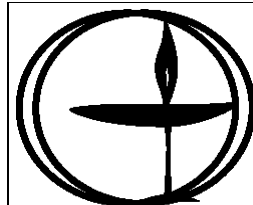


# UU Update

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UNITARIAN  
UNIVERSALIST  
FELLOWSHIP  
OF DOOR COUNTY

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.

## August Sunday Services

### August 1st - Rabbi Jay Brickman

THE THREE STATE SOLUTION  
The "one state" solution for the Arab-Israeli problem is that both groups live as citizens of a common state. The "two state" solution is a Jewish and a Palestinian state. My proposal is a "three state" solution: one for the Jews who can't stand Arabs, one for the Arabs who can't stand Jews, and one, hopefully the largest, for people who just manage to get along.

*Jay Brickman is Emeritus Rabbi of Congregation Sinai in suburban Milwaukee. He preaches several times a year and leads Bible study class each summer at UUFDC. He and his wife Rita are a valued part of our Fellowship.*

Music: Bob Judd, piano  
Service Leader: Kay Smith

### August 8th - The Rev. Cynthia Johnson

AGING ATTENTIVELY: FILLING IN THE BLANKS

We will explore the variety of ways individuals construct the final third of their lives. It's a concept applicable to anyone who lives attentively with awareness of the finiteness of time and the necessity of making choices about how to allocate their time, money, energy, and attention.

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Note: This is the inaugural Bak-

ers Dozen Discussion that invites 13 people to discuss an upcoming Sunday service from their personal perspectives. **July 28 at 7:00 PM** at Cynthia Johnson's home, 7455 Highway 57, Baileys Harbor. Dessert and coffee/wine. RSVP to Cynthia (839-9298) or sign up at the Fellowship.

*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.*

Music: Bob Judd, piano

### August 15th - Rabbi Jay Brickman

THE GOLDEN MEAN

Extremism in any form tends to produce extremism of the opposite variety. In the competition between the two, whether on the world scene or in the individual psyche, there is an "in-between" position that both sides can tolerate.

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Service Leader:  
Sheila Saperstein

### August 22nd - The Rev. Joan Shiels

WHY DOES A UNITARIAN GO TO CHURCH?

It is said that the mainstream churchgoer attends Sunday morning services to seek the presence of God in word and song. Unitarians have words and songs but usually come seeking something other than the presence of God. What are they looking for? And what do they find? A reflection.

*The Reverend Joan Shiels has a sign on her refrigerator that is a quote from Henry David Thoreau. It says, "Heaven is under our feet as well as over our heads." She's that kind of minister. Maybe that's why we've been inviting her to speak at this fellowship for the last six years.*

Music: Ellen Shahbazi, piano and UU Choir  
Service Leader: Phil Hansotia

### August 29th - The Rev. Phil Sweet

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT  
The Sermon on the Mount is the most influential discourse in the history of Christianity. It is, in fact, an indictment of almost everything popular in Christianity today. It is a sermon for those on the fringe: the subversives and the heretics.

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

Music: Gerri Friedberg, piano;  
Dottie Gerrits, flute  
Service Leader:

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## President's Column

By Cyndy Stiehl

Your Governing Board met on July 13 and began by welcoming a new Board member. Alan Kopischke takes leadership of the Program Committee in November. His presence on the Board assures an easy transition. Thank you, Alan, for your willingness to serve UUFDC.

The Board approved the administrator's job description that will be posted. We also developed a timetable for the writing of an ad, its posting and application review. We will keep you informed.

Alan reported that U-Night is growing. Visit the back room to admire the changes that make a welcoming place for our wonderful young people. Grateful thanks go to Jane Aldrich for her donation of a piano keyboard, a fun and helpful addition to the program.

A motion passed to keep the ISBN numbers that are owned by the Fellowship for future UUFDC publications by Board approval.

We discussed the need for leadership of Religious Education and Adult Enrichment. While we did not solve the problem we made some headway with Peggy Lott agreeing to organize the program for the younger children through Thanksgiving. Thank you Peggy.

I ask all members to consider service to the Board in either RE or Adult Enrichment. It would be best if you are here for most of the year. We need teachers and leaders. Call Cyndy Stiehl if you are interested.

Marilyn is working on some beautiful improvements to our web site that she showed us. It will be easier, quicker and an enhanced representation of UUFDC. Thanks Marilyn, for all of your hard work.

Carol Soper and I attended the UU Musician's Network conference. It was a singer's dream. The sound of over 200 trained voices singing hymns in morn-

ing services was most moving. We hope to use the workshop information to better integrate music within our services.



