

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.

January Sunday Services

January 1 - **Rev. Cynthia Johnson**

HAPPY NEW YEAR, MR. PODSNAP

If Mr. Podsnap happens to be vacationing in Door County on January 1, I suppose we'll have to welcome him warmly if he comes to the Fellowship. I don't think he'd like what we'll say and do on New Year's Day, but I think we will.

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: Tanner Lundquist, pianist

January 8 - **Rev. Joan Shiels**

REEL SPIRITUALITY: ENLIGHTENMENT AT THE MOVIES

We think we watch movies for simple entertainment but good films, like all good art, reflect us and change us at the same time. Many of the most popular films of our generation carry strong theological and spiritual messages. This is a close look at a few of those films. We will start with seeing God the Father in *The Godfather* (Jan. 7, 4 pm. See pg.5). Watching that epic 1972 film again before this service will enhance your enjoyment of this message.

The Rev Joan Shiels is a frequent speaker and long-time friend of the Fellowship. She has a busy wedding ministry in Door County and when she is not eating, sleeping, reading or working she is usually watching movies.

Music: Gerri Friedberg

January 15 - **Rev. Cynthia Johnson**

A TIME TO LIVE, A TIME TO DIE

Whether we like it or not, someday our one precious life will end. What do we need to do ahead of time to make it better for us -- and the people who love us -- then? Let's start by thinking about how tenderly we help our pets in their final days.

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Music: Gerri Friedberg; the UU Choir, Cynthia Stiehl, vocalist and Kärin Kopischke, accompanist

January 22 - **Rev. Phil Sweet**

THE DIFFICULTY OF HELPING

The question comes from the mythological story of Cain and Abel: Are we our brother's keepers? It is a question that religious people have assumed to be simple and simple in its answer. But it is not. The sociologist Garrett Harden speaking about altruism and helping says: "...about the only thing outside meddling can do is to interfere with internal progress."

Phil Sweet is a long-time friend of UUFDC, and a marvelous and insightful story-teller. He served as minister of Hope Church in Sturgeon Bay and two rural churches in western Minnesota.

Music: Gerri Friedberg

January 29 - **The Professional Leadership Task Force**

FORWARD THROUGH THE AGES

Members of the UUFDC Professional Leadership Task Force want your input as we study our congregation's leadership needs to bring us to the next level in our development as individuals and as a congregation. All options are on the table. We want to explore together our potential moving forward. Several members of the task force will present followed by a sharing talkback with the congregation.

Music: Gerri Friedberg

Service Leader: Cyndy Stiehl, President

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Vice-President's Report

By Bob Lindahl



I've said it before, but I just can't help repeating myself. This Fellowship is the most amazing group that I have ever been affiliated with. Why? Just a few observations:

Doctrine and dogma are absent, permitting a pervasive level of genuine caring. Caring for what? The underprivileged, our environment, justice, human crises, and each other, to name a few. Love transcends all kinds of traditional divides. Learning and reason are integral to making decisions and respecting the democratic process.

I witnessed some of this as three of us attended the Hispanic community "Virgin of Guadalupe" service on December 11. Having also attended two years ago, I was struck by the increased ease with which we were able to visit with the many young Hispanic families at a dinner following the service. A key reason? Growing trust. Our Fellowship, under the leadership of the Social Responsibility Committee, has consistently stepped up to the plate to reach out. Conversation Partners serves over a dozen individuals desiring to improve English skills, our annual clothing drive and mitten tree help to keep kids warm, and financial contributions have been frequently directed to that community.

This is just one example of UUFDC coming together, making decisions based on what is right, and actually following through! Nothing happens here without members and friends stepping up. Thank you!

UUFDC Website Features

By Marilyn Hansotia

The New Year brings a new feature to our UUFDC members and friends. We have added a password-protected tab near the top of the home page www.uufdc.org that will be updated regularly with information pertinent to

our congregation. Some items posted there include member and friend contact lists, policies for our Memorial Garden and Building Use. Other items will be added as we explore the possibilities.

