

# *The BUC Big Picture*

*April 2026*



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## *April Worship*

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#### *“Why Jesus Matters to Unitarian Universalists”*

Using reason, our Unitarian forebears developed new ways of thinking about the nature of God, of Jesus, and of humanity in general. Why does Jesus matter to Unitarian Universalists today?

### *April 12*

#### *“Spending Our Souls”*

Our Universalist forebears long ago rejected the doctrine that some people were predestined to eternal damnation, believing that a loving God would not consign anyone to eternal torment. What meaning can “salvation” have for Unitarian Universalists today?

### *April 19*

#### *“The Wisdom of Trees”*

One can know trees as friends, by their character, by their shapes and habits, by where and how they live. A service for all ages in celebration of Earth Day, followed by a Town Hall with the Board of Trustees.

### *April 26*

#### *“Awe and Wonder”*

“Each new day is a path of wonder, a different invitation,” suggested poet and philosopher John O’Donohue. How can we keep our sights on the awesome beauty of life, even in the midst of pain?

## *April Plate Sharing*

### **Michigan League of Conservation Voters**

Our recipient for April, the [Michigan League of Conservation Voters](#), protects Michigan’s air, land, and water by activating voters to elect and hold accountable public officials who fight for an environment that sustains the health and well-being of all. The impacts of climate change are intensifying, and decades of disinvestment have resulted in certain communities disproportionately bearing the brunt of these impacts. By working together, we can reverse these disparities and ensure all Michiganders—regardless of income or zip code—have clean air to breathe, safe water to drink, and healthy communities.

Plate donations can be made via cash or check during worship services or at any time via our [online giving portal](#) (choose “Plate Collection” from the drop-down) or [Venmo](#) (send payment to @BUCMI and note “Plate Collection”).

## *Staff “Who to Contact” List – updated*

Have an idea, question, or concern but aren’t sure where to direct it? Looking for the right person to help with a specific need? Our recently updated [staff “Who to Contact” list](#) is your go-to resource. This comprehensive guide connects you quickly and efficiently with the right staff member—whether your inquiry relates to pastoral care, finances, worship, programs, membership, administration, operations, or communications.

You’ll also find church office hours listed at the top. These hours indicate when the office is open for church business and are separate from the building’s general operating hours. To help us respond promptly and effectively, we ask that all church business—by phone or in person—take place during these times. Please note that working hours for individual staff members vary and do not always align with the church office hours. For more detailed information about staff availability, visit the [Minister & Staff page](#) on our website.

## *Minister's Message*

Rev. Connie Grant

How is a UU minister like an astronaut?

The BUC pulpit was an awkward place to experience expressive aphasia—but I'm pretty sure that the International Space Station would be an even more awkward place.

After I told staff members about an article I read in the *New York Times* titled "Astronaut's Condition that Led to Space Station Evacuation Remains a Mystery," Sara Constantakis suggested that topic for my newsletter reflection.

News reports back in January did not include information about the nature of the medical condition that prompted the evacuation or the name of the astronaut, but last week one of the astronauts identified himself and said that he had experienced aphasia while in space. "Out of the blue," he said, he suddenly couldn't talk. He was taken to the hospital for medical evaluation, and I'm guessing that he received many of the same tests I did during my recent hospitalization following aphasia—plus a whole lot more.

"Doctors are still scratching their heads," he recently told news reporters. Testing ruled out a heart attack or stroke, he said. "We're almost 100 percent sure that this is a space-related thing."

Except for the space part, what happened to the astronaut sounds a lot like what happened to me!

How is a UU minister like an astronaut? To paraphrase *Star Trek*, our common mission is to explore new frontiers, seek new life, and advance knowledge.

In faith,

Connie

## *Religious Education Musings*

Shannon Snideman, Director of Religious Education

For many years, BUC's ROPE (Rites Of Passage Experience) and Coming Of Age programs have included a pilgrimage experience to Boston to explore Unitarian Universalist history, identity, and belonging in a tangible way. That core intention remains unchanged. What is changing is where and how that exploration happens.

This year, we are turning our attention toward our own community, our own history, and the living stories that surround us every day.

