

## *The Open Door Newsletter* May 2010

**Time and Location of Services:** Both of the May services will be held in the **Alvord Theater** of the Ponzio Student Center on the Northland College Campus at 10am.

### ***Fellowship Service - May 9<sup>th</sup> Annual All Music Service*** ***“What a Wonderful World”***

The UU Annual All Music Service will be held in the Alvord Theater, 10:00 Sunday, May 9th. We are an eclectic group in our spiritual tastes and no less so in the musical realm. This service should have something for everyone, as we will draw from our rich fellowship a wide variety of musical genres. Special guest, *Scott Griffiths*, will lead the congregation, drumming in an African tradition. *Ruthie Rosauer*, our representative to the Prairie Star District, will attend the all-music service and lead a singing meditation.

The service will be filled with music and poetry - a virtual smorgasbord of talent and inspiration. This year we will celebrate the wonderful world we live in. Come celebrate with the UUs.

### ***Fellowship Service - May 23<sup>rd</sup>*** ***Annual Flower Ceremony coordinated by the Coming of Age Class*** ***Speaker: Roland Wolff***

The final service of the season will incorporate the annual Flower Ceremony. **Please bring flowers to share**, from your garden or the store or dried - all types appreciated. A Child Dedication ceremony led by Irene Blakely will be part of this special service as well.

*Roland Wolff* will share a message about his Peace Corps experience. He recently visited the Solomon Islands, where his adult child is a member of the Peace Corps. Roland will help us visualize and understand the culture of the indigenous people, who live in such a different way than we do.

The Coming of Age youth will coordinate this service. Please join us for this service that culminates our year of worship together.

*Roland Wolff is professor emeritus from Colorado State University, Department of Foreign Languages, who now lives in and loves the north woods of Wisconsin.*

### **Service Dates for the remainder of the year:**

May 9<sup>th</sup>                      May 23<sup>rd</sup>      June Picnic – June 13th

### **UU Principles:**

There are seven principles which Unitarian Universalist congregations 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.

### **Meet our Prairie Star District Liaison – May 9<sup>th</sup>**

*submitted by Ruth Oppedahl*

Ruthie Rosauer is our connection to the Prairie Star District, our regional resource base for training, curriculum and support from the Unitarian Universalist Association. Ruthie will be at our all-music service on **May 9<sup>th</sup>** to learn more about our fellowship and look for ways to support us. In addition, Ruthie is a talented musician and will lead a singing meditation. Ruthie has offered to visit with those of us who would like to explore some of our current issues after the service. Committee chairs and other interested members are invited to stay late and engage in dialog about where we are headed and how PSD can help.

Prairie Star District is one of nineteen districts of the Unitarian Universalist Association. It serves almost 70 congregations in the Upper Midwest. Three full-time staff people and three part-time program and support staff members work with many volunteers to assist congregations. To learn more about PSD, see our Web site: [www.psduuu.org](http://www.psduuu.org).

### **Annual Garage Sale – May 15<sup>th</sup>**

**URGENTLY NEEDED:** Volunteers for the UU GARAGE SALE, May 15. This event raises about \$500 for our fellowship **BUT we need more volunteers to sign up or the event will be canceled.** Please contact Birgit if you can help. [birgithwolff@yahoo.com](mailto:birgithwolff@yahoo.com)

### **POTLUCK PICNIC - June 13<sup>th</sup>**

*submitted by Patty Dufek*

WHERE : **Prentice Park** – Ashland Time: 10am WHO : CUUF Friends and Family

Please bring a dish to pass, (hot or cold), musical instruments, outdoor games, enthusiasm and your appetite! We will have access to a sheltered pavilion, the kitchen facility, as well as modern bathrooms. Please notice that this is in **Prentice Park** (a change from the Long Lake location, where previous picnic have been held). My hope is that with the ever increasing numbers of children, the park will encourage greater attendance. I'm planning on having bean bag toss, treasure hunt, egg relays, and several other fun surprises for everyone's enjoyment.

