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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.

August Sunday Services

August 7 - **Kathleen Smythe**

WHO SHOULD WE HELP?

For most of us, helping those who are less fortunate is part of our ethical, religious, or spiritual practice. In fact, many would argue that it is part of being human and living in community. In this sermon, I will suggest that there are some situations in which we should not help those who appear less fortunate than us. History and personal experience suggest that we can help those we don't know, like Africans, far more by changing ourselves than by offering them aid.

Kathleen R. Smythe is a professor of African history at Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio where she has taught for the last 14 years. Her research and teaching interests lie at the intersection of African history, globalization, and sustainability. Her current book, in progress, Understanding Africa, examines long-standing traditions and ideas in African history as sources of wisdom and creativity for Westerners caught in practices, ideas and institutions that are not sustainable (in social, economic, or ecological terms).

Music: Gerri Friedberg, piano, and Kurt Johnson, violin (Houston Symphony)

Service Leader: Helene Dilulio

August 14 - **Fred "Doc" Heide**

RIFFING WITH THE ROCK STAR OF RELIGION

Dubbed "the Rock Star of Religion" by the *San Francisco Chronicle* on his 90th birthday, Huston Smith is one of the most revered religious scholars of our generation. A professor at MIT, Syracuse and UC-Berkeley, his book *The World's Religions* has sold over 2.5 million copies. Bill Moyers created a five-part PBS series based on Smith, who has written 13 other books and befriended the Dalai Lama, Aldous Huxley, Pete Seeger, Timothy Leary, and many others. In this talk, "Doc" will share a few anecdotes and insights

from his own burgeoning friendship with Dr. Smith.

Fred "Doc" Heide, Associate Professor at the California School of Professional Psychology at Alliant International University, is best known locally as co-founder of American Folklore Theatre and co-author of musicals such as Guys & Does and Packer Fans from Outer Space.

Music: Ellen Shahbazi

Service Leader: Carol Boyd

August 21 – **Rev. Joan Shiels**

THE PRICE OF WISDOM

Character. Integrity. Dependability. Maturity. These things are usually hard won in our culture. One young man's story speaks to all of us about the price of wisdom.

Joan Shiels is a preacher, teacher, and storyteller who has a long relationship with our Fellowship. She understands the importance of facts but, more than anything, she believes in the power of story.

Music: The Dottie Gerrits, Lolly Lebovic, Dave Hansell Trio

Service Leader: Toby Mason

August 28 – **Rabbi Jay Brickman**

EXPLORING OUR ROOTS

America is enriched by immigrants who have not abandoned their ancestral heritage.

Jay Brickman, Emeritus Rabbi of Congregation Sinai in suburban Milwaukee, preaches at the Fellowship several times each year, as well as teaches Saturday morning Bible classes here during the summer. Jay is the author of three books. The most recent is called Poetry Doodles. Rabbi Brickman and his wife Rita are summer residents of Baileys Harbor.

Music: Gerri Friedman, piano, and Dottie Gerrits, flute; the UU Choir, Cynthia Stiehl - director, and Donna Russell - accompanist.

Service Leader: Sheila Saperstein

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President's Report

By Cyndy Stiehl



Your Governing Board met on July 12 to do the business of the Fellowship. This was our first meeting of the new fiscal year so we welcomed new Member Services Director, Cynthia Oliver. She was thanked for her commitment and we all look forward to working with her.

Much of our conversation was about membership, definition, benefits, and our membership numbers. Our current membership total is 91 people, which is down from a short term high of 101. We would like to increase our membership and hope to do this by finding ways to draw people to us who do not currently attend. At courses that are planned to begin in October, we hope to encourage new people to find out more about us and inspire our current members and friends to bring their own interested friends to attend. In addition, we would love to encourage our current committed and pledging friends to become members. If you are in that category, consider formal membership. It benefits us all to have you join. See any of the Board members for more information.

Two other issues include the convening of a committee to oversee the Memorial Garden, its maintenance, decisions, and policies. Also, after much discussion of options for our Koessl building, we voted to list it again for six months. The Door County Land Trust continues to rent the property from us.

Lastly, we are reviewing our Long Range Plan (LRP); assessing what has been accomplished, what needs to continue, what needs to be dropped, and what we might add. The goal is to answer the question "What comes next?" In August we will extend our meeting time to continue the work. The whole Board acts as the UUFDC LRP Committee so it is part of our charge to review it regularly. Thank you to our new Vice-President Bob Lindahl for spearheading this effort.

Adult Religious Education Class About Unitarian Universalism Planned for October

The UUFDC will offer a three-session class about Unitarian Universalism on three Thursday afternoons in October (October 6, 13, and 20) from 2:00 – 4:00 pm at the UU Fellowship in Ephraim. The classes are free and open to the public. Individuals may choose to attend the entire series or a single class.

