



NOVEMBER 2009 GREEN BAY AREA UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

FROM THE MINISTER...

by Rev. Sandy Ingham

If all goes according to plan, by the time you read this, I should be somewhere in Iowa or Nebraska, on the first leg of my five-month sabbatical journey -- driving to Las Vegas. Las Vegas will be my base of operations until the end of March. My daughter lives in Las Vegas and I needed to find an inexpensive place to live.

Two days after I arrive in Vegas, I fly to Ottawa, Canada, for a five-day gathering of Unitarian Universalist ministers, an event known as CONVO. CONVO happens only once every seven years; this will be my first one. My colleagues speak very highly of this event. The convener and keynote speaker will be Thomas Moore, author of "Care of the Soul". There will be workshops, lectures and lots of intense personal work geared both to enrich our individual spiritual journeys and to, hopefully, give us a deeper understanding of our calling and why we do ministry.

What a great way to begin this period of "enforced reflection and studying"! I say enforced because I suspect that "flaming extroverts", such as myself, find it more difficult to make time for study and contemplation than introverts do. Of course, I can only speak for myself -- but I do find that I sometimes neglect the introspective aspects of ministry.

I don't anticipate having lots of time on my hands or being bored during the next five months. In addition to reading all the many books that I am taking with me (which alone would require at least five months!), I hope to write -- a lot -- even if only in a journal.

I love the desert and I plan to explore it more than I have had time to do in the past. (There are many parks within the Las Vegas area.) Then, there is one of my "most-loved-places-in-the-world" only five hours away -- the Grand Canyon. I hope to get to this sacred place a few times.

No matter where I am or what I am doing, you will be with me in spirit. I will miss you. I have no doubt that you will continue to grow and to thrive. I know that you will use the upcoming winter months to strengthen your commitment to the Fellowship.

Attend an Adult Program's class. Join a Committee. Think about being on the Board next year. Tell others about this amazing, challenging faith tradition of ours. Get to know others in the congregation better. Go to the Auction on Saturday, November 14. Have fun! Grow!

Peace, Rev. Sandy



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FROM THE PRESIDENT...

by Linda Peacock-Landrum

Beginning November 1, our Fellowship will enter a period of transition as a result of the 5 month sabbatical for our minister, Reverend Sandy Ingham. Reverend Sandy will return to our Fellowship in early April 2010.



As she noted in her Sunday morning comments on October 18, our Fellowship is well positioned for this period of transition. We have members that have stepped up to serve on committees and to help in all the quiet ways like greeting, cleaning, serving as coffee hosts, etc.

Our Adult RE offerings have expanded including Covenant Groups. Our Children's RE program is vibrant and growing with many parents embracing the shared teaching role to truly allow our GBAUUF village to educate our children. We worked hard to establish our "initial trademark" (for lack of a better word) as being known as the rain barrel church (thanks Stacy Gilmore for the creative idea and energy!).

As President of the Board, I wanted to update our members on what issues, activities and needs our current Board has been concerned with since July 1, 2009. I have tried to summarize these briefly below:

1. The Sabbatical of our Minister – There are numerous issues to consider including regular communication, additional services, pastoral care and other day-to-day operational issues. Reverend Sandy is expected to return to deliver her first service following the sabbatical on Sunday, April 4, 2010. We have specific thoughts on how to provide care to our members and are working to finalize a plan in the next two weeks.
2. Insurance and Compensation Issues – Because of the dissolved Yoked Ministry agreement with the Prairie Lakes UU Fellowship, we have had to secure our own worker's compensation policy and we have had unique salary and compensation issues arise. These have been addressed and resolved. We should have our own policy in place effective November 1, 2009.
3. Sunday Services – Our Programming Committee is strong and has done an exceptional job in the past. With the sabbatical, this committee has inherited additional duties. The Board has extended support to the committee in any way needed as well as we asked the Chair, Therese Barry-Tanner to update our Fellowship about the role, process and efforts of this committee. This information was in the October 2009 newsletter. We have confidence that this committee will continue to offer high quality services for the period of the sabbatical and beyond.
4. Oneida Street Signs – We have been working since the spring of 2008 to have the signs removed from the street marquee and building at our former Oneida Street location. This was FINALLY completed this past week and special thanks are extended to JD and Jane Shatswell for pursuing this relentlessly for the past 6 weeks.
5. Growth and Membership – Our Board recognizes that growth is critical to sustaining our Fellowship now and in the future. We have had discussions about how to do this and involve our members. Part of this growth involves the Welcoming Congregation process we have begun – thanks to the Social Justice Committee members for their hard work. We have discussed ways to move through the "growing pains" that congregations experience. We are planning a "vision discussion" for sometime in early 2010. Look for more information about it and a personal invitation to join this important conversation.
6. Promotion and Publicity – In order to grow, it is apparent that we have to share with the surrounding community our strengths, our uniqueness and the special nature of our Fellowship. We have modified our

