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Sunday, October 5 — Services at 9:30 and 11:00 AM

"PostSecret: Secret Confessions and Forgiveness in the 21st century"

Rev. Chip: Mitch Treadwell, Oboe

A new year has begun, according to the Jewish calendar. It began, as always, with forgiveness. We'll explore why the need to confess is so powerful, and ways that people confess anonymously on the internet.

Sunday, October 12 — Services at 9:30 and 11:00 AM

"First Principles: Our Principles & Purposes #1 of 7"

Rev. Chip

We kick off our "Principles and Purposes" series with #1, the Inherent Worth and Dignity of Every Person. We'll also celebrate our UUA, with "Association Sunday."

Sunday, October 19 — Services at 9:30 and 11:00 AM

"Healing Community"

John Schneider; Vocal Ensemble

John will continue a service by Anne Hughes this summer by examining how we are a healing community and what each individual needs to develop their own more fully. The seven ingredients of a healing community will be the focus: safety, sanctuary, validation, comfort & respite, restoration, challenge and celebration.

Sunday, October 26 — Services at 9:30 and 11:00 AM

"Of Memory and Hope"

Rev. Chip

Celebrate Dia de los Muertos. We'll commemorate our beloved dead, and notice how they continue to affect our lives.

Sunday, November 2 — Services at 9:30 and 11:00 AM

"VOTE!"

Rev. Chip

The second of our "Principles and Purposes" series; this time exploring #5—the Right of Conscience and the Democratic Process.

Sunday, November 9 — Services at 9:30 and 11:00 AM

Life's a Coin Flip?

Rev. Chip

Two recent movies have raised questions about good and evil in human nature. Both films featured coin flips as an important part of their story. Here is one liberal religious answer to the questions of good, evil, chance, fate and free will. SPOILERS! The plots and endings of "No Country for Old Men" and "The Dark Knight" will be revealed.

Sunday, November 16 — Services at 9:30 and 11:00 AM

Finding Common Ground, Celebrating Our Differences (a working title)

Rev. Kevin and Team, with the Vocal Ensemble

Rev. Kevin and a Team of members will offer a service anchored by two pieces of music. "Many windows, one light," observes one piece, and "Walk a mile in your neighbor's shoes," advises the other. How do we navigate the pluralism of our religious community and of our world?

Sunday, November 23 — Services at 9:30 and 11:00 AM

"Wanting What We Have"

Rev. Chip

The "pursuit of happiness" has been detoured onto the treadmill of consumerism. We'll explore how some people are exiting the treadmill, and finding real joy in the process.

**Saturday
October 4, 2008**

7:00 PM

AUTUMN AFFAIR

This is the biggest fundraiser of the year, so we hope to have your support! Questions??

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Musings of Our Senior Minister

Who may speak from our UUCGT pulpit on Sunday mornings? Are there any restrictions, and if so, who makes and enforces those restrictions? If a person is speaking in our pulpit, what are her rights, and/or what are his responsibilities? What are the roles of the ministers, the Sunday Service committee, and the Board, in such decisions? Mark Gustafson raised some excellent questions over the summer. Most of these queries imply another, implicit, question: what, exactly, are we doing on Sunday morning, and why do we do it?

We'll engage these questions in a number of ways, throughout this year. We'll work very hard to provide opportunities for every person who wishes to participate. The first conversations have already taken place, as part of the Board of Trustees' retreat, which was well-facilitated by our Acting District Executive, Nancy Combs-Morgan. We've planned a second conversation (also to be facilitated by Ms. Combs-Morgan), and invited a number of people who had previously indicated their interest in these questions. If you want to take part in these conversations, please tell a Board member, or Rev. Kevin or me. There will be many other opportunities—and you can always contact Rev. Kevin or me, to talk about anything.

With Spirit,
The Rev. Chip Roush

Justice Themes

Dozens of people nominated good causes for our year-long Social Justice & Action theme. The congregation will vote on the first two Sundays of October (and the children will pick their theme later in October). Throughout the year, we will have sermons, religious education opportunities, fundraisers and direct action events around the two themes. Many thanks to everyone who submitted a nomination.

October is Space Peace Month

October is the yearly month for spreading the word from Global Network Against Weapons & Nuclear Power in Space. We need to make a special effort to become informed because the deployment of nuclear weapons is always at the edge of a "button" to deploy and their power is immensely stronger than even those used at Hiroshima. See the newest Global Network newspaper SPACE ALERT! in our UU Library, or pick up copies of the Global Network brochure on the information kiosk...Better yet, sign

up for seasonal delivery of SPACE ALERT and write globalnet@mindspring.com to put your email address on their contact list.