This year, our Coming Of Age program is stepping into something both new and deeply aligned with who we are called to be. We are creating a "rites of passage" experience rooted in BUC and the Detroit area. This experience will invite our youth to engage with places of profound historical and contemporary significance, exploring them through the lens of our UU values. These are places and experiences many of us may already know, but this time we will encounter them differently, with intention, curiosity, and a deeper sense of connection.

Some of the experiences we are imagining include visiting First UU in Detroit, exploring the architecture and legacy of Minoru Yamasaki, traveling down Woodward Avenue together, and engaging with powerful sites such as the Birwood Wall, the Charles H. Wright Museum, and Viola Liuzzo Playground—among many others. Trying to narrow things down is a good problem to have!

This is not simply a series of field trips. It is a pilgrimage in its own right. It is a journey into the heart of our shared story—one that asks our youth to see themselves as part of an ongoing legacy of justice, resilience, and community. It is an opportunity for them to build meaningful connections not only with history, but with the people in this congregation who carry that history in their lived experience.

And that's where you come in.

While I have reached out to a few individuals directly, this is truly an invitation to the whole congregation. We know that the wisdom, stories, and relationships that

live within this community are among our greatest gifts. Whether you have deep knowledge of BUC's history, connections to Detroit's many stories, or simply a passion for engaging with youth, there is a place for you in this experience.

You might help facilitate a visit, share your perspective, walk alongside the group, or help us imagine something we haven't yet considered.

Most importantly, your presence helps communicate something essential to our youth: you belong here, and this community belongs to you.

This shift is rooted in a simple but powerful belief that coming of age is not just about learning who we are as individuals, but about discovering our place within a living, breathing community. By grounding this experience locally, we are inviting our youth to form deeper relationships with the people, places, and stories that shape their spiritual home.

We are excited about what is unfolding, and we would love for you to be part of it. If you're curious, interested, or feel even the slightest nudge to get involved, please reach out. This experience will be richer for the voices and hearts that help shape it.

Together, we can create something meaningful, transformative, and truly our own.

## *Music Memos*

Steven Dearing, Co-Director of Music Ministry

I try to start each and every day with an attitude of gratitude. It isn't easy these days. Just put on the news for 10 minutes. War, genocide, famine, inflation, etc. It is easy to get mired down by such dismal news.

But a part of me *knows* deep down that dismal events have always been occurring. My maternal grandparents fled Ukraine a century ago when armed Russian soldiers demanded food and stole possessions at gunpoint. We in the US would never have heard about those things 100 years ago because the internet didn't exist, but it did happen.

One thing that makes me feel grateful is the number of BUCers who volunteer in the Music program. The BUC choir represents almost 20 percent of the entire congregation, and when a choir member needs extra support, almost every member shows up to help.

For our Daffodil Sunday worship service, I chose some meaningful songs that reflect how we celebrate this annual tradition. Some of the tunes had three-part harmony, so I reached out to a few singers who all responded enthusiastically. This happens every time.

As Shannon and I discuss ideas for Youth Sunday, I'm thrilled to learn of a few kids who are very excited to lead music in their service. In preparing for our summer away from church life, I'm equally excited that everyone I ask to share their talents responds with a vibrant "Yes, sign me up."

I don't take volunteerism in the church Music program for granted. I too often hear my colleagues describe the lack of volunteers in their departments, and I feel bad for them.

If you're reading this and can think of a way to lend your time to help someone on the BUC staff, please reach out to them. I know they will be grateful.

## *Membership Matters*

Sara Constantakis, Director of Congregational Life

*"Ask what's possible, not what's wrong. Keep asking."* –Margaret J. Wheatley

The above words were included in the Soul Matters small group content for April, and since I love a good quote, I knew I had to use it as a prompt for my *Big Picture* reflection. The words struck me because the simple invitation, "Ask what's possible," reframes how we think about congregational life and growth in our beloved community. It's easy to focus on what feels "wrong" or lacking—declining attendance, limited resources, or the challenges of reaching new generations. But

faith and community have never been rooted in scarcity. They begin with possibility.

