



## Musings and Insights

by Karen Gustafson, Minister

On a recent browse through Borders, I picked up a copy of *Loving Frank* by Nancy Horan which (in case you don't already know), is a fictional account of the relationship between Frank Lloyd Wright and Mamah Borthwick Cheney. I had read Wright's biography by Meryle Secrist and confess that the story of their time together captured my imagination. As a young woman in 1960s and 70s shaped by the sexual revolution and the rising tide of feminism, I have always found myself drawn to the stories of independent women of earlier eras who struggled with the role limitations imposed by the society in which they lived. I was fascinated by the women in Ibsen's plays and by Madame Bovary and all of those heroines from those early feminist literature classes.

So I bought the book and, for better or for worse, became completely captivated. This has not been for me a normal reading experience. I have felt the need, over and over again, to remind myself that this is a fictionalized account of a real story. I have taken to keeping the Secrist biography close by so that I can reference the real life context. Why, I have wondered, does this seem to be so important?

The best I can come up with is that I feel so keenly the importance and power of story. Somehow I believe that it is the truth of our stories told in the context of real life that best hold us in relationship with others; with the past and with the future and with all that is greater than ourselves. Telling our own stories

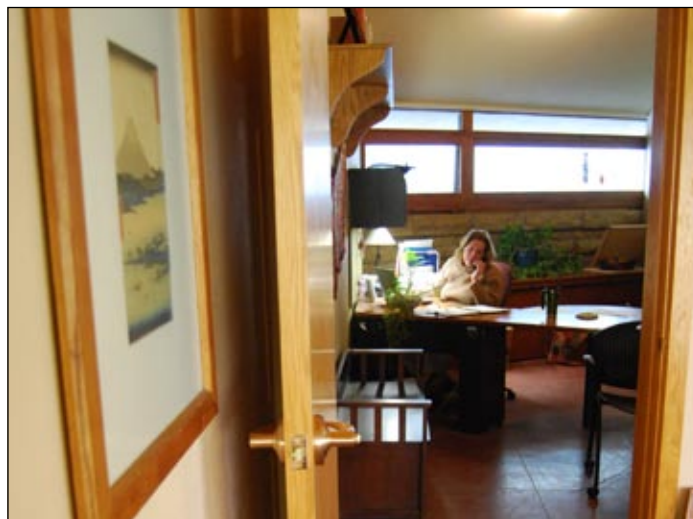
and hearing the stories of others helps us to find a place in the web of life. We see ourselves in our similarities and our differences and in our common humanity. The story of Mamah and Frank resonates most with me when I can

convince myself that this is the story as she would have told it herself.

My father kept a diary from 1944 until 1987 when his Parkinson's Disease made it impossible to hold a pen. With few lapses, he wrote a paragraph a day for forty three years. Just a paragraph a day but what richness hung between the lines. Woven together were daily temperatures and threads of conversation, metrics of fish caught and reviews

of movies watched; visits from family and friends and changing seasons and taxes, books read and, in the end, accounts of aches and pains and musings about aging and the deaths of peers. What an extraordinary gift these ordinary ramblings.

My brother transcribed the million or more words from these diaries and bound the years one by one. Through my father's eyes we have taken account of our own lives. I am now some twenty years older than he was when he first started and each summer when we visit the lake home we have shared for sixty years, I have taken to reading through the year of his life that I am currently in. So much is different now, and yet... There is something still so familiar at the core of our human experience, something that connects us still in a larger fabric.



*Mount Fuji guards the comfy new office Minister of Religious Education of Kelly. J. Crocker. While a few details are still to be chased down, the staff is feeling more at home in their renovated digs.*

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## Facilities Forum Sunday, December 2: “How Are We Going To Use Our New and Historic Space?”

What are we going to do with all this space we’re building? How is it going to affect our programs? Please come to the Facilities Forum on Sunday, December 2, in the Historic Auditorium to hear and discuss ideas. The forum will begin soon after the 11 a.m. service is over — we will have food, childcare available. **Please put this on your calendar.** ■

### Right to Die Lecture

Compassion & Choices (formerly the Hemlock Society) invites you to a free public lecture at the Meeting House by Attorney Jon B. Eisenberg on Saturday, November 17, at 9:30 a.m. Mr. Eisenberg’s topic will be “Schiavo and Beyond: Legal Aspects of End-of-Life Issues.” Eisenberg was one of the attorneys on Michael Schiavo’s side in the Terri Schiavo litigation. He has also written the book *The Right vs. The Right to Die*. ■



Jon B. Eisenberg

### Jim O’Brien to Read from his Book



Jim O’Brien

FUS member Dr. James O’Brien will read from his “humorous but candid” memoir of seminary days, *Making a Priest in the ‘Fifties: Memoir of a Nervous Seminarian*, at FUS on Friday, December 7, at 6 p.m. After the reading, he will sign copies of his book. Wine and cheese will be served.

