



Green Bay Area Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

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These are just some of the opportunities being offered for the 2011-2012 Church Year. We would welcome sessions on art, poetry and literature, current events, arts and crafts, games and many other topics. Offerings do not have to be strictly spiritually based.

Check our website at greenbayuu.org, for the newsletter, and monthly bulletin for updated information about enrichment opportunities.

To Register or Inquire

To register or inquire about any of these offerings, sign up at the round table in the back of the sanctuary or contact the facilitator/contact person as listed under each offering.

Unitarian Universalism & Personal Growth

Introduction to Unitarian Universalism

Interested in finding out about basic UU roots, the founding and history of our fellowship and what we believe in? This one session offering is for friends who have been attending for a while, members who may never have had the opportunity to find out about our rich heritage, and those who are considering joining our Fellowship.

When: Thursday, October 20, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Saturday, December 3, 9:00-11:00 a.m.
Thursday, February 9, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 14, 9:00-11:00 a.m.
Thursday, June 7, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Length: 2 hours (Sat. morning or weekday evening depending on needs of the group)

Facilitators: Margaret & Steve Krings, Jim Cairns, Randy Kruk, Doug Gjerde, Vickie Fresen, Mary Wallschlaeger

Contact Person: Margaret Krings, mkrings@new.rr.com

Fee: none

Minimum #: no minimum but sign up at the round table at the Fellowship or contact Margaret.

Covenant Groups

A Covenant Group is a way to deepen your spirituality. An intentional small community is formed by members and friends of the Green Bay Unitarian Universalist Fellowship who form a Covenant Group. They voluntarily commit to meeting on a regular basis with a defined structure and process. Ritual, discussion and reaching out to the wider community are part of Covenant Groups. The group agrees on the topics to explore which typically revolve around spirituality of paths to living a deeper, more purposeful life. Leaders for the groups are trained and supported. A brochure along with a response form is available on the round table in back of the Sanctuary.

When: New Groups form when enough individuals express an interest and can meet on a given day.

Where: At member homes

Contact Person: Carolyn Hawk, 920-469-0673; pele46@aol.com

Minimum: Group size is 6-9 people

Presently there are 2 Covenant Groups – one meeting the second Thursday and one the third Wednesday of each month. Both have limited available space. We welcome new people.

For Men and Women

Cakes for the Queen of Heaven: On the Threshold

This 6-session UU curriculum is the second half of the “Cakes” curriculum begun last spring. One does not need to have participated in the first half to appreciate part II. Session topics include: the Hebrew Goddess, Sarah the Priestess, The Apostle Mary, The Virgin Mary, Witchcraft, and Future Fantasies. Curriculum includes music and slides. We will meet on Thursdays beginning September 22nd (September 22, October 6 & 20, November 3 & 17, and December 1st). For more information see: www.uuwr.org and www.cakesforthequeenofheaven.org Bring a friend, if you wish, and join us for a lively discussion!

Suggested donation of \$5.00, if able.

When: See Above

Length: 7-9 p.m.

Facilitators: Carolyn Hawke, 920-469-0673

Fee: \$5.00 minimum for copying costs

Minimum: 5 people

Becoming Women of Wisdom: Marking the Passage into the Crone Years

This curriculum written for UU women 50 and older includes 13 sessions: Entering the Labyrinth; Preparing the Descent; Remembering Our Childhoods, Our Teen Years, Our Twenties, Thirties, Forties, Fifties and Beyond; Center of Labyrinth; Developing a Personal Vision; Developing Grandmother Wisdom; Planning a Croning Ceremony; The Ceremony. Curriculum includes music, journaling, sitting in council, and ritual. We will meet on Thursdays beginning in January 2012 (January 5 & 19, February 2 & 16, March 1, & 15, April 5 & 19, May 3, 17, 31, June 7 & 14) Bring a friend!

Suggested charge of \$5.00, if able. Minimum group size: 5

Questions? Contact co-facilitators: Vicki Fresen (499-1508; vickifre@hotmail.com) or Carolyn Hawk (469-0673; pele46@aol.com)

Men's group

As men we tend to feel we must be self-reliant and don't need anyone else. Most of us who have participated in our men's' group find that other men share our concerns and questions, have experienced similar struggles and often can help us face challenges knowing that we are not alone.

