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Reverend Catherine Harrington

~~~ JUNE 7, 2009 - ANNUAL MEETING ~~~

PEOPLE'S CHURCH—WEST SHORE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

FOLLOWING THE SERVICE

AGENDA:

- **STATE OF THE CHURCH ADDRESS**
- **MINISTERS' REPORT**
- **TREASURER'S REPORT**
- **FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT AND APPROVAL OF 2009/2010 BUDGET**
- **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**
- **ELECTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS**
- **THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE WILL PUT INTO NOMINATION THE FOLLOWING CHURCH MEMBERS TO FILL THREE VACANCIES ON THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.**



RON STEINER FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM.

JOSH SWENSON FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM.

**GEORGE DILA TO COMPLETE THE FINAL TWO YEARS OF A THREE-YEAR TERM
DUE TO THE RESIGNATION FROM THE BOARD OF KEN FISHER.**

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE: JUDITH DILA, CHAIR; CAROLYN BEEKER,
RUTH CROMPTON, DIANA HOEPFINGER, GEORGE KELEN**

- **ELECTION OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2010/2011**
- **VOTE WHETHER TO SUPPORT THE RESOLUTION FOR A U.S. DEPT. OF PEACE**

Mark Your Calendar for June 12 and 13, 2009

**John Dominic Crossan
Seminar Titled "Jesus and the Kingdom"**

**John Dominic Crossan is an Emeritus Professor of Religious
Studies at DePaul University, Chicago, IL**

**Explore the life and times of Jesus
through the lens of faith.**

Ludington will host John Dominic Crossan. He is a renowned Biblical scholar on the historical Jesus, a refreshing voice who is a frequent guest on national television documentaries about Christianity, a cofounder of the Jesus seminars, and author of more than a dozen highly acclaimed books on the life of Jesus and on Christianity.

People's Church and The United Methodist Church of Ludington are working together to make this a great seminar series. Plan to join us at United Methodist Church of Ludington for a multimedia presentation on Friday evening and/or two sessions on Saturday morning.

Friday June 12th 7:00 PM The World of Jesus

Saturday June 13th at 9:00 AM The Life of Jesus

Saturday June 13th at 11:00 AM The Death of Jesus

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SUNDAY SERVICES — 11:00 A.M.

June 7 ~ Why is God Only Really Nice to Us After We've Died, and Other Perplexities of an Afterlife **by Dr. Lou Yock**

Many hundreds of millions of people believe they will experience perfection after they have died, or at least believe that they will know a much happier state of being. This sermon will take the position that waiting until after you are dead is perhaps not the best strategy for happiness and contentment.

June 14 ~ Dreams of My Father **by Reverend Catherine Harrington**

Fathers can play a powerful role in forming the identity of their children even if they are absent. Barack Obama's book is a wonderful example of the role fathers and mentors play in our lives.

June 21 ~ Jesus was a Liberal **by Reverend Catherine Harrington**

For some, even hearing the word "Jesus," can trigger a negative reaction. The Reverend Scotty McClennan offers an alternative understanding of Jesus and Christianity for those people of faith who fall somewhere in between the literalist Christians and the literalist atheists such as Richard Dawkins and Christopher Hitchens in his new book, *Jesus Was a Liberal*. McClennan is a UU minister and an attorney and he is presently the Dean for Religious life at Stanford University.

June 28 ~ The Power of Prayer: The Lessons of Chuck Norris, Curious George, and the New Bunk Beds **by Julia Raddatz**

We've heard a lot about the power of prayer. From tumbling the walls of Jericho to MRI's of meditating monks, the power of prayer is a common denominator in the world's collective experience. We'll explore the nuts and bolts of prayer, and take a look at the role of prayer in our contemporary culture. (some assembly required)

RELIGIOUS ED NEWS JUNE '09

We ask that for the summer season, members of the congregation with any craft or art skills, or a particular interest in social justice or environmental issues, an avocation or a spiritual topic, a favorite story that you would like to share with a craft project, or who just wants to spend about 45 minutes with our children on a Sunday morning, to please sign up for a Sunday. This is a wonderful way for you to learn a bit about our students, and a chance for our students to learn a little something about you. If you are interested, or have an idea, let a member of the children's religious education committee know and we will find a date that fits your summer schedule.

