Celebrating 25 Years!

Upcoming May Services
ON-SITE 10 AM SERVICES
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SUNDAY, May 1
Poetry Sunday 2022: Expressions of Community
After the pandemic subsides, we say, we long for community. But what is it? Where does it arise? How do we find it? What sustains it? Poetic answers to such questions from twelve poets may surprise you! This year’s reading will include poems by Sharon Auberle, David Clowers, Ethel Davis, Tom Davis, Gerri Friedberg, Jami Hanreddy, Estella Lauter, Ralph Murre, Nancy Rafal, Mark Richards, Tom Toerpe, and Henk Wolst. Readers for poets who cannot be present include Francha Barnard, Donna Johnson and Meg Ziegelmann. In the discussion after the reading, we hope to draw on images and ideas of community from the poems and draw out others from participants.

Service Leader: Estella Lauter  Music: Beth Coleman

SUNDAY, May 8
UUFDC Land Acknowledgement Service with Starla Thompson
During Winter 2022 the UUFDC Social Justice Committee and Board created and approved the following Fellowship Land Acknowledgement statement.

We acknowledge that our UUFDC building and Memorial Garden rest on the ancestral land of the Bodewadmi, Menominee, Odawa, Anishinaabe and Winnebago Peoples. These Nations are known today as the Potawatomi, Menominee, Ottawa, Ojibwe, and Ho-Chunk, yet we honor their original names.

For thousands of years, the lands and waters of Door Peninsula provided food, shelter, and trade to First Nations Peoples, some of whom are now extinct or whose names are lost. We honor their ancient historical and spiritual connections to this land, including reverence for all living beings. We thank them for their stewardship of the land and water.

Mindful of the harm done to First Nations Peoples by white settler-colonialism and by xenophobic beliefs and practices that continue to inflict harm, we seek to make amends by educating ourselves and taking appropriate action whenever possible. Furthermore, we commit to the continued stewardship and reverent practices of First Nations to ensure an environmentally secure future for all.

Service Leader: Rev. Mark Richards  Music: Carol Soper

Learn about the service’s incredible speaker, Starla Thompson on Pg. 3.
Taking a Macro View of Mental Health in Door County with Andrew Phillips

We often talk about mental health at the individual level, in terms of individual people's struggles. It's also important to look at mental health on a community level. Door County, like many smaller, tight-knit communities, can have difficulty in looking directly at challenges and publicly discussing them. That's all the more true because so many residents' livelihoods depend on the promotion of our community to visitors. But engaging directly in these difficult conversations is healthy for our community—it's a form of community mental health. When we don't do so, when we avoid tough issues or tiptoe around them, it can have negative effects on people dealing directly with those issues and their ability to work toward or maintain mental health.

Andrew Phillips is a longtime journalist and Door County native whose work has appeared in multiple Door County publications, as well as the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, the Milwaukee Business Journal and The (Cedar Rapids, IA) Gazette. He is an alumnus of Gibraltar High School and graduated Cum Laude with a B.A. in philosophy and journalism from Marquette University.

SUNDAY, May 22

Jorge Luis Borges, The First Q? with Gustavo Fares

In 1940, an obscure Argentine writer, Jorge Luis Borges, wrote about an imaginary sect that invented a society with its own culture, sciences, philosophy, and language. In the story, the sect’s fictional ideas ended up transforming the real world. Fast forward to 2022 in the United States, where we will explore the ways in which QAnon parallels Borges’ imaginary sect and, through fake ideas, is changing society.

Gustavo Fares, a native of Argentina, is Professor of Spanish and Latin American Studies at Lawrence University, where he regularly teaches a course on Jorge Luis Borges. He received a J.D. Law Degree from the Universidad de Buenos Aires, in Argentina (1985), and a Ph. D. in Latin American Literature from the University of Pittsburgh (1989). He is the author of several books and articles on Latin American topics. Fares’ research include Latin American cultural studies, legal studies, visual arts, and border studies. He is currently a Fulbright Specialist in Multiculturalism (2015-2022).

