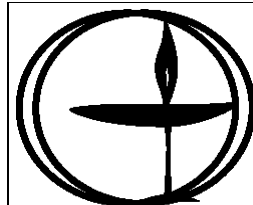


# UU Update

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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.

## Sept. 5 - Cynthia Stiehl

THE POWER IN THE PERSON:  
A SERVICE OF HYMNS AND  
WORDS

Our Seven Principles in Words  
and Song

*Cynthia Stiehl, mezzo-soprano, earned her performance degree from Lawrence University. She has performed to benefit Birch Creek, Bjorklund, the YMCA, the Peninsula Music Festival and others. A UU musician for many years, she conducts the UUFDC Choir. Cyndy is a founding UUFDC member and currently in her second term as President of our Fellowship.*

Music: Craig Little, piano

## Sept. 12 - The Rev. Joan Shiels

BRUNO THE FISHING DOG  
Sometimes a good story tells us more about ourselves and our lives than anything else we ever hear. Bruno the Fishing Dog, a Garrison Keillor classic, is one of those stories.

*The Reverend Joan Shiels is a preacher, teacher and storyteller who has been bringing her messages to our Fellowship for many years.*

Music: Sarah Meredith, vocal  
Gerri Friedberg, piano

Service Leader: Chuck Lauter

## Sept. 19 - The Rev. Phil Sweet

THE SEARCH FOR THE HOLY  
GRAIL

For a long time now we have been living in a culture that protects us from hardship and danger, a world in which everything is more or less predictable, where most people emulate those getting the greatest socio-economic rewards. But something is always pulling us to deepen our life, a pull to awaken. Rumi, the poet, says, "Grapes want to turn to wine".

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

Music: Gerri Friedberg, piano  
Service Leader: Cyndy Stiehl

## Sept. 26 - Dr. Bill McConkey

NEW LAWS: BIG ONES AND  
LITTLE ONES

Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, The US Constitution, The US Supreme Court, and enter stage right, the Neo-Con Right who teach hatred for votes, to fill

pews and make tons of money. The human infant hates no one. It is taught to hate, all through its life. The teaching of hatred must stop. If not now, when, if not you, who. A detailed look at the war on God's gay and lesbian children.

*Dr. Bill McConkey, Political Science Professor at UW-Oshkosh, is an educator and social activist and the author of "Fighting the Merchants of Hate: The War for America's Soul." He has worked for several government agencies, including the Executive Office of the President of the United States and is the owner/operator of a communication research and consulting firm. Bill was the plaintiff in McConkey v. Van Hollan, trying to have Wisconsin's Amendment discriminating against lesbians and gays and all single couples within our state declared unconstitutional. The case went to the Wisconsin Supreme Court. He lost. His fight continues. His email signature states, "Fear is real, and I believe, to my very core, that those who are not afraid have a moral obligation to fight for those who are."*

Music: Gerri Friedberg, piano and  
UU Choir

Service Leader: Alan Kopischke

Visit our website: [uufdc.org](http://uufdc.org).

Services are Sundays at 10:00 A.M. at 10431 Water Street (Hwy 42) north of Ephraim.

Listen to or download Sunday sermons on our website [uufdc.org](http://uufdc.org).

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## President's Column

By Cyndy Stiehl



Your Governing Board met on August 10 and passed the request by the Eco-Awareness Committee for an energy audit for our building. Simply Solar LLC will be asked to perform the service. This is very exciting for UUFDC as it furthers our plan to become more "green." Also, several Board Members expressed interest in having their homes so audited. Anyone interested please contact Valerie Murre-Schlick.

We had a long discussion about committee leadership and continued interest in our Direction Setting. Ideas were exchanged and thoughts were focused. The subject will resurface. We would love to have someone take responsibility for Adult Enrichment and another to organize Religious Education. Please contact any Board member if you are interested.

We are preparing a letter to The Chalice Lighters thanking them for and informing them about the grant used to improve the sound in our Sanctuary. We continue to benefit from the results of this fine work so we are grateful to the Chalice Lighters and the UUFDC members who wrote the grant.

This time of year is always confusing for me. Is it possible to still love summer while denying the coming fall? Many of my favorite things are ending. Birch Creek played its final concert. AFT's summer season is over in a few days. The Players just opened their penultimate play. The winds are faster and from anywhere but the south making us cooler with tousled hair. I revel in the activities of summer that are so fulfilling and enjoyable but wish they could last longer.

