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March Newsletter

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Weaving Worship

Dr. Glen Thomas Rideout, Dir. of Worship & Music

Sunday Worship | 9:30am & 11:30am

With ongoing covenants, focus can fade.
The need to re-build them arises.

In March, we craft worship with 'renewal' in mind.

Leading this month's worship conversation:

Rev. Gail R. Geisenhainer

Senior Minister

Dr. Glen Thomas Rideout

Director of Worship and Music

theresa rohlck

Worship Associate

Lindasusan Ulrich, M.Div.

Assistant Minister

YRUU (Young Religious Unitarian Universalists)

March 6

Worship | 9:30am & 11:30am

How Is It With the Children | The Social Applications of Faith

*Child Dedication Ceremony in
both services*

Masai warriors, returning from
hunting, ask first,
"How is it with the children?"

Are children really our future?
Or might it be that our decisions are their future?



4:00pm
the BIG sing ann arbor

a community-wide festival of singing - all are welcome

March 13

Worship| 9:30am & 11:30am

Daylight Savings Reminder | Clocks Spring Forward One Hour

Selma Today

Fifty-one years later,
Selma still calls for deeper justice.

March 20

Worship| 9:30am & 11:30am

The Importance of Human Interaction

crafted and led by our congregation's YRUU (Young Religious Unitarian Universalists)

In a culture valuing solely productivity and self progress, people seem to be caught in the tangle of their own lives and forget about the surrounding community. This leads to isolation and judgment, especially with the ever-growing advances in technology that halt social interactions.

Acceptance and community can be strengthened with one important addition in one's life - human interactions.

March 27

Worship| 9:30am & 11:30am

Easter Again

What are the covenants that offer us life?
What are the relationships that save us?



Gleanings

Reflections from Rev. Gail R. Geisenhainer, Senior Minister



Dear Ones, All;

It is time for me to retire. I have asked the Board to be released from your Call and Covenant effective August 2, 2016. I want to be more present to my own family. And I need a more sustainable and less demanding pace for myself.

When I came in 2008, you all had already made the wise move from Washtenaw Avenue to Ann Arbor Saline Road. You had taken the bold and faithful step to build our beautiful Spiritual Growth and Development wing. In our

time together, I believe we have made true progress toward establishing structural foundations that will hold steady this Congregation for many decades into the future.

Together we have seen many successes. Excellence in the worship arts..., paying down the mortgage, major structural repairs, capital replacement plan..., and our 150th Anniversary Celebration that successfully brought our past alive and laid the ground work for planning into our future. Plans are emerging for a Council of Ministries that will empower communications and collaboration for all our efforts. And we are learning how to move forward both sustainably and affordably. Of particular note is the warm satisfaction I take in realizing that the culture of our congregational meetings., the tone, the tenor, have stabilized in a "new normal" that reflects the character and grace of the members of our Congregation.

No ministry is ever without disappointments. Mine include our faltering efforts to create an on-going structure for pastoral care and pastoral associates. Years of effort have fallen apart in a few short months. Personal disappointments recognize that administrative tasks relentlessly eclipsed my availability for teaching and for working with interns. We have yet to find a way to embrace how the expectations for the Senior Minister changed along with the governance changes of June 2008. And we fell short in recognizing that sabbatical is not intended for a minister alone. It is not extended study leave for clergy. We never managed to convey that sabbatical is as important for a congregation to engage as it is necessary for the nurturance of a ministry.

Time and again, I heard this refrain as we explored our 150th Anniversary..., ministers come and go. Congregations are what can remain present over time. The First Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Ann Arbor is vibrant. All your hard work has, literally, made it possible to pave the parking lot. All your hard work has, metaphorically, paved a broad pathway toward a strong future. Now, I believe, it is time for UUAA to clarify its mission., to discover what it cares about most.

More than any other thing, I am grateful to have had the honor of serving such a lively congregation with some of the finest lay leaders I have ever known. I count myself truly blessed to be one among the twelve senior ministers who have served this Congregation. Even as I am feeling sadness for the beginning of this leaving, I am also feeling satisfaction and hope. I am keenly aware that UUAA is at the dawning of a robust future.

In our first Sunday together we sang the words, "you can change the world with your love." Having walked with the members of this Congregation for nearly eight years I believe this now, today, more than ever before. I have seen the power of love in this place. I am a better person for these years together. There is one more thing I know with certainty: Love Abides. I have loved this Congregation with the fullness of my heart. And love abides.

