

# 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 congregations.

## MAY SUNDAY SERVICES

**May 4th**

**The Rev. Phillips Sweet**

Service Leader: Ray Di Iulio

Music: Gerri Friedberg, piano

### A TRUTH WORTH KNOWING

Steven Weinberg, the physicist, says that the more the universe seems comprehensible, the more it seems pointless. Where can we find what is ultimately meaningful, a truth worth knowing? Religion is a search for the real and the effort to approximate ones life to it.

*Rev. Sweet is a popular and frequent speaker at the UUFDC. He served as minister for two rural churches in western Minnesota and for Hope Church in Sturgeon Bay. Phil and Sharon Sweet have been married 46 years.*

**May 11th**

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### THE FEMININE FACE OF GOD

The story of the denigration, degradation and humiliation of women throughout the centuries is an appalling one. All the major religions have been sexist. "But tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and

precious life?" (Mary Oliver) A Mothers' Day reflection.

*The UUFDC is fortunate to have Rev. Sweet as a frequent speaker. Phil served as minister for Hope Church in Sturgeon Bay for many years and is an admired speaker at the UUFDC. Phil and Sharon have three grown children and four grandsons.*

**May 18th**

**The Rev. Joan Shiels**

Music: Ellen Shahbazi, piano

### THE THINGS WE CARRY

As the fellowship gathers for the last time on Koessler we will recognize that what is precious to us is not the building --but the life we lived inside it. We will honor our life here and contemplate how to carry it into the new building in Ephraim where there will be more room for wonderful new experiences.

*Before Joan entered the ministry she had a long career in investments and finance. She described herself as "a refugee from the financial world" having fled, in her middle age, from the money-making obsessions of the financial world to the values-oriented world of the ministry.*

**May 25th, 10 A.M.** In new building!

**Erik Eriksson**

Music: Gerri Friedberg, piano

### HOUSE OF HOPE, HELPFULNESS AND HOSPITALITY

What manner of home will this new edifice prove to be? Initially, the object of honest pride and satisfaction, surely. But then? May we find ourselves quickly moving to that point at which we are better able to be a positive presence in our community, having the facility to welcome and serve our fellow beings, nurturing hearts, souls and, yes, even those ill and physically broken. Extending our warmth and friendship to members, guests and neighbors will make this a truly hallowed place. Let us therefore invest ourselves in using this structure wisely, compassionately and freely.

*Erik Eriksson is a classical and jazz music critic. He has served as editor of several arts and business news magazines and has lectured frequently on social and arts-related issues, serving as a speaker for the UUFDC since early in the group's history. He has served as narrator for nearly every orchestral work written, calling for the spoken word.*

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Garrett U. Cohn

The UU Board has been spending most of its time and energy since the purchase of our new building March 31 (UU Nouveau) debating, discussing, weighing and reviewing various remodeling plans.

Committee meetings have been taking place in addition to regular Board meetings by the interior and moving committees. Look for important dates. Everyone is welcome and needed to help. This is a big undertaking for us – we can use all the volunteers available.

One of the major issues we have been deciding is determining the building remodeling needs and how to get the most for our money. We have determined the major expenses to be removal of the platforms in the main hall, re-carpeting the main hall and entry way plus the purchase of additional chairs. Other projects include opening the wall for a coat room along the entry way wall, as well as painting the interior.

The Board has suggested an easy but important way for us to achieve "more bang for the buck" is to do the interior painting ourselves, thus saving many hundreds of dollars. We will be announcing a **painting picnic party**. It will be fun, not too hard work and we will save some big bucks! Just give us a few hours each! Exact days in May will be announced shortly.

There are a few other projects discussed which have been put on the back burner until sale of the Koessl building. At that time we will reduce the mortgage substantially and re-examine additional remodeling projects.

Please remember to keep track of

your volunteer time so that the UU can cite these hours as we apply for grants which request membership volunteer hours. It is very important and will help us as we go forward seeking grants and other funds. Please turn them in at the annual meeting.

Note the June 1 annual meeting date. The month of May will include the historic leaving of our Koessl building and moving into our new building. I hope you are looking forward to it as much as is the Board.

See you there!

