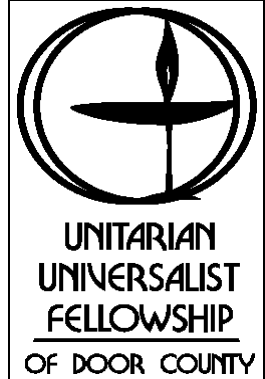


UU Update

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We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, affirm and promote justice, equity and compassion in human relations.

SEPTEMBER SUNDAY SERVICES

September 2 LOW TECH

Rabbi Jay Brickman, Rabbi Emeritus at Sinai

Modern technology is making our lives unnecessarily complex. The way out of current dilemmas, individual and social, is the way of simplicity.

Service Leader: Kay Smith
Music: Hanne Gault, flute; Dottie Gerrits, flute; Ellen Shahbazi, piano

September 9 IN THE BEGINNING

The Rev. Joan Shiels, Associate Pastor, Hope Church

History reveals a remarkable era, before Jesus, in which, despite huge cultural and geographic separation, all of the world's great religions began--- based on a single and similar idea. A look at how the wisdom of The Axial

Age informs our own.

Service Leader: Sarah Naber
Music: Gerri Friedberg, piano

September 16 FOUNDING FATHERS: SONS OF THE ENLIGHTENMENT

Erik Eriksson, popular Door County speaker

The majority of Americans seem to be under the impression that the United States was founded as a Christian nation. That is not so; those great men whose ideas and ideals formed the basis for the fledgling country were far more strongly influenced by the Enlightenment. What was that movement? What was its essence? An understanding of it is necessary to counter alien claims about our nation's true identity.

Music: Sarah Stuart, piano

September 23 TRUTH IN SMALL INSTALLMENTS

The Rev. Phillips Sweet, retired UUC minister

Religion is the only discipline that glories in stagnation. The Bible was closed in the 4th century. It relies on fixed and unassailable propositions. What are we to do? A proposal.

Service Leader: Kay Smith
Music: Ellen Shahbazi, piano

September 30 Louis Smolak THE MYTH OF ISLAMIC TOLERANCE

Service Leader: David Hansell
Music: Dottie Gerrits, flute; Lolly Lebovic, violin; Dave Hansell, bassoon

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

Gerri Friedberg, our Music Chair, invites those who would like to offer vocal or instrumental pieces for a Sunday service to contact her at 868-1342. Note that we book a couple of months in advance and aim for a nice variety of repertoire. She would especially like referrals of any pianists who are good sight readers and might be available to substitute on short notice if the need arises. Composer/ specific piano piece requests are quite welcome also!

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Garrett Cohn

The August Board meeting was the shortest we have experienced for at least a year(47 minutes). This was not due to the importance of the issues, but to the fact that there were less agenda items.

One of the items scheduled for discussion was the request for a religious education program. It was brought up at the last Board meeting, was discussed and sent to the Program Committee for their input. To date, the Program Committee has been reviewing the concept and plans to make a presentation to the UU Board next month. Please contact Program Committee members Cyndy Stiehl, Kay Smith, or Lynn Berger with any thoughts or ideas relevant to religious education .

The appointment of a Chairperson for the Strategic Planning Committee, which was approved at our Annual Meeting as a standing committee with a seat on the Board, was discussed. Cynthia Stiehl will be contacting prospective persons for this position.

Building and Grounds Chair, Dave Link, reported that we expect to have all four architectural proposals re expansion of the current building by the end of August.

An annual Volunteer Log form was handed out by Membership Chair, Dottie Gerrits. This will allow the UU to record time contributed by our member volunteers. It also includes personal mileage which can be used, if appropriate, for your own tax purposes. The form will be available on the table in the reception area. You may contact Dottie with any questions. Please—use it

regularly, as the data will benefit the Fellowship when we apply for non-profit funding or grants.

Chair of the Emerson Series, Erik Erickson, reported that he is planning six programs for the fall series, with the first one scheduled for Saturday, September 29-- Stuart Lindeman Trio.

Volunteer Helene Di Iulio will be in charge of planning for the Alzheimer's Walk, September 29. Mark your calendar!

You all are encouraged to read the full minutes as posted on the Bulletin Board.

