

# UU Update

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We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, affirm and promote the inherent worth and dignity of every person.



## MARCH SUNDAY SERVICES



### March 2 DO YOU BELIEVE IN MIRACLES?

Rik Warch

Two years ago, Rik Warch was the speaker when the Fellowship participated – albeit two weeks late – in the first Evolution Sunday, a project involving hundreds of congregations in the United States and beyond designed to discuss the compatibility of religion and science. This Sunday – this time three weeks late – we do so again, in the guise of Rik's reflections on the ways in which we explain events and the natural world, religiously and scientifically.

Service Leader: The Rev. Phillips Sweet

Music: Gerri Friedberg, piano

*Rik, an author and speaker, taught at Yale and at Lawrence University, where he served as VP for Academic Affairs and as President.*

### March 9 WHAT IS PEACE? LET'S HEAR IT FROM THE WOMEN

Estella Lauter

Since the late nineteenth century, women in large numbers have engaged in many kinds of actions for peace, redefining the nature of peace to include more than simply "the absence of war." From the Women's

Peace Party to Code Pink, a complex idea of peace has been taking shape, and it deserves attention – especially on March 9<sup>th</sup>, the day after International Women's Day.

Service Leader: Chuck Lauter

Music: Kopischke Family

*Estella taught and published on Women's Studies throughout the University of Wisconsin System. She continues to revel in the work of women.*

### March 16 THE PALM SUNDAY STORY

The Rev. Phillips Sweet

Palm Sunday begins what is the heart of the Judeo-Christian mythology, being enacted, remembered, rephrased, and sung about. What are these stories saying that does not depend upon historical verification about the mind and the spirit of life? A reflection

Service Leader: Rik Warch

Music: Donna Russell, piano

*Phil served as minister for two rural churches in western Minnesota and for Hope Church in Sturgeon Bay.*

### March 23 WE SHALL ALL BE CHANGED

The Rev. Glenda Walker

A reflection on death and rebirth:

their realities and mythologies, focusing on the American Indian children's story, *The Great Change*, among other stories of emerging life.

Service Leader: Sarah Naber

Music: Gerri Friedberg, piano;

Dottie Gerrits, flute

*Rev. Walker is Minister, Emerita, of the Wausau Universalist Unitarian Church. In retirement she preaches at several Wisconsin fellowships.*

### March 30 – Justice Sunday THE COST OF IRAQ WHO PAYS THE PRICE?

SRC – Chuck Lauter

*"The war in Iraq has drained this nation's resources, created a humanitarian crisis in Iraq, and left a multitude of needs at home unmet."*

This service honors the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. on the 40th anniversary of his assassination and inspires us to restore justice to the peoples of Iraq and of the United States. (This is a "UU Principles" Sunday)

Service Leader: Chuck Lauter

Music: Gerri Friedberg, piano

*UUSC Justice Sunday is sponsored by the UUFDC Social Responsibility Committee. Chuck Lauter is the winter chair for the UUFDC Social Responsibility Committee.*

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Garrett U. Cohn

This letter is not a letter but a PLEA to our members (count how many times the words PLEASE appears!). Not for money this time, but for your time. The move from our eight year residency to a new building across the peninsula is a massive undertaking for any organization – let alone a volunteer organization. Please.

The Board joins me in pleading for your involvement. The amount of your time is not a lot! If every one volunteered just four hours during both May and June, a total of eight hours over the approximately fourteen hundred hours of these two months, we can have an “enjoyable” time and accomplish our moving goal easily. You can choose when. We take ownership March 31 and the dedication service is set for June 22. Please.

I don't mean all of the physical moving; we have a professional piano mover lined up for the piano and Louie's statue. We do have over eighty chairs and a computer to mention just a few items. Please.

But also we need volunteers for the myriad of things too numerous to mention here. Remodeling the building is being examined now with the original architect Henry Isaacson to decide how to remodel the interior for the best use of space in conjunction with our funds. Please.