When we ask what's possible, we shift from maintenance to mission. Membership becomes more than a number; it becomes a living expression of community. Each newcomer is not just an addition, but a reminder that who BUC is and what we do together—our values, relationships, and covenants—are always drawing people together. Growth, then, is not merely about filling our sanctuary or our membership rolls; it's about deepening relationships and discovering new ways to serve both each other and larger causes of justice. "Keep asking" is just as important. It calls us to persistence in questioning (something we UUUs are really good at!), openness in communication, and courage in action.

So, what if BUC became known not for what it lacks, but for what it dares to imagine? What if we asked how we might better welcome, better listen, better love?

Communities grow not because they are perfect, but because they are expectant. Our liberal religious tradition has thrived as long as it has because of our congregations' belief that something new can always happen. That same spirit is alive at BUC.

For a few years now, we have been in an era of asking what's possible. This church year, our Strategic Planning Team has been leading us in an exploration of our values, vision, and mission, and we'll soon be hearing about the new statements that will guide us into the future. And a new minister will be joining us in August to open up more possibilities.

So, let's keep asking: What are we invited into next? Who is waiting to be welcomed? Where can we grow, together? May it be so.

*New Members*

Please welcome BUC's newest members!

**Crystal Berner** (she/her) and **John Geisler** (he/him)

Crystal and John relocated to Michigan from Florida. Crystal says they visited a few other churches looking for community before finding their church home at BUC. They welcomed baby Finley in November and were lovingly supported by the BUC community. Crystal holds a PhD in Music Education and recently became involved with the Music program.

**Julie Margerum-Leys** (she/her)

Julie grew up in a UU church in California and was previously active at UU Ann Arbor when her daughters were young.

**Susan Costakes** (she/her)

Susan and her 14-year-old daughter Elia live within walking/biking distance of BUC. Susan has a Buddhist background and has been involved in teaching and coaching at local schools.

**Jeff Pynnonen** (he/him)

Jeff returned to involvement at BUC after some years away. He's interested in getting involved in social justice and perhaps lending a hand to some technology initiatives.

## *Board of Trustees Update*

We have exciting news that our contract minister search has been successful and we have matched with a candidate! As of press time we could not announce any details, so check your email for the latest information. Many thanks to the Search

Committee members—Tanya Nordhaus, Bill Fox, Karen Stankye, Sarah Sullivan, and Dick Rappeleye—for their time, collaboration, and thoughtfulness throughout this intense process. They were truly instrumental in leading our congregation into the future with a very thorough and deliberative selection process.

We can't emphasize enough the importance of making your pledge for the next fiscal year and in fulfilling this year's pledge commitments. If you haven't yet pledged, it's not too late. An online pledge form and budget information is available [here](#). Those who haven't yet pledged will be contacted by Rev. Connie or Board members.

Incomplete pledge information makes the work more difficult for Treasurer Keith Ensroth and the Budget and Finance committee. They have the difficult task of recommending ways to achieve a balanced annual budget for the Board to approve. If pledges do not meet the goal, this may lead to cuts in spending. The Board believes it would send a positive message if we can begin a new ministerial relationship with a stable fiscal situation.

Our final Town Hall for this church year will be held on Sunday, April 19, immediately following the service in the Sanctuary. Among other topics, we will present the new Values, Vision, and Mission statements. Following months of input from members and staff and extensive discussions by the Strategic Planning Team, these statements were presented to the Board and approved. The Strategic Planning team will next work on specific goals and objectives to implement these concepts.

Mark your calendars: Please plan to attend the Annual Meeting on May 17 at noon.

In faith,

Your BUC Board of Trustees for 2025-2026

President Mary Jo Ebert, Vice President Harper West, Treasurer Keith Ensroth, Secretary Bill Fox, Trustees: Donna Cunningham, Art Hillman, Claudia Kocher, Tanya Nordhaus, Brian Schandevell

## *Meet BUC's Flamekeepers*

By Tanya Nordhaus

As many of you know, I have interviewed congregants about their connection to BUC and their lives over the last six months. Each month, I introduce you to three congregants. This month, I introduce you to Kasey Alderete, Kaye Rittinger, and Karen Schreck.



