

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.

June Sunday Services

June 7 - Allin Walker

WHAT A DIFFERENCE A YEAR
MAKES

Celebration is the agenda for the day. The "text" is from a poem/meditation by Charlotte Tall Mountain that begins "For the love of a tree, she went out on a limb.. ." What wonderful things we have done this year for the sake of love.

Allin is the manager of Woodwalk Gallery, a frequent UU speaker, a political campaign manager, fund-raising consultant and one of the leaders of the Door County Mankind Project.

Music: Gerri Friedberg

UUFDC ANNUAL MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE SERVICE. CATERED LUNCH FOLLOWING THE MEETING.

June 14 - Rev. Karen Hering

IT STARTS WHEN YOU SAY
"WE"

What does it mean to say "we" in a community of free thought and free faith? Drawing from the example of pilots working with whooping cranes in the natural world, we'll consider the challenges and possibilities of relationship and

"living our faith" as Unitarian Universalists.

Karen Hering is the assistant literary minister at Unity Church-Unitarian, St. Paul, Minnesota, where she offers guided writing and meditative reading sessions and develops opportunities for engaging writing as a spiritual practice and a tool for social action. She graduated from seminary one year ago and has been writing professionally for over 25 years. karen@unityunitarian.org.

Music: Lolly Lebovic, piano and violin

Dottie Gerrits, flute,

Dave Hansell, bassoon.

Service Leader: Phyl Mielke

June 21- Rev. Joan Shiels

WHAT WE LEARN FROM
FATHERS

Dad is different from mom. We figure that out early. A child, at birth, already has a deeply complicated relationship with mother and, for the first year, dad is only a curiosity. Later, that changes. A deep look at dad-hood on Father's Day.

Joan was baptized Lutheran, schooled by Baptists, educated by Catholics and ordained by the United Church of Christ. With an equally profound respect—and skepticism—of all of the world's religious traditions, she loves our UU life and thought.

Music: Craig Little and the UU Choir

Service Leader: Peggy Lott

June 28- Rabbi Jay Brickman BIG AND LITTLE TENTS

Whether in a family, a nation, or in a religious community, a striving for unity of perspective is a threat to the well-being of the spirit and to the continued existence of humankind.

Jay Brickman is emeritus rabbi of Congregation Sinai in suburban Milwaukee, preaches at UUFDC several times a year and has taught Bible classes 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.

Music: Ellen Shahbazi

Service Leader: Garrett Cohn

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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President's Report

By Garrett Cohn

In returning to UU from three months in Florida, I found the Governing Board finishing some issues we had when I left as well as some new items.

The Board accepted Al Wittenkeller's Sound Task Force recommendations on improving the sound system, complete with several personal assisted listening devices. Al's task force has worked on this project for over six months. The Board really appreciates their efforts. The funding for this improvement was from the Chalice Lighters grant. Installation is expected in a month.

We have been working with Wulf Bros. to expand the air handling equipment so we are able to increase the seating in the sanctuary. A final decision will be made within the next few weeks.

The Board continued to discuss and plan for the **Annual meeting June 7** and has scheduled a pre-annual meeting review for anyone who wants to discuss and clarify the by-law changes. The Board decided to serve the attending members and friends of the fellowship with a catered light lunch following the meeting. I repeat, since we are lay-led, **we need every voting member in attendance.**

As you can read in Juliana's column, the finances of the fellowship are in order and handling the needs of our expanding community.

This is my last President's letter after 24 months of serving as your President. All in all it was invigorating and challenging but best of

all was the chance to work closely with the Board. *A deep thank you from me for all your efforts. Thank you one and all.*

By the way, I was notified last week that I have been chosen as Trustee-At-Large of the Central Midwest District. Door County has a voice!

Dollars and \$ense

by Juliana Neuman, Treasurer

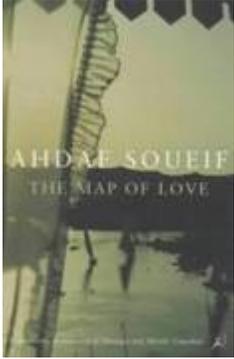
Let's congratulate ourselves! UUFDC's members and friends have again pledged sufficient funds to support the operating budget for the coming fiscal year. At this writing there are still some pledges outstanding (and needed!), but I feel confident that we will be able to balance our budget for 2009-10.