May it ever be so. Love Abides.



Rev. Gail Ruth Geisenhainer,
February 29, 2016



Upon Reflection Lindasusan Ulrich, Assistant Minister



At the end of February, I attended a gathering for ministers in their first year of serving in a congregation or community organization. During our time at the UUA in Boston, I had the chance to see old friends, strengthen ties with colleagues and UUA staff, and connect with people from all over the country whom I was meeting for the first time.

Over and over, I found myself mentioning my excitement at being part of this congregation. I had the chance to share stories of our collaborative worship planning and my new role as the supervisor of the Coordinators in their collaborative efforts. I also talked about the possibilities inherent in some of the reimagined structures we've been building, including a

two-part pilot project that the Board is working on this year: the creation of Fundraising and Finance Teams.

Briefly, the Fundraising Team will oversee all of the congregation's major fundraising activities, such as the Annual Budget Campaign (ABC) and the Sunderland Society (planned giving). The Finance Team will provide plans for the long-term financial health of the congregation and ensure the integrity of our financial practices. Over the next 18 months, both teams will provide invaluable information about the kinds of systems the congregation needs in order to thrive financially.

I often talk about generosity as a spiritual value. For me, it is an outward expression of the abundant gratitude available to us at every moment, no matter how much or how little money we have. When I worked at an LGBTQ community foundation, I saw first-hand the impact that giving can make.

I'm thrilled that my experience in that realm can encourage and empower the lay leaders diving into this ministry. Together, we can deepen the congregation's capacity to be present for those who need the life-giving possibilities that Unitarian Universalism offers.

Although I didn't know that Gail was retiring until I returned from Boston, I did tell all of my new-to-ministry colleagues how fortunate I feel to work with her. Her generosity of spirit embodies the kind of abundance I hope all of us will offer each other in the months and years to come.

What helps you practice generosity? What blocks it?

Peace,
Lindasusan



Ordination of Lindasusan Ulrich * Sunday, May 7



Ordination of Lindasusan Ulrich

Mark your calendars! On Saturday, May 7, at 3:00pm, UUA will ordain Lindasusan Ulrich to the Unitarian Universalist ministry. In our tradition, the power to ordain ministers resides solely with congregations.

Rev. Rob Eller-Isaacs - co-minister at Unity Church-Unitarian in St. Paul, MN and Secretary of the UUA Board - will be preaching. Everyone is welcome!

For questions or to help with planning, contact ordination@uuaa.org.



Board of Trustee News

President's Message Beth Hospadaruk, Board President

With Reverend Gail's announcement of retirement, this will certainly be a time of change, emotions, plans, goodbyes, and hopes for the future. She has given us 8 years of loving and dedicated service with a ministry that brought us excitement and energy radiating from our newest newborns crying out in the Sanctuary, to our eldest members, and every song in-between. As your Congregational President, I am honored and ready to guide us through this transition time. I don't know everything, but I am gearing up to learn. In the next few days and weeks, I will be engaging in conversations with the UUA and Mid-America staff, your Board of Trustees, and others. Together, we will begin the process of finding the right person to be our Minister and also help Reverend Gail transition into her very well deserved retirement from Unitarian Universalist Ministry. (Congratulations Gail!) Updates will be shared regularly, so stay tuned and stay engaged. We are 151 years strong and will do this work together in peace, searching for truth in love, and helping one another!



Thank you to everyone who attended the January Congregational Meeting. Together, we voted in updated bylaw changes, supported our Accessibility Inclusion Team's hard work towards certification, and approved going forward with rebuilding our parking lot. All that, along with the sharing of our balanced budget and good news from many

of our hard working and dedicated members made for a great meeting! If you missed it and would like to learn what took place, all the information is [here](#). I truly appreciated the kind words many of you expressed to me as well, thank you all, once again.

I hope to see you at our Senior Minister and President Q & A on Sunday, March 13 at 1:00pm in the Jackson Chapel, if not in Social Hour or around church.

