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Sunday, February 6 — ONE SERVICE ONLY at 10:30 AM *Childcare and RE @ 10:30*
"When Past and Present Converge"

Sally Mitchell and Rev. Nancy Doughty

The film "The Most Dangerous Man in America" ended before mentioning that our own UU Beacon Press had published the complete *Pentagon Papers* in 1971. We will complete that tale which raises issues about freedom of the press, then and now, and the rewards and risks when the veil is lifted exposing secrets.

Sunday, February 13 — ONE SERVICE ONLY at 10:30 AM *Childcare and RE @ 10:30*

"Thinking Differently, Loving Alike"

Rev. Barbara Child

The day before Valentine's Day seems a good day to explore the famous statement of Francis David, chaplain to Unitarian King John Sigismund of Transylvania: "We need not think alike to love alike." We talk a lot about our thinking differently. That's the pluralism we are proud of. But what about loving alike? What does that mean? And what can we do when it's mighty hard to do it? Come this morning for a surprising exchange of valentines!

Sunday, February 20 — ONE SERVICE ONLY at 10:30 AM *Childcare and RE @ 10:30*

"The Five Pillars of Islam"

Rabbi Chava Bahle

About 1.57 billion people—about 23% of all people on earth—follow Islam, according to the Pew Forum. What should we know about this fast-growing tradition? What are its basic tenets and practices? What can we learn for our own spiritual practice from Islam? Enjoy a taste of the Quran, Islam's sacred text, and insight into the five pillars or core practices of Islam.

Sunday, February 27 — ONE SERVICE ONLY at 10:30 AM *Childcare and RE @ 10:30*

"Strong Is What We Make Each Other"

Karen McCarthy and Ariel Love

Living in community is the greatest gift, despite our misunderstandings, clashes, and competitions. We'll explore this gift with story, song, and spirit in a multigenerational service by Unitarian Universalist minister Erika Love Hewitt.

Sunday, March 6 — ONE SERVICE ONLY at 10:30 AM *Childcare and RE @ 10:30*

"Liberal Religion: A Page of Our Story"

Rev. Kevin Tarsa

Just back from a month of study at Meadville Lombard Theological School, a Unitarian Universalist seminary, I'll draw on my recent learning to explore some corner of our liberal religious heritage, and invite you to find your own story within it.

Sunday, March 13 — ONE SERVICE ONLY at 10:30 AM *Childcare and RE @ 10:30*

"A Meditation of the Heart: A Journey with Mystical Islam"

Rabbi Chava Bahle

The Sufi poet Hafiz writes, "I wish I could show you,/when you are lonely or darkness/The Astonishing Light/Of your own being!" Deep in the heart of Islam lies a path of love, spiritual awakening and sweetness. Through chant, poetry and stories, we will journey together to touch the core teachings of Sufism, Islam's meditative and mystical path. The poetry of Rumi and Hafiz, the story of Mullah Nasrudin and chants of contemporary Sufis will set the stage for a time of peace, laughter and compassion.

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A Note from the President...

Greetings,

This article will summarize the discussions that took place at our January Board meeting. Judy VanDeWeghe, *LEAP* coordinator, came and talked to us about leading discussions at the Chautauqua sessions in February and March. Several Board members volunteered. We reviewed Cal Boulter's e-mail of 12/12 requesting guidelines for selecting sermons to be posted on the website. Kevin Tarsa, in an earlier memo, suggested a policy for current sermons that we could adopt as an interim measure. We will need to clarify regarding previously delivered sermons.

Max OldBear is liaison to the Stewardship Committee (members are Bill Belko, Jerry Beasley, Dan Orr, and Don Pyne). The committee is looking for additional members to help; if this is something you can help with please contact Max OldBear. Also, please remember that Barbara Child's Stewardship

workshop is Saturday, February 12 with sign up thru Linda Martin.

Lastly, we discussed the upcoming Congregational meeting with Rev. Dr. Lisa Presley, Executive Director of Heartland UUA District on Sunday, January 30. This will take place shortly after the service; the primary topic of discussion will be interim ministry. As I mentioned in an earlier FLASH article, with Lisa's expertise, she will help all of us learn more about the appropriate role of an effective interim minister, how the selection process works, and how the District UUA can help us in this interim ministry process. We encourage your participation. Please bring your questions and concerns and we will do our best to answer them.

