



Words from the Heart

by Scott Gerard Prinster, Associate Minister

A series of anniversaries offers us the opportunity to look back, and to look within. Twenty years ago, the space shuttle Challenger exploded during lift-off in full view of a crowd of spectators and millions of television viewers. NASA administrators and others with a stake in space exploration are struggling to acknowledge the ambitious engineering and human failings that have contributed to this and other space disasters.

Although Challenger was a particularly haunting event, it's also important to remember that precisely 19 years earlier, the three astronauts of Apollo 1 were killed in a fire on the launching pad. And just three years ago, the space shuttle Columbia broke apart during its re-entry, killing its entire crew. These are grim reminders that, although we may be tempted to compare space flight with boarding an airplane, it remains an extremely perilous venture, and that the potential losses must not be taken lightly, must not be risked for frivolous reasons. Sadly, critics of the space program are now reminding us that this is often exactly what happens.

When news reports began to trickle in about the destruction of Columbia and its crew, and family and friends called to see if I had any insights from my previous career, what first occurred to me was, *no one having any experience with the space program could be surprised by this*. Having worked with space shuttle payloads after Challenger exploded in 1986, I was immersed in a system that simultaneously tried to overcompensate for Challenger, and make almost no changes of any

substance. Engineers were saddled with extra layers of bureaucracy that could not possibly be sustained, until the exhausted system lapsed back into "business as usual," and allowed the Columbia disaster. It was an object lesson in how a dysfunctional system fights to avoid accepting accountability.

This was such a vivid lesson for me because Challenger triggered a sequence of important changes in my own life. I had been a sophomore physics major in 1986, and the awful months between January, when Challenger exploded, and April, when the Chernobyl nuclear disaster occurred, encouraged many of us to look skeptically at our lives as scientists. My coming out as a gay man occurred exactly twenty years ago because of this soul-searching. I wanted very much not to believe this

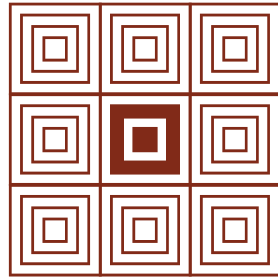
about myself, but there is a part of us that is committed to integrity, and I'm fortunate that this part won the day.

The world offers us many opportunities to sell our souls in little ways, bit by bit, until the issue of integrity no longer seems so urgent. We may allow short-term promises like comfort or financial gain to assuage our conscience, but I believe that borrowing against our integrity is a debt that always comes due at some point. I'm grateful that something in me allowed me to take the harder path, which eventually led me into ministry and here to First Unitarian Society, a community where integrity is cherished and celebrated. The lessons of the past and the rewards of my present remind me of what is at stake in the question of intellectual honesty.

Yours in growing faith, Scott ■

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FUS Supports UUSC a lot!

This year First Unitarian Society was again most generous in its support of the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee. The total of letter responses and Guest at Your Table was a grand \$9,291.87, which exceeds last years contributions .

The Service Committee will have two JustWorks Camps focusing on Katrina recovery. The first will be February 5 to 11 in Baton Rouge, LA, and the second March 5 to 11 in Biloxi, Miss. The camps will provide a unique opportunity for volunteers to translate their values into action by participating in on-the-ground projects to help survivors of the Gulf Coast hurricanes regain their lives and livelihoods.

UUSC has joined with groups urging the United Nations to assume control of peacekeeping in Darfur. A letter was addressed to Ambassador John Bolton, asking him, as president of the Security Council in February of 2006, to draft and introduce a resolution that would “re-hat” the African Union mission in Darfur as a UN operation. This would grant it a strong mandate to protect civilians and humanitarian operations and authorize a UN force to be deployed as soon as possible to the region.

