

West Shore Unitarian Universalist Congregation

People's Voice

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Minister: Reverend Catherine Harrington



"YOU NEVER GET A SECOND CHANCE TO MAKE A FIRST IMPRESSION."

The first impression of People's Church is the red brick façade, the gas lamp with the green and gold sign listing our name and our minister's name, the flowers in the small garden lovingly tended by members, whether the blinds are open or closed. (Do we look welcoming to strangers?), and the sign in the window. In the past, sermon titles were posted on the sign, but Marianne Strickland had a new idea: Why not post sayings that represent who we are and what we believe? Every month she searches for a representative saying to tell the world about us. If you have any suggestions, see Marianne and work with her because, whether we like it or not, "First impressions are lasting impressions."

SUNDAY SERVICES — 11:00 A.M.

July 5 ~ The One Life You Can Save

Rev. Vail Weller

The story of one congregation's journey to visit their partner church in the Philippines...and what they learned about the US economy, global poverty and our UU faith.

Vail served as the Extension Minister at People's Church from 1998- 2003 and looks forward to returning this morning. Vail is the Lead Minister at the Unitarian Universalists of San Mateo, CA.

July 12 ~ Immunity to Change

Reverend Catherine Harrington

Dr. Robert Kegan, a developmental psychologist at Harvard, has devoted a decade to understanding why we have such a difficult time making much needed changes in our lives. Studies reveal that when people are told they must change or die, only 7% are able to change. What is our resistance to change and how can we overcome it?

July 19 ~ Is Intelligent Design Anti-Scientific?

Dr. Lou Yock

Well, not if you take Aristotle's point of view, which is very different from a Creationist's point of view. Philosophically, it can be argued that understanding Aristotle's "Unmoved Mover" might be common ground from which to start a conversation between evolutionists and creationists.

July 26 ~ Forgive and Forget?

Lev Raphael

One of the big questions after the Holocaust is forgiveness. Can the Nazi crimes be forgiven? Lev Raphael is the son of Holocaust survivors who has found himself in the surprising position of traveling in Germany, a country he once considered anathema. He will discuss how forgiveness emerged there for him as a theme, how he felt about it, and compare Jewish and Christian understandings of forgiveness and what they say about post-Holocaust relationships between Jews and Christians.

Lev Raphael is the Michigan author of nineteen books that have been translated into nearly a dozen languages. He's done hundreds of talks about his work on three different continents. You can find him on the Web at <http://www.levraphael.com> author of MY GERMANY

"Let us put our minds together and see what life we can make for our children."~Sitting Bull

RELIGIOUS ED NEWS

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 on 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

FOR JULY '09

member of the children's religious education committee know and we will find a date that fits your summer schedule.

For the fall and spring curricula, the RE committee is considering "We are Made of Stardust" and "Remember Who You Are" by our recent speaker Connie Barlow, "Stardust" in collaboration with Michael Dowd. Comments on these curricula are welcomed. If you wish to view them, zap Lou and he will email you the link, or Google the title with "Barlow."-

MUSINGS OF REVEREND CATHERINE HARRINGTON

It really is a small world, either that or there just aren't very many flights to Salt Lake City from the Midwest. I ran into one colleague in the Grand Rapids airport on my way to Salt Lake and in Minneapolis we picked up what appeared to be a quarter of the plane filled with UU ministers on their way to General Assembly. It was fun! When this happens, I realize how starved I am for collegial connection but even more than that I recognize how incredibly proud I am to be a part of this liberal religious movement.



General Assembly is a celebrated time for all UU's but especially for UU ministers. It marks the end of a long year of service as well as a beginning of a new year. We ministers gather for two days prior to the beginning of General Assembly to reconnect, to attend collegial conversations/workshops, to worship together, receive a special report from the UUA president, and as a grand finale, we enjoy listening to the Berry Street Lecture, a long-standing tradition. This historical event is something I look forward to every year. It all began when the Rev. William Ellery Channing, Minister of the Federal Street Church of Boston, invited all Massachusetts ministers known to be liberal to meet in the vestry of his church (whose entrance was on Berry Street) on May 30, 1820. At the meeting Channing delivered a prepared address. He urged upon his colleagues a "bond of union" among liberal Christian ministers, within which they might meet to exchange practical ideas for strengthening their ministries. Thus was initiated the Berry Street Conference which has convened every year since 1820 save one (during WWII), and thus is the Berry Street Essay the oldest lecture series on the North American continent. As from its beginning, its purpose is to contribute to the practical strength of liberal ministries. The convening of the Berry Street Conference, for the delivery and hearing of the Berry Street Essay, has for many years now been the last event of the annual meeting and conference of the Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association. You can find most of the lectures posted at uuma.org/berry-street/essays; enough of the finest liberal religious reading material available that will keep you busy for a decade at least. This year's lecture will be number one hundred and ninety-one!

