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UU Update

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP OF DOOR COUNTY

February Sunday Services



February 3 - **The Rev. Cynthia B. Johnson**

LEAVING HOME, AGAIN AND AGAIN

Question: What does Cole Porter's song "Don't Fence Me In" have in common with the following:

- a) Unitarianism Universalism history and culture;
- b) your individual religious journey;
- c) and the First Chakra?

Answer: All will be revealed on February 3, 2013.

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: Bob Judd
Service Leader: Bob Lindahl

February 10
The Rev. Michael Brecke
RELIGIONLESS CHRISTIANITY

German Lutheran Pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer responded to the horror of the Third Reich with both radical action and revolutionary theology.

Rev. Michael Brecke is Pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in beautiful downtown Juddville.

Music: Gerri Friedberg
Service Leader: Phil Hansotia

February 17 - **Carolyn Zahn-Waxler**
ORIGINS OF COMPASSION

Concern for others and desire to alleviate suffering are at the core of compassion. Compassion in human relations, along with justice and equity are one of the seven UU Principles. We are not alone in affirming this value; it is prominent in all major religions, albeit sometimes



difficult to muster. Compassion benefits the giver as well as the recipient. Seeds of compassion are seen in the empathy of infants and young children. Empathy may be innate, yet many conditions influence whether it thrives or withers. What can we learn from developmental science that might provide insights about how to nurture and nourish these moral instincts throughout life?

Carolyn Zahn-Waxler is a Scientist and Honorary Fellow at the Center for Investigating Healthy Minds at the Waisman Center, University of Wisconsin-Madison. Before moving to Madison she spent her professional career at the National Institute of Mental Health in Bethesda, MD. She was head of the Section on Development and Psychopathology for several years. She served as Editor of Developmental Psychology and as President of the Developmental Division of the American Psychological Association. Throughout her career she has studied the origins and development of empathy and caring behaviors beginning in the first years of life. These longitudinal studies have focused on the role of genes, temperament, family life and socialization experiences that foster or impede empathy and compassion in children.

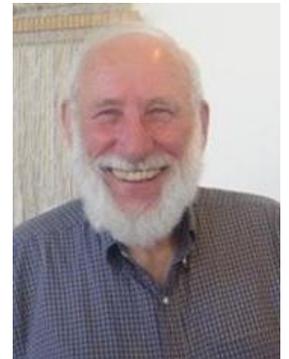
Music: Gerri Friedberg
Service Leader: Toby Mason

February 24 – **The Rev. Phil Sweet**
THE NECESSITY OF SOLITUDE

In the modern world religion is primarily a social enterprise. But everyone requires solitude, a being apart, remote and isolated. It is the profound act of listening to your own inner voice. Alfred North Whitehead, the philosopher, defined religion as what the individual does with his own solitariness.

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; the UUFDC choir, Cynthia Stiehl, conductor, Donna Russell, accompanist
Service Leader: Myrna Leigh Cohn





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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.*

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President's Column

By Bob Lindahl

It had to have been at least 15 years ago that I picked up a book titled *Under the Same Sky...Thoughts on Religion for a Modern World* at Passtimes Books. It was of interest to me in my spiritual quest at the time, and had been written by the minister of a radical sounding Door County church. I read a couple of chapters, and as all too often happens, it landed on my bookshelf... until this week. I will now cherish it and read it fully.

Bob Clarke, author of the book, was founding minister and Minister Emeritus of UUFDC. He died on January 17 at Scandia Retirement Center in Sister Bay. I only had a few brief conversations with Bob over the past few months, but his continued interest in our Fellowship, gentle kindness and search for justice were boldly evident even in his weakened condition. His wife, Anne, has been active over the years in our Social Responsibility Committee and other areas.

Under the Same Sky is a sampling of sermons Bob preached each Sunday during the first year that the Fellowship met. Bob wrote our *Statement of Purpose*, which is recited every Sunday and guided the Fellowship through the development of its Mission Statement. During the Civil Rights era, Bob and 50 other UU's from the Boston area chartered a bus to Selma, AL to participate in freedom marches.

Someday I'll learn. I can't tell you how many loved ones have passed whom I wish I had probed more deeply for their views on life. I missed that opportunity with Bob. At least in Bob's case, his book of reflections will enhance my spiritual development.

Be watching for a Memorial Service in the spring.

Thanks to Cindy Taubert for coordinating UU Circle Suppers (sometimes called Suppers for Six) for

the past four years! These dinners regularly provide members and friends the opportunity to get to know one another better in the casual setting of various homes. We will miss Cindy's dedication to this task.

If this is an area that you feel strongly about, perhaps you'd like to step up to be the next coordinator! As with most UU endeavors, there are no firm rules as to how this must be done. Please talk to Pat in the office, or to me, if you're interested.

