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JANUARY SUNDAY SERVICES



January 6

KNOWING, DOING AND BEING

The Rev. Cynthia B. Johnson

A brand new year invites reflection on Being and Becoming. This process may lead us to consider our lives in terms of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Our dawning insights may be revealed in experiences as seemingly diverse as juggling, a symbolic ritual of conflagration or meditating about our filing cabinets.

Music: Cyndy Stiehl, vocal;
Craig & Kathy Little, piano

January 13

HANGING ON OR LETTING GO

The Rev. Phillips Sweet

Life is a series of learnings about when to persist (hang on) and when to yield (let

go). They are equally important, especially at the beginning of a new year. A reflection.

Service Leader: Sheila Saperstein

Music: Dottie Gerrits, flute;
Gerri Friedberg, piano

January 20th

RESPONSIBILITIES OF BEING HUMAN

Erik Eriksson

Too often, people ignore the implications of our humanity: our need to think clearly, to remain engaged with life in its totality, to observe the implied social contract between persons, to study history and understand its lessons, to pursue illumination through the arts, to be authentic personalities and to be firm but kind. When we seek to ignore the present in pursuit of some

nebulous future goal, we compromise ourselves and those we treasure most.

Music: Gerri Friedberg, piano

January 27

WHAT WE DON'T KNOW

The Rev. Joan Shiels

In our enlightened age, science and technology explain almost everything to us. But still, there are some mysteries in the world--- some things that defy rational explanation. What do we make of those?

Service Leader: Sarah Naber
Music: Gerri Friedberg, piano

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

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Garrett U. Cohn

We are all truly embarking on a New Year and new steps in our journey together as a growing congregation. With the agreement to purchase the Windflower Gift Shop in Ephraim accepted (with contingencies), we now are challenged with planning our move to a new building and therefore selling the current building in Sister Bay (see pages 3 & 4). The actual date of closing on the new building is scheduled for March 31, 2008.



We need to appoint a transition task force, and I would like to encourage volunteers to step forward. This is a chance to be involved with the preparation and scheduling of changing the Windflower Gift Shop to the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Door County building! I am hopeful that we can encourage some "new" members to become active in this extremely important UUFDC endeavor



On a more practical issue, the Governing Board has decided to sell the Koessl building on a direct basis (not through a realtor), and I am asking anyone with a lead to contact me. There is a handbill describing the building on pages 3 & 4. Please contact me, either by email or by phone. We have had the building appraised and will offer it for sale at \$275,000.

The building is perfect for a gallery and/or studio or office. The building is zoned commercial. It is approximately 1900 square feet and could be restructured to include living quarters. There is plenty of paved parking available.

Through the generous contributions from our members and friends, we are on our way towards the necessary dollars in hand to finalize the purchase by the end of March. We are in the midst of negotiating a bank commitment letter and expect no surprises. The Village of Ephraim lawyer has verbally told me there won't be an issue with our making liquor available if we don't charge for it or advertise it. This goes for any organization or individuals who wish to rent or use our new building. Ephraim has been most cooperative with our requests as have the owners Mr. and Mrs. Paulson.



The first week of January, **Erik Eriksson**, Henry Timm, Jim Berkenstock, **Dick Malm** and **Cyndy Stiehl** will review the new UU building in Ephraim to explore the idea of tailoring our performance space that could be commercially acceptable with the remodeling of the front of the assembly room. The UU Board will review the ideas and decide how to proceed.

It may be redundant to say thank you again for everyone's efforts. I appreciate the energy and vigor expended by the congregation on this new and exciting acquisition.

Thank you
and Happy Holidays.



Attractive Sister Bay Commercial Building

Prime Commercial Location

269 Koessler Lane, Sister Bay WI 54234

Directions: Located off Country Walk Drive and Hwy. 42 across from the Piggly Wiggly.

Price: \$275,000



**Perfect for gallery, art studio, retail or service business.
Space can be remodeled to include living quarters. Paved parking for 40 vehicles.**



Building approximately 1600 square feet main floor and 400 square feet attic space.

