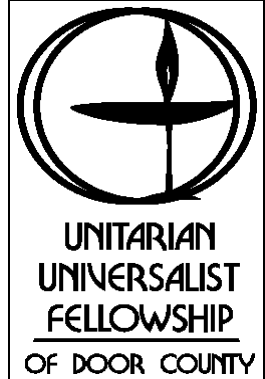


UU Update

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We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote the goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all.

August Sunday Services

August 3 Religious Humanism for Today's World

The Rev. Cynthia Johnson

I've long considered Humanism my working religion. Its historical origins in Unitarianism and Universalism are fascinating. What are some of the issues that confront today's humanists?

Bio: Cynthia Johnson, a retired UU minister, served congregations in Texas and Oklahoma before moving to Door County in 2000. Cynthia preaches regularly at UUFDC and occasionally at other UU congregations, but spends more time these days writing, painting, reading and traveling.

Music: Kurt Johnson, violin and Gerri Friedberg, piano

August 10 Loving The Unlovely

Rabbi Jay Brickman

It is no challenge to react positively to entities that are beautiful and gracious. The test of character for an individual group or nation is how we respond to the cruel and ugly, particularly as these threaten our well-being.

Bio: 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.

Service Leader: Gerri Friedberg

Music: Kate Boyd, piano

August 17 In Praise of Folly

The Rev. Phil Sweet

In the Book of Proverbs, the fool is a major character; he is always the subject of disdain. But all creativity is folly, beyond the norm, the routine, the accepted. Folly means you are alive, still trying, open to the unknown, not ashamed to fail. A reflection.

Bio: 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.

Service Leader: Kay Smith

Music: Gerri Friedberg

August 24 Jesus for the Non-Religious

The Rev. Joan Shiels

Gandhi said, "I like your Christ. I do not like your Christians. They are so unlike your Christ." A critical look at the person and purpose of Jesus of Nazareth.

Bio: Joan Shiels was ordained a UCC minister at Hope Church, Sturgeon Bay, in April, 2007. She is a frequent speaker at UUFDC and has taught a course on spirituality at UU.

Service Leader: Sarah Naber

Music: Gerri Friedberg

August 31 Star Wars, Quantum Physics and God

The Rev. Joan Shiels

An explanation of both God and Quantum Physics in 26 minutes. No kidding.

Bio: Joan Shiels was ordained a UCC minister at Hope Church, Sturgeon Bay, in April, 2007. She is a frequent speaker at UUFDC and has taught a course on spirituality at UU.

Service Leader: Alan Kopischke

Music: Ellen Shahbazi

Are you a musician? Do you enjoy music? If so, here are two opportunities for you to contribute to the enrichment of our Sunday services music. Contact Gerri Friedberg at 868-1342 if you would like to (1) share your musical talents or (2) have a piece of music you would like to suggest for a Sunday service. The latter will, of course, depend upon the fit of the piece to the topic being presented, but become involved—offer your input!

Copies of the Sunday Sermons are available on CD. Contact Al Wittenkeller, 839-2800 or alnjudy@dcwis.com

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President's Letter

By Garrett Cohn

There have been some legitimate concerns by the Board and some members of the Fellowship regarding the changing use of the Windflower building to our new UU Fellowship home.

Following an inspection by the Ephraim-appointed building inspectors (approved by the state), Henry Isaksen, our architect, and I began a series of discussions. After several letters and conversations, both by Henry and me, we went directly to the State of Wisconsin's department that supervises the inspectors. Our position was (and still is) the UUFDC use of the building does not require fees or additional architectural submissions in order to make use of it as our Fellowship Hall.

Here are the important words from the copy of the lengthy letter I received from Henry Isaksen, written by Department of Commerce State of Wisconsin, July 1, 2008 and signed by Henry Kosarycki, AIA--Program Manager.

"The State of Wisconsin Department of Commerce Division of Safety and Buildings does not issue permits for construction or certificate of occupancy. Therefore the submittal of plan documents for review and approval by the State or its authorized representatives are not required where an alteration or addition is not proposed."

