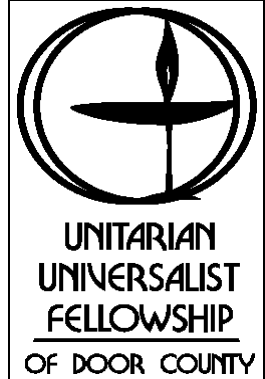


# UU Update

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We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote justice, equity and compassion in human relations.

## November Sunday Services

### November 2: The Rev. Cynthia Johnson My Country, 'Tis of Thee

On this Sunday before the election, let's celebrate with words and music how lucky we are to live in a nation that is a stable democracy. Amid the noise of campaigns and the chaotic times we live in, let us remember how few people in the world have the right to cast a secret ballot to elect their leaders. Let's pause to feel genuinely patriotic!

*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 and painting. She is on the Guenzel Gallery Committee at the Peninsula Art School and the Kangaroo Lake Association Board.*

Music: Carol Boyd, piano; Katie Dahl, vocalist

### November 9: The Rev. Phil Sweet The Deadly Sin of Dishonesty

We take so much of the universe on trust. Deception erodes the fiber of our lives. Bearing false witness is the ninth commandment; the intent of lying is to

deceive. Adlai Stevenson said, "A lie is an abomination to the Lord, and a very present help in trouble". A reflection on a personal and national disease.

*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: Sarah Naber  
Music: Kathy Little, piano

### November 16: Allin Walker The Best Is Yet To Be: Loving the Familiar

Above me...Yes; Below me...YES; Beside me... YES; In front of me YES; Behind me...YES; Within me...YES.

*Allin manages Woodwalk Gallery for his wife Margaret and continues to provide leadership to JAK's Place, the United Way of Door County and the Door County Democratic Party.*

Service Leader: Sheila Saperstein  
Music: Gerri Friedberg, piano

### November 23: Meg Vermillion, David Link and Phil Hansotia Thanks and Giving Go Together

Thanksgiving is a time of gratitude and we look upon tables bountiful in presentation. It is also a time when we rec-

ognize that a country built upon idyllic democratic principles doesn't assure equal pleasure to all. What then?

*Three UU members share their stories of giving.*

Service Leader: Cynthia Oliver  
Music: Ellen Shahbazi piano; Dottie Gerrits and Hanne Gault flute

### November 30: "Doc" Fred Heide Judge Not: The New Acceptance-Based Therapies

An exciting trend in contemporary clinical psychology is the development of new behavioral psychotherapies that emphasize accepting, rather than struggling with, our experiences. We will look at the substantial research evidence for these therapies and describe their basic principles, which offer a practical way to combine Eastern and Western philosophy.

*Doc Heide is co-founder of American Folklore theatre (AFT) and also holds a PhD in clinical psychology. He is associate professor at the California School of Professional Psychology in San Francisco. He has received numerous awards and published in the field of psychology and has also co-authored 15 musical stage shows.*

Service Leader: Alan Kopischke  
Music: Gerri Friedberg, piano

Services are Sundays at 10:00 AM at 10431 Water Street (Hwy 42) north of Ephraim.

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. Contact Geri Friedberg at 868-1342 if you would like to either share your musical talents or have a favorite piece of music you would like to hear during a Sunday service. The latter will, of course, depend upon the fit of such a piece to the topic being presented. Become involved - offer your input and your talents.

Copies of the Sunday Sermons are available on CD. Contact AL Wittenkeller, 839-2800 or [alnjudy@dewis.com](mailto:alnjudy@dewis.com)

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## President's Message

By Garrett Cohn

Autumn in its full glory has come and is on its way out. Every year I am amazed at nature's breathtaking array of colors. Every year! That either means I don't recall last year's color display (could be my age!) or they just are more breathtaking each year. It is a blessing to me to partake in these colors annually.

The October Governing Board Meeting covered several issues as the move to the new building approaches its final steps. I hope to be able to report officially on the proper documents from the Village of Ephraim next month.

Jacque Polzin submitted her resignation as summer co-chair of the Social Responsibility Committee and from the Board. Thank you Jacque for your energy and dedication. You will be missed. Chuck Lauter will continue as winter chair and would like to talk to anyone with interest on being on the SRC committee.

