

UU Update

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We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, affirm and promote a free and responsible search for truth and meaning.



NOVEMBER SUNDAY SERVICES



November 4 DOES CURIOSITY KILL THE CAT?

Kay Smith

Curiosity is said to kill the cat (or certainly get Curious George in trouble)... shall the curious be left without answers?

Service Leader: Peggy Lott
Music: Gerri Friedberg, piano

November 11 THE RITUALS OF OUR LIVES

The Rev. Joan Shiels

We all perform rituals –public, private and secret. From how we take our morning coffee to the huge social rituals of birth, marriage and death, rituals define

who we are. But do these rituals that bring comfort also create traps? An inquiry.

Service Leader: Ellen Shahbazi
Music: Ellen Shahbazi, piano

November 18 THE HEART OF THANKS- GIVING

The Rev. Phillips Sweet

The heart of religion is gratitude and the heart of gratitude is dependence. Human beings harbor a deep seated resentment of dependence. Poets were saying this in the story of the Garden of Eden. We want to be God. A reflection.

Service Leader: Phil Hansotia
Music: Gerri Friedberg, piano

November 25 THEY BECAME WHAT WE BELIEVED: SELF-FULFILLING PROPHECY AND THE SPIRITUAL QUEST

Dr. Fred Heide

Psychological research shows how other people's behavior is shaped by the assumptions we make about them. The world's great spiritual traditions make assumptions that are optimal for taking advantage of this psychological effect.

Service Leader: Cyndy Stiehl
Music: Gerri Friedberg, piano

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

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UUFDC EMAIL ADDRESS

The new email address for the Fellowship has become confusing for some of us to remember. What may make it easier is to know that it is **NOT A RESIDENTIAL ACCOUNT**; therefore, it is not the same type of address that you may have for your personal email account. **IT IS A BUSSINESS ACCOUNT**; therefore, it has the tag of:

charterinternet.com

We inadvertently sent out a letter recently that had an error in our e address. If you attempt to use that address you will receive a mail delivery error. Please check your address book to be certain that you have the correct address, which is:

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President's Report

Garrett Cohn

The UUFDC Governing Board and its Expansion Committee have been working the past month on issues relating to our present over-crowding and will discuss this with the membership at a special meeting SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11th at 11:45 A.M. Among the options under consideration are:

(1) stay in the building as it is; (2) put the building on the market for sale and buy a piece of land on which we will build when we sell the current building; (3) enlarge the current building; (4) purchase a building that better suits our needs. With regard to this 4th option, we have recently looked at the Windflower building in Ephraim and found it to be an attractive possibility.

I will try and list the various issues regarding each, however, due to space limitations here these are the highlighted ones, both pros and cons—there is much more to discuss, of course.

(1) limits the services that UUFDC can offer; doesn't relieve any of the crowding; (2) based on the current market, our current building probably wouldn't sell for several years; finding land in a location that is appealing to membership and friends; (3) the opportunity to enlarge is limited by the lot size and the parking requirements; adding to the building for our current needs would not adequately provide for expansion later; the changes in the building will probably make it less saleable as we need to expand; further remodeling will give us up to 110 seats in the sanctuary; we will have a construction site at the fellowship hall for several months. (4) cost could be prohibitive; we would carry two mortgages for a period of time; our location would give us prominence in the community; room to offer more seating and new services to the community, i.e. Sunday School, chorus, rental space for other concerts and plays; seating for at least 70 initially, 110 with small modifications and 140 in a proposed Phase II which would include several offices and an expanded kitchen.

The Windflower building is about twice the size of our current building. Additional parking can be added to the property. There has been lots of discussion regarding the liquor restrictions in Ephraim. It is my understanding from speaking with the Ephraim zoning commissioner that we can offer wine to members and guests if we do not advertise or sell it.

We will have more detailed information, including some cost estimates, at the November 11 meeting. This is a critical juncture in our fellowship, and we need input from all our members. Please mark your calendars and let the office know you are coming—854-7559 or uufdc@charterinternet.com.

