

UU Update

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We Believe in the necessities of the democratic process. Records are open to scrutiny, elections are open to members, and ideas are open to criticism — so that people might govern themselves.

JUNE SUNDAY SERVICES

June 3 INTERCONNECTION NOW Don Polzin

Respect for the interdependent web of all existence is one the UUA's seven principles, but it may be more than a matter of respect; it may be a fundamental, unavoidable attribute of human life. Even one of Samuel Beckett's despairing pictures of absurdity gives us a glimpse of our basic social nature.

Service Leader: Chuck Lauter
Music: Ellen Shahbazi, piano

June 10 OH LIGHTEN UP! AND OTHER MODERN TRUTHS Rik Warch, President Emeritus, Lawrence University

In which a friend of the fellowship—and a UU novice—offers some ruminations on Unitarian Universalism, which he hopes will be construed as friendly.

Service Leader: Cyndy Stiehl
Music: Gerri Friedberg, piano

June 17 TROUBLED, BUT TRENCH- ANT: THE AMERICAN TRAN- SCENDENTALISTS Erik Eriksson

In Concord, Massachusetts in the early 1900s, a remarkable collection of intellectual giants formed around the figure of Ralph Waldo Emerson. Bronson Alcott, his brilliant daughter Louisa May, Henry David Thoreau, Nathaniel Hawthorne, Oliver Wendell Holmes, Margaret Fuller – all destined to make gigantic impressions on the American landscape. Ideas permeated their frequent discussions, but what of their personal lives?

Passions were not confined to intellectual matters. Strong relationships disturbed the domestic waters, man-woman relationships not always formed within marital

bounds. Understanding the turbulent lives of those we have come to revere makes our understanding more complete – and their accomplishments all the more remarkable.

Music: Ellen Shahbazi, piano;
Hanne Gault, flute; Dottie Gerrits,
flute

June 24 BEWARE OF EXPECTATIONS The Rev. Phillips Sweet

There are certain truths in life which are obvious and yet at the same time may be false and destructive. One such truth is that it is considered very good to have high expectations. Expectations can be one of the most corrupting influences in our lives. A reflection.

Service Leader: Myrna Cohn
Music: Gerri Friedberg, piano;
Dottie Gerrits, flute; Lolly Lebo-
vic, violin

Anyone wishing to offer music for Sunday services, contact Gerri Friedberg @ 868-1342 for scheduling. We need Prelude, Offertory, Postlude, hymn, & Doxology. Sometimes the speakers have special requests which relate to the subject being presented. Soloists and/or ensembles are considered, as well as a variety of appropriate repertoire.

Copies of the Sunday Sermons are available on CD.
Contact AL Wittenkeller, 839-2800 or alnjudv@dcwis.com

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I would like to make one last appeal for members to attend the annual membership business meeting on June 3. Among other items on the agenda, we will be voting on bylaws changes. Our current bylaws require 42 members to be present (or represented by proxy) in order to have such a vote. If we do not have this many members present, we will be unable to have this vote. **Bring the materials you received in the mail to the meeting.** If you cannot attend the meeting, send in your proxy. If you are a member couple, and only one of you will attend, please bring a proxy to cover the non-attending member.

The agenda you received specified a discussion of "next steps" regarding the expansion possibility. The member meetings we have had to date indicate there is substantial interest in expanding our Fellowship to solve our overcrowding. Therefore, the following motion will be introduced at the June 3 meeting:

To authorize the Governing Board to engage the services of an architect for the following purposes: 1) Examine our facility and our expansion criteria; 2) Determine whether our existing site could accommodate those criteria, and if not, what would be the limits of an expansion at this site; and 3) Offer preliminary design(s) which would accomplish these goals, and cost estimates.

This meeting is one of the most important since our inception. I sincerely hope to see as many members as possible at that business meeting.