Stay Warm,

—John

ALL ABOUT US

January 2011

Congratulations to:

Keegan Schrider who sang in the visiting U. of M. Glee Club Saturday evening.

Also to Amelia Burke who just recently learned to downhill ski.

Our Concerns Are For:

Shelley Burnes who was injured in a car accident while driving to work in Kalkaska. Her ankle and six ribs were broken. She expects to leave Munson hospital on Monday January 31st and will be at home healing and rehabilitating.

Should you wish to help Shelley and Bob, you could provide them with some food. Perhaps a large bowl of soup or dinner of another kind. Bob said low sodium so you might call ahead and find out what you might do. Call Bob Hicks or Shelley at 946-3861. Address is: 3771 Franke Rd. Thank you.

We Are Mindful of:

Neil Endicott as he faces his second spinal surgery on Feb. 4th

Mary Grover as she nears the end of her treatments and heals
Karen McCarthy's mother
Lucky McKeen's mother
Judy Lindenau's Jonathan as he heals from his 2nd hip surgery
Pat Phelan, our facilities manager, following his knee surgery
Helen Sullivan and her wonderful caregivers: daughters Ann and Pat as well as her son, Bob.

Need Medical Equipment?

The Pastoral Care Team has some items stored at the church. Should you have a short term need of any of this equipment such as walkers, crutches, riser for the toilet, etc. please call Pat Light at 946-3660.

—Pastoral Care Team

MINDING THE STORE

UUCGT Members & Friends Directory

The **Directory of Members and Friends for 2011** is being updated and developed. Please check all information in your 2010 listing and notify Linda Martin (947-3117 or office@uucgt.org)

of any changes, especially phone number and email. Friends who would like to be listed, please give Linda the information including date of birth for any child under 20 years of age.

We are also seeking **Business Listings** for the back of the Handbook. A four to five line listing includes your name, business name, address, phone/s, email and one 50-space line to describe your business. The cost is \$15.00.

Basement shelving

A grand attempt is at hand to control the clutter in the RE wing basement. Complements of (and to) Mary Kiner and H. G. Smith of the Facilities Team new shelves have been installed.

Recommended use: Place all loose items in plastic totes to protect them from humidity. Label them clearly. Scattered, unshelved, unlabeled items will be discarded. This purge will happen at the end of February.

If you find that you cannot properly store your materials contact Mary Kiner (935-3050) with suggestions for what you need.

As existing shelf and bin space is filled new storage will be installed.

—Your Facilities Team

From Our Minister of Music

My head and heart are full after a very intense month of classes at Meadville Lombard Theological School. Instructors, classmates and the learning itself were all wonderful. I look forward to integrating what I have learned, and I look forward to being with you.

I had to deliver a sermon in class on the afternoon of the final day of January intensives. I had started writing the sermon a couple weeks before and had been working very hard on it several days in a row, crafting words and ideas carefully. This is always a laborious task for me, but the night before I was to preach the sermon, I struggled even more than usual to get the ideas and the feel of the sermon to arrive at some useful and satisfying point. As the evening went on I grew more and more frustrated and frantic. The hours available were dwindling and I was getting absolutely no closer to pulling the sermon together. Finally, at fifteen minutes before midnight, I took a deep breath and gave up. It was clear to me that I was not going to be able to land this sermon by morning, if ever.

So at midnight, already exhausted and stressed, not at all sure how or what I was going to do, I started from scratch and wrote through the night. By morning I had something, but I was embarrassed by it and was hanging my head as I walked to class. During the morning break I tweaked and edited. During lunch I moved a few parts around and added some missing elements. By Friday afternoon, I was feeling better about the sermon. Come my turn, I stood up, took a breath and began.

It wasn't until later that night, after the class was finished and I was turning the light out to go to sleep, that I remembered that it was the anniversary of my mother's death two years ago. I had been up all the night before she died, keeping vigil, calling the hospice nurse for guidance. My mom died mid-morning the next day.

The unusual level of angst I felt and the difficulty organizing my thoughts for the first sermon made more sense to me then, as did the easing of my angst and my ability to focus on fixing what needed fixing in the sermon. The shift came right about mid-morning on Friday. About the same time of day that mom had died.

