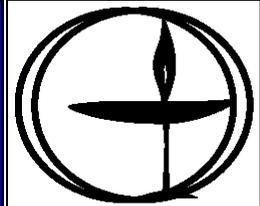


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July Sunday Services

July 4th – Rev. Karen Gustafson

WHAT'S SPIRITUAL ABOUT IT? Unitarian Universalists pride themselves in their respect for diversity. Yet there are lists of "hot button words" that trigger lively and often strongly divided discussion among us. One of the words is "spirituality". Karen Gustafson who has had nearly 25 years of negotiating the tricky waters of UU theology is brave and bold enough to offer her take on this topic with friends and strangers alike.

Karen Gustafson is beginning her fourth year as Associate Minister at the First Unitarian Society of Madison. Prior to that she spent 21 years as minister of the UU Congregation, Duluth Minnesota. Karen graduated from the Starr King School for the Ministry in 1986. Prior to seminary, she was a public school educator in Superior, Wisconsin and International Falls, Minnesota.

Music: Jodie DeSalvo, piano and Betty Lewis, violin
Service Leader: Ginny Olson

July 11th - Rabbi Jay Brickman

CONTENDING WITH CHAOS

The Book of Genesis does not suggest that the world was cre-

ated from nothing. There was a primordial Tohu Vavohu, normally translated "void and confusion." A modern translation might be "chaos." The struggle with chaos remains the eternal challenge.

Jay Brickman is emeritus Rabbi of Congregation Sinai in suburban Milwaukee, preaches at UUFDC several times a year where he teaches Saturday morning Bible classes during the summer. Jay is the author of three books. The most recent is called "Poetry Doodles." He and his wife Rita own a home in Door County and are a valued part of our Fellowship's extended family.

Music: Gerri Friedberg, Piano
Service Leader: Ellen Shahbazi

July 18th – Dr. Sharon Whitehill

UNHEARD MELODIES: THE SACRED MUSIC OF HEAVEN AND EARTH

The natural world has more music in it than we've dreamed of. Some of it is now available for the first time to human ears, including star songs, cricket songs, and melodies made from protein molecules. During this service, we will hear some of these unheard melodies.

Dr. Sharon Whitehill is a retired

professor of English from Grand Valley State University in Michigan, where for 32 years she taught a variety of literature courses as well as world mythology and writing. In retirement, one of her favorite pastimes is writing and delivering sermons at liberal churches in the Midwest and in Florida.

Music: Gerri Friedberg, Piano
Service Leader: Peggy Lott

July 25th - Rev. Tony Larsen

NOT A PERIOD, BUT A COMMA

Some religions say the answers are already given. ("It's in the book; I Believe it; period.") Others say revelation is not sealed. ("Don't put a period where God has put a comma.") What difference does it make?

Rev. Dr. Tony Larsen has been the minister of Olympia Brown Unitarian Universalist Church in Racine, WI since 1975. He was born in San Francisco in 1949. He studied to be a Catholic priest for ten years and was ordained a UU minister in 1975. Speaking at UUFDC in July has become a tradition we look forward to all year!

Music: Ellen Shahbazi, Piano and UU Choir
Service Leader: Cynthia Stiehl

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By Cyndy Stiehl

First I want to thank everyone from the Congregation and all of our friends who attended last month's Annual Meeting. It was so much fun and is so important to take time to acknowledge with gratitude all of the volunteers who make UUFDC such a special place. We welcome Alan Kopischke who was elected at that meeting to chair the Program Committee and will officially take over from Lynn Olson November 1. And thank you for allowing me the privilege of leading you for one more year. It is my honor to serve.

Your Governing Board met on June 8. Dave Hansell reported on the Eco-awareness committee. This group will attempt to improve the "green" aspects of UUFDC without the rigors of the whole "Green Sanctuary" process. They will strive to give us good science for our evaluation and decision-making. Two items under consideration are planning for replacement of our old furnaces with new, efficient models and a formal energy audit.

The Memorial Garden is making headway and we are all eager to follow its progress. The first U-Night meeting took place on June 16. Good luck to our wonderful young people.

