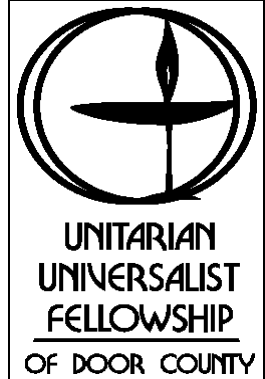


UU Update

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We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote the right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large.

July Sunday Services

July 6

Reflections on the Progressive Movement—Then and Now

Chuck Lauter

Readings of excerpts from Bill Moyers'

Service Leader: Sheila Saperstein

Music: Betty Lewis, violin; Faye Seeman, harp; Jodie DeSalvo, piano; Cynthia Stiehl, mezzo-soprano.

July 13

Jesus for Jews (Unitarians, too)

Rabbi Jay Brickman

Leaving out the concepts of incarnation and resurrection, Jesus remains a prophetic figure whose observations are in accord with the rabbinic thinking of his generation. To what extent are these teachings relevant to issues personal and social in the contemporary world?

Service Leader: Myrna Cohn

Music: Gerri Friedberg, piano, Dottie Gerrits, flute.

Jay Brickman, Rabbi emeritus of Congregation Sinai in suburban Milwaukee, preaches several times a year and teaches a Bible class at the Fellowship during the summer. He and his wife, Rita, own a home in Door County and are a valued part of our Fellowship's extended family.

July 20

Unshakable Disbelief: Honor Among Doubters

The Rev. Sharon Whitehill

Is there an identifiable force coursing through the universe, holding it together, or uniting all life-forms?

Doubt has as important and impressive a history as faith.

Service Leader: Alan Kopischke

Music: Ellen Shahbazi, piano; Cynthia Stiehl, mezzo-soprano.

Sharon Whitehill was a professor of English at Grand Valley State University in Michigan for thirty-two years. The author of two scholarly biographies, a memoir and a children's picture book, she now spends her time writing middle-grade novels, teaching literature and mythology classes for adults and—a post-retirement source of pleasure for her—giving lay sermons in Michigan,

Florida, Washington and Wisconsin. This July will mark the third time she has spoken at UUFDC.

July 27

Tickets to Mensch

The Rev. Dr. Tony Larsen

Learn a little Yiddish and find out what it means to be “a real human being”

Service Leader: Helene Dilulio

Music: Gerri Friedberg, piano

The Rev. Dr. Tony Larsen has been minister of Olympia Brown Unitarian Universalist Church in Racine since 1975. He was born in South San Francisco in 1949, studied to be a Catholic priest for ten years and was ordained a Unitarian Universalist minister in 1975. Dr. Larsen received his B. A. in Philosophy from Maryknoll College in Glen Ellyn, IL, his M. A. in Theology from Maryknoll School of Theology in Ossining, NY and his Doctor of Divinity from Meadville/Lombard Theological School in Chicago IL. Tony is also a songwriter and guitar player.

Contact Gerri Friedberg at 868-1342 if you would like to share your musical talents during a Sunday service or if you have special music you would like to request.

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Garrett Cohn

Everyone, and I mean everyone, is aware of the great strides the UUFDC has taken since September 8, 1996. We now have nearly one hundred members! And we have a welcoming, bright and shiny home.

This may seem "old hat" to some of you, but personally I have been associated with the UU for over four of these years. We all have made many friends and acquaintances based around the UU family.

Over these years, I have experienced a stimulating atmosphere which I was able to share with so many of you. We have had a chance to enjoy this progress together Sunday June 22 on the dedication of our new home.

Take a moment and appreciate what we have, and how we arrived here. It is with loads of effort, planning, and responsibility by many.

I take this space again to thank you all for this concentrated effort.

UUFDC Gallery

Marilyn Hansotia

Watercolorist and printmaker Donna Brown is displaying her works at the UU Gallery during July.

Brown has had a life-long love of art but wondered if she could make a living at what she enjoyed. For that reason she took another route to express her creativity: weaving, feeling the product would have a more practical use. After a few years of that focus, she missed the immediacy of drawing so returned to her earlier medium. More recently Brown has taken up printmaking.

