



MARCH 2009 GREEN BAY AREA UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

FROM THE MINISTER...

by Rev. Sandy Ingham

Many thanks to all of you who stayed after the service on February 15 for our second-ever town hall meeting. Town hall meetings are an excellent way to keep people informed about Fellowship business and to enhance communication among members, the board and the minister. For those of you who were not there, here is a summary of what was discussed.

Scrip. What is it and why is it important to the Green Bay Fellowship? Scrip is a painless way to raise money for the Fellowship. If you ever buy groceries, put gas in your car, need an occasional item for your home or purchase a gift for someone, you too can become a participant in the Scrip program. To see a list of retailers, visit www@glscrip.com. To find out how it works, talk to Lisa Adams (983-8661).

Sunday morning services. We talked about the length of my sermons and how that can affect both my message and the congregation's response time. I take your feedback seriously. I agree with much of it; sometimes my reflections are too long. I will continue to work on keeping my message within a reasonable time frame. We had discussed the subject of congregational response time at September's town hall meeting, so we did not have a lengthy discussion about it this time. (That does not mean there is nothing more to say and I am always happy to continue the discussion with people individually.) We talked about when to offer it during a service and

when to use other ways of discussing the morning's topic. For example, we could bring our coffee and our thoughts into a circle after the service and have a response time then.

Adult Programs. We talked about how growth and programming for adults are related. The current Bible Study class was mentioned, as was programming for (and recognition of) new members. The goal of having varied programs was discussed, programs that appeal to different ages and styles and programs that have a wide variety of formats and time frames. The importance of our beginning the Welcoming Congregation process was considered; this is an adult program that will require a significant commitment of time and energy. A few of us have been talking about this for months, so perhaps the time for action has arrived. (See the Social Justice Committee's announcement elsewhere in this newsletter.)

A Spiritual Home. At least two of you wrote on your comment cards that the Fellowship has become your spiritual home, the community where you feel comfortable on your spiritual journey. This is good! One of our most important goals as an institution is to accomplish exactly that.

Before we adjourned, Alf Langan, president of our board, talked about our current financial condition. He explained why the board recently asked our landlord for an extension of our lease. Alf made it very clear that, even though this extension was granted, it only buys us a certain amount of time. In order to meet our financial responsibilities, we will need to continue to grow in numbers and pledge units.

In my February column, I said that I would be addressing specific topics in this March column, but I am out of space, so those topics will have to wait for a future newsletter. May the Spring Equinox month fill you with joy! Rev. Sandy

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FROM THE PRESIDENT...

by Alf Langan

Well, it might be the dead of winter, but there has been lots of activity around our fellowship lately, although much of it “behind the scenes.” The roller coaster ride began when our Stewardship Committee reviewed our looming budget deficit for this fiscal year, which ends June 30. Projections showed that we were going to finish this year \$6540.00 in the red, and that the deficit would double next year. Not good. We don’t have a reserve fund to draw from to cover deficits, and Matt Johnson, our treasurer, will tell you that we pretty much run on a month by month basis.

So, something had to be done. Our board met in an emergency session, and we came up with a solution, at least for the near future. Long story short, we renegotiated our lease. First, we’re adding two years onto our lease term, so that it will expire October 31, 2014. From March 1 through October 31, our rent will scale back from the current \$3750.00/mo. to \$3000.00/mo. In addition, the \$795.00/mo. we have been paying for the cost of the buildout of the space (amortized at 0% interest over 5 years, the original lease term) will be amortized over the new lease term at the rate of \$518.50/mo. Thus, our budget will be reduced by \$1,026.50/mo. from March through October, which will save us \$7185.50 during that period. In addition, the annual increase in our rent will be slowed for the next two years, which will save us \$1000.00/mo. over our projections for the 2009-2010 fiscal year. The bottom line is that if our projections for the next year and a half remain the same in all other respects, we should just about break even.

This was truly a group effort on the part of our board, as well as Therese Barry-Tanner, our Program Committee Chair, Steve Krings, our Membership Committee Chair, and Vicki Fresen, our local UU goddess. Don’t be bashful about approaching and thanking all of our board members and the others mentioned. We are lucky to have a cohesive group of smart, committed people who are willing to step up and do what it takes to help keep our community alive and thriving.

