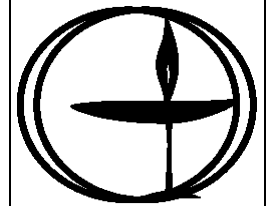


UU Update

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We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm the worth of every person and to treat every person with dignity.

May Sunday Services

May 3 - Rev. Phil Sweet **THE DEMAND FOR SELF**

One of the major purposes of life is to get into as much trouble or to cram as many crises into your life as you can. Rilke, the poet, said the purpose of life is to be defeated by greater and greater things. The issue is that you get into enough trouble to create proper tension. Joseph Campbell, the mythologist, called it the hero's journey. A reflection.

Rev. Sweet is a popular and frequent speaker at UUFDC. He served as minister for two rural churches in western Minnesota and for Hope Church in Sturgeon Bay.

Service Leader: Sheila Saperstein

Music: Gerri Friedberg

May 10 - Rev. Joan Shiels **YOU'RE WEARING THAT?**

....and other things a mother should never ask. Facts and fictions from the front lines of the toughest job in the world.

Rev. Shiels has a BA in Religion, a Masters of Divinity from United Seminary and a Masters of Theology from the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley. With an equally profound respect--and skepticism--of all of the world's religious traditions, she loves our UU life and thought.

Service Leader: Sarah Naber
Music: Gerri Friedberg

May 17th: Door County Poets **ANNUAL UUFDC POETRY SUNDAY**

Poetry is probably as old as civilization and shows no sign of losing its power to express the universal essence of human experience. Poetry speaks to the issues of life be they our dreams, our passions or failures. Poems by Door County poets, many of whom are our own Fellowship members.

Service Leader: Peggy Lott
Music: Ellen Shahbazi

May 24: UUFDC Religious Education Program **CHILDREN WILL LEAD US: A POTPOURRI BY OUR UU KIDS**

From humble beginnings in the tiny office of our old building in March 2008, our religious education program for kids has grown into a great space in our new place and an increase in participation. Good families, talented and happy kids, enthusiastic teachers and well-developed curricula reflecting our UU principles are all essential ingredients in a strong RE program. Today please share with us readings,

songs and poetry by our kids, parents and teachers as we celebrate being a Fellowship of and for all ages.

Service Leader: Alan Kopischke
Music: Karin and Anya Kopischke

May 31 - Nancy Eriksson **HOUSE OF HOPE, HELPFULNESS AND HOSPITALITY--REVISITED**

On May 25, 2008, we celebrated our first Sunday in our new UUFDC home with Erik Eriksson challenging us to use it wisely. In his sermon he presented several general and specific ideas of how we might expand our service to members, friends and community. A year later, we will reflect upon those goals and measure our progress and what additional goals we might add as we enter our second year in our "new" home.

Nancy Eriksson, a member of this Fellowship, will be pursuing her dream of earning a bachelors degree in Psychology at UW-Stevens Point this fall. She has been the recipient of much of the helpfulness of this Fellowship during Erik's illness, and as she has been adjusting to life as a single person.

Service Leader: Sheila Saperstein

Music: Ellen Shahbazi and Gerhard Bernhard

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

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

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Vice-president's Report

By Cyndy Stiehl

Your Governing Board has enjoyed many challenges and rewards recently. After an enlightening Planning Session with UUA's Central Midwest District consultant Dan Wiseman, we have a clearer idea how to proceed with Fellowship planning, committee structure and board meeting format. All of this improvement will mean a smoother running organization.

We learned that we are no longer a "Neighborhood Fellowship" but have graduated to a "Pastoral Fellowship" now that we have membership and active friends that total over 100 people. Congratulations to us on our growth.

A discussion with the Green Gables owners produced a clear and fair understanding of their parking needs on Sunday mornings. Please leave open **the spaces that about the Green Gables building.** Shopkeepers need those spaces to be open for their stores to do business. We will be good neighbors as we do this. Alternatively, we have permission to park in the lot to our north (Incidentals Shop) and the two lots to our south (Lodge 106.9/Peninsula Pulse and Burr Gallery). Those who are willing and able, please park in the alternate lots to allow our guests to park closer to our building.