If you are interested in more information about the work of UUSC, go to www.uusc.org. Your local co-representatives at FUS are Suzie deBeers at 833-0506 and Deb Holden at 798-2361. ■

Central Midwest District Assembly in Madison April 21-23 “Taking Back our Country from the Religious Right”

The Madison UU community will host this year’s District Assembly. The Registration fee will be \$150, though you can receive a discount by signing up to volunteer during the conference. DA will take place at the downtown Concourse Hotel. Rabbi Michael Lerner, founder of the Tikkun Community and editor of Tikkun magazine will deliver the keynote address. More details on the workshops, worship services and evening entertainment for DA will be available soon at www.cmwd-uua.org and at FUS.

If you can provide home hospitality for a Unitarian Universalist attending this conference from out of town, please contact Elizabeth Barrett at ebarrett@chorus.net. Thank you! ■

“Movie Night” is February 16

Thursday, February 16, at 7 p.m. in Room C-9 come and enjoy Cary Grant and Deborah Kerr starring in “An Affair To Remember.” Host Ira Kandell will provide free popcorn and some special valentine treats. *Affair* inspired the recent “Sleepless in Seattle,” but according to Ira “has more heart and more soul, beautiful performances, comedy, and drama all in one special film!” Bring your favorite beverage. See you there! ■



GA: General Assembly June 21-25 in St. Louis!

We're gearing up to travel to General Assembly in St. Louis this summer.

Registration begins March 1 for GA and GA Housing.

If you would like to help send an FUS member who otherwise could not afford to attend, please speak to Scott Prinster scottp@fusmadison.org, Denominational Affairs co-chairs Minton Brooks Minton.Brooks@tds.net or Karen Jaeger kjaeger@mailbag.com.

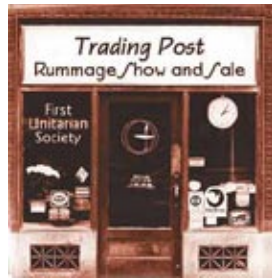
– Elizabeth Barrett ■

Cancer Support Network Hiking Trip

The Cancer Support Network is launching its first Cancer Support Group. This will be a Hiking Group and the first outing will be Friday, February 10, at 9 a.m. The group will meet in the Garner Park parking lot and then proceed to the hiking locale. If you have cancer, you might want to join this active group. Please contact Eva Wright at 698-0398 or Peg Arnold at 233-1784 if you would like to participate. ■

At the Trading Post This Month

Things have been busy at the “FUS Trading Post and Perpetual Rummage sale” on the FUS web site. If you don't know about the Trading Post, drop by and give it a look. It is a great way to let folks know that you have an item to sell or give away, have a volunteer job, or if you are a realtor, massuse, etc. and would like other UUs to know. You can find the trading post at <http://www.fusmadison.org/cgi/classifieds/classifieds.cgi> or just drop by the web site and click on the link next to the Store Front image.



Items at the Trading Post right now include a nice kitchen dining table set for sale by Dana Carpenter, a bunch of brand new doors to give away offered offered by John Grigas.

So, connect with other UUs, recycle your stuff, and recruit workers and customers all on the the Trading Post.

– Harry Carnes, Trading Post Czar ■

Alliance Meeting on February 8

The Alliance will meet Wednesday, February 8, from 12 to 1:30 p.m. in the Gathering Room of the Lower Meeting House. FUS's Assistant Music Director Linda Warren will explain how she can use the healing power of music in many venues. Linda uses a small lap harp as well as the big full size harp. Coffee and tea will be available.

– Susan De Vos ■

Wanted: Nearsighted, Hard-of-hearing, Far-sighted Francophile

Harvard Business School graduate recently locked out of home and car... If you fit the description, then check out the FUS Lost and Found baskets in the Lobby. The assortment of personal items includes a copy of Voltaire's *Candide*, hearing aids, glasses and clothing items. A card index on the shelf above the large basket also records reports of lost or found items. ■

More Meeting House News

Library News

Want to read about *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*? Check out this “gloriously eccentric and wonderfully intelligent” (“Boston Globe”) book told from the perspective of an adolescent autistic boy. Thanks to FUS Library Committee member Jane Ayer, it is now on the shelf of the FUS Gaebler Library.



