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UU Update

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP OF DOOR COUNTY

September Sunday Services

September 6 – **Roger Kuhns**

The Last Move

This is a message of experience as I recently drove from Jacksonport in Door County to Mystic in Connecticut to move some of my personal belongings. During this four day trip I drove through seven states, all with varying views of our society, and all with various experiences ranging from climate change understanding, a history of coal mining and oil production, industrialization, environmental preservation, school shootings, gun control, and personal liberties. I will, with compassion, look at these in terms of moving towards equitable solutions that will enrich and hopefully inspire our communities.

Dr. Roger Kuhns is president of SustainAudit LLC. He has over 35 years of professional experience as a geologist, sustainable practices and environmental scientist, as well as general manager and team leader for national and international natural resource companies involved in environmental, resources, and water projects and business development. He is an accomplished problem solver, educator, and innovator, and has published over 40 articles and two books.

Music: Craig Little, piano; special music by Roger Kuhns
Service Leader: Bob Lindahl

September 13 - **Daniel J. Taylor, Ph.D.**

Thomas Cahill and his "Hinges of History"

Twenty plus years ago Thomas Cahill began a series of seven volumes on the history of western civilization. First came *How the Irish Saved Civilization*, followed by *The Gifts of the Jews*, *Desire of the Everlasting Hills* (Christianity), *Sailing the Wine-Dark Sea* (ancient Greece), *Mysteries of the Middle Ages*, and *Heretics and Heroes* (Renaissance and Reformation). The final volume will highlight the making of our modern world. These volumes feature lavish illustrations, strikingly memorable descriptions of historical figures, and a prose style that is absolutely riveting from start to finish.

Dan Taylor (Lawrence University '63) is his alma mater's Jones Professor Emeritus of Classics and Linguistics. Thanks to his research and teaching, the Taylors lived in Italy for three years. Dan has taught 25 Björklunden Seminars and has led four Björklunden trips to Italy and Greece. Now retired, he and Donna live in Summit, Colorado.

Music: Beth Coleman
Service Leader: Cynthia Stiehl

September 20 – **Laura Smythe**

How our Country's Conflict Culture Exacerbates our Politics

There are five primary responses to conflict. All of us use all five of them in different contexts and for different reasons. Our politicians, however, use a particular response to conflict as their dominant response to disagreements, in political campaigns, and during legislative debates. It is this response, which they use so ubiquitously and so carelessly, that leads to disrespectful conversations and fruitless debates in our Congress. And, our legal system - which imbues so much of our country's culture - utilizes the same response. Can you guess what it is?

Laura C. Smythe, Executive Director of the Mediation Center of Greater Green Bay, is an attorney, mediator and professor. She has mediated thousands of conflicts and she also teaches graduate students about conflict resolution and organizational cultures. In 2014 she was elected to serve on the Board of Directors of the Dispute Resolution Section of the Wisconsin State Bar. Laura also serves, at the request of the Wisconsin Supreme Court, on a District Committee for the Office of Lawyer Regulation.

Music: Gerri Friedberg, piano; the UUFDC Open Choir (see page 4 for more information), Cynthia Stiehl, conductor and Donna Russell, accompanist

Service Leader: Susan Leeder

September 27 - **Rev. Karen Hering "One World at a Time!"**

Some describe paradise as being idyllic and someplace else – whether left behind in the myths of our origins or awaiting us in stories of an afterlife. Inspired by Henry David Thoreau's death bed words -- "One world at a time!" -- we will look for the glimpses of paradise to be found in the here and now, especially when we pause on the threshold of significant, even tumultuous change in our personal lives and in the larger world.

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Music: Ellen Shahbazi
Service Leader: Cindy Nelson

Our Mission:

Guided by the Seven Principles of Unitarian Universalism, our Door County Fellowship:

- Celebrates diverse beliefs
- Inspires spiritual growth, intellectual inquiry, and creative expression
- Cares actively for the wellbeing of its fellowship family and the larger community
- Practices conscientious stewardship of the earth upon which all life depends
- Pursues equality and justice for all people

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President's Column

By Judy Brodd

How Will We Respond Papal Encyclical on Climate Change?

