

# UU Update

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We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, affirm and promote respect for the independent web of all existence of which we are a part.



## FEBRUARY SUNDAY SERVICES



**February 3**

### A DAY IN THE LIFE OF DOOR COUNTY

**Allin Walker**

What is it like to work... and try to live on what you earn... in Door County? Isadoora Theater Co. will present highlights from the Studs Terkle inspired musical *Working*.

Service Leader: Lynn Berger  
Music: Gerri Friedberg, piano

**February 10**

### THE PLAYFUL SIDE OF RELIGION

**The Rev. Phillips Sweet**

Aristotle said: "No society is in

good health without laughing at itself quietly and privately; no individual is sound without self-scrutiny, without turning inward to see where he may have overreached himself." What about religion?

Service Leader: Phil Hansotia  
Music: Gerri Friedberg, piano

**February 17**

### HOLIDAYS AGAIN Cynthia Stiehl

A look at winter holidays, including Valentines Day. A service of music and words to warm a chilly heart!

Music: Gerri Friedberg, piano

**February 24**

### DON'T SPILL THE WHINE

**The Rev. Joan Shiels**

Useless whining and complaining fill our conversations — and our lives — with negative thoughts and feelings. Deciding to live complaint-free can change our lives for the better. Do you think you could do it? A conversation on the topic.

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](mailto:alnjudy@dcwis.com)**

## MUSICAL NOTES

Anyone wishing to present music (instrumental, vocal) please contact music coordinator, Gerri Friedberg. If you know of a non-UUFDC musician willing to perform on occasion, please contact Gerri Friedberg, 868-1342.

Do you have any classical piano requests? We welcome suggestions; "Variety is the spice of life!"

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Garrett U. Cohn

The Board meeting dealt with many aspects of the new building which you can read in other sections of the Update.

Here are the “hot topics” dealt with at the January meeting:

The Transition Task Force needs more members. Contact **Garrett** if you are able to serve on this important, short-term committee. The original Expansion Committee volunteered to manage the interior design and make up of the new building. **Dick Malm** is preparing drawings for review based on the approximately 30 members' and friends' suggestions.

The Ephraim Village Council forwarded a letter from the village's attorney assuring that UUFDC will be in compliance with the law by serving alcohol if we do not advertise it and it is not sold. The document is on file.

A new furnace blower motor has been installed in the Koessl building.

The Religious Education committee announced several dates for the training of teachers with plans for the first class in mid-February. We have received great support from the Unitarian Universalist Association's Religious Education files.

The snow-cancelled December 23 service will be presented on February 17 by **Cynthia Stiehl** with minor seasonal adjustment.

The Seven Principles presentation in the Sunday Service was reviewed by the Social Responsibility Committee with an appeal to Board members to present their views. **Chuck Lauter** is the contact.

And, announced just recently, the tentative date for the formal dedication service will be June 22. We anticipate a few services in the new building prior to June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Now is the time to share in the exciting growth experience of the UUFDC — join in and you will be pleased with the results — and we can use your help. Please contact me.

## PROGRAM COMMITTEE NEWS

Lynn Berger

The excitement about our move to the Windflower building has everyone smiling! At our recent Program meeting, we discussed plans for two happy events. First, we are pleased to announce that **Erik Eriksson** has agreed to be the very first speaker when we move to UUFDC's new home. Next, we are planning a Dedication Service later, on **June 22<sup>nd</sup>**. A sub-committee including **Cynthia Stiehl, Sheila Saperstein, Ellen Shahbazi, Alan Kopsischke, Cynthia Johnson** and **Phil Hansotia** will be asking others to join them in creating a memorable service. So put **June 22<sup>nd</sup>** on your summer calendars!

### Other news:

1. The Religious Education Committee requested that we add a children's story to our Order of Service, and to sing to the children as they leave the service after the Doxology.
2. We would like to hold another “Service Leader Workshop” this spring. Please let **Cyndy** or me know if you are interested. We really need you!
3. We also discussed a need to create a workshop on “Creating Our Own Memorial Services.” Look for the announcement about this.
4. **Sheila** is working on a folder of “Emergency” services for instances when a speaker must cancel.