The national bestseller novel by Mark Haddon was a “Today” show book club selection and a “New York Times” Notable Book. Its main character, Christopher John Francis Boone, knows all the world’s countries and their capitals, the prime numbers up to 7,057 and relates well to animals but can’t fathom human emotions. He sets out to investigate the suspicious death of a neighbor’s dog.

The New York Times considers it a cross between *The Sound and the Fury* and *The Catcher in the Rye*. See for yourself. Look for it and other volumes in the Gaebler Library during regular church business hours (M-F, 9 a.m. -4:30 p.m.) and during weekend services. Signs are posted explaining the four-week self check-out procedure. ■

Gift of Light: Thank You

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the special end of year Gift of Light offering. \$4,747 was received to help ensure that our increased gas and electric costs will be covered this year. In addition \$366 was given and designated to fund Native American-owned, environmentally-friendly wind power development in South Dakota. Candles were lit and placed on the walls of the auditorium during services on December 18 and 25 to represent the many gifts we received. ■



Adult Education

Adult Education Classes Still Registering

There’s still room in many of our stimulating Adult Education classes. A registration form is available online at http://www.fusmadison.org/adult/adult_education_book_spring_06.pdf, or simply go to our home page, scroll down a bit to “Quick Pic-ks” on the right side of your screen. There’s a PDF version of the brochure and the registration form is located at the very end. You may also stop by the Religious Education Office, Room B-3, and a friendly staff person will be happy to provide you with a registration form.

Why not try:

Complementary

Approaches to Healing

Facilitator: Rosalind Woodward
Date: Tuesdays, Feb. 21 – March 28
(6 sessions)
Time: 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.
Fee: \$15 pledged, \$25 non-pledged
Location: West Living Room

Participants will have the opportunity to explore different types of complementary approaches to health with a variety of practitioners. The first series concentrates on the more familiar approaches (e.g. herbs and supplements, chiropractic, Chinese medicine, acupuncture, massage). Offerings depend on the availability of the practitioner. ■



Connections

Conversation Starters

“Do you come here often?”
Probably not the usual question you would hear at First Unitarian Society. Yet, we do want to know how to engage newcomers in conversation.

How do we begin a conversation with those who are visitors at our Saturday and Sunday services? Many of us are not great at starting conversations with strangers.

So, for those of us who need tips, the Membership Committee is asking for your suggestions for conversation starters. How do you engage in conversation with new people or those you do not know? How do we make visitors feel welcome?

The committee came up with some suggestions to start the ball rolling. Here's a sample:

- Have you seen the collection of Japanese prints in the Loggia?
- Have you seen our website? It's a great starting point for information about FUS and has contact information for real live people you can talk to for more in depth information. [Not a question, but works really well as a conversation starter!]
- Hello. My name is [fill in your name and smile warmly.]

Please send your ideas for conversation starters to Coordinator of Member Programs Diana Vezmar-Bailey (dianav@fusmadison.org or Box # 9 in the front lobby of the Meeting House). Let's put our heads together and figure out how to improve our connections to newcomers! ■

Membership Information

There will be a Membership Information session on Sunday, February 12, 10:15 a.m. (following the 9 a.m. service) in the Gaebler Library, Room A-11, about half-way down the Loggia. -Those who would like to learn more about Unitarian Universalism &/or First Unitarian Society are encouraged to attend. Library browsers are still welcome.

There are still openings in the Thursday New UU orientation session, beginning on February 16. Contact the Religious Education office (233-9774, extension 16) for details and to register. Registration forms for the Spring New UU are available on the literature table in the Lobby of the Meeting House and at <http://www.fusmadison.org/adult/newuu.shtml> on our web site.

The next opportunity to become a member is February 26 following both Sunday services. For other membership information, contact Coordinator of Member Programs Diana Vezmar-Bailey (233-9774, extension 16; dianav@fusmadison.org).