UU Association (UUA) President Rev. Peter Morales and UU Service Committee (UUSC) President and CEO Bill Schulz have issued this joint statement in response to the Papal Encyclical on Climate Change:

“The crisis of climate change is the gravest threat facing our world today, and as people of faith and conscience we are called to respond to the moral imperative to advance climate justice. The UUA and the UUSC therefore applaud Pope Francis for focusing the world’s attention on the threat of climate change by issuinga papal letter addressed not just to Catholics but to ‘every person living on this planet.’ We are especially gratified by the Pope’s emphasis on the effects this crisis is having on the world’s lowest-income and most marginalized communities. ‘A true ecological approach’, writes Pope Francis, ‘must integrate questions of justice in debates on the environment, so as to hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.’ We hear those cries.” And we here at UUFDC hear those cries!

Morales and Schulz continue by stating, “And we encourage our Unitarian Uni-

versalist faith community to reach out to other faith communities to explore ways to work together to address the crisis of climate change....The time for action is now.”

Thanks to the awe inspiring leadership of Mary and Dick Smythe and many other UUFDC Members/Friends, we are responding to this call to action. The Climate Change Coalition is hosting a Door County presentation and discussion on the Papal Encyclical to be held at Stella Maris Church, Fish Creek on Tuesday, September 29. Mark this date on your calendar and watch for more details.

In a recent article, Michael Brune, Director of the Sierra Club, made a profound statement: “Fundamentally, the Sierra Club’s values are rooted in principles of justice, fairness and equality. To apply those values selectively would be to negate them. Both nature and people deserve justice and full protection under the law. To enlist humanity to our cause, we need to care what happens to our fellow humans.”

It seems many leaders in our world are connecting the environment and human cries for help. We can respond by helping family, friends, neighbors, fellow naturalists, and the wider community realize these connections. Let us begin on September 29 in Fish Creek.

Dollars and Sense

By David Clowers, Treasurer

Juliana Neuman, our bookkeeper, has now provided us with the final figures for our last fiscal year, and while we received only 99% of budgeted pledges, our donations increased by 200%, which offset this small shortfall. As a result, our total income was \$138,600.89, or 2% over the budgeted income figure of \$136,548.00. Our expenses also came in at 8% less, at only \$125,828.28, than our projected budgeted expense of amount of \$136,548. After year-end adjustments for mortgage payments and calculation of our required reserves, I’m happy to report that there are funds that can be

added back into the budget for the current fiscal year.

Our reserve fund policy probably needs some explanation for most of you, but by board policy, 30% of our cash assets, made up of depository accounts at Associated Bank and our Vanguard Investment account, less our current liabilities, are to be held as a short-term reserve for the purpose of our being able to meet our ongoing operating expenses should we experience a revenue shortfall.

In practice, there is no separate bank account, or even a line item for this reserve.

Our Community

Hospitality Abounds at UUFDC

A new UUFDC Hospitality Committee was hatched during a lively brainstorming session attended by seven people who hope to see hospitality thrive at UUFDC. The purpose of this committee is to provide opportunities for social interaction within our Fellowship. That's right folks; this is a committee of party planners! The group set a goal of offering at least four social events annually, as opportunities for the entire congregation to come together and get to know one another better.



The first celebration will be scheduled around Halloween and will be organized by Ellen Shahbazi and her band of merry cohorts (call Ellen at 854-4854 to join in the fun). Look for the announcements and begin to think of what or who you want to be this Halloween. A costume is a possibility but a mask is a must; more on that later.

Arlene Johnson and Susanne Beaumont have agreed to co-chair this committee. During our organizing phase, the committee is meeting monthly. The date of our September meeting will be announced in an eblast. If you would like to join us in planning more fun times at UUFDC, please join us.

