















# Back-to-School Already?

**Social Action Committee**  
**Brock Ray, Chair**

MSUS will once again be helping with the annual Fridley Back-to-School Resource Fair. This year, the Social Action Committee has committed to donating 70 backpacks full of school supplies for Fridley area elementary, middle, and high school students in need.

The June special collection (Sunday, June 12) will go to pay for the backpacks and supplies needed to meet this commitment. (By having the funds allocated in advance, we can purchase supplies at the best rates during the back-to-school shopping season.) Members are also encouraged to bring donations of backpacks and supplies to the church in advance of the Resource Fair in August. For a complete list of the needed supplies, please contact [SocialAction@MSUU.org](mailto:SocialAction@MSUU.org).



## New Ideas and Momentum!

On Saturday, May 21, the MSUS Social Action Committee held a two-hour Social Action Forum where members of the church helped guide the direction of our work in direct service, education, witness, advocacy, and community organizing. In this engaging discussion and brainstorming session, we focused on practical things MSUS can do to in the areas of Income Inequality/Poverty, Environmental Issues, and Domestic Violence.

Thanks to everyone who provided your ideas and passion for helping the community beyond our walls! Look for some exciting new Social Action programs in these areas over the coming months.

## Improving Women's Lives

For May's Special Collection, MSUS donated \$265 to the International Women's Convocation (IWC). The IWC enables women to achieve their human rights, including access to economic opportunities, health care and security, education, and political expression. Their dedicated network of individuals and organizations representing Unitarian Universalists and women and men of progressive faith is taking direct action to improve women's lives. Thanks to everyone for your generous donations.



## **Father's Day Potluck!**

Join us on Sunday, June 19, for the Annual Mother's Day Potluck. Members of the MSUS Mom's Group will provide main dishes for a picnic style lunch. All others are encouraged to bring the side dishes to round out this summer tradition. Help with set-up and cleanup will be greatly appreciated.



## 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY TRIVIA

The MSUS Library was established to provide UU religious materials which were impossible – or difficult – to find in a public library (It was before the internet !) Many items were from the UUA's Beacon and Skinner Press. Other resources were acquired for use by lay leaders for religious ceremonies such as weddings, memorial services, burials, dedications/baptisms, etc. Materials were cataloged by Ruth Harris, a professional librarian and long-time chair of the Library Committee.

Barbara Hughes, Historian

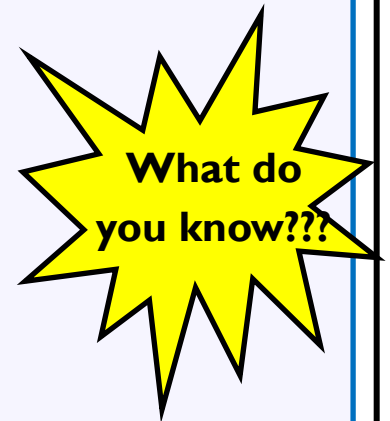
### 50th Anniversary Trivia !!

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BONUS QUESTION!! Who is the library dedicated to?

ANOTHER BONUS QUESTION!!

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### 50th Anniversary Trivia Answers!!

TRIVIA QUESTION!! ANSWERS *Where is the library located?*

It is currently located on the second floor near the end of the hall.

BONUS QUESTION!! *Who is the library dedicated to?*

Edith Thompson, a long time member of the Library Committee and a pillar of the MSUS community. She was awarded the Unsung UU Award by Prairie Star District in 1998 for her tireless efforts promoting UUism. She served on the Board of Trustees at First Unitarian Society and MSUS. She was Secretary of MSUS Trustees for its first 10 years, both as an elected Trustee and an off board appointee. She served on many other committees.

STILL ANOTHER BONUS QUESTION!! *Why do we have the book "Out of the Flames" in the Library?*

It is a biography of Michael Servetus by Lawrence and Nancy Goldstone published by Broadway Books in 2002.