Our **ANNUAL MEETING is June 7** and begins immediately after a slightly abbreviated service. **Please every-one attend;** members and friends alike. It is the only time we formally thank all of our volunteers and laud them for their achievements. Come show your love and gratitude to the people who work so hard to make our UUFDC the place to be.

It is our goal to make the Annual Meeting as "Green" as possible. To that end, we endeavor to employ electronic means to distribute the necessary materials, thereby using minimal amounts of paper. There will be printed copies provided for those who

need them.

Included in your annual meeting packet will be updated bylaws. They will be an action item on June 7. We need your vote and attendance.

Welcome to the Murphys!



Lois and David Murphy joined the UU Fellowship November 30, 2008

When we joined your Church it felt like we had come home! For the past 13 years we attended Hope Church in Sturgeon Bay, but prior to that we were members of the Unitarian Church in Deerfield, Illinois for 25 years.

Lois and I were both born and mostly raised in Michigan until a better opportunity in the construction business brought us to Libertyville, Illinois in 1970 where we raised our six children. We are now the proud grandparents of 13.

After Lois and I met on the bus going to Wayne State University in Detroit I became a Civil Engineer and Lois a Special Education teacher. Lois did go back a few years later and received her Masters in Library Science. We retired in 1995.

We are probably as busy now as we were when we worked. Lois volunteers in the Oncology Department at Door County Memorial Hospital and also helps out in the Southern Door School library. In addition she volunteers at the Miller Art Museum where I help hang the new shows and serve on the Miller Board of Directors.

I enjoy playing percussion in the Algoma Community Band and also in the Peninsula Symphonic Band in Sturgeon Bay, but my favorite thing is tutoring 6th grad math in the Southern Door Middle School where I manage

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2009 Youth Midwest Leadership School

A weeklong intensive experience designed to engage participants age 14-18 in all aspects of leadership in a UU faith community will be held at Beloit College July 19-25. It is held in tandem with an Adult School. It is designed to challenge UU youth in leadership skills development, worship and religious values and heritage. The training will equip young UUs with a foundation that deepens their religious development.

Youth grades 10-11 are especially encouraged to participate. The all-inclusive cost is \$295. Scholarships are available.

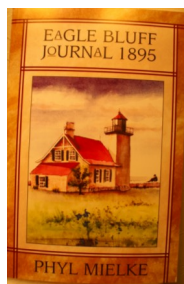
Registration forms, due June 1, can be found at www.cmed-uua.org. For more information contact Kimberlee Tomczak at ktomczak@uua.org.

Bucks From Books

Charter UUFDC member Phyl Mielke is selling a book she authored with the entire proceeds going to our UU. *Eagle Bluff Journal 1895* is an historical fiction account of life at the Eagle Bluff lighthouse, Peninsula Park, through the eyes of the lighthouse keeper's family. Phyl said, "This Fellowship means so much to me. This is a way to contribute."

The book grew from Phyl's work as a tour guide at the lighthouse. They were looking for an item to sell, so she took the plunge. Unfortunately her husband Sam died during the writing of *Eagle Bluff Journal 1895*. Her children urged her to finish the project. Looking back, she said it was the best therapy to have that project to focus her attention at a difficult time.

The book sells for \$7 and was first printed in 1995. It was reprinted this year. Thanks Phyl!



Highway Clean-up

By Bob Lindahl

Join us Tuesday, **May 5th** to pick up litter along our U U F D C - designated section of Hwy. 42. Bring gloves and wear sturdy walking shoes. We'll gather at Bob Lindahl's, 2490 Timberline Road at **9:00 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.



UUs are Green and Getting Greener

By Chuck Lauter
The three new projects that grew from our Justice Sunday service in March were featured in an April 17th article in the *Peninsula Pulse* Sustainability issue.

Car-pooling will reduce fuel usage plus alleviate the parking congestion at Fellowship. See the article in the April newsletter or the posters and flyers in the foyer for details. If you do car pool or use alternate transport, put a chip in the collection basket.

Pledging to **boycott bottled water** is similarly easy. Carry your own water bottle; it will reduce plastic going to landfills and help the water table in ecologically-sensitive areas.

Committing to live one day per week **meatless and dairyless** is a bit more difficult. SRC has learned that this action is even more effective than always buying "local," although you should continue to do that too. To help you pursue this plan, SRC, under the leadership of Lu Schilling, will hold a pot-luck featuring meatless/dairyless recipes. You may have noted that the refreshments on Earth Day Sunday were meatless/dairyless and mostly local. If you want a pledge card as a reminder of these practices, see Julianna Neuman.

