



JANUARY 2012

GREEN BAY AREA

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

FROM THE PRESIDENT...

by Kari Beth Krieger

What are you incubating?

A few weeks ago, I got a nice compliment about my newsletter articles. As I have yet to deal well with compliments, I brushed it off with a comment about how I sort of just write them out quickly after I get a reminder email from the newsletter editor. This has less to do with talent than necessity, as I just can't seem to get organized enough to have them done ahead. However, my response could be seen to imply that I don't think too deeply about my articles. Oops!

I have been mulling over the situation since, and realized that my articles come into being gradually, incubating slowly until their time is right. I can't seem to put three words together much of the time, yet when I finally get rolling on articles like this, the ideas and connections fall into place and something profound emerges.

The past few months, the board has been working on a marketing campaign of sorts, looking at ways to increase our visibility in the Green Bay Area. This project, like my newsletter articles, seems to be moving along on a pace more determined by when factors happen to fall into place than by any particular heroic planning done by the fallible humans attempting to pull it off. The result so far is extraordinary, and there is more to come!

Last month, I wrote about my cousin's experiences in Palestine this advent. She is halfway around the world reminding me as she learns herself just how much all of Earth's children are alike. I mused that this similarity extended to the presence of the divine in each of us, noting that this would mean we each carry the face of God for those around us.

The new year ahead brings us opportunities beyond measure. If we can open ourselves to the presence of the divine, we can not only see the amazing situation in which we already exist, but we can also find the path forward to make all things possible. An old saying goes: when the student is ready, the teacher will appear. What can you teach? What is incubating in you, waiting to be released at the critical moment?

Of course there are more than a few possible punchlines that follow such a question. Right now, for instance, I seem to primarily be incubating a cold! I look forward to continuing our journey together, with punchlines and bylines mingling as we all teach, learn, and grow together.

Blessed be!

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THE NEWLY FORMED "AFC"

In the not too distant past, Rick Adams had been our Facility Committee Chair and did a very good job of it by the way. Thank you, Rick. Then Rick became swamped at work and had to resign. At the time the Board had one Board member as a liaison with each committee. By default that person became Facilities Manager. And they were holding their own. However, numerous things came to pass such that this person is in need of some self-care. I promised to keep things "together" in their absence.

I am building a small team of people you will hopefully come to know affectionately as the Anonymous Facilities Committee, or the "AFC". There are reasons for the anonymity, which I won't go into here. There WILL be a way for you to contact this Committee, and I REALLY hope you use it- for suggestions, things you notice that are needed and things that need doing; even for complaints. Write it up and put it in the suggestion box. These will be looked at at least weekly. Do please be understanding in that we are limited in both personnel and monetarily, (and often even in know-how), I believe we have a group of good and caring people; and know that we will be doing our best; establishing priorities and doing as much as we can as soon as we can.

Also, if you see something that needs doing and you know how to do it AND the spirit moves you- go ahead- let's all take a little responsibility and help maintain this space that we all love so much. AND if you would like to be a part of the AFC, talk to Kari-Beth. (Note: You'll have to swear to secrecy, but not on the Bible ☺).

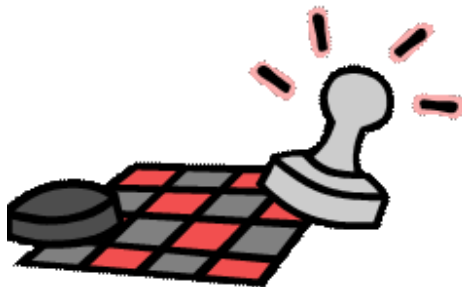
Hugs,
AFC

P.S. If you start to suspect someone is on the AFC, I ask that you please try to keep it to yourself. I really think it will work better that way. Thanks.

BOARD GAME OLYMPICS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14 1-5PM

Are you looking for something fun to do indoors in the dead of Winter? Do you sometimes wish you had more people to play your favorite games with? Do you sometimes wish you could try a new game before buying it? Come to the Fellowship on **Saturday January 14th** from 1-5pm to make these wishes come true! The Wentz family will be sharing over 20 card, dice, and board games including some that are old or rare. You are also welcome to bring your own favorite game. Snacks will be provided, but you will need to bring your own beverages. This event is for ages 5 and older. If you have any questions, please contact Mike or Jean Wentz at 920-499-8517 or legoman27@sbcglobal.net.



SUNDAY CHAT 3:

SEVEN BILLION! HOW MANY ARE ENOUGH (WHEN IT COMES TO PEOPLE, THAT IS)?

JANUARY 8

Explore the issues associated with our continued human population growth through a series of demonstrations, video and guided questions. Can we humans continue to grow our population and respect the interdependent web of all existence? Meet Steve Krings in the Fellowship Library on Sunday, January 8 from 8:30-9:45.