Each year we are fortunate to receive financial support from many Friends of the Fellowship. This year pledges have come to us from Karen and Larry Eriksson, Pam and Terry Goode, Jean Crane and William Hoge, Kris Miller and Mark Emmerling, Mary and Jim Rutter, Kathy and Tom Toerpe, and Margot and Rik Warch. Several others responded to the pledge drive by sending immediate contributions: David and Nancy Boyd, Dottie and Wally Klepp, Elisabeth Lanzl, Roberta Larson, and Shyla and Elliott Wollman. We are grateful for the support of so many good friends.



June Book Club

By Helene Dilulio



Ahdaf Soueif's *The Map of Love* is a massive family saga, a story that draws its readers into two moments in the complex, troubled history of modern Egypt. What results is the persistence of the very same issues that dogged the principal character's ancestors: colonialism, Egyptian nationalism, and the clash of cultures throughout the Middle East.

*The June Book Club discussing *The Map of Love* will be held at the Fellowship on Tuesday, June 2, 1-3 PM. instead of Wed. June 3.

The selection for July 3, 1-3 PM, is *Me: Stories of My Life* by Katherine Hepburn. Place TBA.

Movies That Matter

By Lu Schilling

"The China Study" title refers to the location of the most extensive nutrition study ever. On June 16th, 7 PM, we will view this lecture by T. Colin Campbell who grew up on a dairy farm. With his college degree, he went to work for the Cattleman's Association to research how to get more protein into those starving, poor children. Much to his

surprise, and to the chagrin of the meat industry, Campbell found that the only children developing liver cancer were the affluent ones who had adopted the western style of food consumption. Dr. Campbell shares 40 years of research in a nutshell. Discover how to: *lose weight, prevent cancer, avoid diabetes and reverse heart disease*. Campbell is the author of the 2006 book "The China Study."

Eco Solutions

By Lu Schilling

Bill Moyers Journal on May 15th interviewed Daniel Goleman, author of *Ecological Intelligence*. He spoke on how we often hear that we are using up our resources and spending our grandchildren's future, unless we become sustainable. Goleman points to the fact that the industrial age caused our grandparents to consume our current state of resources by polluting our waterways, overfishing, and depleting our soil nutrients with chemical use. We have become accustomed to that for which we have not paid. Many activities and objects we depend on, because in our lifetime we always have, carry an invisible cost.

Go to www.thestoryofstuff.com for an informative cartoon that is interactive so you can learn more and become involved.

Donations

Additional donations in memory of Paul Schilling have been received from Shirley Stolley and Sally and Dick Malm.



Birthdays

2 Sarah Stuart
7 Flora Kramar
11 Robert Clarke
15 Sarah Naber
15 Bill Hoge
16 Karen Cruz
21 Chuck Lauter
22 Juliana Neuman
22 Joel Bremer
22 Franne Dickinson
23 Meg Vermillion
24 Helene Dilulio
25 Nancy Eriksson
25 Shyla Wollman
27 Liesbeth Fickes
28 Grace Bernhard

UU Committees

By Phil Hansotia

Members and friends of UUFDC are encouraged to join a committee of their choice to volunteer their services. All our functions and services depend on volunteers. For newer members and friends it is a good way to set closer ties with fellow members. A sheet describing the committees is available for your review at our entry display table. Contact any Governing Board member (wearing yellow nametags) for more information. Please make your choice before our annual meeting June 7th so that we are better equipped for the coming Fellowship year.



June Artist

By Meg Vermillion

UU member Sarah Stuart will present her pastel art in the Gallery this month. She invites viewers into her world of abstraction where the intent is not to reproduce "real world subjects" but to use the "creativity of the imagination" while delighting in the fusing of forms and color. In her view, this is where artist and observer are interconnected as the viewer brings their imagination to the piece.