Addendum by Juliana Neuman

ECO SOLUTIONS

Lu Schilling

The infamous Northwest Passage, previously impassable due to ice, is now open, due to melting. Shipping lanes are being plotted and rejoiced. Corporations are getting on the consumerism bandwagon, with power, auto and chemical companies promoting "green" ideas. The website Climate Cooler has the slogan "the smarter you shop the cooler it gets." The idea is, You buy jeans or dozens of other things, and some of your money goes to Environmental Defense and other do-gooders, who plant enough trees to offset the greenhouse gases created in making the products. It's carbon trading through shopping. Eco-conscious families are turning up with two, three, many Priuses, so every member of the family can help save the planet. Hybrids do use less fuel, but that's not the best way to assess hybrids ecologically. Where did all the materials come from? The nickel used in Prius batteries, for example, comes from mines that are responsible for the devastation of a huge swath of Ontario. Other key scarce materials come from Africa, South America and Asia. How much energy is used to mine, process, ship across oceans and build all the parts for the car and then assemble it--and under what labor conditions? In fact, a new scientific discipline is gaining speed, particularly in Europe. Called "life-cycle assessment," it examines all the processes and materials that go into a product, "from dust to dust," to gain a true picture of its environmental footprint. In environmental terms, the best choice is not the new hybrid or any new car, but a good used car. Or no car at all. Sorry, but shopping, even "smart" shopping, is not our way out of the crisis. All that stuff is made of something scarce that came from the Earth, and it took

scarce energy to put it together. Real solutions begin with recognition that the Earth has limits that are now in plain sight. Ultimately all solutions will involve "powering down," using less energy, fewer materials--less consumerism. "Less and local" should be the standard, as well as deeply rethinking whether we can afford a system based on growth and wealth accumulation rather than sustainability, sufficiency and equity. On the point of equity, the key question is, How can we make the shift to less resource consumption while recognizing that many places do not now have enough, because of centuries of theft by industrial nations? There will never be a permanent solution to these mega-problems without a good plan for wealth transfers to correct imbalances and achieve equity both within nations and among them. Far-reaching debt cancellation would be a start. And global agreements on water rights and reduced oil consumption can help jump-start the shift from global to local. Remember to keep up your tire air pressure !

TOWARD A PERSONAL CREED

The Rev. Cynthia B. Johnson is offering a series of three classes where you are invited to explore the parameters and sources of your own beliefs. The sessions will be held on three Sunday afternoons: **November 4; November 11; and November 18** from **1:00 - 3:00**, giving you enough time for lunch (but not the Packer game) before the class.

Unitarian Universalism calls itself a non-creedal religion because we reject the idea that the content of our faith can be supplied by others. That content continually evolves as we, our insights, and the world change. Our religious freedom invites our periodic attention to the

important question of "What do I believe?"

This course (silence, individual written exercises, discussion, and some "homework" between sessions) will help you explore your beliefs about three general issues:

What do I believe about myself and my place in the universe?

What do I believe about myself and my relationship to others?

What do I believe about myself in relationship to ultimacy -- known by us by many names, including God, Truth, Reason, the Holy, Mystery?

You are invited to explore the parameters of your own beliefs, including identifying the sources of your beliefs. This is NOT a class for debate. It is offered for people who are interested in exploring their individual religious journey, helping them discern what they believe and why, and identifying the questions they find most worth pursuing in their on-going spiritual development. We will develop and share our individual personal creeds.

This is not a drop-in class. Sign up at the Fellowship — free to UUFDC members and pledging friends, \$12 fee for others.

FINAL PICK-UP

Phil Hansotia

The next UU Fellowship highway-cleanup day is rescheduled for **NOV 6**. All volunteers please meet at the Cottage Glen Clubhouse at 9.00 A.M. for some refreshments and equipment to collect roadside trash. We will, as usual, car pool to the site on Highway 42, north of Ellison Bay. We have had excellent volunteer support and we thank you for your help. Volunteers please be sure to sign-up at our Fellowship table during the next few service meetings. Thank you.

ADULT ENRICHMENT

Myrna Cohn

Buddhism- How to Change Your Life by Changing Your Mind

Wednesday, November 14, 1:00—3:00 P.M. at UUFDC: **Note date/time change.**

This talk by Kathy Navis will give a brief introduction into Buddhism including the history of the historic Buddha and his teachings. These teachings are the core of all Buddhist teachings and give direction on the cause of human suffering and what we can do to relieve this suffering. We will trace the path of Zen Buddhism from its roots in present day Nepal to its current spread into the West. The course will also include instruction in basic meditation.

