

# UU Update

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We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregation.

## July Sunday Services

July 5th - **Allin Walker**  
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US  
Engaging the powers of evil  
and “danc[ing] as though no  
one is watching you, lov[ing]  
as though you have never  
been hurt before, sing[ing] as  
though no one can hear you,  
liv[ing] as though heaven is on  
earth.”

*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: Birch Creek Faculty  
Jodie Desalvo, piano and  
Betty Lewis, violin  
Service Leader: Ellen Shahbazi

July 12th - **Rev. Joan Shiels**  
SIMPLIFY, SIMPLIFY  
On Henry David Thoreau’s  
birthday, a reflection on voluntary simplicity defined as making the things and activities in our lives few in number and rich in meaning.

*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: Gerri Friedberg  
Service Leader: Carol Boyd

July 19th- **Rabbi Jay Brickman**  
WARING WITH ADDICTION  
Ways Into and Out of Addictive Behavior  
*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 and  
UU Choir  
Service Leader: Kay Smith

July 26th - **Rev. Tony Larsen**  
IF MEN COULD TALK. . .WHAT  
WOULD THEY SAY?  
Men actually do talk, though  
not always in ways that women  
understand. An exploration of  
what men often think but  
don't say.

*The Rev. Dr. Tony Larsen has been minister of Olympia Brown Unitarian Universalist Church in Racine since 1975. He was born in South San Francisco in 1949, studied to be a Catholic priest for ten years and was ordained a Unitarian Universalist minister in 1975. Dr. Larsen received his B. A. in Philosophy from Maryknoll College in Glen Ellyn, IL, his M. A. in Theology from Maryknoll School of Theology in Ossining, NY and his Doctor of Divinity from Meadville/Lombard Theological School in Chicago IL. Tony is also a songwriter and guitar player.*

Music: Gerri Friedberg  
Service Leader: Helene Dilulio

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 [alnjudv@dcwis.com](mailto:alnjudv@dcwis.com)

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## **President's Column**

*Cyndy Stiehl*

Your Governing Board is busy this and next month with building upgrades. Going on now is improvement to the air handling in the sanctuary. This work will enable us to increase the seating therein so that a secondary viewing place will not be necessary. And, it will increase our comfort when the room is full, which happens frequently right now. Also, soon to begin is the installation of our new sound system that will improve and enhance hearing in every corner of the sanctuary. This work is made possible by the grant we received from the Chalice Lighters. Huge kudos to Al Wittenkeller and his committee for the tireless research, reports to the Board and expert follow-through. Thank you Al!

Our Annual meeting dealt with our current financial condition, passage of the budget, and review and passage of updated bylaws. Thank you to all presenters especially Juliana Neuman and Marilyn Hansotia for their clear and detailed presentations.

This is my first message as your President and pride is the most prominent feeling that I have for UUFDC today. Why? Because of a statement made by Dan Wiseman, the facilitator for our focus groups. He was expecting that 25%-30% of us would participate in our Direction Setting. Instead, he was elated that 56% of us showed up, spoke and dreamed about the future of UUFDC. Dan also said that we represent everything that he knows to be good about UU. This is high praise from someone who visits as many UU congregations as he does. In a few weeks the Board will have his distillation of the information from the seven sessions he facilitated. We will then have a

Board session with Dan to help us decide our priorities and implementations. Thank you to everyone who participated. We can all feel proud of our UU accomplishments.

## **Dollars and \$ense**

*Juliana Neuman, Treasurer*

As we begin a new fiscal year I'd like to offer some reminders about pledge payments, which can be made by transferring stock to UUFDC, by check or by cash. Instructions for transferring stock are available on request. Payments by check can be mailed to UUFDC at PO Box 859, Sister Bay, or dropped in the offering basket on Sundays (no envelope necessary). However, if you are paying with cash, please be sure to use the envelopes which are provided in the lobby. Without your name on the envelope I won't know whose pledge to credit.

## **SRC Committee**

*Bob Lindahl*

They say everybody loves a party! Always a group to love a party, the Social Responsibility Committee will host an Ice Cream Social for International Workers on Tuesday June 30! Will we have too much ice cream or have to scramble for more? Join in the adventure!