**August Artist Sally Malm**

Malm has studied art throughout her life, since a 6<sup>th</sup> grade art teacher told her she had talent.

She explains that she "creates a painting because of a place, an experience or a moment in time that has spoken to her." She often paints from photographs that she has taken, interpreting the photograph to reflect her impression of the subject. She has developed the technique "free-flow", a wet-to-wet application, allowing this first step to dry and then adding the finishing touches. Malm enjoys using Masa and Yupo papers because of the interesting effects that can be created. The freedom in moving paint and water on these surfaces creates shapes that are unexpected. She enjoys, "splashing around, creating shapes to build upon".

Locally, she has exhibited at the Peninsula Art School, The Clearing and the Hardy galleries. Her painting, "Sentinels" was included in the prestigious, *Celebrating Door County's Wild Places*, sponsored by the Ridges Sanctuary in 2001.

UUFDC Art Gallery hours are on **Sundays from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM and Mondays from 1 to 3 PM.**

## Book Club

Martha Judd is hosting the **Aug. 4th Book Club, 1-3 PM** at her Ellison Bay home. The selection, *The Painted Drum* by Louise Erdrich, and has been called one of her best novels.

"While appraising the estate of a New Hampshire family descended from a North Dakota Indian agent, Faye Travers is startled to discover a rare moose skin and cedar drum....And so begins an illuminating journey both backward and forward in time, following the strange passage of a powerful yet delicate instrument, and revealing the extraordinary lives it has touched and defined....[The] *Painted Drum* explores the often fraught relationship between mothers and daughters, the strength of family, and the intricate rhythms of grief with all the grace, wit, and startling beauty that characterizes this acclaimed author's finest work."

Please RSVP to Martha at [mar\\_rob@mac.com](mailto:mar_rob@mac.com) or 421-2715.

## Choir Notes

By Carol Soper

The UU Musicians Network National Conference was held in Madison in mid-July. Attending it was an opportunity that couldn't be missed, so Cyndy Stiehl and Carol Soper were there.

We have come back with lots of ideas for music and ways to make our choir an even more effective part of our worship services. You'll hear more about these later.

Our choir is almost two years old now, with 15 regular members and several others who join us as their schedules permit. Cyndy Stiehl is a terrific teacher and leader, so we have fun learning at our rehearsals. We have backrubs, too!

We welcome new choir members and

could especially use some tenors (male or female) and sopranos. If you love to sing - won't you join us? Please speak to Carol Soper, Choir Co-coordinator, for more information. 854-9653 or [pcsoper69@gmail.com](mailto:pcsoper69@gmail.com).



## Murre Debuts his Third Poetry Book at Dickinson Series

Ralph Murre, Editor of Little Eagle Press and well-known Door County poet, will read his works **August 11 at 7 PM**. "If things go as planned, my reading in the Dickinson Series will be the *de facto* launch party for my third book, *The Price of Gravity*, which will embody many of my recent poems, and also reaches back to include a few pieces from as long as seven or eight years ago, which I feel may be worth another look. I'm proud of this manuscript, as I am of my earlier books, *Psalms*, a chapbook which combines a longish 15 verse song-poem with a like number of my pen-and-ink drawings, and *Crude Red Boat*, a collection from Cross+Roads Press, which has become rather difficult to find now."

Murre said that he came to poetry somewhat recently, "More of my work appears in obscure literary journals now, and less on bar napkins. If you insist on being a poet, the best you can hope for is some stranger telling you that something you wrote mattered, and that's happened, so I feel pretty successful."

Others are encouraged to read their own poetry following Murre's presentation. This successful series is coordinated by Chuck Lauter.

## MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

By Dottie Gerrits

Thank you for your continued response to my requests to volunteer for the Sunday morning service duties. The Vergers and Greeters are so important in making everyone feel welcome. All of you who regularly attend the services are very good at making guests feel welcome and we have a reputation in Door County for that welcoming atmosphere. We are also noted for our "coffee hour" social time and post-service discussion. In order to make this all possible we need many of you to help, not only as Vergers and Greeters, but making goodies, bringing flowers, recording the services and cleaning the Fellowship. All of these are done by volunteers. I am asking for more participants so the same people do not have to take care of all of these duties all the time. If you are able to fill one of these niches, please talk to me and I will help you find what will suite your abilities. If you have a love of gardening, helping Peter Witt with the tasks that need to be done to keep our gardens looking beautiful, is for you. Peter is a wealth of information that he readily shares. He is at the Fellowship every Friday from 8:00am to noon.

