

# 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.

## JUNE SUNDAY SERVICES

### June 1

#### IN THIS MOMENT, IN THIS PLACE, WITH THESE PEOPLE...

The Rev. Cynthia B. Johnson

For years I have entered into silence during church services with the same words: "In this moment, in this place, with these people..." It's one way to center myself in a vastness beyond my knowing, an invitation to breathe more slowly and deeply. Gratitude always strolls into the silence. As we settle into our new building and make it our home, we celebrate the sounds of energetic congregation as well as the silence that invites us to welcome the still small voice within.

Music: Cynthia Stiehl, vocal; Dottie Gerrits, flute; Gerri Friedberg, piano

*UUFDC annual meeting immediately following the service.*

### June 8

#### THE LAMENTATION OF THE EARTH

The Rev. Phillips Sweet

Service Leader: Sheila Saperstein

In a beautiful Shaker hymn is this line, "My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentation...."

Chesterton was right when he said "The World does not lack for wonders, only for a sense of wonder." A reflection.

### June 15

#### WALT WHITMAN'S SONG OF LOVE

Cynthia Stiehl and The Rev. Roger Berschausen

Cyndy Stiehl and Roger Bertschausen team up for another sermon exploring the intersection between music, poetry and spirituality. This time they turn their attention to the poetry of Walt Whitman and his celebration of the different kinds of human love.

Music: Gerri Friedberg, piano

### June 22 DEDICATION SERVICE

4:30 P.M. (No Morning Service)

#### FORWARD THROUGH THE AGES

The Rev. Cynthia B. Johnson

We are simultaneously the heirs of those who dreamed and labored yesterday and the ancestors of those who will dream and labor tomorrow. In the midst of our celebration to dedicate our wonderful new Fellowship building, let us remember the Sabbath which calls us to remove our work gloves, lay down our paint brushes and rakes, turn off our cell phones, take leave of our ledgers – and breathe this moment into us.

Charter member **Lynn Lees** will retell the story of how the Fellowship grew from glimmer to reality with the wise counsel of retired Unitarian Universalist minister and UUFDC member, **The Rev. Robert Clarke**. We will honor the journey from 37 charter members in 1996 to designing a multi-age religious education program that will begin in September 2008.

Music: Cynthia Stiehl, mezzo-soprano;  
Dottie Gerrits, flute;  
Gerri Friedberg and Ellen Shahbazi, piano

*A reception will follow the service*

### June 29

#### The Gospel According to the Beatles

The Rev. Joan Shiels

Millions of people around the world claim they adhere to no religion, yet they believe in the message written and sung by the Beatles. How does the message of John, Paul, George and Ringo compare to the message of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John? Come for some surprising answers –and some great music.

Music by Matthew Burress

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Garrett U. Cohn

The email was headed "Gentle Reminder" and continued "even though we are close to overwhelmed with UUN right now, the newsletter deadline is Thursday" from **Marilyn Hansotia**, newsletter editor. I laughed out loud at Marilyn's subtle comment as she requested my monthly President's letter.

I can relate that I personally have made over 190 telephone calls for the new building's effort since mid-February—and that is just to individuals or companies outside of our membership list! And I am not the only person who has extended themselves in order to make the new building happen.

Please don't miss the dedication service at **4:30 P.M. June 22**. You will brag about being a part of this celebration to your children and grandchildren — I know I will.

See you all there.

## UUFDC GALLERY

Marilyn Hansotia

Watercolor paintings by UUFDC Friend Jean Crane will be on display at the UU Gallery May 25<sup>th</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Jean lives in Cedarburg where she has had a studio for 15 years. She conducts classes in watercolor painting. She has shown her artwork at the Edgewood Orchard Gallery, Fish Creek and other galleries in Wisconsin. She received a first place in watercolor competition at the Wustum Art Museum in Racine in 2006 and 2007.

Please contact **Julia Bresnahan** if you would like to display artwork at the UU Gallery.

**NEXT  
NEWSLETTER  
DEADLINE:**

**JUNE 16TH**

## SRC HAPPENINGS

Chuck Lauter

On March 30 SRC sponsored the first UUFDC participation in the UU Service Committee (UUSC) Justice Sunday. A UUSC prepared talk, which honored Martin Luther King, Jr. on the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his death, indicated how the cost of the Iraq war (and all wars for that matter) falls disproportionately on the poor. Following the service 14 members of the fellowship volunteered to send that message by calls and letters to newspapers and national legislators and to form an on-going letter-writing group, led by **John Lees**, to focus on public issues.

On Earth Day Sunday Dr. Marcia Bjornerud, chair of the Lawrence University Geology Department spoke on "The Language of the Earth." This was followed by a "coffee-less" hour with refreshments only from local sources and distribution of information on the important values of using locally produced foods. We plan to celebrate Earth Day Sunday annually.

