork, antiques, experiences such as vacations or boat rides, art and entertainment. We already have ideas of how to include our congregation's children and our best musicians—but would love to hear your ideas. Most of all, we'll need you to come and join us for a delightful evening. So ... please start thinking of how and what you can contribute. Lots of information will follow. Please call us or e-mail us with ideas or questions ... we'd love to have you join in the initial planning. Christie McGue (Christiemcque@yahoo.com; 941-1923) and Judy Weaver (weavmusic@aol.com; 947-

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ALL ABOUT US

We celebrate with joy:

- ❖ The marriage of Mary VanValin and John Birdsong.
- ❖ Marcia Belanger who received the Athena Award for her support of fine arts in our community.
- ❖ Anne Magoun who received the ACLU Dean Robb Unsung Hero Award for her work with League of Women Voters.
- ❖ Patty Bauer who completed grad school in May.
- ❖ The Mitchell-Nielson family who honor the UofM graduation of Jens.
- ❖ The new members welcomed into UUCGT on May 18.
- ❖ Boyd Baird's appreciation of fellow UU's Mark Gustafson, Bill Mathias, H.G. Smith and John Ort for their good company while Arline visited her oldest daughter, Nancy in Rochester, NY, who is in a rehabilitation home following a stroke.

We hold in our hearts the families and friends of:

- ♥ Beecy Fraser, who died on February 28. Her Memorial Service is scheduled on Tuesday, June 17 at 1:30 pm at UUCGT.
- ♥ Ann Franklin, who died on May 4. Her Memorial Service is scheduled on Sunday, June 29 at 4 pm at UUCGT.

We are mindful of:

- ❖ Becky Roush, whose long-time friend, Joyce Whitmore, died of muscular dystrophy on May 5. (Becky and Chip are godparents of Joyce's daughter, Laura, and Chip officiated at the Memorial Service in Indiana.)
- ❖ Mary VanValin, whose 4-year-old great niece died on May 11;
- ❖ Charlotte Shea, whose sister died of pancreatic cancer on May 23. We welcome Charlotte back from

Florida where she has been caring for her sister.

- ❖ Jalene Moore, whose father died on May 23.

We hold in our thoughts those recovering from surgery:

- ❖ Candice Lee, Christie McGue, Bob Doughty, Pat Light and Judy Lindenau.

We continue to be concerned about:

- ❖ Jean Saalfeld, Richard Myer, Nancy Doughty, Boyd Baird, and Nancy Gelazin.

—The Pastoral Care Team

Beecy memorial service

Beecy Fraser's memorial service will be held Tuesday, June 17th, at 1:30 pm.

MUSICAL NOTES

Warm Music Thank-You's...

- ♪ To Bob Hicks for leading our UUCGT Jazz Band on May 4, to our generous guests Todd Oliver and Gina Beach, and to our mighty jazz band members: Doug Endicott, Theresa Evans, Mitch Treadwell, Neal Endicott, Jamie Treadwell, Andy Evans, Jeremy Treadwell, Treva Jaffe and Holly Knibbs. Very special thanks to Jeff Hawkins, who was kind (and skilled!) enough to step into the drummer role at the last minute.
- ♪ To Treva Jaffe and daughter Kim Gribi, for very beautiful and moving music on Mother's Day; and to Nancy Peterson and her children Pohai, Nina and Fiona, with Chris Williams, for their wonderful string prelude at the 11:00 service. Thank you to Karen McCarthy for her always amazing singing in "All Will Be Well."
- ♪ To R. Gary Deavel and the members of the Vocal Ensemble, who sang "Beati Quorum Via" so beautifully in the New Member Welcome service on May 18.

- ♪ To Treva Jaffe once again (three times in May!) for singing and playing "American Anthem" on May 25, and to Holly Knibbs for accompanying the congregational singing.

Musicians...

Summer sometimes surfaces new music ideas. Give me a call with yours!

Concert at the art park

We are organizing UUCGT musicians for a summer afternoon concert at the Art Park at Crystal mountain. If you have interest, please let me know.

