



# AUGUST 2009 GREEN BAY AREA UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Linda Peacock-Landrum

Do you feel the buzz? Do you sense the energy? This is an incredible time for our Fellowship as there is lots of momentum and excitement! We have finished a successful children's RE year, completed our own Coming of Age Program, initiated three fundraising efforts, and increased our visibility with the Farmer's Market, Pride Alive event & a new website. We are also embarking on a new venture to become a Welcoming Congregation. I could go on to talk about the new ideas and efforts of our committees, our increase in membership, our expanded adult RE offerings and the creativity and professionalism of our Programming Committee but there are other things you need to read about in this newsletter. But I hope you sense the energy, excitement and enthusiasm that I do. I have to echo our outgoing President, Alf Langan – "There is no place I would rather be!"

A great deal of this energy and momentum began with last year's Board. I would like to thank: Alf Langan (President), Matt Johnson (Treasurer), Janice Galt (Secretary) and Bruce Rose (Trustee) for their service and dedication serving on our board. As you know this past year was challenging and difficult at times with multiple issues to address. But to come out of this past year with so much momentum, optimism and growth is just amazing. The leadership of our Board, the efforts of several key members and the hard work of our committees has brought us to this exciting time. I too believe as Reverend Sandy does that we are on the brink of growth.

It is important that we maintain what we have created and build a stronger foundation to move forward. Our fundraising and visibility in the community have required more involvement of our members. As these efforts will continue, our planned programs and the upcoming sabbatical of our minister for next year will mean that we need to continue and INCREASE member involvement. We need all of our members

to become involved in any way they can. You would be amazed at what 2-3 hours more a month of your time & efforts can do to help our Fellowship. Our third Town Hall Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, September 13, 2009 following services. We will have our Fall Committee/Volunteer Fair where you can learn about exciting ways to become more involved. We are in need of RE teachers, coffee hosts, more rain barrel builders, volunteers for community events, greeters, committee members and much more! Please plan to attend the Town Hall Meeting as we need and want to capture all the ideas and efforts of our members.

In closing I want to acknowledge this year's Board: Jane Shatswell (Vice President), Lisa Adams (Secretary), Doug Gjerde and Al Huebscher (Co-Treasurers), Karen Eckberg (Trustee) and Mike Wentz (Trustee) for believing in our efforts and committing their time to lead us during this period of growth and transition. I also want to thank Reverend Sandy for her openness, determination and perseverance for working with us to find a workable solution that supports her professional and personal goals as well as our Fellowship's goals. As your current President, I appreciate and expect your input and ideas. I hope I can serve you well this year.

Linda Peacock-Landrum

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## UNSUNG HEROES FOR AUGUST 2009



•Stacy Gillmore for spending all her free time helping the Fellowship and saving the environment with rain barrels. It takes a lot of dedication and commitment to do what she has done.

•Karen Eckberg for saying we need to be at Pride Alive and then making it happen. She provided great community and Fellowship outreach and fun.

•Vicki Fresen, Becky Langan and Mike & Jean Wentz for creating and coordinating the Fellowship Open House. It was the great kickoff to all the visitors and new members this summer.

### UnsUng Hero Nominating

\*\*Nominations are being accepted for September.\*\*

1. Complete an UnsUng Hero Nomination Card.
2. Place in the Nomination Box.
3. The GBAUUF Board will review nominations monthly.
4. One or more of our members will be recognized for his/her efforts.

## NEW MEMBER WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to Ken Appleton, Carrie Arnold, Joel Taylor and Trish Tucker who just recently signed the Membership Book. We are delighted to have them as our newest members of our growing faith community. If you wish to become an official member of the Fellowship, please speak to Rev. Sandy or any of our board members.

## FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Special thanks to LaVerne Bochek-Robbins, Beth Jensen and Kaye Aanonsend for being the June Clean Team. Vicki Fresen, Amy Masias and Nate Donert-Manty for being the July Clean Team. The Clean Team are those who sign up to help maintain the cleanliness of our building space.

Don't forget to take your turn signing up to be a Clean Team member. Sign up for any month Sept - December. The sign-up sheet is on the green table in the back of the sanctuary or e-mail Jane Shatswell at [jshatswell@earthlink.net](mailto:jshatswell@earthlink.net).

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The next meeting of the Membership Committee will be on Thursday, August 20, at 5:30 p.m. New members are always welcome to help with the vital work of nurturing and growing our membership.



## UU MEN'S GROUP

The August meetings of the UU Men's Group will be on the Thursday nights of the 13th and 27th. The meetings last from 7-8:30PM and new men are always welcome. Now that we are into the warmer part of the year, some of our meetings will be outdoors so please contact Doug Gjerde at 490-9484 or Steve Krings at 432-5756 for the exact location.

# FROM THE TREASURER

Chico Bag Sales: \$454

Rain Barrel Sales: \$3470  
Expenses are about \$500, pretty good profit at about \$3000.

Income: \$8720  
Expenses: \$7141

July will be the first month that Al Huebscher and Doug Gjerde take over as treasurers, please see them for any and all matters financial. July is also the first month we move to 1/4 minister. The rain barrel sales were awesome and brought much needed funds into our checking. The Chico Bags were funded by a couple of members pre-funding their purchase by bringing pledges ahead, so at this point, they are pure profit. Please finish up your 08/09 pledge if possible as we continue to run very tight finances.



## GREETERS NEEDED

Would you like to be a part of a warm and welcoming group. We are always in need of more greeters. If you are a teenager or an adult we have a place for you. Please sign up on the sheet located at the round table in back or contact Steve Krings or Candy Daoust.