### CHANGE IS GOOD!

Here are a few changes coming up in the lives of UUFDC members and friends:

- Our farewell service at our present location will be held **Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>** with congregation participation!
- Moving from our present Koessl building to our beautiful new home at 10341 Hwy. 42, formerly the Windflower Gift Shop, will take place between **May 19-24**.
- Our first service in the new building will be **May 25<sup>th</sup>**.
- Here's a BIG change: Services will begin at 10:00 A.M. beginning **May 25<sup>th</sup>** to minimize congestion and as a courtesy to the businesses at Green Gables.
- The formal dedication service of our new building will be held **Sunday June 22** at 4:30 P.M. followed by a reception and meal. There will be no morning service that day.

## FINAL EMERSON

Cynthia Stiehl

*Northern Delights*, a voice recital by **Cynthia Stiehl**, mezzo-soprano and Judith Jackson, piano, will explore beautiful art and folk songs from both Scandinavia and the British Isles. Benjamin Britten, Jean Sibelius, Carl Nielsen, Rebecca Clark and Henry Purcell will be featured in the fun and satisfying way we have come to expect from Cynthia and Judith.

Open to the public at the new residence of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Door County at 10341 Water St. (Hwy. 42), Ephraim, the recital begins at 7:30 P.M. on May 27. A reception follows. This is the first concert in this new space.

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**to minimize congestion  
and as a courtesy  
to the businesses  
at Green Gables.**

Please continue bringing in empty HP, Lexmark, and Dell ink cartridges. They will be used to purchase supplies for our Fellowship.  
Thank you.

## ADULT ENRICHMENT

### People's Choice Movie Final Showing

**May 6 MASH** (uncut)  
**Movie 6:30; social 6:00 PM**  
(bring your drink and a healthy snack to share)

A world acclaimed comedy, *M\*A\*S\*H* focuses on three Korean War Army surgeons brilliantly brought to life by Donald Sutherland, Tom Skerritt and Elliott Gould. Though highly skilled and deeply dedicated, they adopt a hilarious, lunatic lifestyle as an antidote to the tragedies of their Mobile Army Surgical Hospital, infuriating Army bureaucrats. 160 min

### Book Group

**Wednesday, May 7, 1-3:00 PM**  
**HOUSE OF THE SPIRITS**  
by Isabel Allende  
Host: **Karen Eriksson**

"A best seller and critical success in Europe and Latin America, *The House of the Spirits* is the magnificent epic of the Trueba family - their loves, their ambitions, their spiritual quests, their relations with one another, and their participation in the history of their times, a history that becomes destiny and overtakes them all." While the country remains unnamed, the events are those of Chili and the interference in its democracy by the U.S.. Along with March's book by Malika Oufkir, it raises questions about the ability of the privileged to understand the lives of the poor and oppressed.

The **June 4th** Book Group will discuss the book "*Population 485*" by Michael Perry. It will be at **Peggy Lott's** home.

## DOLLARS AND \$ENSE

Juliana Neuman, Treasurer

March 31<sup>st</sup> was a banner day for UUFDC: the signing of closing papers on our new building! Vice President **Cynthia Stiehl** and I must have signed our names at least a dozen times, with photos of the proceedings taken by **Sheila Saperstein**. Board Members gathered at the new building afterwards for a toast. Planning for the seating layout and other space use is now underway.

About our pledges: about 29 pledges for the fiscal year ending June 30 have been paid in full. Congratulations to those of you in that category! The rest of us have a collective total of about \$9000 yet to pay. Please keep up those monthly or quarterly payments! If you aren't sure of your balance, just send me an e-mail and I'll be happy to provide the information.  
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### ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

The Annual Meeting of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Door County will be held on  
**June 1, 2008.**

The meeting will occur immediately following the Sunday Service.

Bylaws adopted at the 2007 Annual meeting require that the entire Governing Board, the Nominating Committee and the Finance Committee members be elected by the congregation.

A QUORUM IS NECESSARY

**PLEASE TRY TO ATTEND**



### Converting the new UUFDCspace.



Celebrating the acquisition of the Water Street UUFDC.

### A COLORFUL PAST!

Marilyn Hansotia

A restaurant, Victorian gift shop serving high tea, a deli, from-scratch bakery famous for its pies, center for live music performances, fashion shows, again a gift shop and now the new home to UUFDC!

