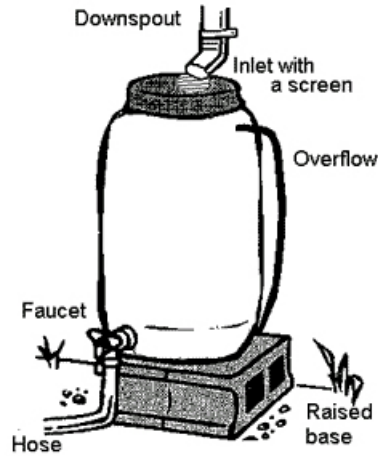




JUNE 2009 GREEN BAY AREA UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

RAIN BARREL FUNDRAISING



This past November one of our members, Stacy Gilmore, crafted a rain barrel and offered it at our annual Service Auction. There was great interest by the Fellowship, to the point that she also auctioned a workshop on how to build your own. Not only is there interest within our Fellowship for Rain Barrels - but within the Green Bay community too!. Therefore the Fellowship has decided to launch a RAIN BARREL FUNDRAISER! All rain barrels will be made by members of the Fellowship then will be sold locally at the Farmer's Market. Proceeds will benefit the Fellowship's general operating budget.

We are holding a rain barrel making session on Saturday, June 13, 9am at the Fellowship. Volunteers are needed to help construct at least 20 rain barrels. Each rain barrel takes less than 15 minutes to make. The more volunteers we have the quicker we will make 20 barrels! If you are interested in helping at this time, please email Stacy Gilmore at stagilmore@yahoo.com or Linda Peacock-Landrum at landrumjl@sbcglobal.net. We plan to store the barrels at the Fellowship until a later date in June when we have a booth reserved at the Farmer's Market to sell the barrels. If we sell all 20, we will take orders at the Farmer's Market and will have a second rain barrel construction party!

Visit: http://docs.google.com/View?id=dsztf46_43gspjgcq to learn more about rain barrels.

Members can also pre-order a rain barrel before June 13. The rain barrels will be sold at a cost of \$50. If you are interested in pre-ordering a rain barrel - please email Stacy Gilmore at stagilmore@yahoo.com or Linda Peacock-Landrum at landrumjl@sbcglobal.net. You would need to pay for the barrel and pick it up on Saturday, June 13 or Sunday June 14. If other arrangements need to be made, please discuss with Stacy or Linda.

OPEN HOUSE

A Fellowship Open House is scheduled for Saturday, June 13th from 7-9pm. This will be an informal meet and greet along with a brief tour of the fellowship, conversation, coffee and desserts. Please invite a friend. Postcard reminders to hand out are on the round green table in the sanctuary.

Let's help others find the UUs! For further information please contact Becky Langan and/or Vicki Fresen.

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FROM THE TREASURER

by Matt Johnson

April Month in review

Donations: \$6391

Expenses: \$6977

Difference: -\$586

At times our checking account drops to around \$200. This is difficult when our expenses range from \$6000-\$8000. Cashflow becomes difficult and has resulted in being late in our minister payroll payments over the last six months or so. Please keep up with your pledge. Thank you for your discussion and questions around the budget. We ended up with a workable outcome. Passing the balanced budget was key, but it will continue to be difficult next year due to no reserve/savings. I am late in sending out updates on your pledges, but will try to get them out before the end of May.

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 June 5th First Friday Discussion Group held at 6:00pm at the Fellowship. Find introductory material at 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 msppbs@itol.com.



SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

Because of a scheduling conflict in June, the Social Justice Committee will not meet on the second Tuesday of the month, its usual meeting time. Instead, this committee's next meeting will be at 5:30 on Tuesday, June 16, at the Fellowship. If you are interested in being part of planning the Welcoming Congregation Workshops, please join us on June 16! For more information about the Welcoming Congregation process, talk to Rev. Ingham or to anyone on the Social Justice Committee. (Committee members include Karen Eckberg, Janice Galt, Bette McAnulty, Michael Paprocki, Jen Patryn and Rev. Sandy.)

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The next meeting of the Membership Committee will be on Thursday, June 18, at 5:30 p.m. New members are always welcome to help with the vital work of nurturing and growing our membership

NEW UU CLASS

The next “New UU” class will be offered on Thursday, June 18, from 7 to 9 p.m., at the Fellowship. If you are interested in learning more about Unitarian Universalism, you are cordially invited to attend. Rev. Sandy and Margaret Krings will lead the session. Child care will be available.



- Coming of Age Committee for boldly going where the Fellowship has never gone before with organizing our OWN Coming of Age Program. The program has been excellent for a first effort! Thanks to Amy Masias, Linda Peacock-Landrum, Vicki Fresen, Steve Krings and Bruce Rose.