## NEW COMMUNITY SHELTER MEAL

On Thursday, July 23rd we served our largest meal yet...187 adults and 17 children! With seconds being served the folks at the shelter count the total number served as 232! A special thanks goes out to our cooks: Pete, Tess, Ellie and Ava Masias, Amy and Jeff Gialdini, Tyler and Julie Lennon; servers - Carrie & Jenny Arnold, LaVerne Bochek Robbins and Lisa, Emma and Ryan Adams and treat bakers - Candy Doust, Geeta Bhojwani, Amy Gialdini and Kate Hutton. One client remarked that we treated them as royalty with the meal we served! Thank you for your continued support of the NEW Community Shelter.



## SCRIP

Well, our Kwik Trip 20% promotion is officially coming to an end. We have until August 9th to take advantage of this great deal and then 20% goes back to 4%. Although this should sadden me as the Scrip coordinator, I can only be grateful for the boost this promotion has given our scrip program. I can finally say we are selling a fair amount of scrip every week. I continue to see more and more families buying gift cards with the profits coming back to us. I will continue to be at service on Sundays with my binders (and scrip hat) selling cards. I am slowly increasing what we stock and am happy to stock what you need. Please see me or email me: [scrip@greenbayuu.org](mailto:scrip@greenbayuu.org) if you have any questions.

## SERVICE AUCTION SAVE THE DATE!

This year will be a Hawaiian Luau on **Saturday, November 14**. This is our fellowship's 8th Annual Service Auction, We are looking for baskets and newly used ITEMS for our Silent Auction Baskets. Donations can be dropped off starting in August in main office. Look for our decorated table with more info. in September. Questions: contact Vicki Fresen, Lisa Adams, Geeta B., Kristine Klausen (Sweeney)

## WELCOMING CONGREGATION

Our Welcoming Congregation "Kickoff" will be the last weekend in September with a workshop on Saturday, the 26th, & a special service on Sunday, the 27th. This will be followed by three more workshops: Tuesday evening, October 6; Saturday morning, October 24; and Saturday morning, November 7th. Please mark your calendars for these important dates. Stay tuned for more details or talk to a member of the Social Justice Committee.

Our theme for this year is, "It takes a village to raise a child." Our village has many children who will be depending on parents and other adults to be their guides. Parents of RE children should have received a letter informing your family of the change in our program staffing for next year. We are asking for all parents to help with the task of teaching our community of children. It takes a village, and that's what we need! If there are any other adults from the congregation that are interested in assisting the RE program, please let us know. We would love to have as many caring adults involved in shaping our fellowship's children to be the best Unitarian Universalists they can be.



All parents, please remember to fill in your class preference as well as conflicting calendar dates and send or give your form to Jennifer Johnson by **August 9**. If we have missed sending an RE packet to your family or if you are a new family to our fellowship, please contact Jennifer Johnson to receive your information. We value all families and wish all to participate. Questions and/or comments can also be directed to Jennifer Johnson (465-1173 or [jennifer@thosejohnsons.com](mailto:jennifer@thosejohnsons.com)). We appreciate your understanding, help, and energy to prepare for this upcoming year's program. Together we can make it an enriching year!



## COVENANT GROUPS: DEEPENING SPIRITUALITY

70% of UU congregations have Covenant Groups. We will be organizing our first one this Fall! So what is a Covenant Group, you ask? They are small groups of 6-9 adults intent on meeting individual needs for deepening spirituality, intimacy and connection in our congregation. Ritual, discussion, and reaching out to the wider community are part of Covenant Groups. There is thoughtful discussion and significant reflection with a focus on sharing. Brightly colored flyers detailing Covenant Groups can be found on the round table at the back of the sanctuary.

## UU BOOK GROUP

Please join us on August 12th at 6:30pm at Amy Masias home as we discuss "A Thousand Splendid Suns" by Khaled Hosseini. Please contact Amy at 429-1290 to RSVP and get directions. September's selection is "Uncle Tom's Cabin" by Harriet Beecher Stowe. The date and time are TBA

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## SERVICE TOPIC PREVIEW

**July 26 – Topic to be announced by Doug Gjerde and the UU Men's Group**

**August 2, 16 & 23 & on September 6** – Please join Rev. Sandy as we continue to explore Unitarian Universalist theology. Topics will include (but not be limited to): religious and spiritual experiences; the divine; the human; community; evil; sin; salvation; forgiveness; mercy; joy; prayer.

**August 9 – "Tell the Stories...Connect the Dots" by Carrie Arnold**

**August 23 – Service at the fellowship by Rev. Ingham.**

**August 23 -- Service in the Park- Peninsula Park, Door County- Vicki Fresen**

A few UU families are camping at Tennison Bay, Peninsula Park this weekend and we invite those that want to experience an outdoor service to plan a wonderful day in one of the most scenic state parks we have! Plan on meeting at our campsite, Tennison Bay Site 215, we will gather and walk to an area for the service, bring a blanket or chair. Directions will be printed and available at fellowship prior to date.

**August 30 -- Religious Education teachers and students** share their thoughts on what religious education means to them.



## TOWN HALL MEETING

Our Fall Town Hall Meeting will be held on Sunday, September 13 immediately following services. It will also include a Committee fair like last year.

### AUGUST NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

The August deadline will be Monday, July 20.

**Please email all submissions to:**

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By using this address your news will be posted in the newsletter *and* the monthly bulletin.

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## THE PRINCIPLES OF THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST ASSOCIATION

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote:

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all;
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.



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