Kathy has been a Zen meditation practitioner for over 10 years. She owns and operates Junction Center Yoga/Zen where there are weekly meditation sessions and daily yoga classes. She has lived in Door County for over 20 years where she has had various businesses; she presently owns Greens 'N Grains natural food store in Egg Harbor.

Call the office by Nov. 9th if you are interested in attending. Wear comfortable clothing. This event is free of charge and open to the public.

UU People's Choice Movies

The Robert Redford classic, "A River Runs Through It," will be shown November 6 as the second film in the new Adult Enrichment People's Choice Movie series.

Academy Award winner Robert Redford captures the majesty of the Montana wilderness and the strength of the American family in this acclaimed adaptation of Norman Maclean's class memoir.

Sneek Preview: Dec. 4 - "Something's Gotta Give" Jack Nicholson and Diane Keaton star.

Films are shown the **first Tuesday** of each month beginning at 7:00 P.M.. Bring an appetizer and beverage of your choice at 6:30 P.M. if you wish. Volunteers are needed to open the door, set-up the screen and oversee the evening (including the c l e a n - u p a n d c l o s - i n g) Please contact Myrna Cohn for a month of your choice.

Book Group

The newly-formed UU Book Group will meet at member's homes on the **first Wednesday** of every month from 1:00 to 3:00P.M.. Each member will have the opportunity to choose a book-of-the month and to host the discussion at his/her home. The host will also be responsible for gathering information relative to the book and author and present that as part of the discussion which he/she will facilitate. If you are unable to host a session, you can still present a book by partnering with a host for the evening.

Members are responsible for acquiring their own books which are to be read and finished during the month. This is lay-led group and will depend on its members' initiative to make the discussion worthwhile, informative and interesting. The use of *Book Group Guides* is optional.

The book for November 7th is *Flying Changes* by Sara Gruen, author of *Water for Elephants*. It is a fast read, so you should have no problem finishing it in time for the meeting which will be held at Helene Di iulio's home in Ellison Bay. You can contact Helene by e-mail (helened@dcwis.com) or phone (854-2312) for directions to her home. Please select a book (of any genre) you would enjoy presenting

to the group so we can put together a schedule.

December's book is *Suite Francaise*, by Irene Nemirovsky, a novel voted a New York Times Notable Book. I will host this session on December 5th at my home: 8092 East Oaks Drive, Baileys Harbor. You can contact me via e-mail (myrnals5@dcwis.com) or phone (559-2559) if you need directions.

The group is open to both men and women of the UUFDC. If interest is strong, we will start two groups, the second being held either during the day or evening, depending upon what the group decides.



Dollars and \$ense

Juliana Neuman, Treasurer

At its October meeting, UUFDC's Board discussed the possibility of purchasing a new facility instead of expanding the current one. Consideration of both options was mandated by the membership at the annual meeting, when the committee on expansion was charged with searching for alternative locations while continuing to work to find an architect to design an addition to the building we have now. Whichever path we pursue will necessitate a capital campaign and, no doubt, another loan. Looking at the September 30th mortgage balance of just under \$67,000, the Board agreed with the Finance Committee's recommendation to begin paying an extra \$1000 per month on the principal as long as cash flow permits. Our excellent repayment record should stand us in good stead when we find it necessary to borrow again.

UUFDC People's Choice Movies

November 6 - *A River Runs*

***Through It* * 7:00/6:30** 2hrs.
Robert Redford directs Craig Sheffer and Brad Pitt in the adaptation of Norman Maclean's class memoir.

December 4 - *Something's Gotta*

***Give* * 7:00 /6:30** 128 min
Jack Nicholson, Diane Keaton and Keanu Reeves star in this romance comedy.

January 8 - *Road to Perdition*

****6:30/6:00** 2hrs.
Tom Hanks fights to keep his son from traveling the **Road to Perdition**. With Paul Newman and Jude Law.

February 5th - *Casino Royale*

****6:30/6:00** 144 min
James Bond (Daniel Craig) before he held his license to kill and sent on his first 007 mission by "M" (Judy Densch).