Having grown up UU until 5th grade, **Kasey Alderete** thought BUC might be a good fit for her and her family after their first visit on Christmas Eve 2022. She and her husband, Joe, joined in 2024. A doer, it didn't take Kasey long to jump right in. She has been active in the parents small group for three years and the FUUN group since its inception. She is a Zoom host. But her most significant activity has been serving on the Strategic Planning Team for the last year. She started her career as a consultant but now works in product management for a tech company. She and Joe are very well-traveled. Kasey has traveled to approximately 48 countries. They took a year off work before having their two children to travel to 15 to 20 countries throughout South America and Eastern Europe. They also did six months of traveling throughout China, Russia, and Mongolia. When their children were two and four, they spent a year in an RV traveling throughout the US and Canada.

Having had about all the Southern Baptist religion she could take, **Kaye Rittinger** and her husband attended a couple of UU churches in California before moving back to Michigan and joining BUC in 1966—60 years ago. Kaye and her husband attended General Assembly that year. She remembers Martin Luther King, Jr. speaking and everyone joining arms to sing



“We Shall Overcome.” Kaye, an accomplished soprano, is a longstanding choir member. One memory of BUC that warms her heart to this day is when she broke both of her feet. Choir members would come to her rehab facility to rehearse with her, and Chris Slon had a small group of singers who came to sing to her, too. She described it as “a wave of sound over me that just was like a healing blanket.” Kaye is chair of the Music Committee and the Alliance’s Treasurer. She is also a member of a small group and participates in Sharing Dinners. Did you know Kaye was first runner-up in the Mrs. Senior Michigan contest?



**Karen Schreck** was introduced to UUism by her father when she was a sophomore in college. She and her husband Rich joined BUC in 1975, but they had been going to UU churches since they got married. Her proudest moment here at BUC was when her two sons, Peter and Andrew, brought their children to church, and her family of 10 took up an entire row. Karen has been President of Alliance, a facilitator of Living by Heart, and a member of Women in Religion. When the Women in Religion group was active, they took it upon themselves to cross out all “men only”

references in the hymnal, to some people’s admonition. Longtime minister Bob Marshall, however, supported the action. Karen thinks Rummage is one of the best things BUC does. She said that even if it didn’t raise money, it still is incredibly important for building our BUC community. Karen was a speech pathologist for her entire career, but for enjoyment, she would rock climb, hike, camp, and backpack. She even climbed the Grand Teton!

## *Program News & Info*

### *Social and Environmental Justice*

Through our Social and Environmental Justice program, BUC ministers to the needs of our communities; promotes social, economic, racial, and environmental justice; addresses the climate crisis; offers opportunities for civic engagement; and serves as an agent of social systemic change. Our Plate Sharing supports a different charitable organization each month, supporting one of these goals. To nominate an organization, fill out the form on [this page](#).

Social Justice is a core component of Unitarian Universalism and BUC's identity. We are called to put our UU principles into action to build a world that embodies justice and compassion for all people. This includes serving communities in need, advocating for reforms, and bearing public witness. We are lifelong learners, striving for greater understanding and adapting our actions as we gain new perspectives and experiences.

Our priority issues at present are [Racial Justice](#), [Environmental Action](#), [Civic Engagement](#), and [Economic Justice](#). There are hands-on things to do, and you are invited to join any group.

To join our email list, please send an email to [BUCSEJ@gmail.com](mailto:BUCSEJ@gmail.com) asking to be added. You are also welcome to use this email address to reach us for other reasons.

### *Multi-congregational Detroit Pride Planning*

Detroit Pride is coming! On June 7, several southeast Michigan UU congregations will gather in worship at First UU Detroit and then will march in the Detroit Pride parade. This will be our second year participating together and we are so excited to march in the parade again. **If you would like to be part of the planning for this event, please respond [here](#) by end of day on Friday, April 10.** After April 10, Rev. Karen at UU Farmington will send out a Calendly poll to find a time to begin planning. Thank you so much for your enthusiasm for multi-congregational Detroit Pride!

## *Upcoming Events*



Join us in Hodas Hall on **Sunday, April 5** during coffee hour for our monthly all-ages community birthday celebration! If your birthday is in April, you're invited to come forward for special recognition. There will be cupcakes!