Jennifer Branning, Julia Chambers, Peg Gage,
Meryl Smith, Lou Yock

"Teaching is leaving a vestige of one self in the development of another. And surely the student is a bank where you can deposit your most precious treasures."
~Eugene P. Bertin

"A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops."
~Henry Brooks Adams

"Several future presidents are learning from me today; so are the great writers of the next decades, and so are all the so-called ordinary people who will make the decisions in a democracy."

"Children are the living messages we send to a time we will not see."
~John W. Whitehead

MUSINGS OF REVEREND CATHERINE HARRINGTON

My sixth year as your minister will begin on July 1, 2009. Looking back on our fifth year together, I'd say it's been a very good year in spite of enduring one of the worst winters on record! Every minute of summer will be savored and appreciated this year, I'd say. Suddenly, I view my rapidly growing grass as no less than a miracle and consider it a privilege to rev up my old lawn mower and trim it to perfection.

To celebrate our FIFTEENTH anniversary, Alice Dennison and Nanci Swenson created a superb timeline of our church's history for our social hall. On Celebration Sunday we had a rare treat with the presentation of **People's Church: The Musical** written by Jane Carpenter and Josh Swenson and with song lyrics by Jane Carpenter, Carol Farley, Nanci Swenson and Vail Weller. Our little church has an abundance of extraordinarily talented and dedicated members and friends. We have much to celebrate as our accomplishments carry us into a bright and promising future.



Celebrating our fifteenth birthday this year has added vigor, strength, and a new dimension to the life of People's Church. Our church leaders are looking ahead with an expanding vision that includes a commitment to spreading the good news and the healing power of Unitarian Universalism within our community and beyond. Early this year, we joined with the United Methodist Church of Ludington to form the LIGHT group: Lakeshore-Interfaith-Gathering-Hope-Together to promote interfaith dialogue and build a coalition of churches to begin pooling our resources to increase our social justice effectiveness in the community. We began with a bread and dialogue class and a knitting class to begin building bridges and relationships, a necessary foundation for learning to put aside our differences and work together.

We held an interfaith panel with a Rabbi, a Catholic priest, an Imam, and a Buddhist priest for our first major event, and Dr. Davidson Loehr facilitated a workshop on 60 Million Years of the Golden Rule. On May 31, scientist Connie Barlow will deliver a sermon on the marriage of science and religion and that evening her husband, Michael Dowd, will offer a two-hour presentation based on his book, *Thank God for Evolution*. On June 12 and 13, the distinguished historical Jesus scholar, John Dominic Crossan, will speak at the Methodist Church. These events are just the beginning of our interfaith dialogue in Ludington. We are gathering new members from other churches and it is our hope that eventually we will have representatives from as many churches as possible working side by side in the months and years to come. This has been a year of milestones.

On Good Friday, I was invited to speak at the Community Good Friday Tres Ores Service held at Emmanuel Lutheran church. To be honest, my first few years in Ludington, marked by terrible tragedy, have been made all the more difficult due to the isolation and loneliness of feeling marginalized by our UU faith. When the Reverend Jim Freisner, minister of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, called to invite me to participate in the service this year, tears came to my eyes. With a great reverence for the task assigned me, I carefully researched the scripture and prayed without ceasing for guidance as I wrote each and every word that I dared to speak on that sacred day, in that sacred company, in that sacred place. I was deeply saddened to learn that the Minister's Association withdrew their support solely because of my participation.

Nonetheless, I have hope. I continue to hold onto the dream of an interfaith coalition of local churches that recognizes each and every human being as brothers and sisters of God. I believe that an interfaith coalition can be a powerful force for good, a glorious collage of love and hope with the simple goal of ushering in the kingdom of God, where all people are treated with respect and dignity; a community that embraces diversity, transcends prejudice and inequality, a place where every child can grow to become a healthy and whole adult. President Obama said in his commencement speech to the graduates at Notre Dame, "No one religion can do it alone." We need each other.

What tragedy has taught me above all else is that there is one thing in life that we can trust and that is that Love is more powerful than hate, and when we open our hearts and minds to the transforming power of Love, anything is possible, a community of LIGHT: Lakeshore Interfaith Gathering Hope Together. This is my hope and prayer.

