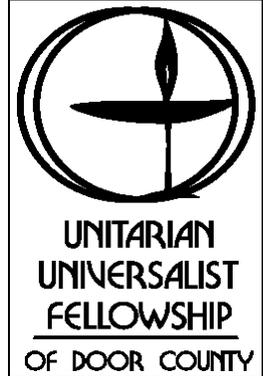


UU Update

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The living tradition which we share draws from many sources. One is the words and deeds of prophetic women and men which challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love.

January Sunday Services

January 3 - Rev. Cynthia Johnson

A VINTAGE YEAR

My favorite vineyard in Oregon tempts me to buy its wines to enjoy a cascade of extra notes of lychee, cream and white pepper and strong mineral-laced red and dark berry flavors in a slow-building floral finish. How do we tend our own vineyards so that we have a vintage year?

Cynthia, a member of our Fellowship, is a retired Unitarian Universalist minister. Among her greatest pleasures are family and friends; reading, writing, and painting; and pondering. Cynthia and Al have lived in Baileys Harbor fulltime since 2000.

Music: Guest musician: Hans Christian, cellist
Pianist: Ellen Shahbazi

January 10 - Dr. Fred Heide
THE WOW OF NOW

This talk will discuss how major spiritual traditions, poets, and psychotherapeutic approaches have endorsed present-centeredness. Research on the value of here-and-now awareness will be overviewed. Although a present-centered approach has often been confused with hedon-

ism, it is arguably the optimal method for gaining objectivity on our tendencies to dwell in dream-like reveries about the future or the past. The speaker will distinguish between living *in* the moment and *for* the moment, and share a few personal reflections on the advantages of being present-centered.

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".

Service Leader: Cyndy Stiehl
Music: Gerri Friedberg

January 17 - Henry Timm
CAPTAIN AHAB IS ALIVE AND WELL!

In the golden days of my youth, people were still looking for the Great American Novel! I think the Great American Novel has already appeared and has been with us for over a century. I'm speaking about Moby Dick, and with a foot note about Billy Budd. In this meditation, we will re-visit

Herman Melville, who was in his lifetime one of the greatly underrated American writers and is, today, perhaps one of the under-read Great American Writers. We'll examine why and suggest that it's time to stop ignoring his great American masterpiece.

Henry Timm writes poetry, fiction and criticism. He also edits and teaches writing in the county. Some of his criticism ends up in the "Peninsula Pulse". He directs plays and theater (The Dinner Party by Neil Simon this Feb for Isadoora and Blythe Spirit in April for TAPWorks) and, with Garrett Cohn, is pursuing the art and business of small press, non-profit publishing. (See Poetry Doodles by Jay Brickman published by Caravaggio Press.)

Music: Gerri Friedberg
Service Leader: Garrett Cohn

January 24 - Rev. Joan Shiels
FACING THE INEVITABLE

Winston Churchill said, "I am ready to meet my maker, but whether my maker is prepared for the great ordeal of meeting me is another matter."

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Copies of the Sunday Sermons are available on CD. Contact Al Wittenkeller, 839-2800 or alnjudy2@gmail.com

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President's Column

By Cynthia Stiehl

Dear UUFDC Congregation,
Your Governing Board met on December 8 with a full agenda, including two guests. First, Sally Malm presented the possibility of accepting a statue by Door County artist, IsAbel. After discussion, the Board voted to not accept the gift but we thank Sally for her time to bring this to us. Second, Myrna Cohn, as Welcoming Congregation Chair, delivered a thorough history and examination of the Welcoming Congregation process, which is extensive. Thank you, Myrna, for your work and time. We will consider your recommendations next meeting.

Discussions continue with NWTC and the Land Trust concerning the Koessl building and our back room. Right now we are waiting for more information from NWTC from which point we can take a next step.

Chuck Lauter made a wonderful presentation on the Green Sanctuary Program. This is an all-encompassing endeavor that will take time and participation by the whole congregation. The Board will continue to work with this.

Finally, Bob Lindahl reported from the Building Expansion Task force that planning sessions continue. He hopes to be finished by January.

