


Rev.Elations

by Michael A. Schuler, Parish Minister

This was the summer the Schulers stayed home. Except for a very brief escape to Lake Superior Trina and I enjoyed three fine months in Madison and didn't feel deprived in the least. In fact, it has been exciting to watch the final elements of our new FUS addition come together and to lend a hand from time to time. The original computer renderings don't do it justice. It is truly a remarkable cutting-edge building and an outstanding complement to the Historic Meeting House.

But the addition isn't all that's new. Over the past few months the Society's staff and lay leaders have been working overtime to smooth our adjustment to the new space and to take advantage of new opportunities. New docents are being oriented, new signage prepared, new protocols for welcoming newcomers developed, new programs readied for presentation. A couple of the latter are worth mentioning here.

First, because a larger Auditorium will eliminate crowding and the frequent necessity for people to stand when our children are present, we can be a more truly intergenerational community. This year our UU youngsters will join us for the first portion of every Sunday service held in the new space, as has always been customary on Saturdays. Many parents have expressed a desire to share the worship experience with their children. Moreover, consistent exposure to the adult community and the ministers may help our kids stay connected with FUS.

Second, worship at FUS this year will follow a new format. A central theme will be identified each month (September's is "Vocation") which two or three of the weekly services will focus upon. Suggestions for further reading  page 13

My Real Experience

by Kelly J. Crocker, Minister of Religious Education


Each week at our FUS staff meeting we review the events scheduled for the next several weeks. We do this to check for changes that need to be made to already scheduled programs

and to look for events that may be missing. As I was reviewing the calendar this past Wednesday I thought to myself "how could anyone keep up with all of these events?" And then I thought about all of the upcoming Adult Education classes, the Science and Religion lecture series, the worship services with the new monthly themes, and the opportunities for learning about environmental action through our new green building. I realize that most of our members and friends will not be able to

attend every class, lecture, or retreat that they would ideally like to participate in so I've been pondering other paths for all of you to use to connect with what is happening this year at FUS. What I've come up with so far is a list of books that tie in to the many initiatives happening around here.

For example, if you'd like to find out more about the topics being covered by our series on "Finding Mystery, Reverence and Wonder in Science," why not try checking out one of these:

Dancing with the Sacred, Karl Peters – a leading voice in creating dialogue between science and religion gives us a new model of God that includes insights from evolutionary biology, process theology, and world religions.

Science and the Search for God, Gary Kowalski – a UU minister's take on how science and religion are truly allies and not antagonists. This one is wonderful for those who believe "I don't understand those scientific books!" He paints a picture of the new findings in astrophysics and quantum theory with little need of  page 13



Anne Wiecki and Linda Olson at the Midwest Renewable Energy fair delivering a check for \$2140.86 to a member of the Solar Oven Society. See article on page 9.

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Exploring UU Christianity

Everyone is welcome to attend the next gathering of the Exploring UU Christianity Group, on Tuesday, September 9, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Courtyard Room E. We will check-in, pray, and discuss our reactions to the essay “The Pilgrimage of a Catholic UU” by Peter Huff from the book *Christian Voices in Unitarian Universalism*. To purchase the book, go to: <http://www.uuabookstore.org/productdetails.cfm?PC=556>. Questions? Please contact Elizabeth Barrett at [ebarrett\(at\)tds.net](mailto:ebarrett(at)tds.net) or 257-2182. ■

End of Life Arrangements

Did you know that First Unitarian Society has resources available to its members to assist them in planning for their eventual demise? *Final Choices* contains useful information and record keeping material for anyone who wishes to “put their affairs in order,” as it were. A second resource, *Memorial Services at First Unitarian Society* can be very helpful to those who want to think in advance about the end of life celebration that will be held in their honor. Both documents are available through the FUS Office or from any of the ministers.

Having broached the discomfiting subject of death, you might also be interested in a recent addition to the Wisconsin Statutes. Section 154.30 allows an individual, during life, to appoint a representative who will have authority to make funeral and disposition arrangements on their behalf. This can be accomplished by completing a form entitled Authorization for Disposition, which is available at the Dept. of Health and Family Services website. This form also allows for inclusion of specific wishes related to viewing, religious observances, grave-side services or other last rites. One notable feature of the form is that for the first time a person is allowed to indicate his or her wish to be cremated. Until this bill was signed into law by Gov. Doyle on March 19 or this year, a person could not make binding arrangements if he or she wished to be cremated. If a spouse or family member objected, the intentions of the deceased could be thwarted.

The form can be found at: <http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/forms/AdvDirectives/F00086.pdf>.

This information is provided by the FUS Planned Giving Committee whose mission is to educate members and friends about planned giving opportunities and provide educational information on related topics. If you are interested in learning more about the Committee or would like to get involved, the next meeting will be September 29 at 5 p.m. ■

Alliance Kickoff: Reservation Deadline is Here

Come to the Alliance kickoff Wednesday, September 10, at noon at Covenant Presbyterian Church, 326 N. Segoe (Mineral Pt. & Segoe Rd.). Eileen Merhart of the YWCA will be our keynote speaker. Send in your reservations for your catered lunch along with \$10 by September 3 to Jean Tews at 6205 Mineral Point Road, #320; Madison, WI 53705. Look for more information in the Alliance Fall Newsletter available in the Lobby, or at our web site <http://www.fusmadison.org/visitor/alliance.shtml>. ■

New UU Orientation Class Early Fall 2008

There are still a few places in our early fall session of New UU. New UU is an orientation class for new members and friends of the First Unitarian Society. During the five weekly meetings, participants have the opportunity to:

- Get acquainted with other new members.
- Learn about Unitarian Universalism and the organization of the Society.
- Explore whether their beliefs and values are consonant with Unitarian Universalism.
- See how their needs might be met at First Unitarian Society, and consider what it is to belong at FUS.

The dates and time for the early fall meetings are:

- Thursdays, September 11, 18, 25, October 2, 7 to 9 p.m., Sunday October 12, 1 to 3 p.m. (Note that Session 5, "FUS Made Easy" is with Sunday group on October 12, 1 to 3 p.m.)
- Sundays, September 14, 21, 28, October 5, October 12, 1 to 3 p.m.

Child care is provided during the Sunday sessions. Participants are encouraged to attend all five meetings.

The registration fee is \$15 per person. Registration forms are in our Lobby; register on-line at <http://www.fusmadison.org/adult/newuu.shtml>.