All this to say that I am thoughtful about all of you who have faced losses, losses anchored in dates and places, losses that resurface in your body and your thoughts and your moods even when you are not at first aware of them. These anniversaries arrive throughout the busy-ness of the year and are marked with no fanfare and often no sympathy cards, but perhaps you have a meaningful ritual to mark the memory.

As these days arrive, know that you are loved and held in our embrace, and that it would be an honor to hear your story, to be reminded that the wheel of the year has turned once again, and that memories of who or what you have lost stir within you.

Yours,

Rev. Kevin

YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said: "True compassion is more than flinging a coin to a beggar; it comes to see that an edifice which produces beggars needs restructuring."

This concept was key to the conference of the Liberal Religious Educators Association that I attended in New Orleans last fall, and during the month of January, some wonderful volunteers and I put that concept into action with the children and youth of our congregation.

We explored various age-appropriate information and activities designed to engage the sense of true compassion that already exists naturally in the hearts, minds, and hands of our kids. Stories, guided meditations, fact-based quiz games, and more have helped our kids develop a compassionate sense for what it must be like to be houseless, and understand the extent of houselessness in our area.

The Susan B. Anthony group planned a dinner and dessert menu, collected money to buy ingredients, cooked, and served some of our houseless neighbors through the Safe Harbor program. They and the Christopher Reeve group collected personal care products to donate to the program (thank you for your

generosity!), and all our children and youth prepared desserts to go along with the dinner, and created cards of love and encouragement for the Safe Harbor clients. Monetary donations are still welcome!

All of this effort prepared us for the evening when the Susan B. Anthony group cooked and served the dinner at our partner church. The evening was transformative for many of us who participated, as we overcame our initial discomfort and ended up eating, chatting, and playing games with the Safe Harbor clients, and hearing that our compassionate acts made a difference in the lives of these good people.

This exploration culminated in a chapel worship service, during which

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we focused on the worthiness of giving to and serving others, and our gratitude for those who give to and serve us, including those who serve our country in the military.

After each chapel service, we have a Religious Education activity related to the theme of the service. This time, we made cards of encouragement to donate to the Tuesday lunch program, and letters of gratitude to mail to some people who are in military service.

We would like to continue to develop our children's natural sense of true compassion. If you have an idea for some appropriate activities, or a project that you would like to see our children pursue, please let me know!

Questions? Concerns? Joys? Want to volunteer? Contact Karen McCarthy, Director of Religious Education, at 947-3117 or dre@uucgt.org.

Invitation for RE Participants
You are invited to come and participate in our vibrant Religious Education program! There are lots of different opportunities available, including:

- RE Committee Members
- Paperwork Wranglers
- Organizers of Rooms and Closets
- Straightener-Uppers
- Snack Procurers
- Leaders for Groups of Our Amazing Children and Youth
- Social Event Planners
- Publicity Agents
- Communications Wizards

Do you have any of those skills? Take advantage of one of these opportunities! Contact Karen McCarthy at dre@uucgt.org or any of our RE Committee (Sarah Montgomery, Mary Cheney, Joyce Braeuninger, Cristina Johnson, Gail Trill).

—Karen McCarthy

ADULT PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

UU Women's Group
We will meet on Thursday February 10 at 1:00 PM at Paperworks Studio, 2889

Aero Park Drive. Friends of UU Women's Group are also welcome to join us. Questions? Call Shari Cope, 947-0357.

We will not be meeting in March as many people are traveling. Beryl Striewski will be taking over as chairperson of the UU Women's Group starting in April. Shari Cope thanks all of you who have supported the UU Women's Group this last year and hopes you all will step forward to help Beryl.

Men's Group

UU Men will gather at Ruby Tuesday's on Monday, February 21, 5:30 PM. No agenda has been announced as we go to press, but please join us for good fellowship, thoughtful discussion and a nice meal. Questions? Contact John Ort at 932 8766.