Welcome to new members, listed below. Please clip and add to your Directory

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Social Justice

Social Justice Information Dinner Planned

Join Wendy Cooper, FUS Coordinator of Social Justice Programs, for a light dinner and conversation on Monday, February 13, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Gathering Room. Learn how the Social Justice program works and meet other members of our community who are interested in social justice issues. Children are welcome to join us! If you are plan to attend, please RSVP to Wendy at wendyc@fusmadison.org so that we can provide adequate food and beverages. A second informational dinner will be held on March 13 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Hope to see you there. ■

Your Input Needed on The Threat of Global Warming

What will we as Unitarians do to face this threat? Please read the Draft Statement of Conscience and give your input at a discussion/information session on Thursday, February 9, at 5:30 p.m. in the West Living Room. All comments on the draft must be submitted to Wendy Cooper wendyc@fusmadison.org 233-9774 ext 25, or Liz Wessel lizwessel@yahoo.com by February 20. We encourage you to participate in this issue of local and global consequence. ■



ECOTIP #106

“Buying a Hybrid”

Not all hybrid vehicles increase fuel economy and reduce emissions.

Hybrids such as Honda’s Insight and Civic Hybrid have idle-off capability, regenerative braking and power assist. The engine turns off when the vehicle is stopped and turns back on when you move your foot from brake to gas pedal; the electric motor helps slow the car while energy from braking helps recharge the battery; and the electric motor helps propel the car. The Toyota Prius and Ford Escape Hybrid also have electric-only drive in which the electric motor powers the vehicle by itself at low speeds and when first starting the car.

However, the Toyota Highlander Hybrid and the Lexus RX 400h are not fuel-efficient, and the Honda Accord Hybrid is only somewhat efficient. Finally, while the Chevrolet Silverado Hybrid and GMC Sierra Hybrid have idle-off capability, fuel economy is only improved by one or two miles per gallon.

For more information, including side-by-side comparisons, go to www.hybridcenter.org. ■

Paths of Peace #7

Webster’s Dictionary definition of “peace”:

1. Freedom from war or civil strife
2. a treaty of agreement to end a war
3. freedom from public disturbance or disorder; public order; law and order
4. freedom from disagreement or quarrels; harmony; concord
5. an undisturbed state of mind; absence of mental conflict; serenity
6. calm; quiet; tranquility.



And a return to David Krieger’s and Joshua Chen’s PEACE: 100 Ideas, published by CDA Press, Copyright 2004:

11. Teach peace to children
12. Write a letter to your President
13. Study the lives of peace heroes- “You must BE the change you wish to see in the world” - Mohandas K. Ghandi
14. Demand honesty from your government
15. Think about consequences.

Do you feel passionate about a particular economic justice issue? Step on up! Don't wait to be asked!

Economic Justice and (F)US

The Economic Justice Committee is one of five committees of the Social Justice Council. What does the work of this committee entail, you ask? Promoting economic justice means working toward a fairer, more humane distribution of resources and opportunities among all people in society. Affordable health care, affordable housing, a living wage, quality public education, government taxation, spending, and regulatory priorities which place human need above corporate excess – these are economic justice issues. In recent years, the Economic Justice Committee at First Unitarian Society has focused

its efforts largely in the area of local affordable housing and homelessness – working with other groups in Madison and Dane County to advocate for more affordable housing, to help at-risk families avert eviction, and to provide services to homeless families and individuals.

Do you feel passionate about a particular economic justice issue? Do you have ideas about where FUS should, or should not, focus its collective energy and resources in pursuit of economic justice? Step on up! Don't wait to be asked! A seat on the Economic Justice Committee awaits you. The committee meets the first Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Lower Meeting House. Contact Kendall Harrison, kharrison@gklaw.com, or Wendy Cooper, wendyc@fusmadison.org, or come join our lively discussion on February 7. ■



social justice film serie

“A Force More Powerful: We Were Warriors”

The Friday Social Justice film series focuses on civil rights on February 17, at 7 p.m. with “A Force More Powerful: We Were Warriors.” This film tells the story of a non-violent civil rights action that integrated a lunch counter in Nashville, Tennessee.

