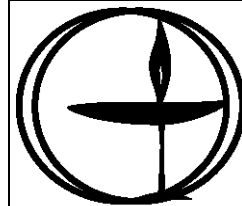


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UNIVERSALIST
FELLOWSHIP
OF DOOR COUNTY

We Believe in the importance of a religious community. The validation of experience requires the confirmation of peers, who provide a critical platform along with a network of mutual support.

JULY SUNDAY SERVICES

July 1

**I DO NOT LIKE THEE,
DR. FELL**

Rabbi Jay Brickman, Rabbi
Emeritus

Society has the right to control the behavior of participants but neither their thoughts nor their feelings.

Service Leader: Garrett Cohn
Music: Gerri Friedberg, piano
Special Music: Jodie Desalvo,
piano; Betty Lewis, violin

July 8th

PLANNING THE DAY

The Rev. Cynthia B. Johnson,
retired UU minister

E.B. White described a dilemma: "It is hard to know when to respond to the seductiveness of the world and when to respond to its challenge. If the world were merely seductive, that would be easy. If it were merely challenging, that would be no prob-

lem. But I arise in the morning torn between the desire to improve the world and a desire to enjoy the world. This makes it hard to plan the day."

Music: Gerri Friedberg, piano

July 15th

**THE OLD COPPER
CULTURE**

Dr. Thomas Pleger, Anthropologist/Archeologist and Dean of UW- Baraboo/Sauk

An overview of what archaeologists have learned about the subsistence, social organization, and trade of the ancient people of Wisconsin and the Western Great Lakes Area.

Service Leader: Kay Smith
Music: Craig Little, Beverly
Conroy

July 22nd

**HOW TO BE HAPPY:
PART II**

The Rev. Joan Shiels, Hope
Church Associate minister

A wise Chinese proverb says "You cannot prevent the birds of sorrow from flying over your head, but you can prevent them from building nests in your hair." This is Part Two of a message about what the world's wisdom traditions teach us about how to be happy.

Service Leader: Sarah Naber
Music: Gerri Friedberg, piano

July 29th

THE TYRANNY OF TIME

The Rev. Phillips Sweet

How many of you have enough time? Our relationship to time is one of the most important questions we have to answer in our life. A reflection.

Service Leader: Sheila Saperstein
Music: Gerri Friedberg, piano

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

Anyone wishing to offer music for Sunday services, contact Gerri Friedberg @ 868-1342 for scheduling. We need Prelude, Offertory, Postlude, Hymn, & Doxology. Soloists and/or ensembles are considered, as well as a variety of appropriate repertoire.

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STRATEGIC PLANNING

The Mission of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Door County is to be a community of faith, committed to the freedom of intellectual and spiritual inquiry and to the promotion of the worth and dignity of all persons, through service to its' members, friends and the larger community.

We fulfill our Mission and our Vision Statement (which will be printed in the August Newsletter?) through the attainment of goals relative to the following general areas:

- 1) Membership;
- 2) Financial;
- 3) Leadership;
- 4) Facilities;
- 5) Community Outreach and
- 6) Program.

We reach our goals through action steps which are targeted to lead us to success in each area. These steps can take anywhere from one meeting to several years to complete.

Every committee is involved in this process; and it is essential that each committee works from its' own mission statement which is in alignment with the stated vision, mission and goals of the Fellowship.

Does your committee have a Mission Statement? It is imperative that we all know where we are going and why. It is the "Process" that will help us reach our goals, fulfill our mission and realize our vision.

Myrna L. Cohn

STRATEGIC PLANNING is in need of 5-7 persons interested in updating our plan and in helping with leadership development. No experience necessary, but must be enthusiastic and responsible. Contact: myrnal5@dcwis.com or 920-559-2559

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As I write my last "President's Report" for this fiscal year, I'm reflecting back on what a spectacular year we have had. We had a line-up of some of the most thought-provoking and inspiring speakers imaginable. Our calling to engage in community social action programs is, in my view, unequalled for a Fellowship our size. We were treated to outstanding cultural delights through our Emerson series. We had a full slate of wonderful social gatherings. Our membership has grown in part because of the warm and inviting hospitality shown to our guests. (As I write this, I'm told that our membership now stands at 84.) We hired an Administrative Assistant to tend to the office details that our volunteer members could no longer manage. We kept ourselves in sound financial condition. And last, but not least, we became serious about examining alternatives for solving our overcrowding. And we did all this with our cadre of volunteers.