As UU's, we want to offer a welcoming hand to our guest workers in Door County. Whether from Europe, Spanish-speaking countries, other continents, or American college students far from home, we want to offer the opportunity to connect in friendship to support them during their stay in any way we can. How can you help? We have fliers *continued on page 3...*

## Membership Report

*Dottie Gerrits*

As I reported at the June 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, we stand at 97 Members and many very special Friends. It seems I will be your Membership Chair for another two years and with our expanding numbers I really need someone to take on some of the tasks of this committee. Tasks such as monitoring the Guest Book, the guest table, the bulletin boards and perhaps writing a few follow-up notes. It would not be a time-consuming effort, but would help make sure that nothing falls through the cracks. Please email me at [gerrits2732@gmail.com](mailto:gerrits2732@gmail.com) or call at 854-2964. Your help would be greatly appreciated.



## Bible Study Classes to Begin July 11

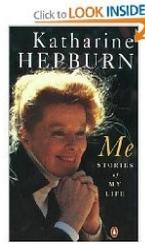
Jay Brickman, Friend of UUFDC and Rabbi emeritus of Congregation Sinai in suburban Milwaukee, will lead a nine-week course "The Study of the Five Books of Moses" Saturdays from 10-11:30 A.M. beginning July 11<sup>th</sup>. Brickman said participants will read passages then discuss what they meant at the time they were written as well as how they might apply to our contemporary living circumstances. He added the discussions will not center on any set theology.

There is no charge for this popular series and is open to the public. Participants are asked to BYOB-Bring Your Own Bible! No registration is required and participants are not asked to attend all sessions.

The Brickmans have a summer home in Baileys Harbor. He has taught a similar course in Milwaukee since 1955.

## Hepburn Topic of Book Club

The July UU Book Club topic is Katherine Hepburn. Participants will discuss *ME, Stories of My Life* by Hepburn, or any biography of Hepburn such as *Letter to the World: Seven Women Who Shaped the American Century*, by Susan Ware, *A Remarkable Woman: a bio of Katherine Hepburn* by Anne Edwards, or *Kate: the Woman Who Was Hepburn*, by Wm. J. Mann. Billie Ryan-Hohman will host at UUFDC Wednesday, July 1 from 1 - 3 PM.



Two short books are selected for August 4, with Myrna Cohn as host. Book clubbers can read either or both books, which are Diana Athill's *Somewhere Towards the End* and Rita Goldman Gelman's *Tales of a Female Nomad*. For directions to Myrna's home, call 920-559-2559.

## Donations

We are grateful to artists Mark Zelton and Lynn DeNamur for their generous donation to UUFDC in appreciation of our Art Gallery.

**SRC Committee** continued from page 2 available on the counter in the foyer. Pass them out as you visit establishments where these people are employed. If you feel comfortable, offer to bring them to the Social. Then...please come! The SRC will provide everything needed,

so your presence will be your most important contribution! See you June 30 from 7-9PM!

## UU MEMBERS AND FRIENDS ARE FEATURED ARTISTS

*Meg Vermillion*

Friends and family will enjoy the art work of "friends and family" in this month's art exhibit! The Third Annual "Invitational" is certain to impress all. Not only will we gaze again upon the art and craft work of our familiar artists, but there surely will be the unveiling of talents that have been hidden from us. The show promises to be a panoramic splash of textures, shapes and colors in all media forms. With an element of surprise, look forward to paintings, pastels, fiber pieces, jewelry, wood, photography, stain glass and quilts. This is a "no miss" show!

Drop off time for your artwork is June 30, 2-6 PM. Contact Julia Bresnahan for more information 839-2606.