After the meeting we took some time to celebrate the season together. As we did so, we saluted each other and toasted to another year of work, friendship and commitment to UUFDC. I am very proud of this Board and honored to be President of this amazing Fellowship. I wish us all a profitable, healthy and happy new year.

Dollars and Sense

By Juliana Neuman, Treasurer

In January UUFDC members and friends will receive contribution acknowledgment letters. These letters are provided for your tax records. Your acknowledgment letter will show

the total amount you have contributed to UUFDC during calendar 2009, including pledge payments, donations, and capital campaign contributions. It will not include payments for goods and services such as fundraising items, CD's, Fair Trade coffee, classes or events.

Those who have made a pledge to UUFDC's operating budget for the current fiscal year (7/1/09 to 6/30/10) will receive a second letter showing the pledge amount and the total payments received through December 31st. Pledge balances are due no later than June 30, 2010. Please note that these pledge update letters refer to the fiscal year, not the calendar year, and are not to be used for tax purposes. Your total calendar year payments are included in the contribution letters described previously in this column.

Seasonal Donations

In past years our Fellowship participated in an Adopt-a-Family program sponsored by HELP of Door County, but this year that agency changed the focus of its holiday gift program and asked for cash and gift cards only. Knowing that UUFDC members had enjoyed shopping for a family, our Social Responsibility Committee approached the Hispanic Resource Center about the possibility of a similar project there. We were given the ages and sizes of six children in need of winter outdoor wear. Because of the need to coordinate these outfits (jackets, snowpants, boots, hats, scarves and mittens), six shopping teams were appointed. Other members and friends contributed cash and checks to support this endeavor. The leadership of the Hispanic Resource Center expressed their gratitude for our efforts by hosting four of our members at their Virgin of Guadalupe celebration and dinner on December 12.

During the month of December we also received contributions from new member Martha Judd and from an old friend of the Fellowship, Shyla Wollman.

Emily Dickinson Poetry Series



Rolf Olson presents his original poetry on **January 13 at 7 PM.**

Olson has been a boat builder, metal smith, bus driver, and cabinetmaker in Door County for more than 20 years. He is currently the resident manager at a local hotel. He has been writing poetry seriously for eight years and is a long-time member of the Unabridged Poets group. His poems have been described as diverse, intense, Zen-like, word sketches. They are spare and probing, reflecting his love of philosophy and art. Olson says, "Poetry helps us order the disorder of our lives, whether it is the rush of external sensations or the internal chatter of our minds. Poetry lets us touch the roots of our shared existence." He published his first chapbook, *One Glass Eye* in 2003 and he is nearing the completion of his second.

Audience members are invited to read their poetry following the guest poet. The event is held the second Wednesday each month at 7 PM, is free and open to the public.

A Call to Green Sanctuary

By Lu Schilling

In September the UUA published the 5th edition of the *Green Sanctuary Manual*, adapted from the *UU Ministry for Earth* publication: *Congregations Working Together To Restore Earth and Renew Spirit*. In addition to calling us to live our Principles, our spiritual orientation shapes how we see ourselves in the world, how we relate to one another, and how we respond to the interdependent web of existence. Our world view and moral values offer the opportunity

to reshape our participation in the social, economic, and political systems we have helped to create.

We are called to reexamine our daily patterns of living: how we live, what and how much we consume, and who controls the distribution of costs and benefits in our society. The quest for justice and the healing of Earth - rolling up our sleeves to work for a better life for ourselves, our families, and the larger world - is one part of a life of faith.

Green Sanctuary is based on a framework of four focus areas:

- Worship and celebration
- Religious education
- Environmental justice
- Sustainable living

The Green Sanctuary program offers a structurally framed path to join our efforts, both symbolically and explicitly, with thousands of other UU congregations across the country. It is designed to help congregations like ours develop and work toward a vision of a healthier, more sustainable future.

The Green Sanctuary program is a collective effort, not just a personal project for a few of the most committed environmentalists in a congregation. It is about all of us, according to our talents and capacities, coming together to create the Earth Community we have envisioned. The program encourages individual actions that reduce our impact on this planet, but primarily it is a program of congregational action. It is about working together to strengthen our ability to create change.

