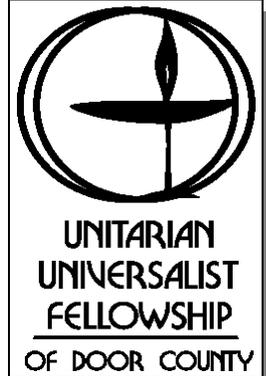


UU Update

November, 2009

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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.

November Sunday Services

Nov. 1 - Rev. Joan Shiels COUNT THEM ONE BY ONE

As we approach the season of giving, it is wise to consider the importance of saying thank you.

An unexpected experience of savoring the sweetness of life.

The Rev. Joan Shiels has graduate degrees in Religion, Theology and Divinity as well as a broad education in the world's religions, including Unitarianism. Bringing equal parts of respect and skepticism to it all, she has been sharing her creative reflections with our fellowship for five years.

Music: Gerri Friedberg

Nov. 8th - Alan Kopischke ALL I NEED TO ASK I LEARNED IN ACTING CLASS

Theatre training is essentially the study of human behavior. Can we turn the tools of the actor onto our own real lives to help us figure out what is our motivation?



UU member Alan Kopischke earned his MFA in Acting from the American Conservatory Theatre and spent 20 years earning his living as an actor, director, teacher and producer. His more than 25 year relationship with Door County and Peninsula Players has led him to his new home (since 2007) in Fish Creek with Karin, Anya and Simon. As Development Director at the Players, he raises money and develops

community programs, most notably as producer of The Big Read Door County.

Music: Carol Boyd

Service Leader: Sheila Saperstein

Nov. 15th - The Rev. Cynthia Johnson EVOCATIVE OBJECTS

Sherry Turkle challenges us to explore the meaning of objects in our lives. We find it familiar to consider objects as useful or aesthetic, as necessities or vain indulgences. We are on less familiar ground as we think of objects as companions to our emotional lives or as provocations to thought. We think with the objects we love; we love the objects we think with. You are invited to bring an object that brings together intellect and emotion, an object that is a companion in your life. It should be smaller than a grapefruit. We will display them on the long bench inside the sanctuary during the service.

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

Music: Gerri Friedberg

Nov. 22nd - Allin Walker Thanksgiving Service

WE GATHER TOGETHER TO ASK FOR WHAT?

From the Zen: As you begin your journey, trees are trees, water is water, and rock is rock. As you travel on, they become something else. Eventually, after you travel quite a distance, they again become simply trees, water and rock. A reflection of gratitude and regrets.

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

Music: Ellen Shahbazi and UU Choir

Nov. 29th - Rev. Phil Sweet THE BURDEN OF FREEDOM

Freedom is relatively new in the world. Erich Fromm in his book "Escape from Freedom" says the only goal in western so-called democracies is to escape from freedom. A look at freedom from Dostoyevsky's "The Grand Inquisitor".

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.

Music: Gerri Friedberg

Service Leader: Sheila Saperstein

Visit our website: uufdc.org

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

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President's Column

By Cyndy Stiehl

Your Governing Board is taking action. During our October meeting we approved the purchase of an AED, thanks to the help of Phil Hansotia and Carrie Link. We finalized and passed the Building Use Form. Any use of the building will now require the completion of the form and, possibly, some fees. We also are asking that any fund-raising events or donations (other than financial) be brought to the Governing Board for coordination.

There was much discussion about a possible collaboration with NWTC who needs classroom space. More exploration is necessary and will continue.

We reviewed our Direction Setting plan and Town Hall Meeting. More communication about Board issues was requested, so the agenda will be posted on Sunday before the meeting. The most exciting action came as a result of your voices and energy at this meeting and the Focus Groups that preceded it. The Board empowered the convening of three Task Forces to gather information for the future of UUFDC. The exploration of The Green Sanctuary program will be led by Chuck Lauder. The Task Force to explore Welcoming Congregation will be led by Myrna Cohn. And, the Building & Grounds Committee will assemble a Building Expansion Task Force.

Embarking upon three big programs such as these is ambitious! However, I am confident that, as time and information gathering progress, they will sort themselves out and we will know which ones to begin first, second and third, or choose to do simultaneously. All three of these programs demonstrate a great deal of growth, depth and determination. We are living our principles by caring for the earth, practicing inclusion and fostering our own growth through democratic process. We are taking action. Congratulations to us all!