In addition to the film, we will have a speaker, Charles Brown. Brown was active in school integration in Rosedale, Mississippi during the 1960s and will share his experiences. He currently teaches math at MATC.

To get a flavor for what was happening with integration in 1960s, check out the really wonderful *Through My Eyes* by Ruby Bridges. It is available through the Gaebler library. Please join us. There will be refreshments. ■



Friday Noon Musicales

12:15 to 1:00 p.m. in the Auditorium

February

**10 • 100 Years of Romance:
Love Songs from the 20th Century**
Gay Thomas and Josh Dupont

**17 • Bloch, Mozart, Rubinstein
& Wieniawsky**
Tyrone Greive, violin;
Ellen Burmeister, piano

24 • Haydn, Liszt & Strauss
Susan Bender, soprano;
Michael Keller, piano

Brown-bag lunches are welcome.
Coffee & Tea are available.
Admission is free!



Religious Education

Children's Religious Education

Artwork Wanted

Alex Rodinsky has begun working on next year's Children's RE brochure and would love to once again feature children's (or teen's) art on the cover. We need a drawing that reflects learning, our community, and/or being Unitarian Universalist. Please submit your drawing to the RE Office no later than March 1. ■

Change in Schedule

Parents: please note that the Intergenerational Services originally scheduled for February 18 and 19 have been cancelled. Children attend their classes instead. Many of the teachers will have community-building activities for that day; some will revisit previous lessons or activities in the curriculum. It will still be a Meeting House Sunday, so please start out in the Auditorium. ■

Middle School Bowlers

FUS middle schoolers are invited to gather together for a night of pizza and bowling. We'll meet at Schwoegler Park Towne Lanes, 444 Grand Canyon Dr., on Saturday, February 25, 8 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. The cost is \$10, and includes two games of cosmic bowling, shoes and pizza. If you have not received a registration form and would like one, please contact Leslie at 233-9774, x. 19. The deadline to register is February 19. (Feel free to bring extra money along if you want to play arcade games). ■

Got Boxes?

The Children's Religious Education Department is in desperate need of cardboard jewelry boxes of all shapes and sizes. If you are able to provide this item, please drop them off in the Religious Education Office, Room B-3 near the child care rooms. Thank you! ■



Teen Program

Awesome Adults Needed for Teen Habitat for Humanity trip

We are looking for enthusiastic adults to chaperone this year's Habitat for Humanity teen work week. We will likely be traveling to New Orleans the third or fourth week of July. Your costs would be covered. Requirements for this great opportunity to help the flood-ravaged city of New Orleans and to get to know incredible teens are:

- Must be 25 years old or older;
- Must have a valid driver's license and a good driving history;
- Must not only like teens, but be patient with them too;
- Must complete a fun and exciting application by February 28.

The FUS Youth Advisory Committee will review the applications, set up interviews, and choose the lucky adults. If you'd like an application, contact Leslie at 233-9774, x. 19 or at leslier@fusmadison.org. ■

YRUU

Are you a high school teen looking for a place to meet other cool teens, explore your religious and spiritual beliefs, do good in the world, and have lively conversation? Then come to YRUU! You're welcome to join us at any Sunday, 6:30 – 8 p.m. in the Annex. Don't worry if you haven't been here before – newcomers are always welcome. Here's a tentative schedule of what we're up to during the next few weeks:

- February 12: Discussion on drugs and alcohol
- February 19: Discussion and social action: Responsible consumerism and how our dollars can support businesses that share our beliefs about human and environmental rights.
- February 25: A night of personal check-ins and affirmations
- March 5: Music night—bring a favorite song and/or an instrument
- March 12: Fun night—to be determined ■

Thanks to Everyone Who Helped...