—John Ort

OTHER NOTES

Dear Congregants,

I write on behalf of the members of Rev. Child's four-part course covering Rev. Jack Mendelson's book. Regretfully we were not in full membership for the last class on January 15th as it was one of the very best! We enjoyed talking and writing openly about our class experience and appreciated our close discussions with Barbara and each other. Getting to know Jack Mendelson through this classic text made many of us long for a Senior Minister—especially one so wise and gifted as Jack. We heartedly recommend this book to any that want to engage their thinking and their hearts as they revisit why we choose this religion. Barbara makes us all seem so ready and so smart to take on great things (see her letter below to Rev Jack Mendelson).

We so value her support and broad knowledge—Thank you Barbara!

—Judy VanDeWeghe

Dear Jack,

This congregational year I have been making monthly consulting visits to the UU Congregation of Grand Traverse in Traverse City, Michigan. This past Saturday afternoon concluded a four-session class I led on *Being Liberal in an Illiberal Age*. You won't be surprised to hear that I loved this latest experience of sharing your fine book with a group of Unitarian Universalists who were eager to explore both your thinking and their own. I have never changed my mind that this book is still the most thought-provoking way into what it means to be a Unitarian Universalist.

On Saturday, as the class drew to a close, we took some time to reflect on the time we had spent together and essentially with you. I asked: What difference does it make that you read this book? What difference does it make for your own life? And what difference might it make for the congregation?

Here is the flavor of their responses:

The book inspired them as a spark to ignite action. There was particular interest in what you wrote about liberation theology as it teaches people to read and write and have a voice to speak up when something is wrong. Your book certainly showed participants the need to know our Unitarian Universalist history and why our heroes are heroes, as well as to discover why it might be worth it to care about Jesus.

One participant spoke of how she had known for a long time that being a Unitarian Universalist provided important ways to engage in social justice, but your book gave her a renewed sense of all the people who don't know about us but would benefit greatly from being "in here" instead of "out there." You inspired her and others too, I believe, to take care not to get so caught up in internal issues -- both their own personal issues and the congregation's issues -- that they lose sight of issues in the wider world that need their attention. I believe you gave this group a renewed sense of their purpose in life as Unitarian Universalists. And I add my own personal thanks to you for illustrating by your life the benefits to a congregation of professional ministry.

So all together now, we send you our thanks and best wishes for this New Year,

—Barbara Child

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SOCIAL JUSTICE AND ACTION

There are many things to think about as we get further into the New Year and look back on the old. What have we done with our lives? Where are we going? And a bigger concern, where is our Nation going? And where has it been? I do not know. I approach this New Year with great trepidation, not just for me and mine, but all those thousands, billions that I do not know, whose lives are in great jeopardy. Here in our country, I am concerned for those recent immigrants; the Hispanic are the object of renewed hatred; those of the respected Islamic faith are misinterpreted and maligned; those that are homosexual—again, an object for rejection and abuse. Those that are African-American are a long-standing recipient of American freedoms: “freedom to abuse.” Some of us have not felt this prejudice and some of us have. Some of us have not personally felt this prejudice and some of us have. We need to feel for each other, take on each other’s pains. Some of our fellow countrymen can be unreasonably malicious.

What are we? We as individuals are very lucky. We did nothing to deserve it. So we must do lots to pay for our gifts. We owe, more than we can imagine. We must pay by helping the rest of the world to be as privileged as we are. We cannot degrade them, deny them, or ignore them. We must face reality and do all we can to share our wealth of privilege, given to us at birth; no right or wrong doing having been done by us or them, just a happenstance.

So how do we do this, how can we help? There really are many ways. For one we can be good to ourselves, family, and neighbors. “Random acts of kindness” go a long way! Try smiling at a crying child in the grocery store. I bet you might get a smile back as I do. So easy to be aware of another and help. Treat each other with love, so each of us feels good; then we have the energy and good will to treat the next stranger with kindness. It spreads. I know you enjoy doing that.

The gift of love and time belongs first at home, family needs your time, and you need to give it there. The doing of kindness, the sharing, is the best way for inner growth. The pay received is in the giving. There are many in our congregation, doing today, to help all our tomorrows. They are giving thanks for their bestowed privileges. Many thanks! And may we all find ways to give thanks and share peace!

This was written before the tragedy in Arizona. We wish those families healing and the good feelings that they will not be alone or forgotten in their grief. It is ours too, for them and our nation.

