



## Words From the Heart

by Scott Gerard Prinster, Associate Minister

Change is a challenge for almost anyone, and for those of us with a more, say, “controlling” temperament, can be downright painful. The things we’ve come to depend upon, and may even feel entitled to, upset us mightily when they turn out not to be the solid rock we expected. I recently had cause to think about this as I moved from the west side of Madison to just a block off the capitol square. It’s a joy to be in the heart of this town, and within walking distance of so many of the things that drew me here in the first place. Moving my possessions downtown to a much smaller home, however, was not a joy – boxing everything up, getting it moved, and then trying to relocate everything again has been more disruptive than I expected. With this experience in mind, I hope not to have to move again for quite a while.

However, my life is taking a turn that is significant for this community and my relationship to you. I will be completing my ministry with First Unitarian Society in June, and begin working toward my doctorate at the University of Wisconsin next fall. This has been a very hard decision for me, especially because my leaving is not out of any discontent with this congregation, my colleagues, or our work together. I have come to love this place and all of you quite deeply, and the five years I have spent here have been the best of my life – I could not imagine leaving this place to work with another congregation. I think it’s been

clear what a powerful claim academic life has upon my heart, and I have had to acknowledge that I will not be able to function as a scholar with any professional credibility until I’ve completed the rite of passage and professional credentials that are the Ph.D.

It is precisely because I’ve been so supported in my ministry with you that I’ve been able to grow in my work with religion and science, and I want to thank all of you for listening so politely whenever I have rhapsodized about this interest yet again. Your encouragement has meant a great deal to me.

As for the future, you will be hearing more from our leadership and from me about our next steps. We’ve begun making plans to fill my position in a way that will help take First Unitarian Society into an even brighter future. My first priority is that the quality of my work with you continues with the same excel-

lence that we have committed ourselves to as your ministers. I want to make sure that my successor is welcomed with the same warmth and professionalism that I was when I arrived almost five years ago.

In the meantime, let us look together to the strands of affection and trust that you and I have nurtured during these five years. With your help, *the web of ministry and community that makes this such a special place will endure for many generations to come.*

*yours in growing faith, Scott ■*

Did you ever think there might be a fault line passing underneath your living room: A place in which your life is lived in meeting and in separating, wondering and telling, unaware that just beneath you is the unseen seam of great plates that strain through time? And that your life, already spilling over the brim, could be invaded, sent off in a new direction, turned aside by forces you were warned about but not prepared for? Shelves could be spilled out, the level floor set at an angle in some seconds’ shaking. You would have to take your losses, do whatever must be done next.

When the great plates slip and the earth shivers and the flaw is seen to lie in what you trusted most, look not to more solidity, to weighty slabs of concrete poured or strength of cantilevered beam to save the fractured order. Trust more the tensile strands of love that bend and stretch to hold you in the web of life that’s often torn but always healing. There’s your strength. The shifting plates, the restive earth, your room, your precious life, they all proceed from love, the ground on which we walk together.

– “Fault Lines” by Robert Walsh

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## First Facilities Update Meeting Highlighting Preservation, Facilities, and the Capital Campaign – Hold the Date and Time

On Sunday, October 29, after the 11 a.m. service, (from 12:30 to 2 p.m.) we will hold our first update session on what's happening with preservation, the new facilities plans, and the capital campaign. Please plan to attend. The meeting will take about 1 1/2 hours, and will include time for questions and input. ■

## Fall Festival Was a Great Success!

There were around 100 in attendance, at the Second Annual Fall Festival. The weather was gorgeous, and reports have been overwhelmingly positive! Good music, good food, good company and good FUN! We had several new activities for children this year and they were a big hit-face painting, pumpkin decorating, parachute games and tug-o-war. We have some very creative kids in our congregation.

Many thanks to all who helped make this annual event a success - Prudy Stewart for managing the food; Nancy Deer for the great chili; Liz Wessel and Wendy Cooper for recruiting environmentally conscious folks to wash dishes and keep disposables to a minimum; Brett Hulsey, my husband, for delivering hay bales and Rebecca Bernstein for managing the UW volunteers leading children activities.

Also many thanks to those of you who brought fruit, veggies, desserts, etc. and who helped set things up (Saturday people really came to my rescue!) and clean up afterwards. This could never have happened without your help. Everyone I've talked to said they had a good time. I certainly did.

As I think about next year, I'm interested in hearing your feedback to make next year another success. Yes, I've agreed to do it again! I'd love to hear what you liked and didn't like this year and any ideas you may have for next year. Please call me at 238-5711 or e-mail me at [marykay@lifecoachmkay.com](mailto:marykay@lifecoachmkay.com) with your feedback. Thanks.

By the way... there are several hay bales left over from the event. They are stacked behind the West Living Room. If anyone is interested in using bales for Halloween decorating, mulch or whatever, please help yourself. Please do not bring them through the Meeting House and please avoid breaking them apart. – *Mary Kay Aide, Chair, Fall Festival* ■

## Next Blood Drive!

There will be a Red Cross blood drive at FUS on Saturday, November 25, in the morning. Not everyone is eligible to give blood; if you are, we need your help! Won't you join dedicated donors from area Unitarian Universalist societies to make a holiday donation of blood? If this seems like a scary proposition, talk to some of our repeat donors, like Gail Bliss, who recently completed her 5th gallon. That's 40 donations – congratulations, Gail! You can make a donation appointment or sign up to help with the drive after services in November. We hope to see you! ■

### “Women in Wisconsin History” at the Alliance in November

The Alliance November meeting will be at noon on Wednesday, November 8, in the Gathering Room. We shall hear a talk from the Wisconsin Women’s Network based on the book *Uncommon Lives of Common Women: The Missing Half of Wisconsin History*. Please bring your lunch and join us. Coffee and tea will be available. Everyone is welcome.