Memory Walk

By Karen Cruz

Our UUFDC team made an excellent showing at the 2009 Alzheimer's Memory Walk. Approximately 23 people did all or

some of the walk at Peninsula State Park on Saturday, Sept. 26, and donated over \$1100 to the Alzheimer's Association. The weather was ideal for walking, if a little damp at times, and the pre-walk breakfast at Julie's Park Cafe was so enjoyable that one volunteer suggested we should plan such breakfasts and hikes more often, maybe several times a week!! Thanks to all who participated.

From Social Responsibility and Religious Education Committees

By Lynn Lees

Every year UU congregations get together for Guest at Your Table (GAYT). We give thanks, celebrate UU values and share our blessings to help change the world.

To participate you may join us on November 22 and receive a GAYT box to place in your home where you share your meals. Keep it there until January 3. At mealtimes, put coins or bills into the GAYT box as if sharing with unseen guests from around the world. By January 3 total your savings and make out a check for the amount to the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) and place it in the Offering basket at the Fellowship or give it to Chuck Lauter or Lynn Lees.

If your gift is \$100 or more, it will be matched by a grant from the congregation at Shelter Rock in Manhasset, NY.

In addition, you can earn UUSC membership with giving at the following levels:

Adult individual—\$40

2 Adults—\$75

Senior (65 and over)—\$20

Youth/student—\$10

The work of the UUSC is guided by the values of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the principles of Unitarian Universalism, which uphold the inherent worth and dignity of all people.

This is done through projects that strengthen workers' rights, protects the right to safe, affordable water, defends civil liberties and democratic processes and preserves the rights of marginalized groups in times of disaster and armed conflict.

Please join us in this worthy effort beginning on November 22.

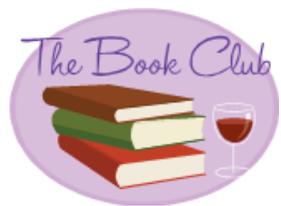
AED Equipment Purchased for UU

Thanks to the encouragement of Carrie Link and assistance from Phil Hansotia, the UUFDC board voted to purchase an Automated External Defibrillator (AED). The unit will be readily accessible in the foyer and used to provide assistance to someone experiencing a specific type of cardiac problem until an ambulance arrives. The precursor to the purchase was certification of UU members and friends in both CPR and AED use. Please thank the following people who completed the course this spring:

Diane Daniel
Marilyn Hansotia
Phil Hansotia
Lynn Lees
Dave Link
Sarah Naber
Ellen Shahbazi
Steve Uglinica
Dave Vermillion
Meg Vermillion
Margot Warch

The Governing Board authorized the \$1000 expenditure feeling it is the responsible thing to do based on several previous episodes in our congregation. Anyone wishing to make a contribution toward the equipment can do so to Treasurer Juliana Neuman.

Others interested in becoming certified can contact Phil Hansotia, 854-9360. Another class will be arranged if there is sufficient interest.



Reminder! The Book Club will meet Wednesday, **November 4 from 1 – 3 PM** at the Fellowship. New members are welcome. Beverages and dessert will be served. Agenda: Planning for 2010.

Dickinson Features Pair of Poets

Gerri Friedberg and Anita Beckstrom will pair up **November 11, 7 PM**, for

the next Dickinson Poetry Series.

UU member Friedberg, known for her talent at the piano, happened upon her interest in poetry years ago reflecting, "I've never considered myself a poet but when I was in college, lines would sometimes occur to me, often in sleep. I'd write them down, play with the words and was amazed that it seemed poetic! The only real poetry mentor I've formally had is Wisconsin's first poet laureate Ellen Kort, but others who inspire include Nancy Rafal, David Clowers, Ralph Murre and Christine Swanberg."

Joining Friedberg is long-time Sister Bay resident, Anita Beckstrom, whose Door County roots go back three generations. Beckstrom was schooled in Milwaukee, studying art and English in college. On returning to the county she worked for over two decades at the Instructional Media Center at Gibraltar School. She exhibited art work for many years but turned to writing poetry in 2000 and meets regularly with the Wallace Group of poets in Sister Bay. She has a chapbook coming out soon. Her poems have appeared in *The Wisconsin Poets' Calendar*, *Peninsula Pulse*, *Free Verse*, and *The Museletter*.

The Dickinson Poetry Series provides experienced and budding poets an opportunity to present their works. December's featured poet is Phil Hansotia.

Eco Solutions

By Lu Schilling

The Problem--Money is power. It follows that wherever large amounts of money collect, so too centers of power form. As trillions of dollars accumulate in the corporate sphere, we witness the growing power of corporations to shape the world as they see fit. These new power centers are not democracies. We don't vote for the CEO's or their policies, yet our des-

tinies are increasingly in their hands.

