

UU Update

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We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, affirm and promote the inherent worth and dignity of every person.

AUGUST SUNDAY SERVICES

August 5th

INSTINCT AWARENESS

Rabbi Jay Brickman, Rabbi Emeritus of Congregation Sinai

In obtaining a higher intellectual stature, have we abandoned the guidance of our own instincts?

Service Leader: Garrett Cohn
Music: Gerri Friedberg, piano

August 12th

LIBERIA'S EDUCATION SYSTEM

Ebenezer Vonhm Benda, Liberian refugee and peace speaker

As Liberia emerges from a protracted conflict (1989-2003), international and local groups are working to help consolidate gains made in the peace process. This concerted effort together with a dedication to invest in peace

through education in Liberia, prompted me – who was once a victim of this same conflict – to undertake a personal journey into Liberia's education system, a journey that I intend to share with you in my speech.

Service Leader: Cyndy Stiehl
Music: Dottie Gerrits, flute;
Ellen Shahbazi, piano

August 19th

PAYING ATTENTION TO THE SOUL

The Rev. Phillips Sweet, retired UCC minister

Five areas of thought to help you live more soulfully: money, loving ourselves, play, failure and housework. A reflection.

Service Leader: Ray DiIulio
Music: Ellen Shahbazi, piano;

Kevin Mulhall, classical guitar

August 26th

DARWIN AND HIS "DANGEROUS IDEA"

Dr. Jane Shoup, Professor Emerita of Biological Sciences, Purdue University

We will consider the extraordinary life and voyage of Charles Darwin, his confirmation of the fact of evolution and his painstaking development of the theory of natural selection. Jane will focus on Darwin's dedication to rational principles of scientific inquiry and his attendant loss of faith in Christian doctrine. His *Origin of Species* is arguably history's most influential book.

Service Leader: Ellen Shahbazi
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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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Board is continually dealing with practical matters from the ever present crowding issue, enough chairs, coffee or snacks availabilities, order of service issues and the weekly cleaning of the UU facilities.

The dilemma that the board would like all members to think about and offer solutions for there are a small number of members who repeatedly assume responsibility for cleaning the Fellowship each week. That burden seems to be borne far more by women than men (we're aware that some men have signed up). In the past the board has investigated hiring a professional cleaning service to perform this task, but with estimates starting at a minimum of fifty dollars a week that option would prove to be a major new expense. It is clear that the job of cleaning our interior isn't being shared equitably. The average time is about two hours on Thursday, or on the day of your choice.

If you have any suggestions on how to deal with this problem, please contact me or talk to any board member. Or sign up for a week's cleaning and see how rewarding it can be.

Meanwhile, **Dave Link's** committee is moving along with interviewing architects. Shortly we will have four first level proposals from which to decide on for an on going relationship. Our goal is to make the choice by mid-September so we can relay the information to the fellowship before the snow birds leave.

The Board members welcome any input regarding these or any other UU issues that you would like us to consider. Please let us know what you are thinking.

Garrett U. Cohn

Wel- come!

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Vision Statement

A vision statement is a mental model of a future-state...built upon plausible speculations...reasonable assumptions about the future ... influenced by our judgment of what is possible and worthwhile. A vision statement is a mental model that people and organizations can bring into being through their commitment and actions.

This Vision Statement is a synthesis of the themes that emerged from the November 7, 2005 questionnaire and the retreat on December 4, 2004.

DRAFT # 3 – VISION STATEMENT

The **Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Door County** is the focal point for liberal religious thought and education in Door County. We are a thriving, progressive, welcoming community of faith which values acceptance, diversity and mutual respect.

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New UUFD Executive Board of Directors: Lloyd Gerrits, Secretary; Garrett Cohn, President; Juliana Neuman, returning Finance Officer; and Cynthia Stiehl, Vice-President.

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The Fellowship provides an open, warm, comfortable gathering place for members, friends and visitors who come together for Sunday services, cultural events, social programs, life-cycle events, celebrations, meetings and impromptu get-togethers.

Our caring community meets the needs for inspiration, intellectual growth, cultural exposure, spiritual fulfillment and belonging.

In order to remain responsive to the needs of our growing community, members share the responsibility of leadership through active involvement in governance, committee work, volunteer activities and administration. All decisions and actions are geared towards the continuing implementation and alignment of the Mission, Statement of Purpose and long-term goals.

The Fellowship has sufficient resources to maintain a high standard of service and programs and to ensure the fulfillment of our vision.