—Emmy Lou Cholak

Chautauqua ~ Discussion Series ~

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Grand Traverse
An On-going Program of *LEAP!*
Lifespan Educational Adult Programming

Wednesday, February
16th

7:00-8:30 pm.

*Stewardship For Our Times:
How Do We Sustain Resources Now
and for the Future Health of
UUCGT?*

Please join Board President, John Hoffman in this timely—no strings attached-- facilitated discussion to help further launch new beginnings. Your voice and ideas are needed!

Wednesday, February
23rd

7:00-8:30 pm.

*“Elevator Speeches”
What Do You Say After You Say, “I
am a Unitarian Universalist?”*

Sally Mitchell and Emily Mitchell will explore this question and lead a spirited discussion on this timely one-size-does-not-fit-all topic--as we continue to ponder who we are and how we are known in the greater Grand Traverse region.

There are seven principles which Unitarian Universalist congregations affirm and promote:

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

The Awakening the Dreamer, Changing the Dream Symposium.

Boardman River Nature Center
1450 Cass Road
Traverse City, MI



February 12, 2011 Noon to 5 PM

This event is a guided exploration of the challenges of our world. Together, we will become awakened to the calling of our time and be given the motivation to act in pursuit of an environmentally sustainable, spiritually fulfilling and socially just human presence on our planet.

The content of the symposium includes video interviews with renowned scientists, activists, and spiritual leaders such as Desmond Tutu, Paul Hawkin, Brian Swimme, and Thomas Berry. An outline of this interactive workshop includes: *Where are we? How did we get here? What's possible for the future? Where do we go from here?* For some, the information presented and examined will be new ground covered, for others, this will be only a reminder.

Here is the link to the Awakening the Dreamer website and a 4 minute video that tells more about the symposium: <http://www.awakeningthedreamer.org>

A \$20 suggested donation will be used toward the use of the Nature Center and to support the Symposium.

Please reserve your place on the website above or by calling the Nature Center at 231-941-0960.

Questions - call Lisa Franseen (231) 409-0136
or Laura Franseen (231) 360-8625

Unitarian Universalism (UU) draws from many sources:

- Direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renewal of the spirit and an openness to the forces which create and uphold life;
- Words and deeds of

prophetic women and men which challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love;

- Wisdom from the world's religions which inspires us in our ethical and spiritual life;

Humanist teachings which counsel us to heed the

guidance of reason and the results of science, and warn us against idolatries of the mind and spirit.

- Spiritual teachings of earth-centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature.

These principles and sources of faith are the backbone of our religious community.

Treasurer's Report

For the 6 Months Ending 12/31/2010

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the first six months of the 2010-2011 fiscal year, total income was \$117,762 and expenses were \$96,884 for a net gain of \$20,878.

Notes on Income:

1. #4010-Current Pledges through December were \$94,220 which is ahead of budget and even with prior year norms.
2. #4030-Prior Year Pledge payments totaled \$5,017 which exceeds budget.
3. #4040-Operating Donations totaled \$10,706 which exceeds budget.
4. #4110-Misc Fundraising raised \$5,058 primarily from the used book sale and the fundraising dinners.
5. #4510-Building Use Fees are \$2,467 which is ahead of budget.

Notes on Expenses:

1. #5016-Ministerial Services: Original budget of \$37,096 reduced by \$29,786 to \$7,310: \$19,200 to cover Ministerial Consultant's fees and expenses from September, 2010 through May, 2011, and \$10,586 to cover internal operating expenses throughout the fiscal year.
2. Salaries & Benefits are increased due to the accelerated payments for severance and consultant.
3. #7120-UUA Dues of \$1,500 are paid in full.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

1. Temporary Restricted Funds:

For Those In Need collections totaled \$5,101 and were allocated to the pastoral care, community lunch and community needs. These monies were or will be dispersed to various community organizations or individuals by the above committees.

Capital Improvements included painting the sanctuary (\$216), a new water heater (\$372) and roof repair (\$2,550).