Association Sunday

Join together with thousands of Unitarian Universalists in affirming our common bonds and purposes on the second annual Association Sunday! Our liberal faith is needed to help heal our wounded world, and now is the time to pool our resources to help Grow Our Spirit through new programs for lay theological education and excellence in ministry. Funds raised by this collection (on Sunday, October 12th) will be distributed by the Unitarian Universalist Association as part of President Sinkford's five-year plan to Grow Our Faith. Fifty percent of the money raised will be used as grants to congregations, districts, and seminaries to create new programs for lay theological education and spiritual deepening. The other fifty percent of the money will be divided equally between: Our Ministers' Association's new CENTER

programs for continuing education to promote excellence in ministry; scholarships for promising students preparing for our ministry; and the Diversity in Ministry Team's initiative to support our ministers of color. Come ready to give generously to help grow our spirit and faith; we are better together!

Pictures & Mementoes to Oct 26th Service

Everyone is invited to bring pictures and other mementoes of departed loved ones, to place on the chancel for our annual remembrance service. This year, it will take place on October 26th. If you want to place a picture, but cannot attend that morning, call Rev. Chip or the office, to make arrangements.

Seeking Poetry, Essays

Thank you again for your contributions; now we are seeking poetry or short articles on compassion, Divali, and life transitions (births, marriages, graduations, deaths, etc.) Please email Rev. Chip, or drop them off at the office.

The RE Scoop



The 2008-2009 Religious Education year is underway! We've already held several weeks of multi-age activities -

painting beautiful chairs to be auctioned at the Autumn Affair (our congregation's special fundraiser) and making artwork for notecards to be sold there, and playing Getting-to-Know-You Games.

Sunday, October 5th will begin our RE year in separated age groups. Due to the ages of the children enrolled and the difficulty of finding adult volunteers to lead RE activities, the Religious Education Committee and I have decided to offer 4 RE groups instead of 5. In general, all groups will focus on Unitarian Universalist identity and values, as well as on social justice, compassion for others, and various spiritual paths.

We'll all examine the concept of Voting Oct. 5th - Nov. 2nd, and focus on preparing the Pageant (The Quiltmaker's Gift) Nov. 9th - Dec. 14th. Then there will be two weeks of multi-aged holiday activities. Beginning in January, the following will be the activities of the various groups:

Beatrix Potter Group (approx. ages 3-7, preschool - 1st grade)

In this group, a welcoming, inclusive environment invites religious awareness and learning with lessons from a new UUA curriculum, Wonderful Welcome, which encourages children to honor their own wondrous qualities, and extend that awareness to things and people around them.

Christopher Reeve Group (approx. ages 8-11, grades 2-5)
"Superman" became a UU after his accident, seeking comfort and Spirituality that included his reason and all his emotions. This group will engage in the lively activities of the UUA curricula Superheroes in Unitarian Universalism, and Superheroes from the Bible. We'll also examine World Religions through the Holidays and Holy Days curriculum.

Susan B. Anthony Group (approx. ages 12-14, grades 6-8)
This is an important time for kids in our congregation. They'll explore UU identity through the Traditions With a Wink curriculum. They may choose to take part, beginning in January, in a Coming of Age program, which will be conducted outside of Sunday morning, and will culminate with a congregational celebration of this essential rite of passage. Some kids in this age group are also concluding the Our Whole Lives Sexuality Education curriculum, led by specially trained facilitators, which began last spring.

UUth Youth Group (approx. ages 14-18, grades 9-12)

This age group has a rich history of influence in our faith: the Unitarian youth and the Universalist youth led the way to the merger of the two churches in 1961! These high schoolers will choose a few candidates for a Social Justice project that will be voted on by all the RE kids for the entire congregation to engage in for the year. Traditionally, in December, the Youth Group leads the congregation in collecting mittens to donate to a needy elementary school. Also, at least once this year they will design and lead a worship service for the whole congregation. At the end of the year, we hold a bridging ceremony to honor those graduating from high school.

Help is needed! As Rev. Chip and I stated during a recent Sunday service, the children and youth in our congregation are ALL our children, and their Religious Education depends on all our congregation's members. Caring adults are needed to lead all groups, and there are many behind-the-scenes opportunities to support the spiritual growth of our youngest members. Please contact me soon and tell me what YOU will do for our kids!

