



Words from the Heart

I have appreciated so much the supportive feedback I received after preaching about the difficult subject of mental illness a couple of weeks ago. It was heartening to know that people have found some significant affirmation and support in having us address this topic publicly, and their hunger for a safe place to discuss it was also a good reminder of how far our society still has to go.

Of course, this conversation was very much on my mind when news came in about the terrible shootings on the campus of Virginia Tech University. As our knowledge grew about the withdrawn, antisocial young man who killed 32 others and himself, my heart went out not only to all who had been the targets of his anger and revenge, but also to Seung-Hui Cho himself. To be so miserable that such an act of violence becomes an option must have been an utterly hellish life. I feel so much sorrow at the horrible end to this story.

Part of my sadness is that our public conversation about the Virginia Tech shootings has taken many unhelpful forms in the days that followed – the same expressions as after similar events in the past. University officials are facing demands that they resign for not having anticipated the precise threat that this young man posed. The media are re-examining the issues of gun control and mental health in ways that, in my more cynical moments, I have trouble believing are not intended to actually increase our anxieties. I felt emotionally assaulted in line at the supermarket yesterday by the lurid tabloid headlines, lead by the National Enquirer, which promised to divulge “what made him snap.”

This, perhaps, is the core of what we are

struggling with: of course Cho did not “snap,” and our repertoire of reactions to people with serious mental illness did not serve us well in responding to his long history of signs that he was a deeply unhappy and hostile man. Nearly everything I have seen or heard lately seems calculated to portray him as a species different from the rest of us, in essence completely an “other”; the consequences of making people with mental illness the “other” is that our

society is then utterly at a loss how to respond when someone appears to be a danger to themselves or others.

I suspect that those who experience mental illness, or love someone who does, looked at the news reports a little differently, and felt their own alienation deepened.

The challenge of lives affected by mental illness is

already compounded by additional burdens of isolation and shame, and I'd like for our responses to help reduce that burden, not increase it. It is not in our reactive scrambling that we are most likely to shape the future of our dreams, but in our growing compassion and wisdom about that which challenges us.

My colleague Michael Schuler reminds me that he has regularly addressed the topic of mental illness in the past, but that we have drifted away from the conversation lately. I hope that this moment can help us to resuscitate our dialogue, and reassure our members and their families that mental illness need not estrange us from one of the communities that can help support and strengthen us. And I hope that you will be part of that conversation, and part of that brighter future. It's never been clearer that we all have a stake in it. – Yours in growing faith, Scott ■



Earth Day at FUS was a great flower event as well as musical moment. Left to right, Emily Cusie, Lisa Munro, Alta Connors, Mary Jane Haas, Susan Connors, Kathleen Masterson, and Jody Hoagland. JOHN POWELL, FUS PHOTO TEAM

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Women's Choir to Gather

Women of all ages are invited to join in a choir celebrating UU women musicians for the Saturday, May 5 service. We will be singing original compositions by Sarah Dan Jones, Elizabeth Alexander and Beth Norton, who is the current President of the UU Musician's Network. There will be rehearsals on Wednesday, May 2 at 6:15 p.m. in the Auditorium, and on Saturday at 3:30 p.m., before the 4:30 p.m. service, and the group will again be directed by Assistant Music Director Linda Warren. Everyone is welcome, regardless of age or experience. The services that weekend will feature reflections on UU Women of Note, so we are glad to be able to celebrate UU women musicians of note as well. – *Linda Warren* ■

Chalice Lighters Need You!

Chalice Lighters is a UUA Central Midwest District program that provides financial assistance to UU congregations in our district. Chalice Lighter awards may be used to:

- Initiate a new congregation
- Acquire or improve meeting space
- Increase paid professional staffing or
- An outreach or public relations program.

This program is funded by UUs like you who volunteer to be Chalice Lighters. Three times a year they are asked to contribute \$20, or more to support a specific congregation's request for assistance. FUS has received two Chalice Lighters grants.

