

# 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.*

## October Sunday Services

### October 2 - The Rev. Joan Shiels

#### MALIGNING THE MAHATMA

Mahatma Gandhi. Few names in world history evoke such powerful images of integrity, courage and social justice. But the Gandhi was also a difficult and dark human being as well. (Like the rest of us.) A close look at this historical icon, warts and all.

*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: Gerri Friedberg Service Leader: Toby Mason

### October 9 - Brian Pertl

#### DANCING WITH GOD: MUSIC, DANCE AND SPIRIT POSSESSION

In many of the world's religions the relationship with god is of a most intimate nature. Through sacred music and dance, a participant can become possessed directly by the deity the ritual honors. In this talk, Brian will explore sacred movement and ritual possession in a number of the world's sacred traditions.

*Dean of the Lawrence Conservatory of Music, Brian Pertl has done fieldwork in Australia studying the didjeridu, and fieldwork in Tibet, Nepal, and India studying Tibetan Buddhist sacred music. He earned his masters degree in ethnomusicology. After working at Microsoft as an ethnomusicologist for 16 years, he returned to Lawrence to assume his current role.*

Music: Gerri Friedberg Service Leader: Cyndy Stiehl

### October 16 - Dr. Linda Steiner

#### EXPANDING OUR VISION OF UNITY CONSCIOUSNESS: CONCRETE VERSUS SYMBOLIC EXPRESSIONS OF WHOLENESS

While many lay testament to the value and importance of global unification, some still fail to encompass all life forms as equal representations of the Divine whole. There is a substantive difference between "talking the talk" – and "walking the walk". This presentation will identify and explore the ideals of unity consciousness and the concrete steps necessary to manifest these ideals in our daily lives.

*Dr. Linda Steiner holds a Ph.D. in Applied Social Psychology from Loyola University. Over the last 18 years, she has worked as a university educator and is currently an associate lecturer at University of Wisconsin-Green Bay. She is known in Door County as the author of, "Why Is It...?", a regular column featured in the Peninsula Pulse from 2008-2011. She has written over 100 columns on matters of social importance that impact our lives. Music: Bob Judd; the UUFDC Choir, Cynthia Stiehl, Conductor, and Donna Russell, Accompanist Service Leader: Carol Boyd*

### October 23 - The Rev. Cynthia Johnson

#### A RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY OF ORCHARDISTS

Our Fellowship building is located on land that literally used to be an orchard. When we think of ourselves as part of an ongoing religious community of orchardists, we understand our individual religious journeys in a new way. *Faith Like a River* invites us to celebrate this year's bountiful harvest.

*Cynthia Johnson, a retired Unitarian Universalist minister who served UU congregations in Texas and Oklahoma, joined UUFDC in 2000 when she and Al moved to Door County. Cynthia is active as an artist and a poet. She enjoys family and friends, nature, travel, and reading and writing.*

Music: Ellen Shahbazi

### October 30 - Dick Smythe

#### UU PRINCIPLE #7: OUR WORLD OF WONDER

We humans live an interdependent life with numerous other organisms on a planet that is truly a world of wonder. Yet, many of us are seldom aware of the world beyond our immediate influence and even if we are aware, we may not understand how dependent we are on much of that world. Thus, our world of wonder is increasingly a world in peril.

*Dick Smythe is an entomologist retired from the research division of the US Forest Service. Before kindergarten he started collecting feathers and insects. In college he majored in biology, then earned a PhD in entomology. Throughout his lifetime, Dick has maintained an interest in the natural world. He is active in a number of environmental organizations, is an avid reader, especially in the biological sciences and theology, and enjoys being out-of-doors throughout the year.*

Music: Gerri Friedberg Service Leader: Garrett Cohn

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Dear UUFDC Members  
and Friends,

Your Governing Board met on September 13 to do the work of the Fellowship. It was a very special day because the Rev. Roger Bertschausen drove up from the Fox Valley UU Fellowship of Appleton to attend our meeting and to advise us concerning the Long Range Plan review that I reported on last month.