Movies That Matter Presents

Last Call at the Oasis

Join us on Tuesday, February 19 at 4:30 pm for director Jessica Yu's *Last Call at the Oasis*, a compelling 2011 documentary exploring the global water crisis. As the LA Times explains, "*Last Call at the Oasis* is a playful title for a film that couldn't be more deadly serious...this documentary tells you to be afraid, very afraid. Make no mistake, the film says, water is about to become more valuable than oil — it's the element the wars of the 21st century will be fought over."

Because America has had ample water until now, we tend to be spoiled, blasé and unaware when it comes to the international water situation. We use too much water as well as foul what we use. Though the crisis is global, *Last Call* focuses primarily on situations in the U.S. The first case study is Las Vegas, a city that has grown more than its water supply can support and that is rapidly emptying Lake Mead. Then we visit California, where there is simply not enough water to do everything everybody wants. As UC Irvine scientist James Famiglietti puts it, "we think we have a right to as much water as we can get our hands on," which has led among other things to a frightening depletion of the state's vast aquifer.

Last Call also illustrates how industrial pollution is fouling what little water we have. Erin Brockovich is still fighting hexavalent chromium pollution, this

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time in Midland, Texas; Tyrone Hayes has discovered that Atrazine contamination was intense enough to change male frogs into females; and Michigan water activist Lynn Henning is trying to stop concentrated animal feeding operations that spread toxic waste. As for the Environmental Protection Agency, which is supposed to help us combat all this, the agency is, Brockovich claims, "understaffed, overburdened and broke."

Don't miss this film and the lively post-screening discussion it will surely provoke.

Dickinson Poetry Series Features Gibraltar Student Writers

Five young poets are the Dickinson featured readers on Wednesday, February 13 at 7 pm. A program devoted to young poets is an annual tradition begun after the great acclaim for a youthful poet during the inaugural year of the Dickinson Poetry Series . The five poets from Gibraltar High School have been prepared and coached by Lauren Bremer, the teacher of senior English. Three of these poets have been featured in the series previously and are emerging into the rich poetry community of Door County. The five students are:

Maxwell Berndt

Maxwell Berndt is seventeen years old and has lived in Door County for his entire life. He has always loved to take things apart and try to make something else with the parts. He loves to weld and work with his hands, even if he gets a few cuts or burns in the process. He even loves to read whenever he gets the chance. And yet he has a hidden side of his life that he cannot always seem to find.

Evan Board

Evan Board reaches deep, pulls out words, and forms sentences. When he is not writing voraciously in his personal journal he can often be found pacing, reciting Woody Allen in his bathroom mirror, or gently strumming his guitar to the rhythm of the universe.

Anya Kopischke

Much of Anya's poetry, which is often used as lyrics in her musical compositions, stems from an idealistic sense of righteousness she developed at a young age and has quite a flair for the dramatic. Now a senior in High School, Anya hopes to pursue theatre in her higher education. In her free time, Anya enjoys pondering the mysteries of the universe and having a good laugh with some friends.

Alicia Mickelson

Alicia Mickelson lives in Sister Bay, Wisconsin, and is a senior at Gibraltar

High School. She has enjoyed writing poetry since her first memorable experiences with it in fourth grade. When not writing poetry, she enjoys reading anything and everything she can get her hands on, drawing, wasting time on the internet, and spending time with her friends and wonderful mother.

Caitlin Weber

Caitlin Weber is a senior at Gibraltar. She loves spending her time running, taking pictures, listening to music, learning and writing poetry. The people, experiences,

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Dollars and Sense

By Juliana Neuman, Treasurer

FINANCIAL SUMMARY – July thru December, 2012
(Fiscal Year to Date)

Income		Expenses	
Pledges	56,141	Program/Music	9,270
Donations	4,235	Religious Education	683
Offering	5,125	Memorial Service	375
Space Use	2,371	Administration	15,786
Cultural Affairs	926	Committees	1,850
Fundraising	110	Publicity/Website	1,801
Investments	422	UUA Dues	3,645
Other	47	Maintenance	12,903
		Insurance	2,201
		Interest on Loan	5,776
		Property Tax	1,295
		Utilities	2,234
Total	69,377	Total	57,819

Mortgage principal payments for this period totaled \$5,973.28 and were paid out of capital campaign contributions held in reserve for that purpose. Those reserves will be used up by the end of March, when the mortgage loan will be re-financed. We anticipate a lower interest rate and will need to borrow less than \$140,000 this time.

Donations

The Fellowship received donations in memory of John Lees from Betty Aik, Bobbie Larson, Dottie & Lloyd Gerrits, Juliana Neuman, Susan Peterson, Barbara & Larry Watts, Rita & Harvey Stahl, Karen Eichelberger, Jane & Rich Delcarson, Margot & Rik Warch, and Gerri Friedberg.