Sarah has studied with Kit Lynch in Taos, NM where she and Al spend their winters as well as Wendell Arnesan at the Peninsula Art School. She has exhibited at juried shows at Miller Art Museum, the Pangaea Gallery in Fish Creek and the UU Gallery. She recently exhibited at the UU Gallery in Sante Fe.

Gallery hours are Sundays following services and Mondays 1-3 PM.

All UU Art Show in July

The July Gallery exhibit will feature a collection of budding and experienced UUFDC artists. Contact Julia Bresnahan at 839-2606 if you are interested in participating.

Dickinson Poetry Series

By Marilyn Hansotia

Hanne Gault will present her unique and inspiring poetry at the next UUFDC-sponsored Dickinson Poetry series June 10th.

Reflecting on her writing style Gault said, "When I read or hear

poetry I am not thinking of the structure of the poem as much as I am of that indefinable something, be it beautiful, disturbing or humorous, that has moved or inspired me. It is that energy I try to convey."

Her poems have been published in the Wisconsin Poet's calendar, *The Peninsula Pulse* and *Free Verse*. She also received third prize in the Chicago JoAnne Hirshfield poetry contest.

The Dickinson Poetry Series is held at 7:00 PM. An open mic session will follow Gault's reading. These poetry readings are free and open to the public. Next month's featured poet is David Clowers on Tuesday, July 7th.

Membership

By Dottie Gerrits

You have heard so much from me lately via email, I shouldn't have any else to tell you - but I do! We are in the process of forming new cleaning teams and we need six more people to complete four teams with four members each. There are also two months when we will need an extra team when there is a 5th Sunday in the month. Please call me at 854-2964 or email ger-rits@dcwis.com if you are able help for the next six month time period.

Martha Judd joins UUFDC

If you already know **Martha Judd**, please welcome her as a Member of UUFDC! If you don't know her, look for that name tag and introduce yourself. Martha has been attending some of our Sunday services and also attends

our *Book Club* and the *Movies that Matter*.

UU SRC Committee

By Bob Lindahl

After focusing for the last few months on planning two services, Justice Sunday and Earth Day, the committee is now focusing on the future.

The Justice Sunday service provided a chance for all in attendance to indicate which current initiatives of the Committee that they were most interested in and also to show support for five new areas: Hosting International Workers in Door County, participation in a Work Week at a worthy location, lessening Carbon Footprint by going meatless and dairyless one day a week, Carpooling to UU Services and activities, and Boycotting Bottled Water.

Be watching for an announcement about a June date for a picnic for International Workers, designed as an opportunity to connect and begin to develop relationships that have the potential of making a huge difference for these young people during their stay in Door County.

Progress is also being made on determining a site for a Work Week. You will be hearing reminders periodically about the other new initiatives. If you're not already participating, consider trying some of them. Our world will be a better place and you might just enjoy the opportunities for health and community that they foster!

Long Range Planning sessions Religious Education News

By Lynn Lees

Dan Wiseman, consultant from the UU Central Midwest District, will conduct small group sessions June 16 and 17 to solicit thoughts on long-range planning for our fellowship. All members and pledging friends are encouraged to participate.

UUFDC Website Renewed

By Marilyn Hansotia

Our newly-designed website was launched in May. There is a fresh look, but more importantly, it is easier to navigate. We will continue to work on additional content, more photos and useful links in the coming months. Take a look, and bookmark www.uufdc.org for your convenience. Get in the habit of checking the site regularly for detailed information, back issues of the *UU Update* and more. The calendar feature will give you a quick review of what is up at UU for the month and more. Hover over any item on the calendar for details. Is there something missing that you would like to see there? Let me know: mhansotia@charter.net.

To Give Away:

Wooden computer desk with hutch from the UU Koessl office. Contact Julianna Neuman at jneuman@dcwis.com or 839-2710 if you can use it.

UU Update

Ginny Olson has again stepped forward to share her expertise with our Fellowship. In addition to chairing the Hospitality committee, Ginny is now formatting and distributing our monthly newsletter. Please contact Marilyn Hansotia or Ginny with any ideas you may have to improve our *UU Update*.