First we discussed Association Sunday that will be led by Rev. Cynthia Johnson October 23. The Board approved a special collection to benefit the UUA professionals. Also discussed were updates concerning the Memorial Garden Committee and Communications. Then, we started our conversation with Roger.

Using the three categories determined in last month's LRP review, we asked Roger to comment. Below is the list of topics and suggestions that resulted from our discussion.

#### Member/Friend issues....

Develop a culture of welcome, abundance and generosity.

Hold listening sessions, perhaps quarterly, to learn from and inform the congregation about anything long range or current.

Learn what is not fun or motivating for volunteers to do and add those duties to a job description of a new hire.

#### LGBT....

Keep trying to attract this group.

Talk to the people, ask them to visit and inform us about their feelings about being here.

Perhaps have an art exhibit from the LGBT community.

#### Leadership....

Be clear on our mission.

There are many options for professional leadership:

Student

Consultant

Extension

Quarter-time, Half-time

Shared

Inform the congregation about needs and desires using every vehicle about once a month.

Do or find demographic studies to help inform about potential growth.

It will take time to reach consensus.

#### All-Fellowship initiatives....

Would be easier with professional leadership but still possible without it.

More will follow as we prioritize and discuss with you these forward-looking suggestions. Please let Board members know how you feel. Thank you Roger for your time, experience and generosity

*Cindy Stiehl, President*

#### **Contributions for Social Justice**

*By Chuck Lauter*

Several years ago the Governing Board asked the Social Responsibility Committee to take responsibility for making social justice contributions on behalf of UUFDC to reduce the need for special collections from the congregation. SRC has carefully researched appeals and developed a pattern, although not rigid, of making quarterly contributions in each of four categories: local, regional, national, and international. Contributions have been made on behalf of the Fellowship to The Community Clinic, The Wellness Center, Loaves & Fishes, HELP of Door County, Hispanic Resource Center, Habitat for Humanity, UU Service Committee for post-Katrina continuing relief, Doctors Without Borders, flood relief in Pakistan, Youth Haiti, and UUSC for its work in Darfur, among others.

Earlier this year SRC evaluated this process and identified two concerns. Having SRC make contributions on behalf of UUFDC isolates Members and Friends from the substantive issues and

from the good work the Fellowship is doing on their behalf. We decided that for each contribution a newsletter article and a report at a Sunday service should articulate what is being funded, the relevance of the action, and why the particular group was funded.

Our second concern is that there has been little increase in our budget for this activity in the last six years and inflation has eroded the effectiveness of our contributions. Since the current practice began, our Fellowship has almost doubled and we should show and be able to support increased effort in this area. In the 2011-'12 budget process, a modest increase was possible, but we decided that in announcing each contribution, we would encourage individual Members and Friends to contribute to that cause before the donation is made.

### Dollars and Sense

By Juliana Neuman, Treasurer

ASSOCIATION SUNDAY, held in October, is an annual day of recognition and support for the national work of the Unitarian Universalist Association. All member congregations of the UUA are encouraged to participate by reflecting on our common purpose and contributing monetarily to its advancement.

This year's theme for Association Sunday is *Celebrating Excellence in Ministries*. The funds collected on that Sunday will support grants for projects proposed by three UU professional organizations: the Ministers Association (UUMA), the Musicians Network (UUMN), and the Liberal Religious Educators Association (LREDA). While we do not have a minister on staff here, many of our speakers are no doubt members of the UUMA. Both Cyndy Stiehl and Carol Soper have benefited from their membership in the UUMN, and our fledgling RE program uses materials developed by members of LREDA.

