

# UU Update

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We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, affirm and promote acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregation.

## OCTOBER SUNDAY SERVICES

### October 7

#### GOOD MEDICINE

The Rev. Joan Shiels

When the wound is deep, forgiveness is hard, but it's the best medicine to heal the heart. Instructions included.

Service Leader: Ellen Shahbazi  
Music: Gerri Friedberg, piano

### October 14

#### WHEN THE MAP AND WHAT YOU SEE IN FRONT OF YOU DON'T MATCH, IT'S THE MAP THAT IS WRONG

Allin Walker

What do we do when what we've been told to expect isn't what life holds?

Service Leader: Sheila Saperstein  
Music: Dottie Gerrits, flute; Hanne Gault, flute;  
Ellen Shahbazi, piano

### October 21

#### MYSTERIES OF AZTALAN

Dr. Bob Birmingham

Located near Lake Mills, Aztalan is Wisconsin's premier archaeological site. Occupied by Mississippian Indians from A.D. 1050 to 1200, Dr. Birmingham will discuss the site, the communities that lived there, and the mysteries that still surround it.

Service Leader: Chuck Lauter  
Music: Gerri Friedberg, piano

### October 28

#### GOD AS TRICKSTER

The Rev. Phillips Sweet

The trickster in mythology plays off against the orderly, the civilized, the polite, the correct, the moral, the sacred, the solemn. The trickster is the spirit of disorder that is opposite the necessary pole of order. A sermon for Halloween.

Service Leader: Sheila Saperstein  
Music: Gerri Friedberg, piano

**Copies of the Sunday Sermons are available on CD. Contact AL Wittenkeller  
839-2800 or e mail [alnjudv@dcwis.com](mailto:alnjudv@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 U. Cohn

The September meeting highlighted functional activities of the UU such as the Computer problems in the UU Office. We decided it needed to be solved immediately; we approved some additional assistance for the Administrative Assistant, both in hours and technical support.

**Cindy Stiehl** reported on the search for a strategic planning chair and suggested we bring in a Midwest Regional advisor, which was approved by the Board.

**Dave Link** updated the expansion report, regarding the architecture hunt, which will be finalized for review by the end of September.

The program subcommittee reported on research regarding Sunday School location, curriculum, activity and timing. Location is a major issue and we would welcome suggestions. Please contact any Board member with suggestions.

**Marilyn Hansotia**, Communications chair, requested a definitive plan for including new programs sponsored by the UU. Too many times she finds out the week before or has incomplete information which doesn't give her the time to get it published appropriately. There soon will be a program of steps to be followed.

Take a look at the UUFDC website. There have been some convenient additions to it.

The color on the newsletter for computer links and calendar events does not print on all printers. If you have difficulty seeing the color when you print, refer to your on-line copy.

## DOLLARS AND \$ENSE

Juliana Neuman

Many thanks to those of you who responded to my plea for information about the original cost of our chairs and piano!

At its September meeting, the UUFDC Board voted to pay down another \$5000 of the mortgage loan held by Associated Bank, out of unspent revenues from prior years. This will leave a balance of just under \$67,000 remaining to be paid. When I became Treasurer, the balance was almost \$89,000, so we have come a long way in just under 18 months. In addition to our regular monthly payments and an extra \$10,000 payment at the end of 2006, some of the total principal reduction was made possible by UUFDC members who have made donations specifically for this purpose. Hats off to these anonymous donors!

## UUFDC CALENDAR ON WEBSITE

Marilyn Hansotia

We can now access a month-by-month calendar displaying UUFDC activities on our website. Items will be added to the calendar as they are set. Click on "CALENDAR" on the opening home page. The current month will display but you can go forward or backward to other months. Hold your cursor over a calendar entry and you will see details of the event.

Our website [www.uufdc.org](http://www.uufdc.org) is always being updated with new information. Use it regularly; suggest it to others who may have an interest.

Thanks to **Steve Kastner** for adding this feature and for his creativity in maintaining our website.

## SNOWBIRD REMINDERS

The UUFDC office has no way of knowing when you are residing in the County and when you are elsewhere. To avoid the expense of returned and resent mail, please give a call, note or email to the office indicating the months you will be away.

As you are clearing out and packing up for the journey to warmer climes, please bring your unopened non-perishable food items to the Fellowship for the Food Barrel.

### NOTE TO MEMBERS:

Even if you're not a snowbird, please help fill the barrel with food and personal care products. The Social Responsibility Committee delivers the items to the Koinonia Cupboard.

## UU MEMBER SPEAKS FOR PEACE

Retired UU minister **Cynthia Johnson** spoke on the UU Way Sept. 26 at Calvary United Methodist Church in Egg Harbor, presenting the final topic in the five-week lecture and discussion series called "Bridges to Understanding" with the intention of promoting a more peaceful world through learning about different religious traditions. .

### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

**15TH**  
OF EACH MONTH

Submit all information to  
uufdc@charterinternet.com

**And**  
mhansotia@charter.net

## UUFDC VOLUNTEES

Dottie Gerrits

Those of you without email may not be aware that I send out a sign up grid every week asking for volunteers to fill the Sunday service needs of Verger, Greeter, Coffee Host/Hostess, Housekeeper, Sunday Service Recorder, & Flowers to beautify the front table in the sanctuary.

The following people filled the positions in August. Nineteen filling 45 Volunteer positions means that many did two or three different jobs.

### We owe them our gratitude.

**Sarah Naber**  
**Dick Malm**  
**Sally Malm**  
**Ray Di Iulio**  
**Sheila Saperstein**  
**Jill Berger**  
**Bobbie Larson**  
**Helene Di Iulio**  
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**Marilyn Hansotia**  
**Garrett Cohn**  
**Lynn Lees**  
**Gerri Friedberg**  
**Lloyd Gerrits**

If you too would like to help, you may do so by calling me at 920-854-2964.

## BAILEYS HARBOR ARTIST FEATURED IN OCTOBER

Marilyn Hansotia

Cynthia Johnson will exhibit several large pastels as well as work from two recent classes at the Peninsula Art School, one in acrylics and the other in printmaking.

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## SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY COMMITTEE UPDATE

Jacquie Polzin

### Reuse-Recycle Art Project

To promote earth-friendly choices, the SRC is sponsoring a day to redecorate old canvas totes, paint or dye new canvas totes, purchase colored string bags, and limit our dependence on plastic and paper grocery bags. We can be both ecologically responsible and let out our "inner artist" at the same time.

We will use an art room at Gibraltar High School on Saturday, October 13, from 10:00 a. m. to 2:00 p. m. Final pricing has not been done, but expect to pay around: \$5.00 art room fee, \$7.00 for a colored string bag, and \$9.00 for a new tote. All products are fair labor, fair trade, and organically grown. Sign up at the fellowship or call **Julia Bresnahan** (839-2606).

### Charitable Contributions

The Social Responsibility Committee has designated three local charities to receive funds for the first quarter of the fiscal year:

The Community Clinic (Sister Bay)	\$150.00
The Wellness Center	\$100.00
Loaves and Fishes (Northern Door)	\$ 50.00

The committee is also remitting to the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee \$1.00 per member as per the budget.

### CRUSADES CANCELLED

Due to low registration, the Crusades series with Rev. Sajna has been cancelled.

## ECO SOLUTIONS

Lu Schilling

As we gradually accept the fact that plastic bags made from petroleum sources are harmful at both ends of their life (oil mining, chemical combining to waste dumping requiring 100 years to breakdown and periodic ingestion and/or entanglement by animals) we begin to look for sustainable means to carry our groceries, line our kitchen trash bins and collect our pet wastes.

The Social Responsibility Committee is offering new canvas totes and redecorating pre-owned totes for shopping use. Then we simply need to learn to remember to carry them in the car or bike and to bring them into the store where we will need them. I store mine near the door, by the car keys or bicycle or in the car.

Many of us reuse grocery plastic bags to line our kitchen waste bin. We live at a wonderful time because numerous responsible companies are now offering 100% compostable & biodegradable bags from natural fiber and cornstarch. I use the GMO - free (non genetically modified). Bag sets for pet waste to lawn and leaf, can be found on-line at [www.biogroupusa.com](http://www.biogroupusa.com) and bulk rate pet waste bags are available at [www.doortosummer.com](http://www.doortosummer.com) under the pet supplies link to find BioBags and BagsonBoard.

*"I awake each morning torn between a desire to save the world and a desire to savor the world. This makes it hard to plan my day."* **E.B. White**

## ADULT ENRICHMENT

Julia Van Roo Bresnahan

**UUFDC Film Festival** kicks off the fall season Tuesday, October 2 with *Stranger Than Fiction* starring Will Ferrel, Dustin Hoffman, Emma Thompson, Linda Hunt, Maggie Gyllenhaal and Queen Latifa.

The movie is an account of a lonely man who begins to hear a voice narrating his life, and seeks to find the reason. The result is a serious, poignant and well crafted story of changing one's life in order to save it.

The evening begins with appetizers at 6 PM followed by the movie at 7 PM. Please bring an appetizer to share as well as a beverage of your choice.

The movie is sponsored by the Fellowship Adult Enrichment Committee and is open to the public. There is no charge.

**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 1:00 – 3:00 pm at the UUFDC.

*The Zen Buddhist Way* will be presented by Kathy Navis from the Yoga Junction Center. Her presentation will include ideas for incorporating elements of Zen Buddhism into our daily lives. She will conclude with a meditation period. Friday, November 9 from 7-9:00 pm at the Fellowship.

