

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.

June Sunday Services

June 5 – **Clare Butterfield**

HUMAN IN NATURE

An exploration of the religious and philosophical dimensions of our encounter with the natural world.

Rev. Dr. Clare Butterfield, an ordained Unitarian Universalist community minister, is the Director of Faith in Place, an interfaith environmental ministry in Chicago that gives religious people tools to become better stewards of creation. Faith in Place congregations work together to support renewable energy, conserve energy, build markets for local sustainable agriculture and fair trade products, and train the next generation of stewards of the earth through urban agriculture with youth.

Music: Gerri Friedberg

June 12 – **Karen Hering**

THE SURPRISE CATCH OF THE DAY

When we tie our words together as if making nets large or small, what is it that we hope to catch? What is the power of poetry and story, of naming and metaphor, to catch or to carry that which is beyond words? How do we use the powerful tools of language in matters of faith?

The Rev. Karen Hering serves as consulting literary minister at Unity Church-Unitarian, in St. Paul, Minnesota, offering guided writing sessions and other opportunities for engaging the written word as a spiritual practice and a tool for social action. Her writing has been published in numerous journals and three Skinner House Press meditation anthologies.

Music: Ellen Shahbazi and vocal quartet - Cynthia Stiehl, Peggy Lott, Bob Lindhal, Alan Kopsichke - accompanied by Gerri Friedberg

June 19 – **Marcia Bjornerud**

CHRONOSOPHY: MAKING PEACE WITH THE PASSAGE OF TIME

The solstice is a moment to contemplate the passage of the seasons and our place in time. As a society, we have become time-illiterate. We live in active denial of aging. Our collective sense of process, sequence and consequence is being undermined by digital technology, which creates the illusion that time is no longer relevant.

Marcia Bjornerud is Professor of Geology and Environmental Studies at Lawrence University in Appleton, Wisconsin. Bjornerud's research focuses on the physics of earthquakes and mountain building, and she combines field-based studies of bedrock geology with quantitative models of rock mechanics.

Music: Gerri Friedberg

Service Leader: Cyndy Stiehl

June 26 – **Rev. Joan Shiels**

PRAYER FOR NON-BELIEVERS

It has been said that we humans are composed of particles held together by paradox. We are pragmatic but we are also poetic. Our minds are practical but our hearts sometimes fall into prayer. A morning dedicated to the subject of prayer, featuring the acapella singing ministry of the Threshold Singers.

Joan Shiels is a longtime friend and a frequent speaker at our Fellowship. She has prayed and sung with many people who are non-believers and learned, from them, the power of this ancient practice.

Music: Gerri Friedberg, the UU Choir accompanied by Donna Russell, and the Threshold Singers

Service Leader: Carol Boyd

Visit our website: uufdc.org.

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

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President's Report

By Cyndy Stiehl



Dear UUFDC Members and Friends,
Your Board met on May 10 to do the business of the Fellowship. First, finding it within our mission to do so, we voted to donate \$250 to the performing group, *Imuka*. Meg Vermillion is producing their concert at the Door County Auditorium on July 9 and we want to support the Tanzanian group and her efforts to help them.

The UUA General Assembly is in June and Garrett Cohn is asking for people to attend and act as official delegates to represent UUFDC. We have some monetary support. Contact Garrett with your questions and interest.

A continuing discussion began concerning the benefits of membership to UUFDC. We are graced with wonderful Friends who help and serve in countless beneficial ways, but choose not to join. Except for the Memorial Garden, that is available to Members only, we have made no other determinations. Instead, we will continue to think, discuss and I will report further.

Our Koessl building is being shown and we are hopeful and have all fingers and toes crossed for a quick sale.

Our Member Services Book lists businesses and services that our Members and Friends make available to us and the greater community. It was suggested that we include listings of services performed by our Conversation Partners. After discussion about supporting this community, the Board approved it.

ATTEND YOUR ANNUAL MEETING!

On June 12 we all have an opportunity to support UUFDC and the people who serve this vibrant community. Our Annual Meeting commences immediately after the service and reflects the heart and soul of our Fellowship. We elect officers, directors, the Nominating Committee, and the Finance Committee. Also, we honor those who have served UUFDC in the past year. Please attend, lend your voice and say "thank you."

Dollars and Sense

By Juliana Neuman, Treasurer

At the May meeting of the Governing Board I reported that this will probably be a break-even year for UUFDC. At the end of April we had a net income of almost \$6500, but my prediction for May and June is that additional expenses will exceed income by about \$5900, leaving a balance of only \$600. We'll see how close I come!