Our next class begins in late October. ■

Summary of Unitarian Dance Fellowship's Year

Unitarian Dance Fellowship's history with FUS goes back 50 years. The current members are Liza Brown, Audrey Lazanas, Carol Klongland, and Grace Valentine. Recently the Fellowship performed at ChaliceStream, dance/arts performance studio near Ladysmith, for the studio's 30th anniversary where the Fellowship premiered "Balm of Gilead." Other performances during the year were at University United Methodist Church, at Unity Church, at First Unitarian Society in the memorial service for Diana Cottam, and at High Point Church for the UW Cancer Clinic Memorial Service. Dianné Aldrich was frequent guest artist. Mary North Allen was guest reader. Other dance related involvements were Audrey Lazanas as community participant in Li Chiao Ping's "Dancing Between the Lines" at the Overture Center in spring and Carol Klongland as subject of dance paintings by Barbara Shafer (right) that will be part of the fall faculty art show at UW-Eau Claire. ■



Wheel
of Life

This information has been removed to protect the privacy of our members.

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

More Meeting House News

Worship Parking Permit System will Continue in this Church Year

Happily, we have survived the year when construction created numerous parking challenges for the congregation. Our year of construction really highlighted the importance of providing guaranteed parking for members of the congregation who cannot walk from Marshall Court or the VA Lot. In order to insure that members who must park in the FUS lot in order to attend services will have access to that lot we will continue the Worship Parking Permit system for another year.

If you regularly attend worship services on Saturday or Sunday, and the walk from either



Marshall Court or the VA Lot is too far for you for whatever reason, please request a Worship Parking Permit from Wendy Cooper at 233-9774 ext 125 or by emailing [wendyc\(at\)fusmadison.org](mailto:wendyc(at)fusmadison.org). When you receive your Permit, please place it in the front window of your vehicle.

The new parking lot has numbered parking stalls. We will designate stalls for Worship Parking Permit Holders, and stalls for visitors. Undesignated stalls will be available to all members on a first-come-first-serve basis.

Please contact Wendy Cooper or Donna Bordwell at 233-9774 if you have questions. ■

First International Convocation Of UU Women

You are invited to Houston, Texas, to attend the First International Convocation of UU Women between February 29 and March 1, 2009. UU women have not met nationally as a group in almost 20 years, and have never met as an international group. The organizers are planning for 800 attendees and are encouraging all UU women and friends of liberal faith to attend. Participants will take part in interactive workshops and plenary sessions that deal with the status of women in the world today and current programs that are helping to improve women's lives.

The organizers want to make this Convocation truly inclusive and international with as diverse a representation as possible. We have much to share with and learn from our global sisters, and this will be just the beginning to what is hoped will become an ongoing exchange between UUs around the world. Help make this Convocation a success with your support and participation!

Brochures are available on the FUS information table. In addition, an Adult Education class is being offered this fall to address some of the global issues facing women. Please check your Adult Education catalog for information about the class - *The Global Literacy Project: Weaving our UU Global Village Network*.

For additional information, go to www.icuuw.com or contact Pamela Magee at [mageepamela\(at\)charter.net](mailto:mageepamela(at)charter.net) or 277-5646. ■

Mark Your Calendar for Fall Festival

The FUS 4th Annual Fall Festival is scheduled for Sunday, October 5. Plan now to come and enjoy our new surroundings. This year's event will include traditional fellowship, food, fun activities for kids, and music.

If you're new to FUS, this is a great opportunity to get to know other FUS folks and if you've been around for awhile, it's a perfect time to reconnect and enjoy a fall afternoon with friends and family.

More details to come. Contact Mary Kay Aide, Chairperson, to help out. Phone: 238-5711 or e-mail: [marykay\(at\)lifecoachmkay.com](mailto:marykay(at)lifecoachmkay.com). ■



*The Festival
Last year was
fun!*



Now's the Time to Register for Adult Education

The forms are coming in by e-mail and paper mail and the classes are beginning to fill. If you received your Adult Education Catalog in the mail and you thought "Hey! That class looks great!" then now is the time to complete that registration form. You can fill out a paper one and stick it in the mail or you can go to our website www.fusmadison.org and register on-line. Any questions? Give Kelly Crocker a call at 233-9774, ext. 112 or [kellyc\(at\)fusmadison.org](mailto:kellyc(at)fusmadison.org).

Don't forget about the information session for Compassionate Communication with Jody Whelden and Mary Kay Reinemann that's coming up on September 7 at 10:15 a.m. They'll be here to give you a small taste of what this course is about and show you how these skills can help you to create peace in your life and in the world. ■

Shawl Ministry

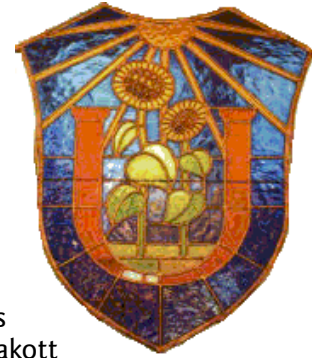
The newly-formed Shawl Ministry has been picking up participants all summer, and now numbers about 40. We have held several "drop-in" work groups, where people can get to know each other and have fun while making comfort objects for members of our FUS community who are going through a transitional time. We now have a starter supply of shawls, lap robes and other things for distribution by the ministers and lay ministers who have identified a need. The spirit and intention of shawl ministry will be highlighted in a worship service by the Rev. Karen Gustafson the weekend of September 28. More drop-ins are scheduled for fall, and all are welcome. If you have knitting, crochet or quilting skills, wonderful. If not, lessons are available. For more information or simply to be informed of scheduled drop-ins by e-mail, please contact Lorna Aaronson ([lorna464\(at\)charter.net](mailto:lorna464(at)charter.net)), Joyce Carey ([joycecarey\(at\)charter.net](mailto:joycecarey(at)charter.net)), or Chris Lee ([chris\(at\)metacontext.net](mailto:chris(at)metacontext.net)). ■

Sixth Annual Hungarian Feast

On Friday, September 19, the doors of our beautiful new building will be thrown open, inviting you into a world of fine Hungarian feasting. Food, wine and conversation will flow from 6 p.m. until the last guest has departed. Chicken Paprika, Rakott Krumpli (Layered Potato Casserole), Carrots Sylvester and a rich and delicious cherry cake will be among the items on the menu. Hungarian wine, Czech beer (for a small additional charge), and Wisconsin cider will be on hand to quench your thirst. And, if the weather cooperates, we will be making that very special Transylvanian delicacy - Chimney Bread - over hot coals in the courtyard.

