



MAY 2009 GREEN BAY AREA UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

OUR UU EARTH DAY SPRING CLEANING INSIDE AND OUT

MAY 2, 2009

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. or
Early Bird special 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

OUTSIDE HELP

Those who want to help with the outside, please bring rakes and other yard clean-up equipment.

INSIDE HELP

Please bring:

- Ladders
- Favorite Cleaning Bucket
- Favorite Cleaning Supplies to clean a floor or wash a window
- Favorite Cleaning Rag
- An extra vacuum cleaner can make things go sooooo much faster

SHOP EQUAL EXCHANGE AT GBAUUF

Coffee is big business--it's one of the most heavily traded commodities in the world. But for the majority of small farmers, who live in rural communities in some of the poorest countries in the world, the benefits are small. Using the internationally recognized fair trade standards, Equal Exchange seeks to balance the inequities found in the conventional coffee trade.

Coffee is a leading source of income for the developing world. Through fair trade, it can be a delicious and powerful tool to bring about positive change for small farmers and their families. Buying Equal Exchange products also benefits the UU Service Committee's projects throughout the world. Contact Kate Hutton for more information.

Once we get done, everyone will want to sign up to be part of the Clean Team!

The Facilities Committee will look forward to seeing you May 2.

Questions call Jane Shatswell – 405-8338



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FROM THE TREASURER

by Matt Johnson

March Month in review

Donations: \$8945

Expenses: \$8727

Difference: +\$369

We continue to run tight and really need everyone to stay up on their pledges if possible.

57 pledge units, \$82,242 pledged, \$59,172 donated

Our canvass for 2009/2010 is over. If you have not pledged yet and still wish to, please see Matt Johnson or Steve Krings for a pledge form. We received \$76,520 in pledges. The average pledge actually went up to \$1500 from \$1450. The issue was our total number of pledge units dropped by 12 and only grew by 5, with the difference being -7. We need to have net growth, not loss to have our current structure and needs work out.

Our goal was to have \$90,000 in pledges, and we needed a minimum of \$83,000. We will need to, as a group, figure out how we will resolve this. We will not go forward with a broken budget. In the past we assumed that we would get more pledges or new members and have not grown enough to cover our gap. This led to emergency meetings and drastic measures. We will move forward as a community. We will figure this out. Thanks for your financial support and sacrifice. Also, a big thank you to Steve Krings, Al Huebscher, all canvassers and canvasees!

FACILITIES COMMITTEE

GET A GOAT!

Was one idea suggested at the Facilities Committee on how to get the grass cut for the summer. Another idea was to hold a drawing each Sunday from those who attended worship that week. Whoever's name was pulled from the hat was the grass cutter for the week!

Or are there one, or two, or more special people who would step up to be grass cutters?

Please let the Facilities Committee know.



SANCTUARY ROOM CHAIR SET UP

Have you ever wondered how to get all the chairs in correct location in the sanctuary after they have been moved? There is now a drawing hanging on the wall next to the window close to the front of the sanctuary. There are orange dots with tape over them on the floor to show where the first row begins. Thanks for your help with this.

SUNDAY WORSHIP TABLE FLOWERS

Laverne Bochek-Robbins will share the beauty of her garden's flowers each Sunday on the worship table. If someone else would like to share their garden's flowers, please give Laverne a call (869-2667) so she would not have to bring some that Sunday.



• Julie Lennon for her continuing dedication to the NEW Community Shelter meal. Julie works hard in purchasing food, preparing the meal and securing cooks/servers for each meal.

• Geeta Bhojwani for stepping up to serve as the Communication Coordinator for the Fellowship. She jumped in quickly to do our monthly bulletin and return the service board to the sanctuary.

• Al Huebscher for his leadership and efforts in revising and updating the fellowship website. He has worked on a new design, streamlining the content and updating information.

UnsUng Hero Nominating

****Nominations are being accepted for June.****

- 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 Bethany Martens and her children 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.



MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The next meeting of the Membership Committee will be on Thursday, May 21, 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

The next meeting of the Social Justice Committee will be at 5:30 on Tuesday, May 12, at the Fellowship. The main item of business will be to continue planning the process our Fellowship needs to go through to become an official Welcoming Congregation. If you are interested in being part of this planning, please join us on May 12! 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.)



SCRIP PROGRAM

I would like to thank all the members who are participating in our scrip program. In recent weeks, I have seen a huge increase in the amount of scrip we are selling! Not only are we selling grocery store and gas gift cards but also larger items. Example: Furniture at 8% for a profit of \$248. There are thousands of retailers who participate in scrip, so before your next purchase-big or small- please contact me to see if they are providers. If it isn't a card we stock, I can usually have it to you within a week. If you are not already purchasing scrip, please see me (Lisa Adams) at the fellowship or contact me at home 983-8661, so I can get you started.

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

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!