The Board will be considering a wonderful suggestion by Lynn Lees to split the Religious Education and Adult Enrichment/Cultural Events into two separate board positions. This will be on next month's agenda. We still need and are looking for qualified people to provide leadership in these areas. Following the direction setting of last year, we continue to discuss how we can become more welcoming to gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered persons. Upcoming will be coordination with "Movies That Matter" and a scheduled speaker that we hope will be enlightening for all of us. Please stay alert for more information.

Summer is an amazing and busy time in Door County and that includes UUFDC. Let us all reap the bounty of what is available for us here.

Dollars and Sense

By Juliana Neuman, Treasurer

Here are my annual reminders about pledge payments: mail your **check** (marked "pledge" on the memo line) to UUFDC, PO Box 859, Sister Bay 54234, or drop it in the offering basket on any Sunday (no envelope necessary). However, if you are putting **cash** in the basket, please be sure to use the envelopes which are provided in the lobby. Without your name on the envelope I won't know whose pledge to credit.

Contributions can also be made by transferring **stock** to UUFDC. Instructions are available on request

It is best to wait until after July 1 to start paying your pledge for 2010-2011, since the accounting software we use doesn't produce user-friendly reports on pledges with pre-payments. Beginning next year, I hope to limit pre-payments to those who are accustomed to paying in full before July 1st, with payment after July 1st preferred. Partial payments spread out over two fiscal years are harder to keep track of.

We exceeded our pledge goal for the coming year by \$3000. New members Karon Winzenz and Christine and Nelson Whyatt helped to make this happen, as did good Friends of UUFDC Susanne Beaumont and Liesbeth and Robert Fickes. Thank you all!

DONATIONS

Contributions in memory of Coral Peterson were received from Julia Bresnahan, Barbara Beutler, Sarah Naber, Roberta Nauman, Leonette Tackenberg, the Dilulios, Gerrits, Hansotias, Malms and Warches, and at least a dozen others – relatives and neighbors of Coral. These contributions will be set aside for the development of the Memorial Garden along with the proceeds from the recent Above Average Rummage Sale, for a current total of almost \$4000. What a great start on a worthy project!

A DECADE OF MAKING ART

By Cynthia Johnson

The various art works of UUFDC members Cynthia and Al Johnson will be on display at the UU Gallery **July 4-26**. There will be a special reception and gallery talk, on **July 6 at 4:00 PM**. Refreshments will be served.

When they retired to Baileys Harbor in 2000 they embarked on a new venture: Art. Cynthia reflected, "We didn't know that art was going to be such a central part of our lives when we moved here."

The Peninsula Art School is an important part of their lives in Door County where both Cynthia and Al take classes and volunteer.

"My favorite media includes pastels, acrylics, oils, mixed media, and photography", Cynthia said, "but I like to keep exploring, and try not to control the outcome as much as discover it. There is a strong link between my art and my poetry."



Since 2000 Cynthia's work has been exhibited at the Peninsula Art School, Unitarian Universalist Gallery, Kick Coffee, Door County Maritime Museum, Fine Line Designs Gallery, John Michael Kohler Arts Center, Miller Art Museum, Door County Green Fund Photography Exhibit, *The Peninsula Pulse*, Kangaroo Lake Association photography exhibit, Women of the Broad Salon exhibits at The Link Gallery, ART Garage (Green Bay), Door County Memorial Hospital, and the "Reading the Ridges" exhibit.

Al specializes in silver jewelry, ceramics, stained glass, and sculpture. "I have always been interested in architecture and three-dimensional art", Al said. His work has been exhibited at the Peninsula Art School, the Clearing, the Unitarian Universalist Gallery, the



University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, and *The Peninsula Pulse*.

Rabbi Brickman Resumes Bible Study

Jay Brickman, Rabbi Emeritus of Congregation Sinai in suburban Milwaukee, will lead a bible study course each **Saturday from 10-11:30 AM beginning June 26th through August** at the UU Fellowship. Rabbi Brickman said participants will read passages then discuss what they meant at the time they were written as well as how they might apply to our contemporary living circumstances.

There is no charge for the series. Everyone is welcome. Participants are asked to bring a bible. No registration is required and participants are not asked to attend all sessions.

