



Words From the Heart

by Scott Gerard Prinster, Associate Minister

For two days before our District's recent Annual Assembly held here in Madison, the ministers of our chapter gathered to conduct business and participate in a program on "Classism and Unitarian Universalism" with our colleague the Rev. Lynn Thomas Strauss. It was a challenging reminder of how uneasy our movement – and, indeed, our nation – still is on issues of class.

While we pride ourselves on being a society that strives to tear down the barriers that divide us and prevent many from participating fully in civic life, the impact of class has become more, not less, significant. And, to the degree that it prevents members and friends from feeling welcome and included in the life of our congregations, the issue of class is also important to the well-being of Unitarian Universalism.

Class is the variety of ways by which we are given status in our society. A year ago the New York Times published an excellent multimedia series called "Class Matters" (<http://www.nytimes.com/pages/national/class/index.html>) exploring the complicated dimensions that determine our share of the comfort, safety, and blessings of American life. It's not as simple as dividing us up into the "haves" and the "have nots"; class is the interplay of income, prestige, education, and wealth, among other factors. And it's not just intellectual entertainment to consider the significance of class: it can be a

matter of survival, as we saw in New Orleans, where a disaster divided the city according to who had the means to escape and places to go, who received life-saving services and resources, and who had the reserves they needed to tide them over. Hurricane Katrina was a vivid illustration that those with lower status may, in some instances, be simply left to die.

I raise the issue of class in the context of our newsletter because, despite our work for equality, many of our congregations are still enclaves unwelcoming to those who don't share our cultural background and assumptions. There was a time when First Unitarian Society was much more closely associated with the university, and I hear that many who didn't work for UW simply felt unwelcome here – it was assumed that they didn't have enough in common with those on the faculty to be part of our congregation. Conversations about summer homes, vacation, children going off to college, and attending the symphony presumed a certain level of means and

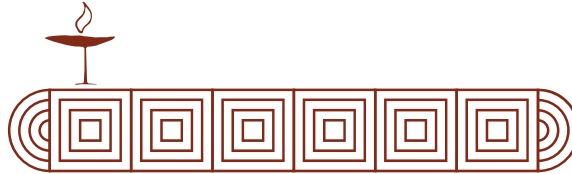
cultural status.

I came into Unitarian Universalism as an adult, and it has been an interesting encounter of class difference. My parents were from working class families, but through their own hard work brought us up into the middle class. I have inherited tastes, turns of speech, habits and prejudices from my background, and I've sometimes felt uncomfortable falling back on



Jackie Groves, at the "Two Year Quest" Program "deep ecology" retreat in De Pere. Last weekend has now been officially designated as the busiest in First Unitarian Society history since records of this sort of thing have been kept.

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Membership information

For those wishing to learn more about Unitarian Universalism or First Unitarian Society, or how to become a member, please plan to attend a membership information session on Sunday, May 14, following the 9 a.m. service (approximately 10:15 a.m.). Come and chat with people from the Membership Committee and pick up information that will inform you of our various programs.

New UU, our five session orientation series, will begin its summer session on Thursday, June 8, and will run for five Thursdays. This class is strongly recommended for anyone who wishes to become a member, or simply to learn more about our community and the Unitarian Universalist movement. You may pick up a green registration form on the literature table in the lobby of the Meeting House, or print one from our web site at <http://www.fusmadison.org/adult/newuu.shtml>.

We will be receiving new members on Sunday, May 21, following both Sunday services.

If you have questions about membership, contact Coordinator of Member Programs Diana Vezmar-Bailey (233-9774, extension 16; dianav@fusmadison.org). ■

Doubters Meeting to Host Darwin Speaker

The Doubters will host guest speaker David Baum (<http://www.botany.wisc.edu/baum>) from the UW Botany Dept. at their May meeting. The meeting will be from 7 to 9 p.m. in the West Living Room.