In faith and love,
Cathy

MINISTER'S SCHEDULE:
General Assembly, Salt Lake City, Utah
June 24-28

MAY EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS

JUNE SPECIAL OCCASIONS

3—Marianne Strickland	14—Rachel Kramer
5—Doris King	15—Evan Kramer
7—Wendy Martin	17—Jeannene Hall

JUNE 18—

**MARY AND JOHN MARKOV
60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY!**



JUNE 12-13, INTERFAITH SEMINAR

JOHN DOMINIC CROSSAN

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LUDINGTON

FRIDAY JUNE 12, 7:00 P.M.
THE WORLD OF JESUS

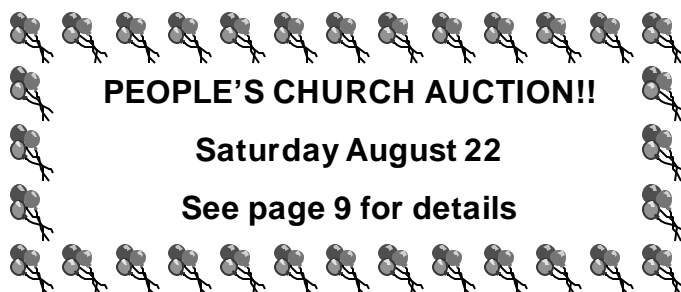
SATURDAY JUNE 13, 9:00 A.M.
THE LIFE OF JESUS

SATURDAY JUNE 13, 11:00 A.M.
THE DEATH OF JESUS

FABULOUS FIRST FRIDAY FILM FESTIVAL #63

FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 7 P.M.

For The Bible Tells Me So, a must see documentary that reconciles homosexuality with Biblical scripture, will be shown at **People's Church** on **Friday, June 5th** at **7:00 pm**. Reviewers report the film is surprisingly well-balanced, levelheaded and factual. It considers five real American families, some prominent, and how they deal with homosexuality. Ancient Hebrews had ritual prohibitions against homosexuality, eating pork or shellfish, or wearing wool with linen. Do we follow these prohibitions today? Theologians and religious leaders like Nobel Prize laureate Archbishop Desmond Tutu explain why the bible should not be taken literally. Would you agree? The criterion for First Friday Films is that they lend themselves to discussion. Don't miss the discussion. Questions regarding the film may be directed to 843-4099.



PEOPLE'S CHURCH AUCTION!!

Saturday August 22

See page 9 for details

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**TWO-BITS UNIVERSITY WILL RESUME IN  
SEPTEMBER.**

**A.R.E. WILL RESUME IN SEPTEMBER.**

## SUPPORT FOR THE RESOLUTION FOR A U.S. DEPT. OF PEACE?

At our annual meeting on June 7, we will be voting on a resolution to support a U.S. Department of Peace. If you have questions or objections, please call Josh Swenson, 723-4395.

Please also consult the web site,  
[www.thepeacealliance.org/](http://www.thepeacealliance.org/) or Google Dept. of Peace.



When we tug on a  
Single thing in nature  
We find it attached  
To everything else.

~ John Muir

## 2009 Milestones

-Christopher Branning graduated from Miami University with a BA in history on May 9th. He has accepted a position with Western Land Services and will be working out west on an archeology crew with the Native American division. Needless to say, his parents are very happy!

-Rachel Branning graduates from Cranbrook Kingswood Upper School on June 5th. She will be attending Agnes Scott College in the fall. She plans to study neuroscience and do research on the impact music has on the body as it heals. She received a scholarship in the amount of \$79,000. Needless to say, her parents are very happy!

Everyone is invited to attend Rachel's graduation open house on Saturday, June 27th from 4-8 p.m. The open house will be at the Branning home which is located at 1991 W. Crystal View Dr. in Scottville. The honor of your presence is the only gift necessary. If you need directions feel free to call 757-3545. Hope you can join us for the celebration!!

-In June, Judith Dila completes four years of study and incredibly hard work to become a certified Feldenkrais Practitioner, and a professional member of the Feldenkrais Guild of North America.

-The Grady-Renny family is pleased to announce that Colin Renny is graduating from high school.