Be well friends,
Beth Hospadaruk
2015-2016 Board President
president@uuaa.org



Spiritual Growth and Development News

Program Notes

Aaron Gibson, Programs Coordinator

I have been blown away by all that occurs within the SGD classrooms every single Sunday. The lives of youth are being shaped in ways that we will see immediately and in the years to come. I want to share a message that I received from 7th grade teacher Judi Lintott. Her class recently focused on what students have learned from their elders: parents, teachers, etc.. The results are pretty cool.



"As parents and teachers, each of us sometimes wonders if our words are heard. If our lessons are learned. If we're doing a good job with our children. I'm one of the teachers in the UU 7th grade classroom, and I can assure you that our children are listening and learning. Last week, we asked the youth in our class to share the most important pieces of advice they've heard from their important adults, and that they follow every day. Here are a few of the gems:

- We may look like we don't have worries, but everyone is dealing with something.
- Be the person you want to be, not what someone else tells you to be.
- Make someone else happy.
- Live by what you think and feel.
- If you never shoot, you'll never score.
- Impress yourself before impressing others.
- We don't stop playing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop playing.
- Mistakes aren't always bad.
- Listen to your parents and teachers.
- Don't know the answer? Ask.
- Think about what other people feel.
- There is something good in everything and everyone.
- Live a little every day.
- Even geniuses can run into doors.
- Look both ways before you cross the street.
- You can't move up in life unless you're reaching for the next goal.
- Eat bacon.
- Just power through it.
- Be a leader for good."

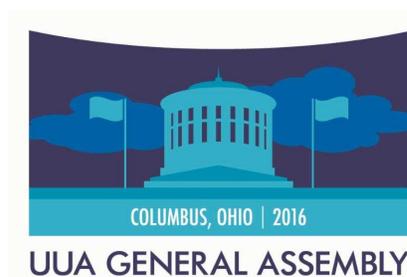
Just remember to always help others, and eat plenty of bacon!

In Peace,
Aaron Gibson, LLMSW
Programs Coordinator



Activities and Events

GA 2016 Registration Opens * Tuesday, March 1



General Assembly (GA) is the annual meeting of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA). Attendees worship, learn, connect, and make policy for UUA through the democratic process. Anyone may attend. GA 2016 will be held from Wednesday to Sunday, June 22-26 in Columbus, Ohio. Most events will be held at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. The drive is less than 3.5 hours from Ann Arbor.

The theme for GA 2016 is *Heart Land: Where Faiths Connect*. The faith world is increasingly multifaitthed. People are crossing borders of religion and spiritual practice to create wholeness in their lives individually and collectively. The labels Christian, Jew, Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu, theist, and non-theist no longer define who or what to love, or how the spirit moves in lives. GA 2016 will assemble leaders and communities of many faiths to create a new vision of faith that no longer divides, but connects to an interdependent future that works for all.

The Denominational Connections Team (DCT) held two forums in January and February to encourage people to go to GA 2016. Another forum will be held in April with a focus on talking to delegates about their duties.

Conference and housing registration will open Tuesday, March 1 at 9:00am. The UUA has three hotels next to the Columbus Convention Center at good rates. Registration is required online at uua.org/ga for both the conference and housing. The deadline to sign up for the conference before prices increase is Saturday, April 30.

Those interested in attending may sign a sheet located at the Social Justice Table during Social Hours. This list will be used to keep everyone abreast of GA 2016 important news.

Questions? Contact Roylea Furniss at refurniss@gmail.com.



Senior Dinner * Wednesday, March 2

It's time for a monthly Senior Dinner at Gourmet Garden on the first Wednesday of the month. Meet at 6:00pm for good food, conversation, and a chance to make new friends and renew old ones. Questions? Contact Marie Duke at 734-769-0467 or omaduke7@gmail.com.



Big Sing Rehearsal * Saturday, March 5

Mass Choir Rehearsal and lunch from 10:00am to 2:00pm. All are welcome. No choral experience is necessary. No need to prepare before the rehearsal. We'll provide the

scores and lunch. Bring your voices and well wishes. Questions? Contact BIGsing@uuaa.org.



Big Sing Ann Arbor * Sunday, March 6

Here's the BIG sing Ann Arbor (click below for video):
tinyurl.com/BIGsingvideo.



All are welcome.

No choral experience is necessary.
No need to prepare before the rehearsal.
We'll provide the scores and lunch on the 5th.
Please bring your voices and well wishes.