6TH ANNUAL MEN'S RETREAT

About a dozen men of the Fellowship are eagerly anticipating their midwinter trip to Camp Brachman near Waupaca for their annual retreat and as always they're looking to include new men.

It's a weekend of great food, thoughtful discussion, time for outdoor activities, relaxation and much more.

The retreat starts with a potluck dinner on Friday evening on February 3rd and concludes after lunch on Sunday, February 5th with plenty of time to get back for the Super Bowl.

The cost is \$70 with the deadline for signing up being January 15th. If you're interested please pick up a brochure in the back of the sanctuary or contact Steve Krings at skrings@new.rr.com or 432-5756.

The next meeting of the UU Men's Group will be for lunch at Kavarna after service on January 29th. All men are welcome.

SUNDAY CHAT 4:

ADVENTURE IN THE
WILDERNESS

FEBRUARY 5

In honor of her 50th birthday, Fellowship member Katina Daanen set out on a 740 mile canoe adventure on the Northern Forest Canoe Trail this past summer. Join Katina as she shares her story and photos of chance encounters, the kindness of strangers and the daily simplicity of observing the weather, evaluating maps and paddling an average speed of 3 mph from upstate New York to the top of Maine over 53 days with friends and family members. Her trip is chronicled in a blog at kdaanen-nfct.blogspot.com.

Join the adventure Sunday, February 5 from 8:30-9:45am in the Fellowship Library.



FIRST FRIDAY SURPRISE !

First Friday from now on will be **Second Friday**, held on the Second Friday of each month. We regulars decided we weren't getting any new folks to join because we were being too "Catholic" about it, lol.

No - not really. Being on the first Friday doesn't give folks enough time to get ready for it after the Newsletter comes out. So Second Friday this January will be on Friday, January the 13th.

The gatherings are a time when "we" can get together and discuss issues important to us (most usually from the current issue of UU World). Things often get "personal" and we share much of our own experiences and thoughts and feelings about things.

If you can bring a dish to pass, that is nice - but the last several times I've gone - there has been more than we could consume there (so I wouldn't worry about it).

This Second Friday (on the 13th from 6:00 to around 8:00 at the fellowship) we will at least start the discussion talking about the second half of the article in the Winter 2011 issue of UU World called "Faith in Our Future," beginning on the second half of page 25.

Come join us for a night of food, fun, laughs, thought, and sharing. Questions? Called Michael Paprocki at 435-6720 or e-mail at msppbs@itol.com.

UU BOOK GROUP SCHEDULE

Thursday, Jan. 26th – 6:30pm “Ape House” by Sara Gruen
RSVP Hostess Amy Masias (429-1290)

Saturday, Feb. 25th – 11:30 am “Lady Chatterlee’s Lover” by DH Lawrence
Meet at Z Harvest (lunch!)

INTRODUCTION TO UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM

Interested in finding out about basic UU roots, the founding and history of our fellowship and what we believe in?

This one session offering is for friends who have been attending for a while, members who may never have had the opportunity to find out about our rich heritage, and those who are considering joining our Fellowship.

Sign up at the round table at the Fellowship or contact Margaret Krings.

The next session will be held on Thursday, February 9 from 6:30-9:30 at the Fellowship.

BECOMING A WOMAN OF WISDOM, SESSION 1: BECOMING WOMEN OF WISDOM: MARKING THE PASSAGE INTO THE CRONE YEARS

JANUARY 5

This curriculum written for UU women 50 and older includes 13 sessions: Entering the Labyrinth; Preparing the Descent; Remembering Our Childhoods, Our Teen Years, Our Twenties, Thirties, Forties, Fifties and Beyond; Center of Labyrinth; Developing a Personal Vision; Developing Grandmother Wisdom; Planning a Croning Ceremony; The Ceremony.

Curriculum includes music, journaling, sitting in council, and ritual. We will meet on Thursdays beginning in January 2012 (January 5 & 19, February 2 & 16, March 1, & 15, April 5 & 19, May 3, 17, 31, June 7 & 14) Bring a friend!

Questions? Contact co-facilitators: Vicki Fresen (499-1508; vickifre@hotmail.com) or Carolyn Hawk (469-0673; pele46@aol.com)

COME BEAT THE WINTER BLUES AND SEW WOOL MITTENS!

When: Sat. Jan 7th 9am -? afternoon

Where: Fellowship Coffee Room

Who: Vicki Fresen will provide pattern, guidance and some yummy goodies

Cost: \$10 per person to cover cost and fellowship heat

Supplies needed: sewing machine, shrunken wool sweaters (over 80% wool works best), assorted fleece for lining and sewing supplies, extension cord is also helpful.

See Sign up at the fellowship or give Vicki a call.... its fun and easy!



CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

YOUTH ACTIVITY

The next RE activity for grades 9 through 12 will be on Saturday January 14th at the Fellowship. We will gather at noon to set up the Board Game Event and then play board games. This event is from 1-5pm, but the youth do not have to stay for the whole event. For questions, please contact Mike Wentz at legoman27@sbcglobal.net or 499-8517.



