

UU Update

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We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part

April Sunday Services

April 5th - Tony Busalacchi Creativity

The creation of the universe and paper airplanes, music of Mozart, Gustav Holst and George Gershwin, readings from Ovid and the Bible - put all of these together, and perhaps we will create something different. There will be plenty of interaction: singing, responsive reading and some will even be asked to make things!

Tony has been a Unitarian for over 40 years and is a Past President of First Church of Milwaukee. He taught at high school and university levels at Catholic, public and Jewish Orthodox schools. His specialty is cultural history. Tony, the artist, has shown in several Door County and Milwaukee galleries.

Service Leader: Estella Lauter
Music: Gerri Friedberg

April 12th - Rev. Joan Shiels

The Thinking Person's Guide to Easter

Rev. Joan Shiels is a long-time friend of the Fellowship. She serves Unitarian and United Church of Christ congregations all over Wisconsin.

Music: Gerri Friedberg

April 19th - Eric Hansen Behind Wisconsin's Wildlife Story: A Remarkable Migration of the Human Heart

Author and Unitarian Eric Hansen believes our regional conservation legacy offers rich spiritual lessons for the environmental challenges we face today. He will explore Wisconsin wildlife and conservation consciousness.

Eric is a conservation activist and has authored books on hiking in Wis. and the U.P. He is a guest on WPR and won an award for conservation writing. He is also an intrepid hiker and skier.

Service Leader: Chuck Lauter

Music: Gerri Friedberg and Dottie Gerrits

April 26th - Dr. Martyn Smith Sacred Space and Stories

One traditional way to think about sacred space is to ascribe some divine event to that place. The Bible and the history of religion give us plenty of examples. Perhaps it is these stories themselves that make places significant? This talk that will make you reconsider the places you hold most dear.

Martyn Smith is an assistant professor of religious studies at Lawrence University. He contributes daily to his blog at www.oldroads.org. He works on the history of Cairo, but hopes before long to make a documentary of the Indian Mounds of Wisconsin.

Service Leader: Cynthia Johnson
Music: Lolly Lebovic, Dottie Gerrits, Dave Hansell and UU choir

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

Are you a musician? If so, please contact Gerri 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.

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

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Vice-President's Message

By Cynthia Stiehl

Your Governing Board has been hard at work on many issues. Juliana presented the budget that we passed. We await a firm suggestion concerning the sound/video system. The Board will participate in a facilitated planning session on March 31 which will help us improve the ways we do business and review some aspects of our Bylaws.

The Memorial Garden Task Force continues its work. Also, we have permission to use the two parking lots to our south and the one to the north. So, on busy Sundays, we ask those able bodied members and friends to use these alternate parking areas to allow our guests to park closer. Repair of the roof and some electrical work is ensuing.

All of our committees are busy and active. Poet presentations are set for the next 12 months, the redesign of our web pages continues and we are up to 100 members. We applaud Lynn Lees on the one-year anniversary of our Children's RE and thank all who help deliver this wonderful program to our five children. Thank you Lynn and staff!

The Board agreed that discussion of incorporating the Green Sanctuary Program for UUFDC be included in our upcoming planning. And a committee will be formed to plan to upgrade our large back room for use during summer coffee hours.

When I am out in the community talking to people, the subject of this Fellowship usually surfaces. The response is always positive. Certainly, you have experienced the same thing. We are appreciated as "the place to be" for so many things; art, literature, music, social action and as a liberal religious presence. Let's rejoice in who we are, which is a welcoming, enlightening, gratifying and worthwhile place to learn and grow; where the spirit and the intellect are uplifted. Thank you to everyone who makes UUFDC the wonderful community it is.

Membership News

By Dottie Gerrits



Please warmly welcome BK and Rob Story when you see them. They are the newest members of our Fellowship and have the distinction of being the 99th and 100th members of the UUFDC. They are both talented artistically and I hope we will have their bios for the next newsletter.

Dollars and \$ense

by Juliana Neuman, Treasurer

At its meeting on March 10 the Governing Board agreed on a tentative budget for the coming fiscal year that is only 4% larger than the previous one. We recognize that this is a time to be financially conservative and have reduced many line items accordingly. We cannot, however, reduce our occupancy or program expenses, for we must continue to maintain the place and the programs that sustain our life together.