Our Koessl building shows very well on the Wilson-Schaeffer website! [www.jimkinneyrealtor.com/269koessl](http://www.jimkinneyrealtor.com/269koessl)

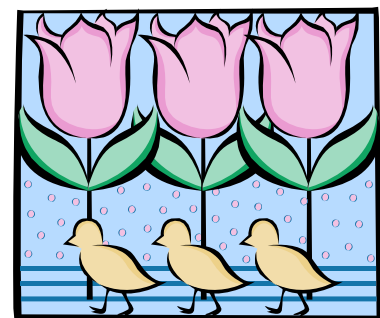
Please look at your schedule and think about how you can help. Please email or call that you will volunteer and we will include you and your time schedule in our time line planning! Please. Please join in and join up! Please!

## DOLLARS AND SENSE

Juliana Neuman, Treasurer

The response to our capital campaign has been impressive: by mid-February we had pledges totaling \$255,500, with \$107,000 already in the bank. **Al Johnson's** article (pg.3) explains the need to increase the total pledged amount to \$270,000. At this point, we have received pledges from 59 households—and there are about 20 more that have not yet pledged! Wouldn't it be wonderful if every Fellowship member contributed in some way, however small, to the purchase of the new building. Pledges don't have to be large, but it is important that we all share in this move.

On another note, if your residence is not in Sister Bay, you may not be aware that the Village is being re-addressed over the coming months, with an effective date of April 1, 2008. This is being done to facilitate emergency services in our part of the county. UUFDC's new street address will be **10547 Koessl Lane**. Fortunately, we use a post office box (PO Box 859) for mail, so the impact of this change should be minimal.



**APRIL NEWSLETTER  
DEADLINE:**

**Tuesday, the 13th  
of March  
9:00 A.M.**

## EVERY DOLLAR IS IMPORTANT

Al Johnson

Time flies! On March 31st the Fellowship will be the proud owner of our new building on the north side of Ephraim. Members and friends of the Fellowship have and are giving generously. The Fellowship will have at least the \$110,000 in cash that we need on the closing date. We are still working on the three-year pledge goal of \$270,000.

Every additional dollar given to the new building fund makes a difference. Each dollar reduces the amount the Fellowship must borrow. The math is simple. Each dollar saves six cents in interest each year. Each \$100 saves \$6.00. \$1,000 reduces the Fellowship's interest expense by \$60.00 a year.

If you haven't made a contribution yet, your gift will still make a difference. If you would like to make your 2008 pledge payment before the end of March, that will also make a difference. Send contributions to Fellowship's Treasurer **Juliana Neuman**. Past and future gifts are appreciated. It all adds up!

### OFFICE HOURS

**Monday/Thursday**

**10:00 — 2:00**

**or**

**Fridays**

**by appointment**

The new address  
Effective April 1, 2008

is:

**10547 Koessl Lane**

## RESPONDING TO ECONOMIC INJUSTICE

Chuck Lauter

The February 3rd service, focusing on earning a living in Door County, riveted our attention on economic injustice. It also reminded us of the intractability of poverty. Here in the Door, where affluence is all around us, about 20% of the families live in poverty. This condition occurs due to lack of consistent, good-paying jobs and/or lack of appropriate housing and/or lack of reasonable transportation to worksites. Recognizing the enormity of trying to ameliorate these conditions, the Social Responsibility Committee will help the Fellowship focus on workforce housing and affordable transportation. Local discussion is underway concerning workforce housing, and the committee encourages UUFDC members to support forthcoming plans. In future months we hope to provide other opportunities for education and action on these local issues.

On Justice Sunday (March 30) we will look at economic injustice on a broader scale. In the service and in educational materials provided at the service we will examine "The Cost of Iraq" and the fact that costs of war fall disproportionately on the poor. In the discussion after the service we will attempt to develop responses to this issue.

The SRC has designated the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarterly contribution to Habitat for Humanity in recognition of housing needs. Other activities continue to thrive. Please keep filling the barrel for Koinonia Kupboard, volunteering at Loaves & Fishes, and buying Fair Trade items. We are delighted to announce that **Coral Peterson** will be joining the SRC Committee.