DOLLARS AND \$ENSE

Juliana Neuman
Treasurer

I've been asked by the Board to update our Balance Sheet by adding the original cost of our chairs and our wonderful piano. Who can help me find the original invoices? Are there any past Treasurers out there who remember those transactions? Or perhaps someone can remember the year(s) in which these purchases were made. (I admit--I'm being a bit lazy here, preferring to ask rather than search.)

Please send me an e-mail if you can point me toward this information: jneuman@dcwis.com

A CALL TO ACTION

Jacquie Polzin

When is green really green?

British Petroleum presents a logo of green and yellow; A windmill is the biggest image on its website. BP claims leadership in developing alternative energy sources. It

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ADULT ENRICHMENT

Myrna Cohn
Chair

The following is the current Adult Enrichment programming for the fall of 2007. The individual program details will be announced in advance of each presentation. Programs are open to members and friends of the UUFDC as well as interested people of the wider Door County community.

Adult Enrichment committee, will promote ideas at the request of the sponsoring group. We are always open to suggestions from the membership.

Like water for Chocolate book discussion with Estella Lauter September 11, 11:30-1:30

The Crusades Reverend Barbara Sajna's four-week series covering the crusading period. Begins Thursday, September 27 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm at the Fellowship. Suggested donation \$12 for the series.

Book Group will be held on the first Wednesday of every month from November through May, in participant's homes. Group members will suggest titles (all genres) for the group. The forming session will be held Wednesday, October 10, 2007, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the UUFDC.

Buddhism: How it can be incorporated into our lives with Kathy Navis from the Yoga Center. Friday, November 9 from 7:00-9:00 pm at the Fellowship. She will end with a meditation session.

Friday Night Programs; Tuesday Evening Film; Men's Groups

These are open for documentaries, special presentations, social gatherings, etc. Let us know; help schedule or plan your ideas. If planning or facilitating Adult Enrichment

programs interests you, we really need your help. We have such a wide range of talents and skills in our Fellowship...now is the chance to share your interests. Please contact Myrna Cohn, Adult Enrichment Committee Chair. You can reach her by phone at 920-559-2559 or e-mail at myrnaL5@dcwis.com.

Please register early for programs that interest you. Some of the programs have a maximum number of participant slots available. You may register by:

- Utilizing sign-up sheets on the bulletin board: or
- Contacting Gayle Johnson, Office Administrator, by leaving a message on her voice mail at 920-854-7559 or email her at uufdc@charterinternet.com

Some programs may have pre-registration fees connected with them to cover supply cost and/or facilitator fees. Where programs are facilitated by members or friends who volunteer their time, a suggested donation will be accepted at the time of the class. This helps with the cost of the program expenses.

Decisions to hold or cancel a class are based on the number of registrants. Once you have registered for a program, please let the office know if you cannot attend. This is a courtesy to our facilitators who volunteer their time and are counting on a certain number to attend the program.

**NEW
OFFICE HOURS
Tues / Wed
10:00—2:00**

Or by appointment

THE NATURAL STEP FOR COMMUNITIES STUDY

Karen Cruz

PLANET MAINTENANCE

We have a massive problem. Climate change is already affecting our lives. What to do? Following a few popular slogans (i.e. “act locally, think globally”), imposing feelings of anxiety and guilt on each other or blaming other countries **does not** point to a competent course of action. But, taking time to read, study, think, share ideas, and form networks in a study circle format can be a reasonable place to start.

The SRC, with Lu Schilling as leader, proudly hosted a study circle of *The Natural Step* program for eight weeks this summer. It was one of a series being held in Door County and across the state. (One might say that it is a grass roots movement with green potential.) Our first meeting drew several well-wishers: four members of the UU church in Indianapolis who enthusiastically shared their experiences developing a “Green Sanctuary” congregation; two college students who were spending their summer educating youth about environmental issues as part of their academic work. A core group of at least eight members completed the study program.

As we deepened our understanding of what had been successful in Sweden, our ideas for potential action became clearer. Denise Bhirdo, president of the board of trustees of Sister Bay, attended our final meeting. She listened to our ideas and

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

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told us that the Sister Bay planning commission would also study the Natural Step program during its winter meetings. Ideas for the new beach property were discussed. The Natural Step suggests that people imagine what they want in the future and then begin to take action to accomplish this vision.

There will be additional Natural Step study circles held in Door County. Hopefully other UU's will want to participate.

The four sustainability objectives of the Natural Step Program are:

1. Reduce wasteful dependence on fossil fuels, scarce metals and minerals that accumulate in nature.
2. Reduce wasteful dependence on chemicals and synthetic substances that accumulate in nature.
3. Reduce encroachment upon nature.
4. Meet human needs fairly and efficiently, worldwide.