I have to caution everyone, however, that this is not a permanent solution to our situation. If we do not grow significantly, which in my mind means adding

20 to 25 pledge unit memberships over the next two years we will be at this place again. We all must do our part to help our community grow.

The economy is lousy, and few of us are in position to increase our pledge to the fellowship. Indeed, I expect that some of us may have to scale back our pledges in these tough times. That isn’t good, either, especially since our income and expenses are so closely aligned. However, there is another way that all of us can help bring in more funds to the fellowship, and it’s painless. Scrip! All of us buy groceries and gas. Most of us go to Home Depot, or Kohl’s, or Subway once in awhile. Using scrip to pay for these purchases that we make anyway puts money into our fellowship with no additional cost to any of us. The cards work like gift cards at the particular vendor. The average return from the retailer is 4%, but some are much higher. For example, Kwik Trip is paying 20% until August. So, for every \$100.00 you spend, that’s \$4.00 (or in the case of Kwik Trip \$20.00) back to us. It may not sound like much, but it really adds up.

Here’s an example. Assume your family averages \$400/mo. for groceries, and \$100.00/mo. to gas up the cars. If you use Kwik Trip, the fellowship will get \$36.00/mo. until August and \$20.00/mo. thereafter. If 50 of us did this “religiously” (pun intended), and generated an average of \$20.00 in scrip profit per month, that’s \$12,000.00 PER YEAR back to us, without any of us spending an extra dime on the stuff we already buy anyway. This is painless, and this is powerful.

Most of us, me included, have underutilized this easy way to raise funds. Becky and I have made the commitment to buy as much as we can with scrip, and we’re hoping you will do the same. See Lisa Adams for the comprehensive list of all of the retailers that accept scrip, and let’s go for it.

Check out what’s available from Scrip at

www.glscrip.com

FROM THE TREASURER

by Matt Johnson

Jan Expenses: \$7992 **Jan Donations:** \$7214

Difference: -778

Pledges: \$82,242 Contributions to date: \$47,448

Alf Langan and Al Huebscher did a great job renegotiating our lease, but we are not out of the woods yet.

As of 2/26, our checking balance was \$3763, but we still had a \$1000 power bill due on 3/3, rent of \$3518 due on 28th, and payroll of \$2455. Keeping on top of your pledge is key as we enter into difficult cash flow territory.

One way to save money, we have now filed the paperwork for a tax exempt letter. Starting on April 15th, the fellowship will no longer re-emburse sales tax. Before making a purchase for the fellowship, please see Matt Johnson for a copy of the letter.

Proposed Budget Overview July 2009 - June 2010

Income		
Canvass	\$90,000	86%
Offering	\$1,650	2%
Speical Collections	\$700	1%
Fundrasiers	\$12,000	11%
RE Fee	\$650	1%
Total	\$105,000	100%

Expenses		
Rent	\$48,216	46%
Yoked Minister	\$31,189	30%
Reserve & Unrealized	\$11,500	11%
All Other	\$14,095	13%
Total	\$105,000	100%

SUSTAINING OUR GAINS ANNUAL CANVASS AND KICKOFF LUNCHEON



The kickoff of the annual canvass will be on March 8th immediately after the Sunday service. A luncheon of salads and desserts will be served followed by a short program that will go over the proposed budget for next year and the details of the annual canvass. We are looking for people to sign up to bring salads, desserts and breads. In addition to the usual coffee, we are also looking for other beverages to serve. Volunteers are needed to help serve in the kitchen and to clean up afterward.

All of the fellowship's members and friends can expect a call during the first week of March to set up a canvass visit during the canvass period of March 8th through the 18th. The canvass will be an opportunity to talk with a member of the fellowship about your vision of the future, things you love about the fellowship, and any areas that need improving. The canvasser will also gratefully accept your pledge of financial support for the next fiscal year which starts July 1st.