## Emerson Series

Marilyn Hansotia

The Prague Castle Woodwind Trio will perform October 30<sup>th</sup>, the second Emerson Series event this fall.

The trio is one of the smallest, and one of the most unique chamber units of the Prague Castle Guard and Czech Police Band. It was established in 1992 by the enthusiastic ideals of soloists within this Band. The Prague Castle Guard and Czech Police Band is an extraordinary wind band, which has been representing Czech music culture at a very high professional level, impacting cultures around the world.

The repertoire of this celebrated Trio is focused on Czech Classical music, including music of members of the Mannheim School and the Czech composers performing and teaching all over Europe during this Era.

Among the main concert performances of the Trio are those associated with entertaining the President of the Czech Republic and his guests during formal State ceremonial festivities.

The UUFDC is most fortunate to host this Trio thanks to the efforts of our own Erik Eriksson.

The October 30<sup>th</sup> event begins at 7:30 PM. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. Refreshments will be served following the performance affording an opportunity to meet the musicians.

## CARING COMMITTEE

The UUFDC Caring Committee coordinates assistance to members and friends in need. **Judy Wittenkeller** will take the "first call" during October. 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.

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## **HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAY !**

To our members and friends

10 — **Ray Stonecipher**

11 — **Stella Brown**

16 — **Art MacKinney**

19 — **Beth Ciesar**

25 — **Al Johnson**



## VISITORS

The following people have visited our Fellowship in the past two months. Many more visitors attended our services and graced our coffee table, but these are the people who consented to having their names shared here. We hope to see them again.

**Frank & Judy Hartig Osanda** from Olympia Brown UU in Racine.

**Trish & Raymond Strah** from Ames, Iowa UU.

**Susan Berger** from the Methodist Church in Buckeye, Arizona.

**Jamie Gerhe & Mike Hogan** from Milwaukee.

**Jane Wise** from the Hoffman Estates, Illinois Methodist Church.

**James Burnidge** from Elgin, IL.

**Ted & Sandy Morrison** from Quincy, Illinois UU.

**Lee Berkhoff** from Baileys Harbor.

**Donna Jo Ryan**, Billie's daughter from Appleton UU.

**Roxanne Manney**, a "closet UU" from Milwaukee.

(spellings based on signature interpretation.)

## OFFICE HOURS

T/W 10:00-2:00

or

By appointment

## KUDOS

Everyone who demonstrated good will or patience during the UUFDC computer problems.

**Helene Di Iulio** for chairing our participation in the Alzheimer's Memory Walk. At this date, the final accounting has not been done. However, her goal of raising \$1,000.00 has surely been met.

**Steve Kastner** for his innovative website calendar development.

**Meg Vermillion** for her constant dedication to the "Equal Exchange Program."

**Phyl Mielke** for welcoming us to her newly remodeled lake house for the annual Labor Day picnic.

**Billie Ryan-Hohman & Karen Cruz** for their excellent planning to make the picnic a huge success. Good friends & good food, a great combination.

**Thank you all!**

(Baileys Harbor Artist  
continued from pg 3)

Johnson, a retired Unitarian Universalist minister, has lived in Baileys Harbor fulltime since 2000. Her work is exhibited at Frogtown Framing and Galley, Baileys Harbor.

There will be an opening reception at the UUFDC on Sunday, October 7, from noon to 2:00 pm.



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**In this issue.....CALENDAR OF EVENTS new to UUFDC website.....**

**Mondays** — Mah Jongg 1:00pm  
**Tuesdays** — Sit Meditation 7:30am  
**Sundays** — 10:30 service  
 2 — Film “Stranger Than Fiction,” pg4  
 9 — Board Meeting 4:00  
 10 — Book Club forming session 1-3:00, pg 4  
 13 — Reuse-Recycle Art Project 10am to 2pm, pg3  
 15 — Newsletter Deadline  
 21 — Car Pool Sunday  
 21 — Movie, “Heroes of the Spirit“ following Sunday service  
 23 — Loaves and Fishes Community Dinner at St. Rosalia’s Church

UUFDC October Calendar of Events						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <b>Mah Jongg</b>	2 <b>SIT</b> <b>Movie</b>	3	4	5	6
7 <b>SS</b>	8 <b>MJ</b>	9 <b>SIT</b> <b>Board</b>	10 <b>Book Club forming</b>	11	12	13 <b>Recycle Art Bag</b>
14 <b>SS</b>	15 <b>MJ</b> <b>Newsletter deadline</b>	16 <b>SIT</b>	17	18	19	20
21 <b>SS</b> <b>Car Pool Movie</b>	22 <b>MJ</b>	23 <b>SIT</b> <b>Loaves &amp; Fishes Din-</b>	24	25	26	27
28 <b>SS</b>	29 <b>MJ</b>	30 <b>SIT</b>	31 <b>BOO!</b>			