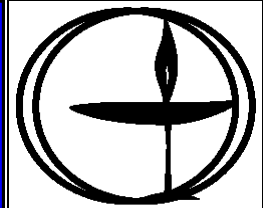


# UU Update

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Our mission is to be a community of faith committed to the freedom of intellectual and spiritual inquiry and to the promotion of the worth and dignity of all persons, through service to its members, friends and the larger community.

## April Sunday Services

### April 4th - The Rev. Cynthia B. Johnson

#### INSIDE/OUTSIDE THE STORY

Every Easter offers us an opportunity to revisit an old story and probe its significance in our lives. This year I was invited by Midsummer's Music Festival to take part in Haydn's Seven Last Words of Christ Performance on March 30 by writing (and then reading) a poem about the words, "It is finished." Once again I am challenged to explore the distinction between honoring the truth of the story while not believing it really happened.

*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:** Lolly Lebovic, violin; Dottie Gerrits, flute; Dave Hansell, bassoon playing an original composition composed by Lolly for this trio.

### April 11th - Dr. Jerrold Rodesch

#### THE MYTH OF THE WAR BETWEEN SCIENCE AND RELIGION

Science and religion have historically had a very close relationship, often mutually support-

ive. The idea that there is a fundamental opposition between them is quite recent, as much a deliberate myth made up by scientists as by fundamentalist reactions to Darwinism. Why did this happen?

*Jerry Rodesch is a retired faculty member from UW-Green Bay where he taught history and humanities for over 30 years. Before getting his PhD from Rutgers University he was a U.S. Foreign Service Officer.*

**Music:** Gerri Friedberg, piano  
**Service Leader:** Cyndy Stiehl

### April 18<sup>th</sup> - The Rev. Joan Shiels

#### WHAT ARE YOU AFRAID OF?

We are all afraid of something. Is that a good thing? Or a bad thing? Or is it sometimes both things at once? A reflection on the fears that run our lives.

*Joan Shiels wishes she had been the one to say "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself", but Franklin Roosevelt beat her to the punch.*

**Music:** UUFDC Choir and Gerri Friedberg, piano  
**Service Leader:** Peggy Lott

### April 25<sup>th</sup> - Roger Kuhns, PhD

#### AN EARTH DAY LOOK AT PRACTICAL SUSTAINABILITY

This presentation will look at the

need to apply sustainable practices in our lives through consideration of environment, economics and community. On Earth Day we can review how our planet is doing, how we are using its resources, and how we can work towards sustainable living. We will look at some of these resources, and gain an understanding of how they can be conserved in our communities and homes.

*Dr. Roger Kuhns is a geologist, environmental scientist and sustainologist. He actively works on the application of sustainable practices in his work and life to reduce consumption of natural resources, conservation of materials, and preservation of nature. Dr. Kuhns has worked in over 65 countries on issues including mineral resources and geology, hydrology, environmental remediation and conservation. He lived and worked in Africa for eight years and helped write environmental protection and mineral resource legislation for several countries. Dr. Kuhns has authored dozens of scientific and topical interest publications and regularly teaches workshops on sustainable practices for companies and communities. He is currently heading up [www.SustainAudit.net](http://www.SustainAudit.net) to promote sustainable practices for businesses, communities and individuals.*

**Music:** Jeanne Kuhns, vocal and Gerri Friedberg, piano  
**Service Leaders:** Led by the Social Responsibility Committee

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## President's Column

By Cyndy Stiehl

Your Governing Board met on March 9 to deal with the business of the Fellowship. With our Direction Setting firmly in mind and in an effort to be ready when it is time to hire an administrator, we are developing a job description for this position, which we reviewed. Thank you to Valerie Murre-Schlick for leading the work. Also, Bob Lindahl presented, and we discussed, cost estimates for future building projects. Many suggestions were exchanged concerning timing, financing and materials. Thanks to Bob for his leadership.

Juliana Neuman prepared a preliminary draft of our 2010 – 2011 budget for our review. This document will assist our planning and preparation for the upcoming campaign.

The Green Sanctuary committee is making its way and deciding the path it will take. It is considering a simpler approach that will improve many aspects of UUFDC's environmental awareness. Chuck Lauter reports to the Board for this effort.

Also discussed was a suggestion to have an expanded annual campaign kick-off event. The Board decided that it was not needed because of the continued generosity of our members and friends.

This morning I joined several UU women for a hike and lunch at Newport Park. As we walked and talked we also took time to enjoy the beauty and diversity around us. Young ferns, tiny green leaves, ancient shorelines, multiple ecosystems, engaging conversation and camaraderie propelled us as we walked. So many of the group knew the names of the plants, what they do and how they can be used. I took great joy in the knowledge and love of nature that was represented among us. This appreciation translates to all areas of life. Love and knowledge bring people together. Here's to more of the same for all of us.