I'm sitting on the plane heading for Salt Lake as I write this and I anticipate that I will come home from General Assembly inspired, energized, and overflowing with exciting new ideas for our little church and our ministry together. As we begin our sixth year together, I would like to say how grateful I am for your support of our congregation and your dedication to our Unitarian Universalist faith. One special bonus of attending General Assembly is that I always come home refreshed and grateful that I found Unitarian Universalism and had the wisdom to find People's Church.

In faith and love,

Cathy

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Nina Kalmoutis was recently ordained as a UU minister. Many of us remember Nina when she spent a summer here with Cathy and was instrumental in getting us started with Community Table. Cathy was at her ordination and participated in the ceremony. This picture shows how Nina felt about the occasion.

Best wishes, Nina!

# JULY EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS

## JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 4—Keith Crompton
- 4—Louisa Meyer
- 7—Alison Puffer
- 16—Mark Branning
- 25—Jennifer Branning
- 27—Alice Dennison
- 30—Judith Dila
- 30—Cathy Harrington



## Friday Night Live People's Church Event Booth, July 17-August 7

Is anyone interested in helping with a "Friday Night Live" event booth sponsored by People's Church this summer? They happen Fridays starting July 17 through August 7. We could do one, some or all of them. Members could sell their original arts & crafts, or baked goods. Children's games or crafts are other possibilities. Other ideas are welcome. This is an opportunity to interact with the public in an informal setting. We can have "literature" available for anyone curious about UU's.

## JULY 5—POTLUCK AT THE HALLS

To honor Vail Weller's visit, there will be a potluck at Chrissie and Dave Hall's on Sunday, July 5 from 1-4 p.m. All members and friends of People's Church are welcome. Halls will provide a meat dish, place settings and lemonade; guests bring the rest. Bring a lawn chair if convenient.

Anyone needing directions,  
email [cdhall@chartermi.net](mailto:cdhall@chartermi.net)  
or call 843-1883.

## FABULOUS FIRST FRIDAY FILM FESTIVAL #63 FRIDAY, JULY 10, 7 P.M.

**Frost/Nixon**, a first run award winning historical drama dramatizing the history making interviews of 1977, will be shown at **People's Church** on **Friday, July 10** at **7:00 pm**. Nixon was implicated with criminal wrongdoing in Watergate, resigned and replaced but never confessed. British TV personality, David Frost, persuaded Nixon to participate in interviews about the Nixon presidency. For Frost, it was a huge opportunity. For Nixon it was a way to be exonerated. What followed were scenes of tension, stinging wit and potent human drama leading to a momentous conclusion. 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.

## A WALK TO THE CENTER LABYRINTH WALK

### Join us for a labyrinth walk

L.I.G.H.T (Lakeshore Interfaith Gathering Hope Together), is sponsoring a labyrinth walk on

### August 2 through the 7

from 2:00 to 7:00 p.m.

each day at the Pavilion in the wooded area behind the United Methodist Church of Ludington and on

### August 9 through the 14

from 9:00 to 4:00 p.m. each day at the Centenary United Methodist Church in Pentwater.

## 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!

# PEOPLE'S CHURCH ANNUAL AUCTION

~ ~ ~ AGE OF AQUARIUS ~ ~ ~

## SATURDAY NIGHT, AUGUST 22, 2009

### LUDINGTON AREA CENTER FOR THE ARTS

DINNER AND COCKTAILS, SILENT AUCTION, CHINESE AUCTION, LIVE AUCTION, RAFFLE. BRING YOUR FRIENDS

AND RECEIVE **2** FREE RAFFLE TICKETS FOR EACH GUEST YOU BRING!