Karen McCarthy, DRE
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UUCGT offers nursery care with a paid professional child-care giver for infants through children age 3, free of charge, at both of our weekly Sunday services, 9:30 and 11:00 am.

ALL ABOUT US

Sharing Joys

Mark Gustafson was Pastoral Care's September Caregiver of the Month.

Sally Mitchell celebrated her 80th birthday on September 16.

Peg & Paul Kauffman have been married 62 years.

Holly Knibb's mom, Mary Jane, had two stents successfully placed in her femoral artery and now walks pain free and is able to go out shopping.

Jamie & Mitch Treadwell have been volunteering to register voters this summer.

Krystal Miller's daughter, Whitney, a U of M student, had her photographs in an art show recently.

Phil & Joann Rosi have a new grandson, Rinaldo, born in Anchorage, Alaska.

Many UUs provide care to one another, often without anyone else knowing about it and we acknowledge them with appreciation.

Sharing Concerns

Bob Reinhardt and his family mourn the death of Kay in September.

Boyd Baird and Arline Howe struggle as Boyd's condition continues to deteriorate.

Mary Cheney would have celebrated with Bill their 30th anniversary on September 22nd.

Daniel Cote is balancing his medical residency with single parenting Autumn, Celeste and Linden.

Linda Dunigan's son, Shane, is undergoing chemo and radiation therapies.

Duane Marcotte is moving to Kansas.

Mary Ann Rivers' friend died.

Carole Greilick is raising Olivia & Parker as a single parent.

Margaret Tarsa has good and bad days as she deals with terminal cancer.

Pat Trezise is undergoing respiratory

therapy.

Carol Messick has a friend with a brain tumor.

Ann Dressel will have knee surgery October 2.

Those we hold in our hearts and minds:

Susanlou & Robert Adair

Maggie & John Gingras

Elizabeth Norris

Bill Thomas

Advanced directive

We continue to work towards the goal of having all UU's complete an advanced directives document, such as "Five Wishes". As we talk to people, we frequently get positive responses suggesting that you are somewhere in the process of accomplishing the goal, but due to unanswered questions, denial or distractions, haven't completely finished the project. If you have your document completed and have provided your physician, the hospital, and UUCGT with copies, great! If not, the Team is available to assist, so just ask any one of us for help.

Your Pastoral Care Team

Minding The Store

Another call for greeters! The greeters group needs more participants. Please think about the pleasure you give yourself and the service to the UUCGT. The bigger our group, the less weight falls on each individual. Please consider and contact Ann Dressel, 922-0483 or the church office, 947-3117. Thank you.

Publishing, anyone?

Our Beacon editor, Jim Cook, would dearly love to have someone join him in the monthly enterprise of compiling the newsletter. Some typing skills would be handy. And just imagine, you'll gain a marketable skill by learning how to

use Microsoft Publisher...if you don't already know how. Do it!

Contact Jim at: 941-4648 or

jcook2@mhc.net.

Adult Programs and Events

Safe Harbor :

UU participation in feeding the homeless for Safe Harbor at the Bayview Wesleyan Church is March 14th through Mar. 20th, 2009. A sign up sheet will be available soon.

Volunteers will also needed to be able to fill in for meals on a short notice, other than our assigned week. Volunteers will also have the opportunity to sign up for several different tasks;

a. volunteering to stay over night during our time or on short notice.

b. volunteering to help clean up mornings after the guests have gone for the day.

Henge of Seekers Event

UUCGT's Celtic nature-spirituality group will host a Full Moon Circle on Saturday, October 18th at 6PM. This will include a ceremony with an Eistefodd (time for sharing spiritually meaningful events, poetry, prose, etc) in our safe and sacred space. More details to come in the Flash and Order of Service. All are welcome who wish to explore nature spirituality and to honor our sacred Selves. We hope you will join us! We will also be gathering to create sacred space to honor our Ancestors and celebrate the Celtic New Year on October 28th at 7:30 PM. All who would enter the circle honoring each others' Sacred Selves and the wisdom of our Celtic ancestors are welcome. Please call or email if you have questions about the group or the ceremony of Samhuinn.

Jeff Hawkins /\,

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From Our Minister of Music

I have just begun my time in Clinical Pastoral Education at Munson. (As part of my seminary study I am learning to function as a hospital chaplain). While I may sometimes be called in to attend to given individuals or families, I will otherwise begin by building relationships with hospital staff, and keeping my eyes, ears and heart open for anyone who might want, need or benefit from a pastoral presence.