Respectfully submitted
Price J Watts, Treasurer

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Grand Traverse
Statement of Financial Position
As of December 31,2010 (Period 6)

ASSETS

Acct#	Current Assets	12/31/2010
1010-1091	Cash Accounts	92,503
	Total Current Assets	92,503
1100-1110	Long Term Assets	-
	Other Assets	
1200-1220	Accounts Receivable	-
1300-1310	Due To/From Accounts	-
	Fixed Assets	
1520	Real Property	26,168
1540-1560	Furniture & Equipment	75,154
1580	Building	600,843
1581	Building-Addition	283,708
	Total Other Assets	985,873
	TOTAL ASSETS	1,078,376

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES

Acct#	Current Liabilities	
2000-2090	Payroll Liabilities	808
2100-2160	Current Liabilities	-
	Total Current Liabilities	808
	Temporary Restricted Fund Liabilities	
2300-2385	Active Restricted Funds	10,688
2400-2465	Money Market Restricted Funds	20,545
	Total Temporary Restricted Funds	31,232
2900	Building Equity Fund	910,722
3000	Operating Fund Equity	
	Beginning Balance	114,736
	Prior Yr Correction*	-
	Net Activity	20,878
	Ending Balance	135,613
	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	1,078,376

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Grand Traverse

Statement of Income/Expenses

07/01/2010-12/31/2010

1st Half

Acct #	Account Description	Actual 6 Mos	Budget Annual	YTD% (25.00)	Budget Remaining
4010-4060	Pledges and Contributions	109,943	170,943	64.32	61,000
4110-4130	Special Events	5,058	11,200	45.16	6,142
4201-4260	Other Income	-	165	-	165
4510	Building Use	2,467	3,000	82.23	533
4610-4620	Dividends & Interest	293	500	58.64	207
	Total Income	117,762	185,808	63.38	68,046
5010-5040	Salaries & Wages	63,233	114,514	55.22	51,281
5210-5240	Employer Payroll Taxes	3,232	5,842	55.33	2,610
5310-5340	Employer Benefits	10,159	16,057	63.27	5,898
5405-5450	Supplies	760	2,850	26.66	2,090
5510-5520	Printing & Copying	61	400	15.31	339
5610	Postage & Shipping	403	1,000	40.27	597
5710-5711	Resources/Curriculum	1,370	7,520	18.21	6,150
6010-6040	Plant & Property	4,615	5,850	78.89	1,235
6110-6150	Service Contracts	1,700	7,875	21.59	6,175
6210-6240	Equipment	2,082	4,000	52.05	1,918
6310-6350	Utilities	4,032	12,520	32.20	8,488
7010-7090	Miscellaneous Expenditures	1,597	3,175	50.29	1,578
7120-7170	Programs & Fees	2,666	2,980	89.46	314
7210-7250	Professional Expense	975	1,225	79.59	250
	Total Expenses	96,884	185,808	52.14	88,924
	NET INCOME	20,878	-		

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Lunch:**

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Wednesday Night Suppers:
Mary Kiner, Chair

(See "UUCGT Helping Those In Need" on page 4 of this issue)
**UUCGT LOCAL COMMUNITY OUTREACH FUNDS
DONATION REQUEST FORM**

DATE:

REQUESTED BY:

NAME OF GROUP OR ORGANIZATION:

POPULATION TO BE SERVED: (seniors, babies, at risk youths, etc.)

POPULATION AREA SERVED: (Grand Traverse, Leelanau, etc.)

OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT:

AMOUNT REQUESTED:

AMOUNT DONATED:

NAME AND ADDRESS THAT FUNDS SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO:

Please return the completed request form to any one of us: Thank you

—Penny Ort 932 8766, ortjp@aol.com

—Shari Cope 947 0357, sharicope@gmail.com

—Kay Sturgeon 929 0895, twodogk@aol.com

SUGGEST A SERVICE, GIVE A SERVICE

“Hmm, I’d like to hear a service about...” Have you ever had that thought? Many of us have, indeed. Have you ever considered presenting the very service you would like to experience? Please do. Our tradition invites the sharing of our personal voices and visions. *Each and every one of us* lay members may have a service (or several!) inside of us by virtue of having lived our lives, reflected on them, endured our struggles, contemplated the meaning of being a UU. Think about what you would like to hear, how you would like to hear and see it presented, what you would like to *experience*, and give some serious (and even humorous!) consideration to *bringing your vision to a service*.