Schedule

Mass Choir Rehearsal/Lunch: Saturday, March 5 - 10:00am - 2:00pm
Concert and Community Sing: Sunday, March 6 - 4:00pm (choir call at 2:30pm)

Location

First Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Ann Arbor
4001 Ann Arbor- Saline Road - Ann Arbor, Michigan 48103

BIG sing Choir 2016 Repertoire

sorida - rosephanye powell
i believe - mark a miller
psalm 23 - paul basler
northern lights - ola gjeilo
the singing heart - bob chilcott
shine on me - rollo dilworth

Conductors

Dr. Glen Thomas Rideout
theresa rohlck
Brianna Boyd
Allison Halerz

Questions? Contact BIGsing@uuaa.org.



SGD Spring Catalog Release * March 6

Thanks to the efforts of the Adult Education Advisory Team, the Spring Adult SGD Catalog will feature an array of Adult Ed opportunities. The catalog may be downloaded at uuaa.org or a paper brochure will be available at the Involvement Table during Social Hours. Registration for all events will be available online and on paper during Social Hour. These opportunities are designed to stimulate and nurture "Conversations That Matter" among us in the certain knowledge that this is among the very best ways to grow and maintain a vibrant UUAU community.

Questions? Contact Charley Burleigh at chburleigh@aol.com.



Stop Food Waste Challenge *Sundays, March 6 & 13

The Mindful Eating Team's *Stop Food Waste Challenge* officially ends Sunday, March, 6.

Turn in bags on Sundays, March 6 or 13, at the Mindful Eating Table during Social Hour or the Stop the Food Waste Challenge table in the SGD wing hallway.

Four prizes will be awarded to folks with the greatest number of stickers. The prizes are \$25 scrip cards to a grocery store of choice.



Thank you all for participating. Questions? Contact Cathy Muha at cmuha@att.net.



Challenging Racism Drop-In Discussion * Sunday, March 6



The monthly drop-in discussion about race will be facilitated by Edie Croake. Attendees of the MUUSJN benefit held on Friday, February 19 are welcome to share reactions. Questions or to register for the series? Contact Lucia Heinold at heinoldcia@aol.com.



Interweave Potluck & Film Night * Friday, March 11



All are invited to the Fahs Chapel for a potluck at 6:30pm (note new starting time). Bring a dish to share. Join for the film and discussion at 7:15pm. All members and friends are welcome.

The film *Boy Meets Girl* is a tender, human, sex-positive romantic comedy that explores what it means to be "real": to live and love authentically to the truth of one's heart, regardless of the sex or small town one is born in. This is a sex/human positive modern fable and identification with its story crossing all gender and sexual orientation lines.



Sponsored by Interweave. Bring a dish to share. Questions? Contact Joan Burleigh at joburleigh@aol.com.



Clocks Spring Forward * Sunday, March 13



Just a reminder that Daylight Savings Time begins. Clocks will spring forward one hour at 2:00am.



Dream Group * Sunday, March 13

Bring dreams and sense of adventure to tap into sources of creativity and find guidance through Active Dreaming. Re-enter dreams and learn to bring back information for healing and transformation. All are welcome. The group meets the second Sunday of the month from 3:00pm to 5:00pm in the Brown Room. Questions? Contact Julie Tumbarello at info@dreamingjulie.com.



Challenging Racism Film Series * Sunday, March 13 & 20



A three-part series of film segments and discussions will be held on the issue of the ways racial codes, both spoken and unspoken, interfere in life. Series dates will be Sunday, March 13, Sunday, March 20, and Sunday, April 10. Questions or [to register](#) for the series? Contact Lucia Heinold at heinoldcia@aol.com.



Recruiting for Ministry Workshop * Saturday, March 19

Need more volunteers to staff the next project? Is the challenge of attracting new members an ongoing struggle? Wonder why some groups seem to have so many volunteers, and others struggle to find new folks and sustain momentum? Recruiting for Ministry is designed to help dedicated leaders share ideas, learn new recruiting strategies, and create a personalized plan to recruit, retain, and reward volunteers for committees, teams, or ministries.

This workshop, Recruiting for Ministry, offered by Leadership Development Team, will be held from 9:30am to 11:30am in Fahs Chapel. Facilitators will be Tim Richards and Bruce Gibb. Participation is limited to a minimum of 12 and a maximum of 30. Childcare will be available if those interested register by Saturday, March 5. Questions or wish to register? Contact Dee Dishon at deedishon@gmail.com.



