



FEBRUARY 2012

GREEN BAY AREA UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

FROM THE PRESIDENT...

by Kari Beth Krieger

“Legacy”

Last January, I lost my father. Mild flu ended up being blastomycosis, and undiagnosed hairy cell leukemia proved more deadly than the cardiac disease that we all expected would take him eventually. Over the week after his death, I learned a lot of important things – including that instead of losing my father, perhaps I had actually found him.

As we collected pictures for photo boards to be displayed at the visitation and funeral and as his brother and sisters shared memories of him, I realized that my mental picture of my father was incomplete... too narrow. In addition to all the things I had forgotten, there was much I never knew - he'd lived half his life before I was born! (No kidding, huh? But such is the nature of revelation.)

Until then, I had not thought about how much my father shaped the person I am today. He loved wildlife and the outdoors, working for the U.S. Department of the Interior until I was 12. As a result, I grew up on National Wildlife Refuges, spending time learning to move quietly in the woods; to feed injured birds of prey; to check for ticks ALL over, including unmentionable locations; to believe deeply and with conviction. Dad didn't always get it right, but he always tried to do what he believed was right.

Claudia Moder recently spoke to the Fellowship about “Legacy” – how do we want to be remembered? It got me thinking that we never really know what legacy we will actually leave. I don't think Dad would have ever specifically identified the things most important to me – his work ethic, his love for animals and the outdoors, the quiet moments reading books to his granddaughters. We all seem to focus more on the “big” things. How much will our estate be worth for

our children? What foundation can we establish? What message should we try to pass along? Instead, perhaps we should consider that how we live each moment will determine our true legacy.

Mom and I have been talking more about our memories lately, and I discovered that some moments that I remember in detail are not even on her radar, despite how much importance they had to me then or have gained over time. It makes me wonder each day if THIS moment will be one of THOSE moments for my girls. What will I have taught them, not by what I tried to teach, but by how I lived? What will they take into adulthood based on how I treated them?

I wonder also what kind of legacy GBAUUF can leave – what impact will we have on the lives of friends and members of this fellowship? What impact will we have in Green Bay and in the larger community? I think this will be determined, as in our individual lives, less by what we TRY to do, and more by WHO we are.

As I wrote the draft of this message, it felt incomplete, like my mental picture of my Dad. Something was missing. And then, at service, Judy Crain spoke eloquently, threading thoughts about legacy throughout her talk. It settled me, as if connecting the

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Dear Fellowship Members and Friends,

The time for the Annual Canvass and Pledge Drive is fast approaching. This year's theme is "Nurturing Our Future". If you are unfamiliar with the canvass and pledge drive, it is an opportunity for you to have your voice heard and vision expressed while, at the same time, the fellowship accepts financial pledges for the upcoming fiscal year. These pledges enable the fellowship to prepare an operating budget for vote at the Annual Meeting planned for Sunday, May 20th, 2012.

On Sunday, February 26th, 2012, we will be holding an Advance Gifts Canvass after services. The reception will provide an opportunity for us to express our appreciation to you for your generous past support and also to present and discuss our financial outlook. Coffee and treats will be provided. We look forward to seeing you.

Our goal during the weeks following the reception will be to conduct a canvass visit with each of you. This will allow us to hear from you personally what is important to our Fellowship. We encourage you to set aside some of your time in March to be heard.

As always, the canvassing is a volunteer effort. Ok, we do twist the arms of leadership for their help. But, beyond that, our success depends on other's assistance. If you are willing to donate some of your time for visits, calls, etc., please contact Don Falk.

A copy of the 2012 pledge form is also included in this newsletter. If it works to your convenience, you can seal a completed form in an envelope and either mail it or drop it into the treasurer's mailbox in the office. We thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,
Don Falk
Stewardship Committee

FROM THE PRESIDENT...
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dots of my own thinking. I'd like to close my own reflections here with the words from a hymn we sang that morning, "Blessed Spirit of My Life."

Blessed spirit of my life, give me strength through stress and strife;
Help me live with dignity; let me know serenity.
Fill me with compassion, clear my mind of fear and confusion.
When my thoughts flow restlessly, let peace find a home in me.

Spirit of great mystery, hear the still, small voice in me.
Help me live my wordless creed as I comfort those in need.
Fill me with compassion, be the source of my intuition.
Then when life is done for me, let love be my legacy.

Blessed be.

Nurturing Our Future

Canvass 2012 Pledge Form



Green Bay Area Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

I/We _____ support the fellowship and for the church year (July 1, 2012 - June 30 2013), I/we pledge to make the following contribution to the Green Bay Area Unitarian Universalist Fellowship:

Our total pledge for 2012/2013 is \$ _____ (total for the fiscal year).

