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February Newsletter

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February 2, 2014

"To Save or To Savor the World?"

The Rev. Gail R. Geisenhainer

Unitarian Universalism focuses too much on Social Justice and Social Action. Unitarian Universalism focuses much on Spirituality and Prayer. I hear both. Are they the opposites they are presented as being? Is there a balance?

February 9, 2014

"Some Reflections on the History of Race Relations in Ann Arbor"

The Rev. Mark Evens

To live our values well we must connect deeply with what is. To understand the present and help create the future we must understand the past and how it continues today. Let's learn some things about Ann Arbor and its surrounding communities together.

February 16, 2014

"The Practice of Mindfulness"

The Rev. Mark Evens

Abraham Lincoln said, "If I had eight hours to chop down a tree, I'd spend six sharpening my ax." The mind is our most important tool for living.

February 23, 2014

"Love Engaged"

The Rev. Gail R. Geisenhainer

Standing on the Side of Love is a powerful program, an important initiative joined by interfaith congregations across the USA and beyond. I support Standing on the Side of Love. However, I also want a slogan, a game plan, a way of being religious in the world that sounds less passive, that offers a challenge to greater engagement in the lives of others.



From Our Staff

Gleanings

Reflections from Rev. Gail R. Geisenhainer, Senior Minister



"To keep what you have, you must give it away." It's true for love. It's true for wealth. It is true for wisdom. To keep what we have we must give it away. I think that holds true for knowledge, effectiveness, power, authority, passion, beauty, truth..., and most everything that matters.

I've heard it said that we are here in Unitarian Universalist religious community "to learn to love better." (L. Ibrahim) I believe we learn to love by loving. We learn to love by giving freely of our love. We learn to love by opening to the risk of being seen and loved for who we are, as we are.

We learn to love ourselves better by writing new narratives for ourselves. We learn to love others better by taking risks. By giving of ourselves, one to another, we learn to love better. By giving of what we have - away - we become more possessed of what we have that matters. We grow in deep possession of what we can hold that has

actual, enduring value.

That's what we do here in this Beloved Community. We worship, weep, celebrate, sing, labor, love, and learn together. Giving freely away that which we have, we grow in wisdom. Risking openness with one another, we learn to love better.

Always, always, all this is toward the end that we give away, turn outward in compassion and solidarity, give freely out to a bruised and beautiful world, our deeper love, our more enduring service, our convicted hope and steadfast solidarity.

Graced, Blessed are we to wake into knowing, we have so much to share.
My Love to Each,
Rev. Gail

Action Alert:

Stay tuned for information on **February 25th** about **Marriage Equality in Michigan**. There may be a window when same-sex marriages are momentarily legal in Michigan. If that legal moment opens, I will be at the Washtenaw County Clerk's office to offer marriage services on the spot.

Please stay tuned to this. And please send me information as you learn it.
Rev. Gail



Musings

Rev. Mark Evens, Associate Minister

February is a Great Month for Starting Something New

February is perhaps the best month of the year to begin starting something new here in our Congregation. If there is an activity or a group you have been thinking we should have here but don't, February is a great month plant a seed and start cultivating it.



The blessing of being a larger Congregation is that we do have many groups and points of connection an engagement already established - places to connect socially, groups where you can put the work of your heart, hands and mind to good use working for social justice, groups that can feed your soul and deepen your spiritual or intellectual life.



A challenge of being a larger Congregation is that path of combining an idea with energy, structure and people to make something new, vital, and important happen, the path of starting a new group, can be hard to understand and navigate. We are working to make things clearer, simpler, and more straight forward.

The first step: check the web site and with Hannah Hotchkiss to be sure we don't already have the group you are interested in someplace where you might not have found it.

Next, gather at least two other people here who share your desire and vision for this new group. Two of you must be members in good standing of the Congregation (have signed the membership book, have a current financial commitment to the Congregation).

Then, get a Group Recognition Request Form. This form is designed to engage you in a process of thoughtful reflection and dialog to help you articulate how the group you envision will help us better be the Congregation we are here to be. How will your group's activities align with the Congregation's core values? How will your group's activities help us achieve the Board of Trustee's current strategic goals? What resources in terms of money and staff time will your group need to be successful? Once you start engaging these questions staff can provide you feedback, assistance and encouragement in developing your ideas and plans.

By starting in February we can have a better chance of finding some funds in the current budget year and get you well prepared to submit a request for the following calendar year's budget in October.