Humanism Forum * Sunday, March 20

The *What I Believe* forum will be from 1:00pm to 2:30pm in the Jackson Chapel. Come hear two humanists, John Frank, and Bruce Gibb, and in addition, Karen Hale, who says, "Maybe I am a humanist without knowing it," express their individual beliefs in the form of a credo. No registration required. Sponsored by the h(UUAA)manists. Questions? Contact Terry Madden at terence.madden@gmail.com.



As We Age * Wednesday, March 23 & 30

Well-Being Education presents: *As We Age, a Conversation: Independence, to Dependency, to Living with Assistance*. Join facilitator Terry Madden for a discussion of Atul Gawande's provocative book *Being Mortal*. Read chapters 1 to 5 only, which address aging from the independent self, to being dependent, to living with assistance. Discuss potential wants and needs at these various stages of life.

Sessions will be held on Wednesdays, March 23, 30, and April 13 from 1:30pm to 3:00pm in the David Room. Registration by email is required. Class size is limited to 12. Questions? Contact Terry Madden at terence.madden@gmail.com.

Aging in Place * Saturday, March 26

Well-Being Education and the Accessibility Team present *Aging in Place* from 10:00am to 12:00pm in the Fahs Chapel. A majority of homeowners, when asked, would prefer to stay in their homes if possible. But with age, housing chores and maintenance can become more difficult and less safe, and dependable help can be harder to arrange. Learn how to more effectively meet these needs without relocating. Explore housing options, identify community resources, and share experiences of aging in place. For questions or to register, contact Kate Warner at kpwarner@umich.edu. 

Announcements and Notices

Glen Thomas Rideout to Provide GA Worship/Music Leadership

Dr. Glen Thomas Rideout, our own Director of Worship and Music, will be bring his leadership to several venues for this year's General Assembly (GA). He will be Director of the GA Choir, Director of Music for the CLF Worship Service (Church of the Larger Fellowship), and lead Musician & Liturgist for the grand Sunday Morning Worship Service. This is an opportunity to showcase what we are developing here on a much larger scale. He will be teaching what is possible with our model of deep collaboration and theological reflection in worship preparation. 

Board Votes Muslim Support at MidAmerica Regional Meeting

Rev. Gail reports this: "At their February meeting, our Board of Trustees joined their voice with the Boards from several Michigan congregations to endorse a statement to be taken up at the MidAmerica Regional Assembly. The Assembly will gather in St. Paul this year. The dates are Friday, April 29 to Sunday, May 1. Registration is now open at MidAmericaRegion.org.

The statement was drafted by clergy of the SouthEast Cluster in Michigan. After all the appropriate "Whereas" clauses, the statement is this:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The 2016 MidAmerica Regional Assembly expresses its love and support for Muslims in our communities and encourages congregations in the MidAmerica Region to

- *build bridges of partnership with Muslim neighbors in our local areas;*
- *increase understanding of Islam within and beyond our local congregations;*
- *learn more about the realities of religious discrimination and the Syrian refugee crisis; and*
- *work to foster greater inclusion of all peoples, regardless of their religious, ethnic, national, or racial identity(s).*

I am grateful to our Board for encouraging us so directly. I sincerely hope our Regional Assembly hears this proposal and acts to support it. 

2016 Annual Report News



It is time to consider what to share in an annual report about your recognized congregational team's events and activities for the past year. The 2015-2016 Annual Report deadline will be Thursday, April 14 at 5:00pm. A full collection of all annual reports will be distributed before the Annual Meeting on Sunday, June 5.

Recognized congregant team leaders are encouraged to write annual reports. To conserve resources - financial, environmental, and human - this year's annual report will be online only. Each group's report will appear as a link on the 2015-2016 annual report page. Note: UUAU staff will not be able to provide the same level of detailed editing as in past years, so please be sure to proof each group's text before sending it in.

Basic elements to include are:

- The recognized team's name.
- The author of the team's report.
- A brief description of the team or ministry.
- A description of how UUAU core values were met by the team.
- Highlights of activities that took place from May 1, 2015 through April 30, 2016.
- Focus on major themes or a few key accomplishments. Your report need not include every detail to give others the flavor of your group's ministry.
- Names of active participants in the ministry.
- Describe future ideas, plans, and goals.
- Aim for a word count of 250-300 words.
- When appropriate, use bulleted lists to encourage others to read what you've shared.
- Please submit the report as a Word file.