Please encourage our board members to embrace this vital UU program as an evolutionary step for our own fellowship.

Note: The Governing Board on December 8, 2009 unanimously voted to pursue the Green Sanctuary designation. We are at step one which involves establishing a standing committee, a timeline, and recommending a charge to the

Board for a vote on whether to proceed.

Movies That Matter

By Lu Schilling



Bill Moyers Journal interview with Wendell Potter

January 19, 7 PM.

Wendell Potter is former Vice President of corporate communications at CIGNA, one of the country's largest health insurance companies. In June 2009, he testified against the HMO industry in the U.S. Senate as a whistleblower.

This episode is so popular that Moyers aired it twice. As the health insurance lobby continues to cloud the issues, the discussion needs to be expanded. Potter could have more easily and profitably become a political appointee for one of the governmental regulatory agencies.

There was a time, in the early 1990s, when health insurance companies devoted more than 95 cents out of every premium dollar to paying doctors and hospitals for taking care of their members. No more.

Since Clinton's health reform plan died 15 years ago, the health insurance industry has come to be dominated by a handful of insurance companies that answer to Wall Street investors, and they have changed that basic math. Today, insurers only pay about 81 cents of each premium dollar on actual medical care. The rest is consumed by rising profits, grotesque executive salaries, huge administrative expenses, the cost of weeding out people with pre-existing conditions and claims review designed to wear out patients

with denials and disapprovals of the care they need the most.

This equation is known as the medical loss ratio (MLR), an aptly named figure that is widely seen by investors as the most important gauge of an insurance company's current and future profitability. In a private health insurance industry that collected \$817 billion this year, a 14 percentage point difference in the MLR represents \$112 billion a year! Over 10 years, that would be more than enough to pay for health reform. Discussion and opinions are invited.

Office Depot

By Dottie Gerrits

Office Depot deserves our thanks for offering their Reward Points Program and you all deserve thanks for depositing your empty cartridges at UU. I have been able to make office supply purchases of more than \$225 this year with those points. So you see your empty cartridges have been a real plus for UU. They are now accepting all brand cartridges and I have many in reserve, but instead of throwing them in the trash, put them in the basket on the coat closet shelf and hopefully we will purchase enough supplies to allow us to receive \$3 a piece.

I would encourage you to patronize Office Depot.

Editor's Note: Thanks to our super shopper Dottie for keeping us in office supplies in the most economical fashion!

SRC Activities

By Chuck Lauter

At its December 6 meeting the Social Responsibility Committee pursued several activities.

We will continue to work with the Governing Board to develop a Green Sanctuary program within the

Fellowship described further by Lu Schilling in this newsletter.

We decided not to have a specific theme for 2010. After three years of dynamic themes (Earth-Friendly Choices in 2007, Economic Injustice in 2008, and Personal Involvement In Social Action in 2009), we have a number of programs needing continuing work without new issues demanding attention. Thus, you will see more focus on reducing energy use and carbon output in our food and transportation choices. Watch for a "back by popular demand" Meatless/Dairyless potluck on March 5. We will continue to be represented on county-wide taskforces on workforce housing and public transportation. This year we WILL have a work-camp experience for members of the Fellowship. Supporting seasonal workers will continue and we may be able to develop our relationship with the Hispanic Resource Center. Of course, all of our on-going programs will need attention as well.

We also focused on the second quarter social justice contribution on behalf of the Fellowship. We are researching a program which provides better sanitation and thus better health to rural areas of Haiti.

Those attending the service on December 13 saw the beautiful presents purchased and wrapped by the six "Mrs. Clauses" for children at the Hispanic Resource Center. Helene Di Iulio coordinated this program, as she has done with similar holiday gifting for many years, and deserves tremendous thanks for her efforts.

Please remember to keep filling the Food Barrel!

Chalice Table Flowers

By Helene Di Iulio



Following an appeal in March suggesting members and friends provide flowers for the chalice table *in honor or in memory of occasions or loved ones*, the following people have responded, some more than one time.

