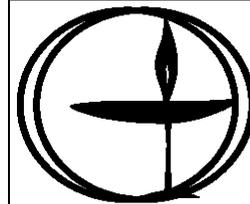


# UU Update

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OF DOOR COUNTY

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote a free and responsible search for truth and meaning.

## August Sunday Services

Aug. 2nd - **Rabbi Jay Brickman**  
KABALAH

Kabalah is a complex, mystical doctrine representing the apex of Jewish learning. Necessary to Kabalah study is knowledge of the: Bible, Talmud, and medieval Jewish philosophy.

*Jay Brickman, Rabbi emeritus of Congregation Sinai in suburban Milwaukee, preaches several times a year and teaches a Bible class at the Fellowship during the summer. He and his wife Rita are a valued part of our Fellowship's extended family.*

Music: Gerri Friedberg, piano  
Service Leader: Sheila Saperstein

Aug. 9th- **Dr. Fred "Doc" Heide**  
SHOULD WE KICK OUR HABITS

Many of us think about our relationship with our problems as an inner war. We have a "bout" of drinking, or suffer from panic "attacks". We will consider the pros and cons of struggling with ourselves.

*Frederick (aka "Doc") Heide is co-founder of American Folklore Theatre (AFT), and has performed on the Peninsula State Park stage since 1973. He is associate professor at the California School of Professional Psychology in San Francisco. He has recorded two CD's, most recently "Peaceful Kingdom".*

Music: Kate Boyd, piano  
Service Leader: Cynthia Stiehl

Aug. 16<sup>th</sup>- **The Rev. Cynthia Johnson**

SEX: BARE FACTS AND RELIGIOUS VALUES

Sex makes news and sells products. In the midst of enormous societal changes, how do we understand human sexuality? How do the issues of money, sex and power lead us to a deeper understanding of ourselves and contemporary culture?

*Cynthia Johnson, a retired UU minister, served congregations in Texas and Oklahoma before moving to Door County in 2000. Cynthia preaches regularly at UUFDC but spends more time these days writing, painting, reading, and traveling.*

Music: Gerri Friedberg, Piano

Aug. 23rd - **Rev. Dottie Matthews**

THE GIFT OF LISTENING

Often we struggle to know how to be most helpful when friends and loved ones are enduring life difficulties. Listening with a compassionate heart.

*The Rev. Dottie Matthews joined the Fox Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship staff in 2006 as the Assistant Minister and was called as Associate Minister in 2008. Dottie had a*

*successful career in business before recognizing her call to the ministry and received her Master of Divinity degree with a Concentration in Pastoral Care and Counseling from United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities. She resides in Appleton, WI, with her life partner, Rosie Geiser.*

Music: Gerri Friedberg, piano,  
Kurt and Colleen Johnson  
Service Leader: Juliana Neuman

Aug. 30th - **Karen Hering**  
SECOND NATURE

Many of us turn to nature for solace and strength in times of trouble and challenge. Where can we find consolation when nature's own devastation is the cause of our despair? What must we cultivate as our own "second nature" in order to maintain hope while addressing challenges as vast and overwhelming as global warming?

*Karen Hering is the assistant literary minister at Unity Church-Unitarian, in St. Paul, Minnesota, where she offers guided writing sessions for engaging the written word as a spiritual practice and a tool for social action. She will be ordained in the Twin Cities on September 20.*

Music: Ellen Shahbazi, piano and  
UU Choir  
Service Leader: Phil Hansotia

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*

Our new fiscal year began in July and your Governing Board had its first meeting. The consent agenda process is working well, which saves us time. Discussed were financial updates and considerations from the Program Committee. Also, Direction Setting continues and we are hoping to meet with Dan Wiseman at the end of August.

Going Garbage will be picking up our garbage weekly. The container will be in the back of the building to be collected from there. We ask that recyclables still be taken home by those working in the kitchen.

The Memorial Garden Task Force presented the update that they wish to present to the whole congregation in a meeting that will be scheduled soon. Their ideas seem so workable and interesting. Thank you to the members for all their work and time.

We also discussed our new "Building Use Form" and guidelines. Some suggested that we promote the use of the Fellowship by outside parties for weddings and other events. Discussion will continue next meeting.

As I write this I am enjoying my home, full of guests and the accompanying sounds and activity. The house has a full, rich feel, full of laughter and happiness. This morning I left them to conduct the choir at UU. As we were rehearsing before the service, I realized how much this Fellowship is like my home is now; full of life, joy and love. We all find it in different ways and places within our congregation. Some people enter through music, others in a well-crafted message, still others in the various committees that serve the needs of this vital organization. Some excel at welcoming guests. We are a family in every way; helping, encouraging, questioning and loving. What a wonderful place to feel so "at home."