We will email the password to all members and friends on our email distribution list. Once you click on the Members & Friends tab on the website you will be asked to enter this password. It may take a few minutes for this to load the first time you attempt to access it. Be patient! All computers are not created equally! If you have trouble getting into this portion of our website, contact either our Administrator Pat Crow at the office contact@uufdc.org or me at mhansotia@charter.net

Where can you find the most up-to-date information about UUFDC events? On the website calendar at www.uufdc.org! Items will be added to the calendar by Pat as they are set. Simply click on the Calendar tab on the opening home page. The current



Brunch and Packers!

Join us to celebrate the New Year following the Jan. 1 service for a brunch and televised Packer-Lions game beginning at noon.

Contact Lynn Lees at lynnajohn@earthlink.net or 854-5451 to tell her the number attending and what you will bring:

Quiche or frittata

Fruit or fruit salad

Bread or sweet rolls

Champagne

Table place settings will be provided.

month will display but you can go forward or backward to other months. Hold your cursor over a calendar entry and you will see details of the event. Our website is always being updated with new information about our Fellowship. Use it regularly and suggest it to others who may have an interest. If you have a new event to post, please send that to Pat or me.

Dollars and Sense

By Juliana Neuman, Treasurer

In January UUFDC members and friends will receive contribution acknowledgment letters. These letters are provided for your tax records. Your acknowledgment letter will show the total amount you have contributed to UUFDC during calendar 2011, including pledge payments, donations, and capital campaign contributions. It will not include payments for goods and services such as fundraising items, CD's, Fair Trade coffee, classes, or events.

Those who have made a pledge to UUFDC's operating budget for the current fiscal year (7/1/11 to 6/30/12) will receive a second letter showing the pledge amount and the total payments received through December 31st. Pledge balances are due no later than June 30, 2012. Please note that these pledge update letters refer to the fiscal year, not the calendar year, and are not to be used for tax purposes. Your total calendar year payments are included in the contribution letters described in the paragraph above.

SEASONAL DONATIONS

This year the Hispanic Resource Center again provided us with the ages and sizes of children in need of winter outdoor wear. Jackets were purchased by the following elves: Pat and Suzanne Crow, Gerri Friedberg, Ellie Kaage, Peggy Lott, Sally Malm, Juliana Neuman, Meg Vermillion, and Margot Warch. The mittens, hats, and scarves that adorn our holiday tree will also be sent to the HRC for distribution.

Other members and friends contributed cash and checks to support the

Clowers Featured in Dickinson Poetry Series

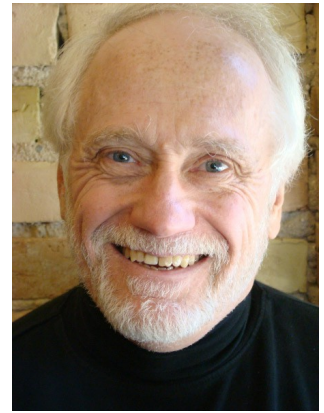
The next Dickinson Poetry Series will feature UU Member David Clowers in "Out of the Woods and Into a Poem" January 11, 7 pm, at the UU Fellowship.

For nine years, David lived in a small, self-built cabin on thirty acres of Door County woods without the advantages of electricity or running water. He notes that was over three times as long as Henry David Thoreau managed to do it, and Thoreau could walk over to fellow poet Ralph Waldo Emerson's for dinner! David has since moved into a condo on the shores of Sturgeon Bay, but living in the woods taught him simplicity, and living without electronic distractions gave him a great deal of time to write.

He received his Masters degree in English literature, but after three years teaching English and American literature at Drake University, he switched fields, and got his law degree from the University of Chicago. He has practiced law ever since, and currently does the Legal Aid Clinic for Door County. He also instructs poetry and reading theater classes for the Door County Learning in Retirement program.