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communication in the newsletter and on the website to highlight these areas. There is much that has been done including building and selling rain barrels at the area Farmer's Markets and visibility at the Pride Alive event. Our Fellowship was represented at the Creation Care Fair at UW-Green Bay. However, there is much more that can be done in this area and more events that would be appropriate for our Fellowship to participate. Therefore the Board is looking to take on a Public Relations Intern that can assist us with getting the word out about who we are.

7. Managing Administrative Issues – As we grow there is an increased need to easily access information and to have it available electronically. The Board has approved using Google Documents to allow for sharing of information, ease of access and storage. We are creating and converting documents to electronic formats. We are streamlining many processes and approving policies and procedures that were developed last year by committee chairs and other key members. We are also looking closely at new ways to make the day-to-day operations of the Fellowship run smoother. Operational issues have grown tremendously in the past two years. Stay tuned for more updates in the future on these areas.

8. Financial Issues and Budget – We provided an update at the September Town Hall meeting. We are monitoring our current situation and beginning to plan for 2010-2011. As we committed, an update will be provided in early 2010.

I hope I provided insight into how our Board is working daily on these and other critical issues. If you have thoughts, questions or reactions, please feel free to discuss with a current member. On behalf of my fellow Board members I want to thank you for your support and involvement as we face and build our future together.

Linda Peacock-Landrum
President

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The annual GBAUUF Service auction is quickly approaching. Not only is this an exciting and fun event that includes great prizes and desired goods and services, it is also very important to the financial well being of our Fellowship. Thank you all for attending and contributing to this wonderful event.

It was a pleasure seeing the new members at the Fellowship breakfast on Sunday, October 18, 2009. New members and contributions are essential to our Fellowship's financial well being. We are seeing an increase in pledges with new members while at the same time a slight decrease in pledge contributions due to a very difficult financial time in our economy. If you can, please continue to keep up with contributions. And finally contributions are both beneficial to the health of our Fellowship and tax deductible as a charitable donation. Please consider generously donating or increasing your pledge to a great cause! -- Al and Doug (your Co-Treasurer's)



UNsung HEROES FOR
NOVEMBER 2009

- Julie Riebe for her excellent coordination and production of our Sunday Service programs 10 months of the year.
- Geeta Bhojwani for stepping up and filling in as Scrip person and taking on even more duties for the auction.

UnsUng Hero Nominating

**Nominations are being accepted for
December.**

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.

9TH ANNUAL SERVICE AUCTION

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH FROM 6-10:30PM

The doors open at 6pm. Live bidding starts at 7:30. Come enjoy a Hawaiian Luau. There will be Silent Auction baskets and select items along with lively oral auction services!

Shake your Hula!

Appetizers, desserts, and drinks will be provided along with a raffle to win a weekend getaway in Door County at the Birchwood Lodge in Sister Bay. Childcare with pizza and activities will also be available.



Cost: \$10 per adult, \$5 per child, \$5 per raffle ticket.

If you purchase your tickets prior to the auction each adult will automatically get a raffle ticket! Also it is not too late to donate items or services. See the decorative table at the back of the fellowship, our website (www.greenbayuu.org), or one of the committee members (Vicki Fresen, Geeta Bhojwani or Lisa Adams) for an auction form.