The fare will be grand, and so, too, is the cause. Our partner congregation in Nagyajta (NAH-joy-tah), Transylvania, has been working to construct an addition of their own. As we know so well, such additions do not come cheap, and the proceeds of our dinner will help accomplish their goal. In 2005, when our choir visited the village, the building site consisted of a hole in the ground. Now construction is well underway. While their medieval church building could not be more beautiful and historic, they have yearned for a large meeting room, and space for some classrooms. What better way to offer our support, than through a meal which honors our heritage and celebrates our Unitarian roots in Transylvania.

Please join the fun! Come see what our beautiful, new kitchen can do! Sign up at our display at church on Saturday, September 13, and Sunday September 14. Or clip and mail the form below to secure your place at the table. ■



Name(s) _____

_____ Adults (at)\$25 _____ Students/children (at)\$10

_____ Family (2 adults+children) (at)\$60

TOTAL: \$ _____

Mail this form with your check (Write Hungarian Feast on the memo please) to: FUS, Attention Hungarian Feast, 900 University Bay Dr., Madison, WI 53705. Or drop it off at the Meeting House offices in Kelly Crocker's mail box. Thank you!

The Names Have Changed

by Karen Gustafson, Minister

Change, even chosen change, change intended for the better, is hard. First Unitarian Society is in the midst of such a change. This so much to be excited about: the beautiful Atrium Auditorium (see name changes below), the careful and elegant landscaping, the restored parking lot, the new music rehearsal space, the new classrooms and meeting space, not to mention new bathrooms and kitchen. The result is spectacular, the very best that group effort could produce... and when you see it there will be things you will love and things that will disappoint you. It is human nature to have expectations and it is reality that they will sometimes be exceeded and sometimes they will not be met.

It is important to remember that, literally thousands of hours of staff and volunteer time have gone into anticipating every detail related to function, aesthetics, economy and environmental responsibility. These folks have dedicated their hearts and souls to this project and we owe them a debt of gratitude for the countless trade-offs they have finessed to give

maximum attention to each of those considerations without compromising the integrity of the whole. Those on the front lines, the Building Committee, the architects and the builders themselves were informed and supported in their decision making by the input from those of you who participated in various forums during the overall planning process.

As we live into our new space, there will be many intentional opportunities to offer constructive feedback about how things look and work and feel. In the

meantime let us enter the space with generous hearts and open minds, appreciating both the very real beauty and function of this carefully conceived and created project as well as the heartfelt and responsible efforts of those who have brought it into being.

One of the recent staff and volunteer efforts was to name the various spaces and entrances. The Boelter Design Group, whose specialty is “wayfinding,” volunteered many hours to work with our Transition Team to develop a logical plan for helping newcomers and long-timers as

well to navigate the expanded facility. After much conversation and the best-practice advice of our consultant we came up with the naming plan to the left. The Board voted. This is the new naming that will be reflected in all future signs and scheduling. If you are wondering what we were thinking, we may try to document it for the archives. I suspect that this will be easier to accept than to change. Cheers!

– Karen ■

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Renaming Our Spaces

This Room

Upper and Lower Meeting Houses (Our campus).....	The Meeting House
New Building Entrance	Atrium Entrance
West Doors	Center Entrance
Front Doors	Landmark Entrance
Auditorium.....	Landmark Auditorium
New Auditorium	Atrium Auditorium
West Living Room	Gaebler Living Room
Upper Crossing.....	The Crossing
Lower Crossing.....	The Commons
Staff Offices A wing.....	Loggia Offices
Staff Offices B wing	Center Offices
Annex	Isom House
C and D wing Classrooms D12, D13, D14, C9, C11	Courtyard Rooms A-E
B wing Classrooms B16, B15, B10, B6, B1	Classrooms 1-5
Music	Music Rehearsal Room and Offices
Cry Room	Baby Haven
East Courtyard.....	Atrium Courtyard
West Courtyard.....	Commons Courtyard
Plaza Deck.....	The Terrace

Remaining The Same Kitchen, Library, Childcare

A New Logo for FUS

In the coming months you will begin seeing something new besides our addition - you will see a new Logo and tag line for the Society. This is part of the efforts to be more coherent in representing ourselves.

The logo (right), designed by Pigorsch Media, is intended to reflect our Unitarian Universalist values. It has three parts; Spiritual Curiosity and Conscience surrounding our own version of a chalice. It honors our Wright legacy with the incorporation of the hexagon, the diamond, and a new Wright-inspired font, "Narcissus" which was drawn from the lettering on the Landmark Auditorium balcony.

You will begin to see this logo soon on signage, stationery, a redesigned newsletter, a refurbished website, and other places. Pigorsch is also preparing a document to help us use our logo in a consistent way.



FIRST UNITARIAN SOCIETY
Where Spiritual Curiosity and Conscience Connect

Committees and councils will be receiving files and more information about the logo in the coming weeks.

There are many folks to thank for this very happy conclusion. Thanks to all those of you who patiently answered our somewhat puzzling surveys (as in "What kind of car would first Unitarian be?" Answer: Prius). Kudos to the Marketing Committee who spent many (many!) hours on this project; **Brian King** who generously provided his expertise, time, and enthusiasm; **Susan Pigorsch** for her humor, energy, creativity and organization; and to them both for putting up with the staffer who herded the project, **Harry Carnes**. Please give these two a big "high five" when you see them in the Commons. A special recognition as well to **Susan** and **Hans Pigorsch** for the very generous donation of the creative staff of Pigorsch Media. – *Harry Carnes* ■



Register soon for Circle Suppers!

Circle suppers will begin in October with two options; one for adults and one for families with children. Circle Suppers are fun pot-lucks of small groups of people which are held in members' homes or other settings. They are a great way to get to know better some folks you passed in the Loggia, and get a nice meal, too. Circles meet monthly from October through May.

Classic (adult only) circles are coordinated by Dawn Stucki. Family suppers are coordinated by Anne Puser. Please feel free to call or e-mail either with your questions. If you would like to participate, fill out the attached form or register on-line. Classic Suppers register at http://www.fusmadison.org/adult/circle_supper.shtml. Family Suppers register at <http://www.fusmadison.org/adult/family-circle-suppers.shtml> Hurry! Registration closes September 12!

Name(s) _____

Street _____ City/zip _____

Phone (eves) _____ (days) _____

e-mail _____

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

We can host in (please circle all that work): Oct Nov Jan Feb Mar April May

Please describe any relevant food allergies you or your family have:

Do you need any other special accommodations?

