



SEPTEMBER 2009

GREEN BAY AREA UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

FROM THE MINISTER...

by Rev. Sandy Ingham

The bottom line is.... you fill in the blank. What is “the bottom line” in your life? After you have answered that question, ask yourself the same question in regards to the Green Bay Area Fellowship (GBAUUF). What is “the bottom line” for you as far as the Fellowship is concerned? By that I mean, when you get right down to it, what does the Fellowship mean to you, what do you get from it and what is the purpose of the Fellowship?

This is all a lead-up to my annual beginning-of-the-church-year pitch about growth and what it means. I do not mean only growth in numbers. Yes, continued growth in numbers is very important and means that we are able to offer the amazing number of programs that we will be offering this church year. In addition to numerical growth, though, growth occurs in three other important ways: (1) individual spiritual growth; (2) growth in our relationships with each other at the Fellowship; and (3) growth in our interactions with the larger community of Green Bay and Northeast Wisconsin.

There are so many things happening at the Fellowship this fall that speak to all areas of growth. In September (the real beginning of a church year), we kick off the Welcoming Congregation process, a series of workshops that are designed to help us grow as individuals, as individuals in relationship to each other and as members of the larger community. These workshops will challenge us to take a good, hard look at what oppression is, how it is perpetuated and how we can break the cycle.

You may say that we are already welcoming, so why do we need to undertake this process. Yes, you are already a wonderfully warm, welcoming congregation. And you will become even more so after completing the Welcoming Congregation series of workshops. Although the focus of these workshops is on being more welcoming to the GLBT (Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual,

Transgender) community, the broader goal is to help us focus on all oppression and what we, as people of faith, can do to dismantle oppression wherever and however it appears.

Besides the beginning of the Welcoming Congregation Program, many other opportunities for growth will be offered in September at the Fellowship. For example, the second Sunday in September will feature three events: our annual water communion service; our second-annual volunteer fair; and the first town hall meeting of this church year. You will find more information about all of these events elsewhere in this newsletter.

Then, later in the fall, a “New UU” session will be offered in October; three more Welcoming Congregation workshops will be held; and our first Covenant Group will probably start meeting. And, those are just some of the many activities that will be occurring at GBAUUF.

The bottom line for me personally in September and October will be to turn a “moving experience” into a meaningful part of my spiritual journey. As many of you already know, I will be leaving Green Bay at the end of October to begin a five-month sabbatical. But before that can happen, I face the challenge of ridding myself of my possessions (thus, perhaps, getting more in touch with my inner Buddha?!).

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FROM THE PRESIDENT...

by Linda Peacock-Landrum

My family and I just returned from a two week camping trip which was long overdue, much needed and very restful. Our last week was spent in the western Kentucky area known as Land Between the Lakes (LBL) a National Forest area. It is a peninsula surrounded by two lakes – Kentucky Lake and Lake Barkley, considered the largest man-made lake area in the US. In the morning I would sit and read as the sun rose over Energy Lake. Our campsite was isolated with 3 sides of the site just 25 feet from the lake shore. As I sat, I would often wonder what my thoughts would be this month as President of our Fellowship. One day in the nature center, I spotted a passage that noted – *Advice from a Lake*. This passage continued to enter my mind each morning as the sun rose over the lake next to our campsite. Then it hit me - this passage was PERFECT for my thoughts this month! Here I was overlooking Energy Lake each morning, swimming in Lake Barkley, seeing the spectacular shores of Kentucky Lake and star gazing on Energy Lake Dam in the evening – the lakes were definitely speaking to me and the lake’s advice is appropriate as we start a new church year. In true UU fashion – here is Linda’s translation of *Advice from a Lake*:

Stay Calm – This year will be busy, challenging, exciting and never boring if I know our Fellowship!

But our perspective is key to moving forward, building on the foundation we have and appreciating the diversity and uniqueness of our Fellowship.

Take Time to Reflect – Our past is part of who we are and this includes our successes & failures. We have to understand where we have been, how we got there, what we have accomplished and what we still need to do. Reflection can energize us, help us learn and certainly help us move forward.

Shore up Friendships – Relationships and connections are such an important reason why many of us are members. For some it extends beyond friendships and our Fellowship means family. Let’s not forget to reach out, lend a hand, offer a shoulder, share a smile, pat a back, say thank you and laugh a little together.