For your name to appear on this year’s list, Alliance dues must be received by October 31. A check made out to UU Alliance of Madison can be left in the Alliance mailbox behind the Front Desk (attn: Jean Tews) or mailed to Jean Tews at 5445 Lake Mendota Drive, Madison, WI 53705.

As dues are complicated, potentially going to our Local group, the Midwest group and the National group, please refer to the newsletter or visit <http://www.fusmadison.org/visitor/alli-ancedues.shtml> for more information. There are always extra copies of the newsletter available at FUS. ■

### Monday Night General Assembly (GA) Videos

On Monday, October 30, at 7 p.m. join us in Room C-3 watching “**The still small voice asking ‘What Are We Doing Here?’**” a worship service with Josh Pawalek, next year’s Sunday service presenter, followed by excerpts from Plenary session II, GA 2006 having to do with UU Journey Toward Wholeness. Spend a pleasant evening with new friends, and learn a lot about the wider world of Unitarian Universalism. ■

### Help Wanted To Rate Usability of FUS Website

We are looking for someone who will help the Communications Committee on a one time basis to help determine how well the FUS website is doing. It would involve doing a small “usability testing” study asking a small group of FUS members to rate how well they can navigate the website. For more information, please call or e-mail [Lknox@chorus.net](mailto:Lknox@chorus.net) (Linda Joy at 831-0021) or Kim Stege [kstege@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kstege@sbcglobal.net) (Kim at 244-5875). ■



### Annual Turkey Drive

On Sunday, November 19, we will have our Fifteenth Annual Thanksgiving meal drive for families in the Badger Road neighborhood, sponsored by the Dane County Joining Forces for Families (JFF). In the past we have collected enough food to feed over 100 families for the holiday. We will be collecting frozen turkeys, hams, and all **non-perishable** food items. Please bring all food to the west side of the parking lot, and look for my signs.

There are so many families in Madison who have so little, please make this a special present from your heart. Call John Cotter @ 221-1632. ■



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](mailto:newsletter@fusmadison.org), or or drop them by the office of Harry Carnes (233-9774 ext 22). ■

## More Meeting House News

### Green Building Group Starting

We're now on a fast track to build our new addition. How can we make it as green as it can be? We have some great ideas and certainly could use more. Would you like to engage our FUS community in learning about what it takes to be "green"? Would you like to think up ways we can engage our kids, from the very young to the older ones, about doing and learning about being green?

Now's the time. We have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to build a sustainable green building and we want to involve our community and the broader Madison community in this process. How are we going to do it? If this idea captures your imagination, contact Laurie Joiner at [ljoiner@mindspring.com](mailto:ljoiner@mindspring.com) or 238-6358. Let's Talk! ■

### Annual Thanksgiving Dinner Party!

Join our Thanksgiving Day festival full of fireplace, food, football, friends and fun. Our annual Thanksgiving Dinner Party is set for Thursday, November 23 in the Lower Meeting House. We'll work together to provide a FEAST! Food will be served pot-luck style starting at 1 p.m. – all you need to do is bring some favorite tasty food to share. We'll have a TV room for football & parade fans, craft and game rooms, and lots of good conversation. Contact Bob & Kelly Radford, [radfam@tds.net](mailto:radfam@tds.net) or 845-3523, to reserve your spot. Please indicate how many will attend and what dish you plan to bring. There's a charge of \$4 or \$2 at the door. ■

### Cabaret Theme Contest

Help us come up with a fantastic theme for this year's Cabaret auction. The fundraiser takes place Friday, April 20, at Concourse Hotel. The theme should reflect the spirit of the evening and, hopefully, be something we can work into the decorations, food, attire, music, etc. Past themes include "An Evening with Sparkle," "An Evening of Elegance," and "A Night Under the Big Top." E-mail your ideas with your name to [cabaret@fusmadison.org](mailto:cabaret@fusmadison.org) or drop a note in the Cabaret mailbox in Meeting House lobby. Winning idea gets free admission to Cabaret and a pie! Deadline: October 31. ■

### Leaving a Legacy

Through some simple and straightforward estate planning tools, it is possible to leave a legacy that will endure for years to come. A presentation by Attorney Melinda Gustafson Gervasi, a member of FUS, and Bill Love, Program assistant for Congregational Giving at FUS, will provide helpful information on "Leaving a Legacy." The presentation will focus on how Society members can use the estate planning process to remember and promote causes they deem important, including leaving gifts to the Society. Estate planning involves planning for illness, death, and taxation, and is for everyone, not just those with a significant net worth. The "Leaving a Legacy" presentation will focus on the wide range of devices that can be used to leave a charitable legacy to organizations such as FUS, including: bequests in a will, life insurance proceeds, and trusts.

This is a single, 1 1/2 hour program that will be presented twice:

- **Thursday evening**, October 26, 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Gathering Room.
- **Sunday afternoon**, November 5, 1 to 2:30 p.m. in the West Living Room.