The body of our Congregation is made of people who gather in small groups that build trust and help us satisfy our needs for connection, meaning, and effective action. Group gardeners are welcome and essential to our fruitfulness. Start planting now!



The Business of Church

Thom Bales, Executive Director

Someone with damage to the right temporal portion of his or her neocortex experiences aprosodia, the inability to discern or transmit the emotional meaning and nuance of speech. While uncommon, the condition is nonetheless severe. Think about it. Sentences with identical semantic structure can have opposite meanings. Telling someone "Nice shoes!" can mean anything from "you're very stylish" to "what were you thinking?" However, most folks will discern your intention rather naturally by the prosody you use when speaking.



However, in email, everyone is aprosodic. The nature of the medium - terse sentences without emotional inflection - guarantees it. That is why we so often misunderstand one another so easily by email (and why it is so much easier to lie on the internet). I would bet we all have horror tales of misunderstanding someone's email and/or being misunderstood by one. 1

While e-mail and other social media may have made it easier to communicate, they have quite often degraded the quality of communication. Emoticons - text based emotional inflectors - don't hold a candle to real emotions.

I think of it as substituting communication quantity over quality. Sherry Turkle, Professor of the Social Studies of Science and Technology at MIT, contrasts the tradeoff deficit of current communication technology more broadly as movement from "conversation to connection":

"We are tempted to think that our little 'sips' of online connection add up to a big gulp of real conversation. But they don't. E-mail, Twitter, Facebook, all of these have their places - in politics, commerce, romance and friendship. But no matter how valuable, they do not substitute for conversation." ("The Flight from Conversation", S. Turkle, The New York Times, April 2012)

If our goal were to actually build a beloved community, how would we foster clearer and less confusing communication with one another? What tools and resources would we promote, and which would we discourage, so that we all had more mutually engaged, full-bodied conversation and less isolating connection?

I invite each of you to reflect deeply with me on these questions and let's converse with one other.

My door is open to you.

1 For a fuller presentation on the brain, aprosodia and communication, I recommend the beautifully written A General Theory of Love by Thomas Lewis, M.D, Fari Amini, M.D. and Richard Lannon, M.D (Vintage Books USA, 2000).

2 Turkle's opinion piece is a summary of concerns she had previously raised in the book, Alone Together: Why We Expect More From Technology and Less from Each Other (Basic Books, New York, 2011). If you don't have time to read, then check out her Ted Talk here - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t7Xr3AsBEK4>.



Spiritual Growth and Development (SGD) in Action **Sandy Garges, Director of Spiritual Growth and Development**

The current season for the Spiritual Growth and Development Program is one of gratitude for the vibrant programs we enjoy and for the 308 children and youth registered in the program. Each class group has its own story but I will share a few examples of classroom undertakings.

The 9th grade Coming of Age youth recently completed their Alpha House Giving Tree endeavor. During the month of December, they collected needed items for Alpha House and then, in early January, students and their mentors delivered the items to Alpha House. This class group continues to serve our community through volunteering at the shelter during the UUA sponsored week of service. In another classroom, our first service kindergarten/first grade children recently learned about what it means to be differently abled. Under the guidance of Michelle Ferguson, a volunteer SGD teacher, and Charlie Pekarek, a special guest, the children were provided the space to ask all of their questions with support, love, and without judgment. We are blessed indeed.



It is also a season of planning. The SGD Adult Education Advisory Team (AEAT) is currently discerning the course offerings for the spring session. If you would like to learn more about Adult SGD, contact Charley Burleigh, Chair of the AEAT, at chburleigh@aol.com.

It may be cold outside but Debra Golden is already coordinating the summer program. She is creating a theater-themed summer adventure for our K-8 youth. Recruiting for summer teachers is also underway. Please see Debra Golden's article to learn more.

With care,
Sandy Garges



SGD Program

News from the Harper Room

Julie Dybdahl, Lead YRUU Advisor



Happy New Year from the YRUU! After a lo-ong winter break, we're back to our regular Sunday morning meetings. We've listened to another TED talk by Mark Rowe (the host of "Dirty Jobs" TV show) and talked about what factors make a job a "good job." In a couple of weeks, UUAA member Steve Nason, who is a retired career counselor, will be visiting us to do some thinking about future career decisions.

In mid-February we will be taking our annual YRUU Ski/Winter Sports trip to northern Michigan. Once again this year, Mark Doman and Jane Allen will host us in their vacation home outside of Petosky. We'll go skiing, snowboarding, tubing, ice skating, and just playing in the snow, as well as cooking meals and hanging out inside together. Every year Jane makes a fabulous breakfast of crepes with whipped cream and berries; this alone is worth the travel!