### **Our UU Gardens**

Our UU Gardens are looking great thanks to professional gardener Peter Witt and a few UU volunteers. Helping coordinator Dave Link have been Mary Rutter, Diane Haldane, Billie Ryan, Lu Schilling, Bobbie Larsen, Jack Redell and Helene Di Iulio. Lloyd Gerrits weeds and tends the flowers at our Koesl property. Thank you! We will soon be appealing for more help when fall cleanup time comes around.

### **Social Responsibility Committee**

*Bob Lindahl*

What a joy it is to be part of a Fellowship of active, involved and passionate people. People even recognize that not all have the same passions and that's supported and respected too! People aren't afraid to take on responsibility and follow through for the benefit of the overall Fellowship and its mission.



Our first "Social" for International Workers on June 30, brought about 20 workers and a similar number of UUs together for a great evening of getting to know one another. The evening was so successful that the Committee will now hold three more "Gatherings for Summer Workers": **July 28, August 25 and September 29 at 7 PM.** Note that the name has changed to reflect that American students need a place as well as internationals and that there seemed to be a feeling among workers present that they could entertain themselves; that a welcoming place to gather was the most important. We hope several UUs will sign up again to be present for a rich intercultural experience. Invitation sheets are available for UUs to distribute as

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### Theater Remembering Jill...

**Night  
at Door  
Shakespeare**

*Lynn Olson*

Summertime means Door Shakespeare is presenting another wonderful show at Bjorklunden. This year it's *The Merchant of Venice*. Joan Shiels is organizing a group for Thursday night, August 6 for the discount price of \$20 per person. For this special price you must reserve in advance by contacting Joan at 743-8984 or hedgoose@charter.net. Payment must be cash or check made out to Door Shakespeare. No credit cards. Please arrive at the box office by 7PM for best seating. All are welcome. Bring your friends.

### Calling All Poets...

*Lynn Lees*

Would you like to share your passion for poetry? We hope so! The religious education curriculum for junior/senior high school students for the 2009-10 school year is "Exploring Our Values through Poetry".

This well-developed program looks at the work of established poets as they have explored key human values, relates these works to our UU values, and describes "poets' tools". Poetry development by the students is a wonderful part of the curriculum, as are poetry slams.

Are you interested in helping? A regular RE teacher would be with you on the Sunday(s) you would teach.

Please let Lynn Lees know if you are interested

Jill Berger, a member of UUFDC since 2006, was born on July 23, 1947. She died on July 4<sup>th</sup>, just nineteen days before her 62nd birthday. Jill is survived by the father she cared for for many years, Chuck; her beloved daughter, Jenny; and her two brothers, Jeffrey and Gene. Family was very important to Jill. She adored her niece, Robin, and her nephew, Eric. Jill loved babies and children, and was always excited to see her grand niece, Holly, and nephews, Ian and Quinn. Her wider family was often the topic of "Remember when..?" stories, many of which were set on the shores of her Ellison Bay home. Jill's late mother, Olga Berger, was often in her thoughts, and she talked about her frequently.



Jill was the always-smiling person who greeted her UUFDC family with hugs on Sunday mornings. She marveled at the varied speakers, often participating during the discussions following the services. She rarely missed a Monday Mahjongg game with the UU players. This was her special time to be among her friends, and she cherished it.

Jill loved Door County. It was the place she hated to leave at the end of her childhood summers. She knew every path in the woods near her home, and could name the wild flowers and birds in any season. Jill loved animals, particularly her

"girls", cats Ellie, Ari and Sophie. Remember Jill as she is in this picture, happily living all year long in Door County. Contributions in Jill's name could be made to the Door County Humane Society or to UUFDC.

### Louis Smolak

*Jutta Hansell*

Life is full of connections and surprises. Who would have thought that by reading a book a remarkable friendship would begin. In *Door Way* by Norb Blei, an assemblage of profiles of Door County, sculptor Louie Smolak was portrayed. A week after reading this book, I saw Louie at the Fellowship. I introduced myself and said we have something in common. Just like Norb Blei shared a certain "Slavic Soul" with Louie, so did I--his Russian and my Ukrainian one. A bond between us started almost 10 years ago and continues.

Louie will celebrate his **100th birthday** on August 15. Born in Byelorussia, in a town called Dubashnik, he came to Chicago when he was four years old. Louie studied at the Chicago Art Institute and earned an art education degree at Illinois State. Since this was at the heart of the Depression and no art jobs were available, he supported himself through boxing and then went into the machine trade. The artist was always within him. His creative side enjoyed woodcarving, channeling into wood sculpture which led to major bronze pieces. He married Edie in 1943 and moved to Door County wanting space with natural beauty and a studio to achieve his artistry.