FUS currently has 85 Chalice Lighters. We would like to increase that number to at least 100. Please pick-up a brochure in the Lobby or contact Prudy Stewart at Prudystewart@charter.net/ 274-2616. On Sunday, May 20, Prudy will be in the Loggia after each service with a sign-up form and the answer to your questions. – *Prudy Stewart* ■



Alliance Meets at Middleton Public Library in May

Due to construction, the May Alliance meeting will be 12:00-1:30 p.m. at the Middleton Public Library, 1000 Nichols Rd. FUSer Marnie Schulenberg will discuss her recently released book *A Test of Survival*. (also see www.marniesfiction.com). Tea and coffee will be available as usual but bring your own lunch. Everyone is welcome. Although this is the last planned meeting of the year, we shall probably have a picnic in the summer. Please check our website periodically for information; www.fusmadison.org/visitor/alliance.shtml. – *Susan De Vos* ■

Join us in Portland for General Assembly!

The annual General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association will be held in Portland, Oregon on June 20-24. General Assembly (or "GA") is an amazing confluence of thousands of religious liberals from around the world to conduct the business of our movement, celebrate, explore, and learn together. Limited financial support for FUS members attending GA is available. Pick up an application form from Alice Delaquess or Rev. Scott Prinster and return it as soon as possible. ■

FUS Babysitting Co-op Seeks Members

Come to an informal play date and picnic to meet current members and find out how this co-op could work for you! Would you like to volunteer (at FUS or elsewhere), but need to be without your children for a couple of hours?

Was your last date with your partner “I can't remember when?”

Meet the families involved with the FUS Kid-sitting Co-op for the last three years. We currently have ten families, but we could use ten more! We pay in tokens to watch each other's children. It's simple, \$5 for a bundle of tokens, and it's a great opportunity to meet other families at FUS. The kids have a fun time too. Currently the children involved range in age from 1 to 9 years old. The families are divided fairly equally between east and west Madison.

Date: Sunday, May 20

Time: 5-7 p.m. (arrive anytime)

Where: Olin Park Playground (visible from John Nolen Dr.)

What to bring: This is a “BYO picnic,” so bring whatever you need, or eat before you arrive and just play.

For more info, contact Leslie at labadie@edgewood.edu or Becky at bhustad@sbcglobal.net. ■

Don't Forget About the APT Bus

If you love company and good theatre, remember you still can sign up to join the folks bussing to Spring Green and the American Players Theater, for *Much Ado About Nothing*, on July 1. Gourmet Picnic dinners can be ordered to enjoy on the grounds before the play.

Reserve your bus seat, ticket, and dinner (if you choose to have someone else do the cooking) by going online to <http://www.fusmadison.org/adult/APT-bus-register.shtml> or by calling Alice Delaquess, Coordinator of Member Programs, at 233-9774 ext 116 to request that an order form be mailed to you directly. ■

Sunday, May 6 You're Invited to “Sweet Partings & New Beginnings” A Groundbreaking and Community Rededication

On Sunday, May 6, at 12:30 p.m., please plan to gather with other members of our community as work on the new “Green” building and restoration of the historic Meeting House commences. We've worked hard and given generously to preserve our home of 56 years and to provide outstanding new space for a growing, vibrant congregation. May 6 will be an occasion for praise and for play. Everyone is invited!

A brief outdoor ceremony will begin at 12:30 sharp. Musically, we'll begin with opening fan fare by Quithorne, a local brass quintet. They will also be performing *A Joyous Celebration* by our very own Frank Ferriano. We'll end with a choral piece sung by all. We will rededicate ourselves as a community, honor the commencement of preservation work and symbolically break new ground. Capital Campaign pledgers will be recognized and we will give special thanks to the many people who have made this day possible.

A light lunch of sandwiches, salads, chips, beverages, etc. will be provided. FUS members will be bringing in a variety of delicious desserts. There will be a Bouncy House, a magician, a caricature artist and other fun activities for children. Childcare will be available for infants and toddlers between 12:30 and 1:30.

Parking will be very limited. To request a special permit to park in the upper lot, please call Donna Bordwell at 233-9774, ext. 110.

We look forward to seeing you all here! ■



1949 Groundbreaking: Marshall Erdman, The Rev. Fred Cairns, Kenneth Parsons, Mr. Wright, Harold Groves, Frank Tetzlaff, Daniel Weber.