## CLOSING WORDS

Anya Kopischke

*Anya, a seventh-grader at Gibraltar School, was Co-Service Leader with **Lynn Berger** on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Her Closing Words were an inspiration, and we look forward to hearing more from Anya over the coming years!*



Since I've been little, I've always had crazy ideas about what I wanted to be when I grew up. I've wanted to be a poet, a debater, a top model, a rock star; I even wanted to work at Al Johnson's. But all along, there was one thing that stuck. Acting. Acting has always been my passion. I remember watching my daddy on a big stage doing crazy things in a silly outfit, and I'd be thinking, "That's what I want to do when I grow up."

When we moved up to Door County, it was tough because I've been doing plays in Milwaukee since I was 7, and since there's no children's theater up here, I had to take a break.

It's been almost half a year now, and I've been doing fine exploring different pastimes and after school activities, and I realized, it's silly to start worrying about what I'm going to be doing 15 years from now because there are a million jobs out there that I've probably never heard of, and you never know where life's going to take you. I guess my job right now is to keep exploring those possibilities.

## RIGHT HERE ON THIS SPOT

*Excerpts from the June 12, 2005 Fifth Anniversary Sermon by the Rev. Cynthia B. Johnson*

I wanted to know what happened **RIGHT HERE ON THIS SPOT** before June 11, 2000.

The Fellowship bought the property from Kelly and Timothy Mc Dougall in 1999, when this building was a beauty parlor called Shear Style Plus. The Mc Dougalls bought the land from Benjamin and Dorothy Hadley in 1992 and they built this building to house the Three Lions gift shop that carried food, clothing, and gifts from England, Ireland, and Scotland. The Hadleys bought the land in 1986 from three couples – two of whom had the last name Koessler and the other couple had the last name Steller -- who had probably inherited the property from their parents. Before that, the land had been part of the Koessler farm for generations.

Our property was part of a larger parcel of land. My favorite entry about the Koessler farm was in 1943, involving Edward John Koessler & W. and Edward Koessler Sr. & W. The document was called a BOND OF SUPPORT, a legal arrangement between father and son farmers, when the father retired from farming and the son took over the farm. The couples traded houses and the younger farmer took on specific legal responsibilities toward his parents. **RIGHT HERE ON THIS SPOT**, October 9, 1943:

*First: The parties of the first part shall permit the parties of the second part to occupy the smaller of the two houses on the farm prop-*

*erty...together with one-quarteracre for garden purposes and also a garage or shelter for their automobile, for and during their natural lives. The garden space is to be plowed in the spring and fall by the parties of the first part.*

*Second: The parties of the first part agree to provide the said parties of the second part with firewood properly cut in stove lengths and deliver such to the house hereinbefore mentioned, sufficient for winters' fuel and cooking, together with one hundred pounds of pork, fifty-two quarts of milk, and fifty-two dozen of eggs (a quart and a dozen to be delivered weekly) sufficient potatoes for their table use, sufficient fruits, such as cherries and apples for their canning and eating purposes, each and every year during their natural lives.*

Door County, Vol. 21 of Misc. Records, p. 76



The oldest entry I found was a sale from Emil G.A. Christianson and Emilia his wife to someone in 1865, the document filed in Manitowoc. No one I asked seemed to know when – and under what circumstances – early settlers started receiving and recording land parcels, possibly through treaties.

## ADULT ENRICHMENT

Myrna Cohn

### People's Choice Movie Series

**March 4**

***The Devil Wears Prada***

**Movie 6:30; refreshments 6:00**

Based on the best-selling novel, this comedy, starring Meryl Streep and Anne Hathaway, is “sensationally entertaining in every way.” An assistant to the demanding New York fashion magazine editor has landed a job that “a million girls would die for.” Unfortunately, her heaven-sent appointment as a personal whipping girl just might be the death of her! Fresh, funny, fabulous masterpiece.” 109 min.

**April 1 Sneak Preview**

***Mash*** — Uncut original version

The March movie is still in need of a Host. If you are able to host, contact **Myrna Cohn**, 559-2559 or the UU office, 854-7559.

### Book Group

**March 5, 1:00-3:00**

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

*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

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

## CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Lynn Lees

Children's religious education classes will start on Sunday, March 2nd at the Fellowship. Due to limited space in our present building, the grade school children will attend the first part of the service with their parents, while older youth will be participating in a class. After the doxology, the younger children will be excused to the classroom (the office) and the older children will then participate in the remainder of the Sunday service.