Be Full of Life – The energy and the enthusiasm right now is contagious. Our Fellowship is full of life with everything that is going on. Be sure to join in the fun any chance you get – the more the merrier!

I hope to see you all soon for our Mingling of the Waters service on September 13th and our 3rd Town Hall meeting – Linda Peacock-Landrum



UNSUNG HEROES FOR SEPTEMBER 2009

- Lisa and Rick Adams who brought forth the whole Brat Barn coordination. Their outstanding efforts helped us grow funds and have lots of fun.
- Steve Krings for stepping up and having Men’s Group assist in the Brat Barn.
- Laverne Bochek-Robbins who has brought the beautiful flower arrangements each Sunday for the viewing pleasure and delight of all.

UnsUng Hero Nominating

Nominations are being accepted for October.

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.

FROM THE TREASURER...

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A huge thank you goes out to all members, who are able, for keeping their pledges up to date.

Thanks to the increasing scrip sales, and the rain barrel and brat barn fundraisers, our budget is moving in a positive direction.

Simply put, without your contributions of service, time, and money our Fellowship would not exist.

We are seeing new membership increasing. This is a very important factor. Getting to know these new members is a great opportunity for you to help them feel welcome to our Fellowship family.

A BIG THANK YOU goes out to our former Treasurer Matt Johnson for doing a fantastic job organizing the

Treasurer responsibilities and helping train your new Treasurers. Matt's organizational skills and relentless time and effort have made it possible to track our current finances and assist with making critical financial decisions in our Fellowship budget. This hasn't been an easy job and is much appreciated.

If you would like a financial report, or have questions or comments please send an email request to treasurer@greenbayuu.org

We look forward to serving the Green Bay UU Fellowship and meeting your expectations in the coming years.

-- Al and Doug (your Co-Treasurer's)

FROM THE MINISTER...

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Always, always, no matter what is happening to us personally or within the congregation, the Fellowship community is there to sustain us through both the times of upheaval in our lives, as well as the times of calm and equanimity -- because the bottom line is that GBAUUF is a mighty exciting, extremely caring place to be! See you there!! Rev. Sandy

WELCOMING CONGREGATION WORKSHOPS

The Social Justice Committee invites you to be part of a unique event: the opportunity to confront your biases, phobias, fears and prejudices within a caring community -- that would be our Fellowship! -- and come to a better understanding of oppression and how we can work together to end oppression within the larger community. Please join us for the Welcoming Congregation Workshops:

- Saturday, September 26th: 9am -12pm
- Tuesday, October 6th: 6:30-9pm
- Saturday, October 24th: 9am - 12pm
- Saturday, November 7th: 9am - 12pm



Child care and refreshments will be provided. You are encouraged to attend all or any of these workshops! Everyone is most cordially invited!!

The first workshop (on September 26) will be led by one of the people who developed the Welcoming Congregation program, Rev. Keith Kron. Keith is the Director of the UUA Office of Bisexual, Gay, Lesbian and Transgender Concerns. Rev. Kron and Rev. Ingham will co-lead the Sunday service on September 27.

Please Note: You are also invited to stay after the workshop on the 26th of September for an informal discussion with Rev. Keith Kron. Lunch will be available for a small cost. To help with the planning, please let us know that you are coming. A sign-up sheet is available in the back of the sanctuary.

3RD TOWN HALL MEETING AND VOLUNTEER FAIR

These two events will be held on Sunday, September 13 following the service from 11:15/11:30 to approximately 1pm. This is a time for questions and answers as well as for members and friends to learn and explore ways to get connected and involved with the fellowship.



BRAT FRY UPDATE

This just in...

THE 2009 BRAT BARN WAS A
HUGE SUCCESS!

Dateline July 31st and August 1st.

Green Bay's East side was overrun with UU's on these two days, for the selling of meat products on bread. Over \$2000 dollars worth of product was sold, netting the group \$1030 in profit for the two-day event.



Reliable sources close to this group have identified the following individuals to be responsible: Jake Landrum (all day – great job), Linda Peacock-Landrum, Jean and Escher Wentz, Chris Ferron, Beth and Della Rose, Rev. Sandra Ingham, Amy and Pete Masias, Mike Paprocki, Alf – Tyler and Zach Langan, Al and Adam Huebscher, Laura Wolanin, and Bob and Vicki Fresen. We thank all that helped and hope we didn't miss anyone.