Prof. Baum was the opening speaker at the recent Darwin Day Symposium at the UW. He will present, "Evidence for evolution, a review of the structure of evolutionary theory and how the evidence supports its core postulates." Prof. Baum will then lead a discussion about why evolutionary education is important and share with us his philosophical views on Evolution, Science, and Religion. Everyone is invited. ■

Help Re-Stock New Orleans' Library

YRUU, our high school youth group, is hosting a book drive to help the New Orleans Public Library restock its shelves after Katrina devastated their inventory. We have collection barrels at the main entrance and West doors from through May 7. Please consider donating any books in good condition and that are not too dated. We are also looking for money donations to pay for the shipping of these books. Checks can be brought to the RE Office, made out to FUS, with "Book Drive" in the memo line. Any leftover funds will be donated to the New Orleans Public Library. Thank you for your generous help. ■



Summer Circle Suppers

There is still time to Register for Summer Circle Suppers. Circles are coordinated by Dawn Stucki. If you would like to participate call Dawn at 849-8078 or use our on-line registration form at http://www.fusmadison.org/adult/circle_supper.shtml ■



Annual Campaign Calls Coming

Pledge cards continue to come in for the Annual Campaign. Thus far, almost 700 families have committed over \$930,000 for the July 2006 - June 2007 pledge year. Thank you. That's a darn good start!



There are still over 300 families who have not yet responded. If you have not yet returned your pledge card, please do so very soon. In a couple of weeks volunteers will begin calling those who have not yet pledged. Save us a phone call!

You can pledge by mailing in your pledge card using our online option, new this year. Just go to our web site <www.fusmadison.org> and click on the "Growing and Giving Together" banner. Or if you prefer, you can contact Bill Love, Program Assistant for Congregational Giving at 233-9774 ext. 23, or bllove@fusmadison.org and tell him your pledge commitment for the coming year. Thanks! ■

More Meeting House News

Parish Meeting to be Sunday, May 7 at 1:30 p.m.

Agenda

- Opening and vision for Congregation
- Minutes from 5/05, 10/05, and 2/06 Parish meetings
- Nominations and Elections
- Treasurer's report and next year's operating budget.
- Feasibility study summary and discussion
- Proposed facilities timeline and ongoing priority setting

Proposed Board resolutions regarding Capital improvements:

1. Authorization for a revised master plan to be prepared during the Summer based on funding projections from the feasibility study, for action at a September Parish meeting, with a spending limit on the line of credit for such revisions.
2. Authorization for use of line of credit and early contributions for capital campaign improvements to accomplish urgent Historic Meeting House preservation projects (such as Auditorium floor repair, lighting and ventilation) during Summer 2006, as the Board concludes that these projects are technically feasible and do not conflict with important program activities in the available time period, up to a spending limit of \$250,000. ■

How About Baking for a Cause?

Our Habitat for Humanity teens will host a bake sale to raise money for their upcoming work week in Mankato, MN. The sale will be on Sunday, May 7, and we need baking talent. If you can bring a home-baked good of your choice, please sign up either on the board near the west entry of the historic Meeting House, or in the C-Wing. With your help, this bake sale will be a huge success.



Please package your goodies in dollar increment packages (\$1, \$2, -\$5). Drop-off time are 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Baked goods will be sold after services and during the parish meeting.

For more info or to sign up, call Ann Kronser at 831-7731 or e-mail madkronz@charter.net. ■

District Assembly in Madison a Big Success!

Thanks to everyone who planned, participated in and helped with District Assembly April 21-23, the conference was a huge success. We certainly showed our District a great time. The Denominational Affairs committee wants to especially thank everyone who helped with registration, home hospitality, childcare, vendors and the bookstore. You helped create that welcoming atmosphere that is so important. ■

Come to the May 10 Meeting of the Alliance

Martha Taylor of the UW Foundation will talk to the Alliance about "Joyful Philanthropy" on Wednesday, May 10. Bring your lunch for our noon to 1:30 p.m. meeting in the Gathering Room of the Lower Meeting House. Coffee and tea will be available. Everyone is welcome. ■

Library News

Find a bit of PEACE in the FUS Gaebler Library. Thanks to the FUS Peace and Justice Committee, we now offer six new books relating to peace. Three are poetry selections: *Today is Not a Good Day for War* by David Krieger; *The Poetry of Peace* edited by Krieger; and *Hope in a Dark Time* also by Krieger. Also recently donated prose include *Peace – 100 Ideas*, co-edited by Krieger and Joshua Chen and *Waging Peace II*, a series of essays edited by Krieger and Frank Kelly and *Hold Hope, Wage Peace* edited by Krieger and Carah Ong.