The final paragraph states "The Village of Ephraim's requirement 'to submit the required plans to demonstrate compliance for the building's Change of Use' is subject to Village of Ephraim Ordinances. Submittal, review, inspection and subsequent issuance of certificate of use or occupancy permit shall be subject to the provisions of the Village of Ephraim's Ordinances."

As you will recall, we were awarded a change of use certificate/approval by Village of Ephraim in March.

I am following up further with Ephraim. I do not foresee any issues of concern.

We're Planning a Choir!!

Do you like to sing, have a little extra time and like to learn new music? If so, contact Carol Soper 854-9653, or pcsoper69@charter.net.

Just think of how our voices will enhance our services!

Larger Than Life Paintings

by Meg Vermillion

Mary Strue, who looks at flowers as having faces and reflects them in her paintings, will be the featured artist at the UUFDC Gallery in August. With a botanical emphasis, Mary brings intense colors and largeness to her paintings. Experienced in watercolors, acrylics, watercolor pencils and ink on silk, her technical repertoire is broad. Residing between Forestville (Door County) and Alabama, Mary draws her inspiration from nature through her love of gardening and being in the outdoors. Producing the work, she says, is a wonderful experience and including fun along with it, makes up her studio environment. She produces her artwork at her aptly named Mill Pond Art Studio, located on the shores of Forestville Mill Pond.

Mary majored in art at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, after which she focused on rearing her family; she worked for twenty-two years as owner of The Weed Patch, a floral and gift shop in Green Bay. As an artist, she has studied locally at the Peninsula Art School, The Clearing, U.W.-Green Bay and with Door County watercolorist, Ed Fenendael. She has also studied with Scottish painter, Aiden Bremmer in Portugal.

Gallery hours are 1-3 P.M. Mondays and following service on Sundays.

Bible Study Classes Resume

Jay Brickman, Rabbi emeritus of Congregation Sinai in suburban Milwaukee, is leading a course entitled "The Study of the Five Books of Moses" on Saturdays from 10-11:30 A.M in the Gathering Room. The classes began July 26th. Rabbi Brickman said participants will read passages and then discuss what they meant at the time they were written as well as how they might apply to our contemporary living circumstances.

There is no charge for the series and everyone is welcome. No registration is required and it is not necessary to attend every session. Participants are asked to bring a Bible.

The Brickmans have a summer home in Baileys Harbor and are friends of the UUFDC. Rabbi Brickman has taught a similar course in Milwaukee since 1955.

Dollars and Sense

by Juliana Neuman, Treasurer

This month I've been asked by the Board to focus on the Capital Campaign. You may recall that our goal was to raise \$275,000 in pledges. With a substantial recent contribution from Friends of UUFDC who choose to remain anonymous, the pledge total now stands at just over \$261,000. Of that amount, \$138,800 has been received and another \$27,800 is expected to come in by the end of 2008. The balance is scheduled to be received in 2009-2010.

We already have the new building and it looks wonderful! Why, you might ask, am I writing about this pledge goal shortfall? Well...we have a mortgage for \$390,000! This is the loan that helped us buy the building, combined with the balance remaining on the Koessl Lane building at the time of purchase. Until next April we are paying interest-only on that loan; payments on the principal will be added then.

There are at least 2 ways in which you might consider helping to alleviate this debt: (1) increase your pledge to the campaign or make a contribution if you have not already pledged, and/or (2) volunteer to participate in a small committee charged with helping to market the Koessl Lane building.

Please contact me at jneuman@dcwis.com about a pledge, or let President Garrett Cohn know of your interest in the committee.

DONATIONS

New members Carol and Ken Boyd recently contributed to our Capital Campaign for the new building.

Numerous donations in memory of Erik Eriksson have been received; they are from Art and Lois MacKinney, Dottie and Lloyd Gerrits, Barbara and Paul Schneider, Fred and Anne Schwartz, Keta Steeb, Jean Swanson, Alison and Robert Greaves and the Rev. Nancy Horvath.

In addition, several hymnals have been donated in his memory. (See accompanying article in next column.)

"You can't measure time in days the way you can in money because every day is different." Jorge Luis Borges

We Have Hymnals!!