Hard Hat Update “All the news in the right hands!”

New Building News

The new “sculptural elements” on either side of the main entrance are our temporary electrical supply. Because our power currently enters the C-Wing, we need to reroute it before demolition starts. I have heard they are derived from some long lost FLW designs, but there is no confirmation of that. By the time you read this, an additional three trailers will have been installed, filling our trailer park to the max.

We will be holding a sale of no longer needed items from the C-Wing and offices on Saturday, May 5, time TBA. This will include woodwork, ceiling tiles, old tables, curtains, movie screens, excess kitchen items, and who knows what. Start looking around, and be prepared to make an offer. Everything must go! - *David Weber*

Connections

No stones were hauled these past weeks, but plenty o' dishes. Our kitchen crew was at work for most of Monday, April 30, carrying the contents of the Lower Meeting House kitchen to the Upper Meeting House, where dishes were sorted to be stored, re-shelved, added to our sale collection, or donated to the family we are sponsoring through our Second Chance program. Kitchen Kudos to that crew!

Our Photo Team had its first meeting and begun work (see John Powell's photo on page 1 and at rt.). Additional crew members are welcome. If you enjoy photographing FUS events, and have a digital camera, consider joining. Contact Harry at harryc@fusmadison.org, 233-9774 x 122.

Ms Parking Manners will continue to visit the choirs, the bad golfers, and assorted committees to enlist Crew Members, for projects as they arise. Dessert hauling, dirt hauling, you name it. If you haven't had the pleasure of speaking with her to grant her request, contact her assistant, Alice Delaquess at aliced@fusmadison.org.

- *Alice Delaquess*

Time-Line

April 25/26: Trailers were delivered.

April 29: Last day of Children's RE classes, Facilities Forum at 4 p.m.

April 30 - May 5: Deconstruction of C-Wing

May 2 - 4: Staff move out of A-Wing and into trailers. Offices closed during this time while

staff physically move into new quarters. Communications temporarily down again while phones/computers are reconfigured.

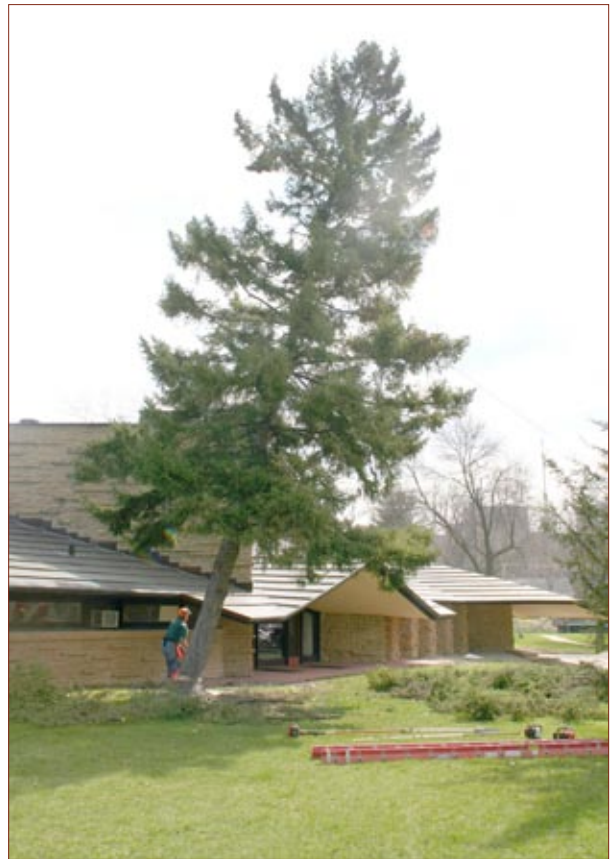
May 5: Deconstruction Sale

May 6: “Sweet Partings and New Beginnings Groundbreaking Celebration!”

- *Jennifer Korz*

Historic Preservation

The Historic Preservation Committee continues with its quest for the perfect lighting options. Electricians have visited the Auditorium, measuring doorways to see what size lifting devices they will accommodate.