Cynthia Johnson came to the meeting and presented a request for a memorial garden to be placed on the UUFDC property. There are quite a few issues to discuss before the Board can make a decision. Cynthia also renewed the discussions we have had in the past regarding her officiating at Memorial services for individual Fellowship members. Again this is being reviewed and I will report on it next month.

We had a surprise visitor during the meeting, Peggy Bocard who is the office manager of the UU Central Midwest District office in Hillside, Ill. She was shown through the building and was quite impressed. She also reported --much to the Board's dismay-- our application for the Chalice Lighters grant request to fund a new audio system was lost by them and did not arrive in time to be included in the September call. We are re-submitting the application for the November call.

If your laptop computer is equipped with WI-FI we are now able to offer it FREE at the UUFDC building. If you have any questions call Garrett or Al Wittenkeller.

By the next newsletter there will be a new President—not here--but in Washington, DC! Don't forget to vote!

**Help Central Midwest District congregations (including UUFDC) receive grants for targeted projects. Become a Chalice Lighter now! Information is available at the Fellowship.**

## Bob Lindahl Joins UUFDC

By Dottie Gerrits



Bob Lindahl joined the UUFDC on October 5. He was born in Geneva, IL and graduated from Blackburn College and Northern Illinois University. Bob retired in 2005 after a 34 year career in the St. Charles, IL schools as a middle school math teacher, middle school principal and finally Director of Facilities. Bob currently serves on the school board in St. Charles.

In his youth, Bob's family often vacationed in Ephraim. While raising children, his family vacationed on Washington Island. Ten years ago, Bob and his wife (who died in September 2007) purchased an abandoned farm house on Timberline Road near Gills Rock. They proceeded to work on it at least two weekends a month for about the first seven years of ownership. Bob still enjoys visioning improvements to his barns.

Bob has four grown children and eight grandchildren. Bob looks forward to having all of the kids and grandchildren at the "Farm" in mid-February.

Bob enjoys artistic endeavors such as re-habbing buildings, photography and occasionally drawing/painting. Other interests are caring for his dog, "Gilly", gardening, boating and skiing. He enjoys reading about liberal theology and eastern spiritual practice. His favorite author is Bishop John Shelby Spong.

Bob grew up Lutheran and became an active member of the Evangelical Covenant Church after marriage. He describes himself as a "recovering Evangelical". When the framework of the traditional church began wearing on him, he tried several churches in Door County but kept returning to the UU. The denomination itself and the UUFDC in particular seem to suit Bob well because of the emphasis on studying and respecting divergent views, openness to various ways of expressing spirituality and the wonderful caring attitude experienced at UUFDC. Bob joined in October because he has made a decision to sell his home in St. Charles and move to Door County full time in January. He feels that he is now in a position to be an active participant in the Fellowship.

## November Artist: Myrna Cohn

By Meg Vermillion



Mingled with the energetic and young emerging artists is another group. They could be called the well-lived boomer artists. At age sixty, Baileys Harbor resident Myrna Cohn "tiptoed

into my first art class without any previous history of drawing or art." From the familiar story, a successful professional woman emerged as a reflective and expressive artist. Featured artist for the month of November, Cohn takes us through her evolutionary journey from tentative beginnings to award winning art. In chronological order, we see changes in media covering charcoal, watercolor, pastels, oil and giclee.

An added feature will be an open talk to the public Monday, November 10, 10:30AM - noon at the Fellowship. Coffee and light refreshments will be served. Cohn will describe her art as the reflection of the "inner journey of my life and the people, places, dreams and emotions that stay within me. Photos, a piece of music or words that remind me of a meaningful moment, become the catalyst for my art." When it comes to landscapes, "I don't try to reproduce the symmetry and color palette of nature. The color, form and texture reveal the essence of the subject, which I then interpret on canvas as my experience of that scene."

Then there are the mentors, like Margaret Lockwood of Woodwalk Gallery, whom Cohn considers a favorite role model. Philosophically, she relates, "our lives are fleeting but for what is left of mine, I will be a woman whose soul is revealed in my art."

Cohn's art has been exhibited throughout Door County including Woodwalk Gallery, Door County Art League, Link Gallery, The Bridge, Charlene's Gallery Ten, and Guenzel Gallery. In addition she was juried in 2005, 2006, and 2007 for the Miller Art Museums' Annual Exhibition.