Besides art, he is an erudite man with a remarkable memory. On one of his presentations at the Fellowship, he recited poems, all memorized. He got a standing ovation. Louie loves to get accolades and rightly so. He is a man with many

*The Memorial Service for  
Paul Schilling  
will be Thursday,  
July 30 -10 AM*

strong opinions, some would say a curmudgeon! He often quotes Frank Lloyd Wright, "I've always preferred honest arrogance to phony humility."

I am so proud and happy to be part of his life. Our mutual respect is obvious.

Thank you for donating the incredible bronze sculpture to the Fellowship. Thank you for being a raconteur of so many stories. Thank you for so many things but mostly for being my friend.

Dear Louie, Happy Birthday, "sto leet" 100 years and many more!

### Eco Solutions

#### *Lu Schilling*

Honoring the speed limit is one of my personal pet values. Another aspect of this issue was pointed out by Chuck Lauter at the Social Responsibility Committee service on Environmental Justice Sunday when he announced an amazing amount of fuel saved and toxic gases prevented, numbers which I have difficulty comprehending, by simply respecting the speed limit. Dick Malm really brought it home when he claimed that his new car, in which he consciously drove the speed limit for over a year, gained on average 20% more miles per gallon (city as well as highway) than the manufacturer advertised. Try it-- set your cruise control to the posted mph. Good job, Dick Malm!

### Sound Advice

Upon occasion people will request a service recording to be mailed to them. The fee is \$10.00 for one disk, \$12.00 for two, \$14.00 for three, etc. The charge is for Al Wittenkeller's time, but it is



still a donation to the fellowship as is the \$2 suggested donation for CDs picked up at the fellowship.

Our new sound system was installed at the Fellowship July 20-21. Al Wittenkeller headed the team that researched the needs and suppliers. Northern Sound of Appleton and Green Bay wired the sanctuary, foyer and gathering room and placed speakers in all three areas.

The new system also includes personal hearing devices for the hearing impaired. There are three sets that include ear pieces with pocket receivers as well as one necklace transmitter used with T-coil hearing devices. The system was funded by an \$8000 Chalice Lighters grant. Earlier acoustic enhancements included re-surfacing portions of the ceiling with wood.



### Larson Exhibits Watercolor Art

#### *Meg Vermillion*

Roberta (Bobbi) L. Raymond-Larson has taken advantage of and taught numerous classes at the Peninsula Art School and The Clearing. Larson has studied under Wendell Arneson, Craig Blietz, Flora Langlois and Frank Weber. She regularly exhibits at the Paintbox Gallery in Ephraim, has shown at The Hardy and numerous venues in Chicago. She has illustrated for Door County books and restaurants. Larson also produced a "Native Orchids of Door County" poster, which benefits the Ridges Sanctuary, Door County Land Trust

and the Nature Conservancy. Beginning in the arts as a child actress provided a fertile beginning for growth in the fine arts. She studied theater and art throughout college. Larson's ongoing exposure to theater and museums in Chicago, New York city and European cities imprinted lasting images upon her.

In mentoring students, Larson states "artists should take chances, not fall into the trap of repeating themselves without the subtle variations that make their work more meaningful."

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they meet summer workers.

Join fellow UU's as we once again clean our two miles of highway between Ellison Bay and Gills Rock. Meet at Bob Lindahl's, 12490 Timberline Road, Ellison Bay at **9:00 AM on Wednesday August 19** for light nourishment before heading out. Last time we had 11 people and the job was easy! Bring gloves, everything else will be provided.

Watch the flipchart in the Lobby for our latest attempt at Carpooling. Members of our Committee, for starters, will list trips they will be taking or special events that they will be attending, along with contact information, should others wish to ride along. Consciousness of carpooling for special events seems to be picking up a bit, but it's far from a habit!

Lastly, watch for information coming out on the annual Alzheimer's Walk. Recognizing that we had much more involvement when the event was held in Northern Door, we have discussed staging our own walk for our members and friends nearer the Fellowship, sending funds generated to the parent organization in Sturgeon Bay. Details should be out in a few weeks.

## Movies That Matter

### *Lu Schilling*

*Flow: For Love of Water* will be shown at 7 PM on August 18<sup>th</sup>. The 2008 award-winning documentary investigates what experts label the most important political and environmental issue of the 21st Century - The World Water Crisis.