NOTE: Strategic Planning needs people to assist in updating the plan and to help with Leadership Development. Contact **Myrna Cohn** 920 559-2559 or myrnaL5@dcwis.com.

DONATIONS

Jane Aldrich Fund —
Julia Bresnahan in memory of Mary M. VanRoo

For additional hymnals and supplements: **Helene and Ray DiIulio, Lynn and John Lees, Cynthia Stiehl, Karen Cruz, Sally and Dick Malm, Sarah Naber, Helen Taylor, Julia Bresnahan, and Dottie and Lloyd Gerrits.**

DOLLARS AND \$ENSE

Last year at this time I wrote my column about the Sunday collection and promised to provide a new form for recording the amounts collected. Well, it has taken me an entire year, but I have finally developed that form! Copies are kept in the Treasurer's mailbox. Let me know if you have any suggestions for simplification or improvement.

In last year's column I also asked that the collection be counted by the vergger and the greeter. Our verggers have been very cooperative, but I notice that the greeters are seldom involved. The intent was to have two people involved in the count, to provide checks and balances. And remember, greeters, you are supposed to provide a count of the visitors present. This is most easily done by saving the backing from the name tags that are used on any given Sunday, to be counted at the end. If someone declines a name tag, please add them to the count.

A reminder: most checks I know have a Memo line in the lower left corner. PLEASE USE IT! If you are paying for a purchase or a class, write "Coffee" or "Light bulbs" or "Class" on the memo line. If you are making a pledge payment, please write "Pledge" on that line. If it is a pledge payment for a fiscal year other than the one we are currently experiencing (7/1/07 – 6/30/08), please write the year as well.

Juliana Neuman, Treasurer

**NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE:
15th
of every month**

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY COMMITTEE UPDATE

Please continue bringing contributions to the food barrel. We will forward our collection to the Koinonia Kupboard. Thank you for your gifts.

Remember that you can be part of Loaves and Fishes on the 4th Tuesday of the month. Call **Jacquie** (854-4445) for information.

Car Pool Sunday

We liked CAR POOL SUNDAY so much that we want to make it a regular event. The committee is designating the 3rd Sunday of every month as the official time to share a ride or to bicycle. Let's have fun with this!

Ecology Fair

Our committee is small, but our ideas are big. Try on this idea and see if you would like to help us make it a reality. We would like to do an ECOLOGY FAIR. We envision holding this on a Saturday, possibly the weekend of Fall Festival, and inviting the larger community.

Expert round table discussions on **water, land, and energy** would be scheduled during the day. In addition, groups interested in these issues could have booths or give chalk talks. For instance, we think that a panel on **water** could involve a local writer who has a book out on the subject, the Clean Water Action Council, and UWGB specialists. **Land** use could be explored with D.C.E.C., Land Trust, a real estate specialist, a developer. **Energy** might involve experts on renewable and alternative energy, Wisconsin Public Service, and the Natural Step program.

Jacquie Polzin

A NOTICE FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

I have made copies of the new Bylaws & will provide one to you at your request. Bylaws Article 3.2 states that anyone who has reached the age of 18 and who is in sympathy with the Purpose of the Fellowship may become a member by signing the Membership Book. They will be expected to have an understanding of the stated Principles and Purposes of the Unitarian Universalist Association and participate in the support of the Fellowship.

If you are so inclined to become a member, please see me or another member of UUFDC Board. We will welcome you warmly.

Welcome New Members

The last couple of months have shown a steady gain in members, and I am delighted to report that on July 1st **Ray & Barbara Pfeifer** signed the membership book after having been good "Friends" for many years.

On July 22nd the **Kopischke** family became a part of our Fellowship. We are happy to welcome **Alan, Kärin, Anya (12) & Simon (5)**. This brings our membership to 88 adult and 2 youth members.

Dottie Gerrits, Membership Chair



New members Julia Bresnahan, Steve Kastner, Chuck Berger and Jill Berger and Membership Chair, Dottie Gerrits, and...Cyndy Stiehl in the foreground, at the 2006/2007 annual meeting.

ADULT ENRICHMENT

Jay Brickman, Rabbi Emeritus of the Congregation Sinai in suburban Milwaukee, has begun a seven-week course on the Old Testament. The study group meets on Saturdays from 10:00 until 11:30 through August at the Fellowship. Participants will explore the period of the wilderness wandering. Participants are asked to bring a bible. Everyone is welcome.

Estella Lauter's July 5th and September 6th book groups are cancelled. Please stay tuned for future dates.