You can rely on your Sunday Services Committee members—Charlotte Shea, Gretchen Kronk, Holly Knibbs, Mary Van Valin, Paul Ward, Rev. Kevin Tarsa and Richard Miller—to give you any guidance, ideas and support you might like in the preparation and delivery of a service. Below is the form for sharing your ideas. We would love to hear from you and collaborate with you.

Proposal for Lay-led Sunday Service

Title _____

Topic _____

Time of year you wish to present _____

What is the essence of the message you wish to share with the congregation? _____

What does sharing this message bring to you? _____

The Sunday Services Committee meets the 4th Tuesday of each month from 6pm to about 9pm. Could you meet with the Committee during that time to discuss the service? _____

A coordinator from the Sunday Services Committee will work with you. How can the Committee assist you with the service?

- ___ Meaningful/spiritual content, refining the message
- ___ Music selection to accompany/complement the service
- ___ Story for All Ages – suggestions and/or reading
- ___ Sanctuary settings to enhance the service
- ___ Selected readings
- ___ Other _____

Name _____

Date Submitted _____

Phone _____ **Email** _____

Please submit this Proposal to the Sunday Services Committee via email to office@uucgt.org or place a hard copy in the Committee’s mailbox in the office.

Date received by Sunday Services Committee _____

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Calendar

*All events take place at the Congregation building unless otherwise noted. Events marked with an * are part of the ongoing LEAP! Programs and can be joined at any time.*

February 2011

- 01 Tue * Bridge Group, 1-4:30PM
02 Wed * Peacemakers Needleworkers; Bonnie Mathias, 1:30-3:30PM
02 Wed * Wednesday Night Supper, 5:30-7PM
02 Wed * International Folk Dancers; Mary Van Valin, 6:30-9PM
03 Thur Vocal Ensemble Rehearsal, Rev. Tarsa, 7-9PM
- 06 Sun "When Past and Present Converge" Sally Mitchell and Rev. Nancy Doughty, One Service @ 10:30AM**
06 Sun * Mindfulness Meditation Group; Fleda Brown, 2:30-7PM
08 Tue * Bridge Group, 1-4:30PM
09 Wed * Wednesday Night Supper, 5:30-7PM
09 Wed * International Folk Dancers; Mary Van Valin, 6:30-9PM
10 Thur UU Women's Group, Shari Cope, 1-2:30PM
10 Thur Vocal Ensemble Rehearsal, Rev. Tarsa, 7-9PM
11 Fri Facilities Team Meeting; Fred Schaafsma, 10-11:30AM
12 Sat Barbara Child Workshop; Rev. Barbara Child, 9-11AM
- 13 Sun "Thinking Differently, Loving Alike," Rev. Barbara Child, One Service @ 10:30AM**
13 Sun Peace Group; Dave Halsted, 11:45AM-12:15PM
13 Sun * Mindfulness Meditation Group; Fleda Brown, 5:30-7PM
15 Tue * Bridge Group, 1-4:30PM
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17 Thur Vocal Ensemble Rehearsal, Rev. Tarsa, 7-9PM
- 20 Sun "The Five Pillars of Islam," Rabbi Chava Bahle, One Service @ 10:30AM**
20 Sun * Mindfulness Meditation Group; Fleda Brown, 5:30-7PM
21 Mon Men's Group; John Ort, 5:30-7PM
22 Tue * Bridge Group, 1-4:30PM
22 Tue Sunday Services Committee; Holly Knibbs, 6-8PM
23 Wed * Wednesday Night Supper, 5:30-7PM

- 23 Wed * International Folk Dancers; Mary Van Valin, 6:30-9PM
23 Wed * Chautauqua; Judy VanDeWeghe, 7-8PM
24 Thur Vocal Ensemble Rehearsal, Rev. Tarsa, 7-9PM
- 27 Sun "Strong Is What We Make Each Other," presented by Karen McCarthy and Ariel Love, One Service @ 10:30AM**
27 Sun Congregational Conversation; John Hoffmann, 11:30AM-1PM
27 Sun * Mindfulness Meditation Group; Fleda Brown, 5:30-7PM

March 2011

- 01 Tue * Bridge Group; 1-4:30PM
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