By Helene Di Iulio and Juliana Neuman

Twenty-three members, friends and visitors answered the call for more hymnals. \$1,110 has been given to buy thirty-seven new books.

A bookplate with the donor's name, and in whose honor or memory the donation was made, will be affixed to each hymnal.

Those donated in memory of Erik Eriksson include Helene & Ray Di Iulio, Shirley Stolley, Sally & Dick Malm, Al & Cynthia Johnson, Marilyn & Phil Hansotia, Sarah Naber, Helen Taylor, Judy & Al Wittenkeller and Nancy Eriksson.

Others who were honored or memorialized included Nancy & Erik Eriksson by Leonette Tackenberg and Ruth Neuman by Juliana Neuman.

Other hymnals were donated by Margot & Rik Warch, Frances (Booty) & Paul Pomeroy, Anne & Robert Clarke, Pam & Terry Goode, Virginia Olson, Arlene Johnson, Susan P. Perry, Karen Cruz, Karen & Larry Eriksson, Beverly & Peter Conroy, Gerri Friedberg and Jami & Joe Hanreddy. Thank you all!

Some Creative Fundraising

As we have enjoyed the many benefits of UU Nouveau, some members have found creative ways to help others and provide a financial benefit to the Fellowship.

It was Al Johnson who suggested to the Fellowship that he and Cynthia were going to purchase a hymnal in Erik's memory. The result was the generous donation of 37 hymnals in honor or memory of many people.

More recently, Al and Cynthia Johnson offered PMF tickets they are not able to use for a donation to the Fellowship of half the street value of the tickets. Everybody wins!

Nancy Eriksson will meet to discuss health insurance options with anyone who desires. She just asks that a donation be made to the Fellowship.

I'm sure we can all come up with some additional ways in which we might do the same.



Cabaret-Style Jazz Concert

By Marilyn Hansotia

The Birch Creek Ambassadors return to the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Wednesday, August 13, 7:30-9:00 pm. The cabaret-style concert will feature refreshments and beverages along with exceptional jazz throughout the evening.

The Ambassadors group was formed in 1999 to serve as Birch Creek's goodwill ambassadors, acquainting residents and visitors with Birch Creek's mission and programs, as well as bringing jazz to numerous venues throughout the county. At the same time, these promising young musicians are offered the opportunity to experience the real life of a professional musician, thus fulfilling Birch Creek's mission.

Performing side by side with Birch Creek's nationally-acclaimed faculty, the student musicians develop technical and improvisational skills that far surpass those developed through ordinary classroom instruction. It is sometimes hard to believe that the performers are only between 15 and 18 years of age. Their repertoire consists of jazz standards, and the group is generally comprised of a saxophone, trumpet, trombone, piano, bass, drums and guitar.

Tickets are available at the door, \$5 for adults and students under 16 are free. The public is invited to this evening of outstanding music

Ladies August Lunch & Swim

Gerri Friedberg invites all UU ladies to join her for a brown bag lunch and swim party at her Sunset Bluff Condo in Egg Harbor on Wednesday, Aug 20th. Come at noon and stay as long as you would like. Drinks will be provided. The rain date is Aug. 21st.

Call Gerri at 868-1342 to confirm and for directions.

Social Responsibility Committee: Reflecting on our UU Principles

By Jacquie Polzin

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote a free and responsible search for truth and meaning;

Two years have passed since the SRC began presenting brief reflections on the way our principles apply to social justice issues. We intend to use the reflections to deepen our understanding of issues, encourage further discussion and spur individual or congregational action. It is a way for us to learn about each other, exercise tolerance and recognize that we are the sum of our many individual parts. Our subjects have ranged from the protection of the natural areas of our beautiful county to gay marriage, the death penalty, the intellectual freedom of Charles Darwin and immigration, to name a few. Although the politics of our time need to address many of these problems, partisan politics is not a part of the Reflections format.

When the Board approved this project, it recognized that we would not all be in agreement. In the September 2006 UU Update, an invitation to dialogue about these issues was extended. This was visualized as a letter to the editor style response that could be called "Point and Counterpoint." I hope that members and friends will take advantage of this forum. Remember that the UU's have a tradition of free pulpit and free pew.