Light refreshments will be served at the Thursday presentation and a light lunch at the Sunday presentation. Please RSVP to Bill Love at 233-9774 ext. 123, or [blove@fusmadison.org](mailto:blove@fusmadison.org). ■

### Thank You Transylvania Partners

Many will remember that our Flower Communion offertory was in benefit of the family of Laszlo Kiss, the Unitarian minister from Torda, Transylvania. His sudden death at the age of 34 left his young family in a sad and difficult situation. Your contributions helped them ease the financial burden of their loss. We have received two thank you notes, one from the First Parish Church in Weston, MA, administrator of the Laszlo Kiss Memorial Fund, and the other from Laszlo's widow, Matilda, with a photo of her and their two children. Please visit the Gaebler library to read these notes, displayed on the Partner Church section of the bulletin board. Thank you for caring and contributing to our Transylvania partners. Your love and support are making a difference in the lives of our partners. ■



# Connections

## Chalice Group Update

Maybe you're still thinking about joining a Chalice Group, especially after Kelly's great sermon last weekend. To further interest you, here are some additional Group descriptions. We hope you'll find one that appeals to you.



### Parents of children under 3

A group for parents of children under 3 years old – infants welcome. We'll share the joys and sorrows of parenting, particularly around the various roles in our lives; as parents, spiritual beings, partners, and individuals. How do these roles help and hinder each other? Children under 3 are invited to be present during our meetings. Couples or individuals welcomed. First Saturday of every month from 2 to 4 p.m. First meeting in December.

### Social Issues

The Social Issues Chalice Group explores, through reading, action and reflection, the spiritual foundations of our work for social justice. We will look at how our UU tradition and values inform our justice activities, as a congregation and as individuals, and at how we might align our personal actions more closely with the values we cherish. Participants are invited to engage in some form of volunteer service or social justice activity individually, and to participate in one or two social justice oriented group service projects during the year. Meeting on the 2nd Tuesday night each month.

Brochures and interest forms are available in the Lobby and/or on the [FUS website](#). More info? Diane Medcalf, 836-9305, Mary Murphy, 233-8602 or Alice Delaquess, Coordinator of Member Programs, 233-9774 extension 116. ■



## Membership Book Open

The membership book will be open for signing following worship services October 28 and 29. If you feel prepared to take on the privileges and responsibilities of membership, you are invited to the pulpit area following the service to formalize your commitment to First Unitarian Society. A member of the Membership Committee will greet you. ■

## Looking for a Pathway to Involvement?

Consider attending *FUS Made Easy: Pathways to Involvement* on Sunday, October 29, at 4 p.m. in the West Living Room. *FUS Made Easy* is the last class in the "New UU" Series and is open to those interested in learning more about opportunities for involvement at FUS.

The program will begin with brief presentations by individuals involved in Social Justice, Facilities Sustainability Outreach, Chalice Groups, Adult Religious Education, Cabaret, our Music Department, Greeter Coordination and the Membership Committee, and will conclude with time to visit with presenters. ■

## Greeter's Luncheon

Are you interested in volunteering as a greeter for the Sunday services? Please join the current greeters and others interested in greeting for a luncheon on Sunday, October 29, from 12:15-1:45 p.m. in the West Living Room. This will be a time to meet each other and informally learn more about greeting. We'll schedule training for those who are interested in volunteering at a later date. Please RSVP to Deb Mies at [debra-mies@yahoo.com](mailto:debra-mies@yahoo.com) or call 270-0465 by Thursday, October 26. ■



## Celebrating Our Heritage Committing to Our Future

**T**he parish meeting on October first marked the official start of the Capital Campaign for the addition and Meeting House preservation. We overwhelmingly approved the architects' plans for a project that includes a 500-seat auditorium, space for fellowship, offices and classrooms. Plans for the addition incorporate sustainable materials and green design features, and respect the historic nature of our Meeting House. Enthusiasm for the \$8.4 million project is so great that as of October tenth, sixty generous FUS members had already pledged over \$3 million dollars towards our goal.

During the next few months we will contact all FUS members and provide you with an opportunity to pledge your support for this significant project. Every member will be contacted by the end of the year, but if your enthusiasm is such that you would like to be contacted sooner, or if you would like to volunteer to help with the campaign, we would appreciate hearing from you. We encourage you to visit the campaign website at [www.fusmadison.org/capitalcampaign](http://www.fusmadison.org/capitalcampaign) for building plans, detailed information, and regular campaign updates.

For the campaign we chose a logo representative of this critical moment in our congregation's history. The logo incorporates the prow of the Meeting House with a ginkgo tree, signifying growth. The ginkgo was a favorite of Frank Lloyd Wright, and is considered sacred by many cultures. Look closely within the leafy canopy of the tree and you see faces representing our membership, all looking toward a common future. We invite you to join us in "Celebrating Our Heritage and Committing to Our Future."