*Seller does not guarantee information regarding this property.
Contact: Garrett Cohn, (920) 559-2557 for property inspection and further discussion.*

This wood and stucco-sided building was constructed in the late 1980's as a British import shop. It was modeled after the 16th century "Little Moreton Hall" in Cheshire, England, which is currently on the national tour of England's historic buildings.

It features a large gathering room measuring 19' x 35', a reception area 19' x 19', a galley kitchen, two half bathrooms, office and storage areas and is built on a concrete foundation. It has a forced air propane furnace, central air, municipal sewer and water, broadband cable and asphalt shingle roof. Lot size is 1.23 acres; 312' x 263' x 142', nicely landscaped.

The building was later used as a hair salon and is currently used as a church. It is handicapped accessible.



269 Koessl Lane, Sister Bay

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Dottie Gerrits

Thank you to the following Members & Friends for making our Sunday Services run smoothly for the month of November.

Carrie Link
Sally Malm
Dick Malm
Chuck Lauter
Al Wittenkeller
Judy Wittenkeller
Jane Delcarson
Gerri Friedberg
Hanne Gault
Ellen Shahbazi
Garrett Cohn
Sheila Saperstein
Lynn Berger
Lynn Lees
John Lees
Cyndy Stiehl
Helene Di Iulio
Cynthia Johnson
Ray Di Iulio
Phil Hansotia
Dottie Gerrits

Our volunteers clean, cook, give you a welcoming smile and greeting when you enter, provide flowers and record the service. This is done 52 weeks every year, and is always done cheerfully. Please let them know how much they are appreciated.

As we begin the New Year, also extend that appreciation to the Governing Board, Committee Chairs, Committee Members, Service Leaders, and Speakers for their many hours of dedication.

We accepted, with regret, **Mari Engberg's** membership resignation. Mari and her young son **Neil** moved to California and have been attending a UU Church/Fellowship in the area. We wish them well, and look forward to seeing them on return visits to Door County.

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY COMMITTEE CHOOSES NEW THEME

Chuck Lauter

The committee chose "Economic Injustice" as the theme for the coming year to reflect our desire for a people-centered topic. We discussed other issues such as racism, classism, poverty, and peace. The new plan incorporates most of these. It allows the Fellowship to renew focus on continuing projects: Fair-Trade, Loaves and Fishes, Koinonia Kupboard, the Mitten Tree, and Adopt a Family. The theme also presents exciting possibilities to address through education or action issues such as affordable housing in Door County, affordable local transportation, health care for the uninsured and underserved (locally, nationally, and world-wide), economic discrimination, and even global ideas, like re-distribution of wealth. Please join the committee if you would like to work on these initiatives.

We welcome two new members to the committee: **Cynthia Oliver** and **Ellie Kaage**. We are also pleased to report that the food pantry barrel in the closet in the lobby for Koinonia has filled twice recently. Keep it up. The winter is an especially hard time for families in need.

We also seek volunteers to assist at the Loaves and Fishes dinners on the 4th Tuesday of each month at St. Rosalia's. Serving at these reflects UU values in caring for our neighbors and community. **Lu Schilling** is our "point person." She and/or Cynthia Oliver plan to represent us on Christmas Day.



CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Lynn Lees

The new Children's RE committee has been meeting since November 5th and is making great progress toward establishing a Sunday school for our UU kids. Curricula have been purchased, teachers recruited and training planned. On January 19, from 9 A.M. until noon, teacher training will take place, schedules developed and notices sent to parents, the congregation and the larger community.

In our present building we will split the Sunday session to accommodate two age groups: Preschool and grade school in one group and middle and high schoolers in another group. The younger kids will attend the service until after the doxology while the older kids have class. The older kids will attend the rest of the service while the younger ones have class. We anticipate two full classes when we have more space.