-Jeannene Hall reports: "My granddaughter, Ellen Pfeffer, will be graduating from high school with honors along with 1st place ribbons for art pieces from the State visual arts competition and a 3-medal collection in music. This is especially amazing to me since her mother died just at the beginning of this school year. She is so much like her mother!"

-From Mana Mohr: I have two wonderful and very exciting events happening in June though they are not graduations. Yet. My eldest daughter Danyal is getting married on June 20

to her best friend and a wonderful young man, one whom I am happy to have as my son-in-law. Also, my youngest daughter, Amy, is leaving for France on June 27th for a position as a French/English tutor for three summer camps. We are very excited. These are some things I am very proud of regarding my daughters!

-Michelle King Kramer reports: My boy Evan is graduating May 22 from Ludington High School. Evan has been accepted into the University of Michigan's School of Music, so I'll have two offspring at UM next fall. Not sure how Geoff and I (two State grads) let that happen.....

- Alison and Dick Puffer have two grandkids graduating from high school. Alex Puffer of Bay St. Louis MS will graduate from St. Stanislaus Academy the end of May. Alex will attend North Eastern University in Boston, Mass. Laura Israel will graduate mid-June from Southview High School in Sylvania, Ohio and will attend Ohio State in Columbus next year.

-Lauren Smith graduated from Ludington High School on May 22, 2009. She will begin her college career at Wayne State University this Fall as a dance major. Please join us in celebrating her graduation at an Open House on Sunday, June 28. It will be held at the Harbor View Marina from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Also... "Don't Stop Believing" is the theme of Letha Fulton School of Dance Recital. Dancers will be performing to a variety of favorite songs from some of America's best entertainers, Legends of music and greatest hits. This will be Lauren Smith's last recital in Ludington (she also is performing a solo). The dates and times of the performances are as follows at Peterson Auditorium: Fri, June 5, 7 p.m., Sat, June 6, 1 p.m. 7 p.m. All tickets are reserved seating and are \$11.00 pre-ordered and \$13.00 at the door. Please see Meryl if you are interested. If you have never been to one of these recitals, be sure to check this one out!

- Dave Hall says: Please don't forget the first day of summer. Also, it's a new moon, so we should all go out and look for northern lights and stuff.



### THINKING NEEDED HERE.



Research has shown that when a church sanctuary seating is more than 80% full, visitors don't come back. We are often at that level. We are also short on space for religious education. And many wish for a better kitchen.

Although we love our building, perhaps we need to embrace change to grow. We as a church have much which is wonderful to share. It would be good to grow.

Josh Swenson Bob King Chrissie Hall



### ADAPTED FROM THE STAR THROWER BY LOREN EISELEY

One day, as a wise man was walking along the ocean, he saw an odd thing. Someone was far-off, repeatedly bending down, standing up, and then flailing an arm as if throwing something. It was an odd motion to see, almost like the figure was dancing. As the wise man drew nearer, however, he saw that the person was not dancing. In fact, he saw that it was a young man, and he was picking small objects from the sand, turning toward the ocean, and throwing them past the crashing waves into deep water.

The wise man came closer still. "Good morning," he called. "May I ask what you are doing?"

The young man paused, looked up, and said, "I'm throwing starfish into the ocean."

"I must ask you," said the wise man then, "why are you doing such a thing?"

The young man glanced around the beach. "The sun is up and the tide is going out," he said. "If they stay on the beach, they will die."

As the young man glanced around the beach, so did the wise man. Sadly, the wise man saw that starfish littered the beach in both directions, stretching out of sight. "But young man," said he, "There are miles and miles of beach and there are starfish along every mile! You can not expect to make a difference!"

At this, the young man bent down, picked up another starfish, and threw it into the water. "It made a difference to that one," he said.



"Affirming the inherent worth and dignity of every person..."