**Getting to Know  
Unitarian Universalism**

**Saturday, April 11**

3:00 pm  
Green Door

Snacks provided

Whether you're curious about becoming a member of BUC or simply want to learn more about Unitarian Universalism and our community, we warmly invite you to join us for our next session of Getting to Know Unitarian Universalism (GTKUU). We'll gather on **Saturday, April 11 at 3:00 pm in the Green Door room**. Led by Rev. Connie and Director of Congregational Life Sara Constantakis, GTKUU is a relaxed and welcoming space to connect, ask questions, share your story, and explore what BUC is all about. It's also a meaningful step for those considering membership. Light snacks will be provided, and all are welcome—whether you're brand new, have been visiting for a while, or have been part of the community for years.

If you'd like to attend, please RSVP to Sara at [sara.constantakis@bucmi.org](mailto:sara.constantakis@bucmi.org), or just come by. We'd love to see you there!



For 45 years, our beloved BUC Bake-Off & Soup Luncheon has filled hearts, plates, and bellies with homemade goodness. Join us for an unforgettable experience of secret family soup recipes, legendary pies, melt-in-your-mouth cookies, breathtaking cakes, and, of course, the auction—a little friendly competition that’s been going on for literally generations. And this year, we’re adding two blue ribbon contests!

Whether you are 0, 100, or somewhere in between, we want YOU to come hungry, bring your friends, and taste and partake in the tradition everyone’s been talking about for so many years! Tickets on sale and volunteer sign-ups on March 22, 29, April 5, and on the day of: Sunday, April 12. Bake-Off is a cherished tradition here at BUC, but we need YOU, YOU, and YOU to make it spectacular!

**NEEDED:** Lead volunteers for the luncheon, silent auction, live auction, buy-it-now tables, day-of sales team, and blue ribbon contest. **If you can serve as a lead volunteer, please contact Tanya Nordhaus ([nordhaust@gmail.com](mailto:nordhaust@gmail.com)) with questions or sign up on the appropriate SignUpGenius link below.** And, of course, we need:

## **BAKERS**

- Bakers for the silent auction
- Bakers for buy-it-now area
- Celebrity bakers for the live auction - what WOW item can you bake?

## **BLUE RIBBON CONTEST**

- Blue ribbon mini confection contest bakers
- Blue ribbon contest judges

## **LUNCHEON HELPERS**

- Soup artisans
- Kitchen & dining area staff - lead and assistants

## **SILENT & LIVE AUCTION AND BUY-IT-NOW MOVERS & SHAKERS**

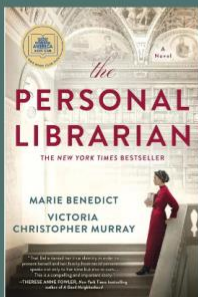
- Silent auction assistants
- Live auction assistants
- Buy-it-now table assistants
- Auctioneers

## **DAY-OF SALES TEAM**

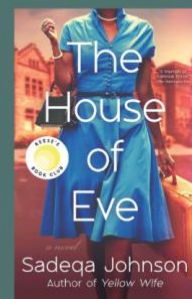
- Ticket/purchase area assistants
- Table staff for March 22, 29, and April 5

## BUC Racial Justice Book Club

Preview and recommendations for  
*The Personal Librarian*  
*The House of Eve*



**Monday, April 13**  
**6:00-7:30 pm**




The BUC Racial Justice Book Club has a real treat for you this month. Instead of everyone reading the same book and joining in a discussion, we are offering recommendations of some great books to read. Mary Masson and Lillian Dean will each offer a preview of a book we think you will love. We will give a profile of the books, where to obtain them, and why we think you will enjoy them.

Join us on **Monday, April 13 at 6:00 pm on Zoom** for previews of *The Personal Librarian*, a 2021 historical fiction novel by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray; and *The House of Eve*, a work of historical fiction written by Sadeqa Johnson and published in 2023. The link to join on Zoom is on the [calendar](#).

*The Personal Librarian* is based on the life of Belle da Costa Greene, a Black woman who passed as white of Portuguese descent. In the novel, her assumed identity allows her to rise in the world of rare art and book collection when she becomes personal librarian to steel magnate J.P. Morgan. The novel traces the gains and losses that come with her choice.