In early April UUFDC's members and friends will receive a letter requesting continued support for the Fellowship. The total pledge goal for next year (7/1/09 – 6/30/10) is \$65,000. This represents a 3% increase over last year's pledge total. The Board recognizes that everyone's financial situation is different: some members will be able to increase their support while others are struggling because of the current economy. The important thing is that we all share in the support of this organization that means so much to us. So, please, decide on as generous a pledge as you can manage and then return your pledge form right away.

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Religiosity and Art Exhibit at UU Gallery

By Meg Vermillion



Religiosity, a melding of the words religion and curiosity, is the title of Tony Busalacchi's t h r e e - dimensional art show in April. Tony has al-

ways had an interest in world religions and enjoyed assembling objects that he hopes will open the door for discussion. He sees himself as a social commentator and hopes his display evokes comments of curiosity. The show is the result of trips to Russia, Italy, Spain and Portugal. In those countries, Tony was struck by the beauty and richness of the ornate art objects found in churches and museums. His created artifacts are constructions of bejeweled reliquaries, crowns and paintings. The three crowns for his show are based on the traditional Russian crowns of St. George for Tsarina, St. George for Tsar, and the Blessed Tsarovich.

Of Italian heritage with an immersion in opera, art and history, Tony aspired to be a Dominican priest. After a year of ecclesiastical study, he turned to teaching history and the humanities at the high school and college level. In 2000, while recovering from back surgery, Tony began experimenting in three-dimensional art. He has created numerous mobiles, assemblages, collages, jewelry as well as painting and doing photo shoots.

Tony has been featured in numerous art galleries in Milwaukee and Door County, currently at the Paint Box Gallery in Ephraim, and is a Friend of the UUFDC.

Book Club

By Ellie Kaage

Do you enjoy reading a variety of interesting books? Join the UU Book Club on the first Wednesday of each month from 1 – 3 P.M. We get together in participant's homes to discuss the month's selection. The discussions are lively and thoughtful. Simple refreshments are usually served.

Books chosen for the next three months are:

April 1 - *Bridge of Sighs* by Richard Russo

May 6 - *Dreams of My Father* by Barack Obama

June 3 - *Map of Love* by Ahdof Soueif

We will meet at Gail Jacobs home in Gills Rock on April 1. Call 854-5154 for directions.

Movies That Matter

By Lu Schilling

Every topic in our series so far - oil, debt, media, health care, agri-food, water and war - has had intimate ties to corporations. This month's film, *The Corporation*, explores the very definition of what that is. A corporation has the status of a legal 'person', but cannot be jailed. This documentary, winner of twenty-six international awards and ten audience choice awards including the Sundance Film Festival, asks "What kind of person is a corporation?" It then holds the corporation's feet to the fire for scrutiny on the psychiatrist's couch. Witness the nature and spectacular rise of the dominant institution of our time. *The Corporation* provides an insightful and compelling analysis with interviews from forty corporate insiders and critics including true confessions, case studies and strategies for change.

The Corporation will be shown Tuesday, April 21st at 7 P.M. at the

Fellowship. The series is open to the public. Admission is free.

NOTE!! Due to the extent of content this film runs 2.5 hours. Plan ahead and pre-nap if necessary.

Coming attractions: *What the Bleep Do We Know?* Tuesday, May 19th at 7 P.M.

Movies That Matter is a monthly series sponsored by Social Responsibility Committee on the third Tuesday each month. at 7 P.M.

Eco Solutions

By Lu Schilling

We all know fresh fruits and vegetables are good for us. Recently we are advised to "buy local" to reduce environmental stress caused by the transportation of the food. Now it is calculated that barely one-tenth of a food product's greenhouse gas emissions are from transport. Certain foods, like meat and cheese, suck up so many resources (a pound of beef requires nearly a gallon of fuel and 5,169 gallons of water) that you can shrink your footprint far more by changing what you eat, rather than where the food came from. According to a 2008 report from Carnegie Mellon University, going meat- and dairy- less one day a week is more environmentally beneficial than eating locally every single day.

Wheelchair and Walker Available

The UUFDC now has a wheelchair for the use of our members and guests. It is kept in the foyer area. It will be convenient for those who may need a wheelchair and now will not have to bring their own, if they chose.

In addition, a walker has been donated. It currently resides in the coat closet and members/friends are welcome to use it as long as they need it.