Included in this newsletter are the proposed budget and a standard recommended giving form. Use this form to help determine a giving level based on your particular circumstances. If you are currently not giving at any of the levels on the form, perhaps you can set as your goal to become a supporter which is the entry giving level. Those of you who are giving at a certain level on the form can perhaps set as a goal moving toward or to the next level. If you are so inclined you can fill out the pledge form included in this newsletter so that you can have it ready when a canvasser visits you.

The Canvass Committee is very much aware of the difficult economy we are currently experiencing. If your circumstances are such that you have to back off on your pledging level, we certainly understand. Hopefully those of us who are relatively secure in our economic situation can step up and fill the void left



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SUGGESTED FAIR-SHARE GIVING GUIDE

	Supporter The fellowship is a significant part of my life and promotes my spiritual growth.			Sustainer The fellowship is central to my identity, and I am committed to sustaining our programs.			Visonary I am committed to both the present and future growth of my fellowship.			Full Tithe I designate 10% of my income to the fellowship as a way to live out my spiritual principles		
Adjusted Annual Income	Suggested	Monthly	Annual	Suggested	Monthly	Annual	Suggested	Monthly	Annual	Suggested	Monthly	Annual
	% of Income	Payment	Payment	% of Income	Payment	Payment	% of Income	Payment	Payment	% of Income	Payment	Payment
\$ 10,000	2%	\$ 17	\$ 200	3%	\$ 25	\$ 300	5%	\$ 42	\$ 500	10%	\$ 83	\$ 1,000
\$ 20,000	2%	\$ 33	\$ 400	3%	\$ 50	\$ 600	5%	\$ 83	\$ 1,000	10%	\$ 167	\$ 2,000
\$ 30,000	3%	\$ 75	\$ 900	4%	\$ 100	\$ 1,200	5%	\$ 125	\$ 1,500	10%	\$ 250	\$ 3,000
\$ 40,000	3%	\$ 100	\$ 1,200	4%	\$ 133	\$ 1,600	5%	\$ 167	\$ 2,000	10%	\$ 333	\$ 4,000
\$ 50,000	3%	\$ 125	\$ 1,500	4%	\$ 167	\$ 2,000	5%	\$ 208	\$ 2,500	10%	\$ 417	\$ 5,000
\$ 60,000	3%	\$ 150	\$ 1,800	4%	\$ 200	\$ 2,400	5%	\$ 250	\$ 3,000	10%	\$ 500	\$ 6,000
\$ 70,000	3%	\$ 175	\$ 2,100	4%	\$ 233	\$ 2,800	5%	\$ 292	\$ 3,500	10%	\$ 583	\$ 7,000
\$ 80,000	3%	\$ 200	\$ 2,400	4%	\$ 267	\$ 3,200	5%	\$ 333	\$ 4,000	10%	\$ 667	\$ 8,000
\$ 90,000	3%	\$ 225	\$ 2,700	4%	\$ 300	\$ 3,600	5%	\$ 375	\$ 4,500	10%	\$ 750	\$ 9,000
\$ 100,000	3%	\$ 250	\$ 3,000	4%	\$ 333	\$ 4,000	5%	\$ 417	\$ 5,000	10%	\$ 833	\$ 10,000
\$ 120,000	3%	\$ 300	\$ 3,600	4%	\$ 400	\$ 4,800	5%	\$ 500	\$ 6,000	10%	\$ 1,000	\$ 12,000
\$ 140,000	3%	\$ 350	\$ 4,200	4%	\$ 467	\$ 5,600	5%	\$ 583	\$ 7,000	10%	\$ 1,167	\$ 14,000

We are not suggesting that you locate your income on the guide and dramatically increase your annual financial commitment during this current canvass. We are suggesting that we make a commitment to move toward our suggested financial fair share. It might be a three-year process or even a five-year process for some of us, but we advocate moving toward a fair-share financial commitment in a steady, intentional way.