## Dollars and Sense

By Juliana Neuman, Treasurer

The Finance Committee is working on a budget for the coming fiscal year, to be presented to the Governing Board at its April 13th meeting. A major change will be the anticipated addition of part-time paid administrative staff.

By the end of April UUFDC's members and friends will receive a letter requesting continued support for the Fellowship and explaining our pledge goal for next year. We ask that you return your pledge statement right away, so that we can finalize the budget prior to the Fellowship's annual meeting in June. Please keep in mind that the pledge you will make is for the next fiscal year (July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011). Some members prefer to pre-pay their pledges, but it is not necessary to send any money with your pledge statement. You can indicate on the statement the payment plan that will work best for you.

## DONATIONS

A generous donation in memory of Erik Eriksson was received in March from Charles and Sue Peterson, who specified that it be used for our building fund.

Cynthia Johnson has contributed seed money for the printing of a collection of poems by our own UU poets.



## Soup's on!

**Friday, April 16 at 6 PM.**

Sign up in in the foyer to bring soup, bread and butter, or dessert.

## UU Fellowship Features Poetry of Schnorr



The Dickinson Poetry Series kicks off its second season **April 14<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM**, with readings by Katie Schnorr, a teacher, writer and actress living in Southern Door County.

Katie graduated from Brown University, where she studied comparative literature and voice performance. She received her Master's degree in teaching from National Louis University in Evanston, IL.

Her lifelong interest in poetry was reborn the year she stayed home and cared for her infant and four-year-old daughters. Writing was her way to connect with the adult world of words and ideas, and to transcend the sometimes isolating experience of being a stay-at-home mother.

Since then, her poems have explored themes of self, relationships, faith, and the natural world. "For me, writing poetry is a way to examine the beautiful and difficult moments in life in a way that is both intensely personal and also detached. Writing lets me dig deeper into the mysteries and contradictions of being human" says Katie.

She was the first prize winner of the Peninsula Pulse poetry contest in 2009. Katie is the daughter of UU member Peggy Lott.

**Dickinson Poetry**  
April is National Poetry Month and that fact is not missed at UUFDC! Please find the brochure for the upcoming 2010-2011 Dickinson Poetry season as a separate attachment to electronic versions and inserted in paper copies of this newsletter.

## Eco Solutions

By Lu Schilling

Here is a new twist on the old donation idea. For objects that may be unsellable at a second hand store but are still useable, gift it to someone directly through this website.



[www.freecycle.org](http://www.freecycle.org) Door County changing the world one gift at a time

It's a grassroots and entirely non-profit movement of people who are giving (and getting) stuff for free in their own towns. *It's all about reuse and keeping good stuff out of landfills.* Each local group is moderated by a local volunteer. Their mission is to build a worldwide gifting movement that reduces waste, saves precious resources and eases the burden on our landfills while enabling members to benefit from the strength of a larger community. Membership is free. To sign up, find your community (Door County) by entering it into the search box or by clicking on "Browse Groups" above the search box. Have fun!

## PHOTOGRAPHIC JOURNEYS

Racine photographer Robert Schnack will display his work titled

PHOTOGRAPHIC JOURNEYS

at the UU Gallery April 1-26.

Photography has always been a passion for him, from the first Kodak Brownie Hawkeye at an early age to the latest and the best that Canon has to offer. Later came the darkroom, a truly magical place followed in recent years by the digital darkroom, just as magical but on



computer.

Photography has proved to be a way to record visits to distant lands, see new sights and meet some wonderful and interesting people. "When I view a photograph I instantly can see in my mind where and when it was taken and why I took that particular shot" said Schnack.

In this exhibit Bob's photographic essay will feature his Paris to London collection and also scenes he has taken in northern Door County. Schnack reflected, "These photographic journeys have provided opportunities to look at photographs as art as well as reminders of the hotel stayed in or the statue on the square."

Schnack's work can be seen at [www.BobsPhotos.com](http://www.BobsPhotos.com).

## Teens: Our Future

By Anya Kopischke and Lynn Lees

Our group of teens is excited about starting a youth group here at the Fellowship— a venue for hanging out: discussion, music, food, friendship.

The idea is to create a coffee house space for middle school and high school kids with a juice bar, a simple stage for "open mic" sessions and comfy seating for talking and sharing.