Any questions or suggestions please feel free to contact me at [Pport57@charter.net](mailto:Pport57@charter.net) or 682-9015. Looking forward to fun and fellowship! *Patty*

### **Caring Corner**

Continued thoughts and prayers of healing for Bruce Kjellander, Carole and Sven. If anyone is able to help with touch up painting or other tasks as they prepare to sell their home please contact Jacki. The Kjellander's are preparing to move nearer their families after 13 years of helping folks and offering their services in our area.

Congratulations to the following CUUF member and friends graduates:

Phoebe Burchill from Ashland High School

Ashley Lokken, Jennifer Courtwright, William Schlager, Erin Adams, and Rebecca Bischoff all from Northland College

Best wishes in the future to all of you!

For support to members and friends who are ill, in need of help, or who want to share a great joy please contact: Jacki Rae-Ledin 373-0347 ([antiquegardeninn@hotmail.com](mailto:antiquegardeninn@hotmail.com)) or Jan Perkins 373-5585 ([perkworks@yahoo.com](mailto:perkworks@yahoo.com))

### **Volunteers Needed for Sunday Service Set-Up**

*Submitted by Megan Perrine*

Setting up for Sunday services takes a few folks to go smoothly so a Set-Up Committee is being organized. One or two folks each service Sunday will arrive early to help with setting up chairs, piano, P.A. system, etc. and help with take down as well. **Once several folks are on the committee, responsibilities will be rotated.** If you would like to help (and want a bit of exercise before the service) please contact Megan: [perrine@cheqnet.net](mailto:perrine@cheqnet.net) or 278-3386. This is a great way to support the work of the fellowship!

## **Welcoming Hospitality Coordinator, Patty Dufek**

*Submitted by Karla Hasart*

I have greatly enjoyed being the Hospitality Coordinator for the UUA services over the last few years (I think it has been four years). I enjoyed getting to know all of the members of the UUA by coming in early to make coffee, preparing for the service, and staying late to clean up. I have enjoyed doing this more than I can put into words.

Patty Dufek has taken over my responsibilities as the Hospitality Coordinator. I am gone quite a few Sundays in the winter (we have taken up downhill skiing) and we seem to have more family obligations as our children and extended families grow. To be fair to the UUA and still have pride in our coffee time, it is best to pass the lead position on to Patty Dufek. I will help when I can.

Patty will do a great job bringing a fresh touch to this wonderful service for our UUA. *Karla*

### **After Service Snack Host/Hostess Schedule:** (Please note if you are on the list!)

Our snack list is listed below. If you cannot bring snacks for that particular Sunday, please feel free to contact Patty Porter at Pport57@charter.net or 682-9015.

May 9<sup>th</sup>: Beth Reed & Doug Liphart, Mary Rehwald, Anni Schneider

May 23<sup>rd</sup>: Jacki Rae-Ledin and Terry Ledin, Jeff Silbert, Stefania Strazalkowska

June 13<sup>th</sup>: Potluck Picnic at **Prentice Park – Ashland**

## **Chequamegon UU Fellowship Cookbook**

*submitted by Patty Dufek*

Patty Porter Dufek is planning to compile a UU cook book. Please email Patty with your recipes or bring them in hard-copy form to a fellowship service. Interesting cookbooks have stories surrounding the recipes. So, if you have a story to go along with the recipe and feel like sharing it, please include that too. ***Please share your recipes whether or not they are surrounded by a plot.***

The book may be something we share between ourselves or it may be used as a fundraiser.

Recipe submissions can be brought to fellowship or email to PattyDufek at: pport57@charter.net.

## **Digital Audio Recorder**

It appears the CUUF Digital Audio Recorder has been misplaced and we are looking for it. If you know where it is, or if you picked it up please bring it to services on Sunday. If you have ever handled the recorder, please consider if you may have put it in a place you don't normally use – a bag or box. So many of us are on autopilot when we help cleanup, any of us could be the unwitting reorganizer. It's about 4" x 2.5" and one of the usual small electronic colors - black, silver etc. We really need it to be able to record services for those who can't be present. Please contact a member of the board if it turns up.