Currents of change were stirring in the late fifties, both in the Catholic Church and in American culture. But St. Mary’s Seminary and University, Baltimore, operated in the “old way,” according to rules laid down in 1869. This humorous but candid memoir follows its clueless author through the four years of theological study, spiritual formation and pastoral training preparing him, more or less, for ordination to the Roman Catholic priesthood in 1961. The book has no axes to grind, but doesn’t avoid issues both then and now, including some speculation about sex and celibacy, about hierarchy, about clerical ambition (his own!) which should make the memoir relevant to contemporary readers. ■

### Thanksgiving Dinner Party

We hope people will join our community celebration as part of the Thanksgiving Holiday. The annual FUS Thanksgiving Day will be great. We’ll setup at noon in the Auditorium and eat from 1 to 4. We have a potluck feast, with ham & turkey & more. Let’s get a fire going and play bingo. Want to take a walk or have a talk? Can you bring a favorite dish to share and pay \$3 or \$4? Contact Bob & Kelly Radford, [radfam@tds.net](mailto:radfam@tds.net) or 845-3523, to say who and what you’re bringing. There is plenty of space at the table for you. ■



### Meeting House Jewelry To Be Closed Out

**H**ave you always wanted to own a piece of Meeting House jewelry? Are you looking for a unique gift? The jewelry and hanging ornaments designed by Paula Werner and crafted of pewter or sterling silver integrated with copper from the original roof of the Meeting house may be the answer! These items, commissioned by the Friends of the Meeting House, were copyrighted in 1994. Once the limited supply is exhausted, the pieces will no longer be available. Pins, two styles of earrings, and one ornament design remain. Jewelry, at \$50 each, and ornaments, at \$25, will be available in the Lobby on Sundays. Shirley Inhorn, 238-1680, will also accept orders. ■

### Blood Drive

**R**ed Cross Unitarian-Universalist blood drive on Saturday, November 24. There WILL be a blood drive on the 24th, but we do not know right now if it will be at James Reeb UU Society in the morning, or at Prairie UU Society in the afternoon on that day. Nevertheless, blood is urgently needed, and one of these options will be used. So indicate your interest by contacting Anne Mosser (608-845-7458 or [agmosser@tds.net](mailto:agmosser@tds.net)) and she will get back to you with specifics, which should be available very soon. You can also talk to us after Sunday services in the next two weeks. Thanks! ■



### Building Relationships for a Strong Congregation

**J**oin congregational leaders and staff on either Tuesday, November 27, or Monday, December 10, from 6 to 9 p.m. for a unique training. The training will be led by Matt Moreland-Gross, lead organizer with Dane County United, and will focus on the importance of relationships within our congregation to our congregational health and strength.

Learn about the differences between private and public relationships, how congregational health is strengthened through intentional relationalism, and about some fundamental ways of building a strong relational base for congregational life. The training will include hands-on practice at relational work. There are 40 spots available at each training, and an RSVP is required for both dates. For more information contact Wendy Cooper at [wendyc@fusmadison.org](mailto:wendyc@fusmadison.org), or 233-9774 ext 125. ■



### Wheel of Life

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*Your Wheel of Life items are solicited and appreciated.* E-mail them to [newsletter@fusmadison.org](mailto:newsletter@fusmadison.org), or drop them by the office of Harry Carnes 233-9774 ext 122. ■

# More Meeting House News

## Book Signing Adjusted for Holiday Schedule

Our November and December book signing schedules have been adjusted to skirt the holidays. Upcoming book signings will be November 17 and 18, and December 15 and 16. The Membership Committee, and Lay Ministers will be on hand after each worship service to welcome and assist those ready to become members. ■



## New UU

Unsure about what being a member entails? Curious to learn about the history and principles of Unitarian Universalism? Unaware of opportunities for joining with others in social justice activities? Looking for fellowship on your spiritual journey? Consider enrolling in the Winter session of “New UU,” a five session orientation series to Unitarian Universalism and The First Unitarian Society.

The dates and time for the winter meetings are as follows:

- **Thursdays** • January 10, 17, 24, 31, 7 to 9 p.m., Sunday February 10, 1 to 3 p.m. (Note that Session 5 - “FUS Made Easy” meets with Sunday group on February 10, from 1 to 3 p.m.)
- **Sundays** • January 13, 20, 27, February 3 and 10, from 1 to 3 p.m.
- Child care is provided during the Sunday sessions only.