RSVP for dinner – [uuchurch@charterinternet.com](mailto:uuchurch@charterinternet.com) or call Carol Marshall at 231-845-6493 or 231-398-0970

### Sneak Preview of Current Offerings

#### ENTERTAINMENT AND PARTY TIME

- Lake Michigan Fishing Trip with Captain Lynn Hoepfinger
- Bed and Breakfast Weekend at the Lamplighter
- Week's stay at Snug Harbor on Hamlin Lake

#### THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME

- Gardener's Package including all one needs to create your garden
- Bird Feeder's Package including every type of bird feeder and food to attract those winged creatures to your back yard
- Do It Yourself Home Package including tools, gift certificates and labor

#### AND JUST FOR YOU

- Necklace and earring set by Yanni Designs
- Necklace by Carmine Killey
- Hand Crafted Felt Purse by Bev Fogarty

#### CLASSES

- Exploration in Art—a fun filled afternoon with artists Josh Swenson, Elaine Sutherland and Carol Marshall who will show you how to change beachcombing treasures into garden art.
- Print Making art class with artist Monte Klein
- Photography—subject and composition with Ron Johnson and Carol Marshall

Items are being added every day. [www.peopleschurchuu.com](http://www.peopleschurchuu.com)

AGE OF AQUARIUS FOR PEOPLE'S CHURCH WRITTEN BY CAROL FARLEY

*sung to the tune of "the age of Aquarius" from the musical Hair.*

When the moon is shining round and bright,  
And our summer days are almost done,  
You're invited to an awesome auction,  
Won't you join us for the fun?

This is an auction that you dare not miss,  
You dare not miss,  
You dare not miss,  
Dare Not Miss!

Dinners, trips, and lazy lunches,  
Antiques, jazz and tasty brunches,  
Paintings, jewels and ornate vases,  
Bid on books, and fancy places.  
Won't you join us for the fun?

This is an auction that you dare not miss,  
You dare not miss  
You dare not miss,  
Dare not miss!

# THE AGE OF AQUARIUS AUCTION IS COMING SOON. THERE IS LOTS TO DO !!! AND WE ARE LOOKING FOR WAYS YOU CAN HELP

## AUCTION ITEM CATEGORIES

See the list below for suggestions. We have some terrific items and are grateful to those who already donated, but it's really up to you to make this a great and profitable event. If you haven't already donated, please take a moment now to review the list of suggestions and let me know either by email [yannidesigns@charter.net](mailto:yannidesigns@charter.net), call me at 231-398-0970 or pick up an Auction Donation Form in Hospitality Hall and drop it off in the box on the outside of the office wall.

## VOLUNTEERS

We need you! If you can address invitations, make copies, follow up on donations, distribute posters, help decorate, cart items to the Center, sell raffle tickets, set up or clean up, register guests, help tally the results, or bartend (wine and beer) — WE NEED YOU! Let me know by contacting me as suggested or sign up on the volunteer board in the Hospitality Hall.

## PARTICIPATION

And, don't forget to invite your friends who may not be members of the Church. For every non-member you bring with you, you get 2 FREE RAFFLE TICKETS which can be used for the 50/50 or for the Chinese Auction. And, give Carol names and addresses of anyone you think might enjoy this evening. We are looking to spread our wings and get out in the community. The more the merrier!

## THE AUCTION ITEM CATEGORIES

### ENTERTAINMENT AND PARTY TIME

Special gatherings at your home, park, lake or location of your choosing. You choose the maximum number of people, the activity, the food and beverages and any theme you would like. These may be scheduled at your convenience. Please consider choosing a specific date and time for your event. BBQ's, brunches, themed dinners, picnics, and cocktail parties are just a few. Trips, outings, adventures or any fun activity are great auction items. Here is an opportunity to make new friends and enjoy old ones having fun together at the same time raising much needed funds for the Church.

## THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME

Here's an opportunity to donate high quality items such as antiques and collectibles, original art work or artists' craft work. Consider items which would make one's job as a homemaker, gardener or do-it-yourself more interesting and definitely easier. Are you a bird watcher or a nature lover??? Think about items that enhance those hobbies. Do you love to cook and find that you have collected every possible gadget to handle any possible cooking experience or have an unending supply of cookbooks — and now you have decided it's easier to eat out! If it's interesting and unique enough, others may be interested in bidding on it.

## SERVICES and CLASSES

Here's where you can really make a difference. Can you offer transportation, personal shopping, house sitting, car washing, house cleaning, dog walking, baby or pet sitting? Can you teach a session on basic internet skills, knitting, painting, cooking, sewing, crafting, jewelry making, decorating, photography, floral arranging, gardening, tennis or golf? You name it!