The Solution--As consumers, we vote every single day with the purest form of power...money. The average American family spends around \$18,000 every year on goods and services. Think of it as casting 18,000 votes every year for the kind of world you want to live in. To help choose which corporation to support, I bought *The Better World Shopping Guide* by Ellis Jones, www.newsociety.com, \$10. It ranks and grades companies by issues of 1) human rights, 2) environment, 3) animal protection, 4) community involvement, 5) social justice. If you want to begin with the changes that will make the most difference for people and the planet, start with these ten things: banking, gasoline, supermarket, car, retail stores, seafood, chocolate, coffee, credit cards and cleaning products. Shop with a conscience!

Movies That Matter

God Grew Tired of Us will be shown **November 17, 7PM**, at the UU. The film traces the footsteps of refugees fleeing war, poverty, and persecution ravaging Sudan since 1983. After raising themselves in the desert along with thousands of other parentless "lost boys," Sudanese refugees John, Daniel, and Panther have found their way to America, where they experience electricity, running water and supermarkets for the first time. Each man is articulate about his anxieties and aspirations throughout. Visually the men's testimony is backed up by footage that is poignantly presented. It is a fascinating culture shock, one that shows their innocence in the face of our technology and their resolute determination to retain their culture. Always taking steps forward in opportunity, we see them work, experience bigotry, and come to terms with our way of life. Capturing their wonder at things Westerners take for granted, this documentary, an award winner at

the 2006 Sundance Film Festival, paints an intimate portrait of strangers in a strange land. Writer/director Christopher Quin has assembled a flowing presentation. *God Grew Tired of Us* is profoundly titled for John's reflection of the Armageddon qualities of their native plight. It is also our view to a broader horizon and better understanding. Nicole Kidman narrates.

OUR MITTEN TREE

By Cynthia Oliver

Around Thanksgiving, Bob Lindahl and Ray Dilulio will be cutting down our Holiday Tree and putting it up in our Gathering Room. The trees are volunteers on Bob's property and now we need *our volunteers* to donate MITTENS and HATS and SCARVES to decorate the tree. These Mittens, Hats and Scarves will ultimately be donated to Clothe My People. Any size, shape or color will be appreciated - girls and boys of all ages will be the recipients! You may BUY them or KNIT them or CROCHET them or DONATE them from your stash of new winter clothes. Let's fill our Mitten Tree for all those who need warmth from our hearts and from the clothes we donate.

Cynthia Oliver
920-854-5919



November birthday wishes to the following members and friends:

- 2—Carol Soper
- 6—Dick Malm
- 8—Phil Hansotia
- 9—Barbara Pedersen
- 10—Phyl Mielke
- 11—Patti Podgers
- 16—Bobbie Larson
- 19—David Murphy
- 25—Anne Clarke

FAIR TRADE CART NEWS

By Meg Vermillion

For a short time the lively music "Playing for Change" is available for purchase. The recording originated from the belief that music is a medium that all people around the globe can relate to and connect with. Joining together in this way promotes peaceful relations between cultures. The "Playing for Change" recordings come from street and local musicians while the crew traveled through 30 different countries. The same tunes, are sung by each musician and then overlaid with each other. PBS recently did a special on this project as the income is being used to build art and music schools in Ghana, Nepal, Ntonga and the U.S. It sells for \$15 and includes the DVD of how the recording was made. Consider the CD/DVD not only for yourself but as a wonderful gift for any occasion.

November Artist Paints Boldly

By Meg Vermillion

Door County artist Archelle "Buttons" Wolst will kick off her show "The Playfulness of Color and Shape" at the Unitarian Universalist Gallery **November 8 from noon to 2 PM.**

Her UU show features her oil paintings though she paints in various media. It will capture the full palette of color ranging from bright and happy to subdued and contemplative. Wolst relates that she uses "brush work deliberately and expressively". She enjoys taking shapes and simplifying them to capture a mood. Her style is in both impressionistic and modernist. Her subjects range from natural landscapes to floral still life and figures.

Wolst graduated with a Masters Degree in Fine Arts from Carnegie-Mellon University of Pennsylvania where she

also taught. After moving to Wisconsin and settling in Racine, Wolst created a poster exhibition of U.S. museums that was of such stature that it became part of a national tour. Her focus changed to developing children's coloring, paper-doll and activity books under the Golden Books line.

She owned and operated the Snowstar Ltd., fine stationary stores in Sturgeon Bay and Fish Creek. The quality was such that the stationary was featured in Pen World International in 2000 and in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel in 2002.

Several years ago, Wolst changed her attention to oil painting. She has been featured several times at the Hardy Gallery's Collectors' Choice Show and Annual Juried Exhibit as well as the Miller Art Museum's Annual Juried Exhibit. Her paintings are also available at Fine Line Gallery.