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describes the trumpeter swan rehabilitation program at Whiting, Indiana. It fails to tell you that it is planning on increasing its dumping into Lake Michigan at its refinery in Indiana. (see note below) An increase of 54% in ammonia (promotes algae blooms) and an increase of 35% in solid waste containing heavy metals. The Environmental Protection Agency has given approval. Action to prevent this pollution is gathering support from Senator Dick Durbin of Illinois, the House of Representatives in Michigan, etc.

POST DEADLINE NOTE:

On August 23, Bob Malone, Chairman of British Petroleum, issued a statement responding to criticism of plans to increase discharges of ammonia and solid waste into Lake Michigan. The company will not increase the level of pollution from the oil refinery in Whiting, Indiana.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

Lynn Berger
Co-Chair

All of us on the Program Committee – Lynn Berger, Gerri Friedberg, Phil Hansotia, Estella Lauter, Art MacKinney, Sarah Naber, Ellen Shahbazi, Sheila Saperstein, Kay Smith, and Cyndy Stiehl – hope you have been enjoying the thoughts, ideas and beautiful music our speakers and musicians bring to us on Sunday mornings.

You may wonder how a speaker is chosen. Our Committee meets regularly to discuss the schedule and to respond to requests from persons who wish to speak at UUFDC. We try to balance the program with varied speakers and topics, but we adhere to the UU Principles to make sure we are on the right track.

- **The inherent worth and dignity of every person;**
- **Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;**
- **Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;**
- **A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;**
- **The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;**
- **The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;**
- **Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.**

Our Committee was asked to create

a Mission Statement to help guide us in our work. We believe that this statement best drives our work:

The mission of the UUFDC Program Committee is to provide a balance of programming which offers spiritual, intellectual and affirming content that informs and inspires us to increased spiritual awareness, greater knowledge and to be better citizens of the world.

Last, we greatly appreciate your patience with the ever-changing Order of Service. Earlier in the summer, the Board discussed the over-crowded conditions during coffee/discussion times. While we realize there is no one solution that will please everyone, we felt that safety issues were our top concern. We asked our regular speakers for some feedback, too. They gave us some ideas about putting the “business” of the Fellowship at the beginning so that the rest of the service would be more “meditative”; that we would leave the service feeling refreshed – or informed - and ready for the week ahead.

Thus we have tried having the discussion preceding the coffee time to alleviate the crowding. We’ve tried having coffee and time to visit outside after the discussion. The weather has cooperated with this plan and we’ve enjoyed some lovely times sipping lemonade and visiting with each other around the picnic table. One experiment that was a clear dud was the elimination of treats! As you have noticed, treats are back! We like to eat at UUFDC!

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NEW OFFICE HOURS
TUES. / WED.
10:00-2:00

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Here is the suggested Order of Service that we present to each speaker. We realize that for a variety of reasons, each speaker may wish to modify this order. We took a deep breath and decided "Change is good!" Our speakers have some flexibility as long as they send in their information in time for our Order of Service to be printed. Then we can all follow along!

Song: Enter, Rejoice and Come In

Welcome

Announcements

Prelude

Chalice Lighting (as part of...

Opening Words

Statement of Purpose

Doxology

Joys and Concerns

Reflecting on Our UU principles

(1x a month)

Offertory

Moment of Quiet

Hymn

Reading

Message

Discussion

Closing Words

(Extinguish Chalice as...

Postlude begins

Soon there will be a Suggestion Box placed near the nametags for you to register your comments and suggestions. You can also just give any one of us a call. We do thank all of you who have helped us this summer with our attempts to try some new ideas. We want the best for our Fellowship!

NOTICE NEW OFFICE DAYS

There will be a temporary change in the days of the week that the office will be open. Due to an internship commitment for school **Tuesdays and Wednesdays** will be the office days for Gayle, until further notice.