As of this writing, unpaid pledges equal just over \$9000, and we'll need them all. To all of the Fellowship's Members and Friends who have again pledged their financial support for the next fiscal year—**many thanks** for your prompt replies! However, our pledge campaign is lagging somewhat—18 of our normally stalwart pledge units have not returned pledge forms, leaving us \$16,000 short of our goal for 2011-12. We'll be talking more about that at the Annual Meeting on June 12th (by which time I hope the shortfall will have been resolved).

OTHER DONATIONS

Artist Dee Sinnett made a contribution in April in appreciation for the opportunity to exhibit in the UU Gallery. Our new donation box has had over \$50 deposited in it, in just over two months' time.

Movies That Matter Presents: *Renewal*

By Lu Schilling

Kick off your celebration of the Summer Solstice on June 21, at 4:30 pm, with the film *Renewal*, a documentary about people of faith building a sustainable future. With great courage, Americans are re-examining what it means to be human and how we choose to live on this planet. The religious-environmental movement is experiencing growth as people from diverse traditions work to build a sustainable future inspired by Americans who are answering a spiritual call to confront the enormous challenges of environmental degradation.

Described as "heart-warming and tingly", this documentary illustrates how people

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of many faiths -Christian, Jewish, Buddhist and Muslim - are finding ways to become caretakers of the Earth. Examples include Catholics and Native Americans protecting land and water together as well as Interfaith Power and Light people of all faiths mounting a religious response to ecology. If you have ever felt like there is no hope, you need to see this film. As Bill McKibben, author of *The End of Nature* notes, "The movement is potentially the key to dealing with the greatest problem humans have ever faced. I hope this film moves people off the fence and into action."

Social Responsibility Committee

By Bob Lindahl

Our speaker on May 29 will be Gigi Pomerantz, Founder of *Youth Haiti*, an organization dedicated to helping young Haitians learn about and develop sanitation and water resource protection, as well as promoting community gardening and reforestation efforts. Our Fellowship, through the SRC, has sent quarterly contributions to Youth Haiti twice in the past. Members and Friends are encouraged to consider a special *personal donation* to Youth Haiti on May 29. Checks should be made out directly to Youth Haiti.

The SRC held an important Goal Setting session on May 15. Efforts going into our new congregational year will be: **Programs Serving a Variety of Needs:** Support of our Hispanic neighbors in various ways including the Conversation Partners, Movies that Matter, Justice Sunday and a Work Camp Experience (new effort). ONGOING PROGRAMS

Humanitarian: Loaves and Fishes, Food Barrel, Memory Walk, Guest at Your Table, and Mitten Tree. **Environmental:** Earth Day, Meatless Dairyless Potlucks, Highway Cleanup, and Recycling of Batteries and Computer Cartridges. **Economic Jus-**

**Dickinson Poetry Series:
June in June**

The upcoming Dickinson Poetry Series reading is titled "June in June" featuring the works of Baileys Harbor poet June Nirschl on Wednesday, June 8, 7:00 pm, at the UU Fellowship.

Since moving to Door County in 2000, poet June Nirschl has been a co-author of two poetry chapbooks: *Slightly Off Q* (2004) with Judy Roy and Nancy Rafal; and *Two Off Q: A Conversation in Poetry* (2008) with Judy Roy. The Wisconsin Library Association selected the latter as an outstanding book in 2009.

Her work has been published in *Free Verse*, the *Peninsula Pulse*, *Wisconsin Poets' Calendar*, *Fox Cry Review*, and *Bar Code*. In addition, she has won the Wisconsin Regional Writers' Association's Jade Ring and the Hal Grutzmacher award.

June has had the good fortune to study with many of the state's poets, as well as to be a member of the Wallace poetry group in Door County. She has participated widely in poetry readings in the state. She is a member of the Wisconsin Fellowship of Poets and the Wisconsin Regional Writers' Association.

The Dickinson Poetry Series, now in its third year, invites a renowned local or regional poet to read from his/her works followed by an open mic, providing an opportunity for others to read their poetry. A reception follows affording an opportunity to meet the poets. The Series is named for Emily Dickinson, a prolific poet and philosophically in tune with Unitarian beliefs. The public is welcome and there is no charge.



tice: Fair Trade Coffee and other Merchandise.

We are fortunate that leadership for all of the above areas has been identified. The SRC needs YOU, though to assist in areas of interest. *Consider coming to a meeting or two.* You might decide that you want to join this hard-working and creative group!

June & July UU Book Club Schedule

By Karon Winzenz

The UU Book Club will discuss *The Secret River* by Kate Grenville at the home of Karon Winzenz on Wednesday June 4, at 1:30 pm. RSVP to her at winzenzk@msn.com or 823-2189.