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

June 27, 9:00am ~ at Bouchee in DePere. RSVP to Geeta Bhojwani 406-9135 ~ "Loving Frank" by Nancy Horan

UU MEN'S GROUP

The May meetings of the UU Men's Group will be on the Thursday nights of the 14th and 28th. 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.

FIRST FRIDAY

Join us for an evening of camaraderie and stimulating conversation. The May 1st meeting will be held at 6 pm at the Fellowship. We will be discussing the article "Imagineers of Soul" from the Spring 2009 edition of UUWorld. Please bring a snack or small dish to pass. For more info call Francesca (920) 662-9311 or Janice (920) 432-5947.

SOUP SUNDAY

Calling all cooks and bakers! Soup Sunday is the third Sunday of every month and is a time when we all can come together and share great food and conversation after service. A sign-up sheet is on the back table in the sanctuary for those who are able to volunteer to bring soups, stews, breads, rolls and desserts. So pull out your recipes and plug in your crockpots and come join us on Soup Sunday, May, 17. The more goodies, the merrier!

OFFICE HOURS

During the month of May, Rev. Ingham plans to be in the Fellowship Office on Tuesdays from 3:30 to 6:30pm and on Fridays from 1:30 to 3:30pm. As usual, you are encouraged to either call ahead and/or make an appointment, whenever possible, in case Rev. Ingham gets called out of the office or is meeting with someone else.

Mark your
calendars and get
ready to grill!

(Yes, grill, even though it's called a "fry")

Festival Food Brat Fry

July 31st & August 1st

(stay tuned for more details)



MAY RE
EVENT:
PLANTING A
FLOWER
GARDEN

SUNDAY, MAY 31
AFTER
THE SERVICE

RE Children and Families: roll up your sleeves and prepare to get dirty...we will be planting a flower garden at the Fellowship! Wildflower seeds and seedlings will be provided. Anyone is encouraged to bring divisions of perennials from their own gardens to plant. All plant contributions welcome! Bring spare garden tools, if you have them. Contributions of good soil and mulch would be welcomed. For more information, contact Jean Wentz at 499-8517 or jeanwentz@wildmail.com.

The search is on!

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

Sign up at the RE display on the
Committee table in the coffee room.

JUNE 14,
FINAL RE CLASS

For our final class of the year, June 14, the kids will be making GBAUUF t-shirts. They will iron on our chalice logo and decorate on their shirt to their heart's content. Kids will also have the chance to sign each other's shirts to remember this RE year. Please make sure your child has a white t-shirt (old or new) for June 14. If you want to bring your t-shirt in early, please label it with your child's name and have your child give it to their RE teacher. Teachers will add it to our t-shirt box. Thank you for your help with this project. We hope it will be a "creative" and fun way to end the year!

COMING OF AGE
SUNDAY SERVICE

JUNE 7, 10:00AM

This past October, GBAUUF started our first Coming of Age program. The Coming of Age program is an eight month spiritual journey designed for 8th-12th grade youth. Through this program, we seek to acknowledge and honor the fact that youth reach pivotal points as they move from childhood toward adult status and responsibility. We encourage and support their efforts to find meaning in their lives and develop a religious or philosophical identity which will help them through life's journey. Each youth chose an adult Mentor from the Fellowship – who agreed to be a companion/advisor for the youth participant. The Mentor served as an adult who listened, shared, and explored "life passage" issues with their youth. During this year, the Coming of Age group has participated in 3 overnight retreats, learned about UU & GBAUUF history, attended a GBAUUF Board Meeting, had three church visits, baked treats and served a meal at the NEW Community Shelter. The Service on June 7th will be the culmination of this program. Please join Annie Gjerde, Eric Gjerde, Jake Landrum, Zach Langan, Tess Masias and Della Rose as they share their own personal Credos that they have developed throughout this program.

2009/10 REGISTRATION

Pre-registration for next year will be taking place this month. Please stop by the Committee Table in the coffee room to pick up a registration form. We are also looking for your feedback on this year's programs. We'd like to know what you and your family enjoyed from this year's RE activities and classes and what you think could be improved. This small questionnaire will be on the Committee table as well. Your help with this is greatly appreciated! We are grateful for all of the adult and child involvement this year!

SPECIAL COLLECTION

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

May 3 -- “Food Fights” Do you live to eat? Or eat to live? If we are what we eat, then your minister might be a chocolate-covered avocado -- make that a dark-chocolate-covered avocado! How has something so basic to survival -- eating -- become so controversial and so confusing? How important is it to pay attention to what we eat? And, what does all this have to do with Unitarian Universalism, anyway? Here’s a clue -- think seventh principle. NOTE: We will recognize new members during the service this morning.

May 10 -- Intergenerational Flower Communion “Spring Has Unwrapped the Flowers” (hymn #63). The children of our Religious Education program will be presenting this year’s Flower Communion. Please bring a flower, perhaps from your own garden, to add to our community vase. Come learn about the history of this popular Unitarian Universalist tradition and help welcome spring!