*Editor's note: Through the resort, I receive many calls from people who are convinced that they have left an item behind. After an unsuccessful search, I remind the individual to check in pockets of luggage that they don't normally use. Many times the item is found in a small, out-of-the-way pocket.*

## **Review CUUF Services Available Online**

Recent Chequamegon Unitarian Universalist Fellowship service talks are now online at our website: <http://www.chequamegonuuf.org/events/service-documents>

Available for reading or viewing:

Mike Crowell's American Beginnings of UU

Karen Ruedi Crowell's My Member Reflection

David Saetre's Themes from the Easter Story (podcast )

Thanks to Scott Burchill for our website. Please check it out! <http://www.chequamegonuuf.org/>

## **Please make a note of Warren's phone/email:**

Warren Kehn's phone and email: 681-0447 wakehn@gmail.com

**Have You Considered Making a Planned Gift to CUUF?** *Submitted by Ruth Oppedahl*  
*"Life is a gift, and if we agree to accept it, we must contribute in return. When we fail to contribute, we fail to adequately answer why we are here. I believe we are here to do good." -- Albert Einstein*

There are a variety of ways to make planned gifts or bequeaths to the Chequamegon Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. Please consider designating a specific sum or percentage of your estate or life insurance policy to CUUF. Or, perhaps you are able to offer a planned gift while you are living. Contributions may be set aside for specific purposes, with recognition or anonymously. Please discuss any ideas you may have with a board member.

Planned Giving is good stewardship. For more information contact Ruth Oppedahl at 715-373-0973.

**Unitarian Universalist Association Events:** *Submitted by Beth Reed*

### **UUA General Assembly**

This year, the **UUA General Assembly** will be in **Minneapolis, MN!** It takes place from **June 23-27<sup>th</sup>**. There are opportunities for worship, keynote speakers, and learning about how to conduct congregational business. You can join with Unitarian Universalists from all over the U.S.! We would love to send members of our congregation to this gathering. **There is money from the fellowship to help support your trip and it is not required to attend all 5 days.** Consider going to the General Assembly this summer!

### **Midwest Leadership School – Adults and Youth – Beloit, WI July 18<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>**

**For Adults:** The **Mid West Leadership School** happens every July on the campus of Beloit College in southern Wisconsin. It is a great opportunity to develop your own “credo” by examining and deepening your spiritual beliefs while learning about worship planning and congregation stewardship.

**For Youth:** For the second year we are pleased to offer **Midwest Leadership School for Youth** (ages 14-18) in tandem with our Adult School. It will challenge and train UU youth in: Leadership Skills, Worship, and Religious Values & Heritage. Youth entering grades 9-12 may attend; youth grades 10 - 11 are especially encouraged. For more info contact Sherry Warren at [swarren@psduua.org](mailto:swarren@psduua.org)

### **Camp Star Trail “Seeds of a Spirited Life” August 1-6 Omaha, Nebraska**

Camp StarTrail is a **multigenerational** summer camp experience to explore and celebrate Unitarian Universalism in the beautiful rolling hills of the Platte River Valley. Camp capacity - 250 enthusiastic Unitarian Universalists of all ages! Offering a full program, morning to night, or the opportunity to sit and relax and enjoy the surroundings.

Our keynote presenter, UU Minister Meg Barnhouse, will be entertaining as she provides us with much to think about. Read what she wrote about for the UU World:

[www.uuworld.org/ideas/articles/153287.shtml](http://www.uuworld.org/ideas/articles/153287.shtml).

Please visit [www.psdoua.org/CampStarTrail2010](http://www.psdoua.org/CampStarTrail2010) to apply or request info.

### **Camp UniStar – Northern Minnesota**

The Camp UniStar Newsletter and Brochure are now online at <http://www.campunistar.org>.

Camp UniStar offers different programs in different weeks.