Half hour classes are not the ideal, but will have to suffice until we have more space. Please make the children welcome, and limit your use of the office on Sundays – especially being mindful that teachers have to set up a welcoming environment for the students before the service and store equipment and supplies after class.

Parents interested in enrolling children contact **Lynn Lees**: [lynnajohn@earthlink.net](mailto:lynnajohn@earthlink.net) or 920.854.5451

## KAREN DENOTO FEATURED UU ARTIST

Marilyn Hansotia

Karen's oils and pastels will be highlighted at the UU Gallery in March. She describes her work as "semi-abstract, with a strong impressionistic pull". She studied art in college and went on to break ground for women trying to get involved in the graphic arts industry. She moved to Door County to pursue her passion for painting and works for Starr Era Realty.

If you are interested in displaying your artwork, contact **Julia Bresnahan**, 839-2606.

## PIANIST PERFORMS AT EMERSON EVENT

Marilyn Hansotia

Dr. David Severtson, Assistant Professor of Music at UW-Green Bay, will perform works of Schumann, Chopin and Schubert March 18<sup>th</sup> at the Fellowship.

Dr. Severtson coordinates the piano program at UWGB and also maintains an active performing career as a soloist and collaborative artist. Prior to teaching at UWGB, he taught as a full-time studio instructor at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa and as an adjunct studio instructor at Macalister College in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Upcoming Emerson Series Cultural events include "The Greatness of the Greeks: Their Cultural Heritage in Art, Architecture, Literature and Drama" presented by **Henry Timm** April 15<sup>th</sup> and the return of mezzo-soprano **Cynthia Stiehl** and pianist **Judy Jackson** performing "Songs of Scandinavia and the British Isles" May 27<sup>th</sup>.

All Emerson events begin at 7:30 P.M. Admission at the door is \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. A reception will follow each performance with an opportunity to meet the artists.

## OUR PIANO

Ellen Shahbazi

### A Brief Primer and Refresher Course in the Care and Feeding



It has been quite some time since the care of our piano has been addressed. Aside from the building itself, it is the most valuable material asset of our fellowship. We all take pride in our mutual ownership of this magnifi-

cent instrument. What can all of us do to preserve and protect it for not only our enjoyment, but for the enjoyment of future UUFDC members? Simple! Just follow the guidelines below:

### *The Piano* *Twelve Commandments*

- 1. *Thou shalt honor the piano and keep it spectacularly beautiful and in tune.***
- 2. *Thou shalt not remove its coverlet unless duly sanctioned.***
- 3. *Thou shalt not touch its keys with dirty hands.***
- 4. *Nor its exterior surface.***
- 5. *Thou shalt uncover its keys with two hands, reverently.***
- 6. *Thou shalt raise its lid very carefully, also with two hands, and lower it in like manner.***
- 7. *Thou shalt not bang. Ever!***
- 8. *Thou shalt press its lustrous pedals and keys with tenderness.***
- 9. *Thou shalt keep it dusted with the downiest of cloths. (An old diaper works.)***
- 10. *Thou shalt return the piano, after use, to the position where found.***
- 11. *Thou shalt never, never place food, drink or any object on the piano, with the exception of a few sheets of music.***
- 12. *Thou shalt gain endless moments of fulfilling pleasure from its existence.***

**JANUARY VOLUNTEERS**

**Al Johnson**  
**Al Wittenkeller**  
**Carrie Link**  
**Chuck Lauter**  
**Cynthia Johnson**  
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**Lynn Lees**  
**Marilyn Hansotia**  
**Meg Vermillion**  
**Phil Hansotia**  
**Phyl Mielke**  
**Sally Malm**  
**Sheila Saperstein**

**KOESSL BUILDING KEYS**

Gayle Johnson

Currently, there are thirty-one building keys in the hands of UUFDC members; four of those have not been officially signed out and entered into the key notebook in the office. If you have keys NN, A2, A3, or A6 please call the office to register your key or return it as soon as possible. We currently have no key available for checking out to anyone who may need it, so if you have a key, which you no longer use, please return it. We do not want any more keys circulating than are absolutely necessary.

