



# THE OPEN DOOR

CHEQUAMEGAN UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

APRIL 2009

**APRIL SERVICES:**

**APRIL 12 AT 10:00 IN THE PONZIO CENTER, NORTHLAND COLLEGE, SPEAKER DAVID SAETRE, "LIFE, DEATH AND TRANSFORMATION."**

An exploration of the myths of suffering, death and transformation. The Christian narrative of suffering, death and resurrection takes its place in the great mythic trope of life transformed by suffering and death. The ancient Samaritans, Egyptians and Greeks all explored the underworld of death and the return to life-made-new through mythic journeys. What do all these stories have to tell us? Come to Easter Sunday Service - Unitarian style as we explore the implications of these narratives for our own life journeys.

**APRIL 26 AT 10:00 IN THE PONZIO CENTER, NORTHLAND COLLEGE, SPEAKER PAT SHIFFERD, "BETWEEN GRACE AND FEAR." THE ANNUAL FELLOWSHIP MEETING WILL FOLLOW THIS SERVICE. SEE FOLLOWING ARTICLE.**

The presentation focuses attention on place of the arts in the realization of the 7th of our UU Principles, "respect for the interdependent web of existence of which we are a part." There have been quite a number of publications over the last few years which argue that the key to developing a more just and environmentally sustainable society is to be found in the development of a new value system, a new set of stories, by which we organize our relationships to each other and to nature. Few of these, however, have given much attention to the question of from whom and how these new stories might be expected to emerge. "Between Grace and Fear" explores the results of an inquiry designed to provide insight into this question: *If a major shift in worldview is taking place, what role might society's arts and cultural resources (artists, arts institutions, and cultural creations) play?*

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## ANNUAL MEETING

Two matters will come up for a vote at the meeting following the April 26 service:

(1) Three new members of the board will be elected. To volunteer or nominate someone please contact Mark Perrine, 278-3385 or <[perrine@cheqnet.net](mailto:perrine@cheqnet.net)>.

(2) Proposed changes to the by-laws as detailed below. Any questions can be directed to Karen Crowell, 373-2524 or <[dancingmoon01@centurytel.net](mailto:dancingmoon01@centurytel.net)>.

### Article VI: Board of Trustees

1.

#### Proposed change

The Board of Trustees (board) at a minimum consists of six members. Officers of the board include the president, vice president, treasurer and secretary. Other positions are members at large. All members of the board must be voting members of the fellowship. The board assigns its members to specific positions by consensus.

#### Current wording

The Board of Trustees (board) at a minimum consists of the president, vice president, secretary, and two members at large. The treasurer may or may not be on the board. All members of the board must be voting members of the fellowship. The board assigns its members to specific positions by consensus.

2.

#### Proposed change

New board members shall be chosen by ballot at the annual business meeting. All normally serve for **three year terms**. Board members may be extended for a year by a vote of the voting membership at the annual business meeting.

#### Current wording

New board members shall be chosen by ballot at the annual business meeting. All normally serve for two year terms. Board member terms may be extended for a year by a vote of the membership at the annual business meeting.

3.

No change.

## ALL MUSIC SERVICE

The Annual All Music service plans are in the works for this year's festivities on May 10. This special service highlights the wide array of musical talents we have in the fellowship and the community. If you are musically inclined and would like to perform on an instrument, lead a song, or sing a solo please contact Joni Chapman at [jonibchapman@yahoo.com](mailto:jonibchapman@yahoo.com) or (685-0076). The Music Committee is working on the lineup for this service and welcomes new and returning performers. Mark your calendars so you don't miss this uplifting morning of song.