## All UU Members Art Show

By Shirley Stolley



There will be an "ALL UU MEMBERS ART SHOW" displayed the month of July '09. Two works may be submitted for selection. UU member artists, mark your calendars and select two of your paintings for this special exhibit!! (At least one of your two paintings will be assured of being hung for this show.)

"Snowbirds" - let Julia Bresnahan or Shirley Stolley know before you leave if you plan to enter.

## Norwegian Novel for November Book Club



*Out Stealing Horses* by Per Peterson is the topic of discussion November 5<sup>th</sup>, 1-3 P.M., at the home of Gerri Friedberg, Egg Harbor.

Set in the easternmost region of Norway, *Out Stealing Horses* begins with 67-year-old Trond settled into a rustic cabin in an isolated area to live the rest of his life with quiet deliberation. A meeting with his only neighbor forces him to reflect on a fateful summer of his youth.

After October's discussion of *Three Cups of Tea*, we collected \$145 to further the work of author Greg Mortenson's Central Asia Institute in building schools, particularly for girls, in Pakistan and Afghanistan.

The following books have been selected for future months::

December 10: *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston

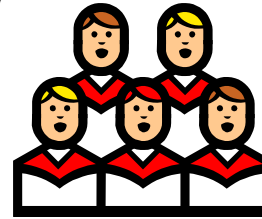
January 7: *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* by Mark Twain (Door County's "The Big Read")

February 4: *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak

March 4th - *Bridge of Sighs* by Richard Russo

## A Real Choir

By Carol Soper



Yes, after years of wishing, we now have a choir. Cyndy Stiehl is the Artistic Director and Carol Soper is the Man-

aging Director. We currently have 15 singing members, with Karin Kopishke and Carol Boyd volunteering to accompany us on the piano. Other musicians from the Fellowship may accompany in the future.

We are a fledging group, singing one Sunday each month. Rehearsals are on Sunday morning before we sing for the service and as requested by the choir members. Practicing at 8:15am is a stretch, but it seems to work best for everyone.

Music is chosen by the directors and is purchased by the UUFDC, so we are also building a choral music library.

Music is a part of worship - "paying respect to whatever is honorable, true and good." {Rev. Bob Clarke}

We invite new members to join our venture. If you are interested, contact Carol Soper, [pcsoper69@charter.net](mailto:pcsoper69@charter.net).

## Emerson Series Returns

The 2008-2009 Emerson Series will commence with the popular Todd Buffa Trio at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, November 11th. Todd's music is a unique blend of blues, jazz, romance and rhythmic vibrancy. He is a three-time Grammy nominee. Todd will be joined by pianist Le Tombulian and bassist John Gibson.

This is a return engagement for the trio. Todd's prior appearance under the auspices of the Emerson Series earned rave reviews. We expect nothing less this time!

This season is being dedicated to the memory of Erik Eriksson, the founder of the Emerson Series. Ticket prices have not increased; they will remain at \$10 for adults and \$5 for students.

**VOTE!! VOTE!! VOTE!!**  
**Don't forget to vote on or before November 4th! It is our privilege and duty!!**

## Dollars and \$ense

by Juliana Neuman, Treasurer

### Cash Flow: July thru September, 2008

#### Income

Capital Campaign Contributions	1,150
Pledges	11,490
Donations	1,075
Offering	3,248
Fundraising	325
Other	482
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,770</b>

#### Outflows

New Building Refurbishing	4,005
Interest on Loan	5,855
Utilities	669
Maintenance	946
Insurance	2,558
Administration	1,114
Program/Music	3,320
Publicity	941
Committees	1,367
UUA Dues	1,579
<b>Total</b>	<b>22,354</b>

The Bottom Line ( 4,584)

This shortfall is due, for the most part, to the completion of work on the heating, cooling, and electrical systems of the new building. These unbudgeted expenses were approved by the Governing Board to bring the building up to code and were financed from surplus funds from prior years.

In addition, property and liability insurance for the entire policy year was paid during the first quarter of our fiscal year, thus contributing to the negative bottom line.

#### Donations:

Helene Di Iulio made a contribution in memory of Margot Warch's mother.

Coral Peterson contributed her expertise and class fees totaling \$180 by teaching a session on Therapeutic Touch in September.