Lifespan Education

The Lifespan Education Committee was

charged by the board with the purpose to deepen and strengthen the bonds of our community with opportunities to learn together. We are having our first meeting on Tuesday, September 29 at 10 am at UUFDC. If you are interested in planning small or large group educational programs for members/friends of UUFDC, please come and or contact Valerie Murre-Schlick who is chairing this committee.

Social Responsibility Committee

The SRC will be meeting the fourth Monday of every month at the UU from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 pm. September's meeting is on the 28th. Please consider joining us - to sit in and listen is just fine! There are four major areas where the SRC sponsors activities: Justice, Environment, Service and Outreach. Do any of these appeal to you?

Makenna Ash, our 2015 UUFDC Social Justice Scholarship winner, was present at our service on August 2. It was great to meet this young lady, to learn of her plans, and to realize how important our scholarship is to help young people who have already volunteered in social justice areas.

Upcoming SRC discussions will include our Green Sub-Committee (chair/co-chairs still needed), Good Neighbor Day in October, and updates on UUJEC

(Unitarian-Universalists for a Just Economic Community) our newest program led by Arnie and Judy Widen.

Caring Committee Quarterly Meeting

Calling all committee members to be present and to bring a friend who may be interested in joining our efforts or just to come see how we roll. Please put this important meeting on your calendar: September 3, from 10:00 to 12:00.

September Caring Volunteers are:

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- Estella Lauter
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Saturday September 26 at Peninsula Park 9 am

Our UUFDC team has participated for many years and has received awards nearly every year for the most walkers, most money raised or both! Let's continue the tradition! Sign up in the foyer to walk and join the optional breakfast prior to the walk at Julies Park Café, Fish Creek at 8 am. Walkers will raise funds for this worthwhile activity. Please support a walker if you are unable to participate.

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Instead, the reserve is calculated by subtracting the total of our current liabilities (including designated funds) from our cash assets. Designated funds—for example, the \$12,940 that was raised during the special appeal last year to meet our unexpected potential water treatment needs—are listed as liabilities and are not included in the short-term reserve. Here's the explanation that Juliana prepared for the board of how our net income figure was arrived at:

Our investment accounts as of 6/30/15 totaled: \$76,788.49
Our current liabilities and designated funds are: \$32,306.81

This leaves a balance of: \$44,481.68
The reserve fund is to be maintained at 30% of our next year's operating budget of \$133,721 x 30% = \$40,116.30 leaving in uncommitted cash at year-end: \$4,365.38
This amount can now be added back into our budget, and the finance committee will be meeting later this month to discuss the best way to utilize these funds. High on our list of needed projects are making improvements to lighting in the parking area, restoring funds for cleaning, RE and for financial oversight expense.

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Walk registration and start-off at Stella Maris Catholic Church, Fish Creek. Contact Marilyn Hansotia at marilyn.hansotia@gmail.com.

September Collection Supports Unity Hospice

Our recipient for the September Third Sunday Collection is Unity, a hospice, palliative, and bereavement care organization. It was founded by Bellin Hospital in 1977 and has expanded so that today its staff of more than 225 employees and 300 volunteers serves the needs of nearly 500 patients each day, in a 13-county region in N.E. Wisconsin. It provides skilled nursing, social services, palliative and family support care to anyone facing the end of life in their residence (home, community care facility, nursing home, or hospital). Hundreds of our Northern Door neighbors (and some UUFDC members) have been/are served by Unity with skill and personalized care.

In addition to the headquarters in the Greater Green Bay area, Unity operates offices in Marinette, Shawano and Sturgeon Bay to expedite caregiver response time. It is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit and relies on the generosity of community members and organizations to enrich the lives of patients and their families through financial gifts and the sharing of their time and talents as volunteers. Unity accepts all patients regardless of their insurance status or income. Financial support from community donations support patients with limited or no insurance coverage, which helps them maintain their mission of ensuring that all individuals have access to support and quality holistic care.

