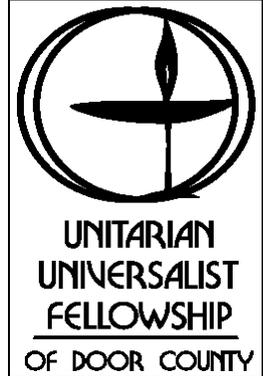


UU Update

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The living tradition which we share draws from many sources.
One is the wisdom from the world's religions which inspire us in our ethical and spiritual life.

February Sunday Services

Feb. 7th - Rabbi Sid Vineburg

HEALTH CARE IN AMERICA, A HUMAN RIGHT

Access to appropriate health care for all Americans should not be a political issue, but a human civil right based on the highest social and religious principles. We will never have true civil parity in our country until this need has been met for everyone.

Rabbi Sidney A. Vineburg is the Academic Services Coordinator at St. John Nepomucene School in Little Chute, and Spiritual Leader of Anshe Poale Zedek Synagogue in Manitowoc. Vineburg was Rabbi of Congregation Cnesses Israel in Green Bay, Wisconsin for 15 years, and retired from that pulpit in December of 2002. He was one of five National Finalists for the 1999 Walter Cronkite Faith and Freedom Award given by the National Interfaith Alliance Foundation for defending religious diversity in Green Bay. Rabbi Vineburg will be working toward an Ed.D in Education at Capella University beginning in July of 2010.

Service Leader:
Sheila Saperstein

Feb. 14th - The Rev. Dottie Mathews

DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP: AN IMPORTANT STEP ON THE WAY TO EQUALITY

Valentine's Day seems an apropos day to discuss my views on why the recent Wisconsin legislation has been so highly celebrated by commit-

ted same-gender couples in this state and we'll learn more about the rights now afforded them under the law. As an overriding theme, we will also consider the apparent truth that incremental steps are often required to bring about significant changes in society.



The Rev. Dottie Mathews joined the Fox Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship staff in August, 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. She 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.

Service Leader:
Chuck Lauter

Feb 21st - The Rev. Phil Sweet

IS JESUS THE CHRIST?

What is the meaning of divinity? Every religion has a special revelation to illuminate the highest reality, even the Unitarians. Listen to the theologian Reinhold Niebuhr: "Christian faith stands or falls on the proposition that a figure named Je-

sus is more than an individual in history, but is a revelation of self and of the ultimate mystery of existence." A reflection and a good sermon title for Unitarians!

Rev. Sweet is a popular and frequent speaker at the UUFDC. He served as minister for two rural churches in western Minnesota and for Hope Church in Sturgeon Bay.

Service Leader:
Dave Vermillion
Music: UU Choir

Feb 28th - The Rev. Phil Sweet

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

The word salvation comes from the Latin root salvatum (to save), salvus (safe); or salus (safety). In a broad sense it is preservation from danger or destruction or great calamity. It implies a health or wholeness of being, a sense of balance or completeness. Salvation is the fullest and truest realization of an individual's value and potential. A rumination and another good sermon for Unitarians!

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Service Leader:
Ray Dilulio

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 alnjudy2@gmail.com

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

By Cynthia Stiehl

On January 11 the Governing Board met with a full agenda. Al Johnson and Garrett Cohn spoke with updates about Koessl/Northeast Wisconsin Technical College/Land Trust issues. Talks continue. More updates came from Bob Lindahl. His Building Task Force is ready to submit its final report. Such forward thinking and creative solutions have come from this group. Let's all thank them for their service. We voted and passed a resolution and charge from Chuck Lauter and the Green Sanctuary Task Force. So, the committee will be formed and begin its work.

Also discussed was "Welcoming Congregation" along with ways to be recognized by the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered communities as a safe and welcoming place for all people. We also discussed the future of the Emerson Cultural Series. We will deal with these topics again.

The Board members created job/task descriptions and listed hours of time spent on their work. When compiled, this information will inform a job description for our future administrator. I thank the Board for all of their time and commitment to the future of UUFDC.

This is a time for "counting my lucky stars". After attending a UU workshop in Sheboygan, I realized how wonderfully this congregation works. We come to consensus, work together, make and reach our goals. This is not true in other congregations. Let's feel lucky and congratulate ourselves. What we have is unusual and respected and coveted by others.

Also, given the tragedy in Haiti, I am grateful to be living in an area that feels so safe and permanent. Maybe that is a metaphor for UUFDC. We have a solid foundation with our building and active members and friends. But within that structure we are free to search, learn and grow. Please donate to Haitian relief.