## What we need are committed and enthusiastic adults: a lead advisor and adult helpers.

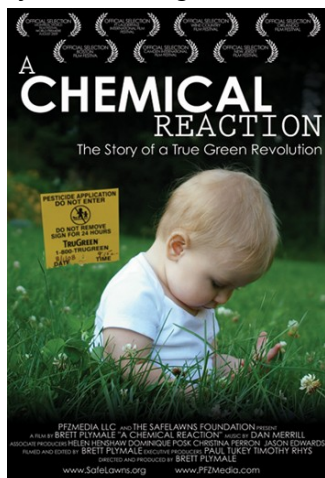
The plan is to have the group meet at the Fellowship every first and third Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9 PM year round.

Other UU Fellowships and other denominations have found youth groups a worthwhile endeavor, not only for the teens but also for the whole congregation, and have seen *(continued on page 5, column 3)*



## Movies That Matter

By Lu Schilling



### A CHEMICAL REACTION

Before you buy products for your lawn & garden... see this movie **April 20 at 7 PM.**

Documenting one of the most powerful and effective community initiatives in the history of North America; in 1984 Dr. June Irwin, a dermatologist, noticed a connection between her patients' health condition and their exposure to chemical pesticides and herbicides. With relentless persistence she brought her concerns to town meetings to warn her fellow citizens that the chemicals they were putting on their lawns posed severe health risks and had unknown side effects on the environment.

Dr. Irwin's persuasive arguments and data to back her findings eventually led the town of Hudson to enact a by-law that banned the use of all chemical pesticides and herbicides. The most mighty chemical companies in North America put their full legal weight on the tiny town and eventually the case made it to the Supreme Court.

The town's right to protect its citizens was upheld, and – like a row of dominos – other municipalities followed suit. The movement spread so far and wide that the entire province of Quebec enacted a ban and

Home Depot stopped putting dangerous pesticide products on their shelves.

Paul Tukey, one of the nation's leading experts on organic lawn care, has been following this story for years. After becoming seriously ill with acute pesticide sensitivity from applying chemical lawn products in his own lawn care business, he became an outspoken advocate for alternatives to chemical lawn care.

It's an inspiring story of overcoming great odds and demonstrates the power of people coming together to effect great change in our society.

### Making End of Life Decisions

Shepherd of the Bay Church, Ellison Bay, is hosting a series on community health. Each session is meant to build on the previous month's session. Each of the four professionals will discuss aspects of the Living Will (also called Power of Attorney for Health Care-POAHC). The goal of the first three sessions is to give information that is useful when completing the POAHC. During the fourth session, participants have the opportunity to complete a Living Will (POAHC).

April 18, 4 PM: Greg Casperson, mortician, talks about pre-planning a funeral and describes the role of the mortician.

May 16, 4 PM: Collin Dahl, attorney, describes how the document is made official, who is responsible for the completed document and answers the question, "Are Living Wills from all states the same?"

June 27, 4 PM: Chris Wehrs, RN, tackles the question, "What happens if things don't go as I planned?" This session is especially helpful for people who are named as the power of attorney for health care.

July 11, 3 PM\*: Katie Dahl, social worker, helps people complete a POAHC. *\*Please note this session starts at 3 PM and ends at 5 PM.*

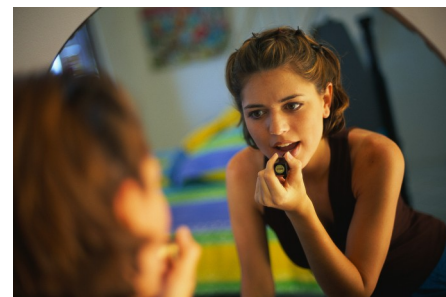
### The Face in the Mirror

by Anya Kopischke

Brown green eyes  
Staring intently back at me  
As if expecting something.  
Smothered in messy black eyeliner  
Like deep hues  
With brown green eyes  
Staring back.

I groom my wild eyebrows  
And soothe the irritation  
On my upturned ski slope nose.  
I brush my teeth halfheartedly  
And scrunch my stick strait hair  
Until it's processed and frizzy.  
I take a long look  
At the overall picture  
And realize that I could probably  
Look pretty  
Or normal  
If I groomed myself appropriately.  
But instead I scrunch my red nose,  
Smirk my pouty lips,  
And make faces in the mirror  
As I smooth more black eyeliner  
On the holes on my face.  
I give myself a pep talk  
Convincing myself of why  
I paint my face like this every morning.

It fills my body with confidence!  
But I know it will drain  
By the time I step through  
Those smudgy blue doors  
Like I do every day.  
I see brown green eyes  
Stare intently back at me  
As if expecting something.  
But I know everyone else  
Will only look.