Two other new programs were also presented at the workshop. A

volunteer work week will be held at a site needing manual, programmatic or other assistance. This will allow our UUFDC to perform direct service and develop strong bonds with each other and those at the site. Phil Hansotia is seeking a place relatively close-by for our first effort.

The final new project is **hosting international student workers** who serve our tourism industry. We want to make them feel at home by providing a family experience. This is as simple as having the student to dinner periodically during the summer. Ellie Kaage is heading up this project. It will kick-off with a picnic in mid-June.

We will continue on-going projects. The first highway clean-up this year will be Tuesday, May 5. Also, please keep filling the Food Barrel.

Dickinson Series

UU member Cynthia Johnson will present her poetry May 13th at 7 PM. She is known in Door County as a poet, painter, photographer and retired Unitarian Universalist minister.

Cynthia has published two books of poetry: *A Theophany, Please* (1995) and *The Way Crows Really Fly* (2004). She began an interactive art exhibit called The Ripple Project in 2006 when she decided to give away *The Way Crows Really Fly* and invite responses from the recipients. She wrote, painted and photographed in response to the responses. The project is ongoing and has culminated in two visual arts exhibits. She is represented by Woodwalk Gallery in Door County. Her Kangaroo Lake studio/gallery is open by appointment.

"I'm delighted to be the featured poet at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. Poems are written to capture the present moment.

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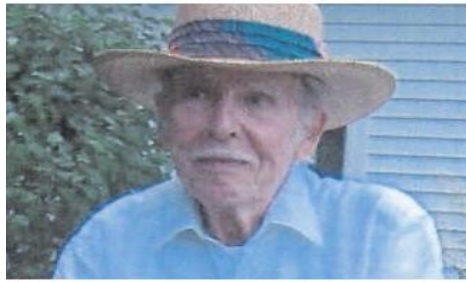
Landscape Maintenance

It seems that Spring has arrived, and the gardens surrounding our building are beginning to show signs of life. This year we have hired the services of Peter Witt, a person skilled in managing gardens and other aspects of landscape. Peter will be working Friday mornings, either from 7-11 or 8-noon, tending the gardens, and in fact he started on April 17.

It's important for members to understand that though Peter is a good worker, we must supplement his efforts with volunteer work of our own. And, we prefer Peter to focus his attention to areas where his expertise will be used most effectively and leave some of the more "down to earth" tasks to volunteers.

We had a small but dedicated crew of landscape volunteers last year who worked usually a few hours one day each week, and this year we need to continue that sort of volunteer work force. There's no signing up; just show up Friday mornings, as early as suits you, and lend a hand. Bring whatever gardening tools you think might be useful. Having a core group of individuals who work each week will help provide continuity to our effort.

Our gardens are beautiful and quite extensive, but they are not low maintenance. We need your help to keep them in good shape and hopefully to improve on them. As an added incentive to joining the volunteers, you should know that Peter is generous about sharing his knowledge, and that you're likely to expand your own knowledge of good gardening practices by participating.



He Rests

Paul L. Schilling, in 1997, became a founding member of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Door County. He died peacefully on April 5, 2009. He was born on April 2, 1921 in St. Paul, MN. He was in the Naval ROTC at the University of Minnesota and served in the Aleutian Islands and the Phillipines during World War II. On Sept. 8, 1944 he married Louise Kranstover. After a business career of many years in Milwaukee, they enjoyed a long and happy retirement divided between Sister Bay and their boat in the waters of Florida. Paul was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Louise, and a daughter, Barbara Harms. He is survived by two daughters, Lu Schilling and Nancy Johnson, and grandchildren David Schilling, Emily Johnson, Valerie Johnson and Sandra Harms.

Donations

Donations in memory of Paul Schilling have been received from Helene and Ray Dilulio, Marilyn and Phil Hansotia and Juliana Neuman.