Built upon the UUA *Faith Like A River* curriculum, the classes will explore Unitarian Universalist history and culture through stories, time-lines, historical movements and their leaders, and discussion. A teaching team of Cynthia Johnson, Helene Di Iulio, Bob Lindahl, Lynn Olson and Juliana Neuman has formed to plan and facilitate the series which is designed for three purposes:

- To educate UUFDC members and friends who have never participated in any other UU congregation;
- To provide information to people who are curious about Unitarian Universalism's historical context and its contemporary liberal religious identity; and
- To re-acquaint long-time Unitarian Universalists with their UU heritage.

Sign up at the Fellowship in the foyer or via telephone, 920-854-7559, or email, contact@uufdc.org. For more information contact Cynthia Johnson, 920-839-9298, or Helene Di Iulio, 920-854-2312. Advance registration will allow time for sufficient materials to be prepared.

Movies That Matter Presents

What In The World Are They Spraying!

What's that in the sky?

It's a contrail . . .

(condensation from jet engines)

No . . .

It's a CHEMTRAIL!

Some of us have noticed crisscrossing streaks of white clouds, stretching from horizon to horizon, eventually turning

UUFDC Gallery Exhibit

By Jane Delcarson

Artist Gail Ledbetter of the Chicago area, will exhibit pastels of the less traveled Door County countryside in August. She will have a reception Sunday, August 7 from 11 am to 2 pm.



A frequent visitor to Door County where her parents reside, she enjoys painting “en plein air” where she finds the inspiration to “capture the many vistas by portraying the effect that light and shadow has on the surroundings of this area”. Her inspiration starts on site to be finished later in her studio.

Gail is a graduate of Northern Illinois University where she earned her masters degree in art education. She taught high school art and after school elementary art in varied mediums and also taught digital photography. She began her love of art as a child learning to use a camera from her father. She also studied photo-journalism and worked in the publishing industry following graduation. Her early interest in art includes three-dimensional pottery and glass-blowing as well as drawing and painting.

“Light and Shadow – In Pastel” is the result of Gail’s “observations and work in the field along with her love for color, light, and shadow which is so often found in the landscapes of this area.” She has captured “some of the harmony and peace which has made this part of Wisconsin such an inspiration for so many visitors”.

Her art works have been in a variety of juried exhibits and her work can be found in private collections. In September she is scheduled to exhibit in Aurora, Illinois

Gail thanks the UU Fellowship for allowing her the opportunity to show her work and Sally Malm for inviting her.

events that test the faith and courage of both their families. As they strive for love and honor in a brutal time and place, they become players in a tragedy on the grandest scale and find redemption where they least expect it.” (Wikipedia)

In the winter of 1946, Henry McAllen moves his city-bred wife, Laura, from their comfortable home in Memphis to a remote cotton farm in the Mississippi Delta — a place she finds both foreign and frightening. While Henry works the land he loves, Laura struggles to raise their two young children in a rude shack with no indoor plumbing or electricity, under the eye of her hateful, racist father-in-law. When it rains, the waters rise up and swallow the bridge to town, stranding the family in a sea of mud.

This book was chosen as a follow-up to *The Help*, a book about race relations in the 1960’s, which most of the club members have already read. *Cry the Beloved Country* by Alan Paton is the September selection.

Highway Cleanup

Help make sure that the drive between Ellison Bay and Gills Rock remains scenic! The second cleanup of our two mile stretch of road will be Thursday August 18. Meet at Bob Lindahl's, 12490 Timberline Road (1 mile north of "Uncle Tom's"), Ellison Bay at 9:00 am for a little sustenance. You will be finished no later than 11:00 am.

A "Fair" for Trade Products

Witness for Peace invited SRC to be a part of a fair on Sat., August 20, 11 am - 4 pm. It will be held at the Settlement Shops, minutes away south of Fish Creek. Each vendor will offer a different line of products in order that there won't be competition for the same items. SRC will be able display UU materials and a calendar of events as a way to attract potential visitors. Please consider dropping in for this worthy event!

UU Book Club News

The UU Book Club will meet to discuss *Mudbound* by Hilary Jordan starting at 1:30 pm on August 2 at the UU Fellowship. Hosts and moderators are Ellie Kaage and Helene Di Iulio. Please contact Helene regarding your attendance by calling 854-2312, or email to helenediu@hotmail.com.

Mudbound is a real page-turner — a tangle of history, tragedy, and romance

powered by guilt, moral indignation, and a near chorus of unstoppable voices.” — Stewart O’Nan

This is a novel of betrayal, murder and love on a cotton farm in the Mississippi Delta in 1946, during the height of the Jim Crow era. When two soldiers, one white and one black, return from fighting in World War II “the unlikely friendship of these brothers-in-arms sets in motion a harrowing chain of

A Note from the Gallery Committee

We all know that the Gathering Room is a much-used, multi-purpose space. One of its most frequent uses is as the UU Art Gallery, with advertised weekly hours. In order to maintain the integrity of this gallery purpose, please place tables in the center of room. This leaves the walls free for viewing and close observation of the art work. If it is necessary to move furniture around, please return it to the way you found it. Thank you.