Oh yeah, through quick thinking and the availability of SCRIP, we made an additional \$30 by using SCRIP to buy the materials used over the two days.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The next meeting of the Membership Committee will be on Thursday, September 17, at 5:30pm, at the Fellowship. This committee has the privilege and delight of making sure that people not only find out about the existence of the Fellowship, but also come into the building on Sunday mornings to learn more about our congregation, in particular, and Unitarian Universalism, in general. In that sense, we are all a part of the Membership Committee -- all of you are needed on Sundays to help make newcomers and visitors feel welcome and comfortable. If you would like to have a more "official", intentional role in doing this very important Fellowship work, the Membership Committee would be extremely happy to have you!

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

New Member Welcome... We extend a warm welcome to Rachel Hernandez who signed our Membership Book recently. Welcome, Rachel! We are pleased to have you become an "official" member of our congregation.

UU BOOK GROUP

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, September 23rd at The Harmony Café, 1660 W. Mason Street, Green Bay, at 6:30pm. We will be discussing "Uncle Tom's Cabin" by Harriet Beecher Stowe. For October, our book selection is "When You Are Engulfed in Flames" by David Sedaris. See the October newsletter for date and location.



The official start to our RE program is Sunday, September 20. This year we have a whole village of teachers who will help our youth grow. Teachers, if you have not picked up your teaching folder at one of the meetings, please contact Jennifer Johnson (465-1173 or jennifer@thosejohnsons.com) to arrange for pickup.

CARD GAMES WANTED

Our RE program is in need of good old fashioned card games to be used during lessons and activities. If you are willing to donate a game of UNO, Old Maid, Crazy Eights, or a set of regular playing cards, we would greatly appreciate it.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

The start of the 2009-2010 school year is upon us. Here is a sneak peak at what our children in our Religious Education classes will be studying this year.

The PreKindergarten class will be using the program *Chalice Children*. The program is designed to help preschool children learn about their church and congregation. The curriculum is based on the belief that children gain a sense of belonging to their religious community and the Unitarian Universalist faith when they have concrete experiences with its people and places.

Students in the Kindergarten through Third grade class will be following the program *Free to Believe*. This curriculum is designed to nurture the emotional, social, and spiritual life of children. The children will center their study on our seven Unitarian Universalist principles which are translated in to kid-friendly language.

The fourth through seventh grade class will study the *Traditions with a Wink!* program. This program teaches an understanding of UU faith and the long tradition of questioning and searching. They will learn about the UU faith traditions in services, music, and our Judeo Christian roots.

The high school group, eighth through twelfth grade class will be using *Youth Today: Paradigms Lost* and *To the Point: Confronting Youth Issues: Religions*. The purpose of *Paradigms Lost* is to teach students basic life skills in how to recognize toxic behaviors and how to attain more peace in their lives. *To the Point* focuses on understanding our own religion while getting along with people from other religious backgrounds.



SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR 9TH ANNUAL SERVICE AUCTION



Saturday, November 14th, 6-10:30pm

The theme this year is a **Hawaiian Luau**. Donations and baskets for the auction may be dropped off in the front office. Start thinking of a service to donate! We had many fun items/services last year, such as an Indian dinner, swimming party, customized rain barrel, and Reiki treatment. Share your interests and hobbies! Forms will be available at the promotion table Sept. 13th and online off our website! More information to follow. Questions, please contact the Service Auction Committee:

Vicki Fresen, Geeta Bhojwani, and Lisa Adams

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

The next meeting of the Social Justice Committee is at 5:30pm on Tuesday, September 8, at the Fellowship. The Committee will continue planning the Welcoming Congregation workshops and other activities scheduled for the fall and winter. If you are interested in being part of these exciting plans, please join us! New members are always welcome!! For more information, talk to Rev. Ingham or to anyone on the Social Justice Committee. (Committee members include Ken Appleton, Karen Eckberg, Janice Galt, Bette McAnulty, Michael Paprocki, Jen Patryn and Rev. Sandy.)

SPECIAL COLLECTION

The Fellowship will be a drop off site for "A Pair & A Spare 2009". This is an annual collection, in September, for new socks and new underwear for those in need. The donated items will be distributed through more than 20 Wisconsin agencies and organizations.

For more information: www.undercoverchallenge.com or contact Laurie Falk.