Contact Rev. Kevin at 922-8146 or revkevin@uucgt.org

"spirit in the bone"

—*engaging our bodies to access our hearts and minds All are welcome!*

Tuesday, June 3 – 7:00-8:15 pm – Watercolor Art, With Caring Hearts. No experience necessary. Join us as we blend colors and our spirits creating simple watercolor washes and then adding simple details on large pieces of paper. We will all work on these together, creating images that evoke each season of the year. The final products will be cut into pieces and will become the artwork for greeting cards for our Pastoral Care Team to use throughout the year, as they send notes to the members and friends that we are holding in our hearts.

Tuesday, June 17 – 7 p.m. All are invited to join us for a quiet and gentle walk in the woods, beginning at the church. Nature, silence, and easy walking together may be just the right combination for connecting on all kinds of levels! Know that you are all warmly welcomed to join us. For more information call Marilyn Madison, Kevin Tarsa, or Mary Van Valin.

Contact Mary Van Valin, Marilyn Madison or Rev. Kevin for more information.

Musings of Our Senior Minister

Two Years
26 May 2008

Our journey together has already lasted two church years. Although I've only been in Traverse City for 22 months, because of our shortened fiscal year this year, we have just completed two full church years. Time flies.

I still get asked, "do you like it here?" My answer is unequivocally "YES!" I am awed by the beauty of northwestern lower Michigan; I enjoy the civic "personality" of Traverse City; and I absolutely love the people in our congregational community.

If these past two years passed quickly, it will be another mere eyeblink before two more have passed, and we'll (potentially) be in a larger, even-busier building, with more services, more concerts, more social justice events, more youth-based activities, more fundraising/social events and yes, an even deeper feeling of community and connection. Please share—with me, and with each other—your dreams for our next two years together.

With Spirit,

the Rev. Chip Roush



The RE Scoop

*To see the Summer Sky
Is Poetry, though never in a Book it
lie –*

True Poems flee.

~Emily Dickinson

True poems flee, and so does time. It's June already! How did that happen?! Here's the scoop for Religious Education for the summer:

June 1, there will be a special presentation about "Spiritual Predators" by Lucky and Dan McKeen, for the Sophia Lyon Fahs, John Murray Atwood, and Youth Groups (approx. grades 5 – 12). The Clara Barton and the Bronson Alcott Groups will continue their current curriculum.

Then, all children and youth will have regular RE activities, in their separate groups, June 8 and 15.

Beginning June 22, we will have combined, multi-age RE experiences every Sunday. We're trying a new idea this summer – a three-week rotation of:

- 1. Special Programs** led by congregants – similar to last year, when we had activities like yoga, a spiritual garden tour, and tie-dyeing
- 2. Social Service** – we will provide desserts and other support for the Tuesday lunch program, among

- other service projects
- 3. Chapel** – the kids will not go into the sanctuary at all, but will hold their own worship service, and engage in activities related to the theme of the service

What can you do to participate? Help put together a "thank-you" event for this year's RE helpers, lead or participate in a Youth Group activity, join the RE Committee, shop for healthy snacks and 100% juice for RE kids, lead a summer Sunday program, help with a social service Sunday, act as a substitute DRE (the job is mostly greeting and preparing snack) on a Sunday morning, and more.

Time flees, like true poems, and to spend time with our amazing UUCGT children and youth is as rewarding as to see poetry in a summer sky. Contact me!

—Karen McCarthy, DRE
dre@uucgt.org

MINDING THE STORE

Spontaneous Fundraising
We are a generous and creative group; many times, members come up with a great idea to raise funds for our general operating fund. For example, last fall Pinkie Hoffmann and Penny Ort organized a successful book sale, and

this summer John and Penny Ort are planning a champagne brunch.

If you make plans for a "spontaneous fundraiser," please inform our Treasurer (currently Leslie Cook), so that she can share the information with the Finance Committee, the bookkeeper and the congregational administrator. This facilitates better communication, and keeps those who need to know informed.

For your generosity and your fun-loving spirit, we thank you.