State's First Poet Laureate Reads at UU Dickinson Series

Renowned poet Ellen Kort will share her poetry **July 14, 7 PM**, at the UU Fellowship's Dickinson Poetry Series. Kort has authored 14 books and has been featured in a wide variety of anthologies. Her poetry has been architecturally incorporated in Milwaukee's Midwest Express Center, Green Bay Botanical Garden, Fox River Mall, Appleton Medical Center's Heart Institute among other locations. She has traveled as a poet, speaker, and workshop facilitator in the U.S., Australia, New Zealand, and Japan. She takes her passion for poetry as an expressive and healing art to young students, teachers, physicians and psychologists, and to cancer, grief, domestic abuse survivors, and women in prison. She has received numerous awards in addition to being named Wisconsin's Poet Laureate from 2000-2004. Kort expresses her love for poetry by leaving poetry books in public places and carrying a bucket of chalk in her car so she can write poems on city sidewalks.

Kort will read her poetry followed by

an open mic opportunity for other poets to share their work. A reception will follow the readings. The series is free and open to the public.

Eco Solutions

By Lu Schilling

Humans have been fishing the oceans for thousands of years. But over the past five decades technology has allowed us to fish farther, deeper and more efficiently than ever before. Scientists estimate that we have removed as much as 90% of the large fish (including cod). In 2003, the Pew Oceans Commission warned that the world's oceans are in a state of "silent collapse".

The global catch of wild fish leveled off over 20 years ago and 70% of the world's fisheries are being harvested at capacity or are in decline while tax dollars are subsidizing the industry. Some fisheries are being run in a sustainable way. We need to require improved practices of the remaining fisheries and solve the most pressing issues: overfishing, illegal unregulated fishing, habitat damage and poor management.

We are at a critical juncture. Our generation has taken a lot of fish from the sea and lakes. As the supply dwindles the economic payoff to grab what remains goes up. Make sustainability part of how you define what's best for your palate: Avoid blue fin tuna (also because of a health alert from Environmental Defense Fund due to elevated levels of mercury). See complete list of fish choices for the Midwest, and print out pocket guide at : http://www.montereybayaquarium.org/cr/cr_seafoodwatch/content/media/MBA_SeafoodWatch_MidwestGuide.pdf.

Lu Schilling believes *the Peninsula Pulse* now does such a good job providing a weekly page for the same subject as this column, that she will retire it unless someone else wishes to step up. **Editor's note: Thanks to Lu for her informative column.**



Happy birthday to our members and friends with July birthdays!

- 1 –Diane Haldane
- 2 –David Link
- 4 –Adam Shahbazi
- 4 –Dianne Trenchard
- 5 –Dave Hansell
- 8 –Rich Delcarson
- 11 –Arlene Johnson
- 12 –Angela Lensch
- 18 – Al Stuart
- 20 –Joan Shiels
- 21 –Diane Daniel
- 22 –Peggy Lott
- 24 –Jim Johnson
- 24 –Joan Timm
- 25 –Jean Crane
- 27 –Sal Cruz

Memorial Garden Plans Advance By Cynthia Johnson

The UUFDC Memorial Garden Task Force is pleased that the Governing Board recently approved the general site for the Memorial Garden: the space in the meadow behind the Fellowship that was staked out last fall. The Board has taken into consideration the long-range plan for the facility and has decided that no future building projects are anticipated in that specific area.

The financial success of the rummage sale will advance the planning of the Memorial Garden. The generous contributions of Coral Peterson's family and friends will also help create the Memorial Garden.

Phase one will involve site preparation and narrowing the options for materials used including trees and shrubs, materials for the path, individual plaques, and the Memory Wall. The Task Force will continue to keep the Board and members and friends informed of progress. When there is a specific plan, it will be posted at the Fellowship.

The Task Force is meeting with our gardener, Peter Witt, to discuss site preparation. Members of the Task Force are currently researching low

walls made of Door County stone as they work on the design of the Garden and the Memory Wall.

