

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.

February Sunday Services

February 5 - **Marcia Bjornerud**

FIVE THINGS I'D LIKE TO TELL CHARLES DARWIN

The text of *The Origin of Species* reflects Darwin's love for exploring the minutest details of the natural world, his meticulousness as a scientist, his personal timidity and reluctant role as a revolutionary, and also his wracking self-doubt and pre-emptive defensiveness against the backlash that he knew would come. The last formal portrait of Darwin depicts a hunched, sad-eyed old man haunted by the conflict between his belief in an idea that he felt must be right and his inability to rebut critiques of it, given the limits of science in his time. In honor of Darwin's birthday, I imagine a conversation in which I share illustrations of how marvelously his simple idea has flowered and explain discoveries in geology and biology that would have eased his troubled mind.

Marcia Bjornerud is Professor of Geology and Environmental Studies at Lawrence University in Appleton. 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: Phil Hansotia

February 12

Rev. Phil Sweet - THE STORY OF HELOISE AND ABELARD

This is one of the great love stories of history, a true story, not a drugstore romance novel. It began in 1116 AD when Peter Abelard at the age of 37 had attained the highest intellectual honors in medieval France. Heloise was 19. The rest of the story...

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Music: Katie Dahl and Rich Higdon; the UUFDC Choir, Cynthia Stiehl, conductor, and Donna Russell, accompanist
Service Leader: Rik Warch

February 19 - **Rev. Carol L. Hackbardt**

WHEN THE CRY FOR JUSTICE IS NOT ENOUGH

When people of varying perspectives demand "rights", what is the catalyst that builds bridges for justice, equity, and compassion in human relations? Does Rabbi Jesus' parable of a rich man, whose harvest was too abundant to fit in his barns, provide universal clues? K. E. Bailey provides a unique insight in his book, *Poet and Peasant AND Through Peasant Eyes: A Literary-Cultural Approach to the Parables in Luke*.

Carol Hackbardt served Calvary and Zion United Methodist Churches in Door County (2004-2011) before she retired after 32 years of ministry. She enjoys multicultural and interfaith understanding, friends, yoga, kayaking, hiking, and simple meals with purposeful conversation.

Music: Gerri Friedberg, piano, and Dottie Gerrits, flute

Service Leader: Phil Hansotia

February 26 - **Rev. Phil Sweet**

THE QUESTION OF AUTHORITY

In the middle of an oral examination in seminary the professor asked, "What's your authority?" I wanted to say it's from the gospel according to Phil Sweet but I wanted to pass the exam. I said: "I've thought about it. I've done a lot of reading. I've listened." It wasn't an adequate answer. Where is the source of truth in your life?

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Music: Gerri Friedberg

Service Leader: Toby Mason

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President's Report

Dear Members and Friends,
We have an amazing congregation in so many ways. Expressions of care, concern, gratitude and welcome abound. Every Sunday and at every other event new people are greeted, introduced and current Members and Friends are welcomed with smiles and hugs. It is a beautiful and transformative thing to witness; the strengthening of fellowship and community. In December, I was the recipient of the total of this largess while recovering from knee surgery. Thank you, thank you all for making me feel so loved and cared about. Especial thanks go to Bob Lindahl for acting as President, in my stead. He did yeoman's service.

Your Governing Board met on January 10 to do the business of the Fellowship. Our Nominating Committee will meet with the Executive Committee in February. They will be filling vacancies on the Board. Volunteers are needed to serve for the next fiscal year, 2012 – 2013. Carrie Link leads this committee. Please talk to her if you are interested in serving this wonderful congregation. It is the best kind of work because every minute spent in service is returned with gratitude and good feeling. Consider serving. You will love it. The Board empowered Dave Vermillion to hire some cleaning help. More details will follow about this. Also, we relisted our Koessl building for another six months with Professional Realty. A few parties have shown interest but there have been no offers. Let's all continue to send intention for Koessl to sell. We will have many more options afterward.