—Holly Knibbs
(Outgoing) Finance Committee Chair

Used Book Sale

The Annual Used Book Sale is slated for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, August 22, 23, and 24. After you have read all those great books this summer, be sure to donate them to the sale. Of course, please plan to attend the sale, so you will be sure to have great winter reading at bargain prices.

Pinkie Hoffmann and Penny Ort

Call for Artwork

Each season, we sing "Round and Round" at a Sunday Service, and take down an icon of the old season, replacing it with an icon of the new season. We've been using icons made of construction paper, but they're a bit small. So we're inviting the many artists in the congregation to create

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A note from the
Photographer
(About some images on
display at UUCGT)

My booth at the art fair was empty of people when Heather Allen walked into it. I nodded a welcome that she acknowledged with a small smile. Then she immediately turned her attention to looking at the photographs on the display panels.

After silently working her way around the interior, covering about three-quarters of the display with concentrated study, and after a long pause in front of *Through A Glass Darkly*, she turned to me and said, "These photographs speak to you."

I responded, "And if you could say what they speak, what might that be?"

She paused, thoughtful, her brow furrowing with concentration. "Well, they speak of mystery, of some sadness."

I thought to myself, "She's got it exactly." That's how they seem to me most of the time, but of course that is not how they must be for everyone.

So, what are these photographs about anyway? Are they not what they seem to be, pictures of people and places? In general, no.

Of course, by their very nature they appear to be realistic pictures of *something*; some particular thing. But wait a moment before you imagine what that is. Like *Blue Door*, or *Antique Road Show*, each can be seen as a *threshold* to going somewhere. In your imagination.

These photographs are neither intrinsically meaningful nor purposeful. The way *I* read them is not the way you may read them, if you would choose so to do.

When I use the view camera, I see the subject upside down on the ground glass. It is easy for me to see the *design* of the image as well as the subject matter. All of these images are, after all, designs, compositions, in the graphic as well as the literary sense. Snippets of the real world lifted out of their context. Fictions. Excerpts. I've *edited* all of them, as any artist does. You see only what is on the canvass. To go beyond the boundaries of the image you must use your imagination.

I see my photographs as illusions. They are not what they seem to be, and I don't see them as real or even representations of what they appear to be. A photograph of a doorway is obviously not the doorway. But *is* it just a partial representation of a door, a particular door, a springboard to memory of a visit to that particular place? Not for me.

Nor does an image need a title. In giving one I possibly confuse the issue while I attempt to clarify. I am at fault if my titles concretize the image more, putting a straight jacket around an idea rather than freeing the perception. My intent is to suggest more rather than less. I had hoped that by giving titles it would suggest stories. It seemed to work even better when I titled the obvious, i.e.: *Blue Door*. Or worse. One couple approached the photograph and studied it. She noticed the title and read, "*Blue Door*. Hm. Wonder what that *means*." He replied, first removing his cigar from between his lips and flicking the ash, "Sometimes a *Blue Door* is just a blue door."

Don't you love it? But *Blue Door* is a title of an image that pictures more than a blue door. A title is not a description of the story

possibilities of the image, just a "hook" to suggest some access to the image idea. No additional information is conveyed by this title. It is redundant. Is that what caught our observer? The door is *obviously* blue so restating that must mean something less obvious. So now with ambiguity, and with doubt comes a tickle of anxiety... "I wonder what that *means*." Her companion is quick to relieve her of the ambiguity, however, with a reassuring "...just a blue door."

Another visitor exclaimed, "Oh, that's awful! I would never hang that in my home," seeing *Through a Glass Darkly*, and turning quickly away. Then she identified me as the photographer and explained, "I mean, it belongs in a museum."

It may be dangerous to only like a work of art because I am comfortable with it. What I lose if I turn quickly away from an artwork I don't "understand", one that causes me some discomfort, some confusion, is an opportunity for self-examination. I miss a chance to question, "What moods am I experiencing just now? What ideas are conjured up as I look at this picture?" If this artist has a body of work, has been working over time, investing passion and discipline into the endeavor, this work is not just coincidental or serendipitous, but has come about with intention and encapsulated in it is the possibility of some truth that bears ferreting out.

