



JULY 2009 GREEN BAY AREA UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

FROM THE MINISTER...

by Rev. Sandy Ingham

At the end of the service on Sunday, June 21, I took a few moments to report on how I think my time with you will be spent during the next few weeks and months. For those of you who were not there on that Sunday, here is a summary of what I said.

As many of you know, the Fellowship [was] facing a \$15,000 deficit for the fiscal year that begins on July 1 (& ends on June 30, 2010). To help us get through this “rough patch”, I suggested, at the annual meeting on May 17, that I would be willing to work one-quarter time, rather than one-half time, at least for awhile, until we can figure out how to solve this financial dilemma. Since that annual meeting, my circumstances have changed. Effective July 1st, I will no longer be working with the Prairie Lakes Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. My leaving there was a mutual decision, made for many reasons, one being that I would like to concentrate on just one Unitarian Universalist congregation. I realize that this may seem counterintuitive, having to cut back here, while at the same time, leaving my other position. However, Prairie Lakes has given me a good severance package which will enable me to work quarter-time in Green Bay for a few months, probably until November, without too much financial adjustment on my part.

Over the past six weeks or so, it has become increasingly clear to me that I do not want to sever my ties with the Green Bay Fellowship at a time when I think you are at a crucial moment in your history. You have a lot of momentum right now. This is an exciting place to be. I am excited about the growth potential here and I want to do everything that I can to keep that momentum going.

In thinking about how I could best do that, I realized that I will soon be eligible for a sabbatical. By taking advantage of that fact and because of Ripon’s severance package, I might be able to continue as your minister for a good part of the upcoming church year.

I discussed this with the Board at their June meeting and proposed that I work quarter-time until November and then take a sabbatical (length to be determined, but anywhere from three to five months). The sabbatical has always been an unpaid one. The Board agreed that this might work.

I strongly believe that we are going to continue to grow -- I see this Green Bay Fellowship reaching the magic number of 100 members in the near future. I believe that I can help you get there. I see the potential for significant growth every Sunday morning that I am here, not only because of the numbers of people who come to the Fellowship on Sundays, but also because of the energy in the room on Sunday mornings. The sense of expectation, the joy expressed in our space, the satisfaction that comes from building a caring community -- all these are evident. I am betting on significant growth. I am more than willing to take a gamble that our delight in and commitment to this Unitarian Universalist faith tradition will spill over to others. I am betting that our good news will infect visitors and newcomers and that the Green Bay Fellowship will continue to grow, both in quantity and quality.

Both the Board and I want to be sure that we are transparent and open about all suggestions and deliberations around my time and about our financial situation. We welcome feedback from you. I do not think that anonymous feedback is useful, but if you are reluctant to talk to me alone, I will be happy to meet with you and either someone from the Board or a member of the Committee on Ministry. In the meantime, I know that many of you are working hard to try to bring my compensation closer to half time. I greatly appreciate that and I am encouraged by your efforts and enthusiasm.

May you find time this summer for play, for joy and for creative thinking! Rev. Sandy

FROM THE PRESIDENT...

by Alf Langan

Well, it feels like déjà vu all over again. Last June I wrote my goodbyes to the Board and asked you to support Kate McDougall as you have supported me. OK, now I'm writing again to say my goodbyes to the Board and ask you to support Linda Peacock-Landrum as you have supported me! Why am I feeling a little like Bill Murray in "Groundhog Day?"

Emma Johnson's birth), mature and develop (our six teens, their mentors and several other members who participated in our first Coming of Age program), and sadly, end (the passing of Lee Bock). Each of these events, and others similar to them strengthened and sealed the bonds that we hold between us individually and collectively. We are becoming a family.

Anyway, as we all know, this has been an interesting and challenging year for our fellowship. Through it all I have been impressed, inspired and encouraged by the overall enthusiasm and optimism of our group. I don't think I'm the only one who feels that we have grown closer during this last year. In addition to the core Sunday services that bring us together, we have watched life begin (our resident Gerber baby,

Like any family, in order to thrive, we have to keep moving forward. I think we will do that. This next year will hold its own as yet unrevealed challenges, but I believe that we will meet them. I believe we will grow, both in numbers and in spirit. I look forward to watching and participating in my own small way in the future of this congregation. There is nowhere else I'd rather be.