Eco Solutions

By Lu Schilling

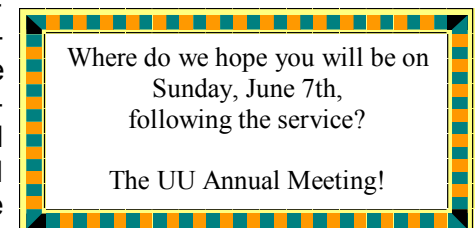
In honor of Earth Day and in an effort to support those who have volunteered to commit to saving the planet with one weekly day of abstinence of meat and dairy, the Social Responsibility Committee prepared a vegan sampling of some of the more palatable and accessible pre-

packaged foods available for those in transition. To better understand the whole picture of how our planet is being harmed by animal farming, breeding and consuming, please tune into the WPR Joy Cardin interview. Visit wpr.org; select Joy Cardin; select "Visit all of Joy Cardin's audio archives"; select April 16, 2009, 8:00 AM to download or listen. This discussion can give us more information we need to expand our understanding. Are vegans snooty? Are meat and dairy eaters sensing something is askew? Health and climate are affected by our choices.

Dollars and Sense

by Juliana Neuman, Treasurer
Pledge statements for the coming fiscal year (7/1/09 – 6/30/10) are appearing in UUFDC's mailbox every day. Many thanks to all who have returned these forms already! If you have not yet completed yours, please do so right away--your cooperation will help the Governing Board to adjust the proposed budget as needed before presenting it at the Annual Meeting on June 7.

More than half of our current year pledges have been paid in full. Congratulations to those of you in that category! The rest of us have a collective total of about \$10,000 yet to pay. Please keep up those monthly or quarterly payments! If you aren't sure of your balance, just send me an e-mail (jneuman@dcwis.com) and I'll be happy to provide the information.



CPR Training Offered

The American Red Cross office in Green Bay has informed us that Red Cross-sponsored CPR courses are available in Door County. Our UU Fellowship interest in having a cardiac defibrillator on site requires that our membership have the opportunity to be educated in CPR and/or cardiac defibrillation.

At present, registrants are charged \$28 for the course and materials. If a grant application is funded, that fee may be waived. Sign-up sheets will be placed at the Fellowship during the next few Sunday Services. If there is sufficient interest we will arrange for the program at our Fellowship.

If you have questions please call Carrie Link (839-9913) or Phil Hansotia (854-9360).

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to stay a page or two ahead of my students.

In addition to being active in the Democratic Party we enjoy playing bridge and look forward to participating in the Church activities. Sometimes the snow makes us wish that church was a little closer to us.

Dickinson series: (continued from page 3)

I think of individual poems as small chips of colored glass I drop into a kaleidoscope. This poetry reading is an opportunity to jiggle the chips to see the patterns that emerge. I will read new poems as well as trace some of the themes and motifs that recur in my poetry and paintings."

The Dickinson Poetry Series features a UU member or friend each month followed by an opportunity for audience members to read during an open mic session. Hanne Gault will read her poetry June 10th.

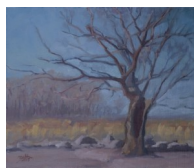


Figure 1 Lynn DeNamur Figure 2 Mark Zelten

Door County Duo display in UU Gallery by Meg Vermillion

TRANSITIONS is a timely and inviting title for a May exhibit by Door County artists Lynn DeNamur and Mark Zelten. The two feel this is a

time of societal, political and environmental challenges.

Lynn and Mark differ in painting style and subject, making for a show that will satisfy diverse artistic appetites. Lynn focuses on still life with accurate detail of shape, light and shadows with an intense use of colors. Mark moves between landscapes and portraits, all painted in shifting abstract shapes and flowing colors.

Lynn and Mark both studied full-time at the Kewaunee Academy of Fine Art under Door County artist Craig Blietz. For those interested in more vitae detail and a preview of Lynn and Mark's work, see www.ephraimfineart.com.

There will be an opening reception May 9, 4-7 PM. The artists will be at the gallery Memorial Day weekend, May 23, 10 AM to 6 PM and May 24, 11 AM- 6 PM in addition to usual gallery hours. For more information on displaying art work, call 839-2606.



Happy Birthday!

- 8 Olivia Toerpe
- 12 Nancy Brown
- 12 Henry Timm
- 17 Terry Goode
- 28 Cynthia Oliver
- 29 Jane Delcarson
- 30 Cynthia Johnson

Book Club

May 6 — *Dreams from My Father* by Barack Obama-hosted by Diane Morgan. Call for directions 854-7869

June 3 — *Map of Love* by Ahdaf Soueif hosted by Lynn Lees , 854-5451.