Participants in "The Scottish Shepherd's Story" performed by children in the RE program on December 18, 2011.

Thank you to all who helped make this service so wonderful!

SERVICE TOPIC PREVIEW

January 1 -- In the Beginning: literature circle, coordinated by Jean Wentz. Do you have a favorite poem or literary passage about new beginnings? How about a favorite creation story? Celebrate the New Year by bringing in your stories to share.

January 8 -- We will be led on an Exploration of Classism in UU by Karon Sandberg. Karon has a Master of Divinity with concentration in Pastoral Care and Counseling; she has served as a ministerial intern at Fox Valley UU Fellowship and is currently a Chaplain for Heartland Hospice. Her visits with UU partnership churches in the Philippines exposed her to how our faith can resonate with people who have little education and are very poor – a demographic quite unlike our typical mid-west fellowships. We surely can benefit from Karon’s experience.

A quarterly meeting follows this service. Please plan on staying to attend.

January 15 -- “What legacy will you leave?” by Claudia Moder. How will you be remembered when you are gone? A discussion centering on character, deeds, and the Seven Principles.

January 22 -- “The Joy of Good Argument: The Dialogue We Need in 2012” by Judy Crain. Judy has a masters in theology from Garrett Theological School in Evanston, Illinois and is an annual guest.

January 29 -- “Carl Jung on the Collective Unconscious and Spirituality” by Don Abel. Don has a PhD in Philosophy, teaches Philosophy as well as courses on Jung and Freud at SNC, and is a former Jesuit priest. Don will make us aware of the connection between Jung’s notion of the Collective Unconscious and our seventh UU principle (which you will find on the back of the bulletin).

February 5 -- “New Wine in Old Wineskins: ‘Living Biblically’ in the Modern World” by Tom Bolin. Thomas M. Bolin is an Associate Professor of Religious Studies at St. Norbert College and spoke to us last April following his sabbatical in Rome. His research focuses on the ancient literary and cultural contexts of the Hebrew Bible as well as ancient Israelite history, specifically wisdom literature and post-exilic texts. The inspiration of this week’s message is drawn from A. J. Jacob’s 2008 book “A Year of Living Biblically: One Man’s Humble Quest to Follow the Bible as Literally as Possible.”

SOUP SUNDAY

If your New Year’s resolution is to make more soup for UU, you’re in luck! Our first Soup Sunday of 2012 will be after service on January 15. Soup Sunday is a great way to catch up with other UU members after service for fellowship and conversation. Please sign-up to bring a soup, bread or dessert on the back table or e-mail laura.wolanin@yahoo.com. It’s going to be a YUMMY New Year at UU.

CALENDAR

- Jan 1 10:00am In the Beginning: literature circle, coordinated by Jean Wentz**
 Jan 5 "Becoming a Woman of Wisdom" Session 1 (details on page 4)
 Jan 7 9:00am Sewing wool mittens with Vicki at the fellowship (details on page 5)
Jan 8 8:30am Sunday Chat 3: Seven Billion! How Many Are Enough?
10:00am Service Topic --Exploration of Classism in UU by Karon Sandberg
Quarterly meeting following the service
 Jan 13 6-8pm Second Friday Group at the fellowship
 Jan 14 12:00pm Grades 9-12 Board Game set-up and playing
 1-5pm Board Game Olympics at the fellowship (details on page 2)
Jan 15 10:00am Service Topic -- "What legacy will you leave?" by Claudia Moder
11:15 Soup Sunday
 Jan 19 "Becoming a Woman of Wisdom" Session 2 (details on page 4)
 Jan 20 11:59pm Deadline for February newsletter and bulletin
Jan 22 10:00am Service Topic -- "The Joy of Good Argument: The Dialogue We Need in 2012"
by Judy Crain
 Jan 26 6:30pm UU Book Group "Ape House" discussion at Amy Masias'
Jan 29 10:00am Service Topic -- "Carl Jung on the Collective
Unconscious and Spirituality" by Don Abel
 11:15am UU Men's Group Lunch at Kavarna
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- Feb 2 "Becoming a Woman of Wisdom" Session 3 (details on page 4)
 Feb 3-5 UU Men's Retreat at Camp Brachman (details on page 3)
Feb 5 10:00am Service Topic -- "New Wine in Old Wineskins: 'Living
Biblically' in the Modern World" by Tom Bolin
 Feb 8 8:30am Sunday Chat 4: Adventure in the Wilderness
 Feb 9 6:30-9:30pm Intro to UU Session at the fellowship
 Feb 16 "Becoming a Woman of Wisdom" Session 4 (details on page 4)
 Feb 25 11:30am UU Book Group "Lady Chatterlee's Lover" at Z Harvest



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FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

The February deadline will be

Friday, Jan. 20.

Please email all submissions to:

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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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