Thanks go .... To Ida Rees who provided orchid corsages for all the women who attended the Mother's Day service; To all who, on Mother's Day, completed Cathy's statement "Dear Mother, thank you for teaching me\_\_\_\_\_." Our congregation shared stories of some extraordinary mothers! TO Christine Reed-Fast who took over the reins of Sunday's Hospitality Hour with such enthusiasm! To Doris King for sharing her musical talents as accompanist; to the Pastoral Care Committee: Chrissie Hall, Wendy Martin, Irene Mayer, Sue Scarfino for keeping in touch with members and friends who for some reason or another are unable to attend services, and for keeping us apprised when we can assist; to Christine Reed-Fast and Alison Puffer for their recorder music at a Sunday service; to Alice Dennison for her quiet and consistent work on our wonderful newsletter; to Ed Dennison for pitching in on projects big and small whenever he is needed; to Judy Harrington for her cookies and her office volunteering; to Julie Sherlock for adding music to our lives; to the sanctuary keepers and office volunteers who water and fertilize our sanctuary plants; and all others who go quietly about doing the small things that make the big picture brighter for the rest of us; to Shawna Hillman and Ariel Phelps for caring for the nursery children on Sunday mornings; special thanks to Ava Raddatz for her performance in People's Church: The Musical on Celebration Sunday; thanks also to the cast and crew. For those of us who missed it, word is that there may be a repeat performance later in the year!

And thanks to all the Members and friends who contribute just being part of our congregation.

### FAIR TRADE

Fair trade coffee-- Mexican style spicy hot cocoa now on the shelves. Also tea, dried cranberries. What you buy is not only worth the taste but supports fair wages, organic farming and song bird habitat!

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY,  
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH  
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST ASSOCIATION  
WED. JUNE 24 TO SUN. JUNE 28, 2009**

**Workshop:** The Network will present *Facilitator Training: The Key to Small Group Ministry Success*, at GA 2009 in Salt Lake City. Speakers include Diana Dorroh, the Rev. Melissa Carvill-Zeimer, the Rev. Dr. Justin Osterman, and the Rev. Bret Lortie. The workshop will provide a concrete plan for designing and implementing a comprehensive training program. The minister's role in sharing and blessing this ministry will be a special focus. Specific topics include:

1. Identifying and Recruiting
2. The Initial Training
3. Facilitators Meetings
4. Individual Coaching
5. Facilitator Recognition



**"WANTED"**

A FEW MORE GOOD CHOIR MEMBERS! MUST HAVE A DESIRE TO ADD JOY TO SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES AND BE WILLING TO ATTEND WEEKLY PRE-SERVICE REHEARSALS. "NATURAL" SINGING ABILITY IS NOT REQUIRED. PLEASE CONTACT JULIE SHERLOCK OR SIMPLY JOIN US ON SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9:30 A.M.



**NEW BOOKS IN OUR LIBRARY**

"The Greatest Generation" by Tom Brokaw. Moving stories and memories from the veterans of WW II.

"Nothing Is Impossible: Reflections on a new life, by Christopher Reeve.

"Against All Enemies: Inside America's War On Terror" by Richard A. Clarke.

"Makes Me Want to Holler" by Nathan McCall. In this blistering memoir, McCall chronicles his passage from the street to the prison yard - and ultimately to the news rooms of the Washington Post.

"Women In The Shade of Islam" by Abdul Rahman Al-Sheka.

"Earth Speaks" a beautiful collection of essays, poetry and observations designed to renew our sense of relationship with the earth. Illustrated by Gwen Frostic.

Carolyn Beeker, Library Lady

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Electronic Newsletters**

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**ATTENTION! ATTENTION!**

**BE CAREFUL NOT TO COMPROMISE OUR SECURITY**

**When you are the last to leave the building, please be conscious that the doors-- front and rear-- MUST BE LOCKED. This includes especially both of the rear doors, button on the outside one, the panic bar unhooked on the inner one. Then the door in the sanctuary must be given a final nudge. Both of these are important to the security of our building.**

# AUGUST IS AUCTION TIME!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR  
PEOPLE'S CHURCH ANNUAL AUCTION  
~ ~ ~ AGE OF AQUARIUS ~ ~ ~



**SATURDAY NIGHT, AUGUST 22, 2009**  
**LUDINGTON AREA CENTER FOR THE ARTS**  
**Sneak Preview of Current Offerings**

"Jazzing it Up" – NY Teachers Jazz Band will entertain us while we brunch at Chrissie and Dave Hall's home

"Beer-A-Plenty" – Beer tasting event at Jamesport Brewing Company with music by Monte and Monica Klein (guitar and dulcimer).