SUNDAY, May 29 with Thomas Davis

Walking in Beauty, the Heart of the Navajo

One of the most powerful Navajo prayers is this chant:

*With beauty before me may I walk
With beauty behind me may I walk
With beauty above me may I walk
With beauty all around me, may I walk.*

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Thomas Davis helped found the College of the Menominee Nation with Dr. Verna Fowler and was a leader in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) education and supercomputing. During his years in education, he helped found national and international organizations, including the World Indigenous Nations Higher Education Consortium, that have affected the lives of American Indians and indigenous peoples from around the world. He is an active novelist and poet.

**Service Leader:** Donna Johnson

**Music:** Carol Boyd

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This concept of beauty, within and without, is central to the Navajo conception of life and the universe. As the earth faces an ever-increasing array of challenges with humankind separated from the natural world as the twin ideas of bigness and the importance of greed and choice at the center of American decision-making, Native American communities have a lot to say about the culture and values that are important to rediscover if balance, another central tribal idea, is to be brought back to the earth.

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Now that I have an intimate and astute understanding of my indigenous culture, I seek to develop meaningful relationships within businesses, governments, and the broader community to support and further tribal sovereignty and self-determination.
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 Henk Wolst, Fellowship President

From the President

Last month’s “from the President” column was a bit searching, serious and somber. How could it not be, given the circumstances of the world today, what with a clash of two divergent civilizations occurring in a theatre called Ukraine but with the very real possibility of expanding beyond that unfortunate nation’s borders to envelope other states as well. And always the specter of nuclear weapons hovers over the scene.

So, it’s time for something else. How about a celebration of the things we love? How about Rupert Brooke’s lines from the Great Lover?

These I have loved:

White plates and cups, clean-gleaming,
Ringed with blue lines; and feathery, faery dust;
Wet roofs, beneath the lamp-light; the strong crust
Of friendly bread; and many-tasting food;
Rainbows; and the blue bitter smoke of wood;
And radiant raindrops couching in cool flowers;
And flowers themselves, that sway through sunny hours,
Dreaming of moths that drink them under the moon;
Then, the cool kindliness of sheets, that soon
Smooth away trouble; and the rough male kiss
Of blankets; grainy wood; live hair that is
Shining and free; blue-massing clouds; the keen
Unpassioned beauty of a great machine;
The benison of hot water; furs to touch;
The good smell of old clothes; and other such—
The comfortable smell of friendly fingers,
Hair’s fragrance, and the musty reek that lingers
About dead leaves and last year’s ferns. . . .

Sadly, war intervened on his reverie. Rupert Brooke enlisted in the Royal Navy in 1915. The world was at war. And, on April 23, 1915, after taking part in the Antwerp Expedition, he died of blood poisoning from a mosquito bite while enroute to Gallipoli with the Navy.

He was twenty-eight. But boy did he love.

You are Cordially Invited to Unite the UU Power…

by Rev. Mark Richards

The Diverse and Revolutionary UU Multicultural Ministry (DRUUMM) will hold its annual public worship service, with Rev. Tyler Coles preaching and Dr. Zanaida Robles providing music.

DRUUMM is a gathering of historically marginalized UU’s from the BIPOC (black, indigenous, and people of color) community who gather for support and solidarity in the face of our White Supremacy culture.

All are welcome to attend this free worship service.

UUFDC is a co-sponsor of this event through a donation from the Social Justice Committee.

To get the Zoom link for the service, sign up at: https://www.druumm.org/event/may-4th-public-worship-you-can-count-on-this/
FINALLY, it genuinely feels that the impact of the pandemic is lifting—not over—just lifting. If we have learned one thing it is that the future is truly an unknown. Being present to what is has been a huge life lesson.

Today I am not very present to “What Is”, as I wish for blue skies, sunshine and warmth. “What Is” is cold, gray and dreary which causes me to be a bit pensive and reflective. These past 2 years have forced huge changes on all of us. We drew in to stay safe. We stayed home, instead of going out. We slowed down. Life became more still.

I find myself feeling somewhat ambivalent as I began stepping out more and more. Yes, I have missed connection but I haven’t missed busy. I have missed the pleasure of dining out but I feel healthier eating at home more. I have missed travel, but I have enjoyed quiet time at home, in nature, with those I feel closest to.