We are particularly blessed to have a strong Governing Board committed to steering this Fellowship. I was not only honored, but humbled, to preside over this body of intellectual giants. As I turn over the gavel to Garrett Cohn as your new President, I look forward to being part of the Fellowship that will encounter enormous challenges and opportunities in the years ahead. You may rest assured that your Board will meet those challenges with the requisite strength and wisdom required.

Dave Hansell

DONATIONS

Jane Aldrich Fund — Ray and Helene DiIulio, in memory of JoAnn Thomas; Ray and Helene DiIulio, in memory of Jane Ladd (sister of Sally Malm).

General Fund —Lynn and John Lees, in memory of Jane Ladd. Mary Anderson, whose art was featured in our gallery in May, made a generous contribution to UUFDC at the close of her exhibit. Cecelia Van de Kamp-Freund, in appreciation of the use of our building for her piano recital.

Donating Opportunities

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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Sister Bay, WI. 54234

DOLLARS AND \$ENSE

Fundraising is a line item often used in non-profits as a filler to make the budget balance whether or not there are realistic plans to raise money. That is apparently what happened with UUFDC's 2006-07 budget: the fundraising line item was \$5000, of which we have raised

about \$2700.

Some fundraising projects, like the Auction held in the spring of 2006, tend to target primarily our own members. Almost all of the \$687 in Auction proceeds received during the current fiscal year was raised from members.

The cookbook project relied heavily on purchases by members but succeeded in capturing the interest (and dollars) of visitors and friends as well. Cookbook receipts totaled \$720 this year.

The Rummage Sale brought in just under \$700 and sold to a variety of people in the community.

The success of the above projects is due to several of our members.

There's one more fundraising category, the least labor-intensive of all! One person does the work at home in a few hours (thank you, Helene!). This year's take was almost \$650. Piggly Wiggly receipts! Keep them coming!

Note: the Pick 'N Save in Sturgeon Bay has a similar program, which does not require saving receipts. Let the customer service desk know which non-profit you wish to benefit from the dollars you spend, and they will send a percentage to us. More of us need to sign up so that we collectively achieve the minimum rebate amount.

Juliana Neuman, Treasurer

Newsletter

DEADLINE:

15th
of every month

CUT AND SAVE

ECO SOLUTIONS ALERT!!

Just in from Sarah Naber:

Just one wrong recyclable in the bin can cause the whole kaboodle to be discarded into landfill.

Use care preparing your recyclables.

GOING RECYCLING:

Glass Jars —separated from metal lid. Both eligible

Glass Bottles — separated from caps and plastic inserts (like for olive oil). Metal cap is recyclable (even the annoying metal ring around the neck), but Plastic inserts must be discarded.

Plastics — only bottles with neck narrower than the base. NO plastic caps.

Plastic Deli Containers & Food Trays — not accepted.

Plasticized (coated) cardboard cartons (milk, soy and orange juice cartons) Not recyclable.

Junk mail — accepted; even staples in the magazines and plastic windows of envelopes.

OTHERS:

Rechargeable batteries are accepted at **Radio Shack**, there is one on County Lane in Sister Bay named Hammersmith 854-8614.

At the Natural Step Action Group (graduates of the Book Study) we learned that **Sturgeon Bay Utilities** will have announced dates for recycling **Compact Fluorescent Light bulbs**. We may not need to take them to Menard's in Green Bay. Soon we can avoid mercury altogether with bright, cool light emitting diodes (LEDs). Hurray!!!!

Lu Schilling

ADULT ENRICHMENT

Jay Brickman, Rabbi Emeritus of the Congregation Sinai in suburban Milwaukee, will lead a seven-week course Saturdays beginning July 14th at the Fellowship from 10:00 until 11:30.. Participants will study the books of the Old Testament exploring the period of the wilderness wandering.