*Submitted by Megan Perrine*

## UU WOMEN UU WOMEN

Jan Wise will host the next gathering of the UU women on April 9 at 6:30 pm. Jan will provide a main dish and juice or tea. Guests are asked to bring side dishes or snacks if they are able. Jan's house is located at 530 6th Avenue West in Washburn. (Turn off 13 at the Holiday station) Please call her if you plan to come. 373.1141 *Submitted by Jill Lorenz*

## A CALL FROM FAITH IN ACTION

Cabin fever can set in this time of year. For some senior citizens the snow and ice can keep them home more than usual and a friendly visit can brighten the day. Faith In Action-Ashland County can connect seniors with caring volunteers who can stop by for a game of cards, or some coffee and conversation. In addition to companionship, volunteers can provide a wide variety of services such as help with basic cleaning, small fix-it jobs, shopping, respite, or yard work. For more information about becoming a volunteer or receiving volunteer services call the Ashland County Aging Unit at 682-4414 ext. 3. Email: [fiavolunteer@ashlandaging.org](mailto:fiavolunteer@ashlandaging.org)  
*Submitted by Megan Perrine.*

## SPRING CHEQUAMEGON SYMPHONY CONCERT

The Chequamegon Symphony will present its final concert of the season on Saturday, April 4 at 7:30 pm in the Alvord Theater. The concert is centered on music of "Spring", and will include Strauss's "Spring" waltz, Schumann's "Spring" symphony, and Vivaldi's "Spring" concerto from the Four Seasons. Several of our UU group will be performing with the orchestra, and **Maya Quinlan** will be violin soloist on Vivaldi's "Spring." Come enjoy the Spring with the Symphony!

## ANOTHER ENTHUSIASTIC REPORT ABOUT THE UU CON EXPERIENCE

CUUF sponsored three high school youth to attend a UU Con, or youth conference in Minneapolis. Youth from traveled from all over the upper midwest to spend a weekend together. here are workshops, touch groups (small groups where you get to know people better), worships, and lots of times a coffeehouse, where youth who want to, can share music, poetry, humor, skits, and other talents with each other--all in a **respectful, inclusive** atmosphere of unconditional love and acceptance.

Nick Oppedahl reports:

When I went, I thought I wasn't going to meet a whole bunch of people, but in about 7 minutes, just before we started to play our first game, I already met someone, and we hung out for the rest of the time we were there along with the other guys and I also met a few girls which was cool. So I plan to go to one in April where I hope to see some of the same people as last time. So if you ever get a chance to go **you should go!!!** They are really fun, the seniors were cool chaperones and cool to hang out with and we plenty of things to do while we were there. Trust me, you won't get bored. Thanks to CUUF for sponsoring our registrations for the youth UU Con.

## THE GREAT ANNUAL UU GARAGE SALE (May 16)

The garage sale needs volunteers. Also, please save your gently used furniture, toys, tools, clothes, etc. for this sale. Contact Birgit to help and donate: [birgithwolff@yahoo.com](mailto:birgithwolff@yahoo.com) or 765-4888

## **NORTHLAND COLLEGE WORKSHOP ON THE END OF LIFE**

“End of Life Workshop: Things You Want to Know About Death, Dying and Bereavement”

Sunday, April 5, 1:00 to 4:30 p.m.

Drop-in any time. Topics include: death mid-wives; hospice care; home burials; green burials; grief and loss; and much more.

## **EASTER EGG HUNT**

Sunday April 12 the older UU kids will host an egg hunt for the younger children. All children are invited to participate.

## **A LITTLE MONEY GOES A LONG WAY.....BY MARY WICHITA**

My husband, Jack, and I are going to Guatemala for 10 days this spring to build a simple cement block home with a roof and a floor for a family in the village of Santa Maria de Jesus. Six of us will build one home in a week's time under the guidance of and with lots of help from several men from the village who are paid by a non-profit organization called "From Houses to Homes-Guatemala, Inc. (<http://www.fromhousetohomes.org>).

The more we learn about what one simple, secure home can do for a family and a community, the more we want to make a difference. We would love to match the \$500 cash donation we are making to this effort with a collective donation from our Wisconsin friends, complete with photos and small gifts from our state. If you are so inclined to give after reading more about it, please send us a check of any amount made out to From Houses to Homes by April 15 (52380 Beaver Tail Rd., Mason, WI 54856). Your contribution is tax deductible and we will be sure that you receive documentation of your donation. Thanks you!

From Houses to Homes recognizes that flourishing homes and thriving communities begin with improving actual home structure. FHTH works with the poorest of Guatemalan families to build or rebuild houses making them strong, safe, culturally appropriate, and affordable to maintain. These homes become the foundation for a community building process.