The Peace Corner is under the window, above the computer station. Follow the self check-out procedures posted in the library. These books and other materials may be checked out for four weeks. The library is open during regular church business hours and weekend services. ■



Summary of Capital Campaign Feasibility Study Forum on April 23

“An expanded facility can translate our principles into meaningful and effective action steps, so that the community and world around us are increasingly benefited by our growing presence.”

– from Michael Schuler’s opening remarks

“Cautious enthusiasm; support for project; sense of community and hope; optimism; resolute; calm; interest in what’s next...”

These are some of words that were used to summarize the tenor of the April 23 forum on the FUS Capital Campaign Feasibility Study. Approximately 85 people attended the forum on a beautiful spring afternoon. The meeting was spirited and provided extensive information gathered last month by Paul Mack and Associates.

The focus of the meeting was to hear a report from Paul Mack and Associates about how much money could be raised from our congregation in a capital campaign designed to build our new facility and restore the Historic Meeting House.

A ten-page summary of Paul Mack’s findings was distributed at the meeting. If you would like to receive this summary electronically or in print format, call Alan Knox at 831-0021 or e-mail Lknox@chorus.net. In addition, the report, in summary and in its full version, is on the First Unitarian Society website at <http://www.fusmadison.org/morethanstones/campaign-planning-study.pdf> and is also available in the Gaebler Library on the table below the windows. If, after reading the report, you would like to make comments or ask questions, feel free to call or e-mail Alan Knox.

The following questions and answers were highlighted at the forum:

Q: How much money does the feasibility study show could be raised by the congregation?

A: The congregation could raise about 4.5 million dollars.

Q: What size mortgage would be available to the congregation?

A: A 2 million dollar mortgage can be borrowed at approximately 7% interest for 25 years. This would entail debt service of \$180,000 from the annual operating budget.

Q: Can we anticipate any foundation or grant support?

A: About a half million dollars are anticipated in

foundation and grant support.

Q: What should our capital campaign financial goal be?

A: We should plan for a \$7 million dollar campaign that will cover all new building costs and include \$750,000 for preservation of the Historic Meeting House.

Q: When will the congregation be able to have further input into the process?

A: The congregation will have opportunities for further input into the process over the summer.

Q: When might restoration work on the Historic Meeting House begin?

A: The Preservation work group is developing a preservation proposal. Some phases of restoring the Historic Meeting House such as lighting and electrical work, replastering the prow, resealing and recoloring (same color) the floors, and improving ventilation may begin this summer.

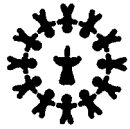


Other topics discussed included:

- 1) the possibility that the staircase to the Marshall Court parking lot could be improved. This suggestion was widely greeted with approval.
- 2) the possibility that we might phase the building process.
- 3) the possibility that we may not need to demolish the C wing in the next phase of building.

What Happens Next?

- **May 7 Parish Meeting** – Elections, adoption of budget, additional funds for early preservation work and to Kubala Washatko (our architectural firm) for redesign of new facilities.
- **Summer** Preparation of revised building plans; preparation of capital campaign materials and orientation
- **September 10** Forum and report on modified plans
- **September 17** Parish Meeting to vote on new plans and launch capital campaign
- **Mid September** Launch contact with potential major donors
- **Oct-December** Capital campaign (staff, volunteers, adviser)
- **January 2007** Architects and contractor begins to arrange for sub-contractors
- **Summer 2007** Relocate activities during this part of construction
- **Summer 2008** Opening of new building ■



Religious Education

Register for Fall Classes

Registration for Fall '06 Children's Religious Education (CRE) classes is underway! Here's how you can register:

- Return the last page of the CRE brochure with payment, to the RE office. Do it by mail or drop it off.
- Download a registration form from our website (http://www.fusmadison.org/edu/cs_form-06-07.pdf) and return it to the RE office.
- Register on-line using PayPal. You can access that at <http://www.fusmadison.org/edu/csreg.shtml>.
- Stop by the registration tables that will be set up on April 23, 29 and 30.

