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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.

May Sunday Services

May 6

The Rev. Joan Shiels

RICH PEOPLE

A meditation on wealth.

With a first career in investments and finance and a second career in ministry, Joan has known rich people from many walks of life.

Music: Gerri Friedberg
Service Leader: Toby Mason



the phrase, "Reverence for Life," which he said calls us into spiritual relationship with the universe. What might "Reverence for Life" mean today and how can we awaken it and accept its invitation into more connected living?

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.

May 13

Dr. Linda Steiner

MESSAGE TO BE ANNOUNCED

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.

Music: Gerri Friedberg



May 20

The Rev. Karen Hering

REVERENCE FOR LIFE

Twentieth century humanitarian, medical doctor and minister Albert Schweitzer described the cornerstone of his ethical system with



Music: Ellen Shahbazi, piano;
the UUFDC choir, Donna Russell, accompanist, Cynthia Stiehl, conductor

May 27

The Rev. Paul Beckel

WHAT IF CITIZENSHIP WERE VOLUNTARY?

A thought experiment/fantasy: no taxes, no services. There is still a government of the people, by the people and for those people who opt-in. What will be the role of religious and charitable organizations? Will self-reliance and human decency prevail?

Rev. Paul Beckel has served the First Universalist Unitarian Church of Wausau since 2001.

Music: Gerri Friedberg

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From the President and Vice President...



Dear Members and Friends of UUFDC, Since its founding in 1997, UUFDC has become an increasingly vibrant congregation, growing from 37 to about 100 members, with a corresponding number of friends. UUFDC has become a beacon of liberal thought in Door County.

As membership and outreach expand, it is necessary to review structure and priorities to assure that momentum remains positive. Your Governing Board is engaged in this process at this time.

Since 2010, the Fellowship has employed a part time administrator. It is proposed for the 2012-13 fiscal year that the administrator be assigned an increasing number of tasks formerly assumed by board and committee members. Our goal is that congregational leaders be relieved from tasks of operation, to focus instead on the "big picture" of moving forward. It is our hope that more people will want to participate, given these changes.

How can you help?

As a Member or Friend, please consider lending your creative talents. Join one of the [Program](#), [Communications](#) or [Member & Friend Services](#) teams. Board service is not a requirement. We think you will find this to be an exciting time to be a part of UUFDC leadership.

Also, the Professional Leadership Task Force is studying two areas we might develop before we pursue professional leadership. **Pastoral Care:** We have contacted the Fox Valley Fellowship for guidance. They shared their program of lay ministry. The materials are being reviewed now to determine if and how much of their program might work for UUFDC. **Caring:** You will read more about this later in the newsletter.

Many thanks go to Helene Dilulio, Sally Malm, and Judy Wittenkeller for their dedication to the members and friends of UUFDC.

If you have questions, please contact either of us.

Cyndy Stiehl, President
Bob Lindahl, Vice President

Revitalizing the UUFDC Caring Committee

The Mission of the UUFDC Caring Committee is to support members and friends in times of need.

Services available include:

- Providing meals
- Grocery shopping
- Running miscellaneous errands
- Performing light tasks
- Transportation for ambulatory persons
- Short-term pet care
- Supportive visits and phone calls
- Cards and letters
- Respite visits for primary caregivers

The Professional Leadership Task Force is researching information about available community resources to fill needs that are currently beyond the scope of Caring Committee volunteers.

These needs include:

In-home nursing care, supervision of medications, physical therapy, and counseling.

Each month there will be a volunteer chairperson who will be the first person to call when a need arises. This person will then call on other caregivers to help as they are able. The current chair and a back-up person's name and number will be found in each issue of the UU Update, as well as posted on the bulletin board in the foyer. Pat Crow can also be called, who will then direct the information to the chair.

Please call or email Sally Malm (rsmalm@gmail.com or 854-7235) if you want to be on the Caring Committee list of helpers and/or be a chairperson for a month.



BI-ANNUAL "ABOVE AVERAGE" RUMMAGE SALE:

We Need Your Donations!

Two years ago, our UU sale earned nearly \$4000. Members and Friends donated an unbelievable array of their unused, but usable, once wanted but no longer needed, items ranging from kitchen utensils and dishes, china, silver serving pieces, crystal glasses, silver tableware, furniture, books, travel souvenirs, wedding presents, toys, and much more. The money earned was used to build and maintain our Memorial Garden.

Please help again!

This year the bulk of the sale's proceeds will be used to replace the carpeting in the Gathering Room, a project that has been needed for a long time.

Tax forms for donors will be available. There will be special forms for items with a value higher than \$200; the donor and the Fellowship will split the sales price of those items 50/50.

Late in the afternoon of the sale, items will be offered at 1/2 price. Donors who do not want their items reduced must pick them up by 2 PM.

Bring your items to the Fellowship anytime and put them in the back room. Call 854-2312 (Ray Di Iulio) if you need help transporting large items.