**Nancy Ragland** Campaign Co-chair, 249-9573 [nragland@charter.net](mailto:nragland@charter.net)

**Craig McComb** Campaign Co-chair, 233-5566 [cmccomb@tds.net](mailto:cmccomb@tds.net)

## More Thanks!

**A**nd, a very big **THANK YOU** to the following, who have devoted many hours to the building process, and whose names were mistakenly omitted from the last newsletter:

Jane and Clay Clay  
Steve Holtzman  
Jim Sewell  
Tom Garver

## Questions? Comment? Here's who to contact:

### New Facility:

Sam Lawrence, [slawrence@findorff.com](mailto:slawrence@findorff.com)  
251-3833

### Preservation Project:

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### Capital Campaign:

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233-5566 or Nancy Ragland, [nragland@charter.net](mailto:nragland@charter.net) 249-9573

### Financing:

Jim Christensen, [jimchristensen@charter.net](mailto:jimchristensen@charter.net)  
843-0114 or

### General Questions:

Pat Anderson, FUS President  
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Susan Koenig, Church Administrator  
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# Musical Offerings

## Noted UU Composer to Visit

**B**etsy Jo Angebrannt is Minister of Music at the UU Church of Annapolis, Maryland, where she directs the 40-voice Choir, and the composer of many choral works and sets of songs for voice and piano, as well as five Youth Concertos for Piano and Strings. The Society Choir has sung her anthems, and the congregation has sung her hymn arrangements. Betsy Jo has written several musical revues for the UUA, which have been presented at General Assembly and also performed by many other UU congregations nationwide. She has also written a number of other musicals for children and adults. Betsy Jo will be at FUS the first weekend in November, primarily for the Noon Musicale on Friday, November 3, when Charlotte Woolf, soprano, and Ellen Burmeister, piano, will perform a program of Betsy Jo's songs. The variety will be broad, with texts ranging from Rumi and Shakespeare to the Brothers Grimm. ■

## Harpsichord Dedication Concert on November 10

*Harpsichord (F. clavecin; G. Cembalo; It. clavicembalo). A stringed keyboard instrument in use from the 16th through 18th centuries and similar in shape to the modern grand piano, the strings being roughly parallel to the long side of the case. Each string was plucked by a plectrum of crow quill mounted in the pivoted tongue of a fork-shaped jack...*

**T**his is how the Harvard Dictionary of Music begins to define this standard instrument of the Baroque era which enjoyed a resurgence of interest in the 20th century. Many replicas of historic harpsichords have been built including the one built by Mark Rosa and donated to FUS.

One of the hallmarks of a fine harpsichord is the audible "bloom" of tone that one hears after a string is plucked by the depression of a key. The bloom of this harpsichord rivals in sound the effect of a dozen roses! Judge for yourself by attending the dedication recital of this amazing French double harpsichord on Friday, November 10, at 7:30 p.m. You won't want to miss Trevor Stephenson perform masterworks by French and German baroque masters. As a special treat, Trevor will be joined by his friends in a performance of the magnificent *Brandenburg Concerto No. 5* by Johann Sebastian Bach.

Save five dollars by buying your ticket in advance from Dan Broner or Linda Warren. (\$15, 10 for seniors and students.) Admission at the door will be \$20, 10 for senior and students. For more info please contact Dan Broner (danb@fusmadison.org, 233-9774 ext. 121) ■



## Friday Noon Musicales

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

### October 27 • Lions and Tigers and Bears, Oh My!

(and a Witch or Two) Our special Halloween program!

### November 3 • Music of Betsy Jo Angebrannt with texts by Rumi,

Shakespeare, Fisher, and others

Charlotte Woolf, soprano and Ellen Burmeister, piano

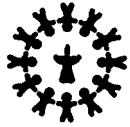
### November 10 • Music of Antonin Dvorak & Cesar Franck

Eugene Purdue, violin & Tatyana Stepanova, piano

### November 17 • "Broadway a la ronde"

with Andrew Abrams, Donovan Armbruster, Marja Barger,  
Tamara Brognano & Dan Broner

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



## Religious Education

### We are UU Kids!

*Each month, to highlight our children's experiences here at FUS, we will feature the activities from one of our Children's Religious Education classes.*

Our classes for 3 and 4 year-olds are called “**We are Many, We are One**” and they provide a first step into our church school community for our youngest children. Through diverse and multi-cultural stories, songs and hands-on activities, our connections to each other and our world are explored.

This fall, our *We are Many* teachers and children are spending time making new friends together, discovering how each person is special and unique, and how our church is a place of caring.

Special visitors from the congregation came to share stories. We spent a morning together, with “older and younger” friends.

Time outdoors has helped us to learn about our world as we made bark rubbings, painted leaves and chose a ‘special tree’ for our class. A favorite song is “The More We Get Together.”

Our year together has been and will be a time of sharing, playing and enjoying one another’s company, in a safe and nurturing place. ■

### Parents Expected on Premises

Parents of children participating in religious education classes are expected to stay on the FUS premises during class time. This policy exists so that we can assure your presence in case of an emergency. So, tempting as it might be to head out for a cappuccino at your favorite café, please do be sure to stick around just in case we need you! ■

### Changes in November’s Schedule

There are a couple of shifts in our RE calendar that parents should be aware of. First, on November 5, the C-Wing will be occupied by the Art and Bake Sale. While pre-schoolers – 1st graders will have classes as usual, kids in grades 2 and up will attend an intergenerational service in the Auditorium with parents. Then on Thanksgiving weekend, we have other plans. There are no classes Saturday or Sunday. Children in grades 4 and up will attend service with their families. Special activities will be planned for children in pre-school and up. If you’d like to help plan and/or implement these activities, please contact Leslie at 233-9774, x. 119. ■