## JUST FOR YOU

Here's an opportunity to donate items or services just for us — music CDs or movie DVDs, hand-crafted garments or accessories or personal grooming and beauty services. GOURMET foods that you prepare that are the envy of all who have tasted them. Do you have any air miles to donate — great idea for auction get aways!

## AUCTION METHODS

### SILENT -

Items will be chosen with minimum silent bid and you may try to outbid the previous bidder by simply writing your name, number and bid. The Silent Auction will begin at 6 p.m. and end at the beginning of the Live Auction, around 7:30p.m..

### CHINESE AUCTION—

Items will be available for the lucky raffle winner. Simply toss in a raffle ticket or two and you may be the one to win from just one of your raffle tickets. The Chinese Auction will be held simultaneously with the Silent Auction.

### RAFFLE—

All proceeds will be split 50/50 with the winner and the Church. Raffle tickets may be purchased throughout the evening, with the winner announced at the end of the Live Auction.

### LIVE AUCTION—

Julia Raddatz and Josh Swenson will be our auctioneers. Explanation of items, including the designed number and description, will be auctioned off during dinner—7:30-9:00 p.m..

" 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.



### **We Pass Peace Resolution, but . . .**

AT THE ANNUAL MEETING ON JUNE 7, WE VOTED 17 TO 8 WITH 8 ABSTENTATIONS TO SUPPORT THE A U.S. DEPARTMENT OF PEACE. HOWEVER SEVERAL PROCEDURAL MISTAKES WERE MADE, AND WE ALL BECAME AWARE THAT MANY MEMBERS DID NOT KNOW WHAT THE DEPARTMENT OF PEACE WAS ABOUT. FURTHER, WE HAD NO DEFINITE POLICY ON RESOLUTIONS. THEREFORE, THE BOARD REQUESTED THAT JOSH SWENSON FORM A TASKFORCE TO EDUCATE OUR MEMBERS ON THE DEPT. OF PEACE AND ALSO THE BOARD WOULD DEVELOP A POLICY ON WHO (AND HOW) PEOPLE SPEAK FOR THE CHURCH.

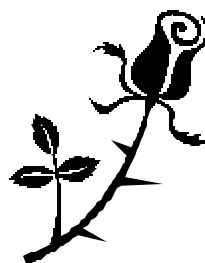
THEN WE WILL VOTE AGAIN. CALL JOSH 723-4395 TO VOLUNTEER TO BE ON THE TASKFORCE. AS UNCLE SAM ONCE SAID, "WE WANT YOU!"

### **HEARTLAND DISTRICT BOARD WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS**

At its June 5-7 board meeting the Heartland District board of the UUA welcomed our minister **Cathy Harrington** as a new member-at-large. The first meeting of the new board will be August 7-9, 2009.

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

Thanks to Didi Hoepfinger and Alison Puffer for organizing the third annual People's Church women's' sing; wonderful fun for everyone! Many thanks to John Stevens for picking up several non-driving members so they could attend church services as well as the John Dominic Crossan workshops at the United Methodist Church. Thanks to the Ludington Recorders (Sally Burmeister, Christine Reed-Fast, Ann French, Peg and Kent Gage, Didi and Lynn Hoepfinger, Shirley Knight, Anne Pettigrew, Alison Puffer, Kathy Radke) for their Sunday music, especially "Amazing Grace" which was..... Amazing! And they sealed the deal when we were asked to join in singing a rousing "June is Busting Out All Over." Father's Day featured the Women's Choir directed by Didi Hoepfinger and accompanied by Doris King in a special rendition of "Bless This House" in honor of our 15th year; and thanks to Lynn and Didi Hoepfinger for their recorder/piano postlude of Danny Boy; to Mary and John Markov for sharing their 60th wedding anniversary with a delicious cake; to Didi Hoepfinger for flowers from her garden last Sunday—the peonies were large and oh, so beautiful; and thanks to all the Members and friends who contribute just being part of our congregation.



**CONSIDER SHARING YOUR  
SUMMER FLOWERS FOR  
OUR SUNDAY SERVICES.  
AH, LOVELY!**

**YOUR IDEAS WELCOME...**

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 of us 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.

The people listed below would love to hear your ideas!