Registration forms are in the lobby, and available online at <http://www.fusmadison.org/adult/newuu.shtml>. ■

## Dane County United

### Dane County United Delegates Assembly

All FUS community members are invited to attend the November 15 Delegates Assembly of Dane County United which will focus school issues in the Madison area. The Assembly will begin promptly at 7 and end at 8:30 p.m. We will gather at First Baptist church, on Franklin Avenue just off of University Avenue.

Dane County United has worked on a number of school related issues in recent years, particularly regarding early childhood education. This fall a series of small group meetings have been held by Dane County United members to hear about school concerns, particularly K-12 school concerns. We will be reporting to Delegates about the results of the “house meetings,” and will also present an action item related to a specific school program.

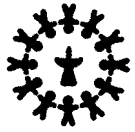
If you care about our local schools, or have a specific concern about K-12 education in our local area, please consider attending this meeting. Our goal is to have at least 15 members of FUS at the Delegates Assembly so if you plan to attend please RSVP to Wendy Cooper at [wendyc@fusmadison.org](mailto:wendyc@fusmadison.org). Wendy Cooper, Social Justice Coordinator at FUS is also the current Chair of the Dane County United Steering Team and welcomes all questions about the work of Dane County United. ■

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# Welcome New Members!

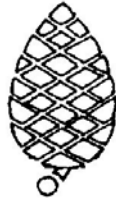
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## Religious Education

### Holiday Decorating Party

Families, don't miss our annual Holiday Decorating Party on Sunday, December 16, from 1 to 3 p.m. in the West Living Room. As in years past, we will be making decorations for our FUS holiday tree, and for you to bring home as well. But this year we will be using natural products— gifts from the earth — instead of the prepackaged items in years past. Please join us and bring along a healthy snack to share. Beverages will be provided. ■



### No Class Days

Please note that there will be no RE classes on November 24 and 25. Children and parents are invited to attend our intergenerational service. Also, there is no class on Sunday, December 9. This is All Music Sunday. ■

### Personal Care Drive

YRUU (our high school youth group) will once again hold a Personal Care Items drive this year. Items will be donated to the pantry at First United Methodist and then distributed to the community members who need them.

Can you imagine a day without toilet paper, soap, or deodorant? Unfortunately, many families within our community live with that reality. There is a big need in our local community for personal care items like toiletries, toilet paper, diapers, baby wipes, soap, feminine hygiene products, toothbrushes, tissues and more. Food stamps do not pay for these essential items and family budgets cannot always afford them.

From December 1 until December 16, we will be collecting items for distribution. Please bring your unused and unopened personal care items. We will have bins set up at the main entrance to the Meeting House and the West doors (the handicap door just past the trailers).

Please give generously! Together, let's make sure no one in our community goes without toilet paper, soap, or deodorant this year! ■

**Right:** Weekday custodian Tom Miskelly goes after the dirt. A lot of extra work is being done to bring the Meeting House back from the remodeling mess.

### YRUU

High school teens are invited to join us any Sunday for YRUU, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in the Annex. Getting there is a bit tricky these days, as you'll need to go in the West doors just past the trailers, down into the Nursery School, through the playground, then back to the cozy tan and brown house. The schedule for the upcoming weeks includes:

**November 18:** Movement Meditation (we'll be meeting in the West Living Room)

**November 25:** No YRUU

**December 1:** Rent at the Overture Center (we will NOT be meeting on Sunday because of this Saturday event)

**December 9:** Making prayer flags

**December 15:** Serving a meal at Grace Episcopal Church

**December 16:** Sorting items for our annual Personal Care Items Drive

**December 23:** No YRUU

**December 30:** DDR (Dance Dance Revolution) and other fun games

**January 6:** Discussion on racism

**January 13:** Creating masks—Part 1

**January 20:** Sweat lodge with Jerry Farlee from the Cheyenne River Sioux Reservation

**January 27:** Creating masks—Part 2

**February 3:** Sledding or bowling—we'll see what the weather allows ■





## Spotlight on: Social Justice Class

Students in 7th and 8th grade who attend Saturday and 9 a.m. Sunday services at FUS are participating in Social Justice classes this year. The goal of the classes is to help students develop a more complex understanding of inequity, oppression, and intolerance, while discovering ways to create positive change in their community and the larger world. At an age when students are becoming increasingly aware of the world around them, with all of its beauty and ugliness, it is particularly important for them to feel capable of making a meaningful difference in the world. The lessons and hands-on activities in these classes are designed to help students work toward this goal.