Everyone is welcome; There is no charge for the sessions. Participants are asked to bring a bible. No registration is required.

The Brickmans have a summer home in Baileys Harbor and are friends of the UUFDC. He has taught a similar course in Milwaukee since 1955.

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

Another book in the style of "magical realism": Laura Esquivel's LIKE WATER FOR CHOCOLATE was selected. This tradition often taxes western readers because it insists on the simultaneous validity of two world views. The book club 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.

MELANIE CROKE UU GALLERY JULY ARTIST

The paintings of Fish Creek artist Melanie Croke will be featured during the month of July. Croke lives and works at The Gallery of New Beginnings / DC Frame Station on Hwy 42 South of Fish Creek.

Working from mental and photographic images, Melanie's paintings are inspired by travel and local scenes or subjects that show her appreciation for the beauty in all life, be it natural or man-made.

An artist's reception will be held July 8th 12-2 PM. Gallery hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays 10 am-2 pm and Sundays following the service.

Marilyn Hansotia.

SHIELS LEADS TRIP TO YELLOWSTONE PARK

We (Helene, Sarah Naber, Cyndy Stiehl, Sid and Hanne,) had a spectacular 30-mile drive to the Old Faithful Inn. We saw Mule Deer, an Eagle's nest, and, amazingly, a herd of Bison blocking the road. In spite of the time and frustration on the part of some of the drivers, there was no aggression or horn blowing. There was true respect for these majestic animals, which was heartwarming

Joan had told us to leave our bags in the car before entering the Inn so that we could experience the space unencumbered. We saw a beautiful, unique

room, 190 feet tall, all made of tree trunks, top to bottom. High-windows and curved logs were used to diffuse the light to make us think we were in a forest. It is a gorgeous and inspiring space.

We left as a group the first morning to drive up through Mammoth to the northeast corner of the Park with an ecology specialist who shared his knowledge, love and understanding of the tenuous balance between the land, animals, water, plants and humans that all affect the Park in so many ways.

One day the UUs climbed into the van and drove a circumferential route around the whole park. Most memorable on that day was The Grand Canyon of Yellowstone. The deep gorge, jagged rock formations, water fall and flowing river brought into unique focus the power of time, gravity, and water against rock. A great sense of peace flowed over me as I watched the river flow through the canyon. The views were both diminished and enhanced by falling snow.

My peacefulness was most profound staying near the Inn. Within a few minutes' walk are numerous geysers, steam vents, steaming pools, a river, bison and other animals. Knowing that all of this volcanic activity has been going on for over six hundred thousand years, unrelenting and relentless, was comforting to me as never before. I was there in the moment. I enjoyed feeling insignificant and powerful at the same time.

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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 help, will be called from time.

Sally Malm: 854-7235
rsmalm@dcwis.com

Myrna Cohn: 839-9154
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UUFDC's Caring Committee made a donation to Scandia Village in memory of JoAnn Thomas.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! **July Birthday Friends**

- 2 — Dave Link
- 4 — Adam Shahbazi
- 5 — Dave Hansell
- 8 — Rich Delcarson
- 12 — Angela Lensch
- 16 — Gayle Johnson
- 18 — Al Stuart
- 20 — Joan Shiels
- 22 — Peggy Lott
- 23 — Jill Berger
- 24 — Jim Johnson
- Joan Timm



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All of us had different reactions to our adventure. Joan led meetings on three of our five evenings during which we talked about the place and our feelings about and reactions to it. She asked us to give ourselves Native American names that represent our experience at the Park. I chose "Embraces the Power." This name reminds me that I am part of the



power of the Cosmos and that I can give to it and tap from it as I need. This renewed understanding is very affirming and the best lesson to take back to Door County.

Cyndy Stiehl

KUDOS

KUDOS to members who ride their bicycles to meetings. In recognition of your eco-friendly efforts, the board has agreed to install a bicycle rack!

KUDOS to all of the members and friends who led and participated in the fundraising events of 2006-07.