### SAVE THE DATE — JUNE 22, 2008

Dedication of the new UUFDC building.



## GOVERNING BOARD

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## DOLLARS AND \$ENSE

### Our New Building

Juliana Neuman and Al Johnson

Everything is progressing well toward our new Fellowship home in the former Windflower Gifts building in Ephraim. Members and friends of the Fellowship have come forward with great generosity. We have raised approximately \$250,000 in pledges. Our goal is to raise at least \$270,000. We are almost there; but it is the last \$20,000 that will be the most difficult.

Especially heartening is the support from non-members: 14 pledges totaling nearly \$40,000 from "friends" of the Fellowship—and 10 of those from people who have never pledged to UUFDC before!

Of the pledged amount, we need at least \$110,000 in cash before the closing in late March. We currently have almost \$70,000 in hand with about another \$40,000 anticipated before the end of March.

Every dollar given to this effort is important. Every dollar pledged will reduce our long-term mortgage. Every dollar given before the end of March reduces the amount the Fellowship will need to borrow from the bank at the closing.

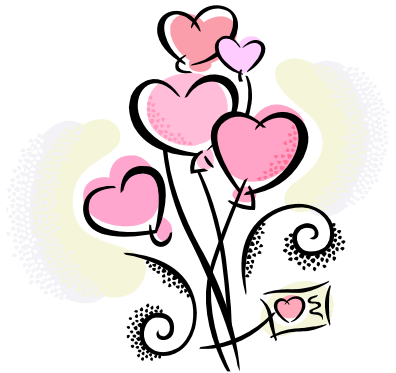
Unknown is the timing of the sale of our Sister Bay building. A quick sale would be wonderful, but we all know how depressed the real estate market is today.

Many gave before December 31 so contributions would be in the 2007 tax year. If you are planning a second payment in 2008, the Fellowship will benefit significantly from receiving it before the end of March.

If you have not yet pledged, please send in your form at your earliest convenience. If you have money that can help the Fellowship buy its new home, please give early and give often. Every \$100 received is \$100 that the Fellowship will not have to borrow.

Associated Bank has provided a loan commitment letter assuring us that we can borrow \$390,000 with interest-only payments at an estimated 6.625% for the first year (just over \$2150 per month). Since interest rates are on the decline, the final rate will be determined just prior to the closing. The loan will be sufficient to cover the mortgages on both buildings until we can sell the Koessler Lane building.

**Juliana Neuman** (920/839-2710) or **Al Johnson** (920/839-9298) or **Garrett Cohn** (920/559-2557) would be happy to answer your questions about the financing of our purchase.



### FOLK ART IN FEBRUARY

Jeanne Whildin will display her wood carvings at the UU gallery during February. She is a self-taught folk artist and expresses her early appreciation of the simplicity and honesty of the art form through her carvings. Prior to moving to Door County she did commercial art in Chicago. She has served as president of the Door County Art League and displays her work at several galleries in the county.

The UUFDC gallery will be open Mondays and Thursdays from 10 A.M. until 2 P.M. and Sundays following the morning service.

## The Varied Lives of our Koessl Lane Building

When the UUFDC acquired our present building in late 1999, it came with a colorful past!

The building was designed by an acoustic engineer and modeled after the 16<sup>th</sup> century Little Moreton Hall in Cheshire, England.



Benjamin Hadley combined his career as an organist and planner for organ placement in churches all over the country with his love of the Tudor architecture of a British building he had only seen on a postcard. He personally drew up the plans for the building with an ear for the best acoustic quality. It was built in 1987 by Portside Builders with help from Hadley and his sons. The building was used as a British import shop then later as a hair salon. When Hadley learned the building was purchased by UUFDC he responded, "It was a pleasure to learn that my 'baby' is about to serve a higher calling."