Here's to the coming of fall with the beautiful leaves, harvest moon, brisk mornings and clear nights. Let us all feel involved and part of the wonder.

## Social Responsibility Committee

By Bob Lindahl

SRC members have been working to strengthen our relationship with the Hispanic community, most recently by attending meetings dealing with preparations for the Mexican Independence Day celebration. Mark your calendars! **September 18, 3PM till midnight** at the Knights of Columbus Hall (off of Rte 42 south of the bridge) in Sturgeon Bay. Food, games for all ages...even dancing! This is a great way to begin to express your support for our Hispanic Community.

Also in the works is our participation in this year's Alzheimer's Walk, **September 25** in Peninsula Park. Meet for breakfast at "Julie's Park Cafe", followed by assembling for the walk at 8AM at the Stella Maris parish near the entrance to the Park in Fish Creek. Thanks to the Polzins for once again hosting a lunch for UU walkers after the event! We've always had strong representation at the Walk...watch for more details.

### **U-Nights**

By Katie Dahl

U-Night had its last meeting on Wednesday, August 18, closing the summer chapter of the Fellowship's successful new youth program. Each of the five summer U-Nights had its own distinct flavor, beginning with participants sharing work of their own and continuing with discussions on a variety of topics. As a group, we U-Nighters had a great time and learned a lot. We're hoping to continue U-Night into the school year and are currently working to figure out ways to make that happen.

### **Save the date!**

Midsummer's Music Festival performance "*HISTORICAL CONNECTIONS*" at UUFDC **Saturday, September 4 at 7:30 PM**. \$25 includes tax. Children under 17 are free. A reception to meet the musicians will follow. See [midsummersmusic.com](http://midsummersmusic.com) for details.

## Emerson Series Season Debut

By Nancy Rafal

A very special evening is in store for you on **October 2**. Peter Phippen will present a world flute concert in the Fellowship Sanctuary beginning at 7 pm. Peter began playing, collecting, and researching world flutes in 1987. He is a frequent performer at the biennial conferences of the International Native American Flute Association (INAF) since 2001.

This concert is co-sponsored by



UUDC and Nancy Rafal and Michael Farmer. Nancy has wanted to have Peter perform in Door County and Michael asked him at the recent INAF conference in Eau Claire in July. "Peter can play the edge of an ashtray," according to R. Carlos Nakai. The world flute collection of Peter's is extensive and he will play a variety to treat your ears and your spirit.

Released in October 2006, "Shadows of Dawn" was featured for five months in the top twenty-five on Public Radio International's syndicated program ECHOES. "Night Song" was a 2003 Native American Music Awards nominee in the Native Heart category. Peter is a frequent performer and lecturer at universities, public and private elementary and secondary schools, museums, festivals, and conventions throughout the United States. He will have his CD's for sale after the concert.

There will be a reception in the Gathering Room following the performance. Tickets available at the door, \$10.

## A Few Notes About Communications

By Marilyn Hansotia

From time to time you receive email notices from UUFDC about a variety of topics. Every effort is made to limit those notices to pertinent information so as not to become yet another vehicle for excessive or unwanted electronic mail traffic. To clarify what is appropriate when asking for information to be delivered to our email list of UU members and friends, please consider the following guidelines:

*The system that is in place is meant for UUFDC activities that are either sponsored by us or held at our facility.*

*Other appropriate messages deal with issues that affect our members or friends, most commonly an illness or similar need.*

I feel it is important to respect our email recipients by not overburdening them with events that do not fall roughly into these two categories.

If you have information that you need to communicate that falls into the above policy, please send it to Dottie Gerrits at [gerrits2732@gmail.com](mailto:gerrits2732@gmail.com)

On a related note, we were required to change our email address by our provider, Charter Communications. Our new address is [contact@uufdc.org](mailto:contact@uufdc.org). Please pass this along to those you may know who send email to UUFDC.

Please also remember to check our website at [www.uufdc.org](http://www.uufdc.org). It is frequently updated and is the most inclusive place to find out about what is happening at our Fellowship. For instance, if you are involved in the monthly Book Group, on our website under the UU Events column, you will find the listing of all the books that will be read in 2010 along with the hostess for the month. Simply hold your cursor over the UU Events tab and a cascading list will appear. Click on the item you want to see details and that page will appear. The tab titled "Calendar" is the place to visit for all UU events and other activities hap-

pening in our building. Make it a habit to visit these pages often. We hear from Sunday morning visitors that many have found us through our website.