So I ask, as I asked Heather, "If you could say what they speak to you, what might that be?"

—Cal Boulter

From Our Minister of Music

Quite a few years ago now, I came to understand that music is a powerful language for me in this religious effort of ours, but that music itself is not the message. Ever since, I've been on a quest to discover the central "message" of this liberal faith, or at the very least, of MY liberal faith. The ongoing journey has drawn me to seminary study, wherein I have been slowly piecing together fragments of a large and extraordinary puzzle. People around me are quick to say, "Oh, but I know you, you'll never feel that you have ALL the pieces put together!" True, I am not expecting to get all the pieces put together, or not in a way that will last forever anyway, but in the cyclical rhythm of my life, I reach periodic plateaus where enough of the pieces fit together that I can get a solid toe-hold, or set up a base camp for the next part of the journey. The current coming together of the pieces of this puzzle is thrilling and increasingly anchoring for

me, though the new views are swirling inside me, and not ready for clear articulation.

The journey sends me deeply inward, for this next while, to explorations of my inner landscape. I seek a deeper understanding of my own nature, that I might more fully and sustainably offer myself and my gifts to the people and to the world around me. Seminary study, my move to half-time, my chaplaincy training next autumn, and the approaching end of my mother's life all facilitate this inner journey. Though you may not see me as often on Sundays, know that I hold you in my heart, and that the "roads" I travel are meant to help me to reach out with ever greater depth, love and compassion as I grow.

Yours,

Rev. Kevin Tarsá

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new icons. Please submit your idea, or the finished product (one each: spring, summer, fall, winter, between 18 and 36 inches across), to the office by June 15th.

Benzie Summer Services

June 18: Ann Strehle and Barb Skurdall will host a potluck picnic at their home at 6:00. 7291 Fredonia Way, Beulah, Mi, (882-7171 or 882-4332) Guests are welcome. Topic to be announced.

July 9: Richard and Jan Robb will host a potluck picnic at their home at 6:30. 531 Trillium Trail, Gilmore Township. (352-9069) Rev. Ian Lawton, pastor of the Christ Community Church of Spring Lake, MI will speak on "The Role of Liberal Religion in the World Today." The Frankfort CCC North Congregation will join us. Guests are welcome.

August 6: Peg Lawrenson will host a picnic potluck at her home. 933 Crystal Drive, Frankfort (352-4113). Topic to be announced. Guests are welcome.

SOCIAL JUSTICE AND ACTION

There were fabulous happenings at the State Theater, Monday night, April 28! Many, many UUsers were there! This was the night of the Interfaith Series at the State. It was the UU's turn. *The Corporation* was the film to see, lasting over two hours. The audience stayed riveted in their chairs as they learned how Corporations have become even bigger and stronger than people, even in some cases, stronger than our own government!

About 30 people stayed for a discussion afterwards, lead by attorney Paul Bare and Rev. Chip. Chip asked the all-important question, which is the question of the documentary, what are the morals of such a person, the Corporation? That IS the question! We are still left with that question and MUST deal with it!

There were many UU helpers: Anna Bachman, Jerry Beasley, Linda Carps,

Pinkie Hoffman, Holly Gibbs, Mark Gustafson, Solvie Gustafson, Bill Matthias, Richard Miller, John Schneider, Joan Thomas, Jane Watts, Price Watts. MANY THANKS!!!

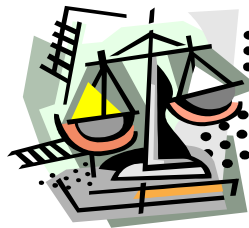
And special thanks for those that helped all evening and stayed after the end of the discussion to help clean up:

Pinkie Hoffman, Slovie and Mark Gustafson, Richard Miller, Jane Watts.

Michigan Health Care Reform is an issue of great concern for most of us.