### Our RE Calendar

Since we will be breaking ground on an expanded facility in May, our RE year will need to end sooner than usual. The last day of classes will be April 29. Class schedules will be revised to accommodate this shift. Summer Fun will begin that following weekend, May 6, and will call the Annex its “home”. ■

### Some Donations Needed

We could use a few donated calculators—nothing fancy, just basic calculators. We could also use a couple of stopwatches. Finally, if you have magazines that **are not National Geographic**, we could use those as well. We’d particularly like Highlights, Lady Bug, Sesame Street, Oprah, Martha Stewart, and gardening and teen-friendly magazines. Any of these items can be dropped off at the RE Office, Room B-3. ■

### Don’t Forget Our Annual Halloween Parade!

Each year we’re given the delight of seeing our RE kids dressed up in Halloween costumes as they parade through the Auditorium. This year will be no exception! On October 28 and 29, children in pre-school through 5th grade are invited to wear their Halloween costumes to class. The day’s worship service will end with their parade through the Auditorium, accompanied, of course, by wonderful Halloween music. Please feel free to have them dress creatively, but we ask that no weapon-like props come along so as not to frighten any little ones. ■



Ceramic trout by Pat and Lee Holt

## Help Us Make Our Art Sale a Success!

We are excited to be hosting our 5th Annual Art Sale. This event has provided an excellent opportunity to support local artists (many of whom are FUS members!) while raising funds for our Religious Education programs. Funds from previous sales allowed us to purchase new TV carts, CD players and aluminum tables for classrooms, a pager system for the child care rooms, and significantly, to transform the Annex basement from a much-neglected storage area into a really awesome recreational room for youth—complete with air hockey, foosball, darts, a TV, and more!

This year's proceeds will be shared among the five programs within the Religious Education program—Children's Religious Education, Adult Education, the Teen Program, Child Care, and the Library. You can help the Art Sales success by:

Volunteering to provide baked goods for our bake sale. Contact Leslie Abadie 310-9015 or at [labadie@edgewood.edu](mailto:labadie@edgewood.edu).

Donate original works of art in new or "like new" condition. Contact Margot Wenger at 455-1643 or at [turtles@jvl.net](mailto:turtles@jvl.net)

Volunteer to help with set up or clean up. Contact Suzanne Burris at 831-7432.

Shop with us on November 5th. It will be a great opportunity to get a head start on holiday shopping! ■

*The "We are Many, We are One" students collect leaves and make bark rubbings on a beautiful Autumn day.*



## YRUU

High school teens, come join us! We have a busy Autumn planned and you're welcome to join in the fun. We generally meet in the Annex, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. on Sundays. Questions? Call Leslie at 233-9774, x. 119.

**October 29:** Volunteering to help set up housing for the homeless through Interfaith Hospitality Network. This will be at 11:15 a.m. and we will NOT meet that evening

**November 5:** Hot Topic night: Gay Marriage

**November 12:** Movie night. Plan to start at 5:30 instead of 6:30. We'll order food!

**November 19:** Movement Meditation with Michael Schuler

**November 26:** Happy Turkey Weekend! No YRUU! ■



## Social Justice

### Join the Environmental ACTION Committee

The next Environmental ACTION Committee meeting will be Thursday, November 2, at 7 p.m. at the Meeting House. The Committee will be working on plans for Earth Day, the Green Building plans, action on the UUA Statement of Conscience on global warming and the UN Water Day. Have you felt that global warming was overwhelming? Join us to plan events and actions to bring the Statement of Conscience to life including a showing of Al Gore's *An Inconvenient Truth*.

Any questions can be directed to Doug Mitchell 608-238-7232 or tran2bu@yahoo.com or Liz Wessel, lizwessel@yahoo.com or 608-238-9934. ■

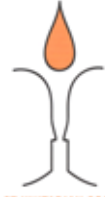
### Provide Access to Locally Grown Food

The Enact Group at First Unitarian Society has been discussing food, food choices and food security. We would like FUS members to know about the "Empty Bowls Madison" event on Saturday, October 28, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Madison Senior Center. Choose a hand-made bowl by a local potter for a minimum donation of \$15 and enjoy free soup and bread donated by area restaurants.

The proceeds go towards Partner Shares, an assistance fund helping limited income households get vegetables and other foods directly from farmers through the Community Supported Agriculture program. This event is organized by MACSAC (Madison Area Community Supported Agriculture Coalition), 226-0300 or info@macsac.org. ■

### Paths of Peace #22

The following is taken from a book *Waging Peace in the Nuclear Age: Ideas for Action*. Although it was published in 1988 and its essays related to the Cold War between the U.S.A. and Russia, much is relevant today. From a speech by David Krieger to Nobel Laureates in Maastricht, Holland, October 1985: "I am very pleased to return to Holland... Five years ago I worked with a foundation here in the Netherlands, the RIO Foundation; the acronym stands for Reshaping the International Order... We examined the impact of seven high level technologies ... For example, we studied the impacts of nuclear, chemical and biological, environmental modification, space and ocean technologies in the general areas of disarmament, development and environment. The simple conclusions were:



1. All of these high technologies are transnational in their effects. Their effects cannot be contained within national boundaries.
2. Each of the technologies is a dual-purpose. It can be put to peaceful or warlike uses.
3. The uses to which these technologies are put are largely the result of political decisions within individual nations despite the fact that their effects, for good or evil, will be multi-national or even global in scope.
4. To achieve effective disarmament it will be necessary to have international control of the warlike uses of the technologies.
5. It is also necessary to have international management of the peaceful uses of these technologies both to maximize economic development ends and to prevent transnational environmental destruction which can result from uncontrolled peaceful uses.