- Coming of Age Mentors for devoting time, support, caring, fun and laughter to our program for the benefit of our 6 COA participants. Coming of Age cannot happen without mentors and our 6 this year have been SUPERB! They are: Margaret Krings, Geeta Bhojwani, Denise Jacobs, Rick Adams, Mike Wentz and Bruce Rose.

- Matt Johnson for tireless and never ending dedication as our Treasurer for several years. He has painstakingly re-worked numbers and budget worksheets to help us end this fiscal year without a deficit. Not to mention his weekly effort with donations, pledges and bills!

UnsUng Hero Nominating

****Nominations are being accepted for July.****

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.

COMMITTEE CORNER MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Think you're not on the Membership Committee? Think Again!

YOU help support the Membership Committee each time you serve as a greeter, stop to talk to a visitor, give a tour of the fellowship, invite someone to stay for coffee or soup, bring a friend with you to a Fellowship service or activity, pass out a wallet card listing our seven principles, direct someone to our website, and tell others about how important our Fellowship is to you. YOU are our best promoters!

The Membership Committee seeks to make our community welcoming to members, visitors and guests. We are responsible for organizing the greeters cadre, ordering and assembling pamphlets and brochures, the New UU class, the New Member Breakfast, and tracking general attendance at Sunday services. We organize and print the Membership Directory, place ads in local publications (if money is available) and make follow up phone calls to visitors. We could use your help in this way too.

While increasing the number of members in our Fellowship is important, the real responsibility of our committee is to serve our EXISTING members as well as visitors and friends. We are currently working toward expanding adult enrichment offerings for next year and could use your thoughts. We want to serve YOU. If you have ideas about what you would like to see offered, we are itching to hear from you!

Committee members include: Rev. Sandy, Pete Masias, Bette Hanson, Candi Daoust, Kathy Vescio, Steve Krings and Margaret Krings. We meet the third Thursday of each month at 5:30 at the Fellowship. Please consider becoming part of this vital committee.

FACILITIES COMMITTEE

1. A Big Thank You

To everyone who helped with the Spring Cleaning Day. There was the amazing ceiling vent cleaning woman, the powerful power washing man for the front of the building and all the screens, the terrific window washers, the manly man and magnificent woman vacuumers, the outstanding bathroom cleaner who even washed under the sinks, outstanding coffee room and hall way carpet cleaners, the specialized RE room cleaners, daring dusters, sand box weed pullers, very helpful yard rakers and moral building dog.

The fellowship glistened like a shining jewel when everyone was finished. The ceiling to floor cleaning was accomplished in 2 hours of fun and fellowship. Special thanks to the two people who came for the early bird special and got the process started.

2. Keeping the jewel glistening – Part one

Now is the time to join the clean team – this is like the greeters cadre but different. When you sign up you will be joined with three other people. There will be rotating teams who will be assigned a month to clean the fellowship. The more people who sign up, the more team, the less often anyone cleans. Let's get 6 – 12 teams!

Cleaning is done at the convenience of the team during their month. Gather your own clean team or sign up on the table in the back of the sanctuary or contact Jane Shatswell 405-8338 to join a team.

3. Keeping the jewel glistening – Part Two

This is the Sustaining, Stewardship and opportunity for everyone to be strength based educators for the best practices for the environment of the fellowship.

All ages can model the best practice of sitting down to eat or having a napkin or plate under the food so the crumbs do not hit the floor. All ages can help encourage others to follow this behavior. Running through the Fellowship eating food, which drops on to the floor and is not picked up, is to be discouraged. It was disheartening to see all the crumbs on the Sunday after the spring cleaning.

Please help show and nurture best practices for sustaining our indoor clean environment.

4. Our Outdoor Environment – Grass Cutting

An Electric and reel lawn mower were donated. Carrie Arnold, Amy Gialdini and Tylor Lennon have signed up to be grass cutters. They would welcome others to join them. A weekly grass cutting rotation has been set up. Your name can be added to the rotation. Sign up on the back table or contact Jane Shatswell 405-8338.



5. Orange Dots

The orange dots on the floor near the front of the sanctuary are not something dropped on the floor. They mark where the first roll of chairs goes when putting the chairs in order. If the chairs are in order, the orange dots are covered up by a chair leg.

How do I know how to set up the chairs you ask? There is a drawing on the sanctuary wall closest to the kitchen. It shows how the first roll of chairs starts on the orange dot. It shows how to space the chairs for each roll. It shows how to space the aisles.



SUMMER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION AND OUTING

The UU Pantheists of Eastern Wisconsin would like to invite you to a very special summer solstice celebration and outing on Saturday, June 20th. We will be leaving from the Fellowship at 11:00am to car pool to Cathedral Pines near Lakewood. This 400 year old stand of pines is all that remains of Oconto County's once expansive virgin pines. It is listed as a sacred site in Paprock's book entitled "Sacred Sites of Wisconsin".