Farewell old tree... Sadly, due to the fact that its roots were lifting the Historic Meeting House, this 55 year old pine had to come down, which it did with a thud. Sigh.

Photo: John Powell, FUS Photo Team

Weekend Parking During Construction

With ground breaking on our new facility less than a week away, it is time to talk about parking. The FUS lot, adjacent to our current building, will have very limited parking during construction. However, during our weekend worship we have plentiful parking in the Marshall Court/Doctors Park area, and in the VA parking lot. We are putting in place some new parking policies with regard to the FUS lot, so please read the information below! Donna Bordwell (233-9774 ext 110, donnab@fusmadison.org) and Wendy Cooper (233-9774 ext 125, wendyc@fusmadison.org) can answer questions about parking that aren't answered below.

“Everyone’s needs for parking can be met in a satisfactory way if we pull together as a community.”

Who may use the FUS Main Lot?

There are three groups who may use the FUS lot during the construction period.

- **Persons with handicapped tags** for their vehicle are the only vehicles eligible to park in handicap parking stalls. They may park in any of the stalls available in the FUS lot if the handicapped stalls are full. Please register your vehicle with Donna Bordwell by calling 233-9774, extension 110, so that we can keep track of the number of potential users of the lot at each worship service.
- **Persons unable to walk** from Doctor’s Park who are coming to FUS worship may also park in the FUS lot. Request a Worship Permit for your vehicle by calling Donna Bordwell at 233-9774 ext 110.
- **Visitors who need to park close** will also be accommodated, depending on demand from the first two groups.

Parking Options for Other Parkers

Folks who do not fall in the three categories above (most of us) have a number of other choices for parking. They are:

- **Veteran’s Administration (VA) parking lot.** The VA has granted us permission to park in their main lot off University Bay Drive on Sundays. To access that lot you turn into the drive just south of the VA Childcare Center on University Bay Drive.

There are 200 stalls available in that lot. Volunteers will be present at every worship service to direct parkers to that lot. If you are physically able to walk from the VA we ask that you park there and leave the Doctor’s Park area open to those who need to be closer.

- **Doctor’s Park/Marshall Court:** Many of us are using the Doctor’s Park area for worship service parking right now. It is located one block south of First Unitarian Society. With significantly reduced parking in the FUS lot, Doctor’s Park will be an important parking site for those who need to be a little closer (e.g. families with very small children).

A Few Other Details

You may drop-off members of your household at the FUS front entrance and then proceed to the VA or Doctor’s Park. Children should be accompanied by an adult.

You are also encouraged to experiment with alternative methods of transportation. For some, Madison Metro may be a convenient way to get to and from FUS on Sunday. Biking, walking and carpooling may be an option for your household, depending on where you live. The FUS Environmental Action Committee will be developing materials to help FUS households identify sustainable options. Resources are also available at <http://www.fusmadison.org/Transportation/transport.shtml> with more coming soon.

Donna Bordwell and Wendy Cooper are available to answer questions about parking options and Worship Permits. Please call or e-mail them with your questions.

Volunteers will be present in the FUS lot, and at other locations to help guide you in finding parking. If you are interested in volunteering before a worship service to assist others with parking, please contact Alice Delaquess at aliced@fusmadison.org or 233-9774 ext 116.

Everyone’s needs for parking can be met in a satisfactory way if we pull together as a community. Thank you!

– Wendy Cooper and Dan Broner ■



Social Justice

IHN Week is May 6 – 13

One of the opportunities we at First Unitarian Society have to live our values in the wider community is through participation in the Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) family shelter program. We partner with Christ Presbyterian Church, 944 E. Gorham Street, to provide meals, housing, hospitality and support to four to seven homeless families at a time, four weeks out of each year. The families will again be staying at Christ Presbyterian during the week of May 6-13. Our role as Christ Presbyterian's "buddy congregation" is to supply volunteers to staff the shelter during the hours that the guests are present. It takes a great many helpers from both congregations to make each IHN week a success.