They are:

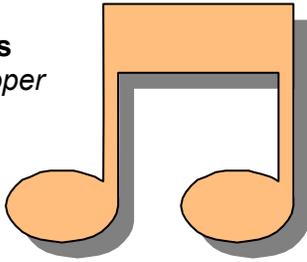
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Coral Peterson
Billie Ryan
Lu Schilling
Tom and Kathy Toerpe
Al and Judy Wittenkeller
The Religious Education Parents
and Kids

Thanks to all!

Website Viewing Tips

Check the calendar frequently for new things happening at UUFDC. www.uufdc.org

New photos will be added but you may not be seeing them if you have added the website to your "Favorites". Occasionally use the F5 key, usually on the top row of your keyboard, or the refresh key on your browser. Both ways will get you the latest version of a saved or cached site.

Choir Notes*By Carol Soper*

Choir will rehearse January 17 and January 24 at 8:15 AM. The Choir will sing for the January 24 Sunday Service.

UU Craft Exhibit*By Jane Delcarson*

All UU members are invited to exhibit in our UU Craft Exhibit, February 7- March 14. Bring your work to the storage area on or before February 4, 2PM. No late entries will be accepted. Please have wall-hung pieces ready with hardware and wire for hanging. Table easels and displays will be welcome. We have two jewelry cases, first come, first filled.

All works must be hand crafted, done independently, no kits, please.

Any questions: Please call Julia Bresnahan, 839-2606.

Who Did That?*By Marilyn Hansotia*

This month we introduce a new addition to help our members and friends find out how all those tasks get done at UU. It is meant to be informative, playful, and most of all, bring attention to the many and varied activities that occur on a daily basis by so many willing volunteers to keep our fellowship running smoothly. Have fun with this and express your gratitude to those you meet who may be doing something that you never knew. If your talents and time match with some of the tasks, please step forward and join the team. It does take a village to run our successful UUFDC!

Who keeps the mailing list updated?

Dottie Gerrits

Who washes the coffee cups?

The Mah Jongg players run the dishwasher on Monday afternoons.

Who prepares the weekly OOS?

Helene Dilulio and Dottie Gerrits alternate monthly.

Who picks up and distributes the mail?

Juliana Neuman

"Feeling gratitude and not expressing it, is like wrapping a present and not giving it."

- William Arthur Ward

**January birthdays**

We extend best wishes to our members and friends with January birthdays....

4 Lois Murphy
6 Sam Carmen
8 Julia Bresnahan
12 Helen Taylor
12 Pam Goode
13 Garrett Cohn
16 Claire Toerpe
17 Ray Pfeifer (92!)
18 John Lees
19 Carole Stein
19 Jack Van't Hoog
21 Mitch Mitchell
25 BK Story
25 Evan Toerpe
30 Jane Aldrich (93!)

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How do you plan to face your death? Do you plan to go gentle into that good night? Or do you plan to rage, rage, against the dying of the light? Each of us ---and everybody else ---is going to die and yet most of us don't want to discuss the matter thank you very much. Some frank talk, including a little humor.



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 and UU Choir

Service Leader: Peggy Lott

**January 31 - Allin Walker
WABI-SABI: AN ETHIC THAT
VALUES WHAT IS UNIQUELY
DOOR COUNTY**

In classical Japanese esthetics Wabi stands for utter simplicity and an absence of conspicuous consumption. Sabi refers to the charm of the agedness of things. Together they invite a unity of what is natural and has intrinsic value with what is well made.

(If possible, please Google Wabi-Sabi and come with some ideas about this intriguing topic.)

Allin Walker is the owner with Margaret Lockwood of Woodwalk Gallery in Egg Harbor, a member of the Door County ManKind Group, a member of the National Alliance on Mental Illness of Door County and campaign manager for Dick Skare. Allin was formerly a UCC minister.

Music: Gerri Friedberg

Service Leader: Chuck Lauter



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Sunday Services: 10:00 A.M.

UUFDC January Calendar of Events

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

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