We liberal religious folk are more likely to hold an attitude of “We’re here and available if you need us,” and we’re often hesitant to insert our religious selves into the lives of others, particularly people we have not yet met, but that is what I am being asked to do, and I am both frightened and excited by the possibilities. Wandering, watching, listening for, feeling out need. Finding non-intrusive ways to meet a person’s pained presence for the sake of their well-being. Not only is this the journey at

hand for me this fall, but also, it seems to me, an important part of the journey for a religious community like ours. Wandering, watching, listening for, feeling out need. Finding non-intrusive ways to meet a person’s pained presence for the sake of their well-being.

I will have both journeys in mind as I walk through the Emergency Room area, or an ICU, or the surgical waiting room, or as I visit a nurses' station, with my eyes, ears and heart as wide open as I can brave. I encourage you to look for the need around you, wherever you spend your days.

(Please let me know whenever you are or will be in the hospital. I would be honored to see you.)

yours,
Rev. Kevin

MUSICAL NOTES

MUSIC THANK YOU’S...

- to the UUCGT Resumption Sunday Orchestra on September 7th, with a special thanks and welcome to first timers Max Oldbear and Don Norton, violin, and first-time-on-French-horn, Forest Jarvis! Also: Paul Heaton, Nina, Fiona, and Pohai Muller, Nancy Peterson, Chris Williams, Paula Ward, Bill Wells, Jamie and Mitch Treadwell, Jon Mead, Theresa Evans, Jeremy Treadwell, Treva Jaffe, Andy Evans, Gary Deavel and Jeff Hawkins.
- to Treva Jaffe, for her always wonderful singing (“Children Will Listen”) and playing, and accompanist Holly Knibbs on Sept 14th.
- to Mary Anne Rivers, for beautiful auto-harp playing, as well as her marvelous song, “Old Age Is Not For Sissies” in the September 21st services focused on “aging well.”
- to the warm and wonderful Paul and Paula Ward, and accompanist

R. Gary Deavel for music in the September 28th “Bioneers” services.



VOCAL ENSEMBLE

..continues on Thursday nights, from 7:00 to

9:00 The choir includes accomplished, trained musicians, as well as people who simply love to sing, and all sorts in between. New members, teens and adults, are welcome. Contact Rev. Kevin to get on the mailing list, to have questions answered, and to determine voice part.



MUSICIANS!

Now is the time to map out our music plans for the year. Please contact your fellow musicians and Rev. Kevin to get your music on our map.

More Adult Programs and Events

Chili Cook Off

Like a little spice in your life? Love eating great homemade food? Interested in helping raise money for this year's Justice Project? Then join us after 11:00AM service on Sunday, November 2nd for a UUCGT Chili Cook-Off! 100% of the proceeds will go toward the congregation's Justice Project (suggested \$5.00 donation the day of). Come join your UUCGT friends for a chili lunch and samples of the entries. Those who partake will be asked to vote for their favorite chili in both the 'White Chili' and 'Red Chili' categories, with a champion to be selected from each and mystery prizes to be awarded. We are looking for volunteers of time and food/beverage for this event, and need the following:
At least 4 chili entries in each of our two categories: White Chili and Red Chili
Set up and Clean Up Volunteers
4 or 5 loaves of bread (sliced or rolls)
Volunteers to bring beverages and 2 or 3 desserts (we have to have a

Social Justice

PLEASE, PLEASE make sure that you and all your family and friends are registered to vote. The last day to register is Oct. 6th. Are your college kids registered? Any citizen 18 or older may vote. Please uphold your rights and responsibilities!!!! We all thank you!

The next meetings of the **Social Justice and Action** committee will be on two Tuesdays, September 30th, and October 21st, at 7PM. It is at this committee, where we have enthusiastically been discussing how to select a project that will interest and involve many of our congregants. Please come and have your say. We need your interest, caring, and good ideas. Thank you!

There will be a **Health Care** Roundtable at 7 PM on Friday Oct. 24th, here at the UU. John Freeman, State Director of Health Care for America Now (HCAN) will present, followed by questions and answers. Brief comments from our state and federal elected officials and candidates are welcomed. FREE, ALL WELCOMED, but any donations are gladly accepted. It's time for an American solution that will guarantee our families' health and a healthy economy. The first order of business for the new President and Congress in 2009 should be to pass health care legislation that guarantees quality, affordable health care for all. We must act now. The longer we wait to fix our broken health care system, the harder it will be for us to get the health care we need. There will be light delicious refreshments with continued informal discussion after presentations.