David Hansell

DOLLARS AND SENSE

CASH FLOW – July thru April 2007

<u>Income</u>		<u>Outflows</u>	
Pledges	31,122	Mortgage	3,705
Donations	2,239	Interest	5,295
Offering	6,728	Utilities	3,821
Fundraising	1,643	Payroll	9,087
Other	<u>3,216</u>	Program	7,730
Total	44,948	Publicity	3,183
		UUA Dues	4,184
		All Other	<u>7,613</u>
		Total	44,618

The Bottom Line: \$ 330

In addition to the regular mortgage payments shown above, a total of \$11,250 has been paid against the principal amount since July 1, 2006.

The loan balance as of 5/15/07 was \$73,566.

At this writing there are still a few pledge statements outstanding, but I am confident that we will meet our pledge goal of \$52,000 for 2007-08. **Kudos** to all!

DONATIONS:

Jane Aldrich Fund: Betty Aik in honor of Phyl Mielke.

Lynn and John Lees in memory of Sally Malm's sister Jane Ladd (toward mortgage).

Cynthia Johnson, Ray & Helene DiIulio, Larry Eriksson, Coral Peterson, and John & Lynn Lees for additional hymnals and supplements.

UUFDC Pledge Drive donations: Elisabeth Lanzl, Billie Johnson, Dorothy and Walter Klepp, Susan and Lloyd Armstrong, and Margaret and Robert Thompson.

We are grateful for their support.

Juliana Neuman, Treasurer

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Unitarians are a puzzle: they are independent thinkers, highly individualistic, yet they thrive in their community. The next Social Responsibility Committee activity under the theme Earth-Friendly Choices will challenge our congregational personality. Are we cooperative or are we as independent as those difficult cats that are impossible to herd? Car Pool Sunday will explore this aspect of our lives!

On June 24, the SRC proposes that we attempt to reduce the cars in our parking lot by 50%. We suggest that Park and Ride places be identified in each neighborhood where ride sharing can take place. Consider: the parking lot at the library in Baileys Harbor, the parking lot at Gibraltar High School, Ellison Bay Community Center lot at the beach, Egg Harbor Community Center parking lot, the shopping center lot in Carlsville, and a place on the north end of Sturgeon Bay. Others may find it easier to pick up their neighbors. Another tactic to reduce our carbon footprint and the cars in our lot is biking and walking. Please give some consideration to the best way you can participate in this project. We think that it might actually be fun.

For those of you who arrive by means of a reduced carbon footprint, recognition will be given during the service. The SRC hopes that this will be a monthly event that morphs into an ongoing lifestyle change.

Other Activities:

Thank you for filling our food barrel this month. We are keeping our contributions in northern

Door by joining with the Baptist Church to aid the hungry. Our food barrel contributions are distributed through Koinonia Kupboard, which is located in the Baptist Church. Koinonia is a Greek word meaning "fellowship." We continue our participation in Loaves and Fishes. We have sent our charitable contribution for the third quarter to the UUSC to support their efforts to stop the violence in Darfur. We cleaned our adopted section of Highway 42 on May 8. Thank you, **Phil and Marilyn** for the tasty treats and for organizing this activity. Many hands made light work, thank you all. The glorious spring day gave us an amazing display of trillium to enjoy.

Jacquie Polzin

THE NATURAL STEP SERIES

UUFDC will host the next 8-part study of sustainability based on the international movement begun in Sweden. Participants are asked to purchase and bring the book *The Natural Step for Communities: How Cities and Towns Can Change to Sustainable Practices* by [Sarah James](#) and [Torbjorn Lahti](#); it is the basis for the series discussions.

The Natural Step, is a way of seeing the world that helps decision-makers put sustainable development into action. There are teams in ten countries and growing activity in several others. Several communities in Wisconsin have adopted the philosophy.

The eight week study begins Thursday, June 14th at 7:00 PM, meeting every Thursday through August 2nd at the UUFDC. The

book is available at Passtimes Books in Sister Bay or from online booksellers. Contact Lu Schilling, series facilitator, at 854-3040 for further information. The series is free and open to the public.