We help each other in times of trouble, share our joys, and explore common issues. We have cooked together, presented Sunday services, sponsored church events, participated in bike rides, hikes and kayaked/canoed together. We hold weekend retreats.

Who: Open to any man in the Fellowship or friends

When: Twice a month: the second Thursday of the month at the Fellowship and the last Sunday of the Month is a lunch meeting after the Sunday Service.

Date of winter retreat: February 3,4,5; we'll be finished and back to Green Bay in time for the Super Bowl.

Questions? Email men@greenbayuu.org or call the fellowship at 920-499-2344

Women's Group:

A fun variety of gatherings is planned as a chance to build community among the women of the Fellowship. Opportunities for personal and spiritual growth as well as having fun and even engaging in a little 'pampering' are possible. Watch the newsletter, Facebook and e-mail for events.

Contact: Anita Gjerde, 920-490-9484 or gjerdeanita@gmail.com

Fun For Families

Board Game Olympics

Saturday, January 14 1-5 p.m.

Join Mike, Jean and Escher Wentz in an afternoon of board game exploration. The Wentzes have many unique board games to share, or you can bring your own favorites. Round up your friends and family for this fun afternoon. Watch the newsletter and other notices for more details as the date draws closer. This will be great entertainment on a winter afternoon. For ages 5 and above.

When: Saturday, January 14, 1-5 p.m.

Where: Fellowship

Contact Person: Mike Wentz, legoman27@sbcglobal.net

Minimum Number:

Fee: none

Other Opportunities for Adult Enrichment

Sunday Chats: See Chats 1-6 as listed below.

Join members and friend as they discuss social justice issues and personal experiences. Informal gatherings will be held each month from November through April prior to a Sunday Service. Monthly topics and dates are listed below. There is no sign up or fee for Sunday Chats.

Sunday Chat 1: Joshua

Bruce Rose, our Fellowship's representative for JOSHUA, will share information on local JOSHUA efforts to bring social justice to housing and transportation issues in the Green Bay area. This informal chat time will allow you to hear about these efforts, the implications for our community, and how you might be able to help. A review of the Joshua work for 2011-2012 will be offered and a short video "Say Yes to Transit" will be shown. Our support of JOSHUA is a conduit for our Fellowship to amplify our impact on the wider Green Bay community on social issues."

When: Sunday, November 13, 8:30-9:45, Fellowship Library

Facilitator: Bruce Rose

Sunday Chat 2: Continuing the Welcoming Congregation

GBAUUF has become an official Welcoming Congregation. What are the next steps to be sure our congregation remains and progresses in welcoming people from various backgrounds (racial, GLBT, socioeconomic, other)? Join GBAUUF Board President Kari Beth Krieger in an informal discussion of these issues.

When: Sunday, Dec. 4, 8:30-9:45 Fellowship Library

Facilitator: Karibeth Krieger, GBAUUF Board President

Sunday Chat 3: Seven Billion! How many are enough (when it comes to people, that is)?

Explore the issues associated with our continued human population growth through a series of demonstrations, video and guided questions. Can we humans continue to grow our population and respect the interdependent web of all existence?

When: Sunday, January 8, 8:30-9:45, Fellowship Library

Facilitator: Steve Krings

Sunday Chat 4: Adventure in the Wilderness

In honor of her 50th birthday, Fellowship member Katina Daanen set out on a 740 mile canoe adventure on the Northern Forest Canoe Trail this past summer. Join Katina as she shares her story, photos and maps and a little about what she learned about taking on such a task and what it has meant to her.

When: Sunday, February 5, 8:30-9:45, Fellowship Library

Facilitator: Katina Daanen

Sunday Chat 5: A Story of Grief

Grief and loss are challenges for many of us. Jason and Joleen Krings' lives were changed forever when their first child, Dylan Michael, died eleven days after he was born. They are now parents of three more children, Ian, Emerson and Crosby. Since Dylan's death they have become involved with a wonderful support group called Compassionate Friends. Join them to hear about this group, to hear a little about their personal stories, and to understand more about the grieving process.