Fair Trade Chocolates.... Stock Up for Summer

By Meg Vermillion

April 30 is the final day an order for chocolate bars can be made until fall. The chocolate is so pure that it melts in shipping during the summer months. Consider buying a box to keep you going. At \$30 a box, you will have 12 bars. Or buy as much as you want at the usual \$2.50 a bar. Let Meg Vermillion know if you want to order a box of 12.

Also check out our newest product, the Geobar. They will be tasty to have in your purse or the car when you need a healthy snack. There are three choices: Apricot, Mixed Berries, and Chocolate Raisin. The fruits and chocolates are all from Fair Trade farmers. A box of six bars is \$4.

Dollars and \$ense

by Juliana Neuman, Treasurer

FINANCIAL SUMMARY – Fiscal Year to Date

Income		Expenses	
Pledges	66,220	Program/Music	12,821
Donations	1,174	Religious Education	735
Offering	7,367	Administration	19,641
Space Use	5,750	Committees	2,770
Cultural Affairs	939	Publicity/Website	3,212
Fundraising	314	UUA and CMwD Dues	5,483
Investments	637	Maintenance	7,986
Other	65	Insurance	2,586
		Interest on Loan	11,054
		Property Tax (Koessler)	1,646
		Utilities	5,643
Total	82,466	Total	73,577

The Bottom Line: \$ 8,889

Outstanding pledges for the current fiscal year total just over \$17,000 and should be sufficient to see us through the month of June.

Mortgage principal payments for the period totaled \$6569 and were paid out of capital campaign contributions held in reserve for that purpose. We have sufficient reserves from the 2008 Capital Campaign to cover one more year of principal payments. After that, our budget will have to increase by about \$10,000 (unless, of course, we are able to sell the Koessler property before then).

Bids for roof repairs came in higher than anticipated, but we have sufficient unrestricted savings to cover the project.

DONATIONS

The Social Responsibility Committee thanks Mona Simpson for a recent donation in support of its work.

The UU Book Club

By Karon Winzenz

On Wednesday May 2, the UU Book Club will meet at 1:30 pm at the UU Fellowship to discuss *The Tiger's Wife* by Téa Obreht, hosted and moderated by Dottie Gerrits. This is the first book by this Belgrade-born novelist who is ethnic Bosniak/Slovene. The book features a young woman doctor's relationship with her grandfather (also a doctor) and the stories he tells her, about the 'deathless man' who meets him several times in different places and never changes and about a deaf-mute girl from his childhood village who befriends a tiger that has escaped from a zoo. In 2011, Obreht won the prestigious Orange Prize for this novel, the youngest novelist to receive the award to date.

In June we will discuss *So Much for That* by Lionel Shriver.

May 24 Women's Luncheon

There will be a Women's Luncheon held at Scandia Village on Thursday, May 24. Plan to gather in the Meadows dining room at 11:30 am to socialize! Lunch will be served at about noon and the menu includes chicken salad on a croissant, four bean salad, fruit garnish, lemon bars and coffee, tea or ice tea. The cost is \$8 dollars and must be paid in cash or check made out to Pam Goode. Sorry no credit cards! Reservations must be made May 17 through Dottie Gerrits or Pam Goode. So far, 31 women have already committed to being there!

In addition to a fun and informative trivia contest about Scand, there will be door prizes and a small gift from Scandia Village for each person attending. Two of the staff will attend the luncheon and share information about all that is currently available there and about the big plans that are in the works for this amazing place! Following the luncheon tours of the facility will be available.

UUFDC Gallery

By Jane Delcarson

An exhibition of Maya textiles titled "Hand Woven Textiles of the Living Maya" will be on display at the UU Fellowship Gallery May 6- 30.

The garments featured are from the collection of UU Member Karon Winzenz, an art historian and Maya scholar, publishing and teaching in the field. She earned an M.F.A. at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and has taught traditional textile art including that of the Mayas.

Prof. Winzenz stated, her collection is of "garments that were woven on back-strap looms by Maya women living in the mountainous area of Guatemala and Chiapas, Mexico.

After the Spanish conquest, the Maya experienced 500 years of cultural disruption brought on by the decimation of their population through disease, hunger, racial discrimination, and war faring verging on genocide. Yet this resilient people have endured and some traditional practices have survived.

In the highlands, many women still wear traditional hand-woven clothing. As in many cultures, women are the ones who preserve and pass on traditional knowledge and practices. Although most men have adopted western style clothing for daily wear, many still wear traditional hand-woven regalia in religious and civic ceremonies. Each village has unique designs that are specific to the community. Clothing for both daily wear and ceremonial use from several villages will be displayed."



Movies That Matter Presents:

The Listening Project

By Lu Schilling

"We're number one! We're number one!" "War stands for We Are Right." Chants like these are heard across America at sporting events, religious activities and in schools.

Named Best Documentary at the Santa Cruz Film Festival in 2008, *The Listening Project* attempts to uncover answers to the question, "What does the world think of the United States of America?" To find out, filmmakers Dominic Howes and Joel Weber traveled to fourteen countries around the globe, listening to people. Individuals from all walks of life and myriad cul-

tures freely express their stark opinions -- both complimentary and condemning -- of a nation that may not be loved by all, but leaves few lives untouched. One man said there are many good aspects of the US but it is like complimenting the delicious food served in the restaurant of a sinking ship.