DOLLARS AND \$ENSE

By Juliana Newman, Treasurer

CASH FLOW- July thru Dec, 2009

<u>Income</u>	
Pledges	39,265
Donations	2,087
Offering	6,122
Space Use	1,325
Fundraising	864
Investments	929
Other	<u>452</u>
TOTAL	51,044

<u>Outflows</u>	
Program/Music	7,750
Memorial Services	550
Administration	2,091
Committees	1,804
Publicity	1,896
UUA Dues	3,388
Maintenance	9,349
Insurance	2,831
Interest on Loan	10,263
Property Tax	1,227
Utilities	<u>2,409</u>
TOTAL	43,558

The Bottom Line: \$7,486

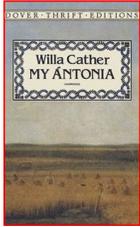
This positive balance is due primarily to pledges received at calendar year-end. We also received over \$26,000 in Capital Campaign pledge payments between July and December, which made it possible to make two separate payments of \$10,000 each on the mortgage principal.

BUILDING TASK FORCE NOTES

By Bob Lindahl

The Building Task Force has finished its work and will present its final report to the Board at its February meeting. Members will hopefully find recommendations to be practical in addressing our space needs in an orderly and cost sensitive manner.

-Don't be "In the Dark!!" If you are leaving the building after dark, use the timer switch on the north wall of the entry lobby to help you exit safely, then turns flood lights off minutes after you have left. The timer allows settings in 15 minute increments up to an hour.



BOOK CLUB

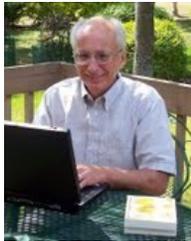
My Antonia by Willa Cather, the featured selection for this year's Door County Big Read will be the topic of the UU Book Club **February 3**. The discussion will be held at Peggy Lott's home, Ephraim, from 1-3 PM. Call for directions.

DICKINSON POETRY SERIES

UUFDC Friend Larry Eriksson will present his poetry **February 10, 7 PM**, at the Fellowship.

Eriksson is a Wisconsin writer and poet living in Madison and Ellison Bay with his wife, Karen. His poems preserve memories, clarify thoughts, explore feelings, or simply have fun with language. For over 30 years, he worked as a research engineer and manager specializing in acoustics, noise control, and digital signal processing. He is the author of many published technical papers, chapters in two engineering books, and two books on sociopolitical issues – *Business Decisions: The Impact of Corporate Mergers and Global Capitalism On Our Lives* (Quarter Section Press, 2002) and *Broken Strings, Missing Notes: Strengthening Democracy and Seeking Justice in a Nation Out of Tune* (Quarter Section Press, 2005). In addition to writing, he enjoys reading, playing the violin, swimming, cycling, and golfing.

The Dickinson Series is free and open to the public. An open mic session will follow Eriksson's presentation.



GREEN SANCTUARY

By Chuck Lauter

At the Governing Board meeting on January 12, the Social Responsibility Committee recommended that UUFDC begin the formal process of becoming a Green Sanctuary fellowship. The Board adopted a "charge" for a Green Sanctuary Committee. This charge presents a vision and an operating guide and ensures opportunities for all members of the Fellowship to participate in increasing the role of UUFDC in preservation and stewardship of the Earth. The Green Sanctuary program focuses on worship and celebration, religious education, environmental justice and sustainable living. This program uses spirituality, education, and action to engage us in honoring and respecting the Earth as our one and only home.

The Green Sanctuary Committee is intended to eventually be a standing committee of UUFDC; until such time as that can be accomplished, it will be an ad-hoc committee. The chair (or co-chairs) will initially be appointed by the Governing Board and thereafter elected bi-annually. Any member or friend may join the Committee, but the chair will recruit and insure that the RE, Program, Building and Grounds, and Social Responsibility Committees and one youth member are represented. The minimum membership should be seven.

Several members of the Fellowship have already signed on to serve on this important activity. Val Murre-Schlick will represent the Building and Grounds Committee, Lu Schilling will represent SRC, and Martha Judd and Meg Vermillion have volunteered as congregational members. A key member of the Fellowship is considering the Chair position. Others who are interested are welcome to join the committee. Until the chair of the Green Sanctuary Committee is ap-

pointed, please make your wishes known to Chuck Lauter, SRC co-chair.

The full text of the charge is posted at the Fellowship. For more information, see Lu Schilling's article in the January newsletter.