DETERMINING YOUR INCOME

Adusted Gross Income (IRS 1040) _____

- Add** Tax-exempt pensions and annuities _____
- Tax-free income _____
- Depreciation on rental property _____
- Other _____
- Total Additions _____

- Deduct** Non-reimbursed medical expenses _____
- Care of parent(s) _____
- Costs of higher education _____
- Cost of child care _____
- Total Deductions _____

SUSTAINING OUR GAINS

CANVASS 2009 PLEDGE FORM



GREEN BAY AREA
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I/We _____ support the fellowship and for the church year (July 1 – June 30), I/we pledge to make the following contribution to the Green Bay Area Unitarian Universalist Fellowship:

Our total pledge for 2009/2010 is \$ _____ (total for the fiscal year).

I/we will contribute \$ _____ (periodic donations) on the following basis:

Yearly Quarterly Monthly Weekly Other _____.

Based on the giving guide, we would consider ourselves in the following giving group:

Supporter Sustainer Visionary Full Tithe

Contribution Method

- Check sent to the fellowship Check placed in collection plate
 Cash placed in the collection (MUST use provided envelopes)
 Auto eBill Pay sent to the fellowship (setup with your bank)
 Electronic Funds Transfer (will be ready by May)

Make checks payable to:

Green Bay Area Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
 c/o Treasurer
 1641 Commanche Avenue, Suite G
 Green Bay, WI 54313

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

ByLaws – Article IV, Membership

Section 2: A person becomes a Member by: 1. Signing the Membership Book in the presence of either the Minister or any member of the Board of Trustees, and 2. Making a pledge of a financial contribution to the Fellowship. The requirement of a pledge of a financial contribution may be waived upon application to the Minister.

Section 3: Categories of Affiliation. 1. Active Voting Member. A Member may vote at the annual meeting or other membership meetings if he or she has made a financial contribution of record for the current fiscal year, (unless that requirement has been waived by the Minister), and has signed the Membership Book at least six weeks prior to the annual meeting.

A NEW MEMBER WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to Don and Laurie Falk who just recently signed the Membership Book. We are delighted to have them as our newest members of our faith community. If you wish to become an official member of the Fellowship, please speak to Rev. Sandy or any of our board members. As a new member you will even receive a free breakfast! Our next new member recognition breakfast is scheduled for Sunday, May 3, before the service. If you have questions about what becoming a member involves, please contact one of us and we will be happy to give you more information.

NEW COMMUNITY SHELTER MEAL

The next NEW Community Shelter meal is scheduled for Monday, March 30th. We will need cooks at 1:00 p.m. The RE kids will be making treats and serving the meal so we won't need volunteers for those jobs this time. However, we could use 3 additional treat bakers. If you have any questions or can help, please contact Julie Lennon.

THE SACRED BALANCE: AN ADULT RE OFFERING

The Sacred Balance is a four-part documentary series based on a bestselling book by the same name and hosted by David Suzuki. Suzuki is an award winning scientist, environmentalist, broadcaster and pantheist. Filmed on five continents, this ground-breaking series celebrates a new scientific world-view, an inclusive vision of nature in which we human beings are intimately connected to all life processes on Earth. For more information on the series, book or host, simply google Sacred Balance or David Suzuki.

The intent of this RE offering is to view excerpts of each of the four parts of the series and to discuss them from 7-9pm. We will be meeting on Wednesday nights at the fellowship from April 15 to May 6. Please sign up on the sheet at the community table or call Steve Krings at 432-5756.



ACCESS TO THE FELLOWSHIP

Entry to the fellowship is accessible via a key located in a secured key box. The key box is on the exterior door of the coffee room. A limited number of members have the code for the key box. If you are in need of access to the Fellowship for an event that you are coordinating or for other reasons connected to fellowship business, please make arrangements in advance to gain access to the building. When accessing the key via the key box, we ask that you please follow these guidelines:

- 1 - Do not share the access code with anyone.
- 2 - Please be sure to return the key when you vacate the building so others may have access.
- 3 - If you encounter access problems with the key box, please report it immediately to a member of the Facilities Committee.
- 4 - Please be sure to scramble the bar rollers well after access.

Members that have the access code include: Board Members, Members of the Facilities Committee, RE Coordinators, Chair of the Program Committee, Scrip Coordinator, Communication Coordinator and Past Presidents.

If you have any questions or concerns, please bring them to the attention of the Board or the Facilities Committee.

COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT FACILITIES COMMITTEE

The committee works in three venues:

1) This committee is the one who takes care of the “honey do” list around the building.

“Honey”, the plants need watering – Lavern Bocheck-Robbins takes care of them.

“Honey”, the sink in the main bathroom looks like it is coming off the wall – Nick Gilmore fixed it.

From fixing broken windows to replacing light bulbs, from the architect drawing on the wall showing how to put the chairs back in order in the fellowship hall after an event to getting the fire extinguishers inspected are the type of things which fall under the Facility Committee responsibilities.

2) Coordinated the overall look of the facility. Donated furniture or pictures or other items need the approval of the facilities committee to ensure an overall coordinated look and atmosphere. The RE group asked about creating a perennial flower bed this summer. The Committee coordinated the process and received landlord approval.

3) This is where YOU come in – The Cleaning Crew – gather your group of 4 people – tell Jane Shatswell or sign up on the back table as to which month your crew would like to clean the facility. It only takes 12 crews to cover the year. Sign up for the same month or months every year. It is church fellowship in a whole new way! – done at a time that is convenient for your crew that does not interfere with other fellowship activities. This is an easy way to get involved and give back to the fellowship.

The committee welcomes all who would be interested in being involved. Committee meetings are set based on need for a meeting at a time convenient for committee members. “Honey dos” that need to be completed are done in a timely fashion by committee members taking turns using their skills and expertise. Interested in becoming involved? Contact Jane Shatswell or come to the next meeting Monday, March 9th at 6:00 pm at the Fellowship.



UNSUNG HEROES FOR MARCH 2009

- Laverne Bocek-Robbins for her commitment to keep our “green thumb” in the fellowship. She regularly and consistently waters our plants and keeps them thriving!
- Steve Krings for his commitment, dedication and relentless work as our Canvass Chair, Membership Chair and countless other contributions to the Fellowship. Steve has organized



UnsUng Hero Nominating

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.

****Nominations are being accepted for April.****

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The Membership Committee is currently seeking a volunteer to coordinate the Circle Dinners that are held three times a year. The time commitment would be about an hour or two to set up each one. It's a great way to help build community within our fellowship. Please contact Steve Krings at 432-5756 if you are interested in helping with this essential task.

The next meeting of the Membership Committee will on Thursday, March 19th, at 5:30 p.m. New members are always welcome to help with the vital work of nurturing and growing our membership.

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

First of all, a correction to the Committee Spotlight column that was in the February newsletter about this committee. Its official name is, indeed, the Social Justice Committee, not the Social Action Committee. Rev. Sandy inadvertently kept referring to it as the Social Action Committee when she was writing about it for the Committee Spotlight column. But, by whatever name you think of it -- and we hope you do think of it once in awhile -- it is time for this committee to form a subcommittee charged to decide how best to go about the process of becoming an official Welcoming Congregation. For this, we need your help!! And, we also need volunteers to lead the Welcoming Congregation workshops that are a part of the process. If you are interested in either or both, please let Rev. Sandy or anyone on the Social Justice Committee know. (Committee members include Karen Eckberg, Janice Galt, Bette McAnulty, Michael Paprocki, Jen Patryn and Rev. Sandy) We welcome and encourage new committee members!! The next meeting of the Social Justice Committee is Tuesday, March 10, at 5:30, at the Fellowship.



SCRIP MOMENT

Put your shopping dollars to work for our fellowship by purchasing scrip "gift cards" at face value. Use these cards for everyday purchases like food, gas, clothes and other essentials. It's a great way to help out financially with no additional expense to you. The current return to the fellowship is between 2%-20%. If you don't know about this program please see /call me and I would be happy to explain it. With our current financial slump, this is a great way to add money into our checkbook.

Let's make March the month that we all start shopping with Scrip!