After about an hour ceremony we will move on to the Jones Springs Area to hike and explore the eskers there. The sharing of a pot luck picnic at Bass Lake around 6:00pm will close out the day with arrival back at the Fellowship around 9:30pm.

Participants are requested to bring a dish to pass at the picnic, a place setting and their own beverage. Since this will be our only planned meal, people are encouraged to bring something to snack on and water for hiking. Please bring a folding chair to use at Cathedral Pines and Bass Lake.

The terrain at Cathedral Pines and at the Jones Springs eskers is a bit of a climb so hiking footwear would be in order. At the eskers there will be two different challenge levels available. One group will be doing a leisurely stroll while the other will be working up an appetite.

Participants are encouraged to bring a reading or poem to share with the group. Children are welcome to attend. Contact Steve Krings 432-5756 or Carolyn Hawk 469-0673 if you have any questions.

"MINGLING OF THE FELLOWSHIPS" PICNIC

When: July 12th, 1-5 pm

Where: High Cliff State Park

This is a Joint Fellowship get-together/church picnic/summer solstice celebration with Prairie Lakes Fellowship (Ripon Fellowship).

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



Mark your calendars
and get ready to grill!

Festival Food Brat Fry
July 31st & August 1st
(more details next month)



SCRIP PROGRAM AND SUMMER

I would like to thank all the members who are participating in our scrip program. Many have realized this is a fantastic way to help our fellowship raise funds without any additional cost. As summer approaches and vacations are planned, please remember scrip. There are thousands of retailers including airlines, rental cars and hotels. For a complete list of suppliers visit our website link. On hand scrip may be picked up at Sunday service or place an order by Sunday at 5:00PM for delivery the following week.

Check out what's available from Scrip at
www.glscrip.com

UU BOOK GROUP

Our final selection of the year is "Loving Frank" by Nancy Horan. We will meet at Bouchee in DePere on June 27 at 9am. Please RSVP to Geeta Bhojwani at 406-9135. Everyone is welcome to attend and join in the conversation, even if you haven't finished the book!

UU MEN'S GROUP

The June meetings of the UU Men's Group will be on the Thursday nights of the 11th and 25th. 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.

CHICOBAGS ARE COMING!

The children's PUNK (Progressive Unitarian Nature Klub) program is taking orders for our very own GBAUUF designed ChicoBags. ChicoBags™ are reusable nylon shopping bags that are economical and unforgettable! They come with their own pocket-sized pouch, so you will never be stranded in line without your bags again! These bags hold 20 lbs! They're durable and machine washable. They are a must have!

Bags will be delivered the first week of July. You can order one bag or many bags by adding your name to the ChicoBag order sheet on the back table in the sanctuary. Payment is due with you order and can be given to Stacy Gilmore. Please make checks payable to GBAUUF. Money raised through this fundraiser will be used for an environmental project in the fellowship. Go Green!



THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!

The RE coordinators and the children would like to say thank you to the many adults who helped make our program enjoyable and educational this past year. Our dedicated teachers this year were: Kristine Klausen, Claudia Moder, Beth Jensen, Jean Wentz, Jennifer Johnson, Amy Masias, Amanda Retzak Krump, Beth Perry Wattleworth, Bruce Rose, Anita Gjerde, Linda Peacock



Landrum, Stacy Gilmore, and Trevor Jones (who taught until his family moved to North Carolina this past fall. We miss you McDougall Jones family!). A special thank you as well to our substitute teachers: Kathy Vescio, Pete Masias, Julie Riebe, Casey Hlvaka-Hautala.

You make the magic of RE happen!

RE REMINDERS

- Please pre-register your child/children for next year's RE. Forms are on the back table in the sanctuary.
- Give us your feedback by filling out a quick survey for this year. Your ideas and comments will help form next year's program. Let's make it the best ever!
- June 14 is the final formal RE class. It will be one combined class of all of the children so students can make their own GBAUUF T-shirts. Please make sure your child has a white T-shirt.
- June 21 is the first class of our summer RE program. This summer children of all ages will come together and learn more about the great outdoors. Adult volunteers will be sharing their perspectives on nature and gardening with the kids through projects, books and activities. Then everyone will head out to our brand new children's RE garden and do a little weeding and watering. The children will make the garden grow!

The search is on!

Would you like to be an RE teacher or substitute next year?

Sign up on the sanctuary's back table or contact the RE coordinators.

SAVE THE DATE

Your Service Auction Committee will be hosting a Hawaiian Lua on Saturday evening Nov. 14th. Save your grass skirts from this summer! Silent Service Auction items this year will be all theme baskets. We will be collecting items or baskets starting in August. Also if you know a business that would like to donate an item please contact the service auction committee - Vicki Fresen, Lisa Adams, Kristine Sweeney, Geta Bhojwani



OFFICE HOURS

During the month of June, Rev. Ingham plans to be in the Fellowship Office on Tuesdays, June 9 and 16, from 3:30 to 5:30pm and at other times by appointment. (Just call 499-2344 to schedule a time.) Rev. Sandy will be in Salt Lake City from June 22-28 for the annual meetings of the Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association and of the Unitarian Universalist Association. She will then take a week's study time before returning to Wisconsin.