CALL for CRAFTS

UUFDC MEMBER
CRAFT EXHIBIT

FEBRUARY 7 – APRIL 1

**BRING YOUR WORK TO
STORAGE AREA ON OR BEFORE
FEBRUARY 4, 2PM**

Any questions:
call Julia Bresnahan 839-2606

WHO DID THAT?

By Marilyn Hansotia

In our effort to put faces to the many tasks that get done at UUFDC, here are a few more items of interest. As always, please step forward if you are able to take on any of these jobs.

Q: Who keeps track of and purchases all the products we use such as kitchen and cleaning supplies, paper goods, ice melt, ant traps, chalice lighting supplies and keeps the pamphlet racks filled?

A: Sarah Naber

Q: Who is our in-house woodworker, the one who built the foyer table, coffee pot stands, name tag rack and lots more?

A: Ray Di Iulio

Q: Who mounted the door handle on the inside of the front door so that it could be pulled shut.

A: Bob Lindahl

Q: Who takes out the trash?

A: Whoever creates it! The event hosts....

ATTEMPTING TO UNDERSTAND MODERN CHINA

by Chuck Lauter

In which country would you find a city where 2400 buildings, 20 stories or higher have been built in the last 12 years? What country has seen a recent, rapid shift of 24% of its population from rural to urban? Where are 20+ story buildings still constructed with bamboo scaffolding? The answer, of course, is China! If you wish to know more of what is happening in China today, please attend the program, "Attempting to Understand Modern China" at the UUFDC on **Thursday, February 18 at 7 PM**. At that time a panel of members and friends of the Fellowship, all of whom have traveled to China in the past five months, will present their observations and some analysis. Audience participation and questions are encouraged.

Gloria Dougherty and Lynn Olson observed rural areas while attending the cooking program at the Linden Center in Yunnan Province. Roselyn Krapf spent three weeks with her son and family, who live in Shanghai. Estella and Chuck Lauter toured six cities and the gorges of the Yangtze for four weeks. Margot and Rik Warch visited Beijing, Xian, and Chengdu. All have returned desiring to share their impressions with others, since many in the U.S. know very little about the degree of change taking place in China.

MOVIES THAT MATTER

By Lu Schilling

***Elephant In The Room* will be aired February 16 at 7 PM.**

Our speaker on the Sunday before (14th) will embrace the UU effort of being welcoming to all, inclusive of gays and lesbians. To support this spirit and shine light on our commonalities, this documentary explores the challenges and conflict experienced by gays and lesbians in the Republican Party. Focusing on three individuals, the

film reveals the difficulty of being openly gay in a political party that traditionally takes a dim view of the gay lifestyle. Their gayness is only one of the many characteristics that comprise who they are as individuals. Their position is simply this: Why does one's sexuality require one to accept liberal positions on gun control, abortion, taxes, affirmative action, business, defense, etc. Each of them finds their own way to balance party loyalty with personal fulfillment. [Norman Green](#) directs.

ECO SOLUTIONS

By Lu Schilling

The Climate Crisis At The End Of Our Fork

According to the United Nation's seminal report, *Livestock's Long Shadow*, the livestock sector alone is responsible for eighteen percent of the world's total global warming effect - more than the emissions produced by every plane, train, and steamship on the planet. (Henning Steinfeld et al., *Livestock's Long Shadow: Environmental Issues and Options*; Rome: Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, 2006).

While livestock is responsible for 18% of total emissions, transportation is responsible for a total of 13% of the global warming effect. In September 2008, Dr. Rajendra Pachauri, the Indian economist serving his second term as chair of the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, made the bold statement about the connection between our diet and global warming: "Choosing to eat less meat, or eliminating meat entirely, is one of the most important personal choices we can make to address climate change." ("Global Warning -The Impact of Meat Production and Consumption on Climate Change," paper presented at the Compassion in World Farming, London, September 8, 2008) Pachauri said, "Give up meat for one day [a week] initially,

and decrease it from there."

The UUs will hold another Meatless/Dairyless potluck **March 5th**.



April 30 to May 2, 1010

**Westin Chicago North Shore,
Wheeling, IL**

**WORSHIP - LEARN - COMMUNE
with U*Us from our District**

Growth of Unitarian Universalism has become a central focus in recent years. In our changing society, it's important to look to our future and explore the ways we can strengthen our congregations for all who would seek our UU message. Growth is not just numerical - we can also grow spiritually, organizationally, and publicly.

Join us at District Assembly this year to learn from the successes of your neighbors! Our entire DA will be built around sharing. Music will be an important part of DA, too, with workshops and opportunities to sing, play and learn about the role of music in our congregations.