UUFDC Car Pool/ Alternative Transport Plan from SRC

By Chuck Lauter

In June, 2007 SRC designated the third Sunday of every month as Car Pool/ Alternative Transport Sunday. That intent is noted each month in the newsletter calendar. Initially there was great enthusiasm and some people even biked or walked to Fellowship. However, we've done very little to foster continuation of the program. Currently, we are unaware of any significant car-pooling. As announced at the Justice Sunday service, now is the time to initiate such a plan. We will begin on April 5.

We recognize that car-pooling will not work for everyone all the time. However, we all need to make the effort to car-pool or use alternative transport in order to save energy, reduce carbon output and alleviate the parking problem at the Fellowship. We believe the plan needs to be simple. We therefore propose designated meeting places and times where those wishing to car-pool will gather and join together. If no one else is there, wait 5 minutes and then drive on. We hope all who attend Fellowship will get in the habit of driving to the following meeting places on the way to services.

Sturgeon Bay:YMCA (9:00 A.M.)

Egg Harbor: Bertschinger Center (9:15 A.M.)

Baileys Harbor:Town Hall (9:15 A.M.)

Fish Creek: YMCA (9:30 A.M.)

Sister Bay: Country Walk (9:30 A.M.)

Ellison Bay: Post Office (9:15 A.M.)

The plan outlined above can also be used for other Fellowship events by applying the lead times to the start of an event. We hope that as this pattern becomes a habit for all Fellowship activities, members and friends from each area will begin to individualize their arrangements.

To evaluate the success of the program, we ask each driver of a "car-pooled" vehicle to pick up a green token from the basket in the lobby and deposit it in the collection at the service or a designated basket at other events. Similarly, those who used alternate transport should pick up a blue token for deposit. We hope this process will serve as a constant reminder to participate, whenever possible, in this valuable activity.

Another measure to alleviate the parking congestion has become available to us. We have been given permission to park at Incidentals Shop, owned by Sal Cruz, just north of the Shops of Green Gables and also at the Lodge 106.9/Peninsula Pulse lot on our south property boundary.

Religious Education for Kids

By Lynn Lees

Phil Hansotia has joined our small but merry teacher group. If you are interested in this fun adventure, please let me know.

The RE group has begun preparation for the May 24th service which is being produced and presented entirely by the kids, parents and teachers involved in our RE program. It is going to be fabulous so plan right now to be in attendance on May 24th.

The committee is also designing a less structured curriculum of stories, activities, songs, etc. for the summer session to more readily accommodate visiting kids and make teachers' jobs easier. Any arts and crafts people, story tellers willing to help out, please call or email me.

Two new curricula have been selected for the school year of 2009-10:"Exploring Our Values Through Poetry" and "The Quest of the Rainbow Dragons" - more about these super programs at a later date.

Our wish list is still unfulfilled: A bookcase and a small to medium size TV with DVD player. Not a very long list—can you help?

Lynn Lees 854.5451. lynnajohn@earthlink.net

April 23rd Emerson Series Concert

By Nancy Eriksson

The next Emerson series concert will be Thursday, April 23rd at the Fellowship.

Baritone Keith Harris will perform a full program of musical selections; he will be accompanied by Kenneth Bozeman, Frank C. Shattuck Professor of Music and Chair of the Vocal Department at Lawrence Conservatory.

Mr. Harris, who resides in New York City, holds a Bachelor of Music degree from Lawrence University and a Master of Music degree from University of Washington. He regularly performs art song and operatic recitals and will be entertaining us with selections from Scarlatti, Schumann, Ravel, Gershwin and Finzi, to name a few.

On May 12th, we shall have our final Emerson event for this year featuring Gerhard Bernhard and friends. Further information will be forthcoming on our UUFDC website.

The time is 7:30 P.M. at the Fellowship. Refreshments will follow the concert. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students.

The annual meeting of UUFDC is Sunday, June 7th, immediately following the service. Please plan to be in attendance if at all possible.

Happy Birthday!

2	Paul Schilling
	Elliot Wollman
4	Kärin Kopschke
6	Gail Jacobs
12	Mary Mitchell
	Margot Warch
19	Lu Schilling
21	Sid Gault
23	Lois MacKinney
24	Keta Steeb
29	Amanda DeWitt
30	Ellie Kaage

Highway Cleanup

By Bob Lindahl

Join us for our first highway cleanup of 2009, Tuesday May 5 at 9:30 A.M.! For several years, the Social Responsibility Committee of the Fellowship has committed to cleaning up a one mile stretch of Route 42 between Ellison Bay and Gills Rock three times during the non-winter months. We provide everything you might need, except for gloves. Please consider joining us as we take on this project and, yes, have fun in the process! Many hands will make it a quick job.