Join us for this FUN RAISER !!!!!



WELCOMING A GUEST AT YOUR TABLE

Each year at this time, friends and families in our congregation participate in the UU tradition of Guest at Your Table. By bringing home a beautiful Guest at Your Table box, families and individuals learn about how the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee puts our shared principles into action in the United States and around the world. Through a potent combination of advocacy, education, and partnerships with grassroots organizations, UUSC promotes economic rights, advances environmental justice, defends civil liberties, and preserves the rights of people in times of humanitarian crisis.

Sharing our blessings through Guest at Your Table ensures that UUSC's human-rights work continues, while building UUSC membership. UUSC members are vitally important, as UUSC is an independent, membership-based organization that receives no funding from the UUA or the U.S. government.

We will distribute boxes and pamphlets on Nov. 22 and continue the campaign until Feb. 14. If you have any questions, please check out the UUSC's website: <http://www.uusc.org/guest> or contact Laurie Falk, llfalk@yahoo.com or 499-1252.

CHECK YOUR CALENDARS

IN THE SPIRIT OF GIVING

The students in RE classes K-7 will be running and performing in the intergenerational service on December 13. Your children need to know if they will be at the service on December 13 or not in order to choose a part to perform in the service. Children who will not be present on the 13th will help with prop making and practicing on the previous Sundays. We appreciate all of the children's participation, whether big or small, to make the service a success. We will begin practice on November 22 and will choose roles. The PreK students will be included in the service but not the practices before.



The Intergenerational Service on December 13 centers around the book *An Orange For Frankie* by Patricia Polacco. In this story a boy and his family practice the true meaning of giving during the holiday season. To continue with this theme, our fellowship will be adopting a family in need through Golden House.

On November 29 a tree will be placed in the back of the sanctuary to hold ornaments showing gift giving needs for the family. There will also be ornaments with \$5 and \$10 amounts on them to help purchase a gift card for groceries to buy a holiday meal. We encourage the entire fellowship to participate in any way you can to help us spread the spirit of giving. More details about the tree will follow in the December newsletter. Questions in the meantime can be addressed to Patti Stemwedel (920-544-9687).

THANK YOU!

Once again, we would like to thank all of the parents who are making our RE program possible with your teaching. The activities and excitement levels from the kids alone say that you are doing an amazing job. What a wonderful gift to be a part of such an awesome group!

“Blessed are those who take seriously the bonds of community; who regularly join in celebration and learning; who come as much to minister as to be ministered unto.”

Excerpt from responsive reading #728, “Blessed Are Those” by John Buehrens.

TAKING "STOCK" IN OUR YOUTH

Don't forget about taking stock in our 8th-12th grade class. Your participation in giving out stock certificates for positive deeds and actions makes the game come alive. Please stop by the stock certificate display on the office window at the fellowship for more details or check out the October newsletter online.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

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

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 MEMBER WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to our newest members who just recently signed the Membership Book, Jim and Diane Cairns. We are also delighted to welcome their daughter, Delaney Cairns. If you wish to become an official member of the Fellowship, please speak to a member of our board.

A NOTE FROM YOUR
SCRIP "SUB"

Ever wonder how exactly your scrip purchases help out our Fellowship? Well, we purchase the scrip *gift cards* at a lower cost than we can sell them to you! As an example, the \$100 gas card you purchase in scrip may have only cost the Fellowship \$90. The scrip company makes their money charging us a handling fee, and we profit from the remainder. The percentage we earn on scrip varies greatly, from as little as 1%, to almost 20%!

So, next time you see us walking around with the scrip binder, make sure to take a look at what we have. Did you know that Amazon.com, LL Bean, and Best Buy all have scrip? We tend to carry commonly sold cards, but are happy to take special orders to suit your needs—all we need is a week's notice. So remember, plan your purchases a week ahead and help your Fellowship earn some easy money...with no additional cost to you!

Check out the scrip section on our website greenbayuu.org to see a list of some of our suppliers and percentages earned.