As I write this, the Executive Committee is in the planning stages of our January 29 service concerning professional leadership. Exploring ideas is one of my favorite things to do. Let's always keep an attitude of exploration as we plan for our future.

Cyndy Stiehl, President



Circle Suppers

By Cindy Taubert

Circle suppers are year-round bimonthly potlucks for six or eight. At the moment, the program is going strong with 56 Members and Friends of UUFDC participating. The suppers provide a way to get to know others in the Fellowship you might otherwise not have an opportunity to sit down and talk with in a relaxed, social setting. The conversation is always stimulating, and you never know what you might find you have in common with a fellow guest or what fascinating things you might learn about them. Aside from that, we have excellent cooks among us!

Hosting is on a rotating basis and the guest lists are always varied in an attempt to bring together people who don't see each other regularly. Being part of the circle implies agreement to host at least once a year, but it's the easiest hosting you will ever do; you will be a guest five times during a year. While the hosts provide the entrée and beverages, guests bring the appetizers, salad, dessert, etc. An option to home-hosting is holding your Circle Supper at UU

We are inviting new members to a first supper to give them a "taste" of the Circle Suppers and decide if it is something they would like to be a part of. If you'd like to join us or have questions, please call Cindy Taubert at 920.854.7108 or e-mail her at cecetaubert@gmail.com.

Dickinson Poetry Series to Feature Youth Readers

By Chuck Lauder

In each of the first two years of the Dickinson Series, youth readers were featured. Those readings were so successful that we will make them a regular event. The first year, it was innovative. The second year, it seemed like an annual event. Now it is a tradition. We are honored to have such accomplished young poets.



The students scheduled to read are Brandon Bogenschutz, Hope Bogenschutz, Katelyn Buske, Anya Kopischke, Alicia Mickelson, Taylor Syers, Jasper Whalen, and Leah Zielke. Anya was a featured reader in the first year and Brandon was in the featured group last year. We are excited about their return to the podium. These poets are all students at Gibraltar High School and have been identified and prepared by Lauren Bremer, an English teacher at the school.

This Dickinson Series reading will be held February 8 at 7 p.m. at the UUFDC with an open mic to follow.

Writing Your Own Obituary Ahead of Time

(So that it tells the story of your life the way you think it should be told)

By Cynthia Johnson

The Rev. Cynthia Johnson is offering Members and Friends of the Fellowship an opportunity to write their own obituary in a warm, supportive group setting March 1, 3-5 pm. The intention is to share an afternoon of writing, thinking about our mortality, telling our stories, listening to other people’s stories, and talking about the meaning of our lives.

Part I:

We’ll talk about what to put in the obituary notice in the way of facts. You are asked to bring facts about your birth/death, family and friends, survivors, education, employment, etc. We’ll talk about fitting all that into two or three paragraphs. We’ll have a little time for writing, or, at least, getting started.

Part II:

When all is said and done, when your one precious life ends, what do you want people to know about you and remember about you? What two or three or four themes have run through your life, expressed as hobbies or talents or gifts or passions or causes you’ve championed? The process that prepares you to write those paragraphs

Budget Preparation

The Governing Board will begin discussing our 2012-13 Budget at its meeting on February 14th. If you have suggestions about budget line items for the next fiscal year, please send me an email (juliana.neuman@gmail.com).

Dollars and \$ense

By Juliana Neuman, Treasurer

FINANCIAL SUMMARY – July thru December, 2011

Income		Expenses	
Pledges	53183	Program/Music	8,621
Donations	920	Religious Education	555
Offering	5347	Administration	14,750
Space Use	3950	Committees	1,439
Fundraising	188	Publicity/Website	1,874
Investments	-3	UUA and CMwD Dues	3,685
Other	565	Maintenance	5,303
		Insurance	1,049
Total	64,150	Interest on Loan	7,412
		Utilities	2,320
		Total	47,008

The Bottom Line: \$17,142

This positive balance is due primarily to pledges received at calendar year-end. Mortgage principal payments for the period totaled \$4337 and were covered by capital campaign contributions held in reserve for that purpose. Building maintenance expenses are expected to increase during the next six months due to roof repairs and the addition of twice-monthly cleaning services.