I would like to conclude by suggesting some corollaries to the Golden Rule which are applicable to today's nuclear armed world.

• What we threaten unto others, will be threatened unto us. • What we threaten unto others, may be done unto us. • What we do unto others, will be done unto us."

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## Ecotip #110



Become an individual member of the UU Ministry for Earth (formerly the Seventh Principle Project), an affiliate organization of the Unitarian Universalist Association. Its mission is to facilitate and support the work of Unitarian Universalists by affirming and promoting the Seventh Principle, "Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part." Members believe that the Earth is in peril from human activities, and that this is a moral and spiritual crisis of utmost importance.

FUS is a member congregation but individuals are encouraged to join in addition. Beside helping to support UUMFE in such efforts as providing a framework for study and reflection, and encouraging action to heal the Earth, there is a national UU Green Sanctuary list serve for individual members where UUs from all around the continent actively share potentially useful information ranging from tips for home improvements, congregational practices, to social actions. UUMFE was instrumental in our passage of a strong Statement of Conscience on Global Warming this year.

Go to <http://uuministryforearth.org/files/mfemembershipform.pdf> to download a membership form or send a letter to: UU Ministry for Earth; Box 11; Lyme, NH 03768. Basic memberships start at \$35; student memberships at \$20. ■

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# FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT IN OAK PARK

## AN ARCHITECTURAL TOUR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2006

**FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT HOME (1889) PLAYROOM (1895) & STUDIO (1897).**  
Visit first residence, built for wife Catherine and 6 children, where Wright lived and worked until 1906. The adjoining Ginkgo Tree gift shop is excellent.

**WALKING TOUR OF NEARBY WRIGHT-DESIGNED HOUSES**  
Narrated by Mary Jane Hamilton, Frank Lloyd Wright scholar  
Or ride bus to Unity Temple and neighborhood shops & restaurants.

**UNITY TEMPLE (1904), a National Historic Landmark,**  
currently considering expansion options, which will be discussed by our guide.

**View Frank Lloyd Wright Films enroute.**

Bus will leave at 7:30 a.m. sharp from Unitarian Meeting House parking lot and return by 6:00 pm. Fee of \$50 includes cost of luxury coach transportation, entrance fees, films, and beverage enroute. Lunch on your own in local restaurants; a cooler will be available on the bus if you prefer to "brown bag" it. For further information, contact Carol Tarr 836-0930 or 833-0096. Confirmation will be sent to you upon receipt of check.

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### Reservation Deadline – Saturday, October 30

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

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Write check payable to: FRIENDS OF THE MEETING HOUSE  
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Friends of the Meeting House  
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I understand that the Friends organization acts only as a liaison for the passenger and, therefore, accepts no responsibility for any delays, damage, or injury to persons or property of any nature, however caused.

# FUS Decisions: A Narrative

## Editors Note:

*This is the final part of Alan Knox's educational articles on the historic decision points in FUS history. Thanks to Alan for his insight.*

## Connections

As our membership has increased, so has the importance of deliberate ways to strengthen connections among members. Vision 2000 urged increased emphasis on friendship and spiritual values, such as neighborhood circles and wisdom groups. Community building and adult education activities help make a large congregation small for members.

Participation in a UU conference, books on shared ministry, and visits to meetings and other congregations regarding intentional connections programs contributed to embrace of shared ministry ideas, role of a member programs coordinator, and creation of a connections committee which became the Connections Council. Monthly Council meetings model how members of a spiritual community can relate to and support each other. Enthusiasm for interpersonal relations attracts new members.

Results have included enhancing pathways from membership to participation, arrangements for lay ministers who can help increase responsiveness to an expanding congregation, chalice groups, and a two year long Quest program to deepen spirituality.

## Preservation and Expansion

During the past six years, an average annual net increase of about fifty members has been a major influence on FUS policy, planning and decision making. First Society was a source of support to launch the other two UU congregations in Madison over the decades, but this seemed to have little effect our unprecedented growth.

The recent years also included increased stewardship (median member support of the annual budget) programs, and staffing. The balanced annual operating budget now exceeds one million dollars for a congregation of about fourteen hundred members, many excellent programs, and a substantial presence in the region and nationally. Outstanding ministers, staff, and lay leaders contributed to recent UUA designation as a breakthrough congregation.

About five years ago, the congregation

decided to plan for preservation of our historic Meeting House, expansion of facilities on our current campus, and not to move entirely or in part to a new location, given the interest in expansion by the other area UU congregations. We recognized that current facilities were restricting our programs, vitality, resources for preservation, and our regional presence.

About three years ago, the Board and Congregation authorized a committee on new facilities to arrange for architectural assistance in preparation of a master plan, and authorized an historic structures report (completed in December 2005) which paved the way to National Historic Landmark designation and preservation priorities.