*The House of Eve*, set in the 1940s-1950s, follows high-school student Ruby Pearsall and college student Eleanor Quarles Pride in alternating chapters, with Ruby's story being told from the first-person perspective and Eleanor's being told from the third-person limited perspective. Both stories explore second chances and the ways in which gender, racism, and poverty affect choices.

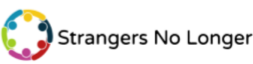
The BUC Racial Justice Book Club began with alumni of the Living the Pledge workshop and is a way learn more about racism as we continue our individual and group work to end racism. For questions and/or more information, contact book group coordinator Mary Masson at [mmasson@wowway.com](mailto:mmasson@wowway.com) or (248) 568-6544.



## **BUC Alliance**

**EVENING PROGRAM**  
**Tuesday, April 14 at 7:00 pm**  
**Birmingham Unitarian Church sanctuary**

**with Rosemary Insley of**  
**Strangers No Longer**



The immigration crisis has greatly intensified not only throughout the country but also in our local area. Come hear Rosemary Insley, Board member and past Board President of Strangers No Longer (SNL), address what it means to welcome the “strangers” in our midst, and how our community has been affected by and is responding to the escalating immigration crisis. Rosemary will be joined by an immigrant member of SNL, who will share their story.

Please join the BUC Alliance on **Tuesday EVENING, April 14 at 7:00 pm in the BUC sanctuary**. Stay for the conversation with Strangers No Longer members after the presentation.



## **One Table, Many Players** **Game Group**

**Wednesday, April 15**  
**6:00-8:00 pm**  
**Purple Door**

Join us **Wednesday, April 15 from 6:00-8:00 pm in the Purple Door** for the next meeting of the BUC One Table, Many Players Group—an all-ages monthly meetup of fun, laughter, and connection. With rotating themes like board games, card games, puzzles, and pen-and-paper classics, there’s always something new to play and great people to play with! Whether you’re a seasoned strategist or just looking for a lighthearted way to connect, there’s always a place for you at the table. Contact Valerie Phillips ([valerie.phillips@bucmi.org](mailto:valerie.phillips@bucmi.org)) or Shannon Snideman ([shannon.snideman@bucmi.org](mailto:shannon.snideman@bucmi.org)) for more information.

## *MAMA's Coffeehouse*

a monthly acoustic music concert series

Saturday, April 18, 7:30 pm

### *Jenny & Robin Bienemann* *The Dangling Participles*

**Admission:** \$20 regular | \$18 student/senior

No advance sales; cash or check at door only



Husband and wife **Robin and Jenny Bienemann** are both singer-songwriters and instrumentalists. By turns hilarious and heartfelt, this cutting-edge acoustic duo melds original and traditional music with an elegant hint of jazz. Robin's wild guitar stylings harken back to the earliest forms of jazz, blues, and country guitar. Jenny's guitar playing and voice evoke comparisons to Joni Mitchell and Ricki Lee Jones. Both write songs that are celebrations of modern life in all of its wonderful, strange, and hilarious beauty.

Tamiko May and Austin Kaufmann comprise the creative duo at the heart of Lansing's own indie-folk darlings, **The Dangling Participles**. Their performances feature spirited duets, storied lyrics, soulful harmonies, and vibrant folk-jazz instrumentation, with Austin anchoring the pair on guitar and Tamiko adding cornet and ukulele. Songwriters both, they draw deep from the wells of literature, art, family, and relationships to pen songs evoking the breadth of human experience.



“Listening to them feels like a burst of dopamine.” —*Local Spins*, Grand Rapids

*Income from MAMA's Coffeehouse (after operating expenses) benefits BUC*



**BUC Craft and Chat Group**

**Friday, April 24  
6:00-8:00 pm  
Green Door**

Looking for a place to get crafty and connect with others in our community? Join us **Friday, April 24 from 6:00-8:00 pm in the Green Door** for the next meeting of the Craft and Chat group—a relaxed, all-skills-welcome group where we gather each month to make art, swap ideas, share stories, and laugh together. Whether you have a project in hand or simply want to soak up inspiration, you're warmly welcome. Contact Valerie Phillips ([valerie.phillips@bucmi.org](mailto:valerie.phillips@bucmi.org)) or Shannon Snideman ([shannon.snideman@bucmi.org](mailto:shannon.snideman@bucmi.org)) for more information.