Describe your family diet: Omnivorous Vegetarian Other _____

For Classic Circle Suppers, mail to: Dawn Stucki, 19 Village Homes Dr., Waunakee, WI 53597.
Family Circle Suppers, mail to: Anne Puser, c/o Alice, 900 University Bay Drive, Madison 53705

Chalice Group Programs for Fall 2008

We have been fortunate to have some wonderfully creative and dedicated people serving on the Chalice Group Coordinating Team (CGCT). Each year some leave and some new people join. We always get some new ideas to help us build on the previous year's foundation.

This year we are continuing the Chalice Group Orientation Session. If you're intrigued by the idea of finding deep relationships and building community, this session is just for you. The purpose is to give you a taste of the chalice format and experience, and give you a chance to ask questions.

The Chalice Group Orientation Session will be Sunday, September 7, after the 11 a.m. service. There will be a light lunch and a short information session. Please RSVP to Alice Delaquess at aliced@fusmadison.org.

Chalice Groups depend on the generosity of people who volunteer to be facilitators. Every group needs at least one facilitator and possibly two. The CGCT would like to thank those people who have contributed and continue to contribute as facilitators. We would also like to encourage members to consider becoming facilitators. It's very rewarding to help build a community, and we provide training and support through individual mentoring.

This fall we will be holding Turbo Training for Chalice Group Facilitators (New and Old), a two-part series about the power of chalice groups, with the latest news about chalice groups from the General Assembly, and motivational tips and suggestions for chalice group leaders of all levels of experience.

Session #1 • Sunday, October 26. After the 11 a.m. service. For both current and new (potential) chalice group facilitators. We will have a light lunch and a short session lead by Karen Gustafson.

Session #2 • Sunday, November 9. After the 11 a.m. service. New facilitators (current facilitators optional). We will continue building community as facilitators – with a focus on the needs of new group leaders.

Please contact Richard Scoby at 413-0076 or rscoby2@mac.com or Paula Alt at 276-8037 or paulalt@tds.net for more information about the orientation session, to inquire about joining a group, or to find out about facilitation. ■



Hey College Students! Come join us!

MUUYACM (Madison UU Campus Ministry) meetings will start up again on Sunday, September 14, at the UW Memorial Union, and continue on Sundays throughout the academic year. We'll have a light supper at 5 p.m., provided by MUUYACM, followed by a service from 6 to 7 p.m. Check the TITU (Today in the Union) board on your way in for the room number each week. Our services are informal, consisting of singing, joys and concerns, and discussions led by MUUYACM members, ministers, or people from area universities/colleges and the community. Last year our topics included Unitarian Universalism, Buddhism, UUs 'n Jews, International Women's Day, karma, and the dark side of religion. Questions? Contact Program Coordinator Karen Barrett-Wilt at karenb@fusmadison.org or 233-9774 x131, and check out our website www.muuyacm.org and Facebook group for more info. Hope you can join us! ■

Young Adult Tour and Reception

If you're 18-39 or so, please join us for a tour of the beautiful addition to FUS on Sunday, September 7, at 6 p.m. Our tour will be led by Dave Weber, our resident expert and Owners Representative, followed by wine and snacks. Come and ask your questions about the building, the process, the LEED certification, or just check it out! Please RSVP to Karen Barrett-Wilt at karenb@fusmadison.org or 233-9774 x 131 by Friday, September 5. Hope to see you then! ■

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
- I am *not* moving, but my e-mail has.
- My phone number is changing

Name (s) _____

Street _____

City _____

State/ZIP _____

E-mail _____

Phones: home _____

work _____

cell _____

Drop in the mail or by the office anytime.



Religious Education

Summer Fun Ends, Children's R.E. Begins

The last day of Summer Fun was August 31. Many thanks to Janet Swanson, our Summer Fun coordinator; to Kailin Kauffman-Jewel and Emily Savage, our Summer Fun volunteers; and to the many children who helped make Summer Fun live up to its name!

September 6 and 7 we'll have intergenerational Water Communion services. Then on September 13 and 14, our Children's Religious Education program will kick off its 2008-09 year with multi-age activities, including creating a mosaic chalice and pavers for our West Courtyard patio, a treasure hunt, a tour of our new facility and more. Children of ages 4 and up are encouraged to attend. Child care will be available for infants through 3 year olds. On September 20 and 21, our CRE classes will begin.

We are happy to announce that this year children ages 3 through 7th grade will begin in worship with the adults. Their time at FUS will begin with an intergenerational message that will last about 15 minutes. Then children and youth will head off to their classes. Classes will end at 6 p.m. on Saturdays, and at 10:30 and 12:30 on Sundays, allowing parents at all services an opportunity to enjoy fellowship in the Commons.

If you have not yet registered your children for CRE classes, do so quickly! We have several classes that are full, especially for K-1st graders. ■

Where is Child Care Now?

Our Child Care program has endured many moves these past two years, but soon they will settle into their new, permanent, and spacious lodgings. You can find Child Care in Room B-1 (first room in the Nursery School wing, where it's been all summer) on August 31 and September 6 and 7. Starting the weekend of September 13 and 14, Child Care will be in its new location in the new building in the hall where the Courtyard Classrooms are. We look forward to seeing you there! ■

YRUU Starts September 10

All high schoolers are invited to join us for a new and exciting year of YRUU. Our first meeting will be on Wednesday, September 10, 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Isom House (formerly known as The Annex). And mark your calendars now for our upcoming lock-in on Saturday, September 27 and 28. We're looking forward to seeing familiar and new faces, and to working together to make this year fun, inspiring, and enlightening. No need to register beforehand; just come on by. Questions? Contact Leslie at ext. 119, or at [leslier\(at\)fusmadison.org](mailto:leslier(at)fusmadison.org). ■

Many Kids and Teachers to Welcome

We currently have 424 children registered for CRE classes (this number will undoubtedly be higher by the time you receive this newsletter!) and 101 teachers, only 2 short of the 103 needed! Evidently a lot of people are looking forward to our 2008-09 school year! We are thrilled to have so many returning families and volunteers, and so many new faces joining us. If you have any questions about CRE this year, please don't hesitate to contact Leslie Ross, Director of Religious Education, ext. 119; Rev. Kelly Crocker, Minister of Religious Education, ext. 112; or Alex Rodinsky, RE Program Assistant, ext. 114. ■

A Few Books Needed

The CRE program needs a few books for this year. We'd like to first see if any of you have copies you no longer want before spending money on new copies. The books are: *Frog and Toad are Best Friends*, *Miss Rumphius*, *Tuck Everlasting*, and *The Greatest Power* by Demi. Please let us know if you can donate any of these. ■

Help Wanted!