The committee on additional facilities, and the architectural firm that was selected, worked closely with the congregation during several years to evolve priorities and a master plan. At the February 2006 Parish meeting, the congregation overwhelmingly authorized proceeding with a financial feasibility study to estimate the level of funding that the Congregation was likely to contribute to a capital campaign. The responses by the people who were interviewed for the feasibility study were based in part on a case statement that included both preservation of the Historic Meeting House and an addition.

The feasibility study indicated strong commitment to this combination of expansion and preservation, and projected a target for a capital campaign.

As authorized at the May 2006 Parish meeting, during the summer the architects and the Board and its committees revised the initial aspirations from the February Parish meeting to fit the projected level of congregational support from a Fall capital campaign.

During the past year, a comprehensive communication effort used newsletters, displays, group conversations, and Parish forums to increase congregational understanding and input regarding desirable directions and current procedures. Several hundred members have been involved in the process, and there have been many opportunities for active participation. Improved facilities can enable us to sustain the vitality of our faith community and expand our continued regional and national contributions on behalf of liberal religious values. ■



## Denomination

### Prairie Society Sponsors Shopping Trip

Come shop with us at the old orchard mall in Skokie Illinois on Sunday, December 10, where you can browse and buy at Crate and Barrel, Nordstrom, Bloomingdales, Lord and Taylor, Restoration Hardware, Elizabeth, the Container Store and any of the other 180 shops and restaurants. Cost is \$44, payable to Prairie Society by November 19. Call Pat Watkins at 233-5795 or see the yellow flyer on the bulletin board at the back door. ■



## Community

### Benefit Concert for Guatemala

Advance tickets sales for "Fiesta Guatemala!" Brazilian concert and dance benefit for **Nuevo Amanecer, Guatemala**. are now available. You'll find them at Centro Hispano, 810 W. Badger Rd.; Williamson St. Grocery Co-op, 1221 Williamson St.; and Stony Hill Antiques, 2140 Regent St.

The live, danceable Brazilian/Latin music by the "Pagee Go Go" band will begin at 8 p.m. and go until 11 p.m. on Saturday, November 4, at the Atwood Community Center, 2425 Atwood Avenue.

Fair trade Guatemalan textiles and crafts, as well as refreshments, will be on sale at the concert and dance benefit. The suggested minimum donation for tickets is \$10.

"Fiesta Guatemala!" is a benefit organized by the nonprofit Madison-Guatemala Network for the Guatemalan Refugee Project (Efraín Bámaca Association), to raise money to help post-war Guatemalan refugees obtain water and electricity in their homes and schools in the town of Nuevo Amanecer (New Dawn), Guatemala.

For more information contact Leila Pine at [Lpine@tds.net](mailto:Lpine@tds.net) or 233-5566. ■

### Dementia Videoconference

"Alzheimer's Update: What to Expect at the Doctor's Office" with Dr. Diana Kerwin, Friday, November 3, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Pyle Center at UW-Madison, 702 Langdon St., Room 335, Madison. Free, but seating is limited. Please call the Alzheimer's Association to reserve your spot at 608-232-3400 or 800-272-3900. ■

## Meeting House Calendar

### Wednesday, October 25

Early Meditation	7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.	W Living Rm
Staff meeting	9:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	W Living Rm
Women's Retreat Planning	12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	W Living Rm
MHNS Family Night	3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Gathering Rm
Steering Committee	4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	C-11
Lay Ministry	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	C-9
Sacred In Both Worlds	6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	C-5
Meeting House Chorus	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Auditorium
Adoptive Parents Group	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	C-3
New Facilities Planning	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	C-11
Children's Choirs	7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	W Living Rm

### Thursday, October 26

Movement Meditation	11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Gathering Rm
Facilities Project Coord Cte	12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	C-11
Archives Open	1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Archives Rm
Quest Retreat Planning	3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	C-5
Organ Rehearsal	4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Auditorium
Women's 16 Step Group	6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	C-3
Estate Planning Seminar	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Gathering Rm
Society Choir	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Aud   WLRm

### Friday, October 27

Early Meditation	7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.	W Living Rm
Noon Musicale	12:15 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Auditorium
Eagan-Wisniewski Rehearsal	6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Auditorium

### Saturday, October 28

Organ Rehearsal	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Auditorium
Finding Meaning In...	10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	C-3
Eagan- Wisniewski wedding	11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Auditorium
Worship Service	4:30 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.	Auditorium
Children's RE Classes	4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	B & C Wings
Organic & Natural Living Sem	6:45 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Gathering Rm
COA Overnight	7:00 p.m. - 11:59PM	W Living Rm

### Sunday, October 29

COA Overnight	12:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.	W Living Rm
Annex CRE Classes	7:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	Annex Liv Rm
Children's RE Classes	7:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	B & C Wings
CRE Classes	7:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	Gathering Rm
Worship Service	9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.	Auditorium
Worship Service	11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	Auditorium
Greeter Luncheon	12:15 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.	W Living Rm
Building Your Own Theology	4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	C-7
FUS Made Easy (New &&)	4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	W Living Rm
Insight Buddhist meditation	6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Gathering Rm
YRUU	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Annex Liv Rm

### Monday, October 30

Early Meditation	7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.	W Living Rm
Harpisichord Practice	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Auditorium
Dance Fellowship	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Gathering Rm
Acting Group	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Gathering Rm
EnAct	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	C-7
General Assembly Videos	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	C-3