-- Geeta Bhojwani (sub for your "Scrip Lady" Lisa Adams)

NEW COMMUNITY
SHELTER MEAL

The next NEW Shelter meal will be Monday, November 30th. We'll need cooks at 1pm and servers at 4:45pm. We also need dessert/treat bakers; baked goods can be dropped off from 1-4:45pm. For any questions, contact Julie Lennon. She can be reached at 983-7828 or rjlennon@new.rr.com. Thanks for your support of this worthy program. Unfortunately the numbers of those seeking a hot meal keep increasing.

A PAIR & A SPARE
COLLECTION

Thank You for your interest and participating in A Pair and A Spare. We collected 115 pairs of socks and underwear. These items will be distributed by several different organizations within Brown County. Again, thank you and watch for the collection box in Sept of 2010.

FIRST FRIDAY DISCUSSION GROUP

Come join us, November 6th, for a discussion of gratitude as a spiritual practice. We will begin the discussion with the Reflection on pages 19 and 20 of the fall 2009 issue of UU World; "Spiritual Discipline - Practice Gratitude." Group is held from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at the Fellowship. Should we have an "attitude of gratitude" as a matter of faith? What about when we aren't feeling grateful, or when times are tough? Bring a snack or small dish to pass (optional) and your thoughts on feeling appreciative. For more information, call Michael at (920) 435-6720 or e-mail msppbs@itol.com.

COFFEE, ANYONE?

Don't forget about our splendid social experience called "*Coffee Hour!*" Everyone is welcome. And don't forget that we have snacks as well. And if you'd like to provide those snacks some Sunday, we would appreciate it. Sign up as a coffee host for a Sunday at the "green table" in the back of the sanctuary. Everyone is welcome to do this, and signing the board helps us keep things running smoothly. Thanks ahead of time. Need information? Michael at 435-6720 or msppbs@itol.com.



UU MEN'S GROUP

The November meetings of the UU Men's Group will be on the Thursday nights of the 5th and 19th. The meetings last from 7-8:30pm at the fellowship. The dates have been changed from our usual schedule due to the holiday. Please contact Doug Gjerde at 490-9484 or Steve Krings at 432-5756 if you have any questions. Please remember to save the dates of February 6th and 7th for attending our annual winter retreat. New men are always welcome!

UU BOOK GROUP

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The November's selection is "The Woman Behind the New Deal: The Life of Frances Perkins" – by Kirstin Downey. Ann Derge will be hosting on Friday November 20 at 7:00pm at her home. Please RSVP to Ann at 920-632-4834. The December selection will be "The Hour I First Believed" – by Wally Lamb. We will meet on Wednesday, December 16 at Jitterbean Coffee, 2670 Monroe, DePere (south of HWY 172 and GV) at 6:30pm.

Turn scarlet, leaves!
Spin earth! Tumble the shadows into dawn,
The morning out of night;
Spill stars across these skies
And hide them with the suns.

Teach me to turn
My sullen sense toward marvel.

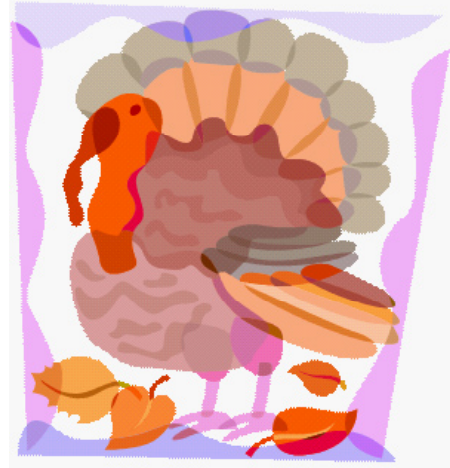
Let green and red
And dark and day
Concur with the returning life
I am.

-- Raymond J. Baughan



SOUP SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 15



Calling all crock pots! 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 the service. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the back of the sanctuary for those attending to volunteer to bring soups, stews, breads, rolls and desserts. So pull out your recipes and plug in your pots and join us on Soup Sunday.