Josh Swenson Bob King Chrissie Hall

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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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cdhall@charter.net

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Ron Steiner

Josh Swenson

Mary Wickwire

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Ron Johnson Lamp Photo

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PEOPLE'S CHURCH: THE MUSICAL

Reviewed by Dave Hall

The Celebration Sunday celebration was one of those events that was delightful, and yet added some perspective to what People's Church does for us. The highlight was the play, written by Josh Swenson and Jane Carpenter with song lyrics by Carol Farley, Jane Carpenter, Nancy Swenson and Vail Weller, and starred Ava Raddatz and Josh Swenson as an old guy telling a young kid the history of our church from the perspective of the year 2019. Pretty gutsy thing to write and perform, but it worked. Both Ava and Josh did excellent jobs; one wanting to hear the punch line so she could eat some cake, and the other carrying on, telling a tale of delightful memories, which stalled the cake-eating. Others of us were drafted into duty, playing ourselves in this drama. Fortunately, I didn't have to look ten years older than I already am, or it would have scared half the audience. We bit-part actors sang, strutted, and must have been understandable, because the audience laughed at the right times. That was very reassuring. And for a finale, we all got to eat cake in the social hall.

The play helped those who didn't know the church in the Old Days get some feeling for the job that was done by everyone back then to make services and activities come about. At times, desperation may have ruled, but it was orderly desperation. In retrospect, there's some romance to it all.

Many thanks are due to Ava and Josh, along with the extras, all of whom worked from scripts that Jane had to change at times to make the whole thing run more smoothly. She did a great directing job, and proved that *it is possible to herd Unitarians* to a useful outcome. Thanks are also due to the audience, who either enjoyed it or faked it amazingly well.

ABBREVIATED 2009-10 BUDGET PROPOSAL*

Final Document from Finance Committee

Amended by board action at 5/13/09 Board meeting

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>2008-09 BUDGET</u>	<u>2009-10 PROPOSAL</u>
Fund raisers	5,500	5,000
Contributions (known donor)	4,622	7,250
Sunday Collections (unknown donor)	3,500	2,500
Contingency	1,262	5,000
Carryover from prior year	2,447	-
Miscellaneous income	2,255	2,200
A. Barvick bequest	5,400	-
Special UUA Grant	-	-
Pledges	109,408	120,300
TOTAL	\$ 134,394	\$ 142,250

<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>2008-09 BUDGET</u>	<u>2009-10 PROPOSAL</u>
Administration	17,183	18,168
Ministry	73,080	78,638
Building	15,550	15,150
Membership	300	300
Music	5,790	5,675
Pastoral Care	800	1,100
Religious Education	8,440	8,727
Social Action	2,000	1,500
Worship	4,950	5,200
Committee on Ministry	200	-
Stewardship Committee	800	800
Board of Directors	1,000	1,000
Contingency	4,301	5,992
TOTAL	\$ 134,394	\$ 142,250

***FULL DETAILS AVAILABLE ON BULLETIN BOARD IN FIRST HALLWAY AND IN OFFICE**

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.

**“VOLUNTEERS DO NOT NECESSARILY HAVE THE TIME,
THEY JUST HAVE THE HEART.”**

~ Elizabeth Andrew

RETIRING FROM THE BOARD AND OWED MANY THANKS FOR THEIR DEDICATION

TERRY MURPHY , retiring president

KAREN GRADY, retiring vice president

KEN FISHER, retiring trustee

**“VOLUNTEERS DON'T GET PAID, NOT BECAUSE THEY ARE
WORTHLESS, BUT BECAUSE THEY ARE PRICELESS.”**

~Sherry Anderson

FIRST ANNUAL VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION AWARD

The church recently established the "People's Church Annual Volunteer Recognition Award" which was awarded for the first time at this year's annual meeting held on June 7. Every year, around April-May, members and friends of the church will be asked to nominate two volunteers who have fulfilled the following requirements. Each recipient is to be a member of the Church who has demonstrated outstanding service, on an ongoing basis,

- one volunteer who has made a discernable difference in the life of the church as a result of their work;
- and one volunteer who has made a difference through outreach in the community on behalf of the Church.
- This year, we are proud to announce that *Alice Dennison* was awarded the Recognition Award for her valuable contributions serving as the Editor of People's Voice and her extraordinary assistance during the transitional period in office management. *Teresa Hillman* received the Recognition Award for her valuable contributions as the coordinator, administrator and facilitator of the Community Table. We are honored to have these two individuals as members of our Church and proud that they serve as outstanding examples of how one could make a difference in the lives of others.

Summary of Board Minutes or June 10, 2009.