We wish to acknowledge and give a big thank you to all those who helped with making the Preservation and Facilities Forums and the Parish Meeting successful opportunities for information gathering in January and February. It was a large undertaking with many people helping in dozens of ways. A partial list of those involved follows:

Alan Heitman	Claire Box	Joan Heitman	Nancy Ragland
Alan Knox	Dan Broner	John Mathis	Nancy Sheehan
Alice Delaquess	Dayle Hagland	Joyce Carey	Pat Anderson
Alex Rodinsky	Deb Knutson	Judith Lary	Pat Becker
Ann Gullickson	Debbie Parker	Kathy Luker	Paula Apfelbach
Ann Smiley	Dennis Birke	Kelly Crocker	Rob Anderson
Barb Avery	Diana Vezmar-Bailey	Ken Ragland	Ross Hemphill
Barb Romano	Doug Mitchell	Kim Stege	Rup Nitschke
Bert Bitter	Elizabeth Barrett	Laurie Joiner	Sam Bates
Bill Love	Gwen Harman	Leslie Ross	Sam Lawrence
Biss Nitschke	Harry Carnes	Linda Joy Knox	Scott Prinster
Brent Nyala	Hope Stege	Lisa Bauer	Susan Beth Koenig
Brian Joiner	Isabel Pentony	Liz Wessel	Tom Detmer
Carol Roan	Jay Martin	Lorna Aaronson	Tom Miskelley
Carlton Hemphill	Jean Nielsen	Mara McDonald	Tristan Hemphill
Chris Curley	Jim Christensen	March Schweitzer	Vicky Jones
Chris Glueck	Jim Jaeger	Margaret Smith	Wendy Cooper
		Marge Engelman	Marsha Siik
		Mary Jane Brummer	Janet Stonecipher
		Michael Schuler	Lloyd Eagan
		Mike May	Eric Schulenburg
		Morris Waxler	and the COA team ■
		Nancy Fowell	

Newsletter Deadlines 2006

Volume 57 #4

Contribution Deadline: February 13
Publication & Assembly Date: February 20

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Contribution Deadline: February 27
Publication and Assembly Date: March 6

Volume 57 #6

Contribution Deadline: March 13
Publication and Assembly Date: March 20

Volume 57 #7

Contribution Deadline: March 27
Publication and Assembly Date: April 3

Volume 57 #8

Contribution Deadline: April 10
Publication & Assembly Date: April 17

Volume 57 #9

Contribution Deadline: April 24
Publication and Assembly Date: May 1

Volume 57 #10

Contribution Deadline: May 8
Publication and Assembly Date: May 15

Volume 57 #11

Contribution Deadline: May 22
Publication and Assembly Date: May 30

Volume 57 #12

Contribution Deadline: June 5
Publication and Assembly Date: June 12

☛ Please send your contributions to newsletter@fusmadison.org. Thanks! ■



Community

Darwin Day Outreach Symposium

The Evolution Coordinating Committee on the University of Wisconsin-Madison campus offers a symposium on Saturday, February 11, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Ingraham Hall, B10, (corner of Observatory Drive and Charter Street). The event is entitled, "Evidence for Evolution: Updating Darwin's Case."

This event, on the day before Darwin's birthday, will showcase renowned UW scholars addressing themes from the Origin of the Species, followed by a panel discussion open to questions from the floor. It is timely in view of the upsurge of the Creation/Intelligent Design challenges, which have caused a furor over the traditional separation of religion and government.

