

Current Ripples

May 2010

Headwaters UU Fellowship May Services

May 2: Standing on the Side of Love

UUA President William G. Sinkford introduced the "Standing on the Side of Love" campaign during his final annual report to the General Assembly in June 2009. After the shooting in Knoxville, Sinkford said, I asked our media consultant, Fred Garcia, to help us imagine what a visibility campaign, centered on what we stand for, might look like. The result is what we are calling the Standing on the Side of Love campaign. Every day people are targeted because of identities which are somehow deemed okay to hate, Sinkford continued. We are called to use our public presence to more actively stand up with and for those who are targets for violence, exclusion, or oppression because of who they are.

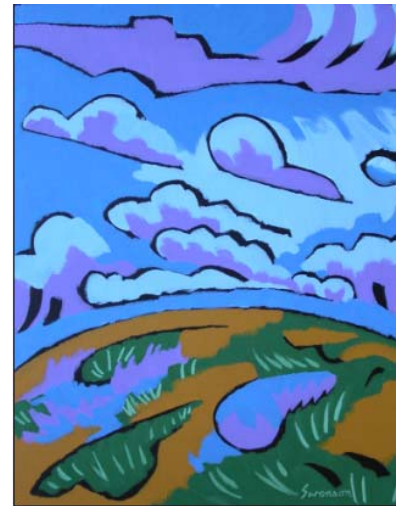
Marlise Riffel of Virginia, MN explores what this message means to Unitarian Universalists in northern Minnesota. Where do we stand? Riffel currently teaches sociology at Lake Superior College in Duluth. She grew up in Illinois and has bachelors and masters degrees in sociology from Illinois State University. She lives with her partner and teenage daughter in Virginia, MN and is a member of Mesabi UU Church. Coordinated by Tricia Andrews

May 9: Why did the Atheist Cross the Road?

What would it take to change your most treasured spiritual views? Amy Rutten, a lay-member of the congregation with a tendency toward atheism, shares her perspective on what happens when an atheist has a religious experience. Amy shares her spiritual journey over the past 9 months and the evolution of her spiritual beliefs. Using the teachings of Jung, Einstein, and Eastern religions, she examines the link between intuitive wisdom, rational thinking, and quantum physics and their potential impact on our spirituality.

May 16: Makin' Spirited Music and New Member Recognition

Come and enjoy listening to and singing songs with musicians from HUUF and the Bemidji community. We will also celebrate the individuals who have joined our beloved community in the past year. The service will be immediately followed by our Annual Goods and Services Auction. Coordinated by Terry Anderson and Barb Houg



Big Sky, Paula Swenson

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Services

Headwaters UU Fellowship
(HUUF)
Sunday Services
10:00 am
522 America Avenue NW
Bemidji, MN

Contact Us:

PO Box 1906
Bemidji, MN 56619
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HUUF DATES

May



Rattle your Drum...

Drum Circle gathers on
Weds., May 13, 7 pm at HUUF

Snack List

- ✚ May 2: Susan & Olivia
- ✚ May 9: Barb Houg
- ✚ May 16: Candy & Mary
- ✚ May 23: Potluck

General Assembly 2010
Minneapolis, MN
June 23-27

May Services (Continued)

May 23: You Don't Have to Run Away to Join the Circus
The clowns, the trapeze artist, the juggler; do you recognize yourself in them? If the circus mirrors life, what are we to learn from it? Rev. Laurie Bushbaum is an ordained Unitarian Universalist Minister who graduated from United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities in 1984. She is trained as both a Parish Minister and a Minister of Religious Education. She has served a variety of UU congregations in her career, from small to large. Followed by a potluck
Coordinator: Dann Siems

Summer Services

We have had requests to offer summer services and hope that you will choose to join us. Plan to attend a Summer Service each month on **2nd Sunday evenings at 7:00 pm** in the lower level of the HUUF building.

- ✚ June 13: Sacred Sound, coordinated by Neen Lillquist
- ✚ July 11: Coordinated by Tricia Andrews
- ✚ August 8: Coordinated by Terry Anderson

HUUF Night at the Movies!

Friday, May 21, 7:00 pm at HUUF

Movie TBA. Contact Sue Nokleby if you have any suggestions.

Annual Goods & Services Auction ***Following Shortened Service (10:00) on May 16***

This auction has been a great fundraiser for our Fellowship. But it is much more than that. It has become a wonderful opportunity to get to know others in the fellowship outside of Sunday services by spending time with them when they prepare a meal for you, teach you to play an instrument you've always wanted to learn, enjoyed their artwork on your wall or sat in a chair while someone washed your windows for you.

Please consider an item or service to donate this year. Signup sheets will be passed around asking for donations of items or services. Use your creativity! Items auctioned off in the past include massages, meals, art, cleaning, poetry, homemade wine, canoe trips, manure, music lessons, etc. Also think about a goods or service you would want to bid on and suggest it. Someone in our fellowship might be able to offer it.

And please attend the auction. It's always fun! The Bidding will begin following services on May 9th. If you have questions you can contact Candy Roberts-Salter at mooser@paulbunyan.net.

Just a note: We changed the day of the auction from the last service to the 2nd to last to try to shorten the amount of time spent and keep everyone there until the end of the Auction. The end of the year potluck will be following the Last service on May 23rd

Social Justice Committee Update

**Karen Kimbrough
Chair**

The following are Social Justice opportunities for HUUF members who will be attending General Assembly (GA) in the Cities to help with the Pride Parade and Pride Booth. We're calling for participants, and volunteers are needed to help with the following.