I believe we have a first this year: Seven YRUU youth have joined an international indoor soccer team organized by UUAA member Jenny McKillop. Unfortunately, their games are Sunday mornings, but since they play close by, the players can join us in class after they're done. It's great to see the youth really connecting this year, and getting together outside of official YRUU events as well.

On the horizon: planning for the YRUU-led church services on March 30 and our summer service trip.



SUUpper Plays

**Debra Golden, SGD Program Assistant and
Summer Program Coordinator**



This summer's K-8 program is focused on theater - short scripts about UU's, our shared stories, holidays, Principles, and concerns. The scripts are written by UU Richard S. Kimball and he includes discussion topics as well as suggested activities to go with them. I am also including fun theater games, warm ups, and other activities to more fully engage all ages.

Kimball's plays are amusing but also offer something to ponder. For example, one play questions how far this "everyone has rights" goes when it involves the family pet. How would you mime the Principles without words? Another more serious script deals with grief and loss. How do we convey deep emotions? Yet another story talks

 about time: speed of line delivery and action will be fun to play with here.

Sound like fun? We are recruiting adults to engage with us -some teachers and assistants with or without theater experience- to make this program possible. I will teach those interested some of my favorite acting games and share basic acting tips to pass on to the students. We have some fun books with activities to choose from to add movement and build community. Lessons may take place outside or inside. If it's a lovely day, we may use the canopy in the play area to perform or take advantage of our outside space for more lively games.

Debra Golden,
SGD Program Assistant and Summer Program Coordinator



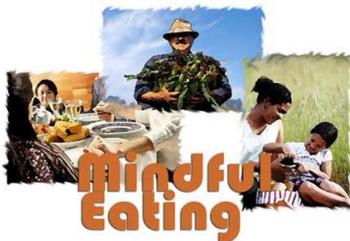
Activities and Events

Plant-Strong Potluck * Saturday, February 1

Come to a vegan family potluck in the Fahs Chapel from 12:00-2:00pm. Bring a plant-based vegan dish without meat, fish, eggs, dairy, honey, or other animal products. Enjoy the company of fellow mindful eaters, share information, and eat delicious food. Bring table service and serving tools. Doorprize: a cookbook. Questions? Contact Donna Estry at 734-484-0913 or estry@umich.edu, or Jenny McKillop at finnabar@gmail.com.



Meet Your Farmers * Sundays, February 2 & 16



The Mindful Eating Coalition presents the last two in their *Meet Your Farmers* series. Both are on Sundays from 1:00-2:15pm in the Kemnitz Room.

February 2: Alex Cacciari and Mark Nowak of Seeley Farm will talk about their beginnings as one of the first farms in the Tilian Farm Development Center to where they are now: on a rented 30-acre farm in Ann Arbor Township raising certified organic vegetables. [Click here](#) for a flier.

February 16: Richard Andres and Deb Lentz of Tantre Farm in Chelsea along with several interns, will discuss their mission to produce and distribute fresh, organic produce while serving as an educational, sustainable, and social network to the surrounding community. [Click here](#) for a flier.

Questions? Ask Cathy Muha at cmuha@att.net or 734-475-9805.



Round Robin * Friday, February 14

Join others in small groups of adults for an evening of food, conversation, and congeniality. The next dinner will be on Valentine's Day, Friday, February 14. This is a wonderful way to get to know a few UUs at a time. Contact Sally Preston at sally@pctraining.net by Wednesday, February 5 to be added to the Round Robin dinner list.



Men's Breakfast * Saturday, February 15

All men are invited to attend the Men's Breakfast at 8:15am at the Classic Cup Cafe. The Cafe is located at 4389 Jackson Road, about one mile west of Wagner Road. Enjoy good food and make new friends. Meetings are held the third Saturday of each month. Questions? Contact Fred Lynch at 734-665-9904.





Game Day * Sunday, February 16

Game Day is for everyone. Stop by for a friendly board game or card game from 1:00-4:00pm. Fun for all ages and stages. Many games will be provided, but feel free to bring a favorite. Enjoy a potluck lunch. All are welcome and bringing a dish is appreciated, but not required. Questions? Contact Robin Hawman at 734-207-1762 or robin_n_alex@yahoo.com.