Donations

Two of Pat Crow’s paintings were sold during the wonderful Mother/Daughter exhibit in December, resulting in a donation to the Art Gallery. As of this writing, contributions in Suzanne’s memory have been received from Helene Dilulio and Sally Malm.

This year’s Guest at Your Table collection came to \$1348.27 (as against \$553.58 last year). Twenty-nine contributors qualified as UUSC members.

is the most important part. While this is designed as a one-session workshop, we could decide to gather one week later and bring our final obituaries to share.

Questions: Call Cynthia Johnson at 839-9298. Register in advance for this free session by contacting Pat at the office: contact@uufdc.org or call 854-7559.
Conversaton Partners



In the UU Gallery

The Unitarian Fellowship Gallery current exhibit, Dianne Saron's "Capturing the Beauty of Landscapes in Pastel", continues through February. The Gallery is open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 1 - 3 pm and on Sunday morning from 11 am until 12:30 pm.

By Meg Vermillion

The best report to get about C.P. is to ask the partners! They are undeniably so pleased and enthusiastic about their experience. Who are they? Cynthia Oliver, Jutta Hansel, Dottie Gerrits, Phil Hansotia, and Karen Cruz. Newly matched are Bill Hoge and Mary Dunworth. In the community are Bill Winn, Sandy DeMaster, Sue Spitz, Jean DeSotelle, and Roslyn Krapf. We have two Americans waiting for a match. The program has a natural life of its own! Some partners spend their time together working on improving English and are comfortable to keep it at that. Other American partners have wanted to build the relationships and have offered social times together. These have included occasional childcare, baking cookies and shared meals including a holiday. Another couple has employed their Hispanic partner for his trade

skills. There are no expectations in what direction the partnerships go, only that everyone is comfortable with what they do. All partners comment how warm, courteous, and appreciative their Hispanic partners are.

A second C.P. group has begun in Sturgeon Bay through Hope Church. We were asked for guidance on getting started. Jami Hanreddy, a UU Friend and our trainer, has generously added the new group to her limited schedule when she is here. We referred three southern Hispanics we could not serve. An NWTC instructor has also told us that C.P. has an excellent reputation with the Hispanic students who are partners.

Outreach efforts are going on through the Gibraltar ELL (English Language Learners) teacher, YMCA, Northern Door Day Care Center, Bargains, and

restaurants. We know partnerships are always a matter of timing. There has been some fluidity in participation on both sides. More importantly the Hispanic and American community know we are still here! If you are interested in exploring being a partner, you are welcome to sit in on a training session or contact Meg Vermillion.

Book Group

By Karon Winzenz

The UU Book Group will meet at 1:30 pm on Wednesday, February 1 to discuss *The Leftovers* by Tom Perrotta. Jami Hanreddy will be the hostess and discussion leader. The meeting will be at her Door County home; with the UU location as a backup if snow accumulation is a problem. Contact her at (jamihanreddy@gmail.com) if you plan to attend.

In his review published in the *New York Times*, Stephen King writes; "Certainly there's enough current interest in the End of Days to suggest that "The Leftovers," Perrotta's striking take on the rapture (or something like it), may be widely discussed and could become the subject of many a Sunday sermon. If so, it will deserve the attention. Perrotta has delivered a troubling disquisition on how ordinary people react to extraordinary and inexplicable events, the power of family to hurt and to heal, and the unobtrusive ease with which faith can slide into fanaticism." This should be a very interesting read for UU's.

In March the group will meet to discuss *Caleb's Crossing* by Geraldine Brooks at the home of Karon Winzenz.