Here in Door County we will celebrate Association Sunday on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, when Rev. Cynthia Johnson will speak



### UU Dickinson Series and Library Friends Host Wisconsin Poet Laureate

Bruce Dethlefsen, the 2011-2012 Wisconsin Poet Laureate, will give two readings in Door County in October. Hosted by the UU Fellowship Dickinson Poetry Series and by the Friends of the Door County Libraries, Dethlefsen will read at the Fellowship at 7 pm on October 19 and at the Miller Art Museum in the Sturgeon Bay Library at 7 pm on October 20. An open mic will follow the UUF reading while on Thursday

evening the presentation will include readings by gifted high school students. That reading also commemorates National Library Week.

Dethlefsen is nationally renowned. His poetry has been featured on Garrison Keillor's *The Writer's Almanac* on NPR and Wisconsin Public Radio and also on the website, *Your Daily Poem*. His full-length book, *Breather*, published by Fireweed Press, won an Outstanding Achievement Award in Poetry from the Wisconsin Library Association and received an Honorable Mention in the Posner Awards. He has published two chapbooks.

Dethlefsen performed in Door County earlier this year as a featured musician in the group, "Obvious Dog," accompanying the poetry of Cathryn Cofell at the May Dickinson Poetry Series reading.

Dethlefsen is a retired educator and public library director. He resides in Westfield, Wisconsin.

on Unitarian Universalism and our entire offering will be donated to the UUA. The total amount collected on that Sunday will be forwarded to UUA headquarters in Boston in the form of one large check from UUFDC. Please be forewarned: we will not be collecting pledge payments via the offering baskets on that Sunday. And please be generous: the recommended donation is \$20 per member, but I'm sure that many of us will be able to exceed that amount. Your donation, if identified, will be acknowledged at the end of the calendar year as part of your total contributions to UUFDC.

Note: Your name and address on your check or on an envelope containing cash will serve to identify you as the donor. If you prefer to donate directly to the UUA, please make your check out accordingly and we will send it along with UUFDC's.

### Faith Like A River Course

*"The challenge of talking about Unitarian Universalism -- it's easier to be one than to tell someone about it."*

~Rev. Cynthia Johnson

During the three sessions in October, UUFDC Members, Friends, and the curious will have an opportunity to learn about the UU faith. Information will focus on an accurate short course about how, when, why, and where Unitarianism and Universalism emerged within the Christian tradition more than two hundred years ago in America; and explain how it is that UU congregations today can possibly contain such an amazing diversity about religious language and images. A goal of the sessions is to engage or re-engage the individual spiritual journey at a deeper level by exploring what we believe about ourselves, our relationship with the world and our understanding of ultimacy.

October 6, Led by Cynthia Johnson and Juliana Neuman:

Introductions; Individual spiritual journeys; growing up Unitarian/Unitarian Universalist; and, some very important moments and individuals in Unitarian Universalist history.

October 13, Led by Bob Lindahl:  
History: a variety of congregations

where Unitarians and Universalists gathered to worship and live out their religious ideals

October 20, Led by Lynn Olson:

Lynn and a small theatrical company will demonstrate how we live out our Unitarian Universalism today, together here in our community.

Register for *Faith Like A River* by October 1 by contacting Pat at the UU Office (920) 854-7559. Classes are held at the UU on the above dates from 3-5 pm. You are encouraged to attend all three sessions but not required. And please Invite non-UUs to join us.

### **Movies That Matter Presents** ***Waiting for "Superman"***

A groundbreaking documentary that provides an engaging and inspiring look at public education in the United States and has helped launch a movement to achieve a real and lasting change will be screened at the UU on Tuesday, October 18 at 4:30 pm.

*Waiting for "Superman"* is a 2010 documentary film from director Davis Guggenheim (Academy Award-Winning Director of *An Inconvenient Truth*) and producer Lesley Chilcott. The film analyzes the failures of American public education by following several students such as Emily, a Silicon Valley eighth-grader who is afraid of being labeled as unfit for college and Francisco, a Bronx first-grader whose mom will do anything to give him a shot at a better life. The film received the *Audience Award* for best documentary at the 2010 Sundance Film Festival. The film also received the *Best Documentary Feature* at the Critics' Choice Movie Awards. The film has earned both praise and criticism from commentators, reformers, and educators.