## Movies That Matter

By Lu Schilling

Movies That Matter **September 21 at 7 PM** will explore the impassioned relationship between homosexuality and the Bible. In this spirited documentary, *Fish Out of Water*, filmmaker Ky Dickens explores the seven Bible passages notoriously used to condemn homosexuality and justify marriage discrimination and makes this polarizing subject accessible and non-threatening. She felt compelled to put together the film after facing homophobia from the sisters in her Vanderbilt sorority.

*Fish Out of Water* follows Ky's personal journey as she narrates footage from the first legal gay marriage in Boston, shots from Proposition 8 rallies, the Obama election, and animated sequences illustrating Bible verses. There is also a lot of actual commentary from the people she's talking about: Gays and lesbians and the ministers, preachers and historians who all want to see the truth about religion and gays reaching the others in the film, those who openly discuss their discontent for the LGBT community.

Ky commented, "It didn't take much convincing. It's a project they've been working on so hard, for so long ... I've had people call me a sinner, and I'm like, 'I'm not a sinner, I'm a great person.' I'm a big fan of Jesus, even though I'm not a Christian, but in his role as a philosopher. His message and the message of Christianity can get so twisted, and for such weird reasons.

This film precedes the **September 26<sup>th</sup>** UU service titled *New Laws: Big Ones and Little Ones* with Dr. Bill McConkey. He will discuss the war on gays and lesbians.





Photo by Marilyn Hansotia

## Butterfly Garden

Here is the happy result of the Religious Education kids' first service project: the butterfly garden at the Hearthside Cordial Care Center, Sister Bay.

Many thanks to the Toerpe family: Tom, Grace, Evan and Olivia and to Lynn Lees, RE Director.

## DOLLARS and \$ENSE

By Juliana Neuman

You may have noticed the Position Available ad on our website and in the local papers. We are finally ready to hire a Fellowship Administrator! If we find the right person, this will be a big step forward for UUFDC, for so long an entirely volunteer-run organization.

This is my fifth year as your Treasurer. During that time our budget has increased from \$45,700 to \$111,875, and the number of pledge units from 53 to 77 (109 individuals). We held a capital campaign to purchase a new building and have managed to balance our budget and make the appropriate loan payments despite our inability to sell the old building. The financial details that require attention have multiplied, so I'm really looking forward to some relief in the form of our new hire.

I will continue to oversee our finances, but I hope I won't be staying after the service every Sunday to prepare the weekly bank deposit. I'll need your help during the transition: pledge payments should be marked as such. If you want credit for a cash contribution, an envelope with your name and the amount written on the outside should be used. Please do NOT use an envelope for a check placed in the offering basket: your information is on the check already. (If you don't want your payment to be seen by those who count the offering, then you should mail your check or address an envelope to 'Treasurer' and place it in my mailbox.)

The vergers and greeters who count the offering will play an important role as well—more about that next month!

## Donations

Janet Forkert, our June artist-of-the-month, sent a generous donation in July along with a lovely note thanking us for our hospitality and helpfulness. Thank you, Jan!

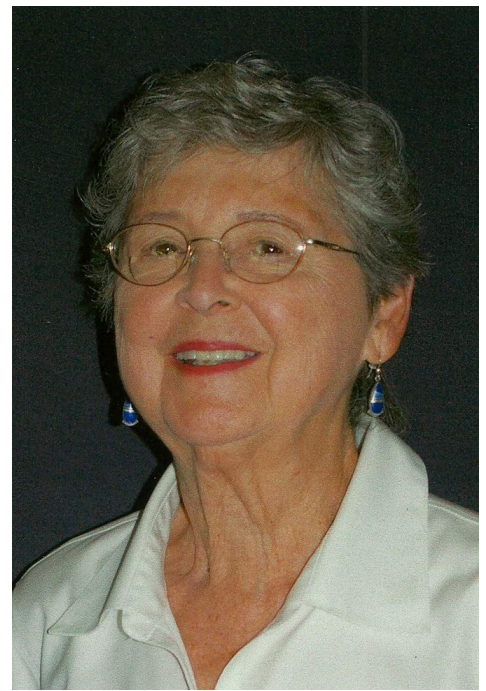
Craig Little has replaced Kärin Kopischke as this year's choir accompanist. Kärin served in this role all of last year. They both deserve our heartfelt thanks for volunteering their time.