Movies That Matter Presents *Blackfish*

The documentary *Blackfish* (2013, 83 minutes) will be shown at UUFDC on Tuesday, September 15 at 4:30 pm.

In 2010, Dawn Brancheau, a veteran trainer at the well-known Orlando, Florida water park Sea World, lost her life when she was attacked by Tilikum, a bull orca (or "killer whale") weighing ten thousand pounds. What made the inci-

dent all the more disturbing was this was not the first time Tilikum had turned on one of his trainers, and that the orca had caused the death of a trainer in 1991 before he was purchased by Sea World.

While orcas will sometimes attack humans in captivity, such incidents are extremely rare in the wild, leading some scientists to question the wisdom of keeping large, intelligent, and sometimes territorial creatures in captivity and expecting them to perform on a regular basis. Filmmaker Gabriela Cowperthwaite began researching the lives of orcas in captivity after the death of Dawn Brancheau, and in the documentary *Blackfish*, she offers a powerful and provocative look at a remarkable breed of animals humans still don't fully understand, and how the financial interests of water parks and resorts may run counter to the best interests of the animals they put on display.

It should be noted that as far as Sea World is concerned, this film is "propaganda, not a documentary". Visit

their webpage to learn more about their point of view. In either case, you can expect a lively discussion post screening! <http://seaworldcares.com/the-facts/truth-about-blackfish/>

You Are Invited!

Everyone is invited to join the OPEN Choir on Sunday, September 20 at 8:30 am. One day only, without any commitment except to show up and sing. Just come on September 20, for a 60-minute practice and then sing with the choir during the service. All ages and abilities are welcome and wanted. No experience necessary. No sign-up. No meetings. No obligation, no money down. Just good fellowship and music.

Christine Whyatt

Christine Ann Whyatt, 73, of Sturgeon Bay, WI, passed away on Thursday, July 9, 2015, with her family by her side. Christine's life will be honored with a memorial service held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 19, 2015, at Hope

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Christy Kelly-Bentgen: An Eclectic Mix

Having spent most of her career as an art teacher, Christy Kelly-Bentgen has experimented with a wide variety of media and techniques. Beginning with a BFA in painting, she later moved into ceramics, weaving and collage. Now she describes herself as a mixed-media artist using "whatever it takes" to translate ideas into objects.



Recent work including collage, acrylic painting, encaustic, and oil pastels will be on display at the UU Gallery for the month of September. This exhibit represents a kind of "homecoming" for Kelly-Bentgen. She and her family lived in Door County for three years, and then moved to Ann Arbor, Michigan twelve years ago. Christy has become an active member of the arts community there, and enjoys her new role as Docent at the University of Michigan Museum of Art. However, Door County, with its natural beauty and nurturing arts environment, has continued to beckon. Happily, Christy and husband Barney found a "home away" in Egg Harbor and are thoroughly enjoying commuting between Michigan and Wisconsin!

Christy describes her art making as an intuitive process, one mark leading to the next, as images evolve and ideas gradually reveal themselves. She is pleased to share her recent work with friends here in Door County!

An opening reception with the artist will be held on Sunday, September 6 from 12:30 – 2:00 pm.

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Church in Sturgeon Bay .

Christine and her husband Nelson were members of UUFDC 2010 – 2011. They were both at the Fellowship last November when they were part of Phil Sweet's Pete Seeger Sunday band. Condolences can be sent to: Nelson Whyatt, 134 N. 16th Place, Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235.

September Dickinson Poet

Hanne Gault is the featured poet in the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship's Dickinson Poetry Series on Wednesday, September 9 at 7 pm. Gault moved to Door County in 1997 after spending many summers here. Nominated for a Pushcart Prize, she has published one chapbook.