Immigration is an important and pressing social justice issue in our country. The ACLU is inviting

all to attend, FREE, Thursday Oct. 2nd @ 6:30PM @ TADL, to view a documentary and hear a distinguished speaker on this topic. Nationally acclaimed immigration lawyer Nancy Elkind will discuss the issues and answer questions.

Joanne Sheard has brought to our attention the need for **volunteers at the Dept. of Human Services**. Due to our economic situation, they are having clientele who do not know how to navigate the system. Can you help? If interested contact Joanne or e-mail Colleen Ryan at DHS, ryanc2@michigan.gov.

Many of us coffee drinkers enjoy an extra cup for our UU every morning. When we buy organically grown, environmentally friendly, native people supporting coffee thru our own UU and the local coffee company, Higher Grounds, we are also helping our UUCGT! We get a lower rate on the bulk coffee that we buy from Higher Grounds. This is good for us and allows us to charge about 25 cents added to that lower price per pound. You still pay less than when you buy it in a store, AND you are fiscally supporting UU! Thanks for participating! Please fill out the form and leave your check by the last Sunday of the month. Then with the coming of the first Sunday of the month, your coffee will be here! Thanks to everyone who has been buying thru the UU.

Also special thanks to **Candace Lee** and **Jane Watts**. They ordered and also sorted the coffee during June, July, August, when I was unavailable to do it. Many thanks!!!!

Register to vote!!!!

Emmy Lou 943-7999

More Adult Programs and Events

balanced meal after all right?) Please contact Sarah Montgomery if you are interested in assisting with this Justice Fundraiser

- semsunflower@gmail.com
or 231-690-7931

One-Day Meditation Retreat Saturday, October 18

The meditation group that meets regularly on Sunday evenings would like to invite you to join us for a one-day meditation retreat on October 18th at UU. We practice simple Vipassana techniques—basically quieting the mind by paying attention to the breath—derived from the ancient Theravada school of Buddhism. Vipassana techniques are suitable for anyone—those with any or no religious beliefs. The word Vipassana simply means to see things as they really are. Haven't ever meditated before? Maybe you've thought of giving it a try, or maybe you already meditate at home but haven't yet ventured out to sit and talk about the practice with others. You'll be surprised at how powerful a day of meditation with others can be—it's a crash course in focusing and learning to sit still, drawing from the strength of the group.

There's no charge for the retreat—bring a bag lunch—but if you're not a member of UU, donations for use of the space would be welcome. Contact Fleda Brown, 231-935-3752 or fleda@udel.edu, for more information.

Schedule for Saturday, October 18th (The retreat is silent except for designated discussions. Please arrive in time for the introduction, but after that, you can feel free to opt out of any session or adapt the schedule in any way that helps you). 8:00-8:15 arrive at UU and get settled

More Adult Programs and Events

8:15-8:30 introduction and discussion of procedures
8:30-8:55 sitting meditation
9:00-9:25 walking meditation.
9:30-9:55 sitting meditation
10:00-10:45 a little teaching and group discussion of the practice
10:50-11:15 walking meditation
11:15-11:45 sitting meditation
11:45-12:00 explanation of eating meditation
12:00-12:30 silent lunch
12:30-1:00 group discussion
1:00-3:25 alternating walking and sitting meditation
4:00-4:45 brief sitting and final talking together

Men's Group

UU MEN'S GROUP will be meeting at Ruby Tuesday's restaurant on Monday, October 13th. All men are cordially invited to attend. Please come and share the camaraderie and lively conversation. Good food and reasonable prices. We hope to see you there! Questions? Call John Ort 932-8766. Reservations are not necessary.

Labyrinth

Old Mission Labyrinth is available for anyone interested at 3469 Old Mission Road. Call John Schneider for directions: 231 223-9299.

Patient Advocacy Series

will begin on Wednesday evening, October 22nd at 7PM. This program is designed to help us minister to each other when in health care needs. Sponsored by the Pastoral Care Advisory Team, it will be held monthly as part of the Wednesday Evening Program. Those interested can come earlier for dinner (Donation: \$4), or just for the meeting. First session will be: Preparing for

Notes from the President...