Her White Barn Gallery is just off Hwy 57 north of Baileys Harbor. She occasionally teaches at the Peninsula Art School in Fish Creek.

Gallery hours are following Sunday services and Mondays 1-3 P.M. If you have an interest in displaying art at the Gallery, contact Julia Bresnahan at 839-2606.

Door Shakespeare Outing

Join us for *Midsummer Night's Dream* and/or *Cyrano de Bergerac* at Door Shakespeare with a UU group discount. We will attend *Cyrano de Bergerac* on Sunday, July 20th and *Midsummer Night's Dream* on Monday, July 28. Door Shakespeare performs under the stars in the mosquito-free outdoor garden at Bjorklunden in Bailey's Harbor. Shows start at 7:30. Tickets are \$20 each (\$3 off the regular price) and payable with **cash or check only** (no credit cards.) For this group rate, reservations must be made in advance. You can go to one show, or both. Your friends are welcome to join us.

Email or phone Joan Shiels with your reservations: hedgoose@charter.net or 743-8984. Door Shakespeare is one of the jewels of our Door County summer. Please join us!

Bible Study with Rabbi Brickman to Resume

Rabbi Jay Brickman plans to resume the weekly Bible studies this summer. Due to construction at their Baileys Harbor home following a fire last year, the date for the series is not known at this time. He anticipates being able to commence this popular series at the end of July. Please watch for news media announcements as to date and time.

UU Newsletter Transists

With this issue, Nancy Erikson takes the reigns of the newsletter layout. She assures us that future issues will be done in a timely manner. News should be submitted to Marilyn Hansotia.

June 22nd: Dedication of UUFDC's New Home



We Celebrated!

We celebrated as we listened: to Cynthia Johnson's moving message, to Bob Clarke's reading, to Lynn Lees' recap of our history, to Ellen Shahbazi's and Gerri Friedberg's piano playing and Cyndy Stiehl's singing.

We celebrated as we heard the greetings from representatives from other UU congregations as well as from other faiths.

We celebrated through the raising of our own voices in song and words.

We celebrated as we took time to enjoy the flowers.

And, of course, we celebrated through sharing of good food with friends!



And We Show Concern for Others' Homes (Workforce Housing Forum Sponsored by SRC)

By Jacquie Polzin

Over 20 people attended the forum **WORKFORCE HOUSING IN OUR BACKYARD** on June 17th. We learned that we have some motivated, knowledgeable people in our community working on this problem. But, finding a workable solution will be difficult. Bob Kufrin, Sister Bay Village Administrator, pointed out that some good plans get voted down because of a few voices that are unwilling to consider new approaches. He encour-

ages more citizen involvement. Rick Nelson, Habitat for Humanity Director, discussed the difficulty of identifying future owners for Habitat projects. Joseph White, a director of innovative projects in the city of Milwaukee, described a creative approach including modular designed buildings. There is much more to learn about this problem. The SRC hopes to find ways to effectively advocate for workforce housing.

We also learned that one of our members

is an outstanding volunteer for Habitat: Kudos to Dave Link!

Thank you Chuck Lauter for organizing this important forum!



Fellowship Loses a Great Friend

Erik Eriksson spoke to an overflow crowd of UU members and friends at the first service held at our new building May 25th. He provided guidance for "using this structure wisely, compassionately and freely" in his sermon entitled "House of Hope, Helpfulness and Hospitality". Within a fortnight (as Erik would say), Erik passed away peacefully at age 68.

The Celebration of His Life and Love of Music took place at the new Juniper Hall at Birch Creek Music Performance Center on July 1st. The music and readings were chosen by Erik and very much reflected who he was and what he believed.

Erik's work included serving as a music critic, editor of several arts and business news magazines, speaker on music, cultural issues, politics and philosophy, and narrator for nearly every orchestral work written, calling for the spoken word. Most recently, he was owner, publisher and editor of *The Northeast Wisconsin Music Review: Classical and Jazz*.

But he will be remembered by us as a conscientious, dedicated man who often succinctly stated the 'right thing to do' as others struggled to articulate that course. His heart was in the right place, and we all have learned so much from this man with the distinctive voice.