Committee members are **Helene DiIulio, Alan Kopischke, Sally Malm, Meg Vermillion and Lynn Lees**. Volunteer teacher trainers are **Julia Bresnahan, Myrna Cohn, Cynthia Johnson and Lynn Lees**. Volunteer teachers are **Julia Bresnahan, Lynn Berger (on call), Jutta Hansell, Al Johnson, Lynn Lees, Peggy Lott, Sally Malm and Phyl Mielke. Stella Brown and Billie Hohman** have offered to help in the summer. Anyone else interested in teaching please let **Lynn Lees** know and try to attend the training session on January 19th.

My heartiest thanks to all these volunteers. It is going to be great to offer a UU based religious education in our Fellowship.

DOLLARS AND \$ENSE

Juliana Neuman, Treasurer

The end of 2007 is upon us! If you have a year-end contribution to make, please make sure that it is received no later than at the Sunday service on December 30th. I will make a final deposit on the 31st. If you are out-of-town, your contribution must be post-marked no later than December 31st.

I thank all of you for making my job as Treasurer easier: by collecting and counting the offering, using the memo line on your check or filling out a cash envelope to place in the offering basket, turning in clearly itemized requests for reimbursement, and honoring your pledges so conscientiously. I am pleased to belong to such a remarkable group of very committed members.

WINTER OFFICE HOURS

There will be a change in the days that the UUFDC office will be staffed this winter, beginning late in January. This change will effect some of the deadlines for the Newsletter, the Order of Service, and publicity, as well as for accessing the building and office support. Please note changes.

New office days:

Mondays & Fridays or appointment.
(effective January 28)

Deadlines:

Order of Service/Bulletin

Monday AM prior to Sunday Service.
All additions and changes to bulletin.

Newsletter

15th unless announced otherwise.
Late submissions are not guaranteed space and will be edited as needed.

Publicity Ads

15th of the month for the following month – titles, summaries, names.
Late info not guaranteed in our ad.

Thank you for your patience with the changes these past few months. Due to intern placements, the days of my availability have changed to accommodate my training.— Gayle Johnson

ADULT ENRICHMENT

Myrna Cohn

Book Group

January 9th 1:00-3:00

The Elephanta Suite

by Paul Theroux

Hosted by **Gerri Friedberg**

7548 Bluff Pass 2-6 Egg Harbor

gwf@dcwis.com

Call for directions.421-1786

The provocative author of off beat travel journals has shown the darker alleys of the teeming nation of India in his new tri-novella. In this fascinating cross-cultural psychological study, we see clueless American visitors venturing away from their protected enclaves and ending up paying for their misperceptions. This trio won't be promoted by India's Ministry of Tourism, quotes *THE WEEK*, but it "hovers near the extraordinary" says another critic.

The Book Group is open to all; so, if you have a friend who would like to participate, just invite her/him. If you have a book you would like to host, please contact **Myrna Cohn** at myrnaL5@dcwis.com or 839-9028.

People's Choice Movie

**January 8 -"Road to Perdition"
Movie 6:30; Refreshments 6:00**

Tom Hanks stars as Michael Sullivan, a father fighting to keep his only son from traveling the **Road to Perdition**. This towering motion picture achievement has been acclaimed by audiences and critics alike as one of the years most extraordinary films. Also starring Paul Newman and Jude Law, the film weaves a mesmerizing tale of a father and son bound together by tragedy and betrayal. Hailed for the powerhouse performances of its stars and the stunning impact of its story, it is an electrifying experience.

1 hr 57 min

EXHIBIT AT UU

Marilyn Hansotia

JoAnne Rosenfeld will display her artwork at the UU Gallery in January. Rosenfeld is a versatile artist working in oil, watercolor, pastel, charcoal, acrylic, pencil and pen & ink. She says that her love for art dates back to her childhood. "I am a self-taught artist who began copying comics out of the Sunday paper at age four."