I/We will pay:

Yearly Quarterly Monthly Weekly Other _____.

Contribution Method

- Check placed in collection plate
 Auto eBill Pay sent to the fellowship (setup with your bank)
 Electronic Funds Transfer (direct from my bank account to the fellowship's account)

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.

4 GREEN BAY UU WEBSITE

Have you seen our website lately? There is a wealth of information about Unitarian Universalism on this website. There are many reasons to check out the [Green Bay UU Website](#):

- 1). Anyone with a computer and internet access in the entire world can view it.
- 2). It is a great way to inform others about Unitarian Universalism.
- 3). It is a great way for people to find out what we have to offer.

Did you know that the Green Bay UU website averages over 6000 hits per month? The newsletter is the single most viewed item on our website (averaging approximately 1000 hits per month!!).

Try out the following links:

[Services begin at 10 AM](#)

[See Our Calendar Of Events!](#)

[Unitarian Universalism in 30 Seconds](#)

[Read Our Newsletter](#)

Be sure to tell your friends, relatives, neighbors, peers, and work associates to check out our website at www.greenbayuu.org!

RAIN BARRELS

While it might be hard to believe in the middle of winter, we'll be ready to use (and sell!) rain barrels before we know it! BUT, before we can sell rain barrels, we need...well, some barrels. If you know where we can get plastic 55-gallon barrels for free or CHEAP, please contact either Gus or Laura at rainbarrels@greenbayuu.org. The Earth will thank you!



ANNOUNCING... ANNOUNCEMENTS!

With such a busy congregation involved in so many worthwhile activities, we inevitably have many things we want to share with the congregation each Sunday. We wouldn't want the sheer volume of our announcements to eclipse the other important parts of our service. So here are a few requests from the Sunday Services Committee:

1. To assist with the collecting of all pertinent information, there will be forms available at the podium on which you can write your announcements (or clip your pre-written announcement). There are spaces to include **DATES** that you would like the announcement to be read. Then, when the announcement is no longer relevant, the facilitator can be sure to discard it.
2. *Please have all announcements to the facilitator or on the podium 10 minutes prior to service start time.* This gives the facilitator time to read over the announcement ahead of time and seek clarification if needed beforehand.
3. Lastly, while we are an informal congregation, our sanctuary is our sacred space and our service is our sacred time. Please assist the facilitator to hold our time and place as sacred by allowing him or her to make most announcements. Aside from special occasions like the Service Auction or Canvass, having various individuals come up to the podium to make their own announcements can be distracting, disrupt the flow of service, and unnecessarily extend announcement time.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jean Wentz or any member of the Sunday Services Committee. Thanks for your cooperation, and keep those announcements coming!

I am going to take some time to do the unusual (and lengthy - with the hope that Jennifer will be able to justify including this in the Newsletter). I see there as being a possible cause for discontent with the way in which the AFC will be doing its job. I want to address this outright. I will begin by repeating a portion of the announcement to you of the AFC:

"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; having to establishing priorities, and doing as much as we can just as soon as we can."

I personally "love" this fellowship. I believe many of you do. It is SO important in my life and in the lives of our community (in the sense of the GBAUUF) and in the community (in the sense of the greater Green Bay Area), that I don't want to do ANYTHING to jeopardize that. I don't want to do ANYTHING that will make our fellowship less than a wonderful place to come and be with thoughtful, spiritual, loving, people. A place to love and learn and grow. NEVER do I want to be the cause of anyone's having a feeling of obligation, or disgruntlement, or of being overwhelmed, or taxed, or used or ...

Thus I am "building" this AFC with the following rules: (this is an internal communication to the board of directors) Seeking approval:

1) The approval (or not) of the AFC as the facilities management mechanism with:

a) the attached announcement to the Fellowship, and be the following members so far:

Myself

(Deleted for this article)

Any suggestions???

We could also use a few women (our Pink Power) on the team (any suggestions???),

b) the following rules in place (so far decided)

i) NEVER do more than you feel comfortable doing - no burn-outs here people

ii) NEVER let maintenance requests interfere with your other responsibilities to the Fellowship - these are important and in some cases even vital- they take precedence

iii) try to maintain anonymity - we don't want anyone overwhelmed with 10 million complaints

iiii) whenever possible, our function is to get others to do the bulk of the work, to enlist volunteers

This is designed so that no one will feel that "overwhelmed" feeling, or burdened, rather than that feeling of "belonging."

We all have our "pet peeves." One of us might notice the cobwebs in the corners. Another, the dying plant by the front door. Someone else will be too warm in the coffee room or notice the salt on the rugs in the entrance. My personal peeves are the light switches for the hall not being by the entrance - and not being able to see out of the windows in the sanctuary because they are so cloudy. lol

Thus let's all of us remember: "...to be understanding in that we are limited in both personnel and monetarily. And know that we (the AFC) will be doing our best (without endangering negative feelings); HAVING to establish priorities, and doing as much as we can (without burnout), just as soon as we can."