Thanks Erik for all the gifts of wisdom and song that you have given our community and congregation. You will be missed.

Nancy Thanks You All for your Support!!

Nancy Eriksson wishes to thank all of the members and friends who have provided continued support since Erik's diagnosis 2 1/2 years ago. The transportation, help around the house, food, cards and other signs of caring kept each of us upbeat and feeling very loved.

In addition, I thank you for all the help and food provided as Sheila Sa-

perstein planned Erik's celebration and Judy Wittenkeller and Lee Tackenberg planned the reception after the celebration. You are all amazing!! Thank you so very much!!!!

Fellowship Contributions

By Jacquie Polzin, SRC Co-Chair

The Social Responsibility Committee has a budget item of funds to be given to charitable causes as determined by the committee. Occasionally, the amount of giving is increased by funds raised by committee activities or by contributions from individuals in our congregation. Each quarter of the year, the gift is given to a different geographic entity: local, state, national, and international. At it's last meeting, the committee voted to send \$50.00 to the local program, Loaves and Fishes, which is an outreach program that includes a monthly free dinner and social time for people in the community. The committee also voted to send \$300 to Doctors Without Borders. This outstanding organization was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1999. It has addressed hunger in the third world by developing Plumpy'nut, a food that can be made in local countries, does not require refrigeration, and is a significant source of nutrition for babies. This food is made up of peanut butter, milk solids and supplementary nutrients. Doctors Without Borders has played a significant role in providing affordable medication for HIV patients. When the world was responding to the cyclone in Myanmar and the earthquake in China, Doctors Without Borders had staff in place to begin immediately responding to the needs of the people. We are proud to support this international organization

Eco Solutions

By Lu Schilling

This just in from Karen Cruz. Did you know that AAA is a major lobbying force pushing for FEWER pollution controls on vehicles AND LESS investment for mass transit and bike paths???? Your membership fees

support positions with which you may disagree. A roadside service that supports a cleaner environment and consumer protection, at comparable rates is the Better World Club.

Sources: http://www.sierraclub.org/e-files/roadside_assistance.asp

Website for The Better World Club: <http://www.betterworldclub.com/about/index.htm>

UUA's Commission on Social Witness has accepted two proposals for possible Congregational Study/Action issues for 2008-2012. One of them is *Ethical Eating*. As this relates to the interdependent web of which we are all a part, here's what you can do. Locavores advise eating well guidelines:

If not **locally produced**, then *organic*.

If not **organic**, then *family farm*.

If not **family farm**, then *local business*. If not a **local business**, then **terroir**, which means "taste of the Earth". Purchase foods famous for the region in which they are grown and support the agriculture that produces your favorite non-local foods such as Brie cheese from Brie, France or parmesan cheese from Parma, Italy.

And finally, moving toward **plant based** food choices does more to slow global warming than replacing SUV's with compact hybrids.

(Reference, UU WORLD Summer 2008 page 55.)

Understand there is power in your own plate. Recognize the moral claims of justice, our obligation to future generations, and the oneness of all life. Join in conscious food choices that have become to some their most important spiritual practices.

Save Those Ink Cartridges!

Please bring your used inkjet cartridges to Fellowship and place them in the box next to the Food Deposit Box. This allows us to save money on our office supplies. The brands that may be turned in include Dell, Lexmark and HP. Help the Fellowship and recycle at the same time!

Help Wanted!

Be Sure to Let Them Know

Did you enjoy last Sunday's speaker? Did the music make you smile? Gratitude... a simple "Hey! Thanks!"... means a lot. Take a few minutes to write an email or a note to those creative, hard-working folks whose work makes a difference in your life.

Thanks from your Program Committee

Looking for Gardeners

Looking for a satisfying job working outdoors, being your own boss? The UU needs a few more good people to maintain the beautiful gardens at the Fellowship. Work at our own pace, on your own schedule, or join others on Wednesday mornings for a few hours. Contact Dave Link at 839-9913 or pensive-cat@peoplepc.com.