On Wednesday, July 7, co-hosted and moderated by Jamie Hanreddy and

Karen Cruz, the group will discuss *Half the Sky* by Nicholas D. Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn. A reminder will be sent later with location and other details.

The following information on this book is excerpted from Wikipedia: *Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide*, a non-fiction book, argues that the oppression of women worldwide is "the paramount moral challenge" of the present era, much as the fight against slavery was in the past. It focuses on sex trafficking, maternal mortality, sexual violence, micro-finance and girls' education.

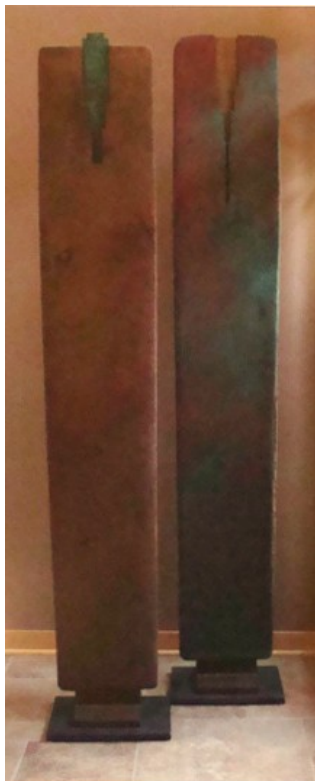
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June Artist in UU Gallery: Karon Winzencz

In an exhibition titled CROSS-CULTURAL DIALOGS: AN ARTIST'S JOURNEY, Karon Winzencz will present a retrospective of works created since the early 1980s. Included will be mixed media wall reliefs and free standing sculpture from three series titled, "Altars", "Shrines", and "Monoliths".

Winzencz describes the works she will exhibit: "As an artist seeking to express aspects of human spirituality I began in the late 1970s to look for models and archetypes outside my own modern, secular culture. Conceptually my work is influenced by the ritual art and architecture of pre-historic and non-Western cultures, especially those of the New World before and after European contact. Mindful of the problems of misappropriation of the spiritual patrimony of others, my work does not seek to imitate specific cultural forms or symbols, but to transform them from my perspective in space and time. I prefer to work in a semi-abstract rather than a literal or narrative style inviting viewers to bring their own experiences and spiritual understandings to the work."



Karon moved to Door County in 2005 and joined the UUFDC in 2010. Her major career was as a practicing artist and a professor at UWGB where she taught studio art (specializing in painting and textiles as fine art) and art history (modern, Maya, and Mesoamerican art). Karon is listed in Who's Who in American Art with biographic entry from 1986 to the present. In 1973 she earned an M.F.A. at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Since retirement she has been writing and teaching about the ancient Maya. She has also returned to painting.

There will be an opportunity for art enthusiasts to deepen their understanding of this exhibit in mid-June. The artist will present a slide-talk at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, June 16, to discuss the influences of non-Western cultures and their world-views on her work. A reception will follow. The public is invited to attend.

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for *The Washington Post*) wrote: "*Half the Sky* is a call to arms, a call for help, a call for contributions, but also a call for volunteers. It asks us to open our eyes to this enormous humanitarian issue. It does so with exquisitely crafted prose and sensationally interesting material....I really do think this is one of the most important books I have ever reviewed."

A Heart Felt Thank You

By Meg Vermillion

The Door County response to Imuka's performance has been incredible. Home hosts for the entire troupe have been secured and both in-kind and financial contributions are pouring in, ensuring that ample funds return to Africa with the performers. Thanks to the generosity of the Di Julios, home hosts will meet their guests at a welcoming picnic.

To the Board and the Social Responsibility Committee, I give you my deepest appreciation for your financial contributions to the Imuka Singers and Dancers. It has always been my intention that the performers take a substantial amount of earnings and contributions back to invest in economically sustainable businesses and projects. Tanzania ranks 201 of 222 countries in per capita income. Our dollars go far under these circumstances. I am proud of the UU leadership for recognizing the rightness of supporting the Imuka performance on July 9, as well as other countries, through UUSC, facing their own disasters this year.

Fair Trade News

Bad news: bulk coffee prices have been raised a dollar to \$15 for a 2 pound package.

Good news: none of the other prod-

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uct prices have been increased.
 Bad news: we have received our final order of chocolate candy bars for the season until next fall.
 Good news: you can buy us out!



Save the date!
 Birch Creek Am-bassadors will perform in a cabaret setting at UU on Thursday, July 28 at 7:00 pm.

Adult admission is just \$10 with students admitted for free. Refreshments will be served.