Since the beginning of the fall classroom year, the Saturday Social Justice class has been working on a variety of team-building activities as well as learning about and discussing Social Justice issues. They will also be working at the downtown Madison Grace Episcopal Church homeless shelter on Saturday evening, November 10. The 9 a.m. class learned about and discussed poverty in its first unit. They are now in their second unit, in which they are discussing, learning about, and working to help with issues related to homelessness. As one of their fall activities the class served dinner at the Grace Church homeless shelter. The group's next service project will be to adopt a family for Christmas. ■



### Drum jam

Our next Drum Jam with Alan is at James Reeb UU Congregation. Drummers of all ages are invited to join Alan on Tuesday evening, November 20, at 7 p.m. James Reeb UU is at 2146 E. Johnson. So grab your hand drum or noisemaker and join in the fun. ■

## All Music Sunday is December 9

Our December 9 Holiday All Music Sunday services at 9 and 11 a.m. will feature a variety of styles. Opening with excerpts from the Christmas portion of Handel's *Messiah* sung by the Society Choir with tenor Erv Young, the program will continue with a rousing gospel anthem and a Chanukah selection sung by the Meeting House Chorus. The combined choirs will sing The Shepherds' Chorus from Menotti's *Amahl and the Night Visitors*. In addition, two movements of Tchaikovsky's popular *Nutcracker Suite* will be played by the Ancora String Quartet, and soprano Heather Thorpe will sing a solo. You won't want to miss these special services.



As part of this Holiday Choral Festival the Society Choir will sing two choruses from Handel's *Messiah*, *And the glory of the Lord* and *For unto us a child is born*. If readers, especially sopranos and tenors, have sung *Messiah* choruses before there is still time to join in. Please contact Dan Broner ([danb@fusmadison.org](mailto:danb@fusmadison.org) or 233-9774, ext. 121.) if you are interested. ■

### What is All Music Sunday?

Former FUS Music Director, **ellsworth snyder**, began the tradition of All Music Sunday. Twice-a-year the worship service was devoted to the Society Choir singing a major choral work with guest soloists and orchestra. This became a centerpiece of the FUS music program and, along with the Friday Noon Musicales, became part of our community outreach.

Music Director **Dan Broner** has continued the tradition of All Music Sunday but expanded it to include choral festivals that celebrate the breadth of the society's music ministry by involving the Society Choir, Meeting House Chorus and the Children's and Teen choirs. The undesignated offerings received at All Music Sunday are used to support the FUS music program. ■



## Social Justice

### Environmental Help Needed

Calling all gardeners! The Environmental ACTION Committee is working on two activities at First Unitarian Society in 2008 and we need your help:

- A winter education series on gardening that may include: rain gardens, healthy lawns, global warming and gardening, native plants and invasives. Help plan and promote the sessions. Work needs to be done over the next two months and the classes will be held during the winter.
- A spring plant exchange to share and expand the color and variety of your garden. Help plan and coordinate this event for the spring of 2008.

If you are interested in either of these activities, please contact Linda Olson, 836-1779 [olson99@tds.net](mailto:olson99@tds.net), or Liz Wessel, 238-9934 [lizwessel@yahoo.com](mailto:lizwessel@yahoo.com). ■

### Journey Towards Wholeness Task Force Needs You!

The "Journey Toward Wholeness Task Force" was officially established at FUS at the September meeting of the Board of Trustees. What is this Task Force? The name comes from the national effort of Unitarian Universalists to engage in meaningful and healing anti-racism work. The Task Force is here to provide leadership and resources to all members of the congregation, as well as to different committees and programs, around anti-racism and anti-oppression work. A number of programs are planned for upcoming weeks and months. Please watch for announcements of these programs in the Red Floors and the Newsletter and join us for one or all of these offerings. If you would like to learn more about the Journey Toward Wholeness Task Force we welcome your calls or e-mails. Please contact either co-chair Elizabeth Barrett at [ebarrett@charter.net](mailto:ebarrett@charter.net) or 257-2182, or Ann Pooler at [apooler@charter.net](mailto:apooler@charter.net) or 658-6847. ■

## Help Us Do Something About Homelessness

Have you ever thought what it would be like to be homeless - particularly if you have children? As much as we may not want to admit it, we do have homeless families in Dane County.

Interfaith Housing Network (IHN) is an organization that utilizes the resources of various faith organizations in the Madison area to provide safe havens for homeless families. FUS has partnered with Christ Presbyterian Church (CPC) to provide food, shelter and companionship to four families for a week approximately four times a year. How



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does this work? The families spend their days at IHN, work or school. From 5 p.m. until 7 a.m., CPC becomes their home. Classrooms become bedrooms for the families, and the community and kitchen areas become their living areas.