If its walls could speak, there would be many stories of UU friends, old and new, sharing countless events here.

*Marilyn Hansotia from information compiled by Lois MacKinney and Jane Aldrich.*

## ADULT ENRICHMENT

### People's Choice Movie

**February 5**

**"Casino Royale"**

**Ray and Helene Di Iulio** and **Dick and Sally Malm**, your movie hosts, invite everyone to a mini party! You are encouraged to arrive about 6:00 P.M. bringing your favorite appetizer to share. Beverages will be provided by your hosts.

The movie, *Casino Royale* was filmed in Prague, the Bahamas, the Czech Republic, Italy and the U.K., and features Daniel Craig in his first performance as the "new" James Bond, a.k.a. 007. Poker fans will love the movie!

The People's Choice movie for **March is in need of a Movie Host**. *The Devil Wears Prada* on March 4 is based on the best-selling novel. This sinfully funny movie, stars Meryl Streep and Anne Hathaway. Movie 6:30; refreshments 6:00. If you are able to host, contact **Myrna Cohn**—559-2559 or the UU office—854-7559.

### Book Group (postponed!!!)

**March 5 (previously scheduled for February) 1:00-3:00**

*Stolen Lives — Twenty years in a desert jail* by Malika Oufkir & Michele Fitoussi (copies in library)

*Stolen Lives* is a heart-rending account of resilience in the face of extreme deprivation, of the courage and even humor with which one family faced their tormented fate. A shocking true story, it is hard to comprehend that it could have happened in

our own times.

Hosted by **Dottie Gerrits**

2739 Nordic Drive, Sister Bay  
[gerrits@dcwis.com](mailto:gerrits@dcwis.com) 854-2964

Book Group is open to all. If you have a book you would like to host, please contact **Myrna Cohn**.

## UU B&B

Do you dream of vacation travel to interesting destinations where you can stay in the homes of friendly people who share your ideals and are happy to provide information for their area?

The UU bed and breakfast directory *UU're Home* (formerly *Homecomings*) can fulfill your dream. For 28 years, we've provided a network of hosts who enjoy meeting new friends and who are happy to open their home to like-minded people.

You can also become a host and be listed in the directory. Contact us at [info@uurehome.com](mailto:info@uurehome.com), or at 828-281-3253 for information about listing.

Host listings on the website are regularly updated. The paper edition is published every April (some listings different from those on the website). For a copy of the 2008 directory and a year's access to the website listings, click on "become a member" or send a check for \$25 and your e-mail address to UU're Home, 43 Vermont Court, Asheville, NC 28806.

Gerri Friedberg, a UUFDC member of *UU're Home* has loaned her directory to the UUFDC office for short-term viewing. Please contact the office prior to removing it.

**NEWS FROM MEMBERSHIP**

Dottie Gerrits

## Your December Volunteers

**Sally Malm**  
**Dick Malm**  
**Al Johnson**  
**Lynn Berger**  
**Lynn Lees**  
**Phyl Mielke**  
**Marilyn Hansotia**  
**Carrie Link**  
**Myrna Cohn**  
**Al Wittenkeller**  
**Dottie Gerrits**  
**Julia Bresnahan**  
**Garrett Cohn**  
**Phil Hansotia**  
**Helene Di Iulio**  
**Ray Di Iulio**  
**Gerri Friedberg**  
**Sheila Saperstein**  
**Jane Delcarson**

If it appears that you are seeing the same names on the volunteer list month after month, you are absolutely correct. These people are steadfast in their dedication to our Fellowship.


Angela Lensch has changed her status from Member to Friend. She has been with us for only a short time, but is now living in Southern Door County and working every Sunday morning. Her "branch light" creation will continually remind us of her, but we hope she and her son will visit us often.