Philosopher Elliot Sober's talk "Argument by Design" (at 2:45 p.m.) should be particularly relevant. Historian Ron Numbers, a leading authority on creationism, will be one of the panelists. Refreshments, handouts, teaching materials, and opportunities to speak with the presenters will be available. The program is free and open to the public. Please see <http://www.evolution.wisc.edu/events.php> for details and the complete schedule, or contact FUS member Mara McDonald mamcdona@wisc.edu. ■

Caregiver Support Education Series

Sue Rosa is seeking others interested in participating in an educational program for family caregivers: "Taking Care of You: Powerful Tools for Family Caregivers." This series of six sessions covers issues familiar to anyone providing care to a family member, and offers tools for dealing with them. The course, led by two experienced facilitators, is sponsored by the Caring for the Caregiver Program of the Area Agency on Aging of Dane County. The fee of \$10 pays for all six classes and a copy of *The Caregiver Helpbook*. If interested or for more information, please contact Claire Culbertson, Program Coordinator for the Caring for the Caregiver Program at 261-5679. ■

20th Annual Mardi Gras

Celebrate Mardi Gras and feel good about it as you support the South Central Wisconsin Alzheimer's Association. Come to the 20th Annual Mardi Gras on Saturday, February 18, 2006 at the lovely Madison Concourse Hotel. Emcee is Dr. Zorba Paster, radio host and local family physician with Dean Health Systems. Royalty include Dr. John Hansen, Medical Director of Group Health Cooperative, and Christine Bellport, co-anchor of NBC 15's Morning Show. Dinner, music, silent auction, and much more! Ticket prices are \$500 for a corporate table (8) or \$45 per person. For tickets or more information, call 608-232-3400 or (800) 272-3900. A ticket order form is available at www.alzswisc.org. ■

Ecumenical Hymn Festival

The Association of Church Musicians will present "We Gather in Song," an ecumenical hymn festival featuring audience hymn singing and choral selections presented by singers from area church choirs on Sunday, February 12, at 2:30 p.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 5701 Raymond Rd. The Madison Area Concert Handbells will also play. A free will offering will be taken. All are welcome. ■

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Meeting House Calendar

Wednesday, February 8

Financial Stewardship Council	7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	W Living Rm
Staff meeting	9:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	W Living Rm
Alliance	11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Gathering Rm
Worship Council Meeting	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	C-9
Adult Education Committee	6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	C-5
Meeting House Chorus	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Auditorium
Parents of Teens meeting	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Annex LR
Facilitator Chalice Group	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	C-7
Children's Choirs	7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	W Living Rm

Thursday, February 9

Archives Open	2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Archives
Global Warminig Input	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	W Living Rm
Women's 16 Step Group	6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	C-3
Facilitators Chalice Group	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	C-5
Society Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Aud WiR
Communications Committee	7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Library

Friday, February 10

MHNS Music and Movement	10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Gathering Rm
Noon Musicale	12:15 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Auditorium
Wedding Consultation	1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	C-9

Saturday, February 11

Insight Meditation Sitting	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	W Living Rm
Children's Religious Ed	3:45 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	B & C Wings
Saturday Social Justice Event	4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Gathering Rm
Worship Service	4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Auditorium
Saturday Potluck	6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Gathering Rm

Sunday, February 12

Children's Religious Ed	7:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	B & C Wings
Worship Service	9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.	Auditorium
Coffee Served After Worship	9:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.	Table #4
EnAct Information Meeting	10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	W Living Rm
Membership Information	10:15 a.m. - 10:50 a.m.	Library
Worship Service	11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	Auditorium
UU Christian Communion	12:45 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	W Living Rm
Parenting (chalice group)	3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	B-2 C-3
Insight Buddhist meditation	6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Gathering Rm
YRUU Youth Group	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Annex LR

Monday, February 13

Dance Fellowship	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Gathering Rm
O'Neill via Film	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	W Living Rm
Doubters Group	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	C-9
Male experience/open men	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Annex LR
Social Justice Council	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	C-5
Acting Group	7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	Auditorium

Tuesday, February 14

Women's Writing Group	1:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.	C-7
Centering Prayer	5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	C-3

Wednesday, February 15

Staff meeting	9:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	W Living Rm
Facilitator Chalice Group	12:35 p.m. - 2:25 p.m.	C-7
Nominations Committee	4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	C-5
Meeting House Chorus	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Auditorium