COVENANT GROUPS

Covenant Groups are small groups of 6-9 adults who meet regularly with the intention of deepening both individual spirituality and the connections between people in the group. Covenant Groups are a new undertaking for adults in our Fellowship; the plan is to start small by forming just one group this year. See the brightly-colored flyers on the round table in the back of the sanctuary for more information.

WANTED -- A FEW GOOD MUSICIANS!!

The Fellowship is blessed in having two wonderful, regular musicians, Lynn Abbott and Denise Jacobs. One or the other or both of them are at the Fellowship almost every Sunday so that we have music to meditate by, accompaniment for our hymn singing and an occasional special piece of music to enhance the worship service. In addition, we are able to call on Karen Eckberg, Jen Patryn, Taku Ronsman, and others from time to time. HOWEVER, even with all these talented, dedicated folks, we need more musicians. Even if you think that you would only be comfortable playing the melody of hymns, please consider being part of our "musicians list". Talk to Denise, Lynn, Rev. Sandy or anyone on the Program Committee if you can help.

FIRST FRIDAY DISCUSSION GROUP

Come join us for a discussion of Unitarian Universalism and the Working Class at the Sept 4th First Friday Discussion Group held at 6:00pm at the Fellowship. Discussion will start with an article in UU World on page 33 of the Fall 2007 issue - "Not My Father's Religion" (on line) - "Class and Unitarian Universalism" (in the back issue), and we will read it before the discussion. Bring a snack or small dish to pass (optional) and your thoughts on what UUism has to offer working class folks. For more information, call Michael at (920) 435-6720 or e-mail msppbs@itol.com.

NEW UU CLASS

Interested in learning more about Unitarian Universalism and/or signing the Membership Book? Then participating in a "New UU" event might be just the thing for you! The next "New UU" class is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, October 15, from 7 to 9 p.m., at the Fellowship. Whether you are brand new to Unitarian Universalism or just interested in "brushing up" on our history and theology, you are welcome to attend. There will be a sign-up sheet at the Fellowship for you to indicate your interest (& to help the Membership Committee plan!).

GBAUUF LENDING LIBRARY ⁷

The following are additions to our UU Lending Library. They can be found in the Library room at the fellowship.

A Chosen Faith: An Introduction to Unitarian Universalism - John Buehrens and Forrest Church

Being Liberal in an Illiberal Age – Why I am a Unitarian Universalist - Jack Mendelsohn

Zen Flesh, Zen Bones - Compiled by Paul Reps

Creating a World Without Poverty - Muhammad Yunus

American Primitive – Poems by Mary Oliver

Thirst – Poems by Mary Oliver

Three Cups of Tea - Greg Mortenson

Three Cups of Tea: The Young Reader's Edition – Greg Mortensen, adapted by Sarah Thomson

Listen to the Wind: The Story of Dr. Greg and Three Cups of Tea – Greg Mortensen

SCRIP

When doing your back to school shopping, don't forget about SCRIP. Our fellowship has many suppliers on hand and a quick turn-around time if we have to order. Many suppliers have joined the SCRIP program and are offering additional bonuses for the fall.

New:	Aeropostale	\$25 cards @ 7%	
	Perkins	\$10 @ 12%	
	Nike	\$25 @12%	
	Staples	\$25 @5%	Staples will add additional \$2 on card
		\$100 @5%	Staples will add additional \$5 on card
	Daily Buzz	\$10 @15%	

If you have any questions or want to know if a retailer participates, please see or contact Lisa Adams (scrip@greenbayuu.org).



FALL EQUINOX CELEBRATION

On Tuesday, September 22, as a way of celebrating the turning of the season, Carolyn Hawk and Steve Krings would like to invite all to a Fall Equinox celebration. Attendees will gather at 340 Graass Street in Green Bay at 6:30PM sharp (to take advantage of the daylight) around a fire and then move indoors. Participants are invited to bring a rhythm instrument, poem, reading, song or CD to help celebrate the arrival of fall, reconnect to the Earth and to honor our ancestors. Refreshments will be served so please bring something to share if you are so inclined. Call Steve at 432-5756 or Carolyn at 469-0673 if you have any questions.