*Julia Bresnahan, Helene Di Iulio,
Sally Malm, Jane Del Carson.*



Sting Free Beekeeping Fieldtrip

On Monday, July 18, a group of UU's visited local beekeeper Susan Leeder's farm to hear an educational talk about honeybees and their social structure as well as to view the hives, equipment and honey extraction process. Honey harvest begins at the end of July and raw, local honey should be available in mid-August. This program was organized by Education and Enrichment chair Helene Di Iulio. Contact Helene if you have any suggestions for additional programs.

Social Responsibility News

Although there was no meeting of the entire committee in June, several activities were continued or brought to fruition by individual members of the SRC. These efforts include the Ellison Bay Highway Clean Up, Fair Trade Coffee sales, the "Witness for Peace" presentation, the Imkuka Singers performance, and the monthly Movies That Matter screening. The next quar-

Author Judy Roy Featured at Dickinson Poetry Reading

Judy Roy of Baileys Harbor will read from her works at the Dickinson Poetry Series August 10, at 7:00 pm.

A Wisconsin native, Roy retired from careers as a psychologist and then as a French teacher. She writes her poetry in the boreal forest north of Baileys Harbor. Her work has been included in the Common Ground Project, Nature of the Door, and Living Up to Memorial Day, a production of the Isadoora Theater Company. She has read at the Wisconsin Book Festival and other venues throughout the state and beyond its borders. Judy has studied in numerous workshops with some of the best poets in Wisconsin and at the University of Iowa Summer Writing Festival. A member of the Wisconsin Fellowship of Poets, she has co-authored the chapbooks *Slightly Off Q* and *Two Off Q*.



ter will be busy as we proceed through our list of goals established in mid-May. Our next meeting is scheduled for August 21 following Sunday Services. Contact Garret Cohn, Summer Chair, for further information or to volunteer.

Bible Study

Rabbi Jay Brickman will continue to lead the popular Bible discussions of the Old Testament Saturday mornings 10-11:30 am through August. He has generously donated his time and talent presenting these classes as well as being a perennial Sunday morning speaker at our Fellowship during the summer. The Bible study is free and open to the public. It is helpful to bring your own Bible, but not necessary.

Coming Attractions

The UUFDC Emerson Series will return in the fall with two events planned. Please save the dates for an evening of monologues and music with **Paul McComas** entitled THE LYING GAME: CONFESSIONS OF A FICTION WRITER. Friday, September 16, 7:00 pm, tickets \$10. And save Friday, October 28 for an evening of "free improvisation – in other words – musical spontaneity" by

the **Once Now Ensemble**. Tickets for this evening will also be just \$10.

Midsummer's Music Festival

You have one more opportunity to experience the Midsummer's Music Festival at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship: Thursday, September 1 at 7:30 pm. The evening's program: **Kammermusik, Opus 86** for Flute, Viola, and Piano by **Julius Weismann**, (1879-1950); **Quartet in A Minor, Opus 1** for Piano, Violin, Viola, and Cello by **Josef Suk**, (1874-1935); and **Quartet in E-flat Major, 87** for Piano and String Quartet by **Antonin Dvorak**, (1841-1904).

Dianne Trenchard and Challoner Brown will be your hosts at the post-concert reception.

Happy Birthday to our Members and Friends Celebrating in August:

1-Betty Aik; 3-Sharon Sweet;
4-Mary Dunworth; 4-Rik Warch;
5-Estella Lauter; 5-Cynthia Stiehl;
6-George Kaage; 12-Susanne
Beaumont; 22-Myrna Cohn;
25-Lee Tackenberg; 26-Valerie
Murre-Schlick; 27-Grace Toerpe;
29-Hanne Gault.



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Sunday Services: 10:00 am

UUFDC August Calendar of Events

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 1-3 pm Mah Jongg 1-3 pm Gallery	2 Conversation Partners 10:00 am	3 Book Group 1:30 pm 1-3 pm Gallery 7 pm U-Night	4  UU GALLERY PAINTING	5	6 10 am Bible Study with Rabbi Jay Brickman
7 10 am SERVICE Kathleen Symthe 11-12:30 Gallery Opening Reception 11-2:00	8 1-3 pm Mah Jongg 1-3 pm Gallery	9 2 pm Governing Board	10 1-3 pm Gallery 7 pm Dickinson Poetry Judy Roy	11	12 1-3 pm Gallery	13 10 am Bible Study with Rabbi Jay Brickman
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