Board of Trustees Meeting	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Gathering Rm
MHNS Board Meeting	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	C-11
Children's Choirs	7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	W Living Rm

Thursday, February 16

MHNS Music and Movement	10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Gathering Rm
Archives Open	2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Archives
Women's 16 Step Group	6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	C-3
Networking for Change	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	C-5
New UU	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Gathering Rm
Society Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Aud WiR
Movie Night	7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	C-9

Friday, February 17

Essential Spirituality C. Group	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	C-3
MHNS Cabin Fever Concert	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Gathering Rm
Newsletter Printing	12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	W Living Rm
Noon Musicale	12:15 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Auditorium
SJ Film Series	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	W Living Rm

Saturday, February 18

ML Winter Institute Praxis	2:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	W Living Rm
Children's Religious Ed	3:45 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	B & C Wings
Worship Service	4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Auditorium
Circle Supper	7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Gathering Rm
Drum Circle	7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Auditorium

Sunday, February 19

Children's Religious Ed	7:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	B & C Wings
Worship Service	9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.	Auditorium
Coffee Served After Worship	9:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.	Table #4
Library Committee meeting	10:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Library
Worship Service	11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	Auditorium
New UU	4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	W Living Rm
Insight Buddhist meditation	6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Gathering Rm
YRUU Youth Group	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Annex LR

Monday, February 20

Newsletter Assembly	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	W Living Rm
Dance Fellowship	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Gathering Rm
O'Neill via Film	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	W Living Rm
Women's Spirituality (WSpR)	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	C-7
Acting Group	7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	Auditorium

Tuesday, February 21

Preservation planning	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	C-11
Centering Prayer	5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	C-3
Membership Committee	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	C-5
Complementary Healing	6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	W Living Rm
Noon Musicale Rehearsal	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Auditorium
Spiritual Connections C Group	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Gathering Rm
Wedding Consultation	7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	C-11

Wednesday, February 22

Steering Committee	7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	C-11
Staff meeting	9:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	W Living Rm
Annual Campaign Meeting	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	C-11
Lay Worship Committee	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	C-7
Meeting House Chorus	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Auditorium
Adoptive Parents S WI	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	C-9
Children's Choirs	7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	W Living Rm



Upcoming Services at FUS

Saturday, February 11 at 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 12 at 9 & 11 a.m.

“Intelligent Design or Darwin – What Would a Deist Say?”

by Michael A. Schuler, Parish Minister

This month we celebrate the births of two of our country’s most distinguished presidents – Lincoln and Washington – and it seems an appropriate occasion to reflect upon the religious loyalties and sentiments of the Founders and Preservers of our Union. Conservative Christians have often tried to depict these great statesmen and patriots as unapologetic Christians. Perhaps. But just how orthodox were they, and what might they think about some of the claims being made about them today?

Music Info: On Saturday, recorder player Teri Balsler will provide the musical offerings. On Sunday, the Society Choir will sing *We Celebrate!* by Libby Larsen.

Saturday, February 18 at 4:30 p.m.

Sunday February 19 at 9 & 11 a.m.

“At Home in the Living Tradition ”

by William Cronon

Frederick Jackson Turner Professor of History, UW Madison

FUS member Bill Cronon is one of America’s leading authorities on the history of the American West and is also an environmental historian of significant stature whose work has received numerous awards and wide recognition. He is a member of the Governing Council of the Wilderness Society, a former Rhodes Scholar and MacArthur Fellow. Bill attended FUS as a youngster and he and his family have been active in the Society since 1992, when he left Yale for his current appointment. Parish Minister Michael Schuler will assist.

Music Info: On Saturday, The High School Choir, directed by Heather Thorpe, will provide the musical offerings. On Sunday, the Children’s Choirs will sing, directed by Heather Thorpe. Heather will also sing music by Leonard Bernstein.



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