Director Irena Salina builds a case against the growing privatization of the world's dwindling fresh water supply with an unflinching focus on politics, pollution, human rights and the emergence of a dominating world water cartel.

Interviews with scientists and activists intelligently reveal the rapidly building crisis, at both the global and human scale, and the film introduces many of the governmental and corporate culprits behind the water grab, while begging the question "CAN ANYONE REALLY OWN WATER?"

Beyond identifying the problem, FLOW also gives viewers a look at the people and institutions providing practical solutions to the water crisis.



## Happy Birthday wishes to Our Members and Friends

- 1—Betty Aik
- 3—Sharon Sweet
- 4—Rik Warch
- 5—Estella Lauter
- 5—Cynthia Stiehl
- 6—George Kaage
- 12—Susanne Beaumont
- 15—Louis Smolak
- 17—Barbara Pfeifer
- 22—Myrna Cohn
- 25—Lee Tackenberg
- 26—Valerie Murre-Schlick
- 27—Grace Toerpe
- 29—Hanne Gault

## Book Club

Two short books are selected for August 4, 1-3 PM, 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.

The Book Club selection for **September** is *Musicophilia, Tales of Music and the Brain*, by Oliver Sacks. Martha Judd is host for the Wednesday, September 2 meeting, 1-3pm. Call 421-2715 for directions to Martha's Ellison Bay home.

*"Music can move us to the heights or depths of emotion. But the power of music goes much, much further. Indeed, music occupies more areas of our brain than language does--humans are a musical species".*

## Retired Professor Featured As UU Poet

The Dickinson Poetry Series features Estella Lauter at 7 PM August 12<sup>th</sup> reading from her bountiful collection of poetry reflecting the many facets of her varied career and interests.

Lauter is professor emerita from the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh after a long career of teaching and administration in the University of Wisconsin System, during which she published books and articles spanning women's studies, literature, visual art, aesthetics, psychology and religion. She has also taught in Germany and Russia. She began to write poems when her second child was born as an antidote to her lifelong pattern of commuting—between cities, regions, roles, and fields of study. In retirement, she writes, does whatever she can to promote peace and justice for all forms of life and co-chairs the Democratic Party of Door County.

Anya Kopischke, a student at Gibraltar School, will read her poetry at the September 9<sup>th</sup> event.

## Dollars and Sense

*Juliana Neuman, treasurer*

### Fiscal Year-end Report

#### Income

CapitalCa funds used	\$14,140
Building Fund used	4,704
Pledges	64,473
Donations	3,522
Offering	10,941
Fundraising	1,852
Grant funds expended	2,188
Space use	900
Other	<u>847</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>103,577</b>

#### Outflows

New Bldg refurbishing	13,784
Interest on loan	21,488
Utilities	10,621
Maintenance	<b>7,212</b>
Insurance	2,529
Property Tax	3,187
Administration	3,974
Program/Music	14,914
Sound System	2,344
Committees	4,018
Publicity	3,856
UUA Dues	6,396
Contingency	<u>1,071</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>95,394</b>

#### The Bottom Line: \$8,183

Note: the Building Fund consisted of donations from years past that were set aside to help pay for a new or expanded building. Without the addition of this fund, the net income would be \$3479.

Payments on Capital Campaign pledges during the fiscal year came to \$54,700; only the amount shown above was used for work on the new building. The balance, over \$40,000, is being used to pay off a portion of our mortgage principal, which currently stands at \$350,000.

A grant of \$8000 from the Chalice Lighters of the UUA's Central Midwest District was received in May. \$2188 of the grant was spent in June as a down payment on the new sound system equipment, which will be installed by the end of July.

Contingency funds were used for the consultant who is assisting us with direction setting (long range planning).



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

## UUFDC August Calendar of Events

**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, Aug 5

1-3 PM Book club

### Thursday, Aug 6 @ 7 PM

Door Shakespeare

### Tuesday, Aug 11 @ 4PM

Governing Board

### Wednesday, Aug 12 7PM

Dickinson Poetry Series

### Tuesday, Aug 18 7PM

Movies That Matter

### Wednesday, Aug 19

9AM Hwy cleanup

### Friday, Aug 21 1-3PM

MemGarden committee

### Tuesday, Aug 25 7PM

Summer Workers Social

### Sunday, Aug 23 & 30

8:15 AM Choir Rehearsal

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Bible Study
2 SERVICE 10 AM Gallery (11-12:30)	3 Mah Jongg Gallery (1-3 PM)	4	5 Book Club 1-3PM	6 Door Shake- speare 7 PM	7 Landscape 8 AM	8 Bible Study 10 AM
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