You will be invited to voice your opinion in a post-screening discussion.

### ***See Me! Hear Me!***

A broad base of Door County churches has joined forces to present *See Me! Hear Me!* focusing on human traffick-

ing, in two Door County performances. There are more than 27 million victims world-wide and human trafficking is second largest crime industry in the world.

On Saturday, October 1, at 7:00 pm, UUFDC and the Stella Maris Catholic Parish present *See Me! Hear Me!* at the Stella Maris Parish, Highway 57, Baileys Harbor. Additional funding for this production is provided by Ephraim Moravian Church, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, St. Paul's Lutheran Church and the Woodwalk Gallery.

On Sunday, October 2, at 2:00 pm, Hope United Church of Christ, United Methodist Church of Sturgeon Bay and First Baptist Church of Sturgeon Bay are hosting a second performance of *See Me! Hear Me!* at the United Methodist Church, 836 Michigan Street in Sturgeon Bay.

A free-will offering will be collected and a discussion will follow both performances

### **Book Group News**

The UU Book Group will meet to discuss *Home* by Marilynne Robinson on October 5, at 1:30 pm. Published in

### **Emerson Series Presents** ***Once Now Ensemble***

The Emerson Series continues October 28 with the *Once Now Ensemble* featuring musical spontaneity, inspiration and influence from the ensemble and musical pieces that are rarely played the same way twice.

You'll hear all the basic elements of good music in their work - exciting rhythms, evocative melodies, imaginative harmonies, and unique timbres. But you'll find them at the edge, where the raw creative impulse comes alive! You will hear and feel the searching, the glimmering, and the jelling as it happens - a rare and satisfying musical experience!

The group has been playing together since 2009 and includes Craig Berg: percussion; Linda Binder: electric violin; Frank Marquardt: alto and tenor saxophones, alto clarinet; Rick Ollman: guitar, flute, clarinet, bass clarinet; Carl Raven: drums; and, Mark Truesdell: percussion, melodica, accordion.

The performance is October 28, 7 pm. Tickets are \$10 at the door. A reception to meet the artists follows.

2008, the novel has won many awards including the 2009 Orange Prize for Fiction.. *Home* is a luminous and healing book about families, family secrets, and faith. Please respond to Dottie Gerri regarding your attendance at [gerri2732@gmail.com](mailto:gerri2732@gmail.com) or 854-2964.

In November the UU book group will read *City of Thieves* by David Benioff at a meeting hosted and moderated by Peggy Lott.

### **Conversation Partners News**

UUFDC Friend Jami Hanreddy will meet with Conversation Partners at UUFDC October 4 at 10 am. This project of SRC provides help with English to immigrants in our community. New members are welcome.

We hope to expand our program and reach out to more learners this fall. Please respond to both Karen Cruz ([nanacruz@yahoo.com](mailto:nanacruz@yahoo.com)) and Jami Hanreddy ([hanreddy@uwm.edu](mailto:hanreddy@uwm.edu)) if you plan to attend

### **New Website Features**

Our webmaster, Marc Demoly, has redesigned the [uufdc.org](http://uufdc.org) website to make the site easier to use. We antici-





"Pool Balls and Creel" by Dave Kapszukiesicz Oil on Linen

### UU October Gallery Exhibit

New owner and Executive Director Molly Johnson along with Artistic Director Craig Blietz are proud to present *New Works by the Students of the Kewaunee Academy of Fine Arts*.