The Children's RE Program is planning multi-age activities during church school classes for the weekend of September 13/14. The main project will be creating mosaic pavers for our new outdoor green spaces. We are looking for volunteers with some art skills/expertise to help lead the activities. We need many adult hands to assist. If you are interested, please contact Leslie Ross [leslier\(at\)fusmadison.org](mailto:leslier(at)fusmadison.org) at 233-9774. Many thanks! ■



Social Justice

Success in Solar Sustainability Project

Many members of First Unitarian Society learned about solar ovens last spring as the Environmental Action Committee raised money to buy solar ovens and trees for Ethiopia. Two members of the Committee Anne Wiecki and Linda Olson, traveled to the Midwest Renewable Energy fair to deliver a check for \$2140.86 to the Solar Oven Society. We reached our goal of 1 tree per member of First Unitarian Society! Thank you very much for your interest in and support of this project. ■

A Letter From Richard Duncan Odhiambo

We recently received a letter from Richard Duncan Odhiambo, the Kenyan High School student sponsored by the Human Rights Committee through the Nyashep Self-Help Program. The community of Kendu Bay, Kenya, created the Nyashep program to help educate the many young people there who have lost one or both parents to HIV/AIDS. We became connected through FUS member Carol Spiegel. There is no secondary school in Duncan's home community, and so the Human Rights Committee committed to pay his tuition during his years of secondary school. This has been a very difficult year for Duncan. First, he lost his mother to AIDS. Then, violence postponed the start of the school term. Here is his letter:

Dear Members of FUS:

It's another very fine moment for me to say a word of hello to all of you. How are you doing in that side of the world? I hope you are all well.

We had a very long term with very many sporting activities. It was exciting, especially to have different students from different schools coming to our school for sporting. We shared a lot. Though our school participated, we were beaten by a very small school at a lower level in our own compound. I hope you also had something exciting.

I have now settled for a serious academie after the death of my mother. Life is okay and learning has been very interesting for we no longer define things, but learn more and new things. I'm promising not to let you down or to make your effort for my support in vain, though I have not fully exploited my capability to recover to my normal standard. But this time, I want to use this remaining time in high school to at least recover to my normal place which I used to be and even improve further and I hope at the end I will get something good.

Have a nice time and a prosperous year. With warm regards. – Richard Duncan ■



ECOTIP #134

Water Stewardship

Become a water steward and preserve and protect our local water resources. The new addition at First Unitarian Society has given the Society the opportunity to model techniques to protect and preserve the water that flows through our campus.

Elements that protect water quality:

- Inclusion of a green roof (planted rooftop) over the new addition which both absorbs and filters the rain water;
- Provision for underground holding tanks to slow down the flow of water off-site reducing erosion;
- Use of rain gardens to provide natural filtration;
- Use of composting piles for appropriate food and yard waste to decrease pollutant loading;
- Grounds maintenance using integrated pest management techniques, minimizing chemical inputs.

Elements to preserve water quantity:

- Use of native and low maintenance species throughout the site will provide up to a 50% reduction of water used for irrigation;
- Temporary irrigation systems to establish plants will be removed after one year;
- Use of dual flush toilets and waterless urinals achieved an additional 35% savings in the use of potable water;
- Use of rain gardens that allow water to recharge the groundwater system.

To find out more, visit with building interpreters over the next few weeks as we learn more about the environmental features of our building. ■



Musical Offerings

The Ancora String Quartet Opens its 2008-09 series September 13...

The Ancora String Quartet is beginning its third season as the FUS string quartet in residence with an exciting new Critics' Choice Series. This very special season will feature recital programs designed and selected by three of Madison's classical music giants: John Barker from the *Isthmus*, Jacob Stockinger of *The Capital Times*, and Norman Gilliland from *Wisconsin Public Radio*.

The opening concert will be on Saturday, September 13, at 7:30 p.m. in our Landmark Auditorium and will feature John Barker's selections.

You will enjoy the wonderful *Quartet No. 2 in E Major* by Arthur Foote, the *String Quartet in B Major* by Samuel Barber which includes the haunting *Adagio*, and the tuneful *String Quartet in G Major* by Franz Schubert.

The Ancora String Quartet is fast becoming one of Madison's premier chamber ensembles. The musicians, violinists Leanne Kelso League and Robin Ryan, violist Marika Fischer Hoyt, and cellist Benjamin Whitcomb, are also well known educators and members of the Madison Symphony, the Wisconsin Chamber Orchestra, and the Madison Bach Musicians. Tickets, available at the door, are \$12, \$10 for students and seniors, and \$6 for children under age 12. Their famous Champagne Reception will follow the concert. More information may be found on their website: www.ancoraquartet.com or by calling 238-2313 ■



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Singing in a Choir is Really Good for You...

For adults there are two choirs: the Meeting House Chorus and the Society Choir. The Chorus rehearses on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. beginning September 10 and the Society Choir rehearses on Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. beginning September 11. Both choirs are directed by Dan Broner, FUS Music Director. Neither choir requires an audition, but Dan is happy to help those who are unsure of their voice part. Both choirs offer wonderful opportunities for fellowship and to explore the wealth of quality choral music.

The Society Choir sings music of the masters from all periods of music history. They also form the core choir for performances of major works with orchestra. The Meeting House Chorus sings alternative music: world music, spirituals, and contemporary anthems. Both choirs welcome new

singers. So please join us. It's ok just to show up at a rehearsal, but if you have any questions or would like to give Dan a heads-up you may call or e-mail: 233-9774, ext. 121 or [danb\(at\) fusmadison.org](mailto:danb@fusmadison.org).

For children and teens FUS has graded choirs all directed by our talented Director of Children and Youth Choirs, Heather Thorpe. All three choirs rehearse on Wednesday evening beginning September 10. The Cherub Choir (age 4 through 2nd grade) rehearses from 7 to 7:30 p.m. The Choristers Choir (grades 3 through 8) meets from 7:30 to 8:15 p.m. and the Teen Choir (grades 9 through 12) from 8:15 to 9 p.m. These choirs provide a wonderful opportunity for children and youth to develop an appreciation for fine music while extending their circle of friendship. New members are most welcome. You can just come to a rehearsal or contact Heather Thorpe, [heathert\(at\)fusmadison.org](mailto:heathert@fusmadison.org) ■



Hardhat Update

We are almost there, and the atmosphere is electric! The building is wonderful, beautiful, inspiring, waiting for its community to fill it. Everyone is on edge, also because there are so many details to get in order.