May 17 -- “Getting It Right” In this season of annual meetings, Rev. Ingham invites you to consider congregational life. What does a Healthy Congregation look like? Is it possible for a faith community to meet all of the demands that we put on it? Can such a community fill our deepest, inner spiritual or sacred longings, while at the same time motivate us to act in the larger community? Is it possible for a faith community to be all things to all people all (or most) of the time and still thrive?

May 24th -- “Mother Earth” by Vicki Fresen. Come explore the paradigm of the Earth as our first true mother and what that can mean to all of us on a personal and global level.

June 7 -- “We Believe” This morning, you will have a unique opportunity to find out what some of the young people of our church believe. Today marks 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!

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.

Please plan to stay after the service for our Annual Meeting.

CALENDAR

- May 1 6pm First Friday Discussion at the fellowship (see page 4 for details)
- May 2 8am-12pm Fellowship Spring Cleaning (see front page for details)
- May 3 New Member Breakfast
 - 10:00am Service Topic -- "Food Fights" by Rev. Ingham
- May 5 7-9pm The Sacred Balance Class at the fellowship
- May 10 10:00am Service Topic -- "Spring Has Unwrapped the Flowers," an Intergenerational Flower Communion Service. Please bring a flower to share.
- May 12 5:30pm Social Justice Committee Meeting at the fellowship
 - 7:00pm Board Meeting at the fellowship-all are welcome to attend
- May 14 7-8:30pm UU Men's Group (see page 4 for details and location)
- May 16 10:00am UU Book Group at The Attic Bookstore (see page 4 for details)
- May 17 10:00am Service Topic -- "Getting It Right" by Rev. Ingham
 - 11:00am Soup Sunday and the Annual Meeting
- May 19 7-9pm The Sacred Balance Class at the fellowship
- May 21 5:30pm Membership Committee Meeting at the fellowship
- May 24 10:00am Service Topic -- "Mother Earth" by Vicki Fresen
- May 28 7-8:30pm UU Men's Group (see page 4 for details and location)
- May 31 10:00am Service Topic -- TBA
 - 11:00am May RE Event: Planting a Flower Garden (see page 5 for details)
- Jun 7 10:00am Service Topic -- "We Believe, A Coming of Age Sunday Service"
 - Special Collection for Social Justice Outreach
- Jun 14 10:00am Service Topic -- "Darwin and His 'Dangerous Ideas'" by Jan Shoup
 - RE class t-shirt project
- Jun 20 UU Pantheists' Summer Solstice Outing (see back page for details)
- Jun 27 9:00am UU Book Group at Bouchee (see page 4 for details)
- Jul 31 and Aug 1 Festival Food Brat Fry
- Aug 21-27 Annual GBAUUF Camping Trip



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR PREKINDERGARTEN THROUGH 12TH GRADE AND NURSERY CARE ARE AVAILABLE DURING SERVICES.

2008-2009 OFFICERS & TRUSTEES

- President: Alf Langan 337-9147
- Vice President: Linda Peacock-Landrum 406-0562
- Secretary: Janice Galt 432-5947
- Treasurer: Matt Johnson 465-1173
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- Trustee: Al Huebscher 609-1751
- Trustee: Doug Gjerde 490-9484
- Minister: Rev. Sandy Ingham 499-2344

COMMITTEE/GROUP CONTACTS

- Board of Trustees -- President, Alf Langan 337-9147
- Joint Committee on Ministry -- Rev. Ingham 499-2344
- Membership Committee -- Chair Steve Krings 432-5756
- Caring Committee -- Co-Chairs Kate Hutton 435-5563 & Francesca Pallo 662-9311
- Program -- Chair Therese Barry-Tanner 336-4642
- RE -- Co-Chairs Beth Jensen 338-2385 and Jennifer Johnson 465-1173
- Social Action -- Chair (vacant) Rev. Ingham 499-2344
- Stewardship Team -- Chair Matt Johnson 465-1173
- Facilities -- Chair Jane Shatswell 405-8338
- SCRIP -- Lisa Adams 983-8661

SUMMER SOLSTICE OUTING

The UU Pantheists of Eastern Wisconsin (UUPanEW) are planning an all day outing to the Lakewood/Townsend area on Saturday, June 20th to celebrate the Summer Solstice. We will be visiting the Cathedral Pines, hiking the eskers in the Jones Springs Wilderness area and picnicking at Bass Lake. Details will follow in the June newsletter. UUPanEW invites you to hold this date.



JUNE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

The June deadline will be Wednesday, May 20.

As always, please email all
submissions to:

jennifer@thosejohnsons.com



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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Address Service Requested

May 10

Flower Communion service
Please bring a flower to share.

First Class Mail-Please forward or return to sender