In the poorest areas of highland Guatemala, improper building materials, a lack of appropriate resources, and unsustainable architectures turn houses to fowl rubble in the blink of an eye. Many families live in makeshift homes that are constructed of nothing more than cornstalk or cardboard walls with dirt floors. Decrepit housing quashes hope, fuels health problems, and destroys family unity.

Each FHTH home costs approximately \$3,000, which covers the cost of the construction materials, transportation, salaries, rent, office expenses, etc. The homes are 13 x 19 foot, made entirely of concrete block, with cement floor, corrugated metal roof, with skylight, a metal door with lock, and a metal-framed window with glass. The home is stuccoed and painted inside and out with colors chosen by the home owner. In addition to building homes, funds are put toward building bunk beds, stoves, healthcare needs, school registration & school supplies. You can specify how you would like your funds to be used. \$250: Build a bunk bed with mattress, pillow, sheet & blanket. \$150: Buy a stove. \$40 or \$80: Tuition and school supplies for a child to attend school for one year. \$40 for a grade school child and \$80 for junior and senior high school students.

We look forward to sharing our experiences with UU when we return.

**SUPERIOR VISTAS BIKE TOUR-JUNE 27, 2009-5<sup>TH</sup> YEAR ANNIVERSARY!  
CENTURY LOOP ADDED!**

If you have ever thought of riding and or volunteering for the Superior Vistas Bike Tour, do it this year! It may be the last. The weather is always gorgeous, funds are raised for the Washburn Cultural Center and Friends of Lake Superior Nordic Trails, and riders and volunteers give it high marks! It is a family oriented, eco-friendly, fully supported RIDE not race. Seven loops to choose from (13, 19, 34, 40, 52, 70 or 100 miles!). Volunteers needed for rest stops, serving food at the Finish, driving support vehicles, putting up and taking down the tent and at registration. Friday night activities have been added! Check out the website, [www.superiorvistas.org](http://www.superiorvistas.org) or call 1-800-284-9484 for more information. To help out, contact Mary Wichita, 715-765-4132 or [mary.wichita@hotmail.com](mailto:mary.wichita@hotmail.com) Early bird registration deadline May 7.

**TRAVELING WITH HOPE: SHARING OUR EXPERIENCES WITH MEMORY**

**CHALLENGES** is a short book of photographs and stories of individuals who have been diagnosed early in life (typically in their 40s and 50s) with a disease that leads to dementia (also early in life). Mary Wichita has copies she is willing to share and parts of it are available on line at [www.formemory.org](http://www.formemory.org). Contact Mary at 715-765-4132 or [mary.wichita@hotmail.com](mailto:mary.wichita@hotmail.com).

**KAREN DANIELSON**, one of the beloved native plant advocates, former President of the Bad River Watershed Association, and a biologist at the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission, is undergoing a serious challenge. Karen has been diagnosed with a form of melanoma cancer that has moved to other organs, very similar to Pam Troxell. Karen, husband Dale Thomas, and son Shawn, are now fighting hard, and with conviction, to defeat this invisible monster. How can you help? Attend a Benefit: Saturday, April 11, 2009; 2-6 p.m., Four Corners Saloon, 30015 Cty Hwy E, Mason, Wisconsin. It includes a Chili Feed, Raffle/Silent Auction, Bake Sale, Open Mic, and Contests: Best Chili; Best of the Season Syrup; Best Mud Season Attire. \$5.00 Suggested Donation at the Door. For more info and to contribute food and/or auction items call Bill Heart (715/682-4703) or email him at [wwheart@centurytel.net](mailto:wwheart@centurytel.net). To send a donation, make checks out to Karen Danielsen/Dale Thomas and address to: Danielsen Benefit, c/o 616 Main St West, Ashland WI 54806. *Submitted by Mary Wichita.*

**WEBSITE**

Check out the CUUF website at <http://www.chequamegonuuf.org/> for the latest information on services, newsletters, board minutes and events. Thanks to Scott Burchill for maintaining the website, and to Matt Quast for his assistance setting up the website.