SPECIAL COLLECTION JUNE 7

Every year, on the first Sunday in June, we have a "special collection" to help pay for expenses related to the Fellowship's social justice outreach. That Sunday, which is June 7th this year, is coming up rapidly. All cash and change collected on that day during the offering, plus all checks so designated (with social justice on the memo line), will go towards paying for the meals we serve at the New Community Shelter and for our annual membership in JOSHUA, an interfaith grassroots local social justice organization. Last year, we raised over \$500 on just that one Sunday. Let's equal or better that this year!!

SERVICE TOPIC PREVIEW

June 7 -- "We Believe" by the Coming of Age youth. This morning, you will have a unique opportunity to find out what some of the young people of our church believe during the Green Bay Area Unitarian Universalist Fellowship's first-ever Coming of Age service! Our six Coming of Age youth have spent the church year working on their credos, their statements of belief. This morning they will share their beliefs with you and maybe even some of their favorite songs and readings, as well. Don't miss this very special Sunday morning service! REMINDER: This Sunday is also the day of our "Annual Special Social Justice Collection" (see page ___ for details).

June 14 -- "Darwin and His 'Dangerous Idea'" by Jan Shoup. In this year celebrating the bicentennial of his birth, we will consider the extraordinary life and voyage of Charles Darwin, his confirmation of the *fact* of evolution and his painstaking development of the *theory* of natural selection. Emphasis will be on Darwin's dedication to rational principles of scientific inquiry and his attendant loss of faith in Christian doctrine. His *Origin of Species* – he called it "my abominable volume" – is arguably the most influential

book of the modern era. Jane is Professor Emerita of Biological Sciences at Purdue University Calumet, Hammond, IN, where she taught for more than 30 years.

June 21 -- "Play Time" by Rev. Ingham. When I (Rev. Sandy) was growing up, the summer months meant playing outdoors all day. Looking back on that time, I realize that to have been able to explore the great outdoors with my cousins and peers and to be outside for long periods of time with no adults hovering over us was an extraordinary experience. Now I wonder if it is possible to replicate that experience as an adult, not for weeks at a time, but just for a day here and there? If we could have this kind of play time again, might it give us a deeper understanding of the interdependent web and our place in it?

June 28 -- "Weaving our Sacred Tapestry" by Jane Shatswell and Carolyn Hawk. Exploring our life's tapestry. Weaving and spinning, weaving each new journey, patterns redefined will be presented from learning at the Central Midwest District Women & Religion conference.

CALENDAR

- May 31 10:00am** Service Topic -- "Music Sunday" coordinated by Denise Jacobs
11:00am May RE Event: Planting a Flower Garden
- Jun 5 6:00pm** First Friday Discussion at the fellowship (see page 2 for details)
- Jun 7 10:00am** Service Topic -- "We Believe, A Coming of Age Sunday Service"
Special Collection for Social Justice Outreach
- Jun 11 7-8:30pm** UU Men's Group (see page 6 for location information)
- Jun 13 9:00am** Rain Barrel constructing at the fellowship
7-9pm Open House at the fellowship
- Jun 14 10:00am** Service Topic -- "Darwin and His 'Dangerous Ideas'" by Jan Shoup
RE class T-shirt project
- Jun 16 5:30pm** Social Justice Committee Meeting at the fellowship
- Jun 18 5:30pm** Membership Committee Meeting at the fellowship
7-9pm New UU Class at the fellowship (see page 2 for details)
- Jun 20 11a-9pm** UU Pantheists' Summer Solstice Outing (see page 5 for details)
- Jun 21 10:00am** Service Topic -- "Play Time" by Rev. Ingham
First Summer RE Children's class
- Jun 25 7-8:30pm** UU Men's Group (see page 6 for location information)
- Jun 27 9:00am** UU Book Group at Bouchee (see page 6 for details)
- Jun 28 10:00am** Service Topic -- "Weaving Our Sacred Tapestry" by Jane Shatswell and
Carolyn Hawk
- Jul 12 1-5pm** Mingling of the Fellowships Picnic at High Cliff State Park (details on page 5)
- Jul 31 and Aug 1** Festival Food Brat Fry
Aug 21-27 Annual GBAUUF Camping Trip



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JULY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

The July deadline will be Sunday, June 20.

Please email all submissions to:

newseditor@greenbayuu.org

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



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THE PRINCIPLES OF THE
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We, the member congregations of the Unitarian
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- 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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