Marc and Judy Paulson opened the doors to Paulson's Orchard Inn Restaurant built to their specifications in 1988 by the developers of The Gathering, now Green Gable Shops. They purchased the building in 1995. It originally housed two dining rooms seating up to 120 patrons.



The new UUFDC building on Water Street/Highway 42, Ephraim

Marc often cooked; Judy was the baker. They served breakfast, lunch and dinner in addition to hosting live concerts. Staffing was a continuing problem according to Marc, causing them to abandon the food service business in 1999. During those years, they converted a portion of the building to a deli, bakery and small gift shop.

In 2000 the Paulsons re-opened as the Windflower Gift Shop. The apartment was added in 2003.

There are several garden spaces surrounding the building, all developed by Marc and Judy. They are next door, remodeling the former Haaland Haus into a down-sized Windflower Gift Shop and the former Café Solie will become Mill Road Café.

On March 31, 2008 we became the new owners of this beautiful space, which provides freedom for future expansion. We have this opportunity to grow, thanks to the generosity of our members and friends. Let's give it a colorful future!



## CARING COMMITTEE

**Judy Wittenkeller** will be the Caring Committee coordinator for the month of May. If you are unable to reach Judy, previous coordinators, **Helene Di Iulio** 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). The Committee is looking for volunteers to be on first-call/alternates for the remainder of 2008

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## OFFICE HOURS

Monday/Thursday  
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or

Fridays by appointment

## UU HOSPITALITY NAPA VALLEY

An hour north of San Francisco are the lush vineyards, world class wineries and picturesque small towns of the Napa and Sonoma Valleys. We invite all UUs and friends to share the beauty of our "homes" with customized two day tours and private rooms with bath in the homes of our member guides. Home hospitality without tours is also available.

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY !



12th **Nancy Brown**  
 12th **Henry Timm**  
 28th **Cynthia Oliver**  
 29th **Jane Delcarson**  
 30th **Cynthia Johnson**

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Dottie Gerrits

A huge thank you to the Members and Friends who made our March Sunday Services a more joyful experience.

**Al Johnson**  
**Al Wittenkeller**  
**Bill Hoge**  
**Carrie Link**  
**Cindy Taubert**  
**Coral Peterson**  
**Cyndy Stiehl**  
**Cynthia Oliver**  
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**Sheila Saperstein**  
**Steve Kastner**  
**Valerie Murre-Schlick**

**NEXT NEWSLETTER  
 DEADLINE:  
 June 15th**

## KUDOS

**KUDOS** to everyone who visited, provided a light meal or ran an errand for **Cindy Taubert** while she has been recuperating from major surgery. Cindy is doing well and really appreciates the kindness and care.

A huge thank you to **Dick Malm** and **Sarah Naber** for volunteering to drive Cindy to Madison for her post-op check up.

**KUDOS** to the Piggly Wiggly. They will refund 2 cents for every cloth bag you use to carry your groceries. This may only amount to 25 cents a week, or less, in your pocket, but think of the plastic bags not being used and sent to the landfill!

**Thank you all!**

**Kudos** to Lynn Berger, recipient of the Door County Golden Heart Arts and Culture Award for her extraordinary contributions to Isadoora Theatre company.

**Kudos** to Administrative Assistant Gayle Johnson on her May 4th graduation from Lakeland College. Gayle will receive a Masters degree in Counseling with honors, and will continue coursework from another institution to ultimately complete her status as a Certified Substance Abuse Counselor also.

**Congratulations, Lynn  
 and Gayle!**



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19-23 — Move from  
 Koessl to Water St.

27— Emerson Cultural  
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27— Loaves and Fishes  
 Community Dinner at St.  
 Rosalia’s Church

June 1 — Annual Meeting  
 11:45 A.M.

May UUFDC Calendar of Events						
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11 <b>SS</b>	12 <b>MJ</b>	13	14	15 <b>Newsletter deadline</b>	16	17
18 <b>SS Car Pool</b>	19 <b>Move</b>	20 <b>Move</b>	21 <b>Move</b>	22 <b>Move</b>	23 <b>Move</b>	24
25 <b>SS New Building!!</b>	26 <b>MJ</b>	27 <b>Emerson Loaves &amp; Fishes</b>	28	29	30	31