Present at the meeting were Members Karen Grady, David Hall, Terry Murphy, Christine Reed-Fast, David Rodwell, and Mary Wickwire; Minister Cathy Harrington; Guests Ed Dennison, Ron Steiner, and Josh Swenson.

The Minutes and Treasurer's Reports were approved unanimously. Congratulatory cards will be signed on Sunday by the congregation and sent to the graduates of the church. The Minister gave her report and added that the Lutheran Church has invited People's Church to assist in their Food Project. We will contribute a sum of money to help in the effort.

The Board moved and approved that the Board will develop a policy and/or procedure for how people speak for the church, how the board makes congregation decisions, and how resolutions are developed; and also that Josh Swenson will proceed with education of the congregation about the Department of Peace Resolution.


Orientation of the New Board will take place on June 30 at 7 p.m., and both the current and incoming Boards will meet at the July Board meeting.

Respectfully submitted, **Mary Wickwire**

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

JULY 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
You can access the church calendar by going to www.localendar.com/public/uuchurch			1	2 10 a.m. Recorder Practice 7:30 p.m. Zen Meditation	3	4 
5 9:30 a.m. —Choir Practice 11:00 a.m.—Church Service & RE 7:30 p.m. - Zen Meditation	6	7 6-9 p.m. Closed Meeting	8 7 p.m. Board Meeting	9 10 a.m. Recorder Practice 7:30 p.m. Zen Meditation	10 7 p.m. Fabulous First Friday Film Festival	11
12 9:30 a.m. —Choir Practice 11:00 a.m.—Church Service & RE 1:00 p.m.—Adult RE 7:30 p.m. - Zen Meditation	13	14 6-9 p.m. Closed Meeting	15	16 10 a.m. Recorder Practice 7:30 p.m. Zen Meditation	17	18
19 9:30 a.m. —Choir Practice 11:00 a.m.—Church Service & RE 7:30 p.m. - Zen Meditation PEOPLE'S VOICE DEADLINE	20	21 6-9 p.m. Closed Meeting	22	23 10 a.m. Recorder Practice 7:30 p.m. Zen Meditation	24	25 7:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Buddhist Retreat
26 9:30 a.m. —Choir Practice 11:00 a.m.—Church Service & RE 7:30 p.m. - Zen Meditation SPLIT-THE-PLATE SUNDAY	27	28 6-9 p.m. Closed Meeting 7 p.m. COM	29	30 10 a.m. Recorder Practice 7:30 p.m. Zen Meditation	31	Aug. 1
2	3	4 6-9 p.m. Closed Meeting	5	6 10 a.m. Recorder Practice 7:30 p.m. Zen Meditation	7	8

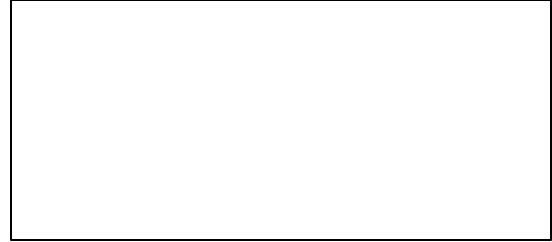
Date	Hospitality Hosts	Flowers	Sanctuary Keepers	Ushers
7/5	Potluck at Halls!		Anne	Anne and Norm Pettigrew
7/12	Jennifer Branning Wendy and Anthony Martin		Alice	Alice and Ed Dennison
7/19	Sally DeFreitas Alice and Ed Dennison		Carolyn	Ruth and Keith Crompton
7/26	Teresa and Stephen Hillman Julia Raddatz		Carol	Nanci and Josh Swenson

REGULAR MEETING TIMES
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. - BUDDHIST RETREAT



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People's Church is a loving religious community for people of all ages, which embraces diversity, empowers individual spiritual growth, and acts on our Unitarian Universalist principles.

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 Covenant of People's Church Community

"We, the community of People's Church, uphold one another

- in our reverence and faith in the transcendent power of love,
- in our individual spiritual journeys,
- in our cultivation of compassion and understanding,
- in our stewardship of earth's blessings, and
- in our efforts to promote justice, equity, and peace in the world.

We seek to forgive ourselves and others for our limitations,

- support one another in times of trouble,
- assume good intentions, and
- resolve issues with honesty, fairness, and respect.

Together, we celebrate the sacred moments of life's passages and honor the holiness at the heart of being."