Over two-thirds of Michiganders want this on the ballot in November, and want it passed! Many UUsers are active in circulating petitions to get it on the ballot. Particular thanks go to Judith Briggs, Lisa Franseen, Mary Lee Orr, Karen Puffin, Cindy Shapiro. We are still collecting signatures. If you have groups where you would like to take petitions, or if you would like to help us collect at places like Farmers Market, please let me know. We have only one month to go and NEED MANY MORE signatures! Thank you!

—Emmy Lou Cholak, 943-7999



**ADULT
PROGRAMS AND
EVENTS**

Wednesday Night
Suppers

The following people have volunteered to host a potluck dinner at their home during the month of June. Ann Dressel, 6/4; John & Pinkie Hoffmann, 6/18; Mary Kiner, 6/25. Social time at 5:30 PM with dinner around 6 PM. On 6/11 we are planning to go to the Beach Bums baseball game. Those interested will have a chance to order tickets on 6/4 and we will purchase them ahead of time.

Questions or concerns?
Contact John or Pinkie (275-3602) or Sally Mitchell (929-2798).

Carolyn McDade!
“Singing into the Peril and Promise of our Times,” a women’s weekend retreat with singer/songwriter Carolyn McDade, September 12-14th, 2008. For information, or to reserve a spot (space is limited), call Peggy Case at (231) 275-2244.

Men’s Group
UUCGT men’s group had a good talk around and excellent meal at Ruby Tuesday’s on Monday may 12. Mark Gustafson has promised one of his interesting monologues for the Monday, June 9 meeting at the same restaurant. All men are invited to join us at that meeting.

In Memory of . . .

In the Sunday service of May 25th honoring memorial Day, congregants were asked to write down names and memories of fallen loved ones. These are their responses.

Stanley Kronk’s service and internment during WWI. Dad served as a Staff Sergeant in the US Army, was captured in the Battle of the Bulge in December 1944, and rescued and released in April 1945. Not caring to share or in any way “celebrate” his memories, Dad never joined the VFW, PLAV or any veteran’s organization until the late 1990s when he founded the Dearborn, MI Chapter of Ex-POWs. At 92 ½, he still holds his memories deep inside him.

Gretchen Kronk

James Mitchell, my dad, folded parachutes for soldiers during WWII. After the war, he attended Michigan State University on the GI Bill and earned a BA in journalism. While I was growing up, my dad always wore his big green Army Air Corps parka when he went out in the winter dark to make a back yard ice rink fir my sisters and me. I remember him eyeing the thermometer until it was between zero and fifteen degrees and then building up to go out in the cold because it was “good freezing weather.”

Melinda Mitchell

Marshall Peterson—

Marshall was a pilot who was shot down while flying an extra mission before retuning home to his wife and deaf daughter.

Marshall is my birth father. I was never able to meet him.

It is thought that he may have become a POW as no evidence of his death was ever found.

Solveig Gustafson

(aka Ouida Jean Quammon Peterson) birth name

My dear friend Tim whose life was forever changed in Vietnam.

My grandfather. At this time I cannot write at length or go into detail because it would take too long. I do wish that as a child I could have understood him better. It has only been recently that I am realizing my love for farming comes from my days with him. It has been a healing power.

Russell Schmidt—He taught us, by his example, the meaning of courage in the face of adversity and ongoing hardship.

Rebecca Dobler

Charles C Wells.

My father led a group of recruits from lake City, MI into the US Army in Ann Arbor, Mito assemble into an army division. There he contracted the famous 1918 Flu from which he survived. He later served in the Coast Artillery as a First Lt. Later on in moving to Traverse City, dad was co-owner of the Grand Traverse Title Company and was elected major of TC in 1931-32.

William W. Wells

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My father B.D. Wayt Sr. Served in WWI on the Dixie Division of the Army.

My brother B.D. Wayt, Jr, Served in the Army Air Force.

My brother Thomas R Wayt. Served in the Army.

Helen Wayt Wells

Dennis Skutt who was killed in the early years of Viet Nam while trying to rescue a fellow soldier.