"We" (the GBAUUF) are NOT this facility. We are a beloved community which dwells in this facility. Let's maintain that beloved community first and foremost.

Hugs,
The AFC

FIRST NOTICE BY THE AFC

Batteries

Where to put and where to find batteries:

When one purchases batteries in bulk (as we seem to have been doing) - they may take some time to actually be used. We have two microphones, each of which takes one 9V battery; seven clocks, each of which takes one AA battery; and two thermostats, each of which takes three AAA batteries. When

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After 7 years of being GBAUUF's Scrip Coordinator, I have stepped down. Life is crazy busy and I thought it was time someone else took on this wonderful program and made it their own. By now I hope you have noticed that Diane Auger is that someone. She graciously accepted the Board's request to be the new coordinator. Diane and I trained for several weeks so she could step into the role without affecting Scrip sales. Please be patient with her as she gets her bearings.

I am still a big believer in this program and hope everyone continues to use it. I would also like to thank everyone who helped make the program what it is by buying it, selling it and helping pick it up. There is much money to be made at the fellowship by using Scrip. If you are already participating, thank you! If you are not, please ask about it and get involved. You will be surprised how easy it is.

Sincerely,
The Old Scrip Lady
Lisa Adams

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we purchase these batteries "by the dozens," they may not get used for years. Batteries have shelf-lives, which potentially could be exceeded by the length of time we store them. One can GREATLY increase the shelf-life of a battery by storing it in a cool place. Thus from now on, when you purchase batteries, please store them in the refrigerator in the upper crisper drawer in the box labels "Batteries." Also - if you are looking for a battery for something - in the crisper drawer is where you are going to find it.

The heating system:

Dampers: There was a person who asked about dampers in the heating system to distribute more evenly the heat among the various rooms. I (Michael Paprocki) said that someone had once told me they existed - but that I didn't believe it. That was an inconsiderate answer. I will check to find out - and if they do exist - adjust them.

UU PANTHEISTS MID-WINTER CELEBRATION AND RETREAT

The UU Pantheists of Eastern Wisconsin invite you to a mid-winter weekend of exploring Pantheism, enjoying the great outdoors, and sharing with friends around warm fires. What better way to enjoy the half-way point of winter, than to spend it with like-minded friends, enjoying the treasures of this time of year. We look forward to enjoying beautiful sunrises, awe-inspiring night skies, pretty snow falls, and celebrating winter together. The weekend is also likely to include jaunts on cross-country skis, sitting around indoor or outdoor fires, and enjoyable conversation. Hiking along the shoreline to explore the signs of the natural world happening all around us, and sharing of readings that relish nature and love of living have been enjoyed as well. Plus, we will have some "scheduled" time to explore various aspects of Pantheism. For more information on Pantheism, see <http://pantheism.net/>.

Families with children are welcome. People are encouraged to bring a rhythm instrument, a reading, poem or song along to share with the group. Past guests have commented the facility is very comfortable, with heated cabins, indoor modern plumbing, and spacious warm common areas. Others commented on an enjoyable setting and event experience, with very tasty regular and vegetarian meals provided. This event has proved popular with over 15 people already signed up. New this year will be a focus on greater programming variety, smaller group sizes, reducing the number of sharing rounds, and increased focus on experiential activities.



The event will begin with supper on Friday February 17th and go through lunch on Sunday February 19th. The total cost of the weekend is \$95. Please make checks payable to Camp Lakotah. Please send your check and reservation to Dave Gerlach, 2 Bellaire Ct. Appleton WI 54911, by Friday February 10th to reserve your place.

We will send directions and additional planning information to those that reserve a spot.

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.

SUNDAY CHAT 5: A STORY OF GRIEF

MARCH 11

Grief and loss are challenges for many of us. Jason and Joleen Krings' lives were changed forever when their first child, Dylan Michael, died eleven days after he was born. They are now parents of three more children, Ian, Emerson and Crosby. Since Dylan's death they have become involved with a wonderful support group called Compassionate Friends.

Join them to hear about this group, to hear a little about their personal stories, and to understand more about the grieving process. Join Jason and Joleen on Sunday, March 11, 8:30-9:45 in the Fellowship Library.

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

Curriculum includes music, journaling, sitting in council, and ritual. We will meet on Thursdays 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)

UU BOOK GROUP SCHEDULE

Our February meeting is on Saturday, February 25th at 11:30am at Z Harvest Café (lunch!) We will be discussing "Lady Chatterley's Lover" by DH Lawrence. Please RSVP to Geeta writegeeta@sbcglobal.net if you are able to attend.