We'll gather at Bob Lindahl's, 12490 Timberline Road, at 9:30 A.M. May 5 for all important nourishment before starting. Please sign up in the UU foyer or give Bob a call at 421-2470 so we know who to expect.

(Dollars and Sense: Continued from page 2)

Now for some really good news: beginning May 1st, the Door County Land Trust organization is going to be using our Sister Bay building for office space! They will assume all of the utility costs and will pay a modest sum in rent for one year, thus reducing our expenses for that building by at least \$4500. Since real estate isn't moving at present, it will be no sacrifice to take the property off the market for a year or so. We are very fortunate that the Land Trust's search for space ended at our doorstep!

Sign Up Now to Provide Flowers



Every Sunday a plant or a bouquet of fresh flowers on the chalice table enhances our services. It seems that just a few of our friends and members participate, so we are suggesting another opportunity for more of us to take part. Let's all consider bringing flowers occasionally *in honor of, or remembrance of* an important person or event in our lives. Fresh flowers are sold in many locations throughout the county. Silk arrangements are also an option.

There will be a sign-up sheet on the table in the foyer listing the next several "months of Sundays" so each of us can pick a significant date.

Caring Committee

The Caring Committee coordinates assistance and support to UUFDC members who have a need. Please contact Helene Di Iulio (854-2312) for northern Door and Judy Wittenkeller (839-2800) for Fish Creek and south. This includes meals, transportation, a visit, errands, household chores or any other needs that would make your lives a bit easier.

Leonette Tackenberg (746-9445) has volunteered to be the contact person for those who find themselves in ER or actually hospitalized at DCMH. She lives nearby and will be happy to visit, make calls for you, run errands or help supply you with whatever you might need. Leonette is ready and waiting so call on her to make your stay less stressful.

We are here to help!

Change in April SRC Meeting

The April meeting of SRC will be held after discussion on April 5th.

Dickinson Poetry Series

By Chuck Lauter

The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Door County presents poetry readings at 7 P.M. on the second Wednesday of each month, inaugurated in April, National Poetry Month. Each evening a featured poet will read, followed by an "open mic." The readings are open to the public. All poets and those who love poetry are welcome. The featured poets are:

April 8- Henry Timm
 May 13- Cynthia Johnson
 June 10- Hanne Gault
 July 7*- David Clowers
 August 12- Tom Toerpe
 September 9- Anya Kopischke
 October 14- Estella Lauter
 November 11- Geri Friedberg
 December 9- Phil Hansotia
 January 13-TBA
 February 10- Larry Eriksson
 March 10-TBA

* note a change to Tuesday.

Please attend to read or listen, but above all, to enjoy poetry. All readings are held at the Fellowship.

Do You Shop at Pick'n'Save?

By Sarah Naber

If you shop at the Pick'n'Save store in Sturgeon Bay (or elsewhere), please register for an "Advantage PLUS" shopper's membership card with the UUFDC account number 872250 so we can receive a percentage rebate of each purchase you make. If you already have a card, you may need to re-register for a new card in order to get our organization designated as a recipient. We need to accumulate a collection of at least \$50 to receive a rebate. Last month our total was \$47.03!! We are close, and we need your help. Thanks.

Choir Rehearsals

Rehearsals will be April 19th & 26th.



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UUFDC April Calendar of Events

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 Mah Jongg / Gallery Open
 (1 - 3 P.M.)

Wednesday, Apr. 1 - (1-3
 P.M) :Book Club at Gail
 Jacob's

Thursday, Apr. 2 & 16 - 9
 A.M.: Chess Group

Sunday, Apr . 5 -11:30
 A.M.: SRC meeting

Wednesday, Apr. 8 - 7
 P.M. - Dickinson Poetry
 Reading

Thursday, Apr. 9 & 23 - 9-
 12: Rug Hooking Group

Tuesday, Apr. 14 - 4 P.M.:
 Governing Board

Tuesday, Apr. 21 - 7:00
 P.M.: Movies That Matter

Thursday, Apr. 23 7:30
 P.M.: Emerson Series

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