Keith Rowe

GRonLp2 Gottfried Ort 1870-71 German Army Freimed. Prussian

Dad. John C Ort 1916-17. US Navy. Deceased.

Brother Robert j, Ort 1942-43 US Army. Deceased.

Brother Richard J. Ort 1942-45. US Merchant Marine. Deceased.

Best friend William Howard, 1950. Killed in action, Korea.

Former Student Donald Steele. Vietnam. Killed In Action.

John J. Ort

Owen W. Bock, father of Penny Ort, who served as a Yeoman in the US Navy between WWI and WII.

William A Moore, uncle of Penny Ort, who retired from the US Army as a Lt. Colonel, and his wife Melba Moore who served in WWII as a WAC nurse.

Charles F. Brock, brother of Penny Ort, who served in the US Navy as a 1st Class petty Officer. He died in 1977 in an auto accident while stationed in Charleston, N.C.

James B. Tinsley, son in law of Penny ort, who retired from the U.S. Navy as a 1st Class Petty officer and currently lives in Traverse City. He served in the First Gulf War.

Penny Ort

Jack Burton Still trained to be a bombardier. End up on the island of Tinian where he and buddies spent two years and fortunately missed the "killing field" because of the two years he spent on Tinian. However, even that time of inertia had a potent psychological effect that took a "time of healing" when he came home.

Carol Still

Richard Mitchell in the navy. Korean War.

Wesley Mitchell. World War II

Richard Clark. Served in the navy Air Force in peacetime.

David Ashmore

1923-1994. H Jerry Weber. He served in the marine Raiders in the South Sea islands until they were disbanded. He kept the unit he was in working out to stay in shape. He passed some of that training on being a Boy Scout leader for 13 years. A dear, loving husband.

Max Grant. Brother-in-law served in the navy as a radioman. I thought he was so brave to join the navy.

Ellen Weber

My uncles. WWII vets.

Marion Francis Anderson (Bud). Served in a tank unit in Czechoslovakia. Born 1920-died 1984. ?

Donald R. Fuller flew missions in the European theater, was shot down and rescued by Partisans and returned to Allied Forces to continue flying until the end of the war. 1918-1987. ?

Donald Coney served in an Army unit in Egypt and his first child was born while he was there in 1943. 1921-1978. ?

Two friends who died in Vietnam while flying missions:

Major Steve Friedler

Capt. Lon Richards.

May they remain in our memories.

My father, Louis McGee, who served in the Navy in World War II.

My father in law, Edward Colt, who served in the Army in World War II.

A friend, Tom Wardrop, who served in the Army in Vietnam.

A friend Jay Wheeler, who served in the Army in Vietnam.

Nick J. Cook-Father. Was a tank commander in Patton's army and part of the invasion of Normandy.

Joseph D. Cooke – Uncle

Mary Stoops- Medical Assistant. Mary Stoops was a reservist who was sent to Iraq to work in the Baghdad Medical facility. She was frequently sent on ambulance runs. After a year's service, she returned safely to Traverse City.

Sean Luke, a young man who never grew old enough to have served any country, in a war, for any justice or injustice. A young man whose mind was ill formed by god, for some unknown reason. A young man, who, every day, evokes the now "cliché" that a mother should not outlive her child, but it is much worse than that.

Maggie S(G)ivgras. May 25, 2008.

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P.A. Edwards (1898-1991) US Navy 1917-1919.
S.B. Anway (1839-1914) Union Army (Civil War)
1861-1865,
I. K. West brook (1838-1929) Union Army (Civil War)
Marion Edwards (1908-1988) Waves (1941-1945)

Gordon Hirabayashi
Howard Scott
Henry Blocher

Gordon and Howard were imprisoned for refusing to comply with the military draft. Henry spent his time in service in C. P. S. We were all close friends at the Quaker meeting during the activation of the military draft. Gordon's refusal was to the imprisonment of our citizens of Japanese ancestry.

Paul Kauffman

Bill Hosokawa, journalist, statesman, Nisei interned with his family during WWII. Bill was a kind, gentle, loving man who always recognized the good in people.