I hope to hear from you. Dottie Gerrits, 920-854-2964 or [gerrits2732@gmail.com](mailto:gerrits2732@gmail.com)

## David Boyd Memorial Service

Please join Nancy Boyd, family and friends in a celebration of life.

Remembering  
David Boyd

On

Sunday, August 8, 2010

At

Woodwalk Gallery

From 4-6 PM.

The Boyds have been UUFD Friends and we extend our condolences to Nancy and family.





Happy birthday to our members and friends with August birthdays!

- 1 Betty Aik
- 3 Sharon Sweet
- 4 Mary Dunworth
- 4 Rik Warch
- 5 Estella Lauter
- 5 Cynthia Stiehl
- 6 George Kaage
- 12 Susanne Beaumont
- 15 Louis Smolak (101!)
- 17 Barbara Pfeifer
- 22 Myrna Cohn
- 25 Lee Tackenberg
- 26 Valerie Murre-Schlick
- 27 Grace Toerpe
- 29 Hanne Gault



### New Web Services

By Marilyn Hansotia

Our revised website at [www.uufdc.org](http://www.uufdc.org) is now available. The new format was suggested by our webmaster, Marc Demoly, and it provides numerous ways to find the information you are looking for. It also includes a search feature. When you visit the site you will find an introductory section on the home page to guide you through the new features. It is a dynamic design that highlights UUFDC on the home page and throughout the site. More photos will be added and content tweaked soon.

Podcasts are the newest service available on the website. Thanks to Al Wittenkeller, our Sunday service messages are posted each week. You can listen to the message on your computer or download it to your personal player (MP3 or iPod). Directions are posted on the site.

We heard during visitor introductions in July that a number of people follow us or found us through our website. It is the most up-to-date and comprehensive place to learn about UUFDC and what is happening at the Fellowship. Add it to your Favorites/Bookmarks!

### Movies That Matter

By Lu Schilling

Richard Barry, the man who trained Flipper, walks calmly into the International Whaling Commission conference carrying a monitor on his stomach playing the footage of the dolphin slaughter in Taijii, Japan. It is a testament of the sheer power of one human determined to make amends. Barry carries a personal sense of guilt and responsibility for the current plight of dolphins due to the success of the "Flipper" TV series in the 60's. Initially the film was banned in Japan and now is changing cultural norms.

If you care about the demise of our oceans join us for the next Movies That Matter screening of *The Cove* on **August 17 at 7 PM**. Watch this if you care about the quality of the food on your table. Watch this because you want to regain your hope that humans can get their collective act together before it's too late.

Louie Psihoyos directs this riveting, Oscar-winning documentary.

### UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY – 2010

By UUFDC's Delegate,  
Juliana Neuman

Almost 4000 Unitarian Universalists were in Minneapolis for this year's General Assembly (GA), an especially important one because of proposed changes to the UUA Bylaws and the decision about holding the 2012 General Assembly in Phoenix.

Arizona's new law on immigration (SB 1070) sparked heated debate about whether to boycott Phoenix in

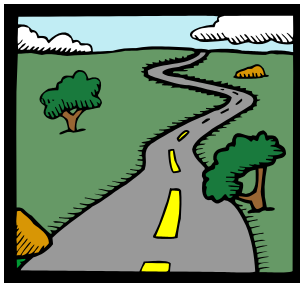
2012. In May, the UUA Board had passed a resolution in favor of finding an alternate location (as did UUFDC at our Annual Meeting in June). The UUA resolution was first considered in mini-assemblies and then in the Saturday Plenary. There were strong feelings on both sides, with vehement opposition to the boycott resolution from the Arizona congregations, who desire support in their fight against SB 1070. Nevertheless, the two groups listened to each other and worked far into the night to draft a counter-resolution for presentation to the larger assembly. This resolution, which passed by a large majority, called for our presence in Phoenix in 2012 to demonstrate, bear witness, and support the local congregations. GA 2012 is to be known as a "Justice GA," with business limited to the minimum required by UUA bylaws, with the main focus on the issues of immigration and racial and economic justice.

In addition, the Congregational Study/Action Issue that received the most votes was the one entitled "Immigration as a Moral Issue." Clearly, the immigration issue was of most concern to this year's delegates.

The decision-making process itself received considerable attention. Great care was taken to follow the Rules of Procedure voted upon on Day One. In addition, a "Right Relationship" team reported daily on problems that had arisen. When some persons or minorities were slighted during an event, this was acknowledged; as was our shared difficulty with remembering to consider the effect of our actions on others.

