



## Words from the Heart

**I**t's no small matter to commit ourselves to an ongoing search for truth. We see examples all around us of what it means to be a seeker.

Perhaps you've been paying attention to the news reports from the International Astronomical Union (IAU) meetings in Prague, where astronomers are wrangling over the definition of "planet." It turns out that there has been no simple agreement for centuries about what constitutes a planet, as opposed to a moon, asteroid or other body. Despite the necessity for some clearer definitions, however, the proposal is generating controversy – there is at least one petition being circulated by schoolchildren to preserve Pluto's status, undoubtedly because he's been such a stalwart companion to Mickey. Other criticism is about how this will put textbooks and classroom charts out of date. My own selfish thoughts were about the mnemonic I learned in school to remember the order of the planets: "My Very Efficient Mother Just Served Us Nine Pizzas" – someone is now going to have to think up a new phrase to help them through their exams.

Underlying the concerns that I've read from non-scientists is the sentiment that science should just answer this question once and for all, so we can trust that the answers won't be changed again. When I hear this wish, I recognize a throwback to the time before science emerged out of religious thought in the sixteenth century. It is an artifact of science's origins to

wish that it could nail down its answers and not be troubled with new information, and it is the same spirit in the religious world that tries to force contemporary answers out of millennia-old doctrine.

I'm not surprised to see that scientists

generally applaud the IAU proposal, or at least that the conversation is happening. These debates are reminding us that science is not a body of knowledge that can be held fixed, but is instead a stance toward the world, a way of being in relationship with creation that demands our constant openness to change and discovery. Science does not stand still, and we gain its wisdom in exchange for the comfort of being able to hold onto a fixed truth, once and for all.

One of the gifts that Unitarian Universalism brings the religious world is this same

spirit of openness – the conviction that not only is the universe still unfolding, but also that our understanding of it is never final. Rather than bringing dogma's methods to the scientific endeavor, we would do well to share with the world our tradition of bringing science's openness to the religious journey.

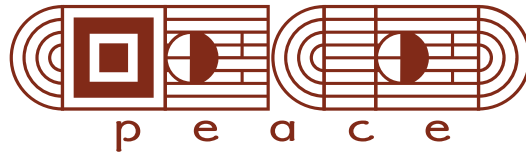
As we embark on another year together as a community of seekers, we are reminded of how important this journey is, and why we give ourselves to it. I'm looking forward to exploring it all with you!



*"Yellow is the color of several different native Wisconsin 'sunflowers' species and growing habitats show themselves in mid-summer profusion. The FUS native grass and wildflower area will show off most of its flowers from now until late September."*

...yours in growing faith, Scott ■

# Meeting House News



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## Breaking News!

### Building Forum, Parish Meeting Rescheduled. Please re-mark your Calendars!

Our architects (TKWA) will present their drawings with the latest revisions of our new building plans at an **all-church Forum** on **Sunday, September 24**, from 12:30-2:30 p.m. in the Auditorium. Our fall Parish Meeting, during which we are scheduled to vote on the revised design, preservation plan and budget, will now be held on **Sunday, October 1**.



The team requires more time than we thought to finalize the design changes needed to conform to budget limitations and to complete the broad coordination necessary within and outside of the Society. This new date remains consistent with construction start in March 2007. During this period, preparations for a capital campaign will proceed. Please see article on page 4. ■

## The Alliance Starts September 13

The kickoff meeting of the Alliance for the 2006-07 year will be Wednesday, September 13, from Noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Gathering Room. Everyone is welcome. Emily Auerbach will talk to us about University of Wisconsin's Odyssey Project that helps low income people start college. We shall also have a catered lunch, featuring a Southwest cheese casserole. The cost is \$8 and reservations are required by September 6 in order for people to make the necessary plans. Please make checks out to UU Alliance of Madison and contact Jean Tews at 233-5931, [jptews@wisc.edu](mailto:jptews@wisc.edu), or 5445 Lake Mendota Drive, Madison, WI 53705.