During our upcoming IHN week, we will need volunteers to fill shifts for evening child care, on Monday, Wednesday and Friday night. Volunteers are also needed to help with set up and take down of shelter furnishings and equipment on Sunday afternoon, May 6 and Sunday morning, May 13. Please contact Melanie Witte, 273-1287, melaniewitte@charter.net, to volunteer for a shift or to learn more.

ACTION Committee to Meet

There will be an Environmental ACTION Committee meeting Thursday, May 3, at 7 p.m. We will meet at Noodles & Co. on University Ave. just West of the Meeting House near Borders book store. Please join us as we talk about transportation, continue our efforts on global warming and start our work for the coming year. Contact Doug Mitchell 238-7082 or train2bu@yahoo.com or Liz Wessel 238-9934 or lizwessel@yahoo.com. ■

Paths of Peace #35:

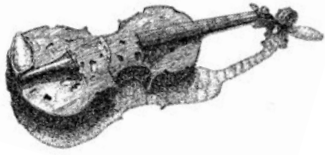
"When we do something nice for someone – be it a close friend, family member, or someone we do not know – we add to an overall spirit of caring and compassion in the world. We fight the prevailing tendency to live only for ourselves. We follow Schweitzer's example and do our part to make the world a nicer place.



"Given the current nature of things in our world, it is all too easy to despair. One needs only to crack open the newspaper to be overwhelmed by the rampant negativity in world affairs. It is very easy to become distraught, easy to think, 'if only I could make a difference; but what can one person alone in the world possibly do?' The answer, as Schweitzer suggests, is this: a great deal. No, we cannot single-handedly change the world. We cannot end wars, cure plagues, stop homelessness and poverty, save rainforests, et cetera all by ourselves. But every day we have ample opportunities to do small things that help to bring a little bit of light into whatever corner of the world we happen to be in. And when all the little corners of the world become light, darkness will have no more reign.

"The important thing is that we get into the habit of doing 'the little things', and not only once in a while, when it's convenient for us. We must create a frame of mind where helpfulness to and compassion for other living beings becomes second nature to us."

From "A Second Job" by Ty F. Webster in *Reverence for All Life*, written and edited by John and Ty F. Webster. Free copies available by writing W25128 Sullivan Rd., Trempealeau, WI 54661 or e-mailing reverence@trivest.net. Contributions for costs and postage are welcomed. ■



Friday Noon Musicales

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

May 4

Ben Cooper, tenor and Jim Reilly, piano

Music by Beethoven, Ponce, Careno, Lalo & Schubert

May 11 • A Special Musicale in Loving Memory of ellsworth snyder at Meriter Retirement Community's Grand Hall

Our final Noon Musicale of the season, Friday, May 11 at 12:15 p.m., will be devoted to the memory of former FUS Music Director ellsworth snyder (1931-2005). All of the participants in the program were connected to ellsworth as performers, students and composers: Betty Bielefeld, flute; Eva Wright, piano; Brian Schultz, prepared piano; Genevieve Gersbach, soprano; Miriam Schneider, violin; Warren Downs, cello; John Holzaepfel, piano; Philip Delaquess, cello; Carol Ricker, piano; Charlotte Woolf, soprano. A special treat will be the premier performance of END, a trio for violin, cello and piano, composed by Steve Nelson-Raney and commissioned by First Unitarian Society in memory of ellsworth. The concert will be held at Meriter Retirement Community's Grand Hall, 333 W. Main, at the corner of Henry and W. Main. Parking is available in the Meriter ramp across the street. Please join us on Friday, May 11, at 12:15 p.m. to celebrate the memory of a uniquely wonderful musician and person.



e. snyder

Brown-bag lunches are welcome.
Free coffee & tea. Admission is free!

Change of Address Form

Please keep us informed! You will find an electronic version of this form at <http://www.fusmadison.org/change-of-address-form.shtml>. Thanks!

- I am moving, and want to keep in touch
- Yo! I am not moving, but my e-mail is.
- Alors! My phone number is changing!
- Alert! See my note below...

Name(s) _____

Street _____

City _____

State/ZIP _____

E-mail _____

Phones: home _____

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Please drop this form in the mail or by the Front Office anytime. Thanks!