Singing on the Side of Love * February 18



Interweave invites everyone to the "Singing on the Side of Love" event with music director Glen Thomas Rideout on Tuesday, February 18. Join for a potluck at 6:00pm with the program at 7:00pm in the Social Hall. Questions? Contact Leigh Robertson at leigrobe@umich.edu or 734-678-2805.



[Click here](#) to download a program flier.



Intro to OUUr Faith * Saturday, March 8

An introduction to Unitarian Universalism for newcomers and long-time members: Taught by Rev. Mark Evens and a board member, topics include the history of UU and this Congregation, governance at UUAA, how to get involved, the meaning and responsibilities of membership, and participants' own spiritual journeys.

This class will be held from 10:00am-2:30pm. Sign up by March 2. Space is limited to 20 participants. Registration forms are available at the Involvement



Table during Social Hour, in the Newcomer Welcome Room, and in the front entrance literature rack. Or, register by emailing Hannah Hotchkiss directly at hannah@uuua.org.

If in need of child care: requests must be submitted by Friday, February 21. For questions or help to register, contact Hannah Hotchkiss at 665-6158 or hannah@uuua.org.



Pastoral Care Education * Monday, March 10

The Pastoral Care-Education Team will host informational workshops in the "As We Age" series. On Monday, March 10 from 1:00 to 3:00pm in the Jackson Chapel, Barbara Zaret will present "Community Health Resources for Seniors". Barbara, LMSW, is assistant director of UM's Turner Senior Wellness Program at the Turner Senior Resource Center, and a specialist on resources needed for the independence and wellness of the elderly to the UUAU. She will focus on resources available in Ann Arbor for our senior citizens. Everyone is welcome. Questions? Contact Sandra Breck at sbreck@umich.edu or Carolyn Roberts at carolynr@asu.edu.



Announcements and Notices

Adult SGD Spring Term Dates

Members of the Adult Education Advisory Team (AEAT) are currently ready to help prospective teachers prepare and submit proposals for classes in the Spring Term. Class has been reserved on Mondays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.

Other key dates are as follows:

Sunday, February 9 completed proposals containing the class description are due. Proposals may be hand-delivered to Sandy Garges' mailbox in the Church office or emailed to Charley Burleigh at chburleigh@aol.com.

On Sunday, February 23 the Spring Class Catalog will be published at uuua.org and in hardcopy. There will also be registration by email and on paper between services.

Spring Term classes will begin on Thursday, March 6.

Direct questions regarding these dates and activities to Charley Burleigh at chburleigh@aol.com.



Goods & Services Auction Volunteers Needed

Don't Miss the Boat.

*The Love Boat soon will be making another run.
The Love Boat promises something for everyone.*

Like the venerable '70s television series, this year's Annual Goods and Services Auction soon will be making another run, promising something for everyone. Our theme is the Love Boat and the event is set for March 22 from 4:00-7:00pm.



Just as cruisers on the Pacific Princess danced the night away on the ship's Promenade Deck,

the church will feature music from stem to stern. The Congregation's own Allison Halerz, Hayley Boyse, Brandy Sinco, and Vivian Dettbarn-Slaughter will perform. Sadly, though she is known to be an expert performer of Spanish guitar music, we don't expect Charo to appear for this year's auction.

On every "deck", we'll have dinners, recreational outings, and all manner of services to bid on. There will be a variety of food from the Moveable Feast, drink, and friendly folks to share good cheer. There will be raffles and door prizes.



All we need is you. "All hands on deck" means folks are needed to channel their inner Gophers, Isaacs, and Julie McCoys, and volunteer to make this event a reality. The Auction Table during Social Hour is actively recruiting volunteers. To sign up to volunteer, stop by the table or email Lynn Walter at lmwalter@umich.edu.



Denominational Connections Team (DCT)

The results of vote at the January 19 Congregational Meeting on the six proposed Congregational Study/ Action Issue (CSAI) for 2014-2018 are:
 Empowerment: Age and Ability Reconsidered: 81
 Ending the War on Terror: 49
 Escalating Inequality: 107
 Gun Violence: A Public Health Issue: 95
 Renewing and Securing Our American Democracy: 75
 UU Values & the Pursuit of a Just Peace for Israelis & Palestinians: 106



The Congregational Study/ Action Issues (CSAI) for 2012-2016, *Reproductive Justice: Expanding Our Social Justice Calling* will be in full swing at UUA during the 2013-2014 program year. There will be a series of monthly discussions with topics from the UUA's Commission on Social Witness's recommended CSAI curriculum.