### Cyndy Needs An Audience

On Nov. 9th, immediately after the discussion, Cyndy Stiehl, with Judith Jackson, will perform a pre-concert of three arias from Bizet's *Carmen*. She is preparing for a performance with the Green Bay Civic Symphony on November 15 and she needs an audience to practice on! Everyone, please come to the 15 minute concert that will start about noon. Cyndy will be grateful!

## Social Responsibility Committee

By Jacquie Polzin

### Oxymoron or Possibility??

Is there a Unitarian Universalist trinity? Don Polzin suggested this idea in his Reflection on UU Principles on October 5th. The second principle states, "Justice, equity and compassion in human relations." He finds that practicing compassion is a pathway toward fulfilling the principles of justice and equity. Viewed from this perspective, the principle is not three, but one. Justice, equity and compassion might be considered the UU trinity. Certainly, it is an idea that the Social Responsibility Committee can use to direct its work.

### The Madison Church Sets an Example

Karen and Larry Eriksson, friends of UUFDC and members of First Unitarian Society in Madison, shared information about the Madison church's addition to its historic Meeting House designed by Frank Lloyd Wright. The new structure pays homage to the earlier design while making a strong commitment to environmental responsibility and sustainability. It is certified LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design). Features include: geothermal heating and cooling, abundant use of natural light, roof system topped with soil and sedum plants, permeable strips in the parking lot, natural ventilation and water stewardship. The church states: "Our buildings are manifestations of our values and principles. Our decision to stay here and to build green signifies our strong commitment to social justice and the web of life." Our congregation may want to pursue the Green Sanctuary program as we adjust to our new building.

### Movies that Matter

By Lu Schilling

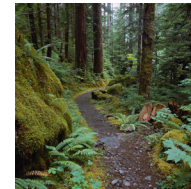
Our next Movies that Matter will be *Media Reform* which includes highlights from the 2007 National conference where legendary journalist Bill Moyers denounced Big Media corporations in a fiery speech. Moyers details how the independent press is under sustained attack by a few corporations conspiring with political leaders to create an Orwellian world "in which language conceals reality and the pursuit of personal gain and partisan power are wrapped in rhetoric that turns truth to lies and lies to truth." Other highlighted speakers are Amy Goodman, Helen Thomas and Geena Davis.

The aim of this event is to move media issues to the forefront of public discourse in the United States. Please join us at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, November 18th.

Also, reserve December 16 for Movies That Matter. Michael Moore's *Sicko* will be the next feature!

## Eco-Solutions

By Lu Schilling



From Movies That Matter, we learned that the environmental and cultural damage in Ecuador by Texaco oil harvesting was MANY times worse than that of the Exxon Valdez. There now is a lawsuit which requires outside witness and attention. Texaco is evading responsibility by claiming that because the trees in the Amazon rain forest are green, they didn't hurt it really that much. More details at CorpWatch: <http://www.corpwatch.org/article.php?id=9249> Corporations need the Robert Fulghum rules: **Clean up Your Mess, Put Things Back Where You Found Them;** related to not taking things that belong to others, and the "play fair" concepts he describes.

Since 1972, companies have pumped more than 3 billion barrels of oil out of the Amazon rain forest. That leaves 4.5 billion more to go -- the amount of the U.S. oil demand for about *two thirds* of 1 year. Drilling in Alaskan National Wildlife Refuge (A.N.W.R.) would supply us for 1 hour and 13 minutes. And yet some think this is a solution. To sign up with our local Transportation Consortium (coordinated carpooling) call 743-9999. Change our lifestyle.

## Sayings of Mencius

From *The Wisdom of China*

The great man is he who does not lose his child-heart. He does not think beforehand that his words shall be sincere, nor that his acts shall be resolute; he simply abides in the right.

A people's limits do not consist of dikes and borders. The security of a State is not in the strength of mountains and streams. No strength compares with the accord of man.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY !



- 2 Carol Soper
- 6 Dick Malm
- 8 Phil Hansotia
- 9 Barbara Pedersen
- 10 Phyl Mielke
- 11 Patti Podgers
- 16 Bobbie Larson
- 25 Anne Clarke

## Point-Counterpoint

By Gerri Friedberg

A recent reunion Sun. service with my former UU church in Hinsdale, IL. offered Rev. Ed Searl's wisdom which resonated with me.

He defined "religion" as that which is concerned with values (moral instinct), insight, meaning and a fully satisfying life.