Newsletter Deadlines 2007

Volume 58 #10

Contribution Deadline: May 7

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Contribution Deadline: June 25

Publication and Assembly Date: July 2

Volume 58 #14

Contribution Deadline: July 16

Publication and Assembly Date: July 23

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



Religious Education



Our Summer Fun program will begin in May and is geared toward kids ages 4-9. Summer Fun will be offered on Sundays and on Saturdays, May 5 and 12. The Saturday services conclude on May 19 with an intergenerational Flower Communion service. On Sundays, Summer Fun will meet during the 9 and 11 a.m. services throughout the summer. No advance registration is required. Please stop by the table in the Loggia to register for the day. The fee is \$3/visit, or \$20 for the entire summer. We are looking for volunteers to help with summer activities. If you'd like to help, contact Janet Swanson at jbswanson@uwalumni.com.

Teachers Needed!

Please help us fill our roster of teachers for the Fall. As many of you probably know, our Children's Religious Education program is huge. This year we have 493 kids enrolled, 25 classes each Saturday and Sunday, and 106 volunteer teachers; and every year the program grows with new attendees. We need your help to make this program successful. As you can imagine, recruiting over 100 volunteer teachers is no easy feat. We hope you can make this year's effort a success. CRE teachers work in teams of four and are generally in the classroom only twice per month. Teaching is an excellent way of having fun, meeting new people, and sharing in the process of learning alongside our FUS youth. This coming year we have classes that celebrate the holidays of different religions and cultures, that study the stories of the Bible, that teach us to be good stewards of the earth, and that marvel

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at the web of life of which we are a part. If you have an appreciation for learning, and a joy, (and admittedly the patience) for children, then we'd love to have you as a participant in the Children's Religious Education program. Besides, the appreciation dinner at the end of the year is a blast! If you have questions, or if you're ready to

sign on, please contact one of our friendly staff members at the Religious Education Office, 233-9774, ext. 114 or 119. ■

YRUU

YRUU will have its last meeting on Sunday, May 6. Then we'll be on vacation this summer. Please look for information in August about our upcoming events. We are looking to add a couple of new advisors for the Fall. If you are interested in this, please contact Leslie at 233-9774, x.

119 for details about what being a YRUU advisor involves. ■

Child Care is Moving

Because of our construction year, child care will be moving into the West Living Room on April 29. Please come find us there! We'll still have the same wonderful group of people caring for your infants and toddlers and we look forward to lots of time on the playground this summer! ■

Middle Schoolers

Interested in attending our camp out at Upham Woods? Be sure to get the forms mailed to you into the RE Office by May 9. We'd love to have you along! ■



Summer Circle Suppers are Back!

Summer circle suppers will begin their 11th year this June. Circles meet monthly from June through September. The suppers are informal potlucks of small groups of people which are held in members' homes or in settings selected by those hosting.

Please consider hosting a circle supper. Hosts are a critical element. The supper need not be a formal affair. Buffet meals, pizza parties, cookouts, etc. are great fun and do not require formal dining areas or fancy dinnerware. If you are not able to host, join us for the fun and fellowship, however, if there are not enough hosts, we may have to list a circle without one. People on this list may decide to host or ask another member of that circle whether they would like to co-host. If you are new to the circle and are uncertain about hosting, you may request August or September so you have a chance to experience a supper before you host.

Guests bring a part of the meal such as an appetizer, salad, side dish, dessert, drinks, or extras such as bread or rolls.

Substitutes are those who cannot commit for all the months but can fill in for those guests who cannot make one of the dinners.

Circles are coordinated by Dawn Stucki. Please feel free to call or e-mail your suggestions for making our suppers even better. If you would like to participate in the 2007 circles, fill out the attached form and mail it to Dawn Stucki, 19 Village Homes Drive, 53597.