So what will it be like? Here is what we know and don't know at this point.

First, plan some extra time; people will be slow finding their way in, and the view of the Atrium Courtyard is a distraction. Once through the doors, you can see the sweep of the crossing, with sunlight coming from both sides. The stairway to the main level is to your right, or continue to the other side of the balcony and take the elevator.

At the base of the stairway, the Library is to your right, the Auditorium to your left. The chairs arrived on Thursday, and after that, the ushers will develop a plan of action. Sound carries very well in the Auditorium, and we will

need microphones mainly to give clarity to the spoken word. The sound system will be computerized, and set up by professionals, but at this point, we do not know how many or what kind of virtual knobs it will have .

The kitchen will be to your left as you exit, and coffee carafes will be on the counter. We will have a professional coffee maker, but exactly what type is in flux, because the cheapest way to get one is to cut a deal with a coffee supplier , and we are weighing our options.

Overall, the Commons is sparsely furnished. This is a way to limit our expenses, as well as give us a chance to develop better ideas of what we want, hopefully stimulating some creative people to make some unique and beautiful items. Even trash receptacles!

We have invested so many hopes and dreams over the past (8? 10?) years in this building that each of us could find some cause for disappointment, but let's enjoy the beauty.

– David Weber, Owner's Representative ■



The chairs arriving on Thursday. They all must be ganged together and attached to the floor. Yes, there are still a few details.

Rev.Elations

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on the subject will be printed in the Newsletter and Red Floors and opportunities for group discussion afforded. A number of UU congregations have experimented with this approach and their reports are encouraging. Multiple presentations allow important issues to be explored with sufficient depth and breadth to further the listener's spiritual development. Too often even I feel that a single sermon on a subject only opens the discussion.

Third, with two auditoriums at our disposal FUS will have more to offer on Sunday mornings. Starting in October, between service forums will be held approximately twice a month in the original Meeting House and once a month the music department will feature a between-service organ recital. Forum facilitators have already been recruited and the October presentation/discussions will feature knowledgeable guests speaking on issues relevant to the upcoming election.

These are exciting times for our congregation. On September 6-7 Water Communion will be held in the Landmark Auditorium, after which we will proceed to the new addition for our first fellowship hour in the "Commons." On the following weekend, worship will be held for the first time in the new addition and children will be introduced to their new classrooms. On Saturday, November 15, the new addition will be officially dedicated and the Historic Meeting House re-dedicated in a gala event featuring best-selling author and UU minister Robert Fulghum.

Come and share the excitement as together we open a new chapter in the history of this truly vibrant institution. – Michael ■

My Real Experience

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technical, scientific knowledge and shows how a new image of the divine can arise from looking at science.

The Universe in a Single Atom, His Holiness the Dalai Lama – A conversation between science and Buddhism that shows why these two, the scientific and the spiritual, need to be talking to one another in order to understand who we are and how we can best serve our world.

The Hand of God, edited by Michael Reagan gives a breathtaking view of the majesty of the cosmos in images and quotations from scientists, poets, astronauts, and theologians. You will never look at the sky or think about "the heavens" in the same way.

In October, we will again have evolutionary evangelist Michael Dowd in our pulpit. His latest work *Thank God for Evolution!* presents why evolution can be a deeply spiritual process and how it can bring you personal fulfillment. Dowd shows us when we change the conversation around science and religion we change the future of our planet.

Or check out *Hands on Environmentalism* by our Brent Haglund. He gives us practical advice, strategies and inspiration to refresh and stimulate our personal environmental activism. Or try *Faith in Nature* by Thomas R. Dunlop, look at how environmentalism can be a religious quest to heal both ourselves and the land we live on.

As Michael mentioned in his column, this year there will be monthly themes in worship. Each month we will give you suggestions for further study in the *Red Floors*. Here are some suggestions for the September theme, vocation.

Parker Palmer has two books: *The Courage to Teach* and *The Active Life*. Both are explorations into how we can engage with our world in more life-giving, soul-feeding, engaging ways. If you are struggling to find or maintain a vocation that feels authentic to you both of these will be energizing and refreshing. *Answering Your Call: A Guide for Living Your Deepest Purpose* by John P. Schuster is a worthy read as well. He asks what it means to be called to something larger than ourselves.

If you're interested in Adult Education courses this fall, here are some quick recommendations for books that tie in to the courses being offered. For Michael and Trina's film series, check out *Saints and Sinners* by Lawrence Wright, that gives biographies of six prominent religious leaders. Marshall Rosenberg's work, *Nonviolent Communication: a Language of Life* is a beautiful work that gives great insight into how our personal communication can impact our world and is part of the course being offered by Jody Whelden and Mary Kay Reinemann. I am currently reading *The Zen of Knitting* from Bernadette Murphy and *The Complete Artist's Way: Creativity as a Spiritual Practice* by Julia Cameron for my Hands-on Spirituality course.

These are just some of the resources out there to bring the happenings of FUS into your own personal reading; another way for you to connect into the life of our Society. Check out *The Red Floors* each week for more suggestions and ideas.

With great expectations, – Kelly ■

Meeting House Calendar

Wednesday, September 3

MHNS Welcome Wagon	8:00 AM - 03:00 PM	Gaebler LivRm
Staff Meeting	9:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Landmark Aud
Human Rights Committee	5:30 PM - 07:00 PM	Location TBD
Library Committee	5:30 PM - 07:00 PM	Gaebler LivRm
YRUU	6:30 PM - 08:00 PM	Isom Hse LR
Women's Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM - 09:00 PM	Landmark Aud
Octet Music Rehearsal	7:00 PM - 09:00 PM	Gaebler LivRm

Thursday, September 4

MHNS Welcome Wagon	8:00 AM - 03:00 PM	Gaebler LivRm
Transition Team	12:30 PM - 02:30 PM	Courtyard D
Social Justice Teaching Team	5:00 PM - 08:00 PM	Courtyard E
Homecoming Orientation	6:00 PM - 08:00 PM	Atrium Aud/ Commons
Environmental Action Cte	5:15 PM - 07:00 PM	Courtyard D

Friday, September 5

Wisdom Circle	1:00 PM - 03:00 PM	Courtyard E
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Saturday, September 6

Tae Kwon Do	8:00 AM - 09:15 AM	CourtyardABC
Organ Rehearsal	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Landmark Aud
Homecoming Orientation	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Atrium Aud/ Commons
CSS Services	10:00 AM - 01:00 PM	Gaebler LivRm
Water Communion Service	4:30 PM - 05:45 PM	Landmark Aud