Thank you, all!

JUNE VISITORS

- **Lestar Doré and Sally Han-ner**, Madison, WI
- **Shelly, Sean, Carley, Michael Laffin**, Spring Valley, WI
- **Jami Hanreddy**, Milwaukee/Ellison Bay, WI

JULY 4th POTLUCK PICNIC

At 4:00 pm on the Fourth, UUFDC members and friends will gather at the DiJulios' home, 1075 Lost Lane in Ellison Bay, for our annual picnic. Sign up at the Fellowship, or by email to Karen Cruz nan-cruzk@yahoo.com or Helene Di Julio at helened@dcwis.com, and let us know what kind of a dish you will share. We need appetizers, main dishes, salads and desserts. Please bring lawn chairs and folding tables if you have them.

A variety of beverages and tableware will be provided; we ask a \$5-per person donation to help cover this expense. Our UUFDC picnics a ways feature wonderful food and fellowship. If you have attended one before, you do not need to be persuaded, but if you are new to UUFDC, we warmly welcome you to come and get to know everyone better! Directions to the DiJulio's and a sign-up sheet will be available, at the Fellowship.
Karen Cruz, Hospitality Co-chair

Snow Birds, Please let the office know when you have returned, so your newsletter can reach you here.

OFFICE HOURS
T/Th 10:00-2:00

**OFFICE CLOSED
FOR VACATION
JULY 2 — 9**



Come to the Cabaret!

**The Birch Creek
Ambassadors**

in concert

led by Steve Fulton

Thursday, July 19

7:30 — 9 P.M.

**Donation:
\$10 adults
\$5 students**

Congratulations

To UUFDC member

**Joel Bremer
&
Lauren Gress**

**on their marriage
June 16**

NOTE CARDS FEATURE UUFDC ARTISTS

The Women's Group Note Card project is nearing completion! Available for sale in mid-July, the cards, in packets of two each of four images, will cost \$10 a packet.

Contributing artists are Jane Delcarson, Cynthia Johnson, Sally Malm and Myrna Cohn. The card project committee consists of Julia Bresnahan, Cynthia Taubert and Helene Di Iulio.

A portion of the proceeds will benefit the *Social Responsibility Committee* to continue their work. The remaining proceeds, after expenses, will be designated for a special cause to benefit the UUFDC. This cause will be determined soon, and most likely be for something to enhance our proposed building expansion.

The cards will be available on Sundays after the service, or place on-line orders with Helene Di Iulio at helened@dcwis.com.

SMALL TALK ISSUES

Small Talk is a publication produced by the UUA, which addresses issues relative to small congregations. There are many back issues that may be viewed or printed that are pertinent to our growing concerns here at UUFDC. A notebook of some of those past publications is also available in our office. Check it out!

uua.org

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

It is my pleasure to again welcome 4 new members to our Fellowship.

Immediately after our Annual Meeting on June 3rd Eleanor "Ellie" Kaage and David Clowers decided to join UUFDC. Both have been "Friends" for several years. Vicky & Sam Carmen signed the Membership Book June 17th. They are the featured New Members in this month's newsletter (see below).

The total membership is now at 84. I feel very confident that we will continue to grow steadily in the future.

MEET THE CARMENS

We are happy to have Sam & Vicky as members. As friends they have filled some of our volunteer position. Sam and Vicky Carmen have been transitioning their lives from Milwaukee to Door County over the past two years. Vicky spent her 32 year career as a teacher and guidance counselor in the inner city of Milwaukee Public Schools until her retirement in 1998. Sam came to Wisconsin from the Buffalo, N.Y. area and has spent his professional life working for unions. His most recent work was as the Executive Director of the Milwaukee Teachers Education Association and as of July 1st, he is retired. Their son David and his family live in Chicago.

A grill and stereo were left in the office by someone (for the Rummage sale?). No contact information was included. Please remove at your earliest convenience. Thanks.

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY COMMITTEE

Earth-friendly choices

June 14 was the beginning date for the group exploring the Natural Step program. This group meets at 7:00 p. m. on Thursdays at the fellowship through August 5. According to leader, Lu Schilling, people are welcome to attend any of the meetings and will find the information interesting, varied, and helpful.