You may also e-mail the information to destucki@tds.net, or use our on-line registration form at http://www.fusmadison.org/adult/circle_supper.shtml. ■

Registrations Close May 14

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone (evenings) _____ (days) _____

e-mail _____

I/We plan to be a regular participant(s) I/We can substitute occasionally

I/We plan to host in: June July August Sept

Mail to: Dawn Stucki, 19 Village Homes Dr., Waunakee, WI 53597

or e-mail: destucki@tds.net ■



Denomination

Bayside UU Camp is Still Taking Reservations

Looking for a great summer camp for your family? Join us at Bayside Camp, a Unitarian Universalist Family Camp, located on beautiful Lake Geneva in Wisconsin.



Bayside is a small (75-90 person) summer camp that will be held at the Wesley Woods Conference Center July 15 – 21. The camp includes morning adult workshops and worship services, with an emphasis on a variety of activities based on age for the kids, and lots of free time in the afternoons for family fun and relaxation, plus intergenerational activities in the evenings.

Founded in 1988, Bayside Camp aims to provide a nurturing “family” atmosphere for singles and families of all configurations and traditions.

Bayside Camp is a great stress reducer. It’s an affordable way for busy families to spend quality time together, and it is a great place for grandparents, aunts, and uncles to spend some precious moments with their favorite child.

For more information e-mail Emma Williams at cnmne@verizon.net or call at (608) 838-6604 or browse our website at <http://www.yahoodrummers.com/bayside/>. You may also contact Jill DeLisle at 4delisles@sbcglobal.net or call (608) 238-5536.

We are looking for new families to join us this summer. Even though the “deadline” to sign up and pay the deposit is rapidly approaching, on May 1, we still have space available. Please contact us now to reserve your spot. ■



Community

Oakwood Concert

The Oakwood Chamber Players will present the last concert of the 2006-07 season in the FUS Auditorium following the ground breaking ceremony on Sunday, May 6, at 2 p.m. Joining the members will be guests Renata Hornik (viola), Nils Berg-Olsen (double bass), Jennifer Morgan (oboe), Amanda King (bassoon) and John Aley (trumpet). Two large works will be featured; the *Nonet* of French composer Louise Ferrenc and a mixed quintet by the New York composer Eric Ewazen titled *Mandala*. This piece was written to represent three Buddhist cosmograms that the composer viewed in a 1997 exhibition in NYC. Rounding out the concert will be a string trio of Richard Strauss. Join us for this grand finale! Tickets are available at the door for \$18, \$12 for seniors and \$5 for students. ■

Great Taste Reigns Again with GWABA's 6th Annual "Taste of Willy Street"

Madison's near east side is home to a wild and eclectic mix of fine restaurants and eating establishments from Jamaican to Laotian and back to Americana. This annual fundraiser, “The Taste of Willy Street” sponsored by The Greater Williamson Area Business Association (GWABA), will be held this year on Tuesday, May 8.

This year's event, the 6th Annual, will showcase 18 neighborhood food businesses and will include everything from appetizers to desserts. The event is one of GWABA's most popular fundraisers with proceeds going to Common Wealth Development's Youth-Business Mentoring Program, which is geared toward introducing youth to practical job-seeking and employment skills. ■

Madison Audobon Society Calls for Bird-Banding Volunteers

The Madison Audobon Society will hold a bird banding day at the Biocore Prairie Bird Observatory on Saturday, May 26, from 8 a.m. to noon.

A virtual rainbow of birds are likely to be seen. Be part of the fun. For directions and more info, contact: Mara McDonald, 274-2534, mamcdona@wisc.edu. ■

Meeting House Calendar

Wednesday, May 2

Music Committee Meeting	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	W Living Rm
Meeting House Chorus	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Auditorium
Children's Choirs	7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	W Living Rm
Board Meeting	7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Trailer Con Rm

Thursday, May 3

Archives Open	1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Archives Rm
Noon Musicale Rehearsal	2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Auditorium
Organ Rehearsal	4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Auditorium
Society Choir	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Aud WLR
Men's Group Meeting	8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Annex Liv Rm

Friday, May 4

Noon Musicale	12:15 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Auditorium
Rehearsal - Kirsch/Buechner	5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Auditorium

Saturday, May 5

Summer Fun	4:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Annex Liv Rm
Organ Rehearsal	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Auditorium
Wedding - Kirsch/Buechner	2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Auditorium
Worship Services	4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Aud WLR