Send the annual report to annualreport@uuau.org. Early submissions are welcome. 🌱

Khasi Hills News

The Sponsor-a-Student Program

In the late 19th century, UUAU minister, Jabez Sunderland, found himself amongst members of the Khasi tribe in the far northeast corner of India. He was visiting a young man, Hajom Kissor Singh, who had founded a budding new religion.



The new Hajom Kissor Singh Memorial Unitarian Church at Mawkisyiem in the Khasi Hills.

Singh's new religion focused on "one God," and sparked Singh's interest in Unitarianism. He invited Rev. Sunderland to visit the Hills. Out of this meeting grew a friendship and correspondence between the two men and led to the first Khasi Unitarian hymnal. To this day Sunderland's name is honored in the Khasi Hills.

In 2002, after a sabbatical in Khasi Hills, UUAU Assistant Minister Eva Cameron, initiated the program to help the Unitarians of northeast India by sponsoring children at one of the Unitarian-run

primary schools.

Since then members have been sponsoring students in the Unitarian Lower Primary School at Mawkisyiem, and encouraging them as they progress through their years of education.

With the school year beginning in India in February, it is time to renew or sign up for sponsorships. During Social Hours, Sunday, March 13 through Sunday, April 17, new and renewing sponsors can complete the forms and make an annual payment of \$50.

These funds help to supplement teacher salaries, purchase books for the students, make improvements to the campus infrastructure, supply a nutritious meal once a month, and provide an appropriate gift for each student in December.

Pilgrimage to the Khasi Hills

In October, there will be a pilgrimage to the Khasi Hills to visit the school and learn more about this area of India and Unitarianism there. All those interested may stop by the Khasi Hills table during Social Hour, or contact Allen Duncan at aduncan85@gmail.com or Cathy Doherty at mysarina@aol.com.



Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) News

The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) and the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) are collaborating to offer Unitarian Universalist College of Social Justice (UUCSJ) programs. UUCSJ offers a broad range of opportunities to help Unitarian Universalists work as catalysts for social justice. These programs are "grounded in Unitarian Universalist history and theology, contemplative practice, social change theory, and multicultural competency."

UUCSJ's newest program, in Nicaragua, focuses on fair trade and environmental justice. In Washington State, program participants spend time with people of the Lummi Nation, learning about the broken promises that characterize US policy towards Original Nations and about the Lummi Nation's leadership in the struggle to protect land, air, and water from the ravages of the extraction industry. The UUCSJ program at the US - Mexico border concentrates on immigration justice and, since its founding in 2012, UUCSJ has partnered with the Papaye Peasant Movement in Haiti to do recovery work following the devastating earthquake of 2010. This work began with the building of six eco-villages. Now immersion learning journeys in Haiti focus on the critical issues of food sovereignty and climate justice.

UUCSJ also sponsors programs specially geared for youth and young adults. For more information about UUCSJ's work and programs, go to uucsj.org. Questions? Contact Becky Hoort at rhoort@umich.edu.



Partner Church News



Partner Church scholarship recipient, Attila Lestyán, is in his third year at the Academy of Drama and Film, in Budapest, Hungary. He shares:

"...I should ... start this letter with expressing my gratitude towards you. Thank you for your support!

Your help was of great use, and I hope that I can use it in the best way to improve myself and thus once I can give it back to the people through the power of the stage.

"... In the third year we started to make productions for audiences. In the first semester we did two plays. One was a contemporary German play with the title *Yellow Line* by Juli Zeh and Charlotte Roos, about how over controlled today's society is, how we follow yellow lines without thinking, how bureaucracy and too many rules are taking over. The other play was written by us, the class, based on improvisations. As a result, we made an impressionistic, symbolic spectacle with music, reflecting the absurdity and the dullness of life



in Hungary.

For the second semester I already have a great deal of performances I will take part in. I have 8 projects for this period, one of which is monodrama. For this one I am mixing the autobiography of a 17th century Russian orthodox priest and a 6-volume-long diary of an Afghan terrorist translated by the CIA, who is still in captivity. Right now I am working on a play based on the novel *The Golden Pot* by E. T. Hoffmann in which I play the main role."