The Board was "in retreat" during meetings held on September 3, 5, and 9. The Board and Senior Minister requested the assistance of the Heartland Acting District Executive during this retreat to facilitate discussions on conflict resolution, right-relations, and covenant building. We decided at that time to ask her to return in October and work with a larger group of congregants who had self-identified as wishing to be part of those conversations. As the year progresses, all congregants will be invited to participate in similar small groups.

September 9 Action Step: Ratified the authority and action of the Sign Committee. (John Noonan, Bill Scharf, Karen Culp, Richard Miller, Bob Doughty, Marilyn Mayo)

September 9 Discussion Items: 1) The need for a new Stewardship Campaign Chair/Co-Chair 2) Leadership Development within the Congregation

Finally a note of thanks to Mary Ann Force, Bonnie and Bill Mathias, and Kay Sturgeon who did "fall cleaning in the kitchen on September 13th."

In Faith
Joan Sheard

medical procedures- John Schneider and Pastoral Care Advisory team.
Future patient advocacy programs may include:
Legal issues in health care
Denial and the failure to plan
Raising consciousness and creating choices about drugs
Alternative ways to help others deal with pain
Slow medicine

Wednesday Suppers and Programs

Wednesday suppers will start with a potluck on the first Wednesday October 1st, in the Social Hall. Programs to start on Wednesday, October 15th. Supper at Six, social time at five thirty. Everybody is welcome. Program is separate - that is, we can come to the programs without having supper, or come to supper also. Programs start at seven, conclude by eight, including discussion time. We have lots of ideas but always want more! Have some ideas? Contact John Hoffmann, Sally Mitchell, Mercedes Kimling, LE or HG

Smith, Ann Dressel. Here are some categories to get you thinking: travel (been some place?), art, musical performances, Unitarian Universalist history & ideas or organization, food, health, dancing, exercise, discussion topics (want to talk?) games, plays, readings (poetry reading, anyone?), science, digital photography, recreational interests - (know of some good hiking trails?), experiences to share (been to a political convention?), written a book lately (or know someone who has, demonstrations (know any magic tricks?), good books, helpful news articles, essays to review, making things, ... and on and on. Let us know.

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Calendar

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October

- 1 Wed Supper at Six, potluck, social time 5:30. Note: no program this time.
- 2 Thur Family Mental Health, 7-8 p.m.
- 4 Sat Autumn Affair, Rebecca Dobler, 7 – 10 PM
- 5 Sun “PostSecret: Secret Confessions and Forgiveness in the 21st Century,” Rev. Chip; services at 9:30 & 11:00 AM Childcare @ 9:30, RE @ 11:00**
- 5 Sun Buddhist Sitting Group, Fleda Brown, 7:30-9 PM
- 8 Wed No Supper at Six,
- 12 Sun First Principles: Our Principles & Purposes #1 of 7,” Rev. Chip,” services at 9:30 & 11:00 AM Childcare @ 9:30, RE @ 11:00**
- 12 Sun Buddhist Sitting Group, Fleda Brown, 7:30-9 PM
- 14 Tue Board meeting, Joan Sheard, 7-9 PM
- 15 Wed Peacemakers Needleworkers 1-4PM
- 15 Wed Supper AT Six; social time 5:30; Program @ 7. Joe and Marilyn Dressel: Safe Harbor-Where we've been and where we're going
- 16 Thur Family Mental Health, 7-8 PM
- 18 Sat Buddhist Meditation Group Retreat, Gretchen Kronk, 9 AM - 6 PM
- 19 Sun “Healing Community,” John Schneider, UUCGT Vocal Ensemble, services at 9:30 & 11:00 AM Childcare @ 9:30, RE @ 11:00**
- 19 Sun Bylaws Review Committee, Mary Grover, 12:30-1:30 PM
- 19 Sun Buddhist Sitting Group, Fleda Brown, 7:30-9 PM
- 22 Wed Supper at Six. Social time 5:30. Program @ 7. Nancy Kaetchen for Michigan Citizens for stem cell research
- 24 Fri Health Care Reform event Emmy Lou Cholak 6:30-9:30PM
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- 25 Tue Sunday Services Committee Maura Brennan 7-9PM
- 26 Wed Peacemakers Needleworkers 1-4PM
- 26 Wed Supper at Six. Social time 5:30. Program @ 7.
- 30 Sun TBA Rev. Chip; services at 9:30 & 11:00 AM Childcare @ 9:30, RE @ 11:00**
- 30 Sun Bylaws review committee. Mary Grover 12:30-1:30PM
- 30 Sun Buddhist Sitting Group, Fleda Brown, 7:30-9 PM