SRC continues to represent UUFDC at the Loaves and Fishes monthly dinner program. **Lu Schilling** and **Cynthia Oliver**, recently joined by **Meg Vermillion**, have helped plan, prepare, serve and share the time with the participants at the dinner. More volunteers are welcome. The dinner is the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at St. Rosalia. Members of the fellowship have also filled the food barrel so full recently that we couldn't lift it and had to unpack it to take the food to Koinonia Kupboard. Please keep it up.

The committee designated the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter social justice contribution on behalf of UUFDC to the UUSC for relief of those affected by Katrina. We are impressed that UUSC continues that work even when much of the rest of the country seems to have forgotten that Katrina happened and that many are still in dire need.

## ADULT ENRICHMENT

Myrna Cohn

**June 4, 1-3:00 P.M.**

***Population 485: Meeting Your Neighbors One Siren at a Time***

by Michael Perry

Host: **Peggy Lott**

10284 Water St. (Hwy. 42), Ephraim

A real story of a small Wisconsin town: the local vigilante is a farmer's wife armed with a pistol and a Bible, the senior member of the volunteer fire department is a cross-eyed butcher with one kidney and two ex-wives (who work at the only gas station in town) and the back roads are haunted by the ghosts of children and farmers. Perry loves this place. He grew up here, and after a decade, he has returned.

**July 2, 1-3:00 P.M.**

***Loving Frank***

by Nancy Hogan

Host: **Helene DiIulio**

1075 Lost Lane, Ellison Bay

Based on the love affair architect Frank Lloyd Wright had with Mamah (pronounced Maymah) Cheney. In 1903, her husband, Edwin commissioned the already-famous Wright to design a house for him and Mamah in Oak Park, Ill. By 1909, Wright would leave his first wife, Catherine, and their six children to run off with Mamah. She left behind her two children, plus her dead sister's daughter, whom she and Edwin were raising.

Though it takes place a century ago, this historical novel is rich with current topics; i.e., how does a woman preserve her own identity, particularly if she is involved with a brilliant, powerful man.

*This "debut novel is a perfect selection to jump-start some satisfyingly heated arguments" in any book club.* — USA Today.

**August 6<sup>th</sup> Noon**, brown bag lunch (drinks supplied) optional  
Meeting 1:00-3:00 P.M.

***Divisadero***

by Michael Ondaatje

Host: **Myrna Cohn**

8092 E Oaks Dr., Baileys Harbor

A remarkable and intimate novel of intersecting lives that ranges across continents and time.

From the celebrated author of *The English Patient* and *Anil's Ghost*. (More information in the next issue)

The UU Book Club welcomes anyone interested in discussing the selected books. For more information contact **Myrna Cohn** at 559-2559.

## DOLLARS AND \$ENSE

Juliana Neuman, Treasurer

Let's congratulate ourselves! Despite the fact that we have given over \$127,000 in capital campaign contributions since November and despite the so-called 'downturn' in the economy, UUFDC's members and friends have again pledged sufficient funds to support the operating budget for the coming fiscal year. At this writing there are still some pledges outstanding (and needed!), but I feel confident that we will be able to balance our budget for 2008-09.

We have received pledges to our 2008-09 operating budget from many friends of the fellowship, including Jane and Rich Delcarson, Karen and Larry Eriksson, Jean Crane and William Hoge, Roberta Larson, Mary and Jim Rutter, Margaret Lockwood and Allin Walker, and Margot and Rik Warch.

Several others responded to the pledge drive by sending immediate donations: Elisabeth Lanzl, Billie Johnson, Toby Mason and John Redell, and Keta Steeb. We are grateful for the support of so many good friends.

## WORKFORCE HOUSING FORUM

Chuck Lauter

Recently at UUFDC Sunday service we heard how difficult it is for working people and their families to live in Door County. These hard-working individuals serve the needs of many of us and provide the economic backbone for the county. Adequate, convenient housing is one of their greatest needs. Local government and the media have also highlighted this need.

In response and in keeping with its theme of "Economic Injustice" SRC will sponsor a forum focusing on the need for and the provision of workforce housing. This forum entitled "Workforce Housing In Our Backyard" will be held **Tuesday, June 17 at 7 p.m.** at the Fellowship and is open to the public.

Three panel members will each speak on a different aspect of the issue, followed by questions from the audience. The panelists are: Robert Kufrin, Sister Bay Village Administrator, discussing a governmental perspective; Rick Nelson, the director of the Door County Habitat for Humanity, representing a public NGO; and Joseph White, the head of the Housing Empowerment Development Company (HEDC) in Milwaukee, a private organization. HEDC specializes in sustainable design and community involvement.

Providing this critically needed workforce housing will take the involvement and co-operation of many entities.

Mark your calendars for 7 P.M., June 17! Become informed and learn how you can help.



269 Koessl Lane Home of UUFDC for eight years.



Rev. Joan Shiels "blessing" the congregation at the last Koessl Lane service.



The precious Grand moved from its Koessl home.