1. Saturday, June 26, Noon, Rally/Public Witness at the main stage of Pride

The theme is Standing on the Side of Love, and UUA President Peter Morales will be one of many speakers. GA morning session ends at 11:30 and afternoon resumes at 1:00 pm so that as many GA attendees as possible will be there. MUUSJA and the UUA office of Advocacy and Witness are working with Pride organizers to encourage people to go to the Park Saturday for the rally - and for lunch. Volunteers will help us marshal people the 4 blocks from the Convention Center over to Pride, and to help them figure out food vendors/tickets (we may sell food tickets in the Convention Center that morning to speed the process - stay tuned).

2. Sunday, June 27, 11:00 am, Twin Cities Pride Parade

First Unitarian Society has taken the lead on organizing a float in the Pride Parade. And MUUSJA and the 14 other Statewide Advocacy Networks of UUs have set a goal of 500 marchers with the float in the parade! How will we get to 500? If 10% of GA attendees march, plus 20 people who are not attending GA from each of the 10 metro UU congregations, we'll easily get to 500. So plan now to march - whether you're attending GA or not. Morning worship at GA ends at 10:15 - so if you are at GA, you can make it to the step-off point (somewhere near the Downtown Library, details later). GA attendees can also opt to walk the 5 blocks over to Hennepin to watch and cheer our big UU contingent as we march!

3. First Unitarian Booth. This will be a great opportunity to invite the entire Pride community to the GA Sunday morning worship. Sunday worship at GA is open to the general public - and it'll be just 4 blocks from Pride. Sunday morning worship at GA is about as close to a 'megachurch' experience as it gets - lights, sound, great music, top notch sermon, and being in a UU spiritual community packed with 3,000 or more like-minded people. Fantastic! And, you guessed it, we need people to sign up to staff the booth in 2 hour shifts Sat-Sun. Great chance to take a break from GA, or contribute to our UU movement if you are not planning to attend GA.

4. MUUSJA workshop "Beyond 'Duh!': UU Youth Speak On Marriage Equality" Thurs, June 24, at 1:00 pm at GA. UU's overwhelmingly support marriage equality for gays and lesbians - yet this remains deeply controversial nationally. UU youth have much to offer to adults and the culture by their gut-level "well, duh!" acceptance of LGBT equality. UU youth and young adults, their ministers and a local UU family married in Iowa will share perspectives.

5. Tell your friends! GA and Pride are tremendous opportunities. It'll be fun and we can share our unique UU message of love and hope with the Pride community and wow 3,000 out of town UU guests with one of the very best Pride celebrations in the entire nation! Tell people who are not on Cyber Coffee hour. If you have UU friends traveling here for GA from out of town (near or far), tell them too!

If you can volunteer for any of this, let me know! Any amount of time, from planning, to float building, to assisting in the park or parade, or just running around the Convention Center for 15 minutes passing out Pride flyers - your help will make this a big Pride filled, UU filled weekend. rwmuusja@gmail.com or 612-998-6624.



Finance Update

**Neen Lillquist
Treasurer**

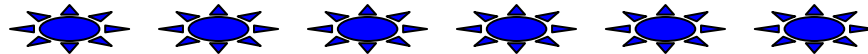
Short Financial Report from Annual Meeting

- ✚ Operating Fund, March 31 2009 2010
- ✚ \$10,100 \$2,770 (all building improvements paid for from Operating Fund, less pledges paid)
- ✚ Building Fund, March 31 \$10,800 \$39,800 (includes \$11,000 from Chalice Lighters)
- ✚ Status of pledges and basket offerings with 81% of Sundays completed. This year we are at 59% Operating Fund and 44% Basket of budget while last year we had were at 75% and 110%, thus we are down on our collections and the budget for next year was reduced by \$8000
- ✚ Our Building/Capital Campaign pledges are at 45%.
- ✚ Other income: Art Sales (\$540), Concerts (\$967) and Rentals (\$243)

Camp UniStar, Cass Lake

Check out the volunteer opportunities at the camp owned by Prairie Star District, Camp Unistar on Cass Lake's Star Island. Camp UniStar is looking for a few people to volunteer during each week this summer. Most weeks have openings for Maintenance, Dish Room/Generalist, and Saturday Staff Assistant Volunteers, and a few still have a need for a Cook/Baker Volunteer. For position descriptions and detailed information about fee reduction in return for volunteer service, please go to <http://www.campunistar.org/volunteers/>.

The Camp UniStar Newsletter and Brochure are now online at <http://www.campunistar.org>. View the annual newsletter, with articles about the new camp director, Long Range Planning, Work Week, Bill Holm, UniStar's upcoming anniversary, volunteer opportunities, and even a great recipe for Cheesy Baked Ziti. Space is still available in some weeks, and volunteer opportunities can earn you a discount on camp fees. For example: *June 5-12* is Work Week & Uni-tecture (Special 2010 Program) and 20+ spots are still available.



HUUF Leadership Team

Caring	Jules Rubey
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-Website	Carol Swenson
-Newsletter	Diana Kuklinski
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Finance	Dick Lueben
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Social Justice,	Karen Kimbrough
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Worship	Terry Anderson & Barb Houg
Music Coordination	Luke Rutten

HUUF Board of Directors

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Secretary	Candy Roberts-Salter
Treasurer	Neen Lilquist
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***A Happy & Safe
Summer to All!***