Please have your registrations in by May 21. ■

Last Call for RSVPs

Teachers, classroom support coordinators, and advisors: please don't forget to RSVP for the Religious Education Appreciation Dinner on Friday, May 5. Be sure to let us know if you'll be needing child care. ■

Teachers Needed for '06/'07

Each year we need to recruit approximately 100 volunteer teachers for our RE classes. Teachers teach in a team with 2-3 others and are in the classroom generally twice per month. We welcome parents and non-parents as volunteer teachers, though we strongly encourage newcomers to spend a year familiarizing themselves with FUS before making this commitment.

If you have questions about teaching or would like to sign up, please contact Leslie at 233-9774, x. 19, or leslier@fusmadison.org. ■



Summer Fun!

This year's RE classes will end on May 21 and will then be followed by 3 months of *Summer Fun!*, our summer program for children ages 4-9. Each session will begin with a short worship service featuring a classical or contemporary story followed by a creative arts activity, nature study, or community-building activity. A healthy snack and free time on the playground concludes each session. There is no need to pre-register; just come on by the Gathering Room. The fee is \$3 per session or \$20 for the summer. If you'd like to volunteer to help lead one or more Summer Fun sessions, please contact Janet Swanson at 273-3313 or at jbswanson@uwalumni.com. ■

YRUU

Are you a high school teen looking for a place to meet other cool teens, to explore your religious and spiritual beliefs, to do good in the world, and to have lively conversation? Then come on by 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 what we're up to during the next few weeks:

- May 7: Prepare books to ship to New Orleans
- May 12-13: Lock-In at FUS. Need to have signed permission to attend. ■

Newsletter Deadlines 2006

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! ■



Musical Offerings



Singing in Tahrir Square, Cairo, March 2003

“Singing in Baghdad” is Coming May 21

An American couple sing their way through the Arab world and arrive in Baghdad at the moment of US military intervention. How are they received on the streets by ordinary Iraqi people? How are they received in other Arab cities?

The answers to these, and many other questions will be found at *Singing In Baghdad*, a presentation by Cameron Powers and Kristina Sophia on Sunday, May 21, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Auditorium.

Through the power of images and sound, Cameron and Sophia will share their insights into the hearts and minds of the Arab world and their message of hope that will help bridge the gap between our cultures. You will not want to miss this wonderful opportunity to learn how to heal the wounds of war. ■

Workshop to be Offered

Also on Sunday, May 21, from 6 to 8 p.m., Cameron and Kristina will lead a workshop, “**Spiritual Traveler: Journeys Beyond Fear.**” Topics to be addressed include: What is happening to our time-honored friendships with the rest of the world? Becoming responsible global citizens; Deep cross-cultural learning; and Musical enlightenment and ecstasy.

The registration fee is \$10. To register, make a check, payable to FUS and marked “Musical Mission” and place it in Dan Broner’s mailbox (#5). Need more info? Contact Dan at danb@fusmadison.org or 233-9774, extension 21. ■



Friday Noon Musicales

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

May

5 “May” Favorite Things

Dan Broner, organ and harpsichord

12 Bach, Tchaikovsky, Sarasate & Foss

Krista Stewart, violin
Eli Kalman, piano

19 A Song Recital

Ilona Kombrink and Martha Fischer

Brown-bag lunches are welcome. Coffee & Tea are available.

Admission is free!

Social Justice

Notes from the Social Justice Staff

Each year, as we approach summer, the Social Justice program kicks off its “There is No Vacation from Homelessness” campaign. As we begin to think about the coming of warm summer months filled with travel, summer camp, and other fun activities, we ask the FUS community to remember that for many households in Madison summertime brings no ease to their struggle.

In fact, for some families, the end of the school year creates additional challenges like finding adequate child care and providing additional food when free breakfast and lunch programs end. Our efforts to respond to the immediate and longer term needs of households facing hunger, homelessness, and child care challenges will not slow down a beat this summer and we ask you to consider sharing your time with us. Here are some ways that you can contribute in the coming spring/summer months:

The Interfaith Hospitality Network Buddy Program at FUS will host a special training for volunteers on June 20 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. This training will serve any volunteer working with our homeless service programs and we encourage you to attend. Please RSVP to Melanie Witte at melaniewitte@charter.net or call 273-1287.