Members of the Task Force are Cynthia Johnson (chair), Lynn Lees, Ray Dilulio, Ellen Shahbazi, Sarah Naber, Cynthia Oliver, Dottie and Lloyd Gerrits.

The next meeting of the Memorial Garden Task Force is scheduled for Monday, **July 19, at 10 AM** at UUFDC. Call Cynthia Johnson (839-9298) for more information or just come join us!

Movies That Matter By Lu Schilling

The End of Poverty will be shown at the UU Fellowship **July 20 at 7 PM.**

In this documentary exploring the history of poverty in developing countries, filmmaker Philippe Diaz contends that today's economic inequities arose as a result of colonization, military conquest and slavery, with wealthier countries seizing the resources of the poor. Narrated by Martin Sheen, this absorbing documentary includes interviews with numerous historians, economists and sociologists who shed light on the ongoing conditions that contribute to poverty.

Based on a book written by Jeffery Sachs, the film marries vivid eyewitness storytelling with concrete analysis. Sachs provides a conceptual map of the world economy and the different categories into which countries fall, explaining why wealth and poverty have diverged and evolved as they have and why the poorest nations have been so markedly unable to escape the cruel vortex of poverty. *The End of Poverty* does not deliver its worldviews from on high: Sachs plunges into the messy realities of economies, leading his readers through his work in Bolivia, Poland, Russia, India, China, and Africa, and concludes with an integrated set of solutions to

the tangled economic, political, environmental, and social issues that most frequently hold societies back.

We used to steal their raw materials, now we make them pay interest on developmental loans. Whatever the economic system, we stay rich, they stay poor. And with every passing year, they grow poorer and we richer. If that bothers you, or if you are looking for some facts about the contours of our global economic system, about who profits and who loses, this is a must-see film. Very inspirational especially at the end, in what we can do personally to help with the causes of injustice and poverty.

RUMMAGE SALE NETS "ABOVE AVERAGE" SALES

By Cynthia Johnson

Our Above Average Rummage Sale on June 12 (and the Preview Party for UUFDC Members and Friends on June 11) was a great success! We raised over \$3,300 to help fund the Memorial Garden. (See related article)

Members and friends contributed generously and volunteers priced, arranged, sold rummage sale items and the Social Justice Committee's FairTrade coffees, packaged, cleaned up, delivered the unsold items to Scandia and Matthew House, and prepared the financial reports.

The Committee consisted of Helene Dilulio and Cynthia Johnson, co-chairs, Pam Goode, Margot Warch, Phyl Mielke, and Sally Malm. Other volunteers included Ray Dilulio, Jane Delcarson, Al Johnson, Terry Goode, Marilyn Hansotia, Peggy Lott, Helen Taylor, Robert and Liesbeth Fickes, Ellen Shahbazi, Hanne Gault, Billie Ryan-Hohman, Lee Tackenberg, Ellie Kaage, Judy Wittenkeller, Betty Aik, Jami Hanreddy, Cynthia Oliver, and Vicky Carmen.

The sale took a lot of time and energy and specialized skills (like Peggy and Pam's pricing skills). Thanks to all of you!!

On June 3 individuals on the Committee estimated our profits would be between \$460 and \$1700! Helene's guess came closest to the total, and she won a floral bouquet. On Friday night people were invited to guess. Ellen Shahbazi estimated \$3350, a guess that won her a boat ride with refreshments on Kangaroo Lake with the Johnsons.

U-Night Launches

By Alan Kopischke

At the first meeting of the U-Night group June 16th four teens met with facilitator and Door County musician Katie Dahl. They laid out plans for the upcoming gatherings. The theme for the **June 30th** meeting will be "Freedom," due to the proximity to Independence Day. Teens are encouraged to bring creative pieces relating to that theme. There will be discussion of what freedom means to each of them. U-Night is open to everyone and all religions. No specific belief will be promoted.

Dahl will lead the remaining summer sessions on **July 21, 28** and **August 18 from 7-8:30 PM**. All teens ages 12-18 are welcome.

Women's Central Midwest District Retreat

The Summer WomanSpirit Retreat "Sowing Seeds of Gratitude" will be held August 6-8 at the rustic Ronora Lodge in Watervliet, Michigan. Topics will visit the theme of gratitude toward the earth and on a personal level.