***BUCers at the Theatre***

BUCers at the Theatre invites you to Drama in the D! This legendary arts venue in the heart of the city has a lobby bar, cocktail lounge, café, and union theatre professionals—all in an art gallery setting. BUCers can join together to



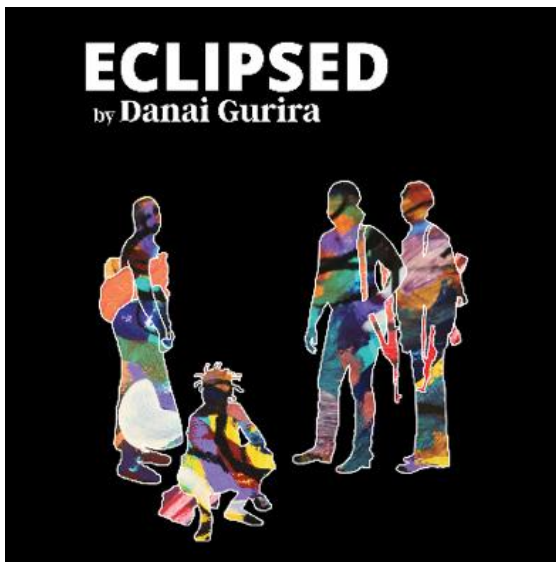
carpool or meet up at Detroit Repertory Theatre for afternoon matinees. Sign up for our email list during coffee hour or contact Maryl Kacir Huntington at (313) 407-4377 to receive email alerts.

**Tickets:** \$21 general seating with BUC discount (\$35 at the door)

**1:00 pm:** lobby, art gallery, and café/cocktail bar open (vegan options available)

**2:00 pm:** curtain opens promptly

Reserve by text or email to Maryl Huntington at (313) 407-4377 or [marylk@live.com](mailto:marylk@live.com). Pay by check made out to the DRT at the show, or pay Maryl in cash/Venmo (@Marylynn-Huntington)



*Eclipsed* by Danai Gurira

Choose from two dates:

**Sunday, April 19 (\$100) - Spring Fund Drive**

**1:00 pm** reception with bites and champagne

**2:00 pm** show time

**Sunday, April 26 (\$21) - BUC group rate**

**2:00 pm** show time

From actress-playwright Danai Gurira (*Black Panther*, *The Walking Dead*) comes a stunning tale of hope and resilience set in the midst of the Liberian Civil War. Five extraordinary women, who have formed an unlikely sisterhood, struggle to negotiate power, protection, and peace as they try to survive. With wit, compassion, and defiance, this gripping play unearths the wreckage of war and celebrates the women who navigate and survive the most hostile of circumstances.



**Donate \* Volunteer \* Shop**

**Donation intake April 26-28**  
**Sorting & pricing April 27-30**  
**Sale days April 30-May 2**



# BUC's Summer Sprint Talent & Service Auction

We're racing into summer with a high-speed, high-impact fundraiser!  
This year, our BUC Talent & Service Auction goes digital for 2 weeks of  
online bidding - May 20 through June 3 - culminating in

## The Grand Reveal Party - June 6 at 12pm

Join us for an afternoon of "Minute-to-Win-It" challenges,  
family games, and the big announcements of our auction winners.  
Tickets go on sale in May.

Whether you offer a lakeside lunch, a week at your summer abode,  
or a tech-help session, your contribution fuels BUC's mission.  
Let's see how much we can accomplish together in this "Summer Sprint!"  
Ready, Set, Donate! We need your donation commitments now  
(by May 3rd). Click the link below to fill out the form.  
<https://forms.gle/hDTiGdG1BZCaH8it5>

## Thank you!

from your 2026 Auction Committee,  
Gary Hancock, Mary Masson,  
Tanya Nordhaus, Eric Sargent,  
Chris Sullivan, and Bruce Webber

If you have any questions, please  
email Tanya Nordhaus at  
[nordhaust@gmail.com](mailto:nordhaust@gmail.com).