Gretchen Kronk

Marvin Howe served in WWII, leaving his wife. He returned when his daughter was 13 mos. Old. He hated the service!

Father

Bryan E. Jessup 1896-1973. Navy in WWI. Fireman on a battle ship.

Brother

Stewart E. Jessup 1924-2002. Air Force in World War II. Navigator on B-29 stationed in Tinian.

Peg Kauffman

David Duffy and Robert Alefs, killed by an enemy mine in the DMZ in Korea-1979.

For the 60,000+ servicemen and servicewomen killed or injured in Korea since 1960.

Howard J. Parker III-Vietnam 1968-1969.

Richard lee Swinson-Korea 1967-68.

Captain Edwin Hughes- WWI and WWII.

Kathy Tack

My father

Harvey C. Myer 1917-1918. One of many who made possible the greatest generation.

Richard Myer

Walter Hunt II
Ron Witt Clem
Jue E Clem

Ed Hartley
Gertrude Hartley
My parents

Al Hartley

My great-grandfather Henry F. Gerber

Lynn Breeden (Vietnam)

My cousin Bill Wolff Perkins who was lost in action during WWII.

Pinkie Hoffman

Robin W. Long
Warren Green wood
John Greenwood

Drexel D. Journey. Cadet midshipman, USN. My brother who celebrated his 19th birthday alongside the flag-raising on Iwo Jima, Feb 23, 1945.

He never spoke of it.

Beverly Gilmore

My three uncles who were members of the Royal Canadian Air Force.

Jack B. Still who was a loving father—always making me feel and that I was able to reach my goals.

Mildred Briggs, whose visionary teaching in piano and theory has enriched my life and achievement daily.

Nancy Still Landfair

Robert W. Fox, my brother who served in the US Navy from 1941-44. Although never sent overseas, he did his job as an aviation machinist mate, maintaining fighter planes for the World War II effort with much pride.

Roger L. Fox-US Navy 1951-55. Korean War. (Not to be forgotten)

Billy Borchers.

Memorial Day honors those who have died while serving in the armed services. Growing up ion Grayling, I knew the young men who died during the Vietnam War only as names and as relatives of my classmate and the families in our small town. (This was during sixth grade thru my junior year of high school).

I was especially touched by the death of a family friend during the summer I was 15. He was killed just before he was to come home by "friendly fire". I've never understood how men (and now women) can go to war—it seems like a senseless way to lose your life. And Billy's death was senseless. War should be fought by old men who start them.

Holly Knibbs

I apologize for any mistakes in spelling. Anyone interested in written copies of Sunday's Memorial Service can obtain it by emailing me at schnjoh@pentel.net