Questions? Contact Phyllis Valentine at pav@umich.edu.



Justice-Building Innovators

The Social Justice Council is pleased to announce that the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) has awarded member Cristy Cardinal one of 18 Justice-Building Innovator (JBI) volunteer positions for 2016.

This new program is designed to improve the capacity and effectiveness of UU congregations and their congregants to engage in sustained justice work. Together with UUSC and their sponsors' leadership, innovator volunteers have crafted work plans and goals to strengthen justice-making in their communities. UUSC's Justice-Building staff supports these innovators and their sponsors through periodic training, ongoing coaching, a peer network, and various financial and technical resources.

Cristy, already a member of the Social Justice Council, will be working to engage the congregation in pursuing social justice goals with the guidance of UUSC. Please congratulate Cristy and see where to offer support. Questions? Contact Carolyn Madden at cgmadden@gmail.com.



Alpha House Thank You

A huge thanks to those who volunteered for the Host Week of 2016. Without these contributions, Alpha House would not be able to do all that it does for homeless families in Washtenaw County. The following lists those volunteers:



- Day Host: Angela Barber, Barb Gales, Brandy Sinco, Diane Fead, Lorna Gibson, Sandy Eyl
- Make Dinner: Delphine Benard, Molly Beebe, Ilene Beninson, Gina Boldman, Hal Breidenbach, Kate Burkhardt, Marci Cameron, Suzanne Davidson, Jeff Della Rovere, Fran Dew, Jo Anne Diehl, Diane Fead, Amanda Fraley, Sharon Guyton, Karen Hale, Carrie Hatcher-Kay, Bridget Laundra, Lisa Lemble, Thomas Longworth, Sara Mathews, Greg Meier, Connie McGuire, Angela Menegay, Gretchen Ridenour, Brandy Sinco, Sandy Simon, Lorello Thomas
- Serve Dinner and Clean Up: Gina Boldman, Jon Boyd, Jim Clark, Sandy Eyl, Tim Farmer, Amanda Fraley, Carrie and Josh Hatcher-Kay with Amelia and Elijah, Angela Menegay, Cathy and Mike Muha, Sandy Simon, Terri Wilkerson and Spencer
- Play with Kids: Jon Boyd, Ann Brennan and Lara Brown with Joe Krushelnick, Katie Krushelnick, Sophia Wakeman and Mateo Wakeman, Amanda Cleveland, Susan David, Suzanne and John Davidson and child, Julie Dybdahl with teens, Audra Eddy, Tim Farmer, Lora Girata, Amy Grant and kids, Gwen and Tom Guthrie, Carrie and Josh Hatcher-Kay with Amelia and Elijah, Jeremy Koch and

kids, Angela Menegay, Roen Montalva, Edward Norton and family, Milan Seth, Bruce Shields and Chantelle, Ryan Tamblyn and kids, Vey and Cheryl Valentine, Melissa Villanueva and kids

- Make and Serve Weekend Breakfast: Wendy Dorman and Kristin Evon, James Biller, Gregg Peterson and Lissa Oliver.
- Overnight Host: Terry Butcher, Peter Cipparone, Lorna Gibson, Carrie Hatcher-Kay, Amyleigh Johnson, Robert Treadway,
- Alpha House Shopping Team: Sandy Eyl and Tricia Smith. Alpha House provides us with a shopping list for the weekday breakfasts, the bag lunches, cleaning and laundry supplies, baby supplies, etc.
- Social Hall Recruitment Table: Angela Barber, JoAnn Deihl, Sandy Eyl, Pat Herbst, Tricia Smith, Cheryl and Vey Valentine.

The next Host Week will be Monday to Sunday, April 18 to 24. A sign up link will be emailed to the volunteer list in mid-March. Contact Angela Barber to be added to the email distribution. The signup link will also be in the *Weekly Bulletin* and *April Newsletter*, and a sign up table will be available during Social Hour.

Questions? Contact Angela Barber at abarber@gmail.com.



Memory & Tribute Gifts

Thank you to the following people who donated to UUAU with a Memory & Tribute gift in the second half of 2015.

In Memory of Don Lamphiear

Shireen Jones
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Lisa Leutheuser
Kathleen O'Brien
Carolyn Roberts
Patricia O'Brien Towle
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Dorothy Wilson

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Carolyn Roberts in memory of Wye Hale-Rowe



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