**Tuesday, October 31**

Harpichord Practice	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Auditorium
MHNS Event	9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Gathering Rm
Centering Prayer	5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	C-3
Capital Campaign Plan Cte	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	W Living Rm
Movement Meditation	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Gathering Rm
Northern Exposure...	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Gathering Rm

**Wednesday, November 1**

Early Meditation	7:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.	C-3
Financial Stewardship Council	7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	W Living Rm
Staff meeting	9:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	W Living Rm
Voice and Piano Rehearsal	11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Auditorium
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

**Thursday, November 2**

Harpichord Practice	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Auditorium
Movement Meditation	11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Gathering Rm
Facilities Project Coord Cte	12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	C-11
Archives Open	1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Archives Rm
Organ Rehearsal	4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Auditorium
Human Rights Committee	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	C-5
Women's 16 Step Group	6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	C-3
Chalice Group Coaches	6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	C-9
Environmental Action Cte	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	C-11
Society Choir	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Aud   WL Rm

**Friday, November 3**

Newsletter Printing	12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	W Living Rm
Noon Musicale	12:15 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Auditorium
Memorial Service - Slesinger	5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Aud   WL Rm

**Saturday, November 4**

Organ Rehearsal	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Auditorium
Finding Meaning ...	10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	C-3
SJ Club Sign Making Event	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Gathering Rm
Harpichord Practice	11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Auditorium
Intergenerational Worship	4:30 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.	Auditorium
Children's RE Classes	4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	B & C Wings

**Sunday, November 5**

Annex CRE Classes	7:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	Annex Liv Rm
Art Fair	8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	C Wing
Worship Service	9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.	Auditorium
All Music Sunday Rehearsal	10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	W Living Rm
Worship Service	11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	Auditorium
Estate Planning Seminar	1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	W Living Rm
Building Your Own Theology	4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Annex Liv Rm
Insight Meditation	6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	W Living Rm
YRUU	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Annex Liv Rm
Gilda's Glee Club Rehearsal	6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Auditorium

**Monday, November 6**

Early Meditation	7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.	W Living Rm
Harpichord Practice	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Auditorium
Newsletter Assembly	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	W Living Rm
MHNS Parent Teacher Conf	9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	C-5
Dance Fellowship	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Gathering Rm
Acting Group	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Gathering Rm
EnAct	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	C-7
General Assembly Videos	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	C-3
Understanding the Bible: pt 2	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	W Living Rm
Closed Men's Group	7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	Annex Liv Rm

**Tuesday, November 7**

MHNS Parent Teacher Conf	9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	C-5
Centering Prayer	5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	C-3
Capital Campaign Plan Cte	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	W Living Rm
Movement Meditation	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Gathering Rm
Economic Justice Committee	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	C-5
Harpichord Dress Rehearsal	5:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	Auditorium
Denominational Affairs mtg	6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	C-11
Peace and Justice Committee	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	C-5
Northern Exposure...	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Gathering Rm

**Wednesday, November 8**

Early Meditation	7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.	W Living Rm
MHNS Parent Teacher Conf	9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	C-5
Staff meeting	9:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	W Living Rm
Alliance	12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Gathering Rm
Steering Committee	4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	C-11
Worship Council Meeting	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	C-9
Adult Education Cte Meeting	6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	C-3
Post-referendum Gathering	6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Gathering Rm
Connections Council	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	C-7
Meeting House Chorus	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Auditorium
New Facilities Planning	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	C-11
Social Justice Council	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	C-5
Children's Choirs	7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	W Living Rm



# Upcoming Services at FUS

**Saturday, October 28 at 4:30 p.m.**

**Sunday, October 29 at 9 & 11 a.m.**

**“Human Nature: Good, Bad or Indifferent?”**

by Michael A. Schuler, Parish Minister

The Roman Catholic tradition sets aside November 1 to celebrate those who have been officially recognized as “saints,” i.e., persons judged to be spiritually exceptional. The following day, All Souls, is reserved for the rest of us. It has been a long-standing practice at FUS to offer special music and an especially pertinent message the weekend prior to All Souls. We continue that tradition on October 28-29 with re-examination of the claim that, far from being “fallen,” each and every one of us possesses inherent dignity and worth. Formal recognition of FUS’ lay leaders will also take place on Sunday.

**Musically**, on Saturday soprano Tamara Brognano will sing music by Peter Mayer and others. Sunday, the Society Choir will be singing the *Schicksalslied* (Song of Destiny) and *Create in Me a Clean Heart* by Johannes Brahms. Tim Gruber will be the guest tympanist. Linda Warren and Dan Broner will play solo works by Brahms for organ and piano.

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

**Sunday, November 5, at 9 & 11 a.m.**

**“Wild at Heart: A Service for All Ages”**

with Rev. Kelly J. Crocker

The natural world has a power to inspire the best in us and heal the worst in us. It also has much to teach us about the wilderness within and the divine presence that can be found in nature. Our society is becoming more and more removed from the world of nature and many are suffering from what is being called “nature-deficit disorder.” Before we can continue our work of healing our planet, we must recover our natural wholeness, our own wildness and our connection with the natural world. PLEASE NOTE: There are no Religious Education classes for our second through seventh grade classes this week so all children, grades 2 and up, are welcome to join us in the Auditorium for this multi-age service.

**Musically**, FUS favorite Sam Livingston returns to play selections for solo marimba at all three services.



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