—John Schneider

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Calendar

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June

- 1 Sun** **"Native Americans, Treaties and Spirit," Helen Tanner, ONE SERVICE ONLY AT 10:00 a.m. Childcare provided**
- 1 Sun Ariel Love Graduation Open House, Karl Love, 1:30-4:30 PM
- 1 Sun Buddhist Sitting Group, Fleda Brown, 5-6:30 PM
- 1 Sun Celtic Group, Jeff Hawkins, 7:30-10 PM
- 3 Tue Social Justice Action Committee, 7:00-9:00 PM
- 3 Tue spirit in the bone, K Tarsa, M Van Valin, M Madison, 7:00-8:15 PM
- 4 Wed Board Planning Session, 6-7 PM
- 4 Wed Board of Trustees, Joan Sheard, 7-9 PM
- 4 Wed Dining out (potluck at Ann Dressel's); social time 5:30, dinner at 6 PM. Contact John or Pinkie Hoffmann (276-3602) or Sally Mitchell (929-2798).
- 5 Thur Finance Committee, Holly Knibbs, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- 5 Thur VE BYOD, Mary Cheney, 6:00-7:00 p.m.
- 5 Thur Vocal Ensemble rehearsal, 7-8:30 p.m.
- 5 Thur Family Mental Health, 7-8 p.m.
- 8 Sun** **Integral Spiritual Practice: Types," Rev. Chip, ONE SERVICE ONLY AT 10:00 a.m. Childcare provided**
- 8 Sun Buddhist Sitting Group, Fleda Brown, 5-6:30 PM
- 9 Mon Men's Group, Cottage Café, John Ort, 6-8:00 PM
- 11 Wed Peacemakers Needleworkers, 1-4 PM
- 11 Wed Membership Committee, John Hoffman, 3-5 PM
- 11 Wed Dining out group will go to the Beach Bums game. Contact John or Pinkie Hoffmann (276-3602) or Sally Mitchell (929-2798).
- 12 Thur Vocal Ensemble rehearsal, 7-8:30 p.m.
- 15 Sun** **"Fathers of Universalism and Unitarianism," Cal Boulter and Paul Ward, ONE SERVICE ONLY AT 10:00 a.m. Childcare provided**
- 15 Sun Buddhist Sitting Group, Fleda Brown, 5-6:30 PM
- 17 Tue Beecy Fraser Memorial Service, 1:30 – 3:30 PM
- 17 Tue spirit in the bone, K Tarsa, M Van Valin, M Madison, 7:00-8:15 PM
- 18 Wed Dining out (potluck at Pinkie & John Hoffmann's); social time 5:30, dinner at 6 PM. Contact John or Pinkie Hoffmann (276-3602) or Sally Mitchell (929-2798).
- 19 Thur Family Mental Health, 7-8 p.m.
- 19 Thur Vocal Ensemble rehearsal, 7-8:30 p.m.
- 22 Sun** **"Wage Peace!" Rev. Chip, Vocal Ensemble with R. Gary Deavel, ONE SERVICE ONLY AT 10:00 a.m. Childcare provided**

- 24 Tue Sunday Services Committee, Maura Brennan, 7-9 PM
- 25 Wed Peacemakers Needleworkers, 1-4 PM
- 25 Wed Dining out (potluck at Mary Kiner's); social time 5:30, dinner at 6 PM. Contact John or Pinkie Hoffmann (276-3602) or Sally Mitchell (929-2798).
- 26 Thur Vocal Ensemble rehearsal, 7-8:30 p.m.
- 29 Sun** **"Questioning Souls," Rev. Kevin, ONE SERVICE ONLY AT 10:00 a.m. Childcare provided**
- 29 Sun Buddhist Sitting Group, Fleda Brown, 5-6:30 PM
- 29 Sun Bylaws Review Committee, 11:30-12:30 PM
- July
- 1 Tue spirit in the bone, K Tarsa, M Van Valin, M Madison, 7:00-8:15 PM
- 3 Thur Family Mental Health, 7-8 p.m.
- 6 Sun** **"Acts of Patriotism," open mike service with Maura Brennan, ONE SERVICE ONLY AT 10:00 a.m. Childcare provided**
- 6 Sun Buddhist Sitting Group, Fleda Brown, 5-6:30 PM
- 8 Tues Board of Trustees, Joan Sheard, 7-9 PM
- 9 Wed Peacemakers Needleworkers, 1-4 PM
- 9 Wed Membership Committee, John Hoffman, 3-5 PM
- 13 Sun** **"A Healing Community," Anne Hughes, John Schneider & Rev. Chip, ONE SERVICE ONLY AT 10:00 a.m. Childcare provided**
- 13 Sun Buddhist Sitting Group, Fleda Brown, 5-6:30 PM
- 15 Tue spirit in the bone, K Tarsa, M Van Valin, M Madison, 7:00-8:15 PM
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- 27 Sun** **TBA, ONE SERVICE ONLY AT 10:00 a.m. Childcare provided**
- 27 Sun Buddhist Sitting Group, Fleda Brown, 5-6:30 PM
- 31 Thur Vocal Ensemble, 7-8:30 p.m.
- August
- 3 Sun** **"Grateful Dead: One Man Gathers," Rev. Chip; live band, ONE SERVICE ONLY AT 10:00 a.m. Childcare provided**
- 3 Sun Buddhist Sitting Group, Fleda Brown, 5-6:30 PM