Dues for the year must be paid before October 31 for your name to be included in the next Alliance membership list. As the issue requires some explanation, refer to the information and form in the Alliance newsletter that will be available soon, or at our website <http://www.fusmadison.org/visitor/alliancedues.shtml>. Please make checks out to UU Alliance of Madison and give them to Jean Tews, leave them in the Alliance mailbox in the FUS lobby, or mail them to First Unitarian Society, 900 University Bay Dr., Shorewood Hills, WI 53705-2298, attention Jean Tews. ■

## Blood Drive is Saturday, September 2

Don't forget the Red Cross blood drive at FUS on Saturday, September 2, from 8 a.m. until noon. The Red Cross can no longer support Sunday drives, so we will try our luck on a Saturday. Please come and make it successful! You can call Anne Mosser at 845-7458 or [agmosser@tds.net](mailto:agmosser@tds.net) to ask questions or to sign up for a particular donation time. You can also come to donate any time between 8 and noon. If you cannot donate, you can still help with the drive. Helpers are needed! ■

### Making Religious Education Accessible

The Children's Religious Education program is looking for people interested in assisting kids with special needs during our RE classes. This may include children with autism, attention deficit hyperactive disorder, or other needs. If you're interested in helping, please contact Leslie Ross at 233-9774, x. 19. ■

### Note of Thanks...

Thanks to all of you who made my farewell on Sunday such a joy! I'm especially grateful to the folks who planned and expedited the event, those who were there and those who were elsewhere. And those who showed up. And those who wanted to be there and needed to be elsewhere. And to all who touched my life in the time that I've been here. I feel appreciated, loved, fed, launched, and filled with gratitude. – *Diana Vezmar-Bailey* ■

## Adult Education Kick-off Event: Spiritual Parenting

- **Tuesday, September 19**
- **6 to 9 p.m.**
- **Gathering Room**



We will bring the seven UU Principles home through the practice of family ritual and traditions, meditations, creativity and intentions. **Julie Tallard Johnson** will offer simple approaches to bringing more of the spiritual principles into our homes. She will draw on her work with families and teens as well as her collaboration with Meg Cox, author of *The Book of New Family Traditions, How to Create Great Rituals for Holiday and Everyday*.

Johnson is a licensed psychotherapist for over 25 years and author of 8 books, including *The Thundering Years*. She has led many youth and adults through a process of personal initiation. Julie is known for her dynamic and compassionate approach to unleashing the creative spirit in her students and clients. She leads adults through a year-long initiation course, where the student moves through the Four Conditions of the Initiated Life. You can find out more information or purchase any of Julie's books on her website at [www.julietallardjohnson.com](http://www.julietallardjohnson.com).

This event is free, but registration is requested. Please call the RE office at 233-9774, extension 14, or e-mail [kimh@fusmadison.org](mailto:kimh@fusmadison.org). ■



Wheel of life 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 just call or drop by the office of Wheel-of-life Czar, Harry Carnes (233-9774 ext 22). ■



## Celebrating Our Heritage; Committing to Our Future

This is a special time in our history. The important parish meeting on October 1 (*note new date!*) is just around the corner. At this time, the parish will have the opportunity to approve a financial commitment and a capital campaign to raise money for the restoration our historic Meeting House and an addition that will accommodate more fellowship, education, staff, choir-rehearsal space and a new 500-seat auditorium.

A capital campaign for the above projects may sound like a daunting job but various committees have been working to develop a capital campaign plan. Last year, Mack and Assoc. was hired to complete a feasibility study that indicated we could raise, as a congregation, \$4.6 million. We are hopeful that FUS will be eligible to obtain grants for the historic building and the energy saving features planned for the new addition. The funding raised from our members, plus grants and a long-term mortgage, that will share the restoration and new addition cost with future members, will be \$7 million. We are optimistic regarding our capital campaign. With the advance campaign planning that has taken place, and the few members that have been contacted for a commitment of an advance pledge, we are hopeful that restoration will be on-going and construction will begin next spring.