In restorative moments of reflection and springtime renewal one can ask themselves:
How busy do I want to be?
Do I have the courage to simply say no to something when I feel my plate is full enough?
What is it that renews me or fulfills me?
Where do I find stillness and calm?
Can you pause and ask yourself what you stopped doing during that pandemic that doesn’t need to be resumed?
What did you start doing that is worth continuing?

I’m sure we are all so grateful to be emerging from this forced change in lifestyle, but hopefully as we emerge we come out better than we went into it. Stay present to “What Is” and stick with those things that are truly meaningful to you!!

Be True, Be Well, Be Loving!!

When this is over, may we never again take for granted A handshake with a stranger Full shelves at the store Conversations with neighbors A crowded theater Friday night out The taste of communion A routine checkup The school rush each morning Coffee with a friend The stadium roaring Each deep breath A boring Tuesday Life itself.

When this ends may we find that we have become more like the people we wanted to be we were called to be we hoped to be and may we stay that way — better for each other because of the worst.

Calling All Campers...
by Henk Wolst

Two years ago Buttons and I bought an Escape 21 towable camper. We’d never camped before. And we absolutely love it.

I know that there are several other like-minded camping aficionados in the Fellowship and I thought it might be quite interesting to start a bit of a Camping ForUUm amongst us. Nothing fancy. Rather than relying solely on unknown and often anonymous reviewers online, it’d be nice to get camping site reviews (good, bad or indifferent) from fellow Fellowship campers. Additionally, it might be nice to exchange positive (or negative) experiences that might benefit others in the ForUUms, whether related to camping locations or things to do and see or things to do or not do in general or specifics or any other commentary regarding the camping experience. Could be short and sweet; or could be detailed.

With that in mind it’d be nice to have those interested email me, Henk Wolst. I could then send an email to all who have chosen to express an interest and we could ask every “Member” to offer a monthly email to all other “Members” on a specific topic – along with anything else they might choose to write about. For our first emailing, let me propose “Places to camp in Wisconsin” along with “Best <$25 Accessory We’ve Bought for our Camper.” Send me your email and I will forward to all who respond – and distribute names and emails so that henceforth each “Member” can send their own email to the ForUUms. I think it’ll be fun, informative and rewarding. Happy camping.

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OUR COMMUNITY

Plant Powered Eating
by Barb Campbell & Buttons Wolst

As UUFDC acknowledges the indigenous peoples who lived in Door County before us, let’s honor those whose eating habits sustained them here in this place for thousands of years.

Like UUs, their religion was largely personal. But they held a common belief of living an appropriate life and acknowledging the spirits of plants, animals and the cosmos. Meat and fish were important components of their diets, but these were consumed seasonally. The seasons also dictated the harvest of berries, wild rice, nuts, roots and greens. The Three Sisters of corn, beans and squash were cultivated here, and maple sap was collected and used year-round.

Plant-Powered Eating recipes for the first week of May come from Mitsitam Café at the Smithsonian’s National Museum of the American Indian. They aren’t authentic reconstructions of foods eaten prior to European contact. (Few of us would make real pemmican more than once, even if we could find a reliable source of bear fat.) Instead, these recipes expand on the culinary traditions of the Eastern Woodland tribes who loved Door County long before we did.

Wisconsin UU State Action Network Structures Its Process by Rev. Mark Richards, WUUSAN President & Social Justice Committee Member

On February 27 the Wisconsin UU State Action Network (WUUSAN) met to develop a structure for doing business going forward. It is the mission of WUUSAN to “build a statewide advocacy network employing the power of the collective voices of Unitarian Universalists in Wisconsin.” The members heard from several people bringing issues related to environment and criminal justice issues.

The group determined that going forward, issues would be categorized into one of four channels:

1. WUUSAN will initiate action on behalf of UU congregations
2. WUUSAN will partner with existing organizations to support a given effort
3. WUUSAN will vet information about a given effort so that congregations can make informed decisions for themselves whether to offer support.
4. WUUSAN will take no action.