FUS provides volunteers for three nights during the week to be with the families, and CPC provides volunteers for the remainder of the week. The volunteer work is easy. We play with the children or help them with homework, stay overnight, set out breakfast in the morning, and just chat if the family members want to do so. We are not expected to be social workers or job counselors. IHN staff provides those services plus many others in an effort to help the families get on their feet and stay there.

What we need are volunteers who are willing to give a few hours of their time three or four times a year to help homeless families. It will require that you spend a couple hours being trained by IHN staff – also an easy task.

Are you interested? If so, please contact Wendy Cooper at 233-9774 x 125 [wendyc@fusmadison.org](mailto:wendyc@fusmadison.org) or Sandy Drew at 833-5811. We are currently looking for volunteers for the week of November 18 to 24. ■



### Paths of Peace #44:

“Chairman Mao once said that political power comes from the barrel of a gun.

Of course it is true that violence can achieve certain short-term objectives, but

it cannot obtain long-lasting ends. If we look at history, we find that in time,

humanity’s love of peace, justice, and freedom always triumphs over cruelty

and oppression. This is why I am such a fervent believer in non-violence.

Violence begets violence. And violence means only one thing: suffering.

Theoretically, it is possible to conceive of a situation where the only way to

prevent large-scale conflict is through armed intervention at an early stage.

But the problem with this argument is that it is very difficult, if not impossible,

to predict the outcome of violence. Nor can we be sure of its justness at the outset.

“I am convinced that the main reason so many people say the path of non-

violence is impractical is because engaging in it seems daunting; we become

discouraged. Nevertheless, whereas formerly it was enough to wish for peace

in one’s own land, or even just in one’s neighborhood, today we speak of world

peace. This is only appropriate. The fact of human interdependence is so

explicit now; the only peace it is meaningful to speak of is world peace.”

*By H.H. the Dalai Lama, in his book Ethics for the New Millennium, published in 1999 by Riverhead Books of the Berkley Publishing Group. ■*



## EcoTip #126

### Madison Energy Efficiency Ordinance: Talk to your alder!

Contact your alderperson to see if he/she will cosponsor the Energy Efficiency and Safety Ordinance which will be voted on December 5. This ordinance requires energy efficient lighting in rental properties, common areas, built-in fixtures, and exit signs. According to the Sierra Club, if passed, this ordinance will:

- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 35,000 tons,
- Save 36,000,000 kilowatt hours of electricity a year,
- Save landlords and tenants up to two million dollars a year, and
- Enhance safety (for example, LED exit signs last 25 years and there is decreased time before burnt-out lights need to be replaced).

To find your alderperson, go to <http://www.ci.madison.wi.us/Council/findAddress.cfm> ■



## Hard Hat Update

### Notes from the Project

#### Preservation and Renovation

We are currently in the “Punch List” phase. The big work is done, and we are waiting for small stuff: a few desk connectors, ventilation grilles (damaged in transit), repair some dings in the wallboard, and of course, trim rings for the lights.

#### Construction

By the time this comes out, we will have a new crane. It is a 100 foot reach to the far wall of the auditorium, so we will get a crane with a 150 foot boom, high enough to need an FAA warning light.

The first wall of pillars is complete, and the floor of the rooms next to the retaining wall is scheduled to be poured this week. The red color will be applied when the building is closer to completion.

For me the biggest is seeing the wall behind the pulpit go up. It shows that the auditorium will be a truly monumental space. It is 25 feet tall, and will be topped with laminated wood beams that will slope down to the Upper Crossing.

- David Weber, Owners Representative



*Grinding concrete on one of the pillars.*



*The first concrete floors were poured on Thursday.*



*As fall closes in, Findorff has moved extra crews onto our project and work is being done all over the area.*

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It is something ineffable that moves me forward in times when I am down and anchors me when I feel arrogant or as though I can predict the future.

There are, of course many other stories that do this for me. Most recently I have been inspired by the sharing by some folks from FUS who have taken my Transitions class on Thursday night. A paragraph here and a paragraph there of experiences of life changes and the transformations that have come from integrating them into the whole of a life. We can be such sources of hope and insight and possibility for each other.

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One of the gifts of religious community is that it offers so many opportunities for the gleanings that come from stories, for finding the extraordinary among the ordinary – in classes and sermons, in coffee hour and chalice groups and circle suppers and in the various check-ins at the start of our many meetings. This is by no means idle chat but a source of spiritual substance for both the teller and the listener. Dr. Paul Tournier says, “Recounting of a life story, a mind thinking aloud leads one inevitably to the consideration of problems that are no longer psychological but spiritual.”