Our next week as a Buddy Congregation for IHN is July 9 - July 16. Please plan ahead to help with evening activities for families, meal preparation/meal serving, set up and breakdown, and/or overnight host. Melanie can answer questions about each of these roles.



We continue to serve meals at the Grace Episcopal meal site throughout the summer months. Our weekends are: May 20/21; June 17/18; July 15/16; August 19/20.

For information about serving dinner contact Cathi Wiebrecht-Spearer at 288-9972. For breakfast service contact Anne Pryor at bluezinnias@yahoo.com.

Dane County United will be focusing on early childhood issues in May. Drop Wendy Cooper an e-mail if you would like to talk about Dane County United and the actions planned in May. There are a number of pressing issues affecting the youngest children in our community right now. Wendy can be reached at wendyc@fusmadison.org or 233-9774 ext 25. ■

Paths of Peace #11

On Becoming Human

To be human is to recognize the cultural perspectives that bind us to tribe, sect, religion, or nation, and to rise above them. It is to feel the pain of the dispossessed, the downtrodden, the refugee, the starving child, the slave, the victim.



To be human is to break the ties of cultural conformity and group-think, and to use one's own mind. It is to recognize good and evil, and to choose good. It is to consider with the heart. It is to act with conscience. **To be human** is to be courageous. It is to choose the path of compassion. It is to sacrifice for what is just. It is to break the silence. It is to be an unrelenting advocate of human decency and human dignity. **To be human** is to breathe with the rhythm of life, and to recognize our kinship with all forms of life. It is to appreciate every drop of water. It is to feel the warmth of the sun, and to marvel at the beauty and expanse of the night sky. It is to stand in awe of who we are and where we live. It is to see the Earth with the eyes of an astronaut..

To be human is to plant the seeds of peace, and nurture them. It is to find peace and make peace. It is to help mend to web of life. It is to be a healer of the planet. **To be human** is not always to succeed, but it is always to learn. It is to move forward despite the obstacles.

The above is quoted, with permission, from parts of “On Becoming Human” from the book Today is Not a Good Day for War written by David Krieger and published in 2005 by Capra Press. It may be ordered from www.caprapress.com or from www.wagingpeace.org. ■

Porchlight Men's Shelter at Grace Episcopal Church Volunteers Needed

The First Unitarian Society, in co-operation with many church and private groups in the Madison area, provides volunteer assistance to the Men's Drop-In Shelter operated by Porchlight at Grace Episcopal Church. This shelter houses men only; other shelter facilities in Madison serve families and women and children.

The FUS scheduled dates are the 3rd Saturday night and the following Sunday morning of each month. Separate groups of Unitarian volunteers furnish, prepare and serve each of the two weekend meals. The coordinators will be available at the Social Justice table following the services on April 29-30 to answer questions and to encourage your participation in these efforts.



Earth Day Tuneup. Michael and Trina Schuler mug for the camera as an unnamed but appreciated technician from Budget Bicycle does a tuneup on Michaels bike. Over 60 folks rode their bikes to FUS on Sunday for Earth Day.

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them among other Unitarian Universalists. The New York Times series included an interactive feature where readers can select from drop-down menus their income, occupation, education and wealth, and see how they fall among the social classes. I had thought of myself as solidly middle-class, perhaps a bit higher on the education scale, but was surprised to see that I actually fall well into the upper class on all scales but wealth. I have to remind myself of the freedoms and comfort I enjoy because of the blessed life I lead.

The poet T. S. Eliot grew up in a Unitarian family, and said that to be a Unitarian was to be “noble, upright, and superior to all other human beings.” It’s here that the problem of class in our movement becomes most clear – many assume that class is equivalent to worth. The myth of American meritocracy is that we’re all given the same chances to succeed, and those who do are simply the hardest-working and therefore the most virtuous. Wealth and power are not equivalent to moral status, but nor are they evidence of immorality. The unease with which we discuss money, for example, points to our fear about the conclusions others might draw on the basis of our class. The truth is not as simple as the poor being lazy and the wealthy hard-working. Neither are the poor necessarily virtuous and the wealthy corrupt. If I learned nothing more from the Times articles, it’s that class is such a complex mix of factors, some of which are beyond our control, that our social status is amoral; that is, says nothing about whether we are good or bad people.