Authorized key holders are Board Members, Member Musicians, Committee Chairs, Administrative Assistant, and only those otherwise authorized.

**SPECIAL NOTICE**

Dottie Gerrits

We had an occasion to use the new "Telephone Tree" for the cancelled February 17<sup>th</sup> service. For the most part it worked quite well. There are a few things for us all to keep in mind.

You will receive a call if you are part of the list. However, if you tie up your telephone line, it will be impossible to get through to you. The back up plan for that is a Group email that I will send out to all Members and Friends.

I suggest you check your email, voice mail, and answering machine, and if you do not have a message, please call me or any Board Member. If you are not on the Telephone Tree calling list or part of the Group Email list and you want to be, please call me at 854-2964 or email [gerrits@dewis.com](mailto:gerrits@dewis.com).

**NEW WEB CALENDAR**

Have you gone into our website [uufdc.org](http://uufdc.org) lately and viewed our new UUFDC calendar? This public calendar displays events and services of our Fellowship.

To access the calendar on the website, click "calendar" on the home page (just above the newsletter links). Once you are into the calendar, you may access UUFDC events by the day, week or month. The further you click, the more detailed the information. Play with the site and become familiar with all of the possibilities it holds.

To include UUFDC events in the calendar, submit information to both [uufdc@charterinternet.com](mailto:uufdc@charterinternet.com) and [mhansotia@charter.net](mailto:mhansotia@charter.net)

**Eco Solutions**

Lu Schilling

There is gaining activity and information sharing on this subject; watch for programs on WPT and National Geographic. There are a number of people taking the "100 Mile Diet Challenge" wherein one pledges to select solely locally grown and produced food for an entire year. Cooking oil has been identified as a challenge but one Wisconsin company, Nature Fresh, makes canola and sunflower seed oil and can be contacted at [info@botanical.com](mailto:info@botanical.com) or 1-800-719-9878. To save on shipping costs combine orders with people from Sustain Door at [www.sustaindoor.googlepages.com](http://www.sustaindoor.googlepages.com). An informative cartoon at [www.storyofstuff.com](http://www.storyofstuff.com) takes only about 15 minutes and demonstrates how we must personally begin to put pressure on our companies to begin to close the loop on the cycle of production vs. the straight linear approach we have now.

The Peninsula Pulse will again devote the April 18 issue to the subject of sustainability. Watch for it. The Going Garbage environmental series is very informative. It is held the second Wed. March through May, 7 P.M. at the Sister Bay Fire Station. The March 12 speaker will be Will Christianson with the Travel Green Wisconsin Program. Christianson will talk about the cultivation of the Travel Green Wisconsin program, and also provide assistance to help Door County businesses understand the program requirements and become certified themselves.

## CARING COMMITTEE

The Caring Committee coordinates assistance to members and friends who have a need. The coordinator for March is **Judy Wittenkeller**. 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 (below).

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.

**Judy Wittenkeller:** 839-2800  
alnjudy@dcwis.com

**Gerri Friedberg:** 868-1342

**Sally Malm:** 854-7235

**Myrna Cohn:** 839-9154

**Helene Di Iulio** 854-2312

## LADIES LUNCHEON

**Noon**  
**Thursday, March 20**

**Jo Jo's Pizza & Gelato**  
Hwy 42 in Ephraim

Sign-up at the Fellowship



## KUDOS

**KUDOS** to Steve Kastner for setting up our Website Calendar and making our newsletters available on line.

**Thanks!**

## ALL FELLOWSHIP EASTER BRUNCH BUFFET

12:30



Sunday March 23rd

English Inn  
Hwy 42 Fish Creek

\$15.95

(plus tax and gratuity)

Sign up at the fellowship

For details contact  
Judy Wittenkeller  
839-2800

## HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAYS!



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New  
Fellowship Building

Closing Date:  
March 31

Dedication Date:  
June 22

Please save your sturdy cardboard boxes for the upcoming move. They can be flattened and stored in the UUFDC attic.



**UU Update**

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