**From the Past**

An article in the January 1998 *UU Update* reads as follows in reference to Membership: "As Flora Kramar our membership chair likes to say, her committee is the largest, we are *all* mem-

bers! Letting others know we are here will gradually increase our numbers as we attract people with like values. Although we reported 37 charter members in February of 1997, attrition and addition have brought our number to 35 very solid members as of January 1998. 77% of our 35 members are full-time residents of Door County."




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 CONGREGATION  
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 Program Fund

**CARING COMMITTEE**

The Caring Committee coordinates assistance to members and friends who have a need. The February 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  
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**Judy Wittenkeller:** 839-2800

**Sally Malm:** 854-7235

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**NEW  
WINTER  
OFFICE HOURS**

**MONDAY/THURSDAY**

**10:00-2:00**

or

**FRIDAY**  
 By appointment

## REFLECTIONS

In remembering Marion Blake, (*UU Update*, January '08), we now include the sad news of John Blake's death. He died January 5, less than 7 weeks following his wife's death. John's health had been failing for the past two to three years. For those of us who knew the Blakes when they were members of the UUFDC it was evident that theirs was a true love story.

They both died at their daughter's home in Washington, where they had been lovingly cared for the past two years. John was 88.

A celebration of their lives will be held at a later date. Condolences may be sent to the Family of John and Marion Blake at 406 NE Conifer Drive, Bremerton, WA 98311.

John and Marion were dedicated to founding and administrating the Door County Memorial Society. This was established to assist people plan for simple and affordable funerals. A new Memorial Society has now taken on the responsibilities that the Blake's strived to continue even as their health was failing. The family is asking all who will, to please consider contributing to Light House Memorial Society, 5018 Milward Drive, Madison, WI 53711.

The telephone number of Carol Soper, Coordinator of the Circle Suppers, is listed incorrectly on the membership list.

The correct number is 854-9653.

## MEMORIAL SERVICES

Cynthia Johnson  
Chair of the 2004 Task Force

Our Fellowship is implementing one of the recommendations of a Task Force about Planning for Memorial Services and Funerals by setting up a formal system for UUFDC members to store in a sealed envelope their specific wishes regarding their memorial service. The 9 x 12" sealed envelopes would be opened when a member dies and the Fellowship would try, to the best of its ability, to honor the requests.

On the outside of the envelope, put your name, the date you're submitting it, and special instructions that need to be seen prior to your death. Give your papers in your own sealed envelope to a member of the Governing Board or to the church office during office hours.

What might you put in that envelope? First, a list of a few key people who should be notified of your death because the fact is many of us have relatives who are far flung and who your UUFDC friends may not know. Second, what would you like your memorial service to include (or exclude) in the way of music, readings, people to give a eulogy, food etc. Be specific about who and what and where you want whatever ceremony you envision as a fitting way for friends and family to honor your life. Third, please note if there are potential conflicts between what you want and what your closest relatives might expect or insist upon. The Fellowship cannot overrule a family member's decisions but possibly could schedule a service honoring your memory at a later time for your Door County friends.

Working on your memorial service may prompt you to be sure your other papers are in order: your health care directives, will, etc. Letting your next of kin know what your wishes are about a memorial service in advance of your death can be helpful to your family as well as increase the odds that your service will be in keeping with your beliefs and values.

Can you change your mind? Certainly. Bring a new sealed and dated envelope to the Fellowship, and we'll give you back the other one.

Other issues regarding Planning for Memorial Services and Funerals will evolve as our Fellowship continues to change and grow. Stay tuned – and be well.

### UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP OF DOOR COUNTY

#### A Brief History

First Service:	September 8, 1996
By-Laws Ratified:	February, 1997
Membership in UUA:	June, 1998
Building Acquired:	August, 1999
Opening Ceremony:	January, 2000
Dedication Service:	June, 2000

#### HP CARTRIDGES ONLY

Discarded HP Computer cartridges are recycled, giving UUFDC credit toward purchases at Office Max and Office Depot. However, ONLY HP cartridges are helpful to us.