The issue of class in our society and congregation – and the play of power and privilege among us – brings up strong emotions and strong responses. It’s not a problem that we will simply think ourselves through, nor solve in short order by any means. But it does remind us of how much each of us can do by offering a welcoming heart and an open mind to all who come here for inspiration, community, and justice. It’s up to each of us to make this a healthy and hospitable community of seekers!

– yours in growing faith, Scott ■



Denomination

Meadville Lombard Theological School Invites You to Commencement

At Meadville Lombard Theological School, we educate students in the Unitarian Universalist tradition to embody liberal religious ministry in UU congregations and wherever else they are called to serve.

For those Unitarian Universalists who live in the greater Chicago area or are planning travel to the Windy City the first weekend in June, we extend an invitation to join us as we confer degrees upon the next generation of leaders in our faith movement. Come to our commencement ceremonies on June 4, 2006 at 3:00 at the First Unitarian Church of Chicago, 5650 S. Woodlawn Avenue, Chicago, IL 60637.

The Rev. Dr. Richard Gilbert, Minister Emeritus of First Unitarian Church of Rochester will be the commencement speaker and the Rev. David E. Bumbaugh, Professor of Ministry at Meadville Lombard, will lead the charge to the graduates. A reception will follow the ceremony.

You are also welcome to join us for a dinner for the graduates on Saturday, June 3, at 6:00 p.m., also at the First Unitarian Church of Chicago. Tickets to the dinner are \$38 per person and RSVPs are required no later than May 19.

This is an exciting event for Unitarian Universalism and we welcome you.

For more information or to order tickets for the dinner, please contact echavez@meadville.edu or 773-256-3000 x 222. ■

It is NOT TOO LATE to Go to General Assembly



This year, General Assembly is closer to us than it has been in twelve years: in beautiful and close-by St. Louis. Don't miss your chance to ride a chartered bus to St. Louis with FUS. June 21 - 25 is coming quickly, so act now.

Registration opened March 1 at www.uua.org/ga for GA and GA Housing. Bus registration, scholarship applications and other information is available at FUS and on our website at: <http://www.fusmadison.org/adult/GAhome.shtml> ■

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Meeting House Calendar

Wednesday, May 3

Financial Stewardship Council	7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	W Living Rm
Staff Meeting	9:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	W Living Rm
Music Committee Meeting	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	W Living Rm
Denominational Affairs	6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	C-7
Meeting House Chorus	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Auditorium
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, May 4

Steering Committee	7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	C-11
Archives Open	1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Archives Ro

Organ Rehearsal	3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Auditorium
Meditation with Krisitie	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Gathering Rm
Women's 16 Step Group	6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	C-3
New UU	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Gathering Rm
Society Choir	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Aud/WL Rm
Communications Committee	7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Library

Friday, May 5

MHNS Lunch Bunch	11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Gathering Rm.
Noon Musicale	12:15 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Auditorium
CUUPS	6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	W Living Rm
Teacher Appreciation Dinner	6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	C-Wing

**Saturday, May 6**

Organ Rehearsal	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Auditorium
MHNS Spring Clean Up Day	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	
Theo Brandt's B-day Party	12:45 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.	C-9
Wedding Logistics	1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	C-5
Children's Religious Ed.	3:45 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	B & C Wings
Worship Service	4:30 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.	Auditorium
Coming of Age Reception	5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	W Living Rm
Stretton Birthday Party	6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Gathering Rm

Sunday, May 7

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.	Loggia Table 4
Children's Chapel	9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	W Living Rm
Worship Service	11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	Auditorium
Parish Meeting Luncheon	11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Gathering Rm
Parish Meeting	1:00 p.m. - 7:00 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 Liv Rm

Monday, May 8

Dance Fellowship	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Gathering Rm
Building Your Own Theology	6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Gathering Rm
Doubters Group	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	W Living Rm
Male experience/open men	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Annex Liv Rm
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, May 9

Meditation with Kristie	11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Gathering Rm
Organ Rehearsal	3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Auditorium
Centering Prayer	5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	C-3
Capital Campaign Planning	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	W Living Rm
ICWJ meeting	7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Gathering Rm
Beginning Hungarian	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	C-11
Near-Death Experience	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	C-9