As we share fragments of our stories with one another, let us take seriously the bonds we are creating. Let us speak our truth knowing that others are longing for the affirmation of our common humanity.

*With love, Karen ■*



## Denomination

### Sauk Congregation Seeks Speaker

The Free Congregation of Sauk County, a Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, is seeking a part-time Minister/Speaker. The congregation was founded in 1852 as part of the German Free Thought movement. It is the only survivor from among approximately two hundred Free Congregations established in the United States, 30 of which were in Wisconsin, in the second half of the 19th century. The congregation owns and holds its meetings in historic Park Hall (1884), located in Sauk City, Wisconsin, 25 miles northwest of Madison. There are currently 49 active members in the congregation, nearly double the number of just seven years ago.

The congregation is looking to fill a part-time position of approximately 12 hours per week. However, the congregation has determined that membership growth is a top priority, that professional ministry is essential to that growth, and that a half-time Minister/Speaker position is feasible within the next three years.

By December 7, applicants should send:

- A letter of interest. Please include any salary requirements.
- A resumé or curriculum vitae.
- Three professional references. Please include current contact information.

And, if possible (but not required):

- An example of original work (article, lecture, sermon, etc.) that expresses, even if in a general way, the applicant’s guiding philosophy as it pertains to a Minister/Speaker position, to:

Free Congregation of Sauk County

307 Polk Street

Sauk City, WI 53583

Attention: Search Committee

Or, via e-mail, to:

free\_congregation@verizon.net. Please put “minister position” in the subject line. For questions or more information, please use this e-mail address or call Michael Whaley at 588-2048. ■

# Meeting House Calendar

## Wednesday, November 14

Financial Stewardship Council	7:30 AM - 09:00 AM	West Liv Rm
Staff Meeting	9:15 AM - 11:00 AM	West Liv Rm
Alliance	1:00 PM - 02:30 PM	Historic Aud/Kit
Tae Kwon Do with Doug	4:45 PM - 06:15 PM	West Liv Rm
Annual Campaign Committee	5:00 PM - 06:30 PM	Hearthroom
Committee on Ministry	5:00 PM - 06:30 PM	Barton Trlr
Worship Council	5:30 PM - 07:00 PM	Emerson Trlr
AE Committee	5:30 PM - 07:00 PM	Channing Trlr
Environmental Ethics	6:30 PM - 08:30 PM	Barton Trlr
Meeting House Chorus	7:00 PM - 09:00 PM	Historic Aud
Children's Choirs	7:00 PM - 09:00 PM	West Liv Rm
Connections Council	7:00 PM - 09:00 PM	Channing Trlr

## Thursday, November 15

MHNS Conferences	9:00 AM - 03:00 PM	Emerson Trlr
Archives	1:00 PM - 04:00 PM	Hearthroom
Transitions	5:30 PM - 07:00 PM	West Liv Rm
MUUYACM Services	6:00 PM - 07:00 PM	St. FrancisHse
Society Choir	7:00 PM - 09:00 PM	Aud/W Liv Rm

## Friday, November 16

MHNS Conferences	9:00 AM - 03:00 PM	Emerson Trlr
SJ Film Series	7:00 PM - 09:00 PM	West Liv Rm

## Saturday, November 17

Organ rehearsal	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Historic Aud
I Love My Kids, but What About Us?	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	
Barton & Dickinson Trlrs		
Compassion & Choices of WI	9:30 AM - 12:00 PM	West Liv Rm
Worship Services	4:30 PM - 05:30 PM	Historic Aud
CRE Classes	4:30 PM - 05:30 PM	Annex/Trlrs/ W Liv Rm

## Sunday, November 18

Worship Service	9:00 AM - 10:15 AM	Historic Aud
CRE Classes	9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Annex/Trlrs/ W Liv Rm
Library Committee Meeting	10:30 AM - 11:00 AM	Kelly's Office
Worship Service	11:00 AM - 12:15 PM	Historic Aud
CRE Classes	11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Annex/Trlrs/ W Liv Rm
New Member Reception	12:30 PM - 03:00 PM	Historic Aud/ Kit/W Liv Rm
YRUU	6:30 PM - 08:30 PM	Hearthroom
20's & 30's Spirituality Circle	6:30 PM - 08:30 PM	Annex Living Room
Insight Buddhist Meditation	7:00 PM - 09:00 PM	West Liv Rm