To help focus the campaign, Dan Mansoor, a former Madisonian, has been hired to give us a little advice, encouragement and his twenty plus years of experience. The campaign will be lead by Craig McComb and Nancy Ragland, with vice-chairs Lloyd Eagan, John Mathis, Chuck Stoncipher and Allan Jacobson. We are in the process of developing campaign materials under

the professional guidance of FUS member Yvette Jones. Equally important, a finance committee is working on the details for the cost of operation of the addition, debt service during construction and the proposed mortgage.

Although this campaign is about raising money for renovation and construction, our spiritual values drive these efforts. We all define our spiritual values in many different ways and those ways are vital to the core in each of us. The renovation and new facilities will ensure that those who want to join us will find a welcoming home. – Nancy Ragland and Craig McComb ■

### Ms. Question Box Answers Your Questions...

Hell-o Children! I'm back from the Riviera, and I must say I had a maaarvelous time. Don't you just love the French?



The very first question I have this week is from that nice **Shirley Chosy**. Shirley wonders if a "Colombarium or Memorial Garden is being considered for the new building." Well Shirley, that certainly is a wonderful idea, and I did pass it on. But no, a Colombarium is not being planned at this time. A couple of other memorial ideas are out there, and with your and my prodding may develop. I hope they come to pass; perhaps we could bring in FLW's ashes. I hear he likes to move now and then.

And from that handsome **Gary Lehman**, a question about air conditioning and ventilation in the historic Auditorium. He wonders, "will it ever have either?" Good question, Gary. It was so hot last week Ms. QB had to remove her panty hose during the service, and that's not easy to do discreetly! The answer is yes, Gary.

Plans are currently underway for a new ventilation system to be installed over the next several months, as our program schedule allows. Look for a complete update in the next Unitarian.

Questions? Drop yours in the "Question Boxes" in the Lobby and Loggia, or e-mail [webmaster@fusmadison.org](mailto:webmaster@fusmadison.org).

– Ms. QB ! ■

### A Time-line of Building Events...

- September 24** • Forum on revised plans 12:30 - 2 p.m.
- October 1** • Parish Meeting to approve the revised design, preservation plan and budget. 3 to 5 p.m. Treats after!
- October 2** • Start of Capital Campaign
- December '06** • Completion of Capital Campaign
- March 2007** • Target for start of construction
- March 2008** • Completion of construction ■



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

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**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

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843-0114 or

**General Questions:**

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**A Taste of Transylvania**

**I**f visions of Chicken Paprikash are dancing across your subconscious and you awaken in the wee hours with the lingering flavor of pork and sauerkraut on your tongue,

don't consult your therapist. Instead, join us for our annual FUS Hungarian Feast on Friday, September 15, at 6 p.m. in the Lower Meeting House.

If you've never partaken of this delectable cuisine, you have no idea what you've been missing; and everyone who has can tell you you're in for a treat. What's more, the proceeds from the event go toward supporting FUS's sister congregation in Nagyajta (nah-JOY-tah), a village in the Hungarian-speaking region of Transylvania. Join us for dinner and learn how our Unitarian heritage has developed in east-central Europe

Your contributions (\$25/adult; \$10/ students and children) will help our partner congregation send its neediest children to high school, preserve a centuries-old church that is the focal point of their community and promote a language and culture that had been ruthlessly suppressed under Romania's now-defunct Ceaucescu regime.

In addition to chicken paprikash, the menu includes cucumber salad, pork and sauerkraut, delectable Hungarian noodles (nokledi), and carrots in garlic sauce. Hungarian wine will be on sale as well as beer. There will also be "Down Home" Hungarian musical entertainment.