When: Sunday, March 11, 8:30-9:45, Fellowship Library

Facilitators: Jason and Joleen Krings

Sunday Chat 6: New Leaf Coop and Food as Social Justice

Karen Early R.D., nutrition education expert from the Brown County Extension Office and board member of the New Leaf Coop, works to improve food security for the low income population in Brown county. She will share information about local efforts to establish a food cooperative in downtown Green Bay. New Leaf Coop will focus on healthy food raised in sustainable methods and using as many local suppliers as possible. Access to healthy and sustainable food has been identified as a major social justice issue by the UUA. As a follow-up to our adult enrichment offering of "Food, Inc.", we can hear about a way to be part of the solution to food production problems in our community and country.

When: Sunday, April 15, 8:30-9:45, Fellowship Library

Facilitator: Karen Early, R.D., Brown Co. Extension Office

Film Discussions

Green Fire

Join Steve Krings for a full-length, documentary about legendary conservationist Aldo Leopold. *Green Fire* shares highlights from his extraordinary career, explaining how he shaped conservation and the modern environmental movement. It also illustrates how Leopold's vision of a community that cares about both people and land continues to inform and inspire current projects across the country and around the world. The film is 70 minutes followed by discussion.

Monday, November 21, 2011 7-9 p.m. at the Fellowship

Facilitator: Steve Krings, 432-5756 or skrings@new.rr.com

Fee: None

Minimum #: 5 people; sign up at the Fellowship or contact Steve

Food Inc.

Food, Inc. lifts the veil on our nation's food industry, exposing how our nation's food supply is now controlled by a handful of corporations that often put profit ahead of consumer health, the livelihood of the American farmer, the safety of workers and our own environment. Food, Inc. reveals surprising and often -shocking truths- about what we eat, how it's produced and who we have become as a nation. Join Steve Krings in viewing and discussing this film.

When: Monday, April 9, 7-9 p.m. at the Fellowship

Contact Person: Steve Krings, 432-5756, skrings@new.rr.com

Fee: none

Minimum: 5 people; sign up at the Fellowship or contact Steve

First Friday Discussions:

The First Friday Discussion Group is an informal gathering of individuals getting together to have a bite to eat and discuss topics of interest to them. We meet the first Friday of the month at 6 PM at the Fellowship. A snack or small dish to pass is appreciated but not required.

When: First Friday of each month at the Fellowship, 6 p.m.

Contact Person: Michael Paprocki, msppbs@itol.com; 920-435-6720

Fee: none, bring your copy of the most recent UU World Magazine

Minimum: none, and no sign up necessary

Book Group

The UU Book Group meets monthly to discuss titles and movies selected by members. Amy Masias coordinates the group and updates the schedule on a regular basis. Dates and times may change. See Amy for more details (uubook@greenbayuu.org).

Tentative book schedule:

Wed, Oct. 26th – 6:30 pm Traveling with Pomegranates by Sue Monk Kidd . Hostess: Amy Gialdini

Thurs. Nov. 17th – 6:30 pm Women, Food and God by Geneen Roth . Hostess: Jean Wentz

Wed, Dec. 21st – 6:30 pm The Thirteenth Tale by Diane Setterfield. Olive Garden (Coffee & Dessert!)

Thurs, Jan. 26th – 6:30 pm Ape House by Sara Gruen. Amy Masias'

Sat , Feb. 25th – 11:30 am Lady Chatterlee's Lover by D.H. Lawrence. Z Harvest (lunch)

March- Date TBA In the Garden of Beasts by Erik Larson
Hostess: Chris Ferron

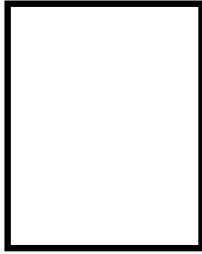
April, Date TBA By Fire, By Water by Mitchell Kaplan.
Hostess: Becky Bookter

May, Date and Place TBA The Story of Beautiful Girl by Rachel Simon

June, Date and Place TBA The Lacuna by Barbara Kingsolver

When: Meetings vary from homes, to restaurants to theaters depending on group preference.

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