Membership Committee Needs You

We need new people to join the Membership Committee to help with streamlining the responsibilities of this very important segment of UUFDC. This is my last year as chair of this committee and I would like to pass on a more complete description of its mission and what it means to the health of our Fellowship. Contact Dottie Gerrits at 854-2964 or Gerrits@dcwis.com.

It's Back!!

Ladies camping was so much fun a few weeks ago that there is another opportunity coming up on July 16th. Be sure to check out the details on the signup sheet at the Fellowship. For more information, contact Karen Cruz at nancruz@yahoo.com.

Highway Cleanup

Join us in cleaning up the highways of Door County. Meet at 9:00 AM on July 14th at the Clubhouse at Cottage Glen, Ellison Bay. Sign up at Fellowship or contact the Hansotias at 854-9360.

Kudos will return next month with special note of those who should have been included this month.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- 1 Diane Haldane
- 2 David Link
- 4 Adam Shahbazi
- 5 David Hansell
- 8 Rich DeCarson
- 12 Angela Lensch
- 18 Al Stuart
- 20 Joan Shiels
- 21 Diane Daniels
- 22 Peggy Lott
- 23 Jill Berger
- 24 Jim Johnson
- 24 Joan Timm
- 27 Sal Cruz

Dollars and \$ense

by Juliana Neuman, Treasurer

Counting the Sunday Offering

The list of verger duties has changed a bit since our move, but the Sunday offering is still counted by the verger and the greeter. Copies of the collection form are kept in the Treasurer's mailbox. Our vergers have been very cooperative, but I notice that the greeters are less often involved. The intent was to have two people involved in the count, to provide checks and balances. And remember, greeters, there is a space on the collection form for a count of the visitors present. This is most easily done by saving the backing from the name tags that are used on any given Sunday, to be counted at the end. If someone declines a name tag, please add them to the count.

Making payments

Checks: please use the Memo line in the lower left corner of your check. If you are making a pledge payment, please write "pledge" on that line. If you are paying for a purchase or an activity, write "coffee" or "notecards" or the name of the activity on the memo line.

Cash: If your contribution is to be recorded and recognized (a pledge payment, for example), please use one of the printed envelopes provided at the

A Big Hand for May Service Volunteers

Chuck Lauter
John Lees
Al Wittenkeller
Garrett Cohn
Myrna Cohn
Judy Wittenkeller
Gerri Friedberg
Sally Malm
Ray Di Iulio
Sheila Saperstein
Helen Di Iulio
Dottie Gerrits
Carrie Link
Diane Daniel
Cyndy Stiehl
Marilyn Hansotia
Flora Kramar
Cynthia Oliver
Coral Peterson
Vicky Carmen
Karen Cruz

A special thank you to all the Members & Friends who worked so hard to ready our new home for the first service May 25th. It truly was a coming together that accomplished this huge task. WELL DONE!

table near the entrance.

Donations

A donation in honor of Nancy Eriksson was made in June by Peggy Lott, and Al and Cynthia Johnson have contributed a hymnal in memory of Erik Eriksson.

The Fellowship needs more hymnals. Contribute \$30 and a bookplate inscribed according to your instruction will be placed in a new hymnal. We hope to place an order soon! Contributions have also been received from Karen Cruz and Karen and Larry Eriksson.

Thank you all!

Circle Suppers

If you interested in participating in Circle Suppers during July and August, please sign up at the Fellowship or contact Cindy Taubert at 854-7108 or cynthiataubert@yahoo.com. If you are not able to host, but wish to attend, please sign up as "guest only".



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Sunday Services
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 14 - 9:00 AM - Hwy Cleanup
 16 -Ladies Campout
 19 - Newsletter Deadline
 20 - Car Pool Sunday
 Cyrano DeBergerac
 28 - Midsummer Night's Dream

UUFDC July Calendar of Events						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6 SS	7 MJ	8	9	10	11	12
13 SS SRC	14 Highway Cleanup MJ	15	16 Ladies Campout	17	18	19 Newsletter Deadline
20 SS Car Pool Door Shakespeare	21 MJ	22	23	24	25	26
27 SS	28 MJ Door Shakespeare	29	30	31		