FROM THE TREASURER

by Matt Johnson

08/09 Pledges:	\$82,242
Donations through 6/23:	\$76,830
Remaining:	\$5412
May Expenses:	\$7920
May Donations/Income:	\$9608
Difference:	\$1688

This is my last month giving the monthly numbers and updates of the fellowship's financial status. I have been the treasurer for about 2 and 2/3rds years and have enjoyed the role. You, the members, have been patient with me for any errors and have been generous in your donations over that entire time. Thank you for your confidence in me handling your finances, your attention and passion when difficult situations had to be discussed, and for always finding a good path forward. Al Huebscher and Doug Gjerde will do a great job accounting for

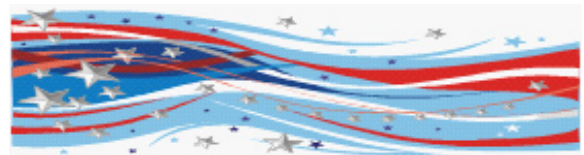
expenses, tracking donations, and improving our financial systems. I will still be here to help them transition and I will then move on to Adult Enrichment. Thank you again!

NEW COMMUNITY SHELTER MEAL

The next NEW Shelter Meal is Thursday, July 23rd.

Cooks should arrive at 1:00 p.m.
Servers are needed at 4:45 p.m.

Treat bakers are also needed to complete the meal. If you have any questions, please contact Julie Lennon.



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•Margaret Krings for her tireless dedication and work in multiple areas: Adult RE, Membership Committee, Coming of Age and really anything that might need doing!

•Betty McAnulty for her years of continued commitment, dedication and service to social justice issues for our Fellowship including the founding efforts with serving the NEW Community Shelter meal and serving on the Social Justice Committee.

•Janice Galt for her dedication and service as our Secretary on the Board, for her continued work to organize and support our donations to Golden House and for her continued efforts on behalf of the Fellowship in social justice

UnsUng Hero Nominating

Nominations are being accepted for August.

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.

ADULT RE

Matt Johnson and Margaret Krings are working to pull together the classes for this coming Church year. A draft has been circulated and will be finalized soon. Draft topics include: Introduction to Unitarian Universalism, New to Unitarian Universalism Class, UU 101, Welcoming Congregation, The Last Lecture, Build Your Own Theology, Parents as Spiritual Guides, Parent's Guide to Children's Religious Education, Darwin and Evolution, Living Green: Exploring Deep Ecology, and Cakes for the Queen of Heaven.

NEW MEMBER WELCOME

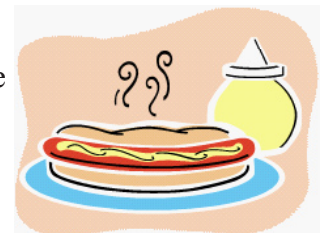
We extend a warm welcome to Christine Fossen-Rades and Patrick Rades and their two sons Milo and Leo who just recently signed the Membership Book. We are delighted to have them as our newest members of our growing faith community. If you wish to become an official member of the Fellowship, please speak to Rev.Sandy or any of our board members.

FIRST FRIDAY DISCUSSION GROUP

Remember the song ... "Torn between two lovers. Feeling like a fool. Loving both of you, is breaking all the rules. ..." Come join us for a discussion of polyamory at the July 3rd First Friday Discussion Group held at 6:00pm at the Fellowship. Find introductory material at www.lovemore.com and www.uupa.org . Bring a snack or small dish to pass and your thoughts on loving more than one partner. For more information, call Michael at (920) 435-6720 or e-mail mppbs@itol.com.

BRAT BARN FUNDRAISER

The dates are **July 31 and August 1**, at the **east side Festival foods**. Volunteers are needed for two hour shifts (one hour during the peak lunch times might help too). We will need help starting at about 10am and going to 6 pm each day. Cooks and sales people are needed. No experience required! All supplies are provided by Festival so no donations are needed, other than your time and will to have a great time making needed money for the fellowship.



There will be a sign-up sheet at the fellowship starting June 28th. This is one very good fundraiser for the fellowship! Please join us by volunteering!

PRIDE ALIVE EVENT

Come see us at our booth at the 2nd Annual Pride Alive event on July 11, 2009, from 11 am - 10 pm at Joannes Park, Green Bay. For more information about this event: www.newpride.org Come assist in representing the GBAUUF at the 2nd Annual Pride Alive event on July 11, 2009, from 11 am - 10 pm at Joannes Park, Green Bay.



Pride Alive, a Northeast Wisconsin Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Pride celebration, will take place this summer to celebrate the LGBT community and to connect with the larger Northeast Wisconsin community. The celebration also aims to promote a positive LGBT presence in the community and to bring together the various groups that fall under the LGBT rainbow.

The GBAUUF will be setting up a booth where we will be sharing information about our fellowship, showing off our talents in rain barrel creations as well as the new Chico bags.

If you are available to help staff the booth, we'd love the assistance! If you can just attend, make sure to come by the booth.