Editor's note: Starting in December our writer for Artist of the Month will be Jane Delcarson. Her strong art background will add to the monthly article. Thank you Meg for your artful writing this past year and a half and to Jane for your willingness to take on the task.

Czech Pianist Radoslav Kvapil Performs at Emerson Series

The preeminent Czech pianist of the last quarter century, Radoslav Kvapil, will return **Tuesday November 10, 7:30 PM.**



Born in Brno, Moravia, Kvapil is widely regarded as the finest living Czech pianist. Throughout his distinguished career, Kvapil has specialized in the performance of Czech music world-wide. He has performed in major festivals, for radio and television

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networks in Europe, Japan and the United States for a number of years. His recordings are played frequently on Wisconsin Public Radio. He has performed in major concert halls throughout the world including the Royal Albert Hall, The Barbican Centre (London), Carnegie Recital Hall (New York), the Theatre des Champs Elysees (Paris), the Concert Hall of the Seoul Arts Centre and The Henry Crown Symphony Hall (Jerusalem).

Kvapil is widely acclaimed for his recordings of the piano works of the important Czech composers including Dvorak, Smetana, Martinu, Vorisek, Janacek, Fibich and Suk as well as the complete Chopin Etudes.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for youth and will be available at the door. A reception will follow with an opportunity to meet the artist.



Midsummer's Music Festival

will return to the UU Fellowship for a performance of Renaissance Christmas featuring the Chicago Early Music Consort on **Sunday, December 13, 3 PM**, at UUFDC. A reception will follow.

Join fellow UU's for our last Highway 42 cleanup of the year, **Wed. November 4**. Stop by Bob Lindahl's (12490 Timberline Rd, Gills Rock) at 9AM for some *breakfast* and then proceed to help clean up our designated two miles of roadway between Gills Rock and Ellison Bay. There will be a signup sheet in the foyer by late October.



Announcements of note:



The choir will rehearse:
November 15th at 8:15am
November 22nd at 8:15am.

They will also sing for the service on November 22nd.



Next Step

The Board wants to form a Task Force to develop a Master Plan for any future expansion of our building so that any improvements and/or changes we make in our building now, will be consistent for the long-term. If you are interested in joining this Task Force, please contact Ken Boyd (839-9338) or Bob Lindahl (421-2470)

DOLLARS AND \$ENSE by Juliana Neuman, Treasurer
Fiscal Year 1st Quarter Report

<u>Income</u>		<u>Outflows</u>	
Pledges	12,237	Building & Grounds	6,730
Offering	3,747	Interest on Loan	5,210
Donations	1,162	Insurance	2,121
Space Use	725	Utilities	869
Fundraising	320	Administration	1,220
Investment Gain	620	Program/Music	3,808
Other	<u>346</u>	Memorial Services	550
		Religious Education	146
		Publicity	1,002
		Committees	264
		UUA Dues	1,694
		Other	<u>154</u>
Total Income	19,157	Total Expenses	23,768

The Bottom Line: (\$4611)

The net loss shown here is largely due to the fact that a larger than usual proportion of pledges for the current fiscal year was received prior to July 1 (about \$2600 more than in the previous year). In addition, \$2284 was paid out for electrical work that was contracted for last year but only recently completed. We also paid for the entire year's insurance policy at once rather than in installments.

The \$8000 grant from the Chalice Lighters of the UUA's Central Midwest District was received in May. A portion of the grant was spent at the end of fiscal 2008-09 as a down payment on the new sound system equipment and for acoustical improvements to the ceiling in the sanctuary; the balance of the grant was spent during the 1st Quarter of this fiscal year.

Payments on Capital Campaign pledges during this quarter came to \$2,200.

DONATIONS

A contribution in memory of Doris Owen, mother of Carol Boyd, was received from Marilyn and Phil Hansotia.



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Sunday Services: 10:00 A.M.

UUFDC November Calendar of Events

For the most up-to-date calendar, please see our website: uufdc.org/calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10 AM SERVICE Rev Shiels 11-12:30 Gallery	2 1-3 PM Mah Jongg Gallery open	3	4 9 AM Hwy cleanup—meet @ Bob Lindahl's 1-3PM Book Club @UUFDC	5	6	7
8 10 AM SERVICE Alan Kopischke noon-2PM Wolst Gallery reception	9 1-3 PM Mah Jongg Gallery open	10 4 PM Govern- ing Board 7:30 PM Emer- son: Kvapil	11 7 PM Dickinson Poetry Friedberg & Beckstrom	12	13	14
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