Business meetings were punctuated with rousing song sessions and video presentations about individual congregations. Worship services were frequent and meaningful. Consider participating in GA next year in Charlotte, NC, or in 2012 in Phoenix: it is an intense, worthwhile experience!

**Highway Clean Up**  
By Bob Lindahl



Our second Highway Clean up of the season will be **Wednesday, August 25**. Meet for camaraderie and sustenance first at Bob Lindahl's, 12490 Timberline Road, Ellison Bay at 9AM and be done with our 2 mile stretch by 11AM. There will be a sign up sheet in the foyer closer to that date.

**U-Night Youth Group**

By Katie Dahl

The Fellowship's youth gathering "U-Night" is well underway this summer, giving youth of all backgrounds a place to gather and express themselves creatively and intellectually. Each U-Night meeting includes an open mic, in which participants can share a piece of art (music, poetry, visual art, etc.) that they have either written or admire, and a discussion on a predetermined theme. Themes so far have included creativity, freedom, and pop culture stereotypes. Certain U-Night gatherings will also include featured appearances by Door County performers. There are

two more U-Nights this summer: **July 28, and August 18, 7-8:30 PM each night**. The gatherings are held at UUFDC in the back room that had been painted and decorated by the participants. All youth are welcome and encouraged to bring friends!



**Dollars and \$ense**

by Juliana Neuman, Treasurer

Fiscal Year-end Report for 2009-10

<u>Income</u>		<u>Outflows</u>	
Pledges	75,090	Mortgage payments	20,324
Donations	3,648	Maintenance	14,072
Offering	11,043	Utilities	6,128
Fundraising	1,961	Insurance	2,389
Space Use	3,383	Property Tax	2,454
Investment Income	878	Administration	3,496
Other	<u>810</u>	Program/Music	15,854
		Memorial Services	950
		Religious Education	506
		Committees	5,016
Total	96,813	Publicity	3,775
		UUA Dues & Mtgs	7,474
		Contingency	<u>1,550</u>
		Total	83,988

**The Bottom Line: \$12,825**

In addition to the above, final payments on the sound system were made using the \$8000 Chalice Lighters grant received in May of 2009. A grant balance of \$681 remains available for future additions or replacements of that equipment. In April of 2010 we began making monthly loan payments on an amortized schedule of principal and interest, at a slightly lower rate than we had on the previous interest-only agreement. Contingency funds were used to pay for the AED and for an unanticipated penalty imposed by the State of Wisconsin after we had discontinued our Workers Compensation insurance coverage. The State ruled that we must provide continuous coverage even when there is no one on payroll.

**DONATIONS**

At the very end of June, Paul Burton generously contributed his Speakers Fee to our building fund, and Ken and Carol Boyd made a contribution toward the cost of track lighting for the back room being used by our teenagers for their U-Night gatherings. Then, in July, UUFDC Friends Peter and Beverly Conroy responded to our pledge drive with a generous contribution, as did Joan Shiels.



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Mailed Subscription: \$15 per year

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Sunday Services: 10:00 A.M.

## UUFDC August 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
<b>1</b> 10 AM SERVICE Rabbi Brickman 11-12:30 Gallery	<b>2</b> 1-3 PM Mah Jongg Gallery open	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 1-3 PM Book Club @ Martha Judd's <i>The Painted Drum</i>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 8-noon Gardening with Peter Witt	<b>7</b> 10-11:30AM Rabbi Brickman's Bible Study
<b>8</b> 10 AM SERVICE Rev Johnson 11-12:30 Gallery	<b>9</b> 1-3 PM Mah Jongg Gallery open	<b>10</b> 4 PM Governing Board	<b>11</b> 7 PM Dickinson Poetry Ralph Murre	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 8-noon Gardening with Peter Witt	<b>14</b> 10-11:30AM Rabbi Brickman's Bible Study
<b>15</b> 8:15 Choir rehrl 10 AM SERVICE Rabbi Brickman 11-12:30 Gallery	<b>16</b> 1-3 PM Mah Jongg Gallery open	<b>17</b> 7 PM Movies That Matter <i>The Cove</i>	<b>18</b> 7-8:30 PM U-Night Coffeehouse	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 8-noon Gardening with Peter Witt	<b>21</b> 10-11:30AM Rabbi Brickman's Bible Study
<b>22</b> 8:15 Choir rehrl 10 AM SERVICE Rev Shiels 11-12:30 Gallery	<b>23</b> 1-3 PM Mah Jongg Gallery open	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 9-11 AM Hwy Cleanup	<b>26</b> 	<b>27</b> 8-noon Gardening with Peter Witt	<b>28</b> 10-11:30AM Rabbi Brickman's Bible Study
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