## Monday, November 19

Dance Fellowship	1:00 PM - 03:00 PM	West Liv Rm
Tai Chi with Jim	4:30 PM - 05:15 PM	West Liv Rm
Journey Toward Wholeness	5:00 PM - 06:30 PM	Channing Trlr
Actor's Group	7:00 PM - 09:00 PM	West Liv Rm
Closed Men's Group	7:30 PM - 09:30 PM	Annex Living Room

## Tuesday, November 20

Management Team	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Staff Conference Room
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Building Project Meeting	1:00 PM - 02:30 PM	Channing Trlr
Transition Team Meeting	2:00 PM - 03:30 PM	Barton Trlr
Centering Prayer	5:00 PM - 06:00 PM	Annex Living Room
Movement Meditation	5:00 PM - 06:30 PM	Middleton VA, 2nd Floor
Lay Worship Meeting	5:00 PM - 06:30 PM	Barton Trlr
Membership Committee	5:30 PM - 07:00 PM	Emerson Trlr
Drum Circle	7:00 PM - 09:00 PM	James Reeb UU

## Wednesday, November 21

Staff Meeting	9:15 AM - 11:00 AM	West Liv Rm
Tae Kwon Do with Doug	4:45 PM - 06:15 PM	West Liv Rm
Thanksgiving Eve Services	7:00 PM - 09:00 PM	Historic Aud
Environmental Ethics	6:30 PM - 08:30 PM	Barton Trlr

## Thursday, November 22

Offices Closed		
Thanksgiving Dinner	8:00 AM - 09:00 PM	Historic Aud

## Friday, November 23

Offices Closed

## Saturday, November 24

Organ rehearsal	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Historic Aud
Worship Services	4:30 PM - 05:30 PM	Historic Aud

## Sunday, November 25

Worship Service	9:00 AM - 10:15 AM	Historic Aud
Worship Service	11:00 AM - 12:15 PM	Historic Aud
YRUU	6:30 PM - 08:00 PM	Annex Living Room
Insight Buddhist Meditation	7:00 PM - 09:00 PM	West Liv Rm

## Monday, November 26

Dance Fellowship	1:00 PM - 03:00 PM	West Liv Rm
FMH Board Meeting	4:00 PM - 06:00 PM	West Liv Rm
Planned Giving Committee Meeting	5:00 PM - 06:30 PM	
Brent's House		
Actor's Group	7:00 PM - 09:00 PM	West Liv Rm
Open Men's Group	7:30 PM - 09:30 PM	Annex Living Room

## Tuesday, November 27

Management Team	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Staff Conference Room
Transition Team Meeting	2:00 PM - 03:30 PM	Barton Trlr
Centering Prayer	5:00 PM - 06:00 PM	Annex Living Room
Movement Meditation	5:00 PM - 06:30 PM	Middleton VA, 2nd Floor
Chalice Group Coordinating	5:30 PM - 07:00 PM	Channing Trlr
All Music Sunday Rehearsal	7:00 PM - 09:00 PM	Historic Aud

## Wednesday, November 28

Staff Meeting	9:15 AM - 11:00 AM	West Liv Rm
Tae Kwon Do with Doug	4:45 PM - 06:15 PM	West Liv Rm
Annual Campaign Committee	5:00 PM - 06:30 PM	Hearthroom
Lay Ministry	5:25 PM - 07:00 PM	Channing Trlr
Environmental Ethics	6:30 PM - 08:30 PM	Barton Trlr

Meeting House Chorus	7:00 PM - 09:00 PM	Historic Aud
Children's Choirs	7:00 PM - 09:00 PM	West Liv Rm
Board Meeting	7:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Emerson Trlr

### Thursday, November 29

Archives	1:00 PM - 04:00 PM	Hearthroom
MUUYACM Services	6:00 PM - 07:00 PM	St. Francis House
Society Choir	7:00 PM - 09:00 PM	Historic Aud
Society Choir	7:00 PM - 09:00 PM	West Liv Rm

### Friday, November 30

no events

### Saturday, December 1

Organ rehearsal	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Historic Aud
Worship Services	4:30 PM - 05:30 PM	Historic Aud
CRE Classes	4:30 PM - 05:30 PM	Annex/Trlrs/W Liv Rm

### Sunday, December 2

Worship Service	9:00 AM - 10:15 AM	Historic Aud
CRE Classes	9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Annex/Trlrs/W Liv Rm
Worship Service	11:00 AM - 12:15 PM	Historic Aud
CRE Classes	11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Annex/Trlrs/W Liv Rm
Congregational Forum	12:30 PM - 02:00 PM	Historic Aud
YRUU	6:30 PM - 08:00 PM	Annex Living Room
Insight Buddhist Meditation	7:00 PM - 09:00 PM	West Liv Rm