Other upcoming workshops sponsored by the Central Midwest District of UUA include: *Women as Agents of Change* at Third Unitarian of Chicago, 301 N. Mayfield on March 20, 2010, 9 AM to 4:30 PM; REALL weekend for the annual Religious Education and Lifelong Learning event when we REjoice, REfresh, REcharge and get REALL! Friday, March 19th at the First Unitarian Society of Milwaukee with dinner at 6 pm and concludes with a worship service on Saturday March 20th at 4:00 pm.

Visit CMD at their website www.cmwd-uua.org or email at cmwd@cmwd-uua.org for more information.

CALLING ALL POETS*By Chuck Lauter*

The Emily Dickinson Poetry series for 2010-2011 is currently being organized. The series, sponsored by

*Dickinson*

UUFDC, is held on the second Wednesday of each month, beginning in April, National Poetry Month. Each program begins at 7 PM with a 25-30 minute reading by a featured poet followed by an open mic for audience members to read their poetry. The reading concludes with a few more poems from the featured reader. Refreshments follow to provide an opportunity to discuss the poetry.

The inaugural Dickinson series has been very successful and already some poets have volunteered to be featured readers this coming year. In setting up the new schedule preference will be given to those who have not been featured as a reader. Featured readers need not be members of the Fellowship. The series has attracted both new poets and some new fans of poetry and the spoken word. Anyone interested in being a featured reader, please contact Chuck Lauter (839-2741/lauterc@hotmail.com) by February 15.

The readings are open to the public and all those who love poetry are welcome. The remaining poets in the current season are Larry Erikson on February 10 and due to the snowstorm cancellation in December, Phil Hansotia will read on

March 10. Nancy Rafal has graciously shifted to read in the next season's series.

**Best wishes to our members and friends with February birthdays!**

- 5- Billie Ryan-Hohman
- 6- Cindy Taubert
- 6- Paul Soper
- 9- Jutta Hansell
- 11- Jan Pfannenstiel
- 12- Don Polzin
- 13- Gerri Friedberg
- 18- Chuck Berger (94!)
- 18- Mary Rutter
- 19- Toby Mason
- 21- Jim Smith
- 22- Diane Morgan
- 27- Jack Redell

**ELLISON BAY ARTIST DISPLAYS AT UU GALLERY**

Phil Hansotia will show his varied paintings January 15- February 4 at the Unitarian Universalist Gallery, Ephraim.

Hansotia took up painting after retiring to Door County five years ago. He has taken classes with Bonnie Paruch, Robert Bentley and Malin Ekman.

He paints in both oils and watercolor and on various media includ-

ing birch bark and wood.

The UU Gallery, located at 10341 Hwy. 42, Ephraim, is open Sundays from 11 AM-12:30 PM and Mondays 1-3 PM.

HOSPITALITY NEWS*By Ginny Olson*

It has been said that organizing UUs is like herding cats. On the contrary, the members and friends of UUFDC have stepped up with responsiveness and good humor to serve coffee and treats on Sunday mornings. Thank you to everyone for exemplifying hospitality in action for 2008/2009.

For 2010, the Hospitality Committee will be under the competent herding of Sally Malm. Sally will oversee 12 monthly Hospitality Chairs who will in turn oversee 4-5 weekly hosts. Please consider being a monthly chair with a limited term of office. The signup sheet is on the blue clipboard in the foyer. Chairs will call upon members and friends to help out. Please consider offering your weekly host services in advance by signing for a specific date on the clipboard or contacting the month's Hospitality Chair. Weekly hosts' names need to be shared with Dottie Gerrits or Helene Di Iulio at least a week in advance to be listed in the Order of Service.

**TRACKS***By Ted Kooser*

Using a cobbler's shoe last I found one summer at a yard sale, and the heavy leather uppers from cast-off boots, a jigsaw, some wood, an awl and a thread, and a few evenings sitting alone thinking of you, I have fashioned a pair of red valentine shoes with heart-shaped wooden heels. Look for my tracks on your doorstep where I stood with sore feet through the evening, too timid to knock.



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Sunday Services: 10:00 A.M.

UUFDC February 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 1-3 PM Mah Jongg Gallery open	2	3 1-3 PM Book Club My Antonia Peggy Lott's	4	5	6
7 10 AM SERVICE Rabbi Vineburg 11-12:30 Gallery	8 1-3 PM Mah Jongg Gallery open 7 PM—Big Read presentation	9 4 PM Governing Board	10 7 PM Larry Eriksson Dickinson Poetry	11	12	13
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