Wednesday, May 10

Staff Meeting	9:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	W Living Rm
Alliance	12:00 p.m. - 3:30 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	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Gathering Rm
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, May 11

Healing Arts	10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	C-9
Organ Rehearsal	3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Auditorium
Facilities Project Coordinating	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	C-11
Meditation with Krisitie	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Gathering 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
New UU	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Gathering Rm
Oakwood Rehearsal	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Aud/W Liv Rm

Friday, May 12

Piano Tuning	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Gathering Rm
MHNS Teacher Lunch	11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	C-11

Newsletter Printing	12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	W Living Rm
Noon Musicale	12:15 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Auditorium
YRUU Lock In	5:00 p.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Annex, Gathering Rm
Circle Supper	6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Gathering Rm
Oakwood Rehearsal	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Auditorium
SJ Film Series	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	W Living Rm

Saturday, May 13

Organ Rehearsal	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Auditorium
Children's Religious Ed	3:45 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	B & C Wings
Worship Service	4:30 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.	Auditorium
Oakwood Rehearsal	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Auditorium

Sunday, May 14

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.	Loggia Table 4
Membership Information	10:15 a.m. - 10:50 a.m.	Library
Worship Service	11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	Auditorium
Parenting chalice group	3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	B-2 C-3
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 Liv Rm

Monday, May 15

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
Wedding counseling	6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	C-9
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, May 16

MHNS Music Program	9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Gathering Rm
Organ Rehearsal	3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Auditorium
Centering Prayer	5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	C-3
Capital Campaign Planning	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	W Living Rm
Membership Committee	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	C-5
Beginning Hungarian	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	C-11
Near-Death Experience	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	C-9
Americans United	7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	Gathering Rm

Wednesday, May 17

Business Round Table	9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Auditorium
Staff Meeting	9:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	W Living Rm
Facilitator Chalice Group	12:35 p.m. - 2:25 p.m.	C-7
Piano Tuning	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Auditorium
Board meeting	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Gathering Rm
Children's Choirs	7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	W Living Rm ■

Upcoming Services at FUJ

Saturday, May 6 at 4:30 p.m.

"Coming of Age Service"

The Coming of Age program in our Society is the final year of our Children's Religious Education program before these 14 and 15 year olds "graduate" and join us in the Auditorium. This program honors that step, and can be an unforgettable experience. The magnificent young adults who give this service share their performance talents with the congregation and, in a real sense, themselves as well. All will write, and most will speak, a faith statement, an expression of their beliefs. The Coming of Age students will provide the special music.

Sunday, May 7 at 9 & 11 a.m.

"The Future is Now"

The Rev. William Sinkford,

President of the Unitarian Universalist Association

We welcome Bill Sinkford to our pulpit this morning. Now a year into his second term, Rev. Sinkford has risen to become one of America's more prominent religious leaders. Of his sermon he writes: "Unitarian Universalism has a long and proud history. We've played leading roles in every great social movement that has pointed toward justice in this country. But what is our future? Can we trust enough in this faith to make it thrive today and tomorrow?" Parish Minister Michael Schuler will host Rev. Sinkford and assist with the service.

Musically, The Society Choir will sing *Out of the Stars* by UU composer Betsy Jo Angebrannt and soprano Charlotte Woolf, with Margaret Smith on the piano, will sing some of Ms. Angebrannt's songs.

Saturday, May 13 at 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 14 at 9 & 11 a.m.

"Is Peace Impossible?"

by Michael A. Schuler, Parish Minister

Mother's Day was originally established as "Mother's Peace Day" and was intended as a protest against the jingoism and military adventurism that claimed the lives of so many "mother's sons." Practically every day the media shows the stricken faces of mothers (and fathers) who have lost children in war-torn Africa, Asia and the Middle East. The faces of Wisconsin parents whose sons and daughters died in Iraq are seen as well. Should Mothers who give so selflessly to their children have to suffer their senseless and premature loss? What's war all about, anyway?

Musically, on Saturday, Dan Broner will provide the musical offerings. On Sunday, The Meeting House Chorus will sing *Prayer of the Children* by Kurt Bestor.



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