UUFDC VOLUNTEERS

Dottie Gerrits

45 Volunteer positions for the month of July were cheerfully filled and performed by the following Members and Friends:

Billie Ryan-Hohman

Helene Di Iulio

Ray D Iulio

Lynn Lees

John Lees

Phyl Mielke

Sarah Naber

Sally Malm

Dick Malm

Phil Hansotia

Al Johnson

Al Wittenkeller

Karen Cruz

Stella Brown

Marilyn Hansotia

Dottie Gerrits

Myrna Cohn

Hanne Gault

Ellen Shahbazi

Cynthia Johnson

Gerri Friedberg

Lloyd Gerrits

David Hansell

Dave Link

Mary Mitchell

This list is in addition to the Committees and the Board of Directors who consistently donate to the operation of the Fellowship

EMERSON CULTURAL SERIES

Erik Eriksson

Saturday, Sept 29, 7:30 –

The Stuart Mindemann Trio: This brilliant young pianist, a former Birch Creek student and faculty member, previously presented a recital of classical music for the Emerson Series. He concluded his program with a jazz improvisation. Now, he returns with his jazz trio, currently active in the Chicago area. Plan now for a delightful evening of lively jazz performance.

NEED PUBLICITY?

Marilyn Hansotia

Please keep me posted with UUFDC events that you would like publicized. I will prepare media news releases and distribute them throughout the County.

Email all of your newsletter articles and other publicity needs to Gayle

uufdc @ charter internet . com

AND also to ME at

[mhansotia @ charter . net.](mailto:mhansotia@charter.net)

Occasionally email sent to UUFDC is not received. Be certain you are using the new UUFDC email address. **NOTE:** It is different than the residential charter accounts.

ALERT

A problem has occurred with the September issue of the UU Update and its ability to be transferred to a PDF document for emailing to you. We are unable to resolve this problem but are hoping that it is only a corrupt file and that we will be back in business for the October issue.

Meanwhile, we are mailing this issue to those on our newsletter email list, if we have a postal address for them. Others may find copies at the Fellowship or by calling the office with a postal address.

Thank you for your patience.

**NOTICE
MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
MEETING SCHEDULED**

Dottie Gerrits

The committee will meet Wednesday September 12 at 11:00 am and will include the Hospitality and the Caring sub-committees. We will discuss the formulation of Mission Statements for each Committee.

If you are interested in becoming active in any of these areas, please join us. Bring a sandwich and we can have lunch following the meeting. I will provide the dessert.
gerrits@dcwis.com, 854-2964

CIRCLE SUPPERS RESUME

Carol Soper

It's almost September and time for another season of Circle Suppers. Last year's plan worked well, so we'll continue the same arrangement. September - October hosts will be contacted after Labor Day.

Please let me know if you wish to be included on our list, how you may be contacted, and how many persons you can accommodate if you wish to be a host. I will continue with the names I have unless you ask to be added, or removed. It's a great way to get to know members and friends of UUFDC.

As I am still working Sundays, please call me at 854-9653, or email pcsoper@earthlink.net.

CARING COMMITTEE

The Caring Committee coordinates assistance to members and friends who have a need. **Judy Wittenkeller** will take the "first call" during September, (with the exception of the first week of September). 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.

Judy Wittenkeller: 839-2800
alnjudy@dcwis.com

Sally Malm: 854-7235
rsmalm@dcwis.com

Myrna Cohn: 839-9154
myrnaL5@dcwis.com

Helene Di Iulio: 854-2312
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**ALZHEIMER'S MEMORY
WALK -- SEPTEMBER 29**

Jacquie Polzin

We have a tradition to uphold this year. **JoAnn Thomas** devoted much time and energy as a volunteer helping those with Alzheimer's disease. This year we would like to honor JoAnn's memory with a sizable team of walkers and a healthy number of pledges.

The walk is the morning of Saturday, September 29. Think of it as a walk in the woods with friends, friends' dogs, and the amazing fall scenery of Peninsula State Park. We will start the morning with breakfast at Julie's Park Café at 8:00 a.m., cross the street to St. Paul's Catholic Church to register and begin the walk.

You can choose the distance you wish to walk. There will be opportunities to pledge your support of the walkers at church. Please bring your money or checks made out to "Alzheimer's Association." Thank you!!

UU'S PICKING UP

Marilyn Hansotia

Our "Adopt a Highway" section of State Hwy. 42 north of Ellison Bay is once again free of litter following a cleanup session. The next, and last, cleanup for 2007 will be Tuesday, November 13th at 9:00 am.

**NOTE CARDS FEATURE
UUFDC ARTISTS**

The Women's Group Note Cards feature four of UUFDC's several talented artists. **Jane Delcarson, Cynthia Johnson, Sally Malm and Myrna Cohn** generously contributed the use of their art images for this benefit to the Fellowship. Other Fellowship members are now encouraged to match that contribution by purchasing the cards.