Marilyn Hansotia

ECO SOLUTIONS

The extensive uses of cleaning chemicals, antiseptics and antibiotics have negatively affected water treatment systems. Our society has a touch of bacteria phobia and with it has lost the value of good bacteria. We need bacteria in nature to break down and recycle material. Like taking a baseball bat to a mosquito we have been too aggressive with antibiotics and antiseptic cleaning chemicals. The bottom line is that oxidation with oxygen (hydrogen peroxide) and ph base with baking soda and ph acid with distilled white vinegar effectively clean most of our living spaces.

To remove heavy mineral deposits from plumbing fixtures I soak with vinegar. Scrubbing with baking soda triggers an exciting bubbling reaction and makes a terrific non-toxic abrasive. If the doctor orders you to take a course of antibiotics to kill a harmful bacterium that you have acquired, remember that it will kill off the good bacteria at the same time. To restore the good bacteria after the danger is passed be sure to obtain *probiotics* from a health food store like Greens and Grains, or from the pharmacy. It restores healthy digestive activity.

Lu Schilling

Newsletter DEADLINE:
15th of every month

UUFDC offers several opportunities for donations:

Social Responsibility Fund
Contributions disbursed annually to worthy charities under the direction of the social responsibility committee;

Jane Aldrich Fund
Contributions held for future building development;

General fund
Contributions support all programs and activities.

To donate to any of our funds, make a check payable to "UUFDC," and send with instructions about the gift.

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

I am pleased to welcome 4 new Members to our Fellowship. They are Steve Kastner, Diane Haldane, Dick Schultz and Julia Bresnahan.

We accepted Margie Bock's resignation, and hope that she will continue to spend some of her time in Door County and take that "Friend" vacancy that Julia created.

With the loss of JoAnn Thomas, a faithful and dedicated member since June 1999, our Membership stands at 80. We have many wonderful "Friends" and if any of those "Friends" would like to raise that number, I would be delighted to escort them to the Membership Book. Yes, that's an invitation!

Dottie Gerrits

SAVE THE DATES

Midsummer's Music Concerts
Friday June 8 & Friday June 29
7:30 P.M. at the Fellowship.
\$26.50 + \$3.50 tax and handling
Receptions follow performances.

June 8 reception hosts:
Rich and Jane Delcarson
David and Jutta Hansell.

June 29 hosts:
Ray and Helene Di Iulio
Gerri Friedberg.

See www.midsummersmusic.com for programs to be performed.

The Ambassadors
Thursday July 19, 7 – 9 P.M.
\$10 adults/\$5 students.
Birch Creek's premier jazz ensemble will perform in a cabaret setting under the direction of horn impresario Steve Fulton. This is the seventh year for this very successful event.

MITCHELL FEATURED ARTIST IN JUNE

Mary Mitchell will display her artwork at the UU Gallery during June, with an artist's reception on Sunday, June 10th from Noon-2 PM.

Mitchell said this show will include "eleven paintings of a recent trip to Scotland, where each night I would record emotional images on paper of what I had seen that day. The rest of the show is on my abstract paintings; a joyful, exciting adventure where I've created a soulful world, full of glorious shapes, forms and color.

The artist's reception is free and open to the public.

If you are interested in displaying at the UU Gallery, contact **Julia Bresnahan**, 839-2606.

Marilyn Hansotia.

ADULT ENRICHMENT

The UU Book Club decided to meet every other month, on the first Thursday 1:00-3:00 whenever possible. In July, that will be the 5th.

After discussing Isabel Allende's 1985 novel, *Eva Luna*, facilitated by **Estella Lauter**, we decided to read another book that was written in the tradition of "magical realism": Laura Esquivel's *LIKE WATER FOR CHOCOLATE*. Maybe because the book became a highly successful film, it is more accessible than many other books written in this tradition, which often taxes western readers because it insists on the simultaneous validity of two worldviews. We will talk about the points in the book where those views clash.

Estella will again facilitate the group. The point is to increase our understanding while we enjoy the experience of reading together.