David tries to write every day, and since he began writing seriously about 10 years ago, his poems have garnered honorable mentions and a second place in the annual Hal Grutzmacher contests, an honorable mention in the Wisconsin Fellowship of Poets Triad contest, and appeared in the 2009, 2010 and 2012 WFOP calendars. He was profiled in the *Peninsula Pulse* and one of his poems was featured on the *Your Daily Poem* website. Several of his poems also have been posted on the poetry trail in Newport State Park. David's first book of poetry, *Shedding My Three Piece Birthday Suit*, was published by Birchwinds Press, Egg Harbor in 2011.

An open mic will follow David's reading.



endeavor, including Franne Dickinson, Helene and Ray Dilulio, Liesbeth and Robert Fickes, Marilyn and Phil Hansotia, Cynthia and Al Johnson, Linda and Terrance Johnson, Estella and Chuck Lauter, Diane Morgan, Lois and David Murphy, Sarah Naber, Jack Travis and Karon Winzenz. Juliana Neuman and Ellie Kaage coordinated the effort this year.

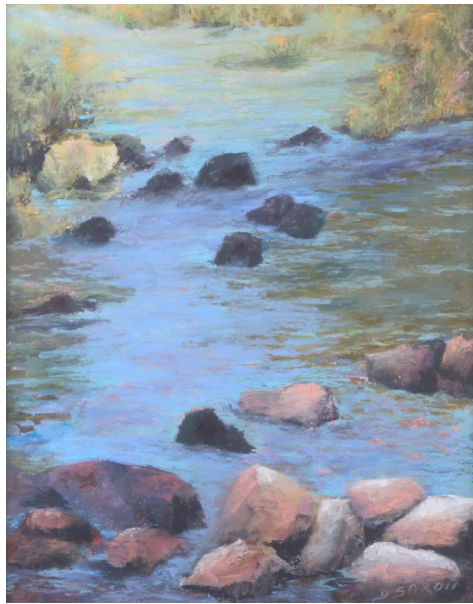
Many, many thanks to all who shopped, knitted, crocheted, and provided funding for this year's project, which was the largest ever!

Social Justice/Social Service Contributions by UUFDC

By Chuck Lauter

The Social Responsibility Committee

made the second quarter donations on behalf of UUFDC to several local organizations. Recipients of \$125 are: The Community Clinic, The Wellness Center, and the Hispanic Resource Center. UUFDC has strong ties to each of these and each seems to embody UU principles. Several members and friends have volunteered at the Community Clinic, which provides healthcare for the underserved. The Wellness Center has served members of the Fellowship and we provide monthly "hands-on" volunteer service. We are connected to HRC through Conversation Partners, Christmas gifts to Hispanic families, and aiding in its fund-raising. These are strong organizations and will use our donations wisely. SRC also makes donations



UU Gallery

By Jane Delcarson

Dianne Saron's work will be featured in the gallery in a show titled *Capturing the Beauty of Landscapes in Pastel*. An opening reception will be held Friday, January 6, 4-6 pm. The exhibit will continue through February.

Saron moved to Door County in 2001. She had worked primarily in black and white portraiture. In retirement she found time for her passion to portray the beauty all around her. She comments, "The breathtaking winter sunsets that seem to be on fire, or the light as it reflects on water and rocks just beg to be painted".

Soon after moving here, while attending classes taught by Mary Bosman, Saron discovered a new love for pastels to augment her efforts to capture the beauty of the settings.

As an avid student interested in various techniques and the many opportunities for learning, Saron soon was to be acclaimed for her talent. She gives credit to several of the artist teachers at the Peninsula School of Art. Her

painting "Sunrise at the Sunset Resort on Washington Island" will be shown in this exhibit and has won honorable mention at the Fairfield Art Museum. Other paintings to be shown have been in other invitational, juried shows. Currently her paintings can be seen at the Miller Art Museum, Sturgeon Bay and the Paint Box Gallery, Ephraim.