Under the direction of renowned artist Craig Blietz, the Kewaunee Academy features an intensive curriculum devoted to drawing, painting, and sculpting. In preparation for careers as practicing artists, the students are taught the classical techniques and methods introduced before the Renaissance and perfected by the Masters. The Academy is located in Algoma. [www.kewauneeacademy.com](http://www.kewauneeacademy.com).

Throughout their course of study, students are assessed on their individual progress, and advancement is based on the recommendation of the Artistic Director. The curriculum is designed primarily to heighten a student's visual skills and acuity. In addition, through the efforts made by the students to achieve successful completion in each exercise, the student becomes accomplished in the use of charcoal, and oil paint, and new this year, watercolor and sculpture. These objectives have been used throughout history, past and present, with proven results.

*New Works by the Students of the Kewaunee Academy of Fine Art* will be featured in the UU Gallery for the month of October. Gallery hours are Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 1-3 pm and on Sundays after services 11 am-12:30 pm.

You are invited to the  
**Opening Reception!**

View works by 12 emerging artists.

**Friday, September 30, 4:00 – 7:00 pm**



"The Butterfly" by Mara Pionek, Oil on Linen

pate it will be launched by October 1<sup>st</sup>. Among the new features are:

- New photos of the building that will scroll across the top of each page
- Sunday service speakers topics with photos will scroll across the home page
- Fewer items will be posted on the home page and older items will be available in an archive section accessible from the home page.
- More description of UUFDC will appear on the home page
- Fewer navigation tabs will make topic selection more streamlined

### U-Night News

By Jess Holland

U-Night members are excited to be back in school (mostly). Because of homework and early mornings, we have decided to return to our 7:00 – 8:30 pm schedules on Wednesday nights.

We have been approached with many projects for the fall and hope you'll join us for some. Karen Cruz visited U-Night in September to teach us about Human Trafficking and Kathleen Ann Thompson's performance *See Me! Hear Me!* at Stella Maris Catholic Church in Bailey's Harbor on October 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm. We helped assemble posters and flyers for the event and helped Karen spread the word about the performance by posting flyers and contacting Gibraltar about possibly host-hosting Thompson for a program.

U-Night is teaming with HELP of Door County, Inc. for Domestic Violence Awareness Month by painting silhouettes that will be posted around the county to spread awareness of domestic violence as well as teen dating and bullying issues. We will also make the long haul down to Sturgeon Bay for their First Friday event on Third Avenue, October 7, from 6 – 8pm. U-Night members will be playing music to entertain shoppers while businesses stay open later than usual to bring the

community together. We would love to see you there! Thank you again for your support!

### A Fair Trade Fact You Should Know

Equal Exchange (our source for fair trade products) and the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (who swiftly responds to disaster stricken areas in developing countries and continues to stay on after other emergency relief groups have left) have formed a coffee project partnership. Each year, Equal Exchange makes a 20-cent donation for each pound of product purchased by its Unitarian Universalist vendors. In 2010, this donation totaled \$15,624.86!

### Last Highway Cleanup

Prepare northern Door County to be beautiful for winter! Join the last Highway Cleanup, Thursday, October 20. Meet at Bob Lindahl's, 12490 Timberline Road, Ellison Bay, at 9 am for a bit of sustenance prior to hitting the road. You'll be done by 11:00 am!



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Sunday Services: 10:00 am

## UUFDC October Calendar of Events

For the most up-to-date calendar, please go to: [www.uufdc.org/calendar](http://www.uufdc.org/calendar)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
<p><i>Happy Birthday to our Members and Friends Celebrating in October:</i>            2 - Bob Lindahl; 10 - Ray Stonecipher; 11 - Stella Brown; 16 - Art MacKinney; 16 - Ginny Olson;            19 - Beth Ciesar; 21 - Susan Leeder; 25 - Al Johnson; 25 - Duane Dickinson; 28 - Paula Christensen;            29 - Steve Kastner; and 31 - Ken Boyd.</p>						1	See Me! Hear Me! 7:00 pm Baileys Harbor
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