### Monday, December 3

Newsletter Assembly	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	West Liv Rm
Dance Fellowship	1:00 PM - 03:00 PM	West Liv Rm
Tai Chi with Jim	4:30 PM - 05:15 PM	West Liv Rm
Journey Toward Wholeness	TF 5:00 PM - 06:30 PM	Channing Trlr
Actor's Group	7:00 PM - 09:00 PM	West Liv Rm
Closed Men's Group	7:30 PM - 09:30 PM	Annex Living Room

### Tuesday, December 4

Management Team	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Staff Conf Rm
Building Project Meeting	1:00 PM - 02:30 PM	Channing Trlr
Transition Team Meeting	2:00 PM - 03:30 PM	Barton Trlr
Centering Prayer	5:00 PM - 06:00 PM	Annex Living Room
Movement Meditation	5:00 PM - 06:30 PM	Middleton VA, 2nd Floor
SJ Committee Meeting	5:30 PM - 08:30 PM	Channing Trlr
All Music Sunday Rehearsal	7:00 PM - 09:00 PM	Historic Aud

### Wednesday, December 5

Staff Meeting	9:15 AM - 11:00 AM	West Liv Rm
Tae Kwon Do with Doug	4:45 PM - 06:15 PM	West Liv Rm
Environmental Ethics	6:30 PM - 08:30 PM	Barton Trlr
20s & 30s Spirituality Circle	6:30 PM - 09:00 PM	Annex Living Room
Meeting House Chorus	7:00 PM - 09:00 PM	Historic Aud
Children's Choirs	7:00 PM - 09:00 PM	West Liv Rm ■

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# Upcoming Services at FUS

All services are *webcast live* at [www.fusmadison.org](http://www.fusmadison.org)

**Saturday, November 17 at 4:30 p.m.**

**Sunday, November 18 at 9 and 11 a.m.**

## “Why Justice, Equity and Compassion? Why Us?”

by Karen Gustafson, Minister

The second of the Unitarian Universalist statement of Principles challenges our congregations to “affirm and promote justice, equity and compassion in human relations.” Well,” we might say, “of course. Why not?” As a tradition whose participants are largely white and middle class, what makes this Principle a particular challenge? **This is a “Meeting House Sunday,”** so children through 5th grade start with the adults in the Auditorium. **Musically**, on Saturday Our Teen Choir, directed by Heather Thorpe, will provide the musical offerings. Sunday, the Cherub Choir and Choristers, directed by Heather Thorpe, will sing and Dan Broner will play piano music by Maurice Ravel.

**Wednesday, November 21 – 7 p.m.** (At Prairie Unitarian Society, 2010 Whenona Dr.)

## “Some Things Abide” by Michael A. Schuler, Parish Minister

Our annual inter-congregational Thanksgiving Eve Service will feature participation by ministers, musicians and lay readers from all three Madison UU congregations. Michael Schuler will deliver the evening’s sermon and there will be an opportunity for cross-congregational fellowship at the end of the service. Get your Thanksgiving holiday weekend off to a “spirited” start with your fellow UUs!

**Saturday, November 24 at 4:30 p.m.**

**Sunday, November 25 at 9 and 11 a.m.**

## For All That Is Our Life: A Service for All Ages

with Kelly J. Crocker, Minister of Religious Education

During the Thanksgiving season, our minds naturally turn toward thoughts of abundance. We think of all that is present in our lives for which we are grateful. Join us for this service (suitable for ages 5 years and up) in which, through story and song, we will examine abundance and perhaps realize, as John Petit-Senn once wrote, “It is not what we have but rather what we enjoy, which constitutes our abundance. **Musically**, on Saturday we will enjoy the music and various instruments of the three generations of the Carey and Delaquess families. Sunday, The Society Choir will sing music by Elizabeth Alexander and John Rutter.

**Saturday, December 1 at 4:30**

**Sunday, December 2 at 9 & 11 a.m.**

## “Is There Real Power In Positive Thinking?” by Michael A. Schuler

Are we more likely to realize our dreams, fulfill our ambitions, find happiness if we cultivate optimism? Does a negative outlook or so-called “stinking thinking” increase the odds of failure. I’ve heard more than one person say they prefer pessimism to hope because it keeps disappointment at bay. Those who have joined FUS since late Spring will be officially welcomed and recognized at this weekend’s services. **Musically**, on Saturday, violinist Wendy Adams, with pianist Dan Broner, will provide the musical offerings. Sunday we will enjoy the music of Telemann, Ewazen and Cousins, played by Marilyn Chohany, flute; Anne Aley, horn; John Aley, trumpet and Linda Warren, harp.



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