Diane is co-chair of the Guenzel Gallery, Peninsula School of Art and is the program chairman for the Door County Art League. She is also a member of the Paine Art Center and Gardens in Oshkosh, WI, the Francis Hardy Center for the Arts in Ephraim, the Miller Art Museum volunteers, Sturgeon Bay and the cooperative gallery of the Door County Art League, Fish Creek.



to international, national and regional organizations after careful scrutiny of each group's needs and purposes.

Teen Activities

By Jessica Holland

U-Night got in the holiday spirit during December by volunteering at the Peninsula School of Art. We helped make bowls for the SOUP! project and taught families how to make their own. Please consider attending the SOUP! event on February 4th to help those in need and enjoy the beautiful pottery!

This month we discussed gay rights, bullying, and college. We are very proud that all of our members that applied to college have been accepted!! Please congratulate any seniors if you

see them; we are going to miss them next year!

As always, thank you for supporting U-Night. The time that we spend together making friendships and thinking critically about the world is invaluable. We look forward to working on the back room with UU members - thank you for meeting with us this month!!

Peace and Happy New Year!

How Should We As a Congregation Handle Political Issues?

By Chuck Lauter

Above is the title of a forum sponsored by the Governing Board and conducted by Adult Education and SRC, to be held at 3 pm on Wednesday, January 25.

The coming year will be a period of intense political ferment in our locale, our state and our nation. After inquiries and discussion, the GB determined that it would be wise for the Fellowship to focus on how we should act and/or react in this climate.

Political issues almost always have moral and/or ethical dimensions. As such, religious/spiritual communities may wish to act on them. In the recent past UUFDC has by resolution condemned Arizona immigration laws and opposed a state constitutional amendment banning gay marriage. The UUA General Assembly in Phoenix in June 2012 will have as its theme Immigration Justice. UUs have a long history of responding to political/moral questions.

The Fifth Principle which UUs affirm and covenant is "The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large." This and the other principles are intended as the grounding for the forum. Political positions can be divisive and we as a Fellowship wish to avoid dissension. Yet, as noted in the Fifth Principle, we need to balance conscience with democratic process. The question is, "How do we do this?" The forum will explore how UUFDC can act and how members and friends can interact on political issues in the context of the Fellowship.

This is a critical event. Please put the date and time --January 25 at 3 pm--on your calendar and plan to attend.

Book Club

By Karon Winzenz

The UU Book Club has selected its books for 2012 and look forward to an exciting year of reading.

At UU on January 4th at 1:30 pm we will discuss two novels, *The Paris Wife* by Paula McClain and *The Moveable Feast* by Ernest Hemmingway. Helene will be the moderator and hostess. The first novel is about Hadley Richardson, Hemmingway's first wife, and the effect on their marriage during the "Jazz Age" in Paris where they are part of a fast-living, hard-drinking, promiscuous group of emerging (now famous) writers. This heartbreaking portrayal of love and deception is told from Hadley's perspective, while *The Moveable Feast* is written through Hemmingway's lens." All UU members and friends are invited to view *The Sun also Rises*, based on Hemmingway's novel about the Spanish Civil War starting at 3 pm on the same day, followed by an early pot luck supper. We hope to see you then. Please RSVP to Helene Dilulio if you are attending the potluck and what you plan to bring.

The book group will read *The Leftovers* by Tom Perrotta for our meeting on February 1st.

Movies That Matter

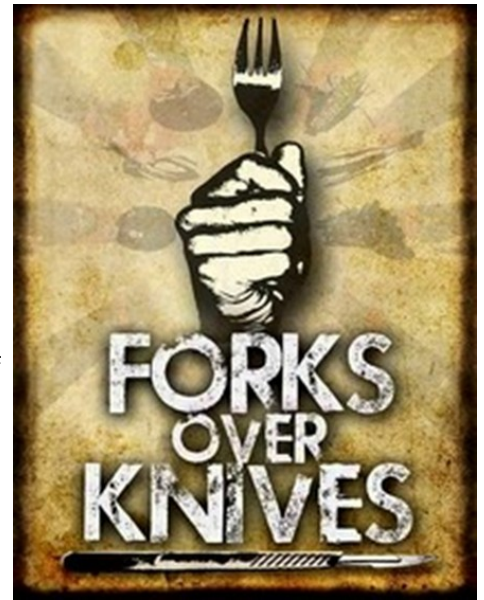
By Lu Schilling

January 17 at 4:30 pm the documentary *Forks Over Knives* will be screened and followed by a discussion.