## Happy Birthday wishes to:

- 1 Diane Haldane
- 2 David Link
- 4 Adam Shahbazi
- 5 Dave Hansell
- 8 Rich Delcarson
- 11 Arlene Johnson
- 12 Angela Lensch
- 18 Al Stuart
- 20 Joan Shiels
- 21 Diane Daniel
- 22 Peggy Lott
- 23 Jill Berger
- 24 Jim Johnson
- 24 Joan Timm
- 25 Jean Crane
- 27 Sal Cruz
- 28 Bob Judd



### Eco Solutions Lu Schilling

The Social Responsibility Committee implemented a "token-for-carpooling-to-service" incentive to remind all of us to reduce our use of petroleum for transportation. As we were lamenting that so few were participating in this particular way (we even lost track of where the tokens were kept), we began to examine the roadblocks more closely. We discovered that whether our attendees travel near or far to attend services, they save up other errands that must be done in the same vicinity. Hence we have successfully achieved another way of "carpooling"; one that groups together the travel tasks necessary for taking care of various activities. So Kudos to all of us, we're doing a great job working toward shifting our paradigm from a drive crazy style to a frugal, considerate style. Kudos also to Chuck and Estella Lauter who make it a weekly event to eat vegan for the day by simply having oatmeal with maple syrup for breakfast, a vegetable soup with salad or toast for lunch and a veggie burger with all the fixin's for supper. Simple is fine and good.

*"A journey of many miles begins with one step." Confucius*

### Bylaws revised

Thanks to a lot of hard work by Marilyn Hansotia, Helene Dilulio, Cyndy Stiehl, and Juliana Neuman and thoughtful input by the Fellowship members at the An-

nual Meeting, the UUFDC Bylaws are revised as of June 7, 2009. The complete revisions are available on our website [uufdc.org](http://uufdc.org). If you would like a hard copy and are unable to access the website, please ask Marilyn Hansotia or Ginny Olson to print a copy for you.

### Order of Service

The Order of Service is prepared each week by Dottie Gerrits or Helene Dilulio, who alternate months. Members and friends who would like to have announcements of meetings or upcoming events included, should send the information to Dottie, at [gerrits2732@gmail.com](mailto:gerrits2732@gmail.com) and to Helene, at [helenedi@live.com](mailto:helenedi@live.com) no later than Wednesday. Sometimes a late notice can be included, but it is not always possible. If the information is included, unless there is a change or an error, please do not repeat the announcement orally.

Special inserts will be prepared and printed for Fellowship events only.

### Official UUFDC Calendar

The official UUFDC Calendar is now kept on our website. If you have items to add to the calendar, please contact Marilyn Hansotia 854-9360 or Ginny Olson 854-2806.

**Items hand written on the desk calendar will not be automatically transferred to the official calendar.**



The desk calendar will be printed each Sunday morning with items currently scheduled. Event organizers, please avoid conflicts in scheduled building use by emailing or phoning Marilyn or Ginny in advance.

### Calling all musicians

Anyone with musical experience is welcome to sing or play piano or another instrument at the Sunday service. Please contact Gerri Friedberg a month or more in advance so rehearsal times and budget considerations can be coordinated. It is a wonderful way to share your talents with an appreciative audience.

### Movies That Matter

Religulous will be shown July 21 at 7 PM.

Politically provocative talk show host Bill Maher skewers the current state of organized religion in this documentary that derives its title from a blend of the words "religion" and "ridiculous." Making stops in Jerusalem, the Vatican and other holy destinations, Maher travels the world to talk to believers from a variety of faiths to find out why they're so sure their religion is right -- and why they're so certain others are wrong.

### From Countryside UU

We cannot stand intolerant people.

Anyone who doesn't look on the bright side depresses us.

Dogmatism is absolutely forbidden.



**Dickinson Poetry Series**

David Clowers is the featured poet at the UU Dickinson Poetry Series July 7th at 7 PM.

David's love for poetry was kindled following his move to a cabin in the woods near Egg Harbor eight years ago. He began to write more seriously, and was named the Peninsula Pulse's featured poet in 2005. His poems earned honorable mention in the Pulse's 2006 and 2007 Grutzmacher contests. His poetry was published in the 2009 Fellowship of Wisconsin Poets Calendar; another will be included in the 2010 calendar. Clowers strives to write a poem each day and draws his inspiration from a variety of events that touch his life. He practices law in Sturgeon Bay.