## September Art

Sally Malm's lovely watercolor paintings will remain in the UU Gallery in September.

A show by Kärin Kopischke of historic dresses was scheduled to be in the Gallery this month but due to a conflict will now be featured in December.

Thanks to Sally for agreeing to leave a portion of her work for us to admire. We look forward to Kärin's December show.



## Dickinson Poetry Series

Ephraim poet Loraine Brink will share her works **September 8 at 7 PM.**

She describes herself as, "A poet with a light heart trying to get serious about portraying life. I try to see the foibles and humor in my fellow man, be they friends or relatives who provide me with a little mirth. I have tried to write about nature, birch trees and sea gulls, but that comes out as drivel, so any topic is fair game. One of these days I will compile a group of my poems and produce a chapbook."

Brink was drawn to poetry after meeting Sister Bay poet Barbara Larsen. She took courses at the Clearing, attended retreats at St Joseph's and put on the cloak of Poet. Her work has been published in the *Pulse*, *Wisconsin Poet's Calendar*, *Free Verse* and *Verse Wisconsin*. She belongs to the Wallace and Unabridged Poetry Groups, and has placed second in the WFOP Triad Contest.



UUFDC Labor Day "Potluck" Picnic for Members  
and Friends at Ray and Helene's "Big 40"

Arrive between 3 and 4 PM Monday, September 6

Come early if you'd like to take a 🦋 hike or play 🐎 horseshoes.

Appetizers/drinks/conversation from 4:00 – 5:00

Dinner 5:00 – 6:00

Plenty of Parking/Shelter House/Porta-Potty/Fire Ring  
Sign up at UU, call 854-2312 or email [helenediu@hotmail.com](mailto:helenediu@hotmail.com)  
to say what you will bring.

We need:

Appetizers, Main Dishes, Salads, Desserts  
(All dishes should have 10-12 servings.)

Also bring: Your own drinks, (we'll have ice) a chair or two,  
a small table if you have one, and your own plates, glasses,  
eating utensils/napkins. (to support our "green" effort)

Directions: Hwy 42 thru Ellison Bay to Cty Rd. NP.  
Turn right on NP to Lost Lane. Right on Lost Lane. Follow  
the lane past the house and thru the woods.

PS. There is NO electricity, so do not bring crockpots to plug in.



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Sunday Services: 10:00 A.M.

## UUFDC September 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> 1 PM Book Group <i>The Fall of the Sparrow</i> Hostess: Karen Cruz	<b>2</b> David Clowers' birthday	<b>3</b> 8-noon Landscaping w/Peter Witt	<b>4</b> 7:30 PM Midsummer's Music Festival "Historical Connections"
<b>5</b> 10 AM SERVICE Cynthia Stiehl 11-12:30 Gallery 1 PM wedding Alan Kopischke's bday	<b>6</b> 3-7 PM UUFDC Members & Friends' picnic @ Dilulio's	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 7PM Dickinson Poetry Series Loraine Brink	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 8-noon Landscaping w/Peter Witt	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 10 AM SERVICE Rev Joan Shiels 11-12:30 Gallery	<b>13</b> 1-3 PM Mah Jongg Gallery open	<b>14</b> 4 PM Governing Board  Simon Kopischke's birthday	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 8-noon Landscaping w/Peter Witt	<b>18</b> 3-midnight SRC works on Mexican Independence Day celebration @ Knights of Columbus Hall in Sturgeon Bay
<b>19</b> 8:15 Choir rehrs 10 AM SERVICE Rev Phil Sweet 11-12:30 Gallery Ray Dilulio's bday	<b>20</b> 1-3 PM Mah Jongg Gallery open	<b>21</b> 7 PM Movies That Matter <i>Fish Out of Water</i>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 8-noon Landscaping w/Peter Witt Carol Boyd's birthday	<b>25</b> 8 AM Alzheimer's Walk in Peninsula Park 7 AM breakfast @ Julie's Park Cafe
<b>26</b> 8:15 Choir rehrs 10 AM SERVICE Dr McConkey 11-12:30 Gallery Kay Smith's bday	<b>27</b> 1-3 PM Mah Jongg Gallery open Carrie Link's birthday	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>		