"When You Wish Upon A Star" – a star gazing and educational evening on the lake with astronomer Ed Dennison

"Aussie and Blues" – an Australian barbeque at George Kelen's with music by Sherri and the Violators.

Pen and ink drawing created of your home by artist, Elaine Sutherland

Pontoon boat on Hamlin Lake for a day

Kayaking and Shish Ka Bab

Behind the Scenes in Chicago including the Union League Club International Art Exhibit, Planetarium, Field Museum and Shedd Aquarium

Private plane ride and lunch in Frankfort

Bed and Breakfast Weekend

Gardener's Package

Bird Feeder's Package

Gift certificates for apparel and dining

There will be a silent auction, a Chinese auction (an auction where we would choose certain items which wouldn't be with a list to write down their minimum bid, but just toss in a raffle ticket and then we pick one); a fifty-fifty raffle; and a live auction. Everyone who brings a non-member will receive 2 free raffle tickets to use for the fifty-fifty and the Chinese auction. It's time for members and friends to donate goods or services for our annual auction. Most popular in the past were themed dinners which ran throughout the year. I hope that our past donors will again offer these dining packages. Also needed are air miles, vacation house rentals, art and computer lessons, all types of services, new books, CDs and DVDs, chef offerings and pet or house sitting. Donation forms are available in Hospitality Hall, or simply email Carol Marshall at [yannidesigns@charter.net](mailto:yannidesigns@charter.net) or call her at 398-0970. Volunteers for the committee are always welcome. Just call.



**TERRY MURPHY  
KAREN GRADY  
KEN FISHER**



**WE'VE GOT TO HAND IT TO YOU;  
THANK YOU! THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!!!**



**Summary of Board Minutes  
for May 13, 2009.**

Members present included Ken Fisher, Karen Grady, David Hall, Terry Murphy, Christine Reed-Fast, David Rodwell, and Mary Wickwire. Also present were Cathy Harrington, Ed Dennison, David Koskey, and David Nixon. President Terry Murphy opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m. and introduced David Koskey as a new member of the Finance Committee.

The Minutes for April 15<sup>th</sup> were approved unanimously. As a guest, David Nixon suggested that People's Church write a letter to the Ludington Daily News describing what we stand for. The Board will consider asking the newspaper to invite all local religious groups to submit their descriptions for publication.

Christine Reed-Fast will continue to write thank you notes to those who have recently contributed their time and talents to the church.

As part of her monthly report, Cathy Harrington emphasized that we need to address the issue of providing quality education for the children of our church. We do not have a Director for the Youth Program, and we have been unable to fund the Chalice Camp, an activity that many children and parents were looking forward to for this summer. To continue our celebration of our 15<sup>th</sup> birthday, The Board will invite Barbara Hoag Gadon to visit in August, and Vail Weller to visit on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

The Treasurer's Report was approved unanimously. Terry Murphy acknowledged the contributions of those who served on the Stewardship Committee. First, Ed Dennison, who was heavily involved for the third year in a row; then others included Carol Farley, Anne Pettigrew, Alice Dennison, Carol Marshall, and Cathy Harrington. Ed Dennison said that the committee will meet Friday, May 22, to discuss the canvass summary. The Board unanimously approved the recommended Budget for 2009-2010 with the following changes: Put \$1,000 into the board Discretionary

Fund and the remainder of the pledges received after May 7, 2009, which should be approximately \$2,000, into the Contingency Fund.

David Rodwell reported on plans for John Dominic Crossan's visit on June 12 and 13. The Board unanimously approved that up to \$1,000 be spent from the Contingency Fund to purchase books for sale at the event.


The meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Wickwire

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# JUNE 2009

PC = People's Church  
 UMCL = United Methodist  
 Church of Ludington  
 LACA = Ludington Area Center  
 for the Arts

| Sun                                                                                                                                                          | Mon | Tue                                               | Wed                           | Thu                                                               | Fri                                       | Sat                                                                                        |
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|                                                                                                                                                              | 1   | 2<br>6-9 p.m.<br>Closed Meeting                   | 3                             | 4<br>10 a.m.<br>Recorder Practice<br>7:30 p.m.<br>Zen Meditation  | 5<br>7 p.m.<br>Fabulous First Friday Film | 6                                                                                          |
| 7<br>9:30 a.m. —Choir Practice<br>11:00 a.m.—Church Service & RE<br>1:00 p.m.—Adult Re Meeting<br>7:30 p.m. - Zen Meditation                                 | 8   | 9<br>6-9 p.m.<br>Closed Meeting                   | 10<br>7 p.m.<br>Board Meeting | 11<br>10 a.m.<br>Recorder Practice<br>7:30 p.m.<br>Zen Meditation | 12                                        | 13                                                                                         |
| 14<br>9:30 a.m. —Choir Practice<br>11:00 a.m.—Church Service & RE<br>7:30 p.m. - Zen Meditation                                                              | 15  | 16<br>6-9 p.m.<br>Closed Meeting<br>7 p.m.<br>COM | 17                            | 18<br>10 a.m.<br>Recorder Practice<br>7:30 p.m.<br>Zen Meditation | 19                                        | 20                                                                                         |
| 21 <b>FIRST DAY OF SUMMER</b><br>9:30 a.m. —Choir Practice<br>11:00 a.m.—Church Service & RE<br>7:30 p.m. - Zen Meditation<br><br>PEOPLE'S VOICE DEADLINE    | 22  | 23<br>6-9 p.m.<br>Closed Meeting                  | 24                            | 25<br>10 a.m.<br>Recorder Practice<br>7:30 p.m.<br>Zen Meditation | 26                                        | 27<br>7:30 a.m. –<br>12:30 p.m.<br>Buddhist<br>Retreat                                     |
| 28<br>9:30 a.m. —Choir Practice<br>11:00 a.m.—Church Service & RE<br>7:30 p.m. - Zen Meditation<br><br>SPLIT-THE-PLATE SUNDAY                                | 29  | 30<br>6-9 p.m.<br>Closed Meeting                  | July 1                        | 2<br>10 a.m.<br>Recorder Practice<br>7:30 p.m.<br>Zen Meditation  | 3                                         | 4<br> |
| 5                                                                                                                                                            | 6   | 7<br>6-9 p.m.<br>Closed Meeting                   | 8                             | 9<br>10 a.m.<br>Recorder Practice<br>7:30 p.m.<br>Zen Meditation  | 10                                        | 11                                                                                         |
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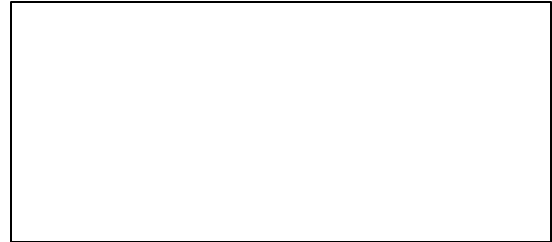
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|------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| 6/7  | Connie and Mitch Grabois<br>Lisa Hammond and Dave Koskey |         | Carol Farley      | Carol and Dave Rodwell  |
| 6/14 | Anne and Norm Pettigrew<br>Sid Morkert                   |         | Anne Pettigrew    | Anne and Norm Pettigrew |
| 6/21 | Sue and Jim Hopson<br>Dwight Wood                        |         | Carolyn Beeker    | Alice and Ed Dennison   |
| 6/28 | Carol and Dave Rodwell<br>Ron Johnson                    |         | Alice Dennison    | Nanci and Josh Swenson  |

| REGULAR MEETING TIMES                                         |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| SUNDAYS @ 5:00 P.M.—2-BITS U                                  |
| SUNDAYS @ 7:30 P.M.—ZEN MEDITATION                            |
| TUESDAYS @ 6 P.M.—CLOSED MEETING                              |
| THIRD TUESDAY @ 7 P.M.—COM                                    |
| SECOND WEDNESDAY @ 7 P.M.—BOARD MEETING                       |
| THURSDAYS @ 10 A.M.—RECORDER PRACTICE                         |
| THURSDAYS @ 7:30 P.M.—ZEN MEDITATION                          |
| LAST SATURDAY @ 7:30 A.M. TO 12:30 P.M. -<br>BUDDHIST RETREAT |



# People's Church

West Shore Unitarian  
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### **We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to 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 living tradition we share 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;
- Jewish and Christian teachings which call us to respond to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves;
- 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; and
- 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.

**“Love is the spirit of this church, and service is its law....”**