Ethics is based on "right behavior", which in turn is the basis of the good ("beautiful") life. Examples are the Golden Rule and Albert Schweitzer's "Reverence for Life".

Components of this are :

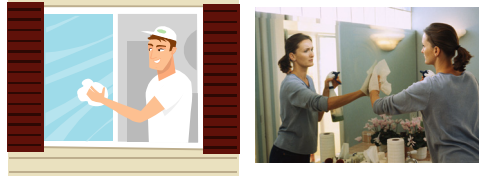
- (1) Do no harm (Enhance life);
- (2) Be fair (American Declaration of Independence & the U.S. Constitution);
- (3) Respect for community (Robt. Putnam's recent book, "Bowling Alone");
- (4) Accord to appropriate authority (Rule of Law); and
- (5) Purity (That in which we refuse corruption, as in spousal/partner relationship; friendship; language, behavior standards.)

## Thank You Gardeners!

By Carrie Link

Dave and I would like to thank all of the volunteers who have contributed their time to helping out with the gardens for this season. While this season is almost over, we need to be thinking about next year, and hopefully in the next newsletter, there will be a bit more information about what direction the Fellowship needs to go. Again, a big thank you to all of you.

## Team Cleaning



By Dottie Gerrits

It was suggested by Phyl Mielke that we form four teams for cleaning the Fellowship, each team taking a week in the month. It was such a good idea and she even gave me a start with organizing a team. So I went to work on it. To my absolute amazement and delight the three other teams came together very quickly. What a wonderful group of Members and Friends we have, always so eager to help. Please thank the following people when you see them.

Carrie Link  
Diane Daniel  
Chuck Lauter  
Ellie Kaage  
Ellen Shahbazi  
Phyl Mielke  
Helene Di Iulio  
Sally Malm  
Hanne Gault  
Susanne Beaumont  
Valerie Murre-Schlick  
Diane Morgan  
Cynthia Oliver  
Barb Pedersen  
Ginny Olson  
Bob Lindahl  
Phil Hansotia

I would also like to thank those people, who week after week, are Vergers, Greeters, Coffee Hosts, bring flowers, teach RE and make CD's available for your listening pleasure.

You all make our Sunday Services a pleasant experience.

## Policy Update

By Marilyn Hansotia

Thank you—a simple phrase that means so much. Have you heard an exceptional speaker on Sunday morning, attended an insightful program or seen a moving documentary at UU? How about the cleanliness of the building, the gardens, the abundant food and beverage at every function?

All these things don't just happen; *It takes a village* to run UUFDC. Most all the time this is a seamless process, so it is difficult to envision the number of folks who are responsible for it all.

Please join me in adopting a policy of acknowledging those who have had a hand in making our organization run smoothly. Pitch in when and where your talents fit. Recognize the huge combined commitment that our members and friends make to UUFDC.

We are suspending the practice of listing the monthly volunteers as it has gotten impossible to identify each person who contributes their time and energy. In addition, your Governing Board has decided to suspend the "Kudos" column as it is impossible to recognize all the contributions.

## November Ladies' Lunch

The November Ladies' Luncheon will be November 12<sup>th</sup> at UUFCD at noon. It is being hosted by Lynn Berger (854-6375) and Marilyn Hansotia (854-9360). Bring your own sandwich; dessert and beverage will be provided.

Wellness Center Director Michele Geiger-Bronsky will present an informative session on the important work of the Center. This is not a fundraising event and no solicitation will occur.

## Caring Committee Update

The Caring Committee coordinates assistance to UUFDC members who have a need. Please contact Judy Wittenkeller, 839-2800, if you have needs or know of others who do (if you have their permission).



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 11:00: Gallery Open

**Mondays** - 1:00 PM: Mah  
 Jongg / Gallery Open

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 PM: Book Club

Sunday, Nov. 9 - Noon :  
 Cynthia Stiehl mini-  
 concert

Monday, Nov 10 - 10:30  
 AM: Myrna Cohn's Artist  
 Talk

Tuesday, Nov 11 - 4 PM:  
 Governing Board

Tuesday, Nov 11 - 7:30  
 PM : Emerson Series

Wednesday, Nov 12 -  
 Noon: Ladies Lunch/  
 Wellness Center Presenta-  
 tion

Sunday, Nov 16 - Car-  
 pooling Sunday

Tuesday, Nov 18 - 7 PM:  
 Movies That Matter

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