The Social Responsibility Committee has adopted a systematic way to invite members and friends to have an opportunity to do a Reflection. In addition, you may contact the committee chair if you have a principle about which you desire to speak.

Editor's Note: *We are a diverse group of individuals and we have a variety of opinions. Please make your thoughts known - submit them in the form of a letter, an article or a short "one-liner". Remember we need to be respectful and thoughtful of each other and our differing viewpoints even when we cannot imagine anyone holding a particular set of beliefs.*

Adult Enrichment

By Myrna Cohn

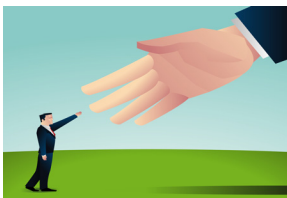
UU Book Club

The UU Book Club will meet August 6th to discuss *Divisadero* by Michael Ondaatje.

From the celebrated author of *The English Patient* and *Anil's Ghost* comes a remarkable, intimate novel of intersecting lives that ranges across continents and time. In the 1970s in Northern California a father and his teenage daughters, Anna and Claire, work their farm with the help of Coop, an enigmatic young man who makes his home with them. Theirs is a make-shift family, until it is shattered by an incident of violence that sets fire to the rest of their lives. *Divisadero* takes us from San Francisco to the raucous backrooms of Nevada's casinos and eventually to the landscape of southern France. As the narrative moves back and forth through time and place, we find each of the characters trying to find some foothold in a present shadowed by the past.

Myrna Cohn will host the club at her home at 8092 E. Oaks Drive, Baileys Harbor at 1:00. If you would like to bring a brown bag lunch before, you are invited to join her at noon; drinks will be provided. Call Myrna at 920-559-2559.

The UU Book Club welcomes anyone interested in discussing the selected books.



Therapeutic Touch

If you have any interest in self-healing and helping others access their healing energy, then this class is for you.

Mark your calendars for **September 10, 10 AM —3:00 PM** in the Gathering Room at UUFDC. Bring a brown bag lunch; drinks will be provided.

Therapeutic Touch is a complementary process to medical treatment and does not involve direct touch. Since

energy extends beyond the skin, no touch is necessary to allow the body to be instrumental in utilizing its own healing mechanisms. Therapeutic Touch alleviates discomfort as it speeds up the healing process using nature's universal energy flow as a healing agent.

Anyone can learn and use Therapeutic Touch personally and to help others.

This session will be facilitated by UU member Coral Peterson and is available to members at no cost.

Eco Solutions

by Lu Schilling



This from Kay Smith: To help the Planet, reduce your carbon footprint. Tips can be found in *Low Carbon Diet*, a book found online or simply request it at the bookstore. Also, reduce waste and even the amount you recycle by just not buying it up front. Read more on the web at www.thestoryofstuff.com. An example is **Styrofoam cups**. Styrofoam takes over 400 years to break down. Did you know that the styrene in them can bond to other things and can get into your blood stream? One study stated that a person who drank hot liquids out of a Styrofoam cup daily for two years would have the equivalent of one whole Styrofoam cup in their body after three years. Styrene is linked to causing cancer. I'm glad UUFDC is going to start using the ceramic mugs and the dishwasher. The local folk dance event in Sister Bay last week provided a fish boil and served us on washable trays with stainless flatware and washable cups: bravo and kudos.

"I awake each morning torn between a desire to save the world and a desire to savor the world. This makes it hard to plan my day."