SERVICE TOPIC PREVIEW



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.”

February 12 -- “Spiritual Struggle” by Rev. Amy Bertschausen, M.Div. Rev. Bertschausen is Executive Director of the Samaritan Counseling Center of the Fox Valley which serves clients with a wide range of counseling needs.

February 19 -- Rev. Phil Sweet - a frequent visitor to our fellowship - although a retired minister from the Hope United Church of Christ in Sturgeon bay remains active throughout the area. He will speak on “**The Story of Heloise and Abelard**”, one of history’s great love stories.

February 26 -- “The Search for Common Ground” by Rev. Elizabeth Marsh. As our world seems to become increasingly polarized, we must ask ourselves, “Are these divisions really true?” We are religious people because we seek connection with others and the world around us; where can we find common ground with people who seem (politically, culturally, geographically) so different from us?

Rev Marsh is a Unitarian Universalist minister living in Madison. She has worked with the First Unitarian Society of Madison’s Lay Ministers, and is a member of James Reeb Unitarian Universalist Congregation.

March 4 -- Karon Sandberg - a Heartland Hospice Chaplain with M.Div degree from the United Theological Seminary in Minneapolis - returns to our pulpit to preach on “**The Science of Forgiveness**” and the good things that happen to our body chemistry when we truly forgive.

March 11 -- “AA Spirituality” by “Sid B.” She has a Doctorate in Literature from Stanford, taught at UW-GB for twenty-four years, and was the campus dean and CEO at UW-Marinette for nine years before retiring. She continues to be active in many civic ventures. You don’t want to miss this.

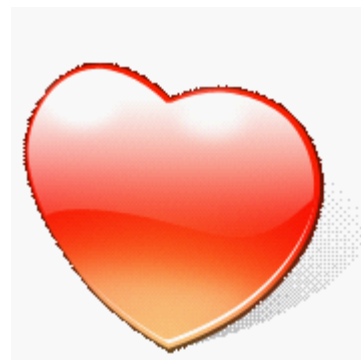


SOUP SUNDAY

After extensive discussion (ha ha), the Soup Sunday Committee has decided to change the way we sign-up to bring soups, breads and treats each month. A Soup Sunday calendar will be on the back table, so please check to see when YOU can bring a soup, bread or treat to share at the fellowship. This might help to even out each Soup Sunday (rather than have LOTS of food one month and slim pickings the next month). EVERYONE is invited to sign-up! We can’t wait to see you at the next Soup Sunday on February 19th after service. If you have any questions, please contact the Soup Sunday Committee (laura.wolanin@yahoo.com).

CALENDAR

- Feb 2 "Becoming a Woman of Wisdom" Session 3 (details on page 7)
 Feb 3-5 UU Men's Retreat at Camp Brachman
Feb 5 8:30am Sunday Chat 4: Adventure in the Wilderness (details on page 7)
 10:00am **Service Topic -- "New Wine in Old Wineskins: 'Living Biblically' in the Modern World" by Tom Bolin**
 Feb 9 6:30-9:30pm Intro to UU Session at the fellowship
Feb 12 10:00am **Service Topic -- "Spiritual Struggle" by Rev. Amy Bertschhausen, M.Div.**
 Feb 16 "Becoming a Woman of Wisdom" Session 4 (details on page 7)
 Feb 17-19 UU Pantheist Winter Retreat (details on page 6)
Feb 19 10:00am **Service Topic -- "The Story of Heloise and Abelard" by Rev. Phil Sweet**
 11:15 **Soup Sunday (details on page 8)**
 Feb 20 11:59pm Deadline for March Newsletter and Bulletin
 Feb 25 11:30am UU Book Group "Lady Chatterlee's Lover" at Z Harvest Cafe
Feb 26 10:00am **Service Topic -- "The Search for Common Ground" by Rev. Elizabeth Marsh**
 11:15 **Advance Gifts Canvass Reception**
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- Mar 1 "Becoming a Woman of Wisdom" (details on page 7)
Mar 4 10:00am **Service Topic -- "The Science of Forgiveness" by Karon Sandberg**
Mar 11 8:30am Sunday Chat 5: A Story of Grief (details on page 7)
 10:00am **Service Topic -- "AA Spirituality" by "Sid B."**
 Mar 15 "Becoming a Woman of Wisdom" (details on page 7)
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- Apr 5 "Becoming a Woman of Wisdom" (details on page 7)
 Apr 19 "Becoming a Woman of Wisdom" (details on page 7)
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- May 20 11:15 GBAUUF Annual Meeting following the service



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

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MARCH NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE:

The March deadline will be
Monday, Feb. 20.

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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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