Sunday, September 7

Water Communion Service	9:00 AM - 10:15 AM	Landmark Aud
Compassionate Comm Info	10:15 AM - 10:55 AM	Gaebler LivRm
Water Communion Service	11:00 AM - 12:30 PM	Landmark Aud
MBS Teacher Training	12:00 PM - 07:00 PM	Courtyard A
Preservation Cte Meeting	12:30 PM - 02:00 PM	Courtyard D
Chalice Group Orientation	1:00 PM - 02:30 PM	Courtyard BC/ Kitchen
Young Adult Tour	6:00 PM - 08:00 PM	Atrium Aud
Insight Buddhist Meditators	6:00 PM - 09:00 PM	Landmark Aud

Monday, September 8

Shawl Ministry	10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Courtyard D
Tai Chi with Jim	4:30 PM - 05:15 PM	Gaebler LivRm
Journey Toward Wholeness	5:30 PM - 07:00 PM	Courtyard E
Festival Choir Rehearsal	6:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Music Reh Rm
Welcoming Congregation Mtg	7:00 PM - 08:30 PM	Courtyard C
Connections Council	7:00 PM - 09:00 PM	Courtyard E
Actors Group	7:00 PM - 09:00 PM	Gaebler LivRm
Committee for Education	7:00 PM - 09:00 PM	Courtyard D
Doubter's Group	7:00 PM - 09:00 PM	Library
Open Men's Group	7:30 PM - 09:30 PM	Isom Liv Rm
Tuesday, September 9		
Centering Prayer	4:45 PM - 06:00 PM	Gaebler LivRm
AE: Evidence for Evolution	6:00 PM - 08:00 PM	Atrium Aud
Steering Committee	5:15 PM - 06:30 PM	Courtyard D
SJ Council	5:30 PM - 07:00 PM	Courtyard E
Tae Kwon Do	6:15 PM - 07:30 PM	Courtyard A, B,C/Commons
Exploring UU Christianity	7:00 PM - 09:00 PM	Courtyard E

Wednesday, September 10

Financial Stewardship Council	7:30 AM - 09:00 AM	Gaebler LivRm
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Staff Meeting	9:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Gaebler LivRm
Staff Lunch	11:30 AM - 01:00 PM	Courtyard B, C/Kitchen
Alliance	1:00 PM - 02:30 PM	Covenant Pres
Building Committee	4:00 PM - 06:30 PM	Landmark Aud
Annual Campaign Meeting	5:00 PM - 07:00 PM	Courtyard C
CRE Teacher Tour	5:30 PM - 06:30 PM	Atrium Aud
AE Committee	5:30 PM - 07:00 PM	Courtyard E
Worship Council	5:30 PM - 07:00 PM	Courtyard D
MBS Parent Orientation	6:30 PM - 08:00 PM	Courtyard A, B
YRUU	6:30 PM - 08:00 PM	Isom Liv Rm
Meeting House Chorus	7:00 PM - 09:00 PM	Atrium Aud
Children's Choirs	7:00 PM - 09:30 PM	Music Reh

Thursday, September 11

Transition Team	12:30 PM - 02:30 PM	Gaebler LivRm
MHNS Parent Orientation	6:30 PM - 07:45 PM	Landmark Aud
CRE Committee Meeting	6:30 PM - 08:00 PM	Courtyard E
Society Choir	7:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Music Rehearsal Rm/Atrium Aud
New UU	7:00 PM - 09:00 PM	Courtyard ABC

Friday, September 12

COA Opening Ceremony	5:30 PM - 07:30 PM	Atrium Aud/ Kitchen
Wedding Reh - Yu/Kuzma	5:00 PM - 06:00 PM	Landmark Aud
Peace & Justice Hootenany!	7:00 PM - 09:00 PM	Landmark Aud/Kitchen

Saturday, September 13

Tae Kwon Do	8:00 AM - 09:15 AM	Gaebler LivRm
CSS Bat Mitzvah	9:30 AM - 02:00 PM	Atrium Aud/ Commons/Kitchen
Organ Rehearsal	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Landmark Aud
Wedding - Yu/Kuzma	1:00 PM - 03:00 PM	Landmark Aud
Music Rehearsal	3:00 PM - 03:30 PM	Atrium Aud
Worship Services	4:30 PM - 05:45 PM	Atrium Aud
Partner Church Information	4:00 PM - 06:00 PM	Crossing
Saturday Services Potluck	6:15 PM - 08:00 PM	Atrium Aud
Ancora String Quartet	7:30 PM - 09:00 PM	Landmark Aud

Sunday, September 14

Partner Church Information	8:00 AM - 01:00 PM	Crossing
Worship Service	9:00 AM - 10:15 AM	Atrium Aud
Information Sunday	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Library
Worship Services	11:00 AM - 12:30 PM	Atrium Aud
20's & 30's Brunch Potluck	12:30 PM - 03:00 PM	Courtyard E
New UU	1:00 PM - 03:00 PM	Courtyard ABC
Social Justice Event	1:00 PM - 05:00 PM	Gaebler LivRm
MUUYACM Services	5:00 PM - 07:00 PM	Memorial Union
Insight Buddhist Meditators	6:00 PM - 09:00 PM	Landmark Aud

Monday, September 15

Dance Fellowship	1:00 PM - 03:00 PM	Gaebler LivRm
Tai Chi with Jim	4:30 PM - 05:15 PM	Gaebler LivRm
Festival Choir Rehearsal	6:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Music Rehearsal
Shawl Ministry Drop-n-Knit	7:00 PM - 08:30 PM	Courtyard D
Actors Group	7:00 PM - 09:00 PM	Gaebler LivRm
Committee for Education	7:00 PM - 09:00 PM	Courtyard E
Octet Music Rehearsal	7:00 PM - 09:00 PM	Landmark Aud
Closed Men's Group	7:30 PM - 09:30 PM	Isom Liv Rm

Tuesday, September 16

Management Team	1:00 PM - 02:30 PM	Staff Conf Rm
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MHNS Staff Meeting	3:30 PM - 05:00 PM	Courtyard E
Centering Prayer	4:45 PM - 06:00 PM	Gaebler LivRm
Lay Worship Meeting	5:00 PM - 06:30 PM	Courtyard E
Science & Religion: Geary	6:00 PM - 08:00 PM	Landmark Aud
Tae Kwon Do	6:15 PM - 07:30 PM	Courtyard ABC/Commons