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and nature in Door County inspire her poetry.

Following the featured readers, there will be an open mic session, during which all poets, seasoned and novice, are encouraged to read. Young readers are always welcome and are especially invited to participate in this February reading. Please join in for a lively evening!

Calling All Gardeners!

UUFDC Friend Ben Johansen is teaching classes about organic gardening on three Thursdays in March from 1:00 – 3:30 pm. The free classes are open to members, friends and the public. A donation toward expenses will be appreciated.

Ben has studied philosophy, religion, journalism, and ecology. He has an associate degree in commercial horticulture and has worked in conventional greenhouse production, organic vegetable, flower, and fruit production, and has owned and operated his own landscaping business.

SCHEDULE/TOPICS

March 14

Gardening with Intent

*Vision for More Enlightened Gardening
Quantum Horticulture*

March 21

Gardening with Science

Botany for Beginners

Chemistry for Curmudgeons

March 28

Gardening with Creativity

Designing Paradise

Easy Ways to Make Things Easier

A sign-up sheet will be available in the foyer, or contact the Fellowship office (854-7559; contact@uufdc.org) to register.

The Scoop on Circle Suppers

By a Circle Supper Devotee

- All members and friends are welcome and encouraged to join. It is a great way to get to know others - informally and socially.
- There are six Circle Supper periods

per year; each one takes place over a two month period, January/February; March/April, etc. The number of Circle Suppers held each period depends on the number of hosts.

- Each participant (couple or single) is expected to take a turn hosting at least once a year, either in their home, or at the Fellowship. If you do not host, you will not be listed as a guest. Singles may pair up with another single or couple for hosting.
- Guests are assigned by the Circle Supper coordinator after hosts are secured.
- Hosts contact guests and try to arrange a date agreeable to all. If this is not possible, any guest unable to attend is referred back to the coordinator for possible assignment to another host.
- The host provides the main dish and beverages (wine, coffee, soft drinks, etc.). Guests bring the balance of the meal: appetizer, salad, dessert.) This is pre-arranged with the guests.
- Hosts decide if they want more than four guests. Some people ask for six and even eight.
- If a host decides they are unable to hold their event after agreeing to do so, they must contact the coordinator who will then try to reassign their guests.

POSITION VACANCY

Following the January/February dinner period, Circle Supper Coordinator Cindy Taubert is retiring from her position. If this sounds like a good fit for your skills and interests, please contact the office (854-7559 or contact@uufdc.org).

The UU Book Club

By Karon Winzenz

We will meet on Wednesday, February 6 at 1:00 pm to discuss *The Leisure Seeker* by Michael Zadoorian, a poignant, funny, vibrant, and unforgettable novel about a senior couple who escape from their retirement home and embark upon a hilarious and touching end-of-life road trip. The meeting will be hosted by

Helene at her home (or at the Fellowship should there be too much snow). We will keep you informed.

The club will not be meeting in March. After that the schedule is as follows: April 3: *What Money Can't Buy; The Moral Limits of Markets* by Michael J. Sandel, hosted by Lynn; May 1: *The Butterfly Mosque* by G. Willow Wilson, hosted by Jami; June 5: *The God of Small Things* by Arundhati Roy, hosted by Peggy; and July 10; *People of the Book* by Geraldine Brooks hosted by Gerri. At our June meeting we will select books for the remainder of the year so our snow birds can contribute their ideas. Go to www.goodreads.com or Wikipedia for information on these books.

Imuka Sends Thanks to the UU's

The Imuka Singers express our deepest gratitude and appreciation for your amazing generosity and invaluable support following the fire tragedy that completely destroyed the house the male singers were staying in.

As to any updates to the fire, I am afraid there is nothing new to report. What we have shared is all we have and it continues to be an open investigation. With the generous support of the Unitarians, not only were we able to replace vital documents but all clothing and other personal items.

We can't adequately thank you enough for your partnership with the Imuka Singers. Bless you for your love, compassion and care.

Smart Baitaini, Director

Imuka Singers Team

(Note: This is an abbreviated version and the full letter is on the foyer bulletin board.)

Religious Education Presents:

Bible Super Heroes

We are beginning a new curriculum this winter entitled *Bible Super Heroes*, which is a UU curricula focused on understanding the stories and characters in the Bible. The goals of the *Super*

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Heroes curriculum are: to introduce children to the stories of people from the Bible who have acted with courage and wisdom in their attempts to lead their lives fully and make the world a better place for others; to show how the lives of these people confirm the principles which we, as Unitarian Universalists, strive to promote; to encourage the children to lead their own lives fully and to use their own positive “super powers” as they interact with the world around them, and as they do so, to grow both spiritually and ethically. If you would like to help teach this curriculum, please contact Peggy Lott at 854-9209.