Two of each of the renditions are sold in packets of eight for \$10. The cards are available on Sundays after the service, or place on-line orders with **Helene Di Iulio** at helened@dcwis.com.

SEPTEMBER ARTIST

Marilyn Hansotia

Our long-time UUFDC Friend, **Rich Delcarson**, will exhibit eight of his original paintings of automobiles of the 1950's/'60's.

As a young artist Delcarson worked for New Center Studios, a large commercial art studio in Detroit. Each year the specialized artists were asked to present renderings to the national advertising agencies that represented the large automobile manufacturers. His "samples," highly secretive before production, were conceived directly from models of the new cars.

Rich will be available for conversation following service September 2nd.

PICNIC TIME

Karen Cruz



Our annual Labor Day picnic will be held Monday, Sept. 3, at Phyl Mielke's lake house at the end of Appleport Road. We appreciate Phyl's hospitality, and anticipate another wonderful afternoon of fun, fellowship, and food.

This year we are asking that ten or twelve families sign up to bring brats that are already cooked and grilled, and we will warm them in the traditional beer bath. Others may sign up to bring appetizers, salads, sides, and desserts. We always seem to have a marvelous assortment of scrumptious food!

The fellowship will provide buns, condiments, beverages, and table service. Bring along your picnic chairs and folding tables, TV trays, etc., and \$5 per person to cover costs. Sign up at the fellowship or contact Karen Cruz at 746-2159 ncruzk@yahoo.com

TIBETAN EXERCISE

Dottie Gerrits

Are you interested in finding a new way to exercise? If so, drop into the Fellowship Wednesday, September 12th at 10:00 a.m. for an introduction to **The 5 Tibetan Rites**. Wear comfortable clothing without a high neckline, or a turtleneck.

I have been performing these rites for 15 years & have found them to be habit forming & quite wonderful. There are many websites for an explanation. One such site is http://www.mkprojects.com/pf_TibetanRites.htm or google the above words. gerrits@dcwis.com or 854-2964

HAPPY BIRTHDAY !

September

Birthday Friends

15 — Jeff Berger

19 — Ray Di Iulio

26 — Kay Smith

27 — Carrie Link



UUFDC OFFICE CALENDARS

There are 2 different calendars

- The wall calendar is for ALL events, regardless of location
- The desk calendar is for BUILDING use reservations

If your event is only on the wall calendar, the building is NOT reserved for your use unless you add it to the desk.

This is one of the Liberian recipes that was served after the August 12 service with speaker Ebenezer Vonhm Benda, Liberian refugee and peacemaker.

LIBERIAN PUMPKIN CAKE

- 1/2 Cup Butter
- 1 1/4 Cups Sugar
- 2 Medium Eggs
- 2 Cups Flour
- 3 Teaspoons Baking Powder
- 1/2 Teaspoon Cinnamon
- 1/2 Teaspoon Ground Ginger
- 1/2 Teaspoon Nutmeg
- 1/2 Teaspoon Salt
- 1 Can Pumpkin
- 3/4 Cup Milk
- 1/2 Teaspoon Soda

Cream together sugar and butter. Add eggs and mix. Mix dry ingredients in separate bowl. Mix pumpkin, soda and milk. Add dry ingredients to pumpkin, soda and milk bowl and blend well. Add blended mixture to sugar, butter and eggs mixture. Pour into greased baking pan 9 x 13". Bake at 350 de-

KUDOS

KUDOS to Jeff Berger for his generosity of time and computer wizardry to get the new membership database well on its way to being complete. He is a valuable friend to the Fellowship.

KUDOS to the Highway Cleanup Crew:

To Phil and Marilyn Hansotia for organizing the work and providing watermelon wedges, tasty pastries, and coffee to inspire us.

To our work crew: Ray Di Iulio, Bob Fickes, Chuck Lauter, Sally Malm, David Hansell, Don and Jacquie Polzin.

Thank you all!

ATTENTION UU LADIES

We are having another camping event Friday, September 21st to welcome the Autumnal Equinox. It will again be at the Di Iulio campground, so mark it on your calendar.

More information will be sent via email as we get closer to the date. There are a limited number of sleeping accommodations available, if you are not tenting.

Send emails to Helene or Dottie

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gerrits@dcwis.com



The Di Iulio Campground of UUFDC Ladies



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