Read or download a brochure at www.womenandreligion.org or view on the bulletin board in the UU foyer.

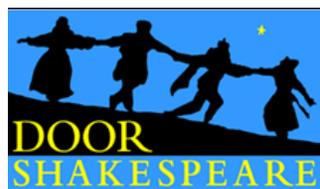
Cabaret-Style Jazz at UUFDC

The Birch Creek Ambassadors return to the UU Friday, **July 23, 7:30 -9:00 PM**. The cabaret-style concert will feature refreshments and beverages along with exceptional jazz throughout the evening.

The Ambassadors group was formed in 1999 to serve as Birch Creek's goodwill ambassadors, acquainting residents and visitors with Birch Creek's mission and programs, as well as bringing jazz to numerous venues throughout the county. At the same time, these promising young musicians are offered the opportunity to experience the real life of a professional musician, thus fulfilling Birch Creek's mission.

Performing side by side with Birch Creek's nationally-acclaimed faculty, the student musicians develop technical and improvisational skills that far surpass those developed through ordinary classroom instruction. It is sometimes hard to believe that the performers are only between 15 and 18 years of age. Their repertoire consists of jazz standards, and the group is generally comprised of a saxophone, trumpet, trombone, piano, bass, drums, and guitar player.

Thanks to Jack Redell and Toby Mason for hosting this year's Ambassadors' event.



UU Nite at Door Shakespeare
by Joan Shiels

Members and friends of members are invited to a performance of the hilarious Richard Sheridan play "The Rivals," at Door Shakespeare **Tuesday, July 27 in the garden at Bjorklunden, Baileys Harbor. Curtain time is 7:30 PM.** This is a

delightful comedy full of delicious characters including the infamous Mrs. Malaprop—whose name gave us the word "malapropism." Call or email Joan Shiels to reserve seats (920-743-8984 or jshielsdc@gmail.com). Tickets are \$18 (a \$5 discount) paid at the door. Cash or check only; no credit cards.

Eco Awareness Group Forms

By David Hansell

Your Fellowship has appointed a sub-committee to investigate and share information about issues that relate to living a more sustainable life with the goal of identifying ways to lower our individual and collective "carbon footprint".

The group will examine our Fellowship building structure and practices, our grounds, and will also identify ways individual members and friends can adopt practices that will lead to more sustainable lifestyles. Initially the committee expects to recommend to the Board that a professional energy audit of our building be conducted. Throughout this ongoing project we will explore ways it might be possible to coordinate our efforts with other churches and organizations in Door County.

The committee will provide updates to members and friends (through this publication and presentations at Sunday services) of our progress. Please do not hesitate to contact any member of this committee if you have any idea or issue you think should be explored by the committee. This committee is composed (as of this writing) of: Valerie Murre-Schlick, Lu Schilling, Martha Judd, David Hansell.

We would welcome additional members and/or friends to help us sort through all the data and issues that need to be assessed.



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UUFDC July 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 8:30 AM Window cleaning 3:30-7 lessons	2 8-noon Gardening with Peter Witt 11:30-3 practice	3 10-11:30AM Rabbi Brickman's Bible Study
4 10 AM SERVICE Rev Karen Gustafson 11-12:30 Gallery	5 1-3 PM Mah Jongg Gallery open	6 4 PM Johnsons' Gallery Talk/ Reception	7 11 AM -MSM 1-3PM Book Club <i>The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society</i> Hosted by Lois MacKinney	8 3:30-7 lessons	9 8-noon Gardening with Peter Witt	10 10-11:30AM Rabbi Brickman's Bible Study
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18 10 AM SERVICE Dr Sharon Whitehill 11-12:30 Gallery	19 10 AM Memorial Garden Task Force 1-3 PM Mah Jongg	20 7 PM Movies That Matter <i>End of Poverty</i>	21 7-8:30 PM U-Night Coffeehouse	22 3:30-7 lessons	23 8-noon Gardening with Peter Witt 7:30 Birch Creek Ambassadors	24 10-11:30AM Rabbi Brickman's Bible Study
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