UU MEN'S GROUP

The September meetings of the UU Men's Group will be on the Thursday nights of the 10th and 24th. The meetings last from 7-8:30PM at the Fellowship. Contact Doug Gjerde at 490-9484 or Steve Krings at 432-5756 if you have any questions. New men are always welcome

OFFICE HOURS

During the month of September, Rev. Ingham will be in the Fellowship Office on Wednesday, September 9, from noon to 1:30, and on Wednesday, September 23, from 5-6:30 and at other times by appointment. (Just call 499-2344 to schedule a time.)

SERVICE TOPIC PREVIEW

September 6 -- The last in Rev. Ingham's summer series exploring Unitarian Universalist theology. This morning we will consider what relevance our seventh principle has to our daily lives. Is it possible that one's higher power might be the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part? If so, how does that translate into what we do with our lives? Is a strong belief in our interconnectedness with all that is enough to be our rock during difficult times?

September 13 -- "Mingling of the Waters" coordinated by Janice Galt.

We begin the each fall with this annual service of sharing. We share a little about our summer trips and experiences and mingle water from our journey. It's a time of renewal as we come back together on a more regular basis. Please come and share and don't forget your water!

September 20 -- "Intentionally Welcoming." On this Sunday, Rev. Ingham will explore what it means to go through the process of becoming an officially UUA-recognized welcoming congregation. When we say that we "affirm and promote the worth and dignity of every person", we don't include the word "unless" in that statement and, yet, there is always an implied "unless". The Welcoming Congregation work that we are about to undertake will help us name some of the ways we don't follow our first principle and what we can do about that.

September 27 -- A very special service, with a very special guest speaker -- Rev. Keith Kron, Director of the UUA Office of Bisexual, Gay, Lesbian and Transgender Concerns will co-lead this service with Rev. Ingham. Rev. Ingham knows from experience that a "Keith service" is not to be missed. He will challenge and intrigue you, make you think deeply and undoubtedly give you some laughs along the way. Don't miss him!

October 4 -- "Reflections on Rescue: Breaking and Repairing the Human/Animal Bond" by Claudia Moder. This will be an exploration of spiritual connections made between people and animals with specific examples from her decade spent working with homeless dogs.

CALENDAR

- Sept 4 6:00pm First Friday Discussion Group at the fellowship (see page 7 for details)
- Sept 6 10:00am Service Topic -- Unitarian Universalist Theology by Rev. Ingham**
- Sept 8 5:30pm Social Justice Committee Meeting at the fellowship
7:00pm Board Meeting at the fellowship. All are welcome to attend.
- Sept 10 7-8:30pm UU Men's Group at the fellowship
- Sept 13 10:00am Service Topic -- "Mingling of the Waters" coordinated by Janice Galt**
11:15am Town Hall Meeting and Volunteer Fair following the service
- Sept 17 5:30pm Membership Meeting at the fellowship
- Sept 20 10:00am Service Topic -- "Intentionally Welcoming" by Rev. Ingham**
First Day for Children's RE classes
11:15am Soup Sunday
- Sept 22 6:30pm Fall Equinox Celebration at Steve Krings' home (see page 8 for details)
- Sept 23 6:30pm UU Book Group- at Harmony Cafe- "Uncle Tom's Cabin".
- Sept 24 7-8:30pm UU Men's Group at the fellowship
- Sept 26 9am-noon Welcoming Congregation workshop at the fellowship
- Sept 27 10:00am Service Topic -- Welcoming Congregation by Rev. Ingham and Rev. Keith Kron**
- Oct 4 10:00am Service Topic -- "Reflections on Rescue: Breaking and Repairing the Human/Animal Bond" by Claudia Moder**
- Oct 6 6:30-9pm Welcoming Congregation workshop at the fellowship
- Oct 15 7-9pm New UU Class at the fellowship (see page 7 for details)**
- Oct 24 9am-noon Welcoming Congregation workshop at the fellowship
- Nov 7 9am-noon Welcoming Congregation workshop at the fellowship
- Nov 14 6-10:30pm Hawaiian Luau Service Auction at the fellowship



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

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- SCRIP -- Lisa Adams 983-8661

SOUP SUNDAY

The first Soup Sunday for this year is September 20th. Sign up to bring soup, bread, or a treat. Stay after the service on the 20th for fellowship and food.

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

The October deadline will be Sunday, Sept. 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.

Sign up to receive the newsletter electronically.

Email:

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THE PRINCIPLES OF THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST ASSOCIATION

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote:

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all;
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.



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