Estella Lauter is professor emerita from the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh after a long career teaching English and women's studies in the arts in the UW System. She has published three books with academic presses (Women As Mythmakers, Feminist Archetypal Theory, Teaching Literature and Other Arts) and has given many papers, but she prefers the process of discussion with other readers. She will lead this discussion and provide suggestions for the next session, but the club will evolve according to the interests of participants.

UUFDC VISITORS

Tonia Van Boxtel, Appleton

IN MEMORIAM

JoAnn (Hedeem) Thomas

1928 -2007

Our Fellowship and Door County lost a good friend with the passing of JoAnn (Hedeem) Thomas May 17th. JoAnn was an active UU member from 1999-2007. She served on the Governing Board from 2001-2006 as Newsletter Editor. She worked mostly behind-the-scenes co-chairing the previous two Goods and Services Auctions as well as the Rummage Sales in 2005 and 2006.

She will be remembered in the community for her numerous contributions to those with Alzheimer's disease. She was the founder of the Memory Walk held every fall in Door County, started an art project "Memories in the Making" and was instrumental in getting the "TimeSlips" program initiated at Scandia Village. Many UU members participated in these activities at her urging.

JoAnn is the mother of UUFDC member Valerie Murre-Schlick.

A memorial service will be held June 9th, 2:30 PM, in the Gathering Room of the Meadows at Scandia Village.

Marilym Hansotia

CIRCLE SUPPERS

The schedule for May-June Circle Suppers is set. Please remember that we do NOT meet in July and August. The summer season has begun, so I will probably not see you Sundays until November (!). Questions? Call 854-9653 and leave a message, or email at pcsoper@earthlink.net.

Carol Soper

CARING COMMITTEE

Sally Malm will take the "first call" during June and July. If you are unable to reach Sally, Myrna Cohn will take "second call." Please let one of them know of your needs and also the needs of others (if you have their permission). They will coordinate visits, phone calls, rides and food, send flowers and cards and just be supportive.

Those who indicated on the survey forms that they would be willing to provide food, give rides and visit will be called from time to time to help.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

June Birthday Friends

- 2 Sarah Stuart
- 7 Flora Kramer
- 11 Robert Clarke
- 15 Sarah Naber
- 16 Karen Cruz
- 21 Chuck Lauter
- 22 Joel Bremer
- Juliana Neuman
- 23 Meg Vermillion
- 24 Helene Di Iulio
- 25 Nancy Eriksson
- Shyla Wollman



FATHER'S DAY

Bring your Father to Fellowship for Father's Day, June 17th! Bring a photograph of your Dad to display at our Sunday Service. Bring a picture of yourself at a younger age, too.

AN "OLD FRIEND" JOINS UUFDC

Julia Bresnahan taught art in Whitefish Bay WI for 31 years before her retirement to Door County in 2001. She arrived in Door County in 1970 on a visit with her mother who had worked at Thorpe's Resort in the 40's. On that trip, she enrolled at Peninsula Art School, where she and her fiancé (an artist as well) met Madeline Tourtelot, rented a cabin in the woods for the season, and got married in the woods on Spring Road. She has spent every possible moment in Door County since, which meant summers and every weekend.

Julia bought her Shady Lane farmstead in 1976, and now lives in The Oaks in Baileys Harbor. She teaches at The Peninsula Art School, shows her artwork at The Paint Box Gallery and Woodwalk Gallery, and is a working artist in acrylic paint, drawing and print-making.

Julia has four great-nieces and nephews who are her "grandkids." She has been a summer "host mom" to 10 of her former students, and has traveled from Egypt to California to keep in touch with them.

Amanda DeWitt and Peggy Lott had spoken often of the UU's, but it was Beverly Njaa who first insisted (as only she could) on bringing Julia to the UUFDC.

Welcome, Julia!

KUDOS

KUDOS to Lynn and John Lees for coordinating the rummage sale for the UUFDC. \$700 was raised.

Thank you!



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