Each year, the SRC budget includes \$1,200, which is used to give financial support in the name of the congregation to charitable organizations. Gifts are given quarterly to organizations, which serve international, national, regional, and local needs. This quarter, our gift was made to the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee for its work assisting communities recovering from the damage left by the hurricane Katrina. An additional anonymous gift was made to the SRC to be given at the committee's discretion. This money was donated to the UUSC for its work in Darfur. During the past year, gifts have been made to: Fair Wisconsin, the Community Clinic, UUSC Drumbeat for Darfur, and UUSC Katrina Relief.

Loaves and Fishes is a service ministry that provides physical and spiritual nourishment to all it touches. Since its inception in October of 2003, it has served more than 6,500 meals in Sturgeon Bay.

The program is staffed totally by volunteers. In Sturgeon Bay, it is in partnership with ten churches, local service groups and the hospital. In Northern Door the dinners are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month. The next dinner will be on July 24 at St. Rosalia's Church.

There are no income requirements to meet in order to be served. The focus of this program is on feeding the spirit as well as the body — the project provides a hot, nourishing meal and a warm, friendly place in which to enjoy it. This project has absolutely no religious connections: no sermons are delivered; no church literature is handed out; no prompts for changed behavior are given. The food issue is certainly primary, but the goal is also to build community and assist the lonely and the isolated among us.

Anyone interested in volunteering to help with this program, contact Jacquie Polzin (854-4445).

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR BOARD

Kay Smith, Programming

Lynn Berger and I are current UUFDC co-program chairman. I have been on the board for maybe 2 years? I have been on boards for many years. Board President: UU church Wausau, Wausau League of Women Voters, UN Ass. President, American Association of University Women, Church Women United, a member of Sopnom County UU Fellowship and on several community and state boards. I am currently a board member of the University of Wisconsin Foundation's Women's Philanthropy Council.

Jim and I have been active UU's for 50 years in Sonoma County, CA; downtown Milwaukee; Madison; mostly Wausau, WI.

I chose serving UUFDC in the program area because the last 15 years of my career in education I was Program Development Director and State Director of Northern California Elderhostel, then serving in the same position for five

Midwestern States. For 10 years I was in charge of a lecture series for Santa Rosa Junior College in California providing two speaker programs a week for a senior audience of very well educated and discriminating older people.

I bring to the board my experience. I have also been very involved in politics, having run for the Wisconsin State Legislature and losing in 1980 by 1/3 of 1%.

My other interests are global. I cherish having time and energy to savor life.

Chuck Lauter, Social Responsibility

Estella and I first came to the Fellowship in fall, 2004 and we joined in the spring of 2005. We had been interested in the Unitarian Fellowship in Appleton during the 35 years we lived there, had friends in the fellowship, worked with Roger Bertchausen on several committees, and Estella even spoke at the Fellowship on a number of occasions, but our lives were too complicated in those years, so we neither joined nor attended. I became a member of the UUFDC board when Jacquie convinced me to co chair the Social Responsibility Committee.

I had a 40 year career in college administration and teaching, the last 31 at Lawrence. If I bring any talents to the board they are organizational skills and a commitment to social justice. Other groups or institutions to which I am committed are the Door County Democratic Party, the Door County Land Trust, Lawrence University (especially Bjorklund), and the Fox Cities Kurgan (Russia) Sister Cities Program.



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Tuesdays — Sit Meditation 7:30am
Thursdays — Natural Step book series, 7pm
Saturdays — Rabbi Brickman Biblical Journey 10:00
Sundays — 10:30 service

4 — Potluck Picnic, 4pm at D Iulio
 5 — *Like Water for Chocolate* book discussion. 1:00
 14 — Brickman series begins
 15 — Newsletter Deadline
 19 — Birch Creek Ambassadors concert 7:30pm
 24 — Loaves & Fishes Dinner, St Rosalia's Church

UUFDC July Calendar of Events						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 Picnic	5 AE Book Club Natural Step	6	7
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