Rosenfeld returned to her artwork after raising her family and when she moved to Egg Harbor in 2005. She added, "My favorite subjects are animals, sports, landscapes and seascapes. I also do people and pet portraits." She serves as vice-president of and publicity chairperson for the Door County Art League.

The UUFDC Gallery is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. (until late January) as well as Sundays following services.

EMERSON SERIES

Erik Eriksson

Save the dates:

March 18 David Severtson, pianist. Assistant Professor of Music, UW-Green Bay; 2nd prize winner 13th International Piano Competition Principal d'Andorra.

April 15 Henry Timm – The Greatness of the Greeks: Their cultural heritage in art, architecture, literature and drama.

May 20 Cynthia Stiehl and Judy Jackson – Songs of Scandinavia and the British Isles.

DONATIONS

A Holiday Donation from our family to the UUFDC:

I am making this donation in honor of a very kind, loving and caring woman: my mother, Gerri Friedberg.

— Molly Sollik

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy Birthday to new youth member **Anya Kopischke**; her birthday was December 19th.



Happy

January Birthdays!

- 8** Julia Bresnahan
12 Helen Taylor
13 Garrett Cohn
17 Ray Pfeiffer
18 John Lees
19 Carole Stein
19 Jack Van't Hoog
21 Mitch Mitchell
30 Jane Aldrich

CARING COMMITTEE

The Caring Committee coordinates assistance to members and friends who have a need. The January coordinator is **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. If unavailable, a second call may be made to one of the previous coordinators.

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

Gerri Friedberg: 868-1342
gwf13@dcwis.com

Judy Wittenkeller: 839-2800

Sally Malm: 854-7235

Myrna Cohn: 839-9154

Helene Di Iulio 854-2312

MEN'S RETREAT INVITATION

The Men's Group at the Fox Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship is planning a retreat for men titled "Standing on the Shoulders of Giants" on the weekend of January 25-27. If you are interested in attending the retreat or have questions, please contact Tom Pynenberg at (920) 954-1461. This is an open retreat and so is open to all men. The more the merrier!

IN MEMORY of MARION BLAKE

Jane Delcarson

We were saddened by the news of **Marion Blake's** death. She and her husband John were members of the UU Fellowship. She often was hostess to us in their lovely family home for "Dinners for Six". John created the round inlay windows at the front of our meeting room.

For the past two years they have lived mainly in Bremerton, Washington where family resides. Marion died on November 19 at her daughter's home. She was a lovely and gracious lady, very generous in spirit. She played a very supportive role in John's mission to bring the Memorial Society and its services to Door County. This was established to assist people plan for simple and affordable funerals.

Condolences may be sent to John Blake and family at 406 NE Conifer Drive, Bremerton, WA 98311.

KUDOS



KUDOS to **Ellen Shahbazi** for coordinating the hanging of the Greens, and to those who helped decorate the Fellowship: **Cynthia Johnson, Diane Morgan, Jill Berger, Peggy Lott, Jane Delcarson, Gerri Friedberg, Sally Malm and Lynn Berger.**



KUDOS to those unsung volunteers who help around the Fellowship in many ways without concern for notice or recognition.

Thank you all!



LADIES LUNCHEON

Lynn Lees

January Ladies' Lunch will meet Saturday, January 19th at 12 noon (following the RE meeting) at the Fellowship. Soup, bread and desserts will be provided by the Children's Religious Education Committee.

Please sign up at the Fellowship or notify **Lynn Lees** if you can join us.



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7:30 A.M.

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Training, 9-Noon. Pg. 5

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21—Social Responsibility
Meeting 4:30 P.M.

22 — Loaves and Fishes
Community Dinner at St.
Rosalia’s Church

UUFDC January Calendar of Events						
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6 SS	7 Mah Jongg	8 SIT Board Movie Office: 10-2	9 Book Club Office: 10-2	10	11	12
13 SS	14 MJ Newsletter Deadline	15 SIT Office: 10-2	16 Office: 10-2	17	18	19 RE Training Ladies Luncheon
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