SERVICE TOPIC PREVIEW

November 1-- “United Nations Sunday” by Bette McAnulty. October 24 has been called United Nations Day. In 1971, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution recommending that the day be observed as a public holiday by Member States. In celebration of this annual event, the Unitarian Universalist United Nations Office (UU-UNO) invites congregations and individual UUs to deepen their understanding of the United Nations by devoting one service near this date to reaffirm the connections between UU principles and vital issues dealt with at the UN.

November 8 -- “I am Jewish, so I shouldn’t get the Swine Flu...Healthcare in America” by Rabbi Sid Vineburg. This will be a discussion about healthcare from a religious perspective. Everyone is welcome to join the discussion.

November 15 – Topic to be announced by Bruce Rose.

November 22 -- “Giving Thanks – How Practicing Gratitude Can Make You Happier” by Al Huebscher. Practicing gratitude always sounds easier than it is in reality. On this Sunday before Thanksgiving Al will help us focus on gratitude and offer us new insight.

November 29 – service by Diane Light. A special service of thanksgiving presented by Diane Light, long-time member of the Prairie Lakes Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in Ripon. Diane is in her second year of seminary, pursuing a Master of Divinity degree. During her first year of seminary, Diane traveled to Guatemala as part of a class project. On this Sunday after Thanksgiving, she will share her experiences from that trip, from both a cultural and spiritual perspective.

December 6 -- “Setting Our Gyroscopes: Finding Balance in the Quicksand of our Lives” by Alf Langan.

December 13 -- “An Orange For Frankie” an Intergenerational Service by the preKindergarten through 7th grade classes. The service will be centered around the book *An Orange For Frankie* by Patricia Polacco. In this story a boy and his family practice the true meaning of giving during the holiday season.

CALENDAR

- Nov 1 10:00am Service Topic -- "United Nations Sunday" by Bette McAnulty**
- Nov 5 7-8:30pm UU Men's Group at the fellowship (details on page 7)
- Nov 6 6-8pm First Friday Discussion Group at the fellowship (details on page 6)
- Nov 7 9am-noon Welcoming Congregation workshop at the fellowship
- Nov 8 10:00am Service Topic -- "I am Jewish, so I shouldn't get the Swine Flu...Healthcare in America" by Rabbi Sidney Vineburg**
- Nov 9 7:00pm Board Meeting at the fellowship
- Nov 14 6-10:30pm Hawaiian Luau Service Auction at the fellowship (details on page 4)**
- Nov 15 10:00am Service Topic to be announced by Bruce Rose**
Soup Sunday-sign up on the table in the sanctuary for soup, bread, or treats
- Nov 19 5:30pm Membership Committee meeting at the fellowship
 7-8:30pm UU Men's Group at the fellowship (details on page 7)
- Nov 20 7pm UU Book Group at Ann Derge's home (details on page 7)
 11:59pm December Newsletter and Bulletin Deadline
- Nov 22 10:00am Service Topic -- "Giving Thanks – How Practicing Gratitude Can Make You Happier" by Al Huebscher**
Guest At Your Table box distribution (details on page 4)
- Nov 29 10:00am Service Topic -- by Diane Light**
"Giving Tree" for our adopted family begins in the sanctuary (details on page 5)
- Nov 30 NEW Community Shelter Meal (1pm for cooks, 4:45pm for servers; details on pg 6)**
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR PREKINDERGARTEN THROUGH 12TH GRADE AND NURSERY CARE ARE AVAILABLE DURING SERVICES.

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DECEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

The December deadline will be Friday, Nov. 20.

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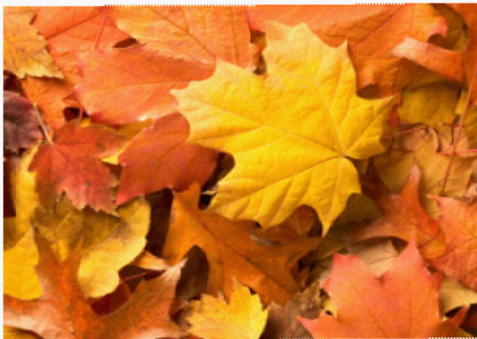
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THE PRINCIPLES OF THE
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ASSOCIATION

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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