E.B. White



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- 1 Betty Aik
- 3 Sharon Sweet
- 4 Rik Warch
- 5 Estella Lauter
- 5 Cynthia Stiehl
- 6 George Kaage
- 15 Louis Smolak
- 17 Barbara Pfeifer
- 22 Myrna Cohn
- 25 Lee Tackenberg
- 26 Valerie Murre-Schlick
- 29 Hanne Gault

JUNE SUNDAY VOUNTEERS

Compiled by Dottie Gerrits

Al Johnson
 Al Stuart
 Al Wittenkeller
 Art MacKinney
 Billie Ryan-Hohman
 Cal Bonniver
 Carol Boyd
 Carrie Link
 Chuck Lauter
 Estella Lauter
 Garrett Cohn
 Helene Di Iulio
 Jim Smith
 Karen Cruz
 Kay Smith
 Lois MacKinney
 Lynn Berger
 Meg Vermillion
 Ray Di Iulio
 Sally Malm
 Sam Carmen
 Stella Brown
 Vicky Carmen

I want to add that some of these people volunteered for more than one need; some up to five times. They deserve our gratitude!

Help Wanted!

We still 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. Remember this is our Fellowship and it is only as strong as our participation! Contact Dottie Gerrits 854-2964 or Gerrits@dcwis.com.

On an ongoing basis, we need members and friends to volunteer for the "normal" roles necessary to provide our weekly services and coffee following the service. These include coffee hosts, verger, greeters, housekeepers and provider of flowers. Wouldn't it be a wonderful tribute to Dottie if we freely volunteered and she did not have to send out last minute requests for the "vacancies" each week? We're sure she would be pleasantly surprised and appreciative. Try it; you'll like it.

Cindy Taubert reminds everyone that Fall is right around the corner. It is not too late to start thinking about hosting or participating in Circle Suppers. It is a great way to get to meet your fellow members and friends and to get to know them better.

Work is of two kinds: first, altering the position of matter at or near the earth's surface relative to other matter; second, telling other people to do so."
Bertrand Russell

Kudos

Big, big thanks to my mentor and good buddy **Kay Smith**. Although Kay is no longer our Summer Chair on the Program Committee, she was responsible for much of the programming for this summer. Both Kay and Jim are involved members... we are so lucky to have them with us! Lynn Berger.

And, to **Carol Soper** for ably organizing Circle Suppers the past two years for UU members and friends. She has passed the job on to **Cindy Taubert**, 854-7108, cyn-thiataubert@yahoo.com. Thanks Carol and Cindy!

To the Adopted Highway Crew:

Ellen Shahbazi
Helene Dilulio
Carol Boyd
Jacque Polzin
Garrett Cohn
Ken Boyd
Chuck Lauter
Don Polzin

and **Marilyn and Phil Hansotia** for hosting the crew and providing goodies!

To **Stella Brown** and her many helpers, especially Billie Ryan-Hohman and Karen Cruz, for arranging the receptions and celebrations since moving to our new building.

To **Myrna Cohn** for chairing the Adult Enrichment for 2+ years, arranging seminars on spiritual and social issues, movie nights, and how-to sessions on Mah Jongg and sudoku as well as a book club. Thanks for all you have added to our lives beyond Sunday mornings Myrna!

To **Dave Link** who has managed our building needs at Koessl Lane through snowstorms, droughts and no heat events! Thanks to Dave and **Carrie** for continuing to manage the garden maintenance at our new building.

To **Chuck Lauter** for filling in for Allin Walker on July 6 when Allin was unable to conduct the service as scheduled.



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Mondays — 1:00 PM Mah Jongg / Gallery Open
 Saturdays—10 AM Bible Study
 Wednesday, Aug 6—1:00 PM Book Club
 Tuesday, Aug. 12— 4:00 PM Governing Board
 Wednesday, Aug, 13— 7:30 PM Birch Creek Ambassador Jazz Concert
 Sunday, Aug. 17—Car Pool Sunday
 Wednesday, Aug. 20— Noon Ladies Lunch and Swim Party

UUFDC Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Bible Study
3 SS	4 Mah Jongg Gallery Open (1-3)	5	6 Book Club	7	8	9 Bible Study
10 SS	11 MJ Gallery Open (1-3)	12 Governing Board	13 BC Am-baasadors Jazz Concert	14	15	16 Bible Study
17 SS (Car Pooling)	18 MJ Gallery Open (1-3)	19	20 Ladies Lunch & Swim Party	21	22	23 Bible Study
24/31 SS	25 MJ Gallery Open (1-3)	26	27	28	29	30 Bible Study