Please see full program descriptions at <http://www.campunistar.org/program/>

If you have questions about UniStar, please contact the Registrar, Chris Bremer, at [registrar@campunistar.org](mailto:registrar@campunistar.org) or 952-926-8542. **In exchange for fee reduction, work positions are available.**

## **UU websites:**

National organization – UUA: [UUA.org](http://UUA.org)

Information regarding famous persons who were or are UUs: [www.famousuus.com](http://www.famousuus.com)

Regional organization: Prairie Star District: [www.psdoua.org](http://www.psdoua.org)

Prairie Star District newsletter: [www.psdoua.org/newsletter](http://www.psdoua.org/newsletter)

## **Letters to the Fellowship:**

**Making Coffee...** Editor: I asked Karla to share a hospitality story. Thanks Karla for all your years of service! *One of my favorite memories is the very first time I made the coffee for the UUA service. I was very excited, but nervous, as I wanted to do it 'just right'. I turned on the BUNN machine, and began pouring the water into the water reservoir. The water went through the water reservoir and sprouted out every side of the coffee drip spout. It was running all over the counter and floor, but not into the coffee pot.*

*I was approximately five steps out of the kitchen to find some help when I realized I hadn't put the plastic filter into the machine! I hurriedly corrected my error, laughing at myself along the way.*

*This memory helps me relate to youth and others who make missteps in unfamiliar environments ...and, still brings a smile to my face. Karla Hasart*

## **Mentors needed for Youth Offender Program**

*The Bayfield County Youth Offender Project is seeking positive, caring adult volunteers to mentor youths ages 14-17. Ideal candidates will be able to commit to weekly contact with youths for a minimum of one year. Mentors participate in recreational, cultural, educational, and community service activities with youths. Orientation session, trainings, and ongoing support provided.*

*For more info please contact: Carrie Welter, Youth Mentor Coordinator, Youth Offender Project, Bayfield County Dept of Human Services (715) 373-6144 Ext 127 [cwelter@bayfieldcounty.org](mailto:cwelter@bayfieldcounty.org). Sincerely, Carrie Welter*

## **UUA Napa Valley – Wine Tour Fundraising Effort for Napa UU**

*Greetings, this is Tom Wilson, a member of the UU Fellowship of North Bay in Napa, CA. We are a small fellowship struggling to raise enough money to purchase a church (we currently rent). One of our principal fundraising efforts is to offer breakfast and lodging in a member's home. You may choose lodging and a wine excursion with a guide from our congregation or simply lodging – breakfast is included with either lodging choice.*

*For complete details contact: Tom Wilson (707-254-7443) or [2wilsons1dog@comcast.net](mailto:2wilsons1dog@comcast.net)  
We look forward to sharing our lovely homes with you, Tom Wilson.*

## **Reflections after the Annual Meeting**

*As many of you know, the Annual Meeting of the Board was held after the April 25<sup>th</sup> service. Members of the board and most committee chairmen/women attended the meeting. Brenda Brouder and David Saetre attended in their respective and well know capacities, as well.*

*What struck me was that each board and committee representative and Brenda and David, approximately 20 people in total, donates 10-30 hours a month to the congregation. That represents 200 – 600 hours of volunteer time per month or 1,800 – 5,400 hours of volunteer time per year. There are also many people who donate time exclusive of the board/committees – I am not sure how to quantify those hours.*

*Let's give a collective silent applause for everyone who makes the fellowship services possible throughout the year. Sincerely, Marilyn*

**Books:**

**Never Cry Wolf** by Farley Mowat

Farley, the young biologist employed by the government, is instructed to find wolves to study, circa 1948. His descriptions of human interaction have so much clever humor. If guffaw-style laughing while reading about nature and the nature of man is spiritual, then it is spiritual. Marilyn Einspanier

**MISSION STATEMENT** - This fellowship exists to serve the human needs of its members and friends, to stimulate individual development of a positive and ethical philosophy of life, and to provide a common shelter for everyone's personal growth. -- Founded, February 22, 1998

**UU Calendar of upcoming events:**

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**Fellowship is on hiatus until September – the next newsletter will be distributed in late August. Have a great summer!**

**Note: Fellowship service dates are in bold.**

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