Happy birthday wishes to our members and friends with

April birthdays:

- 1—Bob Salmi
- 2—Elliot Wollman
- 4—Kärin Kopischke
- 6—Gail Jacobs
- 7—Joel Toerpe
- 9—Jim Rutter
- 12—Mary Mitchell
- 12—Margot Warch
- 13—Jack Travis
- 15—Carolyn Zahn-Waxler
- 19—Lu Schilling
- 21—Sid Gault
- 22—Peter Trenchard
- 23—Lois MacKinney
- 24—Keta Steeb
- 29—Amanda DeWitt
- 30—Ellie Kaage

## CREATING SOCIAL JUSTICE

By Chuck Lauter

A well-known TV commentator recently said that religious groups that promote social justice were espousing Communism and Nazism. (He doesn't seem to realize that these are different philosophies.) By that reasoning UUs are in BIG trouble! Five of the seven principles we covenant to affirm and promote are related to social justice. And UUFDC fervently proclaims and acts upon these principles.

We celebrated Justice Sunday March 28 with the theme "Advancing Economic Justice." This will be followed by a panel in May on raising the minimum wage to \$10/hour in 2010. We plan to be active with UU Service Committee (UUSC) in espousing this cause. See the March newsletter for details.

UUSC recently conferred on the

Fellowship the James Luther Adams Award because over 25% of our members belonged to UUSC in 2009. The new banner hanging in the sanctuary identifies us as Creators of Social Justice.

The Fellowship raised \$770 for the world-wide social justice work of UUSC from the Guest At Your Table (GAYT) program. This is about twice as much as was raised last year. Through GAYT, 12 members of the Fellowship joined UUSC. Please see a member of the Social Responsibility Committee if you would like to join in this important work

UUFDC made its second quarter social justice contribution (\$300) to Youth Haiti, a Milwaukee-based program that works for improved health in Haiti by promoting better sanitation and educates local youth on these principles.

Last Fall we began working with the Hispanic Resource Center (HRC) in Door County to find ways to serve the needs of local families and to help them become part of the community. We are continuing to explore ways in which to accomplish this.

OOPS, LOOKS LIKE WE ARE  
GUILTY OF COMMITTING  
SOCIAL JUSTICE!

## FELLOWSHIP CELEBRATES PUBLICATION OF POETRY BOOK

By Chuck Lauter

Poets and lovers of poetry will celebrate the publication of a compilation of poems entitled *No Breath Is Lost* **April 22 at 7 PM**. The chapbook is a collection of poems read during the Fellowship's inaugural season of the Dickinson Poetry Series.

This book includes 28 poems by 12 poets. The title suggests the value

of spoken poetry in that nothing uttered is lost and the poetic qualities have been preserved for all to enjoy. It is taken from the words spoken by Krishna in a poem by Henry Timm. The poets featured are Anita Beckstrom, David Clowers, Larry Eriksson, Gerri Friedberg, Hanne Gault, Phil Hansotia, Cynthia Johnson, Anya Kopischke, Estella Lauter, Rolf Olson, Henry Timm, and Thomas Toerpe. The poems reflect on the local scene, travel, language, social issues, nature and human interactions—subjects with a long history in poetry.

The gala will include refreshments, music, impromptu readings of the poems by their authors, and opportunity for the poets to autograph their pages in the books that have been purchased. The cost of the book is \$12 and it will be available at poetry events county-wide and state-wide and at UUFDC events. It may also be ordered by mail, UUFDC, P.O. Box 859, Sister Bay, WI 54234 or online, [uufdc@charterinternet.com](mailto:uufdc@charterinternet.com). Add \$3 for mail or online orders to cover postage and handling.

With this book, UUFDC returns to the realm of book publishing following the 2006 publication of the successful cookbook, *Food for Fellowship*. Helene Di Iulio has also produced this book.

### (continued from page 3: Teens: Our Future)

these groups slowly but surely attract more kids and families. If you could be involved, especially as the primary advisor, please let Lynn Lees or Anya Kopischke know soon so we can get moving.

Anya: [kopischke@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kopischke@sbcglobal.net);  
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Kids are our future; let's provide the outlet they need with our support, time and space.



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Sunday Services: 10:00 A.M.

## UUFDC April Calendar of Events

For the most up-to-date calendar, please see our website: [uufdc.org/calendar](http://uufdc.org/calendar)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>4</b> 10 AM SERVICE Rev Johnson 11-12:30 Gallery	<b>5</b> 1-3 PM Mah Jongg Gallery open	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 1-3 PM Book Club <i>Dakota: A Spiritual Geography</i> at Cynthia Johnson's	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
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