More News!

Rev. Cynthia Johnson is now a regular columnist in the *Door County Advocate*! Watch for her Faith Perspective articles as she rotates through the sequence of other county clergy every seven weeks. It is a great opportunity for our Fellowship to share the unique perspectives of Unitarian Universalism with *Advocate* readers.

Thanks Cynthia!



Above Average Rummage Sale

Coming this spring. Please begin to collect and save unused and unwanted items. More information will follow.

Two Emerson Events Planned for March

◇ Friday, March 9 at 7 pm
 THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL: WHERE DOES 2000 MILES GET YOU?
Presented by UU Friend Dr. Bob Judd.

◇ Saturday, March 31 at 1:30 PM
 TASTE OF WISCONSIN
 Terese Allen, from the Wisconsin Humanities Council, will explore and celebrate the state's food and culture from bratwurst and beer to Kringle, fry bread and Hmong egg rolls.



Soup's On!

Sally Malm is organizing a UU soup potluck on Friday, February 3 at 6 pm. What a wonderful way to spend a cozy evening together while enjoying a meal prepared by some of the county's best cooks and the always-enlightening conversations! Sign up in the foyer or contact Sally at rsmalm5@gmail.com / 854-7235 to bring:

- ◇ Soup (best in a crock pot to stay warm)
- ◇ Bread/spread
- ◇ Appetizer
- ◇ Dessert

Movies That Matter Presents *Inside Job*
By Lu Schilling

Inside Job will be screened February 21 at 4:30 pm at the Fellowship. The film exposes the shocking truth behind the economic meltdown of 2008, at a cost of over \$20 trillion, resulting in millions of people losing their homes and jobs. Through extensive research and interviews with major financial insiders, politicians, and journalists, *Inside Job* traces the rise of a rogue industry and unveils the corrosive relationships that have corrupted politics, regulation, and academia.

Filmmaker Charles Ferguson gives an unflinching look at some deep-rooted deceptions and shines a light where our focus is needed for enlightenment. Narrated by Matt Damon, Ferguson begins and ends in Iceland, a flourishing country that gave American-style banking a try--and paid the price. Then he looks at the spectacular rise and cataclysmic fall of deregulation in the United States. Ferguson builds his narrative around dozens of players, interviewing authors, bank managers, government ministers, and even a psychotherapist, who speaks to a culture that encourages "greed-is-good" behavior. The number of those who declined to comment, like Alan Greenspan, is even larger. Though the director isn't as combative as Michael Moore, he asks tough questions and elicits squirms from several participants, notably former Treasury secretary David McCormick and Columbia dean Glenn Hubbard, George W. Bush's economic adviser. Their reactions are understandable, since the borders between Wall Street, Washington, and the Ivy League dissolved years ago; it's hard to know whom to trust when conflict-of-interest runs rampant. If Ferguson takes Reagan and Bush to task for tax cuts that benefit the wealthy, he criticizes Clinton for encouraging derivatives and Obama for failing to deliver on the promise of reform.

Wanted!

By Cynthia Oliver

We need a volunteer to be in charge of the Caring Committee for UU's in Northern Door County. You will have a committee --- thus, you will not have to do everything by yourself. Call or email me if you want to volunteer or if you need more information at cynthiaoliver1@charter.net or 920-854-5919 (home) or 847-732-7280 (cell).

**Happy Birthday
 to our
 Members and Friends
 Celebrating in February:**

**5 - Billie Ryan;
 6 - Cindy Taubert and Carol Soper;
 9 - Jutta Hansell;
 12 - Larry Eriksson and Don Polzin;
 13 - Gerri Friedberg;
 18 - Chuck Berger and Mary Rutter;
 19 - Toby Mason;
 21 - Jim Smith; 22 - Diane Morgan;
 27 - Jack Redell.**



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Sunday Services: 10:00 am

UUFDC February Calendar of Events

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

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