Wednesday, September 17

Staff Meeting	9:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Gaebler LivRm
Committee on Ministry	5:00 PM - 06:00 PM	Courtyard D
YRUU	6:30 PM - 08:00 PM	Isom Liv Rm
Meeting House Chorus	7:00 PM - 09:00 PM	Atrium Aud
MHNS Board Meeting	7:00 PM - 09:00 PM	Courtyard E
Children's Choirs	7:00 PM - 09:30 PM	Music
Rehearsal Room		
AE: Spirituality with our Hands	7:00 PM - 09:00 PM	Courtyard D
Board Meeting	7:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Courtyard ABC

Thursday, September 18

Transition Team	12:30 PM - 02:30 PM	Gaebler LivRm
Teacher Development in CRE	6:00 PM - 08:30 PM	Landmark Aud
AE: Compassionate Comm	7:00 PM - 09:00 PM	Gaebler LivRm
AE: International UU Women	7:00 PM - 09:00 PM	Courtyard E
Society Choir	7:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Music
		Rehearsal Rm/Atrium Aud
New UU	7:00 PM - 09:00 PM	Courtyard ABC

Friday, September 19

Wisdom Circle	1:00 PM - 03:00 PM	Courtyard E
Partner Church Dinner	5:00 PM - 09:00 PM	Atrium Aud

Saturday, September 20

Leadership Retreat	8:30 AM - 03:00 PM	Atrium Aud/ Commons/Kitchen
AE: Hand Chime Choir	9:30 AM - 10:45 AM	Music Rehearsal
Compassion & Choices of Wi	9:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Gaebler LivRm
Fall Festival Information	4:00 PM - 06:00 PM	Crossing
Worship Services	4:30 PM - 05:45 PM	Atrium Aud
Children's RE	4:30 PM - 05:45 PM	Classrooms/ Nursery School

Sunday, September 21

Fall Festival Information	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Crossing
CRE Classes	9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Classrooms/ Nursery School
Worship Service	9:00 AM - 10:15 AM	Atrium Aud
CRE Classes	11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Classrooms/ Nursery School
Worship Services	11:00 AM - 12:30 PM	Atrium Aud
Preservation Cte Meeting	12:30 PM - 02:00 PM	Courtyard D
New UU	1:00 PM - 03:00 PM	Courtyard ABC
Construction Crew Thank You	1:00 PM - 04:00 PM	Atrium Aud/ Commons/Kitchen
Social Justice Event	1:00 PM - 05:00 PM	Gaebler LivRm
MUUYACM Services	5:00 PM - 07:00 PM	Memorial Union
Insight Buddhist Meditators	6:00 PM - 09:00 PM	Landmark Aud

Monday, September 22

Newsletter Assembly	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Gaebler LivRm
Dance Fellowship	1:00 PM - 03:00 PM	Gaebler LivRm
Friends of the MH Board	4:00 PM - 06:00 PM	Landmark Aud
Tai Chi with Jim	4:30 PM - 05:15 PM	Gaebler LivRm
Festival Choir Rehearsal	6:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Music Rehearsal
Actors Group	7:00 PM - 09:00 PM	Gaebler LivRm

Committee for Education	7:00 PM - 09:00 PM	Courtyard E
Open Men's Group	7:30 PM - 09:30 PM	Isom Liv Rm

Tuesday, September 23

Centering Prayer	4:45 PM - 06:00 PM	Gaebler LivRm
Science & Rel: Small Group	6:00 PM - 08:00 PM	Courtyard A,B
Chalice Group Coord Team	5:30 PM - 07:00 PM	Courtyard E
Tae Kwon Do	6:15 PM - 07:30 PM	Gaebler Living Rm/Commons
Membership Committee	6:30 PM - 08:00 PM	Courtyard D

Wednesday, September 24

Staff Meeting	9:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Gaebler LivRm
Building Committee	4:00 PM - 06:30 PM	Landmark Aud
Annual Campaign Meeting	5:00 PM - 07:00 PM	Courtyard C
Lay Ministry	5:30 PM - 07:00 PM	Courtyard D
YRUU	6:30 PM - 08:00 PM	Isom Liv Rm
Meeting House Chorus	7:00 PM - 09:00 PM	Atrium Aud
Children's Choirs	7:00 PM - 09:30 PM	Music Rehearsal
AE: Spirituality with our Hands	7:00 PM - 09:00 PM	Courtyard D ■

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Upcoming Services at FUS

All services are webcast live at www.fusmadison.org

Saturday, September 6 • 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, September 7 • 9 & 11 a.m.

“Water Communion – An Intergenerational Ingathering Service” The FUS ministerial staff

Highlights of this special event will include the “gathering of waters” brought by our members from around the world (or their own backyard!), a story or two for all ages, inspiring poetry, and reflections on the liquid that “nourishes all things, without even trying to” as it says in the Tao Te Ching. Our Environmental Action Committee will also be on hand with displays and information to help us become wiser in our use of this precious substance. These services will be held in the “Landmark Auditorium” which is our new name for our 1951 Frank Lloyd Wright-designed Meeting Room.

On Saturday, soprano **Catherine Schweitzer** will be our guest soloist. On Sunday, women from the Society Choir and Meeting House Chorus, with soprano Catherine Schweitzer, will provide our musical offering.

Saturday, September 13 • 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, September 14 • 9 & 11 a.m.

“Work that Helps, Heals and Is From the Heart”

by Michael A. Schuler, Parish Minister

What does the Buddhist concept of “Right Livelihood” mean to people living in a complex interconnected world? Is it about the kind of work we perform, or the way we perform it? Many people report that work is the most satisfying and meaningful activity they pursue. Should it be? Today marks the congregation’s first chance to worship and attend classes in the new Atrium Auditorium.

On Saturday, Gary Leisman and Linda Warren will play music for harp and flute. Sunday, Gary and Linda will be joined by cellist Philip Delaques for trio arrangements of music by Claude Debussy.

Saturday, September 20 • 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, September 21 • 9 & 11 a.m.

“Work that Pays, But Not In Coin”

by Michael A. Schuler, Parish Minister

Volunteerism is as American as apple pie. Already in the early 19th century the French visitor Alexis de Toqueville recognized something different in the American character: people on this side of the pond shared a passion for good causes and were willing to work in their free time and without pay on their behalf. This was indeed “something new under the sun.” Today we’ll take a fresh look at this venerable custom.

On Saturday, guest french horn player Joanna Grace will provide the musical offerings. Sunday, violinists Leanne League and Robin Ryan of the Ancora String Quartet will play the musical offerings.



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