March - *The Devil Wears Prada*

****6:30/6:00** 109 min
A comedy, starring Meryl Streep, a fashion magazine editor and Anne Hathaway, her assistant. "...Entertaining in every way."

April - *Mash (uncut version)*

****6:30/6:00** 160 min
Donald Sutherland, Tom Skerritt and Elliott Gould, Robert Duvall, Gary Burghoff and Sally Kellerman star in this modern classic.

May - *Apocalypse Now*

****6:30/6:00** 202 min
Francis Coppola's stunning vision of the heart of darkness in all of us, re-edited with 49 minutes of additional footage. Martin Sheen and Marlon Brando star.

June *American Beauty*

****6:30/6:00** 2 hrs.
Deemed a "flat-out masterpiece" that will entertain and challenge; Kevin Spacey and Annette Bening star.

* **November and December** —
Movie 7:00 pm; refreshments 6:30

** **Jan., Feb., March, April** —
Movie 6:30; refreshments 6:00

LISTEN! A NEW SOUND IN OUR SERVICE

Lynn Berger

During our last Program Committee meeting, we shared our satisfaction with the use of a Tibetan bell used during a couple of Phil Sweet's services. We felt that Phil is teaching us all something important about our Moment of Silence. With the strike of the bell, we are led into a few minutes of quiet, personal meditation or reflection.

We are happy to report that we found a wonderful "Singing Bowl" that will become a part of our Sunday services. Although it is not a bell like the one Phil uses, the warm bell tone is very similar. Singing bowls are played by striking with a mallet to produce harmonic overtones. Brian Linden, owner of Linden's in Ellison Bay, explained that singing bowls have been traditionally used throughout Asia as part of Buddhist, Bon and other religious and non-religious meditation.

Cyndy Stiehl and I spent some time choosing the bowl with the best sound, and we were delighted with the designs etched into the bronze. Our bowl came to us from Nepal. It was paid for by the generous contribution of a member of our Fellowship who wishes to remain anonymous. We hope you will enjoy this addition to our Sunday program.



A new addition to Sunday Services—the lovely new UUFDC Singing Bowl.

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR BOARD

Jacquie Polzin

During the last presidential campaign cycle, Don and I found ourselves listening to the drone of party line until Al Sharpton took his turn. Don would call out, "Tell it like it is, Al!" and we would both smile and pay attention. Well, I think that I have spent most of my life listening for people who can tell it like it is. As a social worker, I found that everyone had a different story and that the truth was often somewhere in the mix. I also found that what appeared to be true at one time, might not hold up as I learned more or gained more experience. Often, I had not had an opportunity to hear enough voices.

I am drawn to Unitarianism because it is open to hearing many voices and allows each individual expression and self-determination.

What else can I say about my life? It has taken many unexpected twists and turns: some tragic and some wonderful. I worry about the state of our democracy and the disregard we show towards caring for our planet. The Social Responsibility Committee is one way in which I can put energy into doing something about these concerns.

Post Note: Jacquie and Don are now leaving Door County for the winter. Jacquie is an active and valuable member of the UUFDC community.

**NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE:**

**15th
of every month**

VOLUNTEERS FOR SEPTEMBER

Dottie Gerrits

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Jane Delcarson
Rich Delcarson
Bill Hoge
Al Johnson
Jean Crane
Chuck Lauter
Marilyn Hansotia
Sarah Stuart
Ray Di Iulio
Cynthia Johnson
Al Wittenkeller

There were five Sundays in September with forty volunteer opportunities. These were filled by twenty-three Members and Friends. We thank all our members and offer a special thanks to Friends who have volunteered their time and energy on behalf of the Fellowship.

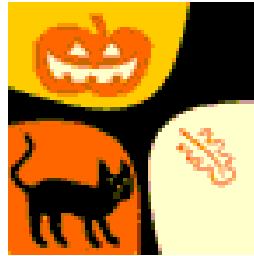
We have 89 Members at UUFDC, and equally as many Friends, who attend our services either on an occasional or regular basis. I would like to think that with that many attendees, we would have more than twenty-five people devoting their time and service to the health of this congregation.