For more information about helping out that day, contact Karen Eckberg krwe54301@gmail.com or Lisa Adams.

SERVICE TOPIC PREVIEW

July 5 -- Topic to be announced by Pete Masias

July 12 -- "The Meat and Potatoes of Unitarian Universalism" read by Steve Krings. This would be an excellent service to invite someone to who is a first time visitor.

July 19 -- "Examining Our Theology" with Rev. Ingham -- We could call this EOT, to distinguish it from BYOT, "Building Your Own Theology", a popular Unitarian Universalist adult religious education curriculum, one that we might offer in the coming year. Between mid-July and Labor Day weekend, Rev. Sandy will be in the pulpit five times (July 19, August 2, 16 & 23, September 6). On those Sundays we will examine our individual theologies, a sort of prequel to BYOT where we will explore the "big" questions: why do bad things happen to good people; why is there evil in the world (or is there?); do UU's sin: can they be saved; is there life after death; if a tree falls in the forest and no one hears it, You get the idea. Easy questions, right? Unitarian Universalists are sometimes accused of being "soft" on theology, yet I have always thought the opposite is true. We wrestle mightily with theological

conundrums. We just asked six of our young people to articulate their theologies as part of successfully completing the Coming of Age program. Don't let the word theology put you off. I am using it as shorthand for pondering important matters such as: what do we ultimately believe; what concerns us the most; how do we respond to life's uncertainties and cruelties; what gets us out of bed in the morning; what is the bedrock, the underlying foundation, of our actions and emotions. There will be lots of time for your responses and theological thoughts on these five Sundays. See you at the Fellowship!

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

August 9 -- Topic to be announced by Stacy Gilmore.

August 23 -- Vicki Fresen will lead a service at Peninsula State Park (site to be announced). Stay tuned to the newsletter for more information about the service at the fellowship.

August 30 -- Children's Religious Education and Spirituality by RE teachers.

CALENDAR

- Jun 27 9:30am UU Book Group at Bouchee- "Loving Frank" by Nancy Horan
- Jun 28 10:00am Service Topic -- "Weaving Our Sacred Tapestry" by Jane Shatswell and Carolyn Hawk**
- Jul 3 6:00pm First Friday Discussion Group at the fellowship (details on page 3)
- Jul 4 Green Bay Farmer's Market Rain Barrel Selling. Contact Stacy Gilmore for more info.
- Jul 5 10:00am Service Topic -- to be announced by Pete Masias**
- Jul 9 7-8:30pm UU Men's Group-contact Steve Krings or Doug Gjerde for details.
Email men@greenbayuu.com to join Men's Group mail list.
- Jul 11 11am-10pm Pride Alive Event at Joannes Park (see page 4 for details)
- Jul 12 10:00am Service Topic -- "The Meat and Potatoes of Unitarian Universalism" by Steve Krings**
1-5pm Mingling of the Fellowships Picnic at High Cliff State Park (details on back page)
- Jul 19 10:00am Service Topic -- "Examining Our Theology" by Rev. Ingham**
- Jul 20 11:59pm Newsletter and Bulletin deadline
- Jul 23 New Community Shelter Meal (see page 2 for details)**
1:00pm Cooks
4:45pm Servers
7-8:30pm UU Men's Group-contact Steve Krings or Doug Gjerde for details.
- Jul 26 10:00am Service Topic -- to be announced by the Men's Group**
- Jul 31 10am-6pm Festival Food (East) Brat Barn (see page 3 for details)**
- Aug 1 10am-6pm Festival Food (East) Brat Barn**
- Aug 9 10:00am Service Topic -- to be announced by Stacy Gilmore**
- Aug 21-27 Annual GBAUUF Camping Trip. Contact Vicki Fresen for more information.
- Aug 23 10:00am Service Topic to be announced for the fellowship**
Peninsula State Park Service by Vicki Fresen, site to be announced
- Aug 30 10:00am Service Topic -- Children's Religious Education and Spirituality by RE Teachers**

SUMMER RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR
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"MINGLING OF THE FELLOWSHIPS"
PICNIC

When: July 12th, 1-5 pm

Where: High Cliff State Park

This is a Joint Fellowship get-together with Prairie Lakes Fellowship (Ripon Fellowship).

There will be a potluck meal. Bring a dish to pass and a protein for yourself.

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.

Sign up to receive the newsletter electronically.

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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.

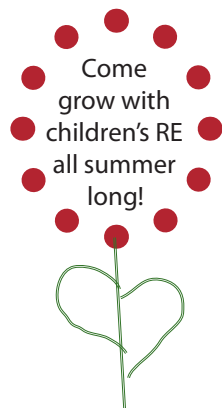


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