Bible Study with Rabbi Brickman

Beginning July 9 and continuing every Saturday morning through August, Rabbi Jay Brickman will lead discussions of the Old Testament at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Door County. The sessions, which are open to the community, will be held from 10 -11:30 am. Registration is not necessary and there is no fee. It is helpful to bring a Bible, but there are several available to borrow.

Artist Slide-Talk June 16

UUFDC Member Karon Winzenz is the June Artist of the Month in the UU Gallery. Don't miss the opportunity to

learn more about the art that will be on exhibit during her gallery talk on June 16, at 7:00 pm, when she will discuss the influences of non-Western cultures and their world-views on her work. A reception will follow. The public is invited to attend.

Plan Ahead: Check the Web Calendar

As our busy summer season gears up it is more important than ever to keep an eye on the ever-changing calendar on the UU website, www.uufdc.org. Recently, many hours of concert rehearsals were added to the calendar. We can keep everything running smoothly if events are posted on the calendar as soon as possible and if the calendar is consulted in advance of making plans to use (or clean) any part of the building. If you have something to post on the calendar, or have a scheduling issue, please contact Pat at contact@uufdc.org.

Witness for Peace Brings Diara Quiniones to UUFDC

Please reserve the evening of July 1, for a program at UU, at 7:00 pm on "The Plight of Women in Columbia". Singer-speaker Diara Quiniones will present her experiences and work, along with Elise Roberts. This program and work are supported by *Witness for*

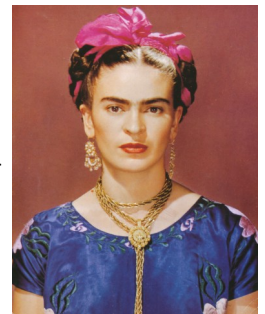
Peace, and recommended by the UU Social Responsibility Committee. Daira is a gifted singer and uses music to transform desperation into hope as she tirelessly defends the human rights of Afro-Colombians, Indigenous, and Campesino communities.

A Fiesta for Frida

By Karon Winzenz

Join the UU Book Club for a Mexican themed Fiesta on Monday, June 6 at 6:00 pm. The evening will begin with a pot luck followed by a movie about the difficult life, art, and trials of Frida Kahlo, one of the most significant female artists of the first half of the 20th century.

Attendees are asked to bring a Mexican dish and/or wine. Frida was known for her colorful native dress, so it is suggested that women dress in colorful clothing, perhaps with long skirts and huge jewelry (heavy eyebrows are optional). Men can come costumed as Frida or wear jeans and a colorful shirt. To view her outrageous style of dress, go to Google Images.



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP OF DOOR COUNTY

Annual Meeting

**Sunday, June 12, 2011 ~ Immediately following the 10:00 am service.
 A light luncheon will follow the meeting hosted by the Governing Board.**

Don't miss this opportunity to:

- ◆ **Review Financial Reports**
- ◆ **Adopt the Budget for 2011-12**
- ◆ **Elect Officers, Directors, and Committee Members**
- ◆ **Learn About Committee Activities**
- ◆ **Provide Input**

Information packets were distributed May 17. If you did not receive yours, please contact the office at 920-854-7559 or contact@uufdc.org.



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Sunday Services: 10:00 am

UUFDC June Calendar of Events

For the most up-to-date calendar, please see our website: www.uufdc.org/calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Book Group 1:30 pm 1-3 pm Gallery 7 pm U-Night	2	3 Landscape with Peter 7 am-noon 1-3 pm Gallery	4
5 10 am SERVICE Clare Butterfield 11-12:30 Gallery	6 1-3 pm Mah Jongg 1-3 pm Gallery	7 Conversation Partners 10:00 am 4 pm Governing Board	8 1-3 pm Gallery 7 pm Dickinson Poetry June Nirschl	9	10 Landscape with Peter 7 am-noon 1-3 pm Gallery	11
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19 8:30 Choir Rehr 10 am SERVICE Marcia Bjornerud 11-12:30 Gallery	20 1-3 pm Mah Jongg 1-3 pm Gallery	21 4:30 pm Movies That Matter Renewal	22 1-3 pm Gallery 7 pm U-Night	23	24 Landscape with Peter 7 am-noon 1-3 pm Gallery	25
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Happy Birthday to our Members and Friends Celebrating in June:

1-Sarah Stuart, 3-Robert Clarke, 4-Sarah Naber, 5-Bill Hoge, 6-Karen Cruz, 8-Chuck Lauter, 9-Juliana Neuman, 10-Joel Bremer, 11-Franne Dickinson, 12-Meg Vermillion, 13-Helene Di Iulio, 14-Nancy Eriksson, 15-Shyla Wollman, 16-Liesbeth Fickes, 17-Grace Bernhard