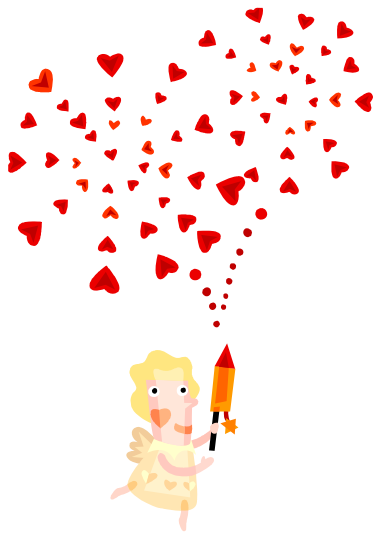
Please refrain from dropping off your Epson, Cannon or other brands. Thank you!

## KUDOS

**KUDOS** to:

**Dottie Gerrits** for up-dating our telephone tree for emergencies!

All of the members and friends who so generously and enthusiastically donated to the Capitol Campaign.



**Garrett and Cyndy Stiehl** for putting together the January 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday service with 12 hours notice due to an unforeseen circumstance with the scheduled speaker. All is well and the replacement service, giving an historical view of UU, was very well-received.

**Thank you all!**

## HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS !



- 3 **Erik Eriksson**
- 5 **Billie Ryan-Hohman**
- 6 **Paul Soper**
- 5 **Cindy Taubert**
- 9 **Jutta Hansell**
- 11 **Jan Pfannenstiel**
- 12 **Don Polzin**
- 13 **Gerri Friedberg**
- 18 **Chuck Berger**
- 18 **Mary Rutter**
- 21 **Jim Smith**
- 22 **Diane Morgan**



Start cleaning your closets and attics, basements and garages. The 4th annual Sister Bay Rumage Sale will be held May 17.

## DANCING ON THE THRESHOLD OF BALANCE

20 Years of Womēnspirit

North Shore Unitarian Church  
Deerfield, Illinois

February 22-24, 2008

Be sure to join us! Our keynote speaker will be [Rev. Shirley Ranck, PhD](#), author of the ground-breaking adult religious education curriculum "[Cakes for the Queen of Heaven](#)." \*

Shirley's talk will be titled *ON THE THRESHOLD*. Let us take a fresh look at feminist theology in this new century. Where have we come from? Where are we going? With a special look at the theological contributions of [Sophia Lyon Fahs](#), a woman who was way ahead of her time.

\* The new "Cakes: In Ancient Times" curriculum is now available! Copies at retreat or see the Continental UU Women and Religion website [www.uuwr.org](http://www.uuwr.org).

\*\* [North Shore Unitarian Church](#) was the site of our first WomanSpirit Gathering in 1989.

*Presented by the Women and Religion Committee of the Central Midwest District Unitarian Universalist Association and the WWS 2008 Retreat Committee.*

**Central Midwest District  
Women & Religion**

Interested UUFDC members may view the retreat brochure at [www.womenandreligion.org](http://www.womenandreligion.org) or on the bulletin board at UUFDC.



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 1:00 P.M.  
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**Tuesdays** — Sit Medita-  
 tion 7:30 A.M.  
**Thursdays**—Office: 10-  
 2:00  
**5**— Movie *Casino Royale*  
 and party 6:00 P.M. pg. 4  
**11** — Social Responsibility  
 Committee meeting 4:30  
**12**— Board Meeting 4:00  
**14** — Newsletter Deadline  
**17** — Car Pool Sunday  
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**26**— Loaves and Fishes  
 Community Dinner at St.  
 Rosalia’s Church

**UUFDC February Calendar of Events**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 SS	4 MJ	5 Sit Movie	6 Book Group postponed to 3/5	7	8	9
10 SS	11 MJ  SRC	12 Sit Board	13	14 V-Day  Newsletter Deadline	15	16
17 SS Car Pool	18 MJ	19 Sit	20	21	22 Retreat	23 Retreat
24 SS Retreat	25 MJ	26 Sit Loaves & Fishes Din- ner	27	28		