Session 4: February 19 - Reverence for Life

Session 5: March 19 - Right of Conscience

Session 6: April 16 - Conclusion: Moving Forward

Contact Angelina Zaytsev at angelina.zaytsev@gmail.com for more information

Hunger for Justice is the theme for the 2014 MidAmerica Regional Assembly. UUA is one of the host sites on Saturday, April 12. It will be a day of coming together for enriching fellowship, inspiring lectures and workshops, and deepening worship.

General Assembly (GA) is the annual meeting of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) of Congregations. GA 2014 will be in Providence, Rhode Island from Wednesday-Sunday, June 25-29. Attendees will worship, witness, learn, connect, and make policy for the Association through a democratic process. Anyone may attend. The theme is *Love Reaches Out*.

The Denominational Connections Team (DCT) serves as a conduit for the exchange of information between the First Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Ann Arbor (UUA) and the wider Unitarian Universalist (UU) community, providing our Congregation and the denomination with a vibrant means of co-operating together and strengthening our identity as UU's.



Unitarian Universalists for Justice in the Middle East (UUJME)

Thank you to everyone who helped to make the Congregational Study/Action Issue (CSAI) proposal, *UU Values and the Pursuit of a Just Peace for Israelis and Palestinians* one of the two highest priorities in the CSAI poll.

Anyone wishing to learn more about this issue is encouraged to visit the UUJME table during Social Hour, talk to a committee member, or visit www.uujme.org. We look forward to preparing for more progress at General Assembly and welcome the support of those who wish to engage in this human rights issue. More information will also be in UUJME's March newsletter, which can be subscribed to by sending a request to uujme@uujme.org. As we observe other denominations taking actions toward addressing this issue, it is encouraging to see an increasing number of UUs supporting greater involvement.



Questions? Contact interim co-chairs Larry or Diane Cooper at cooperdiane@wowway.com or larrycooper@wowway.com. 

Social Justice Volunteer Opportunities

The Social Justice Council will be including social justice volunteer opportunities in the monthly newsletter. In February, a job board will be provided at the Social Justice/Denominational Connections table during Social Hour with information about these opportunities:

- Crop Walk Coordinator - This is an opportunity to have a great impact working with this Congregation and other faith communities in Ann Arbor. This is a yearly commitment but short term. Click on this link for further details: <https://drive.google.com/?tab=mo&authuser=0#folders/0B3VYZLgkVlJuQXRTR0h5NDVOUkU>. Contact Carolyn Madden at cgmadden@gmail.com.
- Member of the Jackson Social Welfare Committee Fund Committee - This is a unique opportunity to give away money. Every year the Investment Advisory Committee recommends an amount of money to be distributed by the Jackson Social Welfare Fund Committee to Ann Arbor community organizations dedicated to promoting First Amendment rights as well as organizations promoting peaceful conflict resolution. Please click on this link for more information: <http://uuaa.org/social-justice/faith-in-action/jackson-social-welfare-fund>. Contact Terry Madden at terence.madden@gmail.com.
- Interested in working with the Washtenaw Prisoner Re-Entry Program for 2-3 hours a week, meeting, and greeting parolees? Contact Sarah Ross, WPR Site Coordinator to fill out a volunteer application and set-up a screening interview at 734-327-9717 or wprcommunitycoordinator@csswashtenaw.org.

Information about these opportunities will be on the Social Justice table during Social Hour or contact Carolyn Madden at cgmadden@gmail.com. 

Partner Church News



Plans for UUA's Pilgrimage to the Partner Church congregation in Transylvania are underway. Some people have already registered for the trip and others are considering going. The deadline for registration is March 6. Final payment for the trip is due by April 21.

This is a pilgrimage to historic Unitarian sites and home visits with Partner Church congregants in their home town of Kézdivásárhely...and not a typical 'tour'. The trip is 12 days/10 nights, Thursday-Tuesday, June 5-17,

and is offered by the UU Partner Church Pilgrimage Service. Land package costs are as follows:

- Land package per person for adults: \$1525 + \$150 registration fee for double occupancy
- Additional \$140 for single supplement in hotels.
- Additional cost of \$110 to upgrade from the Unitarian dorm to the hotel (Kolozsvar) and from home-stays to the B&B (in the village of Székelyderzs).
- Land package per/person for youth is \$1225 + 150 registration fee for double occupancy.