From June 7 through August 30 we will have a more informal religious program for kids from 4 to 7 years of age. Each Sunday two teachers or one teacher and a helper will provide stories, games and craft activities; sometimes with a theme, sometimes just for fun. We welcome visiting kids. The older kids can join their parents at the service of help with the younger ones. Other adults are encouraged to be the second adult present. Please let Lynn Lees know if you can help.



One Sunday July 5, the RE kids, teachers, and parents are hosting an "Ice Cream Sunday" in lieu of the usual refreshments at coffee time. We hope you all can join us.

Please save...
By Dottie Gerrits

Please save your empty HP, Dell, Lexmark and Office Depot brand ink cartridges and also HP, Brother, Canon, Lexmark, Dell, Samsung and Office Depot brand toner cartridges. We are able to gain \$3.00 for each in Reward Points toward Office Supplies.

Like to Sing?
Our UUFDC Choir welcomes new members. We rehearse twice a month and sing for one service each month. For more information call Carol Soper at 854-9653, or email at pcsoper69@gmail.com.

New Collection Plates

Have you noticed the new offertory collection plates hand-crafted by Ken Boyd? They are an art form made from walnut and oak. Please show your appreciation by filling them each Sunday!

Hospitality

By Ginny Olson

Last November we began an experiment having each member take a turn providing 2 plates of treats for our coffee time, preparing the table, coffee, and cleaning up afterward. Those who were unable to serve on their assigned Sunday found a replacement or donated \$10 to have a treat purchased and served in their name.

The goals of the all-serve approach were:

- more emphasis on conversation than food.

- simpler food so less-than-gourmet cooks were not inhibited when participating.

- equitably spreading the responsibility for extending hospitality to all and removing the burden of providing treats from the usual few.

In addition to meeting the goals, the all service approach also meant:

- some fun host-pairings like all the Als hosting as a group or all the Cynthias hosting together.

- some no-food glitches.

- some reticence.

The benefits seem to outweigh the negatives and an advisory committee voted unanimously to continue the approach. Beginning mid-June a new 6 month schedule will be available. If you would like your name not included on the Sunday host list, please call or email Ginny Olson.



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JUNE 7 FOLLOWING THE SERVICE: ANNUAL MEETING AND LUNCH Be there or be 

Sundays - 10:00 AM: Service; 11:00 AM: Gallery Open
Mondays - 1:00 PM: Mah Jongg / Gallery Open (1 - 3 PM)
Fridays 8-noon Landscape
Tuesday, June 2
 Book Club @ UUFDC 1-3PM (note change of day)

SUNDAY, JUNE 7
ANNUAL MEETING FOLLOWING THE SERVICE LUNCH FOLLOWING THE MEETING.

Wednesday, June 10 Dickinson Poetry 7 PM

Sunday, June 14 and 21
 8:15 AM Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, June 16
 MTM; "China Study" 7PM

Tues/Wed, June 16-17
Long Range Planning

Tues/Wed, June 30-July 1
 Deliver UU Artshow work

UUFDC June Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Book Club 1-3 PM	3	4	4 Landscape 8-noon	6
7 ANNUAL MEETING & LUNCH** SS Gallery (11-12:30)	8 Mah Jongg Gallery (1-3)	9 Governing Board 4PM	10 Hanne Gault Dickinson Poetry 7PM	11 Rug- Hooking Group (9-12)	12 Landscape 8-noon	13
14 Choir Rehearsal (8:15 AM) SS Gallery SRC (11:30)	15 Mah Jongg Gallery (1-3)	16 Long Range Planning Movies That Matter (7:00)	17 Long Range Planning	18	19 Landscape 8-noon Newsletter deadline	20
21 Choir Rehearsal (8:15 AM) SS Gallery (11-6PM)	22 Mah Jongg Gallery (1-3)	23	24	25 Rug- Hooking Group (9-12)	26 Landscape 8-noon	27
28	29 Mah Jongg Gallery (1-3)	30 Deliver All UU artshow pieces	July 1 Deliver All UU artshow pieces			