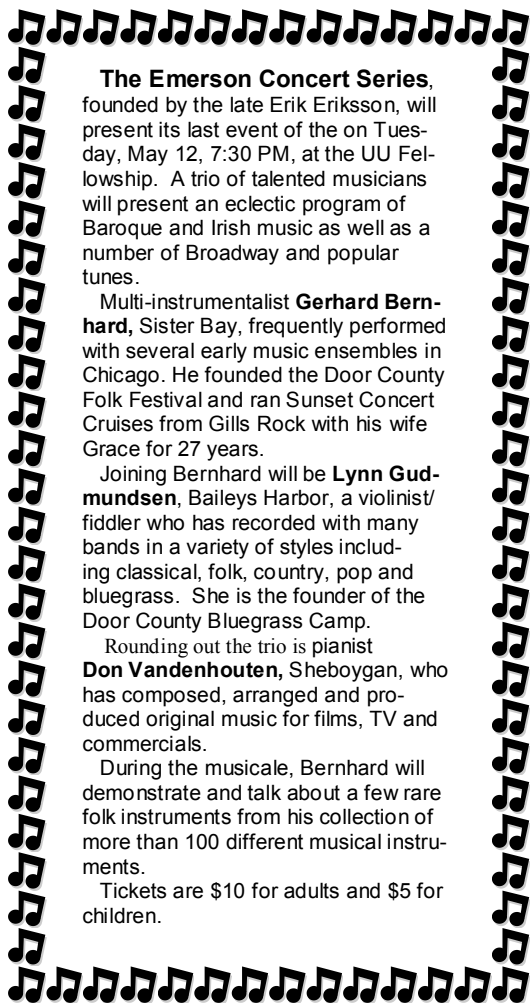
Movies That Matter

By Lu Schilling
May 19 (7 PM) we will take a break from the intensity of politics that most documentaries embody. Some of you already know this one and it is so dynamic that I encour-

age you to see it again, now, because today you are different simply by the passage of time.

What the Bleep Do We Know?

Put on your thinking caps. From the Big Bang through the religion and science movements, the question is asked what is consciousness? How is reality affected by the observer? There are unending possibilities with quantum physics. This one really bends the mind to new heights. First released in theaters in 2004, this documentary went on to become one of the most successful of all time. "Bleep" has stunned audiences in 30 countries with its stimulating blend of quantum physics, spirituality, thought evolution and light drama seasoned with some animated comedy. Its success has spurred study groups, companion book, extended DVD set, a resource outlet (Bleep store) and a host of transformational films that continue to appear around the world.



The Emerson Concert Series,

founded by the late Erik Eriksson, will present its last event of the on Tuesday, May 12, 7:30 PM, at the UU Fellowship. A trio of talented musicians will present an eclectic program of Baroque and Irish music as well as a number of Broadway and popular tunes.

Multi-instrumentalist **Gerhard Bernhard**, Sister Bay, frequently performed with several early music ensembles in Chicago. He founded the Door County Folk Festival and ran Sunset Concert Cruises from Gills Rock with his wife Grace for 27 years.

Joining Bernhard will be **Lynn Gudmundsen**, Baileys Harbor, a violinist/fiddler who has recorded with many bands in a variety of styles including classical, folk, country, pop and bluegrass. She is the founder of the Door County Bluegrass Camp.

Rounding out the trio is pianist **Don Vandenhouten**, Sheboygan, who has composed, arranged and produced original music for films, TV and commercials.

During the musicale, Bernhard will demonstrate and talk about a few rare folk instruments from his collection of more than 100 different musical instruments.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.



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UUFDC May Calendar of Events

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Mondays - 1:00 PM: Mah Jongg / Gallery Open (1 - 3 PM)

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May 9 - 4-7 PM Artists' Reception

Sunday, May 10 & 24-8:15 AM Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, May 12—4PM Governing Board

Tuesday, May 12 7:30 PM Emerson Series

Wednesday, May 13 7 PM Dickinson Poetry Reading

Thursday, May 14 and 28-9-12: Rug Hooking Group

Tuesday, May 19 - 7 PM Movies That Matter

Saturday, May 23 - 10-6PM Artists in gallery

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