The land package does NOT include airfare (typically about \$1500 round trip) or other transportation to Budapest or from Bucharest. Travelers must make their own flight arrangements. Those wishing to travel with the group will be provided with the specific flight details by the group leaders once available so that they can make similar reservations.

If interested in more information, contact Phyllis Valentine at pav@umich.edu or Gretchen Jackson at gnj@umich.edu.



Challenging Racism Events



Sunday, February 9, 1:00-3:00pm, in the David Room. First of two conversations about class. The session format will be based on the format used by Chalice Circles. A sign-up sheet will be available at the Social Justice table. About one week before each session an email will be sent to those signed up with a reminder, maybe a short reading about class, and possible discussion questions. This is based on the idea of the Advanced Reflection concept from Chalice Circles. The second conversation will be held on Sunday, March 2.

Saturday, February 22, 9:30-11:30am in the Fah's Chapel. *Starpower Simulation*. A safe and memorable way to observe ourselves in a laboratory class struggle environment. Bruce Gibb, experienced StarPower facilitator, will lead. Minimum of 18 needed. Bring friends.

Sunday, March 2, 1:00-3:00pm in the David Room. Second Class Conversation (see February 9 above).

Saturday, May 17, 1:00-3:00pm. *Inequality for All* film showing and discussion in Fah's Chapel. Additional Sponsors: League of Women Voters, UUA Social Justice Council, Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice (ICPJ).

Questions? Contact Lucia Heinold at heinoldcia@aol.com.



Accessibility Team

The dream of inclusion for all: taking steps toward full accessibility.

UUA joins with nine other UU churches across the country to examine the accessibility of the church to people with disabilities. Join us in May to hear six members, who have a disability, describe their experience with accessibility in the Church. They will share the ways in which Church Policies, Church structure and environment, communications, and attitudes support or hinder accessibility in all Church activities. The meeting will be held on Saturday, May 3 from 2:00-4:00pm. Questions? Contact Pauline Loewenhardt, Disability Panel discussion coordinator at loewenhardt@sbcglobal.net.



Annual Reports

As the New Year has happily rolled in, it's time for everyone to start thinking about an Annual Report to be shared with the Congregation on June 1. Individual recognized congregational groups will need to include the elements listed below in each annual report:



- The recognized ministry name.
- The author of the report.
- A brief description of the group.
- A description of how UUAU core values were met by the group.
- Highlights of activities that took place.
- Goals reached.
- Names of active participants in the ministry.
- Describe future ideas, plans, and goals.

Send each report to annualreport@uuua.org. Early submissions are welcome.

Contact your group's lay leader or staff liaison with any questions.



Sharing the Collection



The UUAU "Sharing the Collection" committee consisting of David Allen, Lynn Ayres, James Johnson, Terry Madden, and Theresa Rohlck have selected the 2014 recipients of the first Sunday of the month collections:

- January 5: Packard Health: January sharing postponed due to a snow storm. Rescheduled for September
- February 2: Corner Health Center
- March 2: Friends In Deed
- April 6: UU Service Committee
- May 4: Habitat for Humanity
- June 1: House By the Side of the Road
- September 7: Packard Health

Also selected was the nonprofit Growing Hope in Ypsilanti as the December 1, 2013 recipient for the first Sunday collections. The name "Growing Hope" is apropos for all the nonprofit service organizations selected for congregational members to support these outstanding providers of "hope" and essential services on a shoe string budget.

Questions? Contact Terry Madden at terence.madden@gmail.com



Church Office News

Building Hours:

Sundays, 8:00am-9:00pm
Mondays-Thursdays, 9:00am-9:00pm
Fridays, CLOSED
Saturdays, 9:00am-5:00pm

The Church Office is open Mondays-Thursdays, 9:00am-5:00pm

***Note: The building and office will be closed Monday, February 17 for Presidents Day.**

Telephone: 734-665-6158
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Communicating at UUAA:

The deadline for submitting UUAA event, news, and program notices for inclusion in UUAA's Weekly Bulletin is 5:00pm each Wednesday in January. Send your submissions to bulletin@uuaa.org.

The deadline for submitting UUAA event, news, and program notices for inclusion in UUAA's February Newsletter is 9:00am on January 21. Send your submissions to newsletter@uuaa.org.

Lay and staff program leaders may submit changes, additions, or updates for the website (www.uuaa.org) to webtech@uuaa.org.

For more information about how to get things done at UUAA, refer to the UUAA Lay Leader Administrative Guide. ([click here](#)).

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