Sunday, May 6

Child Care for Services	9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	W Living Rm
Summer Fun	9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Annex Liv Rm
Worship Service	9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.	Auditorium
Summer Fun	11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Annex Liv Rm
Worship Service	11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	Auditorium
Oakwood Chamber Players	2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Auditorium
Insight Buddhist Meditation	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	W Living Rm

Monday, May 7

Closed Men's Group	7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	Annex Liv Rm
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Tuesday, May 8

Management Team	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Trailer Conf Rm
Centering Prayer	5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Annex Liv Rm

Wednesday, May 9

Financial Stewardship Council	7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Trailer Conf Rm
Staff Meeting	9:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Trailer Conf Rm
Steering Committee	4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Trailer Conf Rm
Meeting House Chorus	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Auditorium
Children's Choirs	7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	W Living Rm

Thursday, May 10

Archives Open	1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Archives
Organ Rehearsal	4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Auditorium
Society Choir	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Aud WLR

Friday, May 11

Noon Musicale	12:15 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Auditorium
Piano Recital	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Auditorium

Saturday, May 12

Summer Fun	4:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Annex Liv Rm
Organ Rehearsal	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Auditorium
Voice Recital	11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Auditorium
Worship Services	4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Auditorium W Living Rm

Sunday, May 13

Child Care for Services	9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	W Living Rm
Summer Fun	9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Annex Liv Rm
Worship Service	9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.	Auditorium
Membership Information	10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Trailer Conf Rm
Membership Information	10:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.	Library
Child Care for Services	11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	W Living Rm
Summer Fun	11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Annex Liv Rm
Worship Service	11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	Auditorium
Parenting Chalice Group	3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	W Living Rm
Young Adult Event	6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	W Living Rm
Insight Buddhist Meditation	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Auditorium

Monday, May 14

Newsletter Collating	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	W Living Rm
Open Men's Group	7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	Annex Liv Rm

Tuesday, May 15

Management Team	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Trailer Conf Rm
Tour	3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Auditorium
Centering Prayer	5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Annex Liv Rm

Wednesday, May 16

Staff Meeting	9:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Trailer Conf Rm
Children's Choirs	7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	W Living Rm
Board Meeting	7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Trailer Conf Rm



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Upcoming Services at FUS

All services are webcast live at www.fusmadison.org

Saturday, May 5 at 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 6 at 9 & 11 a.m.

“Remember the Ladies”

by Michael A. Schuler, Parish Minister

It was Abigail Adams, wife of America’s second president and mother of its sixth, who lobbied her husband to take women’s interests and rights into account in the drafting of the new nation’s founding documents. “Remember the ladies,” the Unitarian First Lady wrote.

Since then, Unitarianism and Universalism have produced many women of note, including Susan B. Anthony, Clara Barton, Jane Addams, Margaret Sanger, Louisa May Alcott and Beatrix Potter. Less famous but no less effective were the woman ministers who established and served dozens of our frontier congregations in the latter half of the 19th century. Join me for a commemoration of our rich feminine heritage. **Musically**, on Saturday, a Women’s Choir will present music composed by prominent UU women musicians who are currently active in the UU Musicians Network. Sunday, The Meeting House Chorus will sing *Where There Is Light In the Soul* by UU composer Elizabeth Alexander.

Sunday, May 6 • 12:30 - 3:00 p.m.

“Sweet Partings & New Beginnings”

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Saturday, May 12 at 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 13 at 9 & 11 a.m.

“Rethinking God-Talk”

by Scott Gerard Prinster, Associate Minister

Is there a God, or isn’t there? Don’t expect this sermon to try to answer that question! Rather, we’re going to explore why the topic is such a hot potato in our congregations and in society at large. What do the theologian, the poet, the scientist, the skeptic, the dreamer and the laborer all have to say about the marvelous, complex world we live in, that we could all celebrate together? **Musically**, on Saturday, Dan Broner will play music for harpsichord by Bach and Scarlatti. Sunday, The Society Choir will sing *Love Flows* from “Sacred Songs” by Stephen Paulus.



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