Gault has been writing poetry for many



years. It is a kind of meditation for her, where she can lose herself and forget about other things. "I have a similar relationship to music," she explains. Gault is drawn to the quirky side of things: "I think there is a comic and ironic aspect to life. I try to use that, and take it as close to the edge as I can without going over, so as not to offend anyone." For Gault, getting published is not a focus. However, she enjoys sharing her poetry and getting feedback from both her poet friends and audience members.

The UU Book Club

By Karon Winzenz

Our group will meet at 12:30 pm on Wednesday, September 2 to discuss *Burial Rites* by Hannah Kent. Our hostess, Jami Hanreddy, will contact members regarding location and attendance. The book is a historical novel set in Iceland in 1829.

On Wednesday, October 7 at 12:30 pm, Peggy Lott will host a discussion of *Americanah* by Chimamanda Ngozie Adichie, a novel based on the author's own life. Peggy will contact readers a week in advance regarding attendance.

New members are welcome. Please contact Karon (winzenzk@gmail.com) for more information.

Opportunities to Learn and Grow

Community Writing Workshop at UUFDC

The UU Fellowship and Write On, Door County are co-sponsoring a writing workshop, *Writing and Living on the Threshold*, on Sunday September 27 from 1:30 – 3:30 pm. The workshop fee is \$10; advanced registration before Friday, September 25 is appreciated. All are welcome!

Karen Hering, workshop presenter, explains the focus: "A threshold, whether physical or emotional, is a place of great vitality and exchange, where new greets old, where outside meets inside, where stranger crosses over to become friend. This guided session, for writers and non-writers alike, invites you to explore the thresholds in your own life as places of heightened awareness and possibility."

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Planning Your Memorial Service Ahead of Time

One last piece of preparation for the conclusion of your one precious life is the memorial service. The Rev. Cynthia Barnes Johnson will facilitate a session on Thursday, September 24,

from 3 – 5 pm, offering an opportunity to make your decisions and record your wishes, so that your loved ones will know what you want. A variety of options, possibilities, and plans will be discussed. In addition, participants will have access to a dozen or more books/anthologies from Cynthia's personal collection. Looking at them to guide your thinking will be a unique part of this workshop. Consider this one more piece of our Fellowship's Good2Go! program, providing another important piece of paper that we will keep in your secure folder at the Fellowship.

Sign up at the Fellowship in the lobby or by email to contact@uufdc.org. To enhance the experience, the workshop is limited to ten people.

Water and Climate Change

Protecting Our Water in a Changing Climate will be the topic at the Climate Change Coalition of Door County's September program, scheduled for 7 pm Wednesday, Sept. 2, at UUFDC. Kimberlee Wright, executive director of Midwest Environmental Advocates, is the speaker. The program is free and open to the public.

Wright will discuss the growing gap between increasingly urgent climate-related environmental problems and lagging public policies. Concentrated animal feeding operations' manure lagoons are not currently designed for more severe weather, for instance; the frac sand industry has already experienced massive storm-caused breaches from its wash water holding ponds, including one that swept a house away. These and other examples illustrate the need to update policies as severe weather events pose ever greater threats.



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Sunday Services: 10:00 am

September 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	2 Book Group 12:30 pm CCCdc 7 pm Water & Climate Change	3 Caring Committee 10 am Mixed Genre 1 pm	4	5
6 10 am SERVICE Roger Kuhns Gallery Opening 12:30 - 2:00 pm	7 LABOR DAY	8 Governing Board 4:00 pm	9 Dickinson Poetry 7 pm Hanne Gault	10 PFLAG 6 pm	11 Brownies 3:30 pm	12
13 8:30 Choir Rehear 10 am SERVICE Daniel Taylor	14 Long Strange Trip 3 pm	15 Movies That Matter 4:30 pm <i>Blackfish</i>	16	17	18	19
13 8:30 OPEN Choir 10 am SERVICE Laura Smythe	21 Long Strange Trip 3 pm	22	23	24 GOOD 2 GO! 3 pm	25 Brownies 3:30 pm	26 WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S 9 am
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