If you have suggestions for issues that WUUSAN might bring to the wider UU community, please contact Mark Richards or Jim Black.

In the March 23 meeting of the WUUSAN Board, Mark Richards was elected President. Jim Black heads up the Administration committee, seeking to streamline WUUSAN business processes.

Also in March, a Faithify fundraiser to fund our part-time Administrator, Tom Boswell, reached its goal and qualified WUUSAN for a $2500 matching grant from the UUA.

Special Collections Making An Impact: New Third Sunday Beneficiary Is HELP of Door County by Maryanne O'Dowd, 3rd Sunday Coordinator

As of April 17, our new Third Sunday beneficiary for the quarter is HELP of Door County. HELP provides free services and programs throughout Door County to victims of domestic abuse as well as to their families and friends. Its mission is “to eliminate domestic abuse through prevention and intervention services, and to advocate for social change.” HELP’s services, which are free and confidential, include:

• Crisis intervention, emotional support and safety planning.
• A network of safe homes around the county offering a space place to victims of abuse.
• Support and assistance to clients throughout the restraining order process.
• Support and education to survivors
• Workshops, training and speakers to raise awareness and promote prevention and intervention of domestic violence.
• Support for adults experiencing abuse later in life and education on issues of elder abuse.

Let’s keep the momentum going for our special collections this anniversary year. Thanks to our Members and Friends, UUFDC is making an impact near and far!

Milly Gonzales, HELP Executive Director
UU Gallery Re-Opening!
By Karon Winzenz, Gallery Coordinator
The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Door County has resumed exhibitions. Our first show is titled, Johanna Axelrod: Nature Reimagined will be on display April 10 to May 30th.
Johanna has worked as an artist for more than four decades. She has explored several media including watercolor, acrylics, pencil, encaustic, mixed media, and collage. She is always experimenting and has worked in a variety of styles including more literal figurative work and highly transformed works based on what she sees in nature, geometric abstracts, and organic abstracts. The work in this show leans toward highly transformed images of nature. A long-time resident of Lakewood, Wisconsin, she lives on the shore of a small lake that is often the source of her inspiration.

Missed a Sunday Service? Or would you like to share a Service with a friend?
Catch any service again at our website...
Or on our YouTube page.

Dickinson Poetry Series In-Person Event!
Ralph Murre will take the Dickinson Poetry Series stage at the Fellowship on Wednesday, May 11th at 7 pm.
The Dickinson Series is named after Emily Dickinson, the famous American poet and includes a performance by a “featured” poet and then an open-mic where poets from the audience have the opportunity to present one of their poems.
A former farm boy, Murre’s vocations and avocations have included architecture, boatbuilding, sailing, and wandering the backroads of North America on two wheels and four.
Murre is the author of several collections of poetry, including Crude Red Boat, The Price of Gravity, and Wind Where Music Was, a collaboration with Sharon Auberle. His work has been published here and there around the U.S. and beyond and in at least one case, in Chinese translation. He is the 2015-2017 Poet Laureate of Door County, Wisconsin. Murre is also the founder and editor of Little Eagle Press.

UUFDC May Book Club Selection:
A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles
Article By Lynn Mercurio, Book Club Coordinator
Greetings! We are meeting at the UU Fellowship (Zoom is also available) on Wednesday, May 4 from 10:00 am – noon, to review A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles. This is a lovely book, beautifully written, about Count Alexander Rostow who is sentenced to house arrest for being an unrepentant aristocrat to the Metropol, a grand hotel near the Kremlin, in 1922. The entire book takes place within the Metropol and introduces us to visitors, the staff, and old acquaintances. Despite the limited physical circumstances, this book is vibrant and full of life. We look forward to Maryanne O’Dowd leading us through our discussion of this exceptional book. We will be following the COVID guidelines of the UUFDC when we meet. Please email me directly if you wish to attend via Zoom so I can send the link to you. Remember, you are welcome whether you have read the book or not.

Turtles—Abstract watercolor of turtles sunning on a log in a lake.
**UU Update**

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**May Calendar of Events**

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**Happy Birthday to those celebrating in May:**

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