The movers dismantle and move from Koessl Lane.



Our new home in Ephraim.



Assembling 30 new chairs for our larger sanctuary. Teamwork!



Hanging the sign for the new UUFDC home.

**THANK YOU!**

We have so much to be thankful for and proud of! This has truly been a team effort and that team is our UU family.

May we enjoy many happy years here.



Carefully the piano is hauled to Ephraim .



Lloyd and Dottie, you get down from that scaffolding. You're making us all nervous!



The dismantled Grand ready to grace its new home.



The sanctuary is almost ready!



Welcome to the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Door County at 10341 Water Street in Ephraim, Wisconsin!

## KUDOS

**And a very special Thank you to Valerie Murre-Schick for stepping forward to chair the Interiors Committee and orchestrate the remodeling project.**

**TO** the efficient clean up crew that did the first-of-the-season Highway 42 litter pick-up April 29<sup>th</sup> – **Jack Travis, Hanne Gault, Helen Taylor, Peggy Lott, Bob Lindahl, Lu Schilling, Sarah Naber, Meg and Dave Vermillion, Rik Warch, Marilyn and Phil Hansotia.**

**TO** Sally and Dick Malm for caring for the UU Art Gallery for the eight years at Koessl Lane. Sally arranged the monthly displays and Dick helped with hanging the artwork.

**TO** the many volunteers who showed up week after week to transform a gift shop into our beautiful UU home!

**Thank you all!**



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY !

- 2 Sarah Stuart
- 7 Flora Kramar
- 11 Robert Clarke
- 15 Sarah Naber
- 16 Karen Cruz
- 21 Chuck Lauter
- 22 Juliana Neuman
- 22 Joel Bremmer
- 23 Meg Vermillion
- 24 Helene Di Iulio
- 25 Shyla Wollman
- 25 Nancy Eriksson

## UUFDC WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Dottie Gerrits

May 4<sup>th</sup> it was my pleasure to introduce and welcome **Cynthia Oliver** and **Coral Peterson** as Members in our Fellowship. These two talented ladies have already contributed much time and effort as Members of the Social Responsibility Committee, plus volunteering in other ways. Both are year round residents here and if they ever talk about any other arrangement, I'm going to pull up the bridge.

May 11<sup>th</sup> I had the pleasure of introducing and welcoming two more new Members. **Ken and Carol Boyd** have been involved in a Methodist church in the area where Carol shared her talent as a pianist. Ken has shared his talent as a builder with AFT for many years, and both have already been on the job helping us at UU Nouveau.

They are summer residents in Baileys Harbor and spend their winters in Ft. Myers, Fl where they are members of a Unitarian Universalist Church.

This brings our members to 93 with many wonderful and loyal Friends.

These are the dedicated Volunteers who helped clean, greet, vege, record and prepare coffee for Sunday services in April. Thank you all.

**Diane Daniel  
Sally Malm  
Phil Hansotia  
Sheila Saperstein  
Carrie Link  
Lynn Berger  
Jill Berger  
Chuck Berger  
Lynn Lees  
John Lees  
Helene Di Iulio  
Sarah Naber  
Helen Taylor  
Coral Peterson  
Marilyn Hansotia  
Ray Di Iulio  
Al Wittenkeller  
Meg Vermillion  
Jane Delcarson  
Lee Tackenberg  
Gerri Friedberg**

## ECO SOLUTIONS

Lu Schilling

Sometimes we feel a little small in this big world with a looming problem. Does it really matter if I save my flushing? What one person does or does not, seems like a drop in an ocean when there are 6.5 billion of us. Think of when flying in an airplane, while harmful to the environment is an aside to my point, we don't feel as if we are zigzagging left and right because the pilot's course corrections are so miniscule. Yet if not for those tiny actions all the way from Green Bay we could end up in Mexico, instead of Oregon. This year I almost decided to quit picking up litter as I walk the dog. Then, two other people, in the same week, told me that they too carry a bag on walks, just for litter that others selfishly toss or accidentally drop. I felt stronger knowing I was not alone. Remember to keep your tires inflated and change your air filter when you change your oil, if you still drive a petroleum car. It can reduce fuel consumption by 15 to 20% !

## Letters to the Fellowship

*Receiving the UU update is one of the joys of my life. You cannot guess how much I miss the church. I do not have a drivers' license so I cannot even go to church here. My life is not so hot. Hello and love to all.*

*Flora Kramar  
UUFDC Charter Member  
Surprise, AZ*

Dear UUFDC Friends,

Thank you for the words and cards of support since my graduation. Please join me for a toast of Thanks Sunday, June 29th at Whitefish Dunes State Park shelter building.  
2:00 - socialize and snack;  
3:30 - Toast and Roast the graduate.

Fondly,  
Gayle Johnson



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**UUFDC June Calendar of Events**

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8 <b>SS</b> SRC	9 <b>MJ</b>	10 <b>Board</b>	11	12	13	14
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