Fall Adult Enrichment programs will be announced in September.

HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP

The next UU Fellowship Highway 42 Clean-up day is on August 7th 2007.

Volunteers, please sign -up on the sheet provided for this at UU Services on Sunday mornings.

On Tuesday, August 7th meet at the Cottage Glen (Ellison Bay) Club House at 9.00 am. After refreshments we will car pool, leaving for the clean-up site at 9.30 am.

Enter Cottage Glen at the North entrance off Lakeview Drive. Drive straight in and turn left on the second road and after one block turn right on Ellison to the Club House where there is ample parking.

We look forward to seeing all of you on the 7th.

Thank you,

Phil and Marilyn Hansotia.

NOTE CARDS FEATURE UUFDC ARTISTS

The Women's Group Note Cards are for sale in packets of two each of four images. The cost is \$10 a packet.

Contributing artists are **Jane Delcarson, Cynthia Johnson, Sally Malm and Myrna Cohn**. The card project committee consisted 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 will 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.

DOOR COUNTY LOCAL EXHIBITS AT UU

Sophie Taubert Gehan considers Door County her home, having lived in many places around the globe. Her mother's family was part of the first wave of immigrants to Washington Island and Gills Rock. Her work incorporates mixed media including oil pastels, acrylics, pencils, natural materials from Door County and printed material.

Sophie is spending her summer in Ellison Bay and is the sister of UU member **Cindy Taubert**.

Marilyn Hansotia



Jill Berger's birthday at Mah Jongg Monday with **Mary Mitchell, Myrna Cohn, Helene Di Iulio and Judy Wittenkeller.**

CARING COMMITTEE

The Caring Committee coordinates assistance to members and friends who have a need. **Judy Wittenkeller** will take the "first call" during August, September, and October with the exception of the weeks between August 15– September 5. During that time or if you are unable to reach Judy, previous coordinators, **Helene Di Iulio, Myrna Cohn, and Sally Malm** will take the "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 to assist.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY ! **August Birthday Friends**

- 1 Betty Aik**
- 3 Sharon Sweet**
- 4 Rik Warch**
- 5 Estella Lauter
Cyndy Stiehl**
- 15 Louis Smolak**
- 17 Barbara Pfeifer**
- 22 Myrna Cohn**
- 25 Lee Tackenberg**
- 26 Valerie Murre-Shlick**
- 29 Hanne Gault**



VISITORS

Rhea Jones, Hyde Park, IL

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Lucy Roske, Sister Bay

Jane Naesett, Sister Bay

Ebba Johnson, Kenosha

KUDOS

KUDOS to the Natural Step study circle. It has had at least eight well-prepared members attending each meeting. **Lu Schilling** deserves recognition and praise for doing an excellent job leading this group.

KUDOS to **Myrna Cohn, Jane Delcarson, Cynthia Johnson** and **Sally Malm** for donating artwork for the Women's Group Card Project. And **KUDOS** to card project committee members, **Julia Bresnahan, Cynthia Taubert and Helene Di Iulio.**

KUDOS to the members who have taken care of the landscape maintenance for the entire season.

**Dave Link
Helene DiIulio
Dave Hansell
Marilyn Hansotia
Lloyd Gerrits**

Thank you all!

OFFICE HOURS

T/Th 10:00-2:00

or

By appointment

Thanks for the vacation time off. It was so relaxing and I came back refreshed!

GAJ



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Mondays — Mah Jongg 1:00pm
Tuesdays — Sit Meditation 7:30am
Saturdays – Rabbi Brickman Biblical Journey 10:00
Sundays — 10:30 service

2 — Natural Step study series last session. 7pm
 7 — Highway clean-up 9am. Cottage Glen Clubhouse. Pg 4
 13 — Social Responsibility Committee meeting 4:30
 14 — Board Meeting 4:00
 15 — Newsletter Deadline
 19 — Car Pool Sunday
 28 — Loaves and Fishes Community Dinner at St. Rosalia’s Church

UUFDC August Calendar of Events						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Natural Step	3	4 Brickman series
5 SS	6 Mah Jongg	7 SIT Road clean-up	8	9	10	11 Brickman Series
12 SS	13 MJ SRC	14 SIT Board	15 Newsletter deadline	16	17	18 Brickman series
19 SS Car Pool	20 MJ	21 SIT	22	23	24	25 Brickman series
26 SS	27 MJ	28 SIT Loaves & Fishes Dinner	29	30	31	