Calling All Sweethearts!

Win over your sweethearts, young and old, with a gift of heartfelt chocolates. Our Fair Trade cart includes a special order of Valentine cards and chocolate mini's that are perfect for any age. A second option for our adult sweethearts is a gift box of organic heart shaped chocolates. Such a thoughtful purchase is bound to bring a romantic smile to your loved ones' faces and financial security to the coca farmers whom you are supporting.

Domestic Violence, Part Two at the UU

Northern Door Health & Wellness Ministry continues its Community Health Information Programs (CHIP) with part two of the series on domestic violence. Come hear *HELP of Door County* staff -- Jessica Adams, Adult Services Advocate, and Jess Holland, Child Services Advocate, present on understanding “Why it is difficult to leave an abusive situation”.

This CHIP program will be held at the UUFDC on Sunday, February 17 at 1:30 pm.

Caring Committee

The February “go-to” people are:
Gerri Friedberg 868-1312 or gwf13@dcwis.co
Cynthia Oliver 854-5919 or cynthiaoliver1@charter.net

We can use more caregivers to take responsibility for a month. If we had more, we could each take only one month during the year.

Chili Dump

We will have a CHILI-DUMP dinner on Friday, February 15 at 6:00 pm. Keep your eyes peeled for a sign-up sheet in the lobby. You will be asked to bring chili (with meat or vegetarian), appetizer, or dessert as well as your own beverage. Contact Sally Malm if you have any questions.

Dr. Ron Stein

Former UUFDC member Dr. Ron Stein died late in December at his home in Oro Valley, AZ. Ron had been an anesthesiologist at Waukesha Memorial Hospital. After retirement, and before moving to a warmer climate, Ron and his wife Carole lived in Baileys Harbor. Carole survives. Her address is 14315 N. Copperstone Drive, Oro Valley, AZ 85735.

SRC / Eco Solutions

SRC has been sponsoring several meetings this past month revolving

around Dick Smythe's message regarding climate change. The monthly letter writing campaign produced nearly 30 letters of concern to major names in congress and business. With this newsletter we are reviving our monthly Eco Solutions - our suggestions for a greener life.

ECO SOLUTIONS

**Conservation is 25%
of the solution in curbing
our carbon footprint.**

A home energy audit is the single most important step to take in reducing energy consumption. Focus On Energy provided these names of trained auditors in our area: Highland Building Solutions / 920-621-0717 or Quality Insulators Inc. / 920-336-3595.

Contact either for your energy audit today.



Emerson Series Presents Concert Pianist Katie Reimer

The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship's Emerson cultural series presents concert pianist Katie Reimer, performing music by Bach, Brahms, and Bartok, on Saturday, February 23 at 3:00 pm.

Ms. Reimer holds degrees from the Boston Conservatory, and Lawrence University's Conservatory of Music (Magna Cum Laude), and spent a semester studying in Vienna, Austria through IES Abroad. She is the Artistic and Executive Director of the Mimesis Ensemble, and organized the group's Carnegie debut on April 2, 2012, to critical acclaim.

Katie is considered a passionate educator, and has been invited to perform and lecture at the Lawrence Conservatory of Music, University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, and the Northeastern Wisconsin Piano Teachers' Association. Ms. Reimer has Door County ties. Her father owned a cherry orchard here and her aunt and uncle once owned and operated Weisgerber's Restaurant in Baileys Harbor. You can learn more at katiereimer.com.

The program will include Bach: Well-Tempered Clavier; Brahms: Klavierstucke, Op. 118; and, Bartók: Sonata for Piano.

There is a suggested donation of \$10, at the door. A complimentary reception, with the opportunity to meet Ms. Reimer, and hosted by the Fellowship's Hospitality Committee, will follow the performance.





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Mailed Subscription: \$15 per year

Emailed Subscription: No charge

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Sunday Services: 10:00 am

February Calendar of Events

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
<p>Happy Birthday to Members and Friends celebrating in February: 5 - Billie Ryan; 6 - Paul Soper & Cindy Taubert; 9 - Jutta Hansell; 12 - Larry Eriksson & Don Polzin; 13 - Gerri Friedberg; 18 - Chuck Berger & Mary Rutter; 19 - Toby Mason; 22 - Diane Morgan; 23 - Jami Hanreddy; 27 - Jack Redell</p>						1	2
<p>3 10 am SERVICE Rev. Cynthia Johnson 11-12:30 Gallery SRC Letter Writing 9:30 am & 11:30 am</p>	4 1-3 pm Gallery	5	6 Book Group 1:00 pm 1-3 pm Gallery 7 pm U-Night	7 9:30 am Clearing Class	8 1-3 pm Gallery	9	
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