# June 2016 Services

**June Theme: Tradition, Transition and Transformation**

**June 5, 2016 10:30 AM**

Speaker: Founders of MSUS

Service Leader: Barbara Hughes

**In the Beginning ... 50 Years Ago ...**

Special Music Congregation

Hospitality: Sandie Beltran's Team

Did you ever wonder how to start a church? It was 1966...and a building was for sale. Founders of the church will share their stories and memories of the first years. This program kicks off the official 50th anniversary year for MSUS. Join Marti and Sig Reckdahl, Doyle Mullin, Connie Metcalf and Barbara Hughes for a look at the "good old days of a Do-It-Yourself" church.

**June 12, 2016 9:00 AM & 10:30 AM**

Speaker: Rev. Gwin Peck

Service Leader: Marie Phillips

**Planet Water**

Special Music (10:30 AM): Alli Champion—Cello

Hospitality: Doug Root's Team

**POTLUCK FOLLOWS SERVICE**

As part of our Green Sanctuary initiative, we are fortunate to have Rev. Gwin Peck speaking this Sunday about water. He will explore the centrality of water in the creation, and viability, of life on our planet. Rev. Peck is a retired Presbyterian minister and involved with Interfaith Power and Light, an organization dedicated to a healthy Earth.

**June 19, 2016 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM**

Speaker: Rev. Karen Gustafson

Service Leader: Lisa Monson-Hokenson

**For All That Has Been, Thanks?**

Special Music (10:30 AM): MSUS Band

Hospitality: Mom's Group

How are we as a culture treating our children? Are they an inconvenience best left to those who have chosen to spend their lives caring for the young? Or are they the means by which the world can become the place we are working toward? As we think about the future of our congregation and of our religious education program, let us take some time to think about the power that lies within the very small, and what we can do to ensure a future of which we can be proud.

**July 17, 2016 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM**

Speaker: Kathy Burek

Service Leader:

**TBD**

Special Music (10:30 AM): Delphi Quartet

Hospitality:

Information will be emailed in July.

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Submissions for the Newsletter need to be emailed to [office@msuu.org](mailto:office@msuu.org). Deadline for August Newsletter is noon, July 20, 2016.

Announcements for Order of Service: need to be emailed to [office@msuu.org](mailto:office@msuu.org) no later than Thursday evening; if a late breaking event causes you to miss the deadline, hand your legibly written announcement to the Service Leader no later than 10:15am.

MSUS is a vital and vibrant congregation where religious liberals of different religious, political and social beliefs can join in loving community to explore religious and ethical questions and serve the community beyond our walls.

### The mission of Michael Servetus Unitarian Society is to:

Promote Unitarian Universalist traditions of liberty and respect, justice and compassion, and the use of reason; empower our members in their search for meaning by fostering intellectual and spiritual growth; support our members in living ethical lives based on integrity and service; celebrate together and minister to one another in good times and bad; and work, as individuals and as a congregation, to improve the larger community and our natural environment

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The UU organization with the funny name is coordinating the UU presence in the **Twin Cities Pride Parade & Festival** again this year. MUUSJA (Minnesota Unitarian Universalist Social Justice Alliance--pronounced "moose-jaw") says, "Do you love a parade? Do you love to proclaim the affirmation and inclusion of Unitarian Universalism? Are you a proud member, ally or supporter of the LGBTQIA community? Then we need YOU!"



MUUSJA is currently seeking volunteers to help coordinate congregations, marshal our UU marchers, and design and staff a presence in the UU booth. Whether you're a masterful logistics coordinator, or you have bold ideas for fun costumes, great messages for signs, or anything else, MUUSJA welcomes your participation. Please email MUUSJA Executive Director Rev. Ashley Horan at [muusja@gmail.com](mailto:muusja@gmail.com) if you're interested in participating somehow. Include your name, a description of what you would like to do in your volunteer role, and any relevant experience you have