The featured poet August 12th is Tom Toerpe.

**From the Chicago Tribune**

Unity Temple in Oak Park, an international architectural icon designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, has been named one of 11 most endangered historic places in the country by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Restoration costs are estimated at up to \$25 million. The temple opened in 1908.

**Saying Farewell, of sorts. . .**

Among the UUFDC leadership team are several people who will be changing roles. Garrett Cohn moves on to Past President after serving a two year term as president, guiding the organization through our purchase and move to our present facility. He was VP for two years prior and also served as co-chair of the SRC; all this since joining the fellowship in 2004.

Helene Dilulio's UUFDC roots begin at the beginning as a charter member and board member. She was the first publicity chair and did all those duties until 2006. She created the *UU Update*, formatting and publishing it for five years. She chaired the program committee for four years. Helene chaired two B & B Weekend fundraisers, two Goods & Services Auctions and led the note card and cook book fundraising projects. For the past two years she has served as Secretary. She was elected this month to the Finance Committee.

Please thank these individuals for the considerable time and talent they have contributed to UUFDC.

Thanks too to Steve Kastner for managing our website since its beginnings and to Nancy Eriksson for formatting our newsletter this past year.

**Sunday Morning**

Words we often say as we break bread together:

"We give thanks. We give thanks for being.  
We give thanks for being here.  
We give thanks for being here together."

I come here most Sunday mornings because my heart is full of gratitude:  
for this world, for this very building in this very county  
in this very nation, for these people, for this very life of mine,  
for this very moment I will never experience again.

This Sunday I heard a bassoon, an announcement setting the record straight  
about who is doing today's coffee hour, another announcement  
from the social justice committee about the ice cream social  
to welcome Door County's international workers.

Women were invited to the campout to celebrate the solstice,  
everyone was invited to weed the gardens Friday and to attend  
one of the meetings about long range planning.  
I heard a children's story about a turtle and a hippo

and wise words about how to belong to a community for the long run,  
not skittering away when we disagree but holding each other close  
as we try to live a discipline that honors diversity.  
And yes, I loved getting a free fistful of fresh dill

from Juliana's garden. Fresh dill, wise words, a bassoon, being welcomed  
back after a couple weeks away, silence, laughter, many voices,  
many opportunities offered for planning the coming weeks -  
where else could my heart sing on Sunday morning?

Cynthia B. Johnson  
June 18, 2009



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Please see [www.uufdc.org](http://www.uufdc.org) for the most current calendar .

**Sundays** - 10:00 AM:  
Service; 11:00 AM: Gal-  
lery Open

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

**Fridays** - 8 AM-noon  
Landscaping the gardens

**Saturdays**—10 - 11:30 AM  
Bible Study with Rabbi Jay  
Brickman

**Wednesday, July 1** 1-3PM  
Book club hosted at  
UUFDC by Billie Ryan-  
Hohman

**Tuesday, July 7** 7 PM  
Dickinson Poetry Series  
David Clowers presents

**Sunday, July 12 and July  
19** 8:15 AM

Choir Rehearsal  
**Sunday, July 12** Social  
Responsibility mtg 11:15

**Monday and Tuesday,  
July 13 and 14** all day  
Sound system installation

\***Tuesday, July 14** Gov-  
erning Board meets @  
Cyndy's home 4 PM

**Tuesday, July 21** 7 PM  
"Religulous" Movies That  
Matter

## UUFDC July Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Book Club @ UUFDC 1-3 PM	2	3 Landscape 8 AM	4
5 SERVICE Gallery (11-12:30)	6 Mah Jongg Gallery (1-3 PM)	7 Dickinson Poetry 7 PM	8	9	10 Landscape 8 AM	11 Bible Study 10 AM
12 Choir Rehearsal (8:15 AM) SERVICE SRC 11:15 Gallery	13 SOUND SYSTEM INSTALL Mah Jongg	14 SOUND SYSTEM INSTALL GBoard* (4PM)	15	16	17 Landscape 8 AM	18 Bible Study 10 AM
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