Lisa Adams (radams5@new.rr.com or 983-8661 or @ Sunday Service)

SPRING EQUINOX CELEBRATION

Are you ready to let go of this seemingly endless winter? Had enough of walking on frozen sky? Are you ready for a little more warmth and light in your life? If you're more than ready to welcome spring this year, why not come and celebrate the Spring Equinox on Friday, March 20, at 6:30PM. Carolyn Hawk and Steve Krings would like to invite you to do just that as they gather at 340 Graass Street in Green Bay. Attendees will gather outside around a fire for about an hour and then move indoors. We'll be starting at 6:30 sharp so we can take advantage of the remaining daylight. Participants are encouraged to bring a drum or other rhythm instruments, poem, reading, song or CD to help celebrate the long awaited arrival of Spring, and to reconnect to the Earth and to our ancestors. Refreshments will be served so please bring something if you're so inclined. Call Steve at 432-5756 or Carolyn at 469-0673 if you have any questions.

MARCH EVENT
BOWLING

All Ages! Please join us as we try for turkeys on Sunday, March 29th at Ashwaubenon Bowling Alley (2929 Allied Street) from 2:00 – 4:00 pm. Cost is \$6.00 per person and includes shoe rental and all the games you can bowl in two hours! We can even request bumpers on the lanes for the younger set or for those just learning about the strike zone! Concessions are available for purchase. Please sign up on the information table in the back of the sanctuary by March 24th. If you have questions, please see Amy Masias (429-1290).

Treat Making fun on February 14



UU BOOK GROUP

The following is the Book Group's "rest of the year" list of books and discussion locations. Everyone is welcome to attend and join in the conversation, even if you haven't finished the book!

March 4, 6:00pm ~ Locally Grown Potluck at Jean Wentz's home (RSVP 499-8517) while we discuss "Animal, Vegetable, Miracle" by Barbara Kingsolver.

April 22, 6:30pm ~ at Jennifer Johnson's home (RSVP 465-1173) ~ "Three Cups of Tea" by Greg Mortenson

May 16, 10:00am ~ at The Attic Bookstore, 730 Bodart St, GB (RSVP Amy Masias 429-1290) ~ "Under the Banner of Heaven" by Jon Krakauer

June TBA ~ at Geeta Bhojwani's home (RSVP 406-9135) ~ "Loving Frank" by Nancy Horan

SERVICE TOPIC PREVIEW

March 8 -- “The Measure of Happiness” by the Rev. Dottie Matthews of the Fox Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. The question of how one finds happiness in life has long fascinated - and plagued - humankind. How do “United Statesians” (as my son likes to call us) rank when compared to others? After all, this pursuit is one of our inalienable rights according to the Declaration of Independence!

March 15 -- “What about the Women?” Thus far in her series of reflections about prophets and living a prophetic life, Rev. Ingham has not talked about any women prophets. In honor of Women’s History Month, this morning will be different. I will introduce you to some Unitarian and Universalist free-thinking, pioneering women who followed their dreams and played important roles in both sides of our spiritual and religious heritage.

March 22 -- “Heartful Thinking” by Andrew Agacki. (Andy) Agacki has been a practicing Buddhist for 15 years. He is also a Buddhist Lay Minister. ‘Heartful’ is not a real word, but what are words, other than concrete symbols of emotions and meaning? In keeping with March’s theme of “Heart and Head - the Mind Body Connection”, Andy will explore the territory of the heart and mind through ‘Dharma Eyes’; stopping along the way to unearth Egyptian mummies, read Thomas Jefferson’s letters, dabble in philology and say a bit about emotion and logic.

March 29 -- “Being Spiritually Human” by Kathleen Kelly-Hoffmann. In some traditional views of religion and spirituality, when we become spiritual, we lose our imperfections. However that is never possible, because being human means we will never be perfect. We need to realize that our humanness is a gift and this gift allows us to be compassionate beings with a huge capacity for love. Join us as we hear from Kathleen Kelly-Hoffman, a returning and popular guest. Kathleen is the founder and Director of the Bay Area Yoga Center in Green Bay, which she opened in May of 1994. She has been practicing the art of yoga for the past 20 years, and has been a teacher of Hatha yoga in the Vinyasa tradition since 1993. She’ll help us be introspective, but in a dynamic and fun atmosphere.