You will not want to miss this film on Tuesday, May 15 at 4:30 pm.

Dickinson Poetry Series

Larry J. Eriksson will read his works... exploring life's mysteries through poetry... at the May 9th Dickinson Poetry Series, 7 pm.

Eriksson is a Wisconsin writer and poet

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living in Madison and Ellison Bay with his wife, Karen. He has shared his poetry at the UU Fellowship of Door County and the Wisconsin

Fellowship of Poets. His poems preserve memories, clarify thoughts, explore feelings, or simply have fun with language. They have appeared in *The Capitol Times*, the *Peninsula Pulse*, the 2011, 2012, and 2013 *Poets' Calendars* of the Wisconsin Fellowship of Poets, the chapbook *No Breath is Lost* published by the Dickinson Poetry Series, *Verse Wisconsin*, and *Equinox*. He has written the chapbooks *Moonlight*, *Moments*, *Mysteries*, *Music*, *Mind-Games*, and *Marching* that are available at www.quartersectionpress.com.

For over 30 years, he worked as a research engineer and manager specializing in acoustics, noise control, and signal processing. He is the author of many published technical papers, chapters in two engineering books, and two books on sociopolitical issues: *Business Decisions: the impact of corporate mergers and global capitalism on our lives* (2002) and *Broken Strings, Missing Notes: strengthening democracy and seeking justice in a nation out of tune* (2005). In addition to writing, he enjoys reading, playing the violin, swimming, and cycling.

May 29th Memorial Service

There will be a service celebrating the life of Suzanne G. Crow on Tuesday, May 29 at 3:30 pm. Suzanne, who died December 16, 2011, is the mother of Fellowship administrator Pat Crow. The Rev. Cynthia Johnson will officiate and Gerri Friedberg will provide music. A reception will follow the service. All are invited to attend.

Adult RE Classes in May

Two discussion groups for Members

DeSalvo at the Steinway

Award-winning pianist and conductor Jodie DeSalvo will pair up with mezzo-soprano Cynthia Stiehl for an evening of spectacular music May 18 at the UU Fellowship.

DeSalvo of Naples, Florida is a perennial favorite during the summer Birch Creek Performance Series. She has toured extensively as a piano soloist appearing with the orchestras of Chicago, San

Francisco, Chautauqua, as well as Geneva and Lucerne Switzerland. She has produced 10 CDs of solo piano literature, chamber and choral music. She serves as a director of choirs and artistic director of concerts for two schools, as well as director of the Seacrest Performing Arts Academy, all in Naples. She will perform works of Mussorgsky, Liszt, Chopin and skits of Victor Borge.

Assisting DeSalvo is Cynthia Stiehl, an American music specialist. Stiehl has performed in numerous Door County venues. Recently she premiered works by acclaimed composer Richard Cumming that he wrote especially for her. She can be heard on the CD "The Peninsula Music Festival Presents" singing Moravian Songs with the Ad Hoc String Quartet and has produced two of her own CDs with John Browning at the piano.

This Emerson Series performance will be held at 7 pm. Admission at the door is \$20. The evening will conclude with a complimentary elegant reception providing an opportunity to meet the performers.



and Friends, facilitated by the Rev. Cynthia Johnson, are scheduled at the Fellowship in May. Please sign up in the lobby or contact the office to register.

Religious Language and Images for Humanists,

Thursday, May 10, 3 - 5 pm

This is for YOU if your individual religious journey has led you to speak the language of humanism, which may be characterized by understanding the most important relationships are between/among humans and you are fluent in the language of science and everyday practicality. We'll talk about your individual religious journey and identify words and images that most deeply express your beliefs. We may talk about the language of awe and what you think about religious stories/myths.

Religious Language and Images for People Who Speak God Language

Monday, May 14, 3 – 5 pm

This is for YOU if you find your life enhanced/deepened through images and language that refer to God, when your individual spiritual journey connects you with an ultimacy that you name God. We'll talk about that, about spiritual practices, and individual journeys that have brought us to this place.

U-Night News

By the U-Nighters

This just in: U-Night is going pretty good. Thanks to Pat Crow we are all "profesh" water color artists. Thank you so much for your talent, time and materials! We also know ourselves a little better now thanks to our weekly discussions. In addition to our weekly discussions, we've also been preparing for the U-Night service which is premiering on June 24th. It will probably rock your socks off. We recommend that you not wear socks that day, just in case.



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Sunday Services: 10:00 am

UUFDC May Calendar of Events

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Happy Birthday to our Members and Friends Celebrating in May: 2 - Roger Benedict; 6 - Martha Judd; 17 - Terry Goode; 20 - Mary Smythe; 28 - Cynthia Oliver; 29 - Jane Delcarson; 30 - Cynthia Johnson.</p>			2 Book Group 1:30 pm 1-3 pm Gallery 7 pm U-Night	3	4 1-3 pm Gallery	5
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