Focusing on the research of two food scientists, this documentary reveals that despite broad advances in medical technology, the popularity of modern processed foods has led to epidemic rates of obesity, diabetes, heart disease, and cancer and simultaneously harms the environment. Caldwell Esselstyn of Cleveland Clinic, Colin Campbell nutrition scientist and former USDA whistle-blower, Neal Barnard, M.D. of Physicians for Responsible Medicine, Gene Baur from Farm Sanctuary, and Mac Danzig, body builder and Ultimate Fighter Champion are featured.

We are dealing with more than just food addiction. Advertising makes us think unnaturally about food products. Chronic degenerative disease can be prevented and reversed by eating whole, unadulterated foods, primarily plants.

This movie covers the basics and is really great at pointing out the tremendous flaws in the USDA food pyramid as well as the American Dietician Association's guidelines for healthy eating. I hope all dieticians and physicians will see this documentary.



IN SYMBOLS, THIS LOGO MEANS
FOOD CHOICES TOPS SURGICAL

Homework for January 8th Service

Highly recommended as a prelude to Rev. Joan Shiels' message on Jan 8, *Reel Spirituality: Enlightenment at the Movies*, is seeing the 1972 Academy Award winning film *The Godfather*. You will have the opportunity to view this classic starring Marlon Brando, Al Pacino and James Caan at 4 pm, January 7 at the Fellowship. We plan to serve up some Italian pizza to set the mood. The movie is free; shared cost for the pizza.

Conversation Partners

We will NOT be having a conversation partner meeting in January. Our next meeting will be Thursday, Feb. 2 from 10-12. Anyone interested in matching up with a conversation partner from

the Hispanic community is most welcome to attend.

Suzanne Crow

Our Fellowship lost a friend Dec. 16 with the passing of Suzanne Crow, mother of our Administrator, Pat. Suzanne was a lively, engaged woman who loved art, golf and life. In 1943, Suzanne enlisted in the US Navy, serving as an Aviation Machinists Mate Third Class. While stationed in Atlanta she met and, after a short courtship, married Army 2nd Lieutenant William Evans Crow II on December 4, 1944. Suzanne and Bill had four children: Peter, Patty, Billy and Mark.

Just two weeks before her passing she and Pat enjoyed the opening of their Mother/Daughter Art show hanging till the end of December in our Gallery.



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Sunday Services: 10:00 am

UUFDC January 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 10 am SERVICE Rev. Cynthia Johnson NOON BRUNCH 11-12:30 Gallery	2 1-3 pm Gallery	3	4 Book Group 1:30 pm 1-3 pm Gallery 7 pm U-Night	5	6 1-3 pm Gallery Gallery Opening Reception 4 - 6 pm	7 The Godfather & pizza 4 pm
8 8:30 Choir Rehr 10 am SERVICE Rev. Joan Shiels 11-12:30 Gallery Noon - SRC meeting	9 1-3 pm Gallery	10 3:00 pm Governing Board	11 1-3 pm Gallery Dickinson Poetry 7 pm <i>David Clowers</i>	12	13 1-3 pm Gallery	14
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29 10 am SERVICE UUFDC Board Task Force 11-12:30 Gallery	30 1-3 pm Gallery	31	<p>Happy Birthday to our Members and Friends Celebrating in January: 4 - Lois Murphy; 6 - Sam Carmen; 8 - Julia Bresnahan; 12 - Pam Goode & Helen Taylor; 13 - Garrett Cohn; 18 - John Lees; 19 - Jack van't Hoog; 21 - Mitch Mitchell; 25 - BK Story; 25 - Morris Waxler; 30 - Jane Aldrich</p>			