April 5 -- “Doers and Dreamers” Which are you? Because Unitarian Universalists are not nearly as interested in the death and resurrection of Jesus as we are in his life, on this Palm Sunday Rev. Ingham will explore the stories of Martha and Mary, two sisters who were contemporaries of Jesus. Both of these women thought that they were living their lives in a way that Jesus would approve. Yet Jesus did not necessarily think so and gave them an enigmatic answer when they asked him whose work was more important. Join us this Sunday as we consider how relevant Jesus’s life is to us and which is more important, the doer or the dreamer?



UU MEN’S RETREAT AND BRAT BARN

Discussions about fathers, male maturity, simplifying one’s life and accepting death interspersed with fabulous food, fun in the snow and exciting game playing. All of this added up to some very special community building at the third annual UU Men’s Group retreat on the weekend of January 31 at Camp Helen Brachman near Waupaca. Next year the retreat is scheduled for the February 5-7. All the men of the fellowship are encouraged to keep that weekend open and join us as we continue to grow our community of men.

The Men’s Group has taken on the job of running the Festival Foods east side Brat Barn for the fellowship on Saturday, August 1. All of the men of the fellowship are welcome to join us on that day and have some fun as we work together on our first service project.

Our March meetings will be on the Thursdays of the 12th and 26th. We start at 7PM and as always, all men are welcome. Call Steve Krings at 432-5756 or Doug Gjerde at 490-9484 if you have questions.

CALENDAR

- Mar 1 10:00am** Service Topic -- "Sermon on the Amount" by Rev. Ingham
- Mar 4 6:00pm UU Book Group at Jean Wentz's home (see page 9 for details)
- Mar 5 7-8:30pm Bible Study for UUs at the fellowship
- Mar 8 10:00am** Service Topic -- "The Measure of Happiness" by Rev. Dottie Matthews
- 11:00am** Annual Canvass Kick-off Luncheon
- Mar 8-18 Canvass Visits
- Mar 9 6:00pm Facilities Committee Meeting at the fellowship
- Mar 10 5:30pm Social Justice Committee Meeting at the fellowship
- 7:00pm Board Meeting at the fellowship. All are welcome to attend.
- Mar 15 10:00am** Service Topic -- "What about the Women?" by Rev. Ingham
- Mar 19 5:30pm Membership Committee Meeting at the fellowship
- Mar 20 6:30pm Spring Equinox Celebration at Steve Krings' home (see page 8 for details)
- Mar 22 10:00am** Service Topic -- "Heartful Thinking" by Andrw Agacki
- Mar 29 10:00am** Service Topic -- "Being Spiritually Human" by Kathleen Kelly-Hoffmann
- 2-4pm RE Bowling at Ashwaubenon Bowling Alley (see page 9 for details)
- Mar 30 1:00pm Cooking at the NEW Community Shelter (see page 6 for details)
- Apr 5 10:00am** Service Topic -- "Doers and Dreamers" by Rev. Ingham
- Apr 15 7-9pm The Sacred Balance Class at the fellowship (see page 6 for details)
- Apr 22 6:30pm UU Book Group at Jennifer Johnson's home (see page 9 for details)
- 7-9pm The Sacred Balance Class at the fellowship (see page 6 for details)
- Apr 29 7-9pm The Sacred Balance Class at the fellowship (see page 6 for details)
- May 3 TBA New Member Breakfast
- May 6 7-9pm The Sacred Balance Class at the fellowship (see page 6 for details)
- May 16 10:00am UU Book Group at The Attic Bookstore (see page 9 for details)



SERVICES ARE SUNDAYS AT 10:00AM.
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR PREKINDERGARTEN THROUGH 12TH GRADE AND
NURSERY CARE ARE AVAILABLE DURING SERVICES.

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SERVICE HELP NEEDED

April 12th's service will be "Words to Live by." If you have any inspirational quotes or words that are important to you, send them to Mike Fitzpatrick so he can add them to the service. If you have any questions, please contact Mike.

**Rev. Ingham will be away from March 17-27. If you have an emergency during that time that requires a ministerial presence, please call Jennifer Johnson and she will help put you in touch with either Rev. Sandy or another UU minister.

APRIL NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

The April deadline will be
Friday, March 20.
As always, please email all
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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;
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