We are so fortunate to have UUFDC in Northern Door County. I, personally, find it difficult to imagine life here without it; however, with a small number of volunteers continually providing the assistance it takes to keep all our programs and services going, we will

problem of volunteer burnout. It is our responsibility, as members and friends of our Fellowship, to give back, to serve our community from which we receive so much.

Please think about this and come forward to see what you can do to be of help.

You can call me at 854-2964, email to gerrits@dcwis.com, or contact the office at 854-7559, email uufdc@charterinternet.com



BAILEYS HARBOR ARTIST FEATURED

Marilyn Hansotia

Dee Sinnet will be the featured artist in the UUFDC gallery in November. Her work is primarily florals and Door County landscapes. She has studied water color with Phil Austin, Bridget Austin, Chick Peterson and Lennox Wallace among other well-known professionals.

Sinnett also displays her work at Sweet Meadows Studio on County Hwy. Q north of Baileys Harbor from May through October.

ART BAG PROJECT

The shopping bag art project, hosted by the SRC, is temporarily postponed while an alternative location is found for the workshop. It is hoped that the program will be offered in plenty of time that it may be considered for holiday gift-giving.

The alternate date and location will be announced.

CARING COMMITTEE

The Caring Committee coordinates assistance to members and friends who have a need. The rotation of co-coordinators changes every three months with back-up calls taken by previous co-coordinators.

Judy Wittenkeller will finish up the "first call" until November 15. On November 15 through December and January the "first call" that you make will go to **Gerri Friedberg**.

Please let her know of your needs and also the needs of others (if you have their permission). She will coordinate visits, phone calls, rides and food, send flowers and cards and just be supportive.

Other members may assist by providing the food or assistance that the coordinators request. Call the current or up-coming coordinator if you would like to be added to the list of people providing services.

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HAPPY
NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY !



- 2 **Carol Soper**
- 6 **Dick Malm**
- 8 **Phil Hansotia**
- 8 **Barbara Pedersen**
- 10 **Phyl Mielke**
- 11 **Patti Podgers**
- 16 **Bobbie Larson**
- 25 **Anne Clarke**

OCTOBER VISITORS

Doris Ellmann from Baileys Harbor is the mother of a Rockford UU.

Beverly Ellstrand
Carole Engdahl



UU'S WALK IN THE PARK
RAISE \$2330

Helene Di Iulio

Twenty-five UUs, friends and dogs took a walk in Peninsula State Park on Saturday, September 29. It was a glorious fall morning for the annual Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk. While twenty-five walked, 45 couples and individuals contributed money which totaled \$2330! We received a first place award for most walkers, third place awards for both dollars raised per walker, and for total money contributed. Well done!

Jacque and Don Polzin hosted a lovely luncheon for all the walkers immediately following the presentation of the awards.



Alzheimer Memory walkers Phyl Mielke, Rich Delcarson, Ellen Shabbazi, Helene Di Iulio, Marilyn Hansotia, Julia Van Roo Bresnahan, and Lynn Lees pose with the three honors awarded to UUFDC.

KUDOS

To **Don and Jacque Polzin** for hosting a luncheon for those representing UUFDC in the recent Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk.

To **Al Wittenkeller** for his many hours of service to resolving the multiple computer and internet issues of late.

And to –

“A group of dedicated volunteers took turns throughout the summer watering and weeding on our Fellowship grounds. This was especially important during the prolonged drought.

I want to recognize and thank these individuals for their commitment and good work. They are **Helene Di Iulio, Lloyd Gerrits, Marilyn Hansotia, and Dave Hansell.**”

Dave Link



Thank you all!

OFFICE HOURS

T/W
10:00-2:00

or

By Appointment




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	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		30 Emerson Woodwind Trio	31 Halloween Party	1	2	3	
4 SS Personal Creed Class	5 MJ	6 SIT Highway cleanup Movie	7 Book Group	8	9	10	
11 SS Membership Meeting Personal Cr	12 MJ	13 SIT Board	14 Buddhism Way	15 Newsletter deadline	16	17	
18 SS Car Pool Personal Cr	19 MJ	20 SIT	21	22	23	24	
25 SS	26 MJ	27 SIT Loaves & Fishes Dinner	28	29	30	31	