**The deadline for reservations is September 13.**

**Hungarian Feast Reservation Form**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Adults at \$25     Students/kids at \$10

TOTAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: FUS, Attention: Hungarian Feast,  
900 University Bay Dr., Madison WI 53705



### New Young Adult Offerings in Library

Five new young adult books, all with a gay/lesbian/transgender theme, are now shelved in the FUS Max Gaebler Library. Two were donated by FUS Library Committee member Nancy Fowell *True Believer* by Virginia Euwer Wolff and *Am I Blue? – Coming Out from the Silence*, edited by Marion Dane Bauer. Wolff's book is second of three in the "Lemonade Trilogy." It stars LaVaughn, aged 15 and determined to go to college. As her mother grows closer to a new man and two good friends take a path LaVaughn cannot follow, she tells her heartbreaking story. And how can she figure Jody out? He acts like he loves her, but does he? *Am I Blue?* is a collection of original stories, each by a noted young adult author, examining the experience of growing up gay or lesbian, or with gay or lesbian friends or parents.

Three other titles were purchased after a careful review by the Library Committee. *Keeping You a Secret* and *Luna* are by Julie Anne Peters. The first presents Holland, a teenager, who did not know who she was until she met Cece. Holland works hard to overcome obstacles in this well-written and thought-provoking novel. In *Luna*, Regan lives with her transgendered sister who is just beginning to emerge from her shell. The story, told from Regan's point of view, also shares the tale of her brother who is coming out as a female.

Finally, *Pedro and Me - Friendship, Loss and What I Learned* by Judd Winick is a graphic novel telling the true story of Winick's experience on an early MTV reality show, "The Real World." Although at first shocked to learn that his roommate is HIV positive, over time he finds a lifelong friend. The well-drawn pictures tell as much, if not more, than the text itself.

All may be checked out during regular church office hours and during weekend services. The library is located in the Loggia, Room A-12. ■

## Circle Suppers are Back!



Circle suppers will begin their 24th year in October. Circles meet monthly from October through May. There are no suppers in December and the May supper is held at the meeting house for an all-circle supper. Circle Suppers are informal potlucks of small groups of people which are held in members' homes or in settings selected by those hosting.

Please consider hosting a circle supper. The supper need not be a formal affair. Buffet meals, pizza parties, cookouts, picnics, etc. are great fun.

Hosts set the date for the supper, set up the menu, provide the main dish and call/email each of the guests in their circle and assign food/beverage items to bring to the supper. Guests are asked to bring an appetizer, salad, side dish, dessert, drinks, bread or rolls.

Substitutes are those who cannot commit for all the months but can fill in for cancellations.

Circles are coordinated by Dawn Stucki. Please feel free to call or e-mail your suggestions. If you would like to participate in the 2006 - 2007 circle suppers, fill out the attached form and mail it to the address at the bottom of the form or e-mail the information to [destucki@tds.net](mailto:destucki@tds.net) or call Dawn at 849-8078.

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

### Registrations Close September 8th

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (e) \_\_\_\_\_ (d) \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

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

I/We can substitute occasionally

I/We plan to host in:  Oct  Nov  Dec  Jan

Mail to: Dawn Stucki, 19 Village Homes Dr., Waunakee, WI 53597 or e-mail: [destucki@tds.net](mailto:destucki@tds.net) ■



## Social Justice

### Thank you Canvassers!

A quick thank you to FUSers who spent time on Saturday canvassing in Madison against the ban on civil unions and marriage. The Social Justice Council will continue to organize canvass opportunities in September and October. Please plan on participating at a future canvass. For more information, contact Wendy Cooper, FUS Social Justice Coordinator, at 233-9774 extension 25, or [wendyc@fusmadison.org](mailto:wendyc@fusmadison.org). ■

### Social Justice Fall Kick-Off will be September 10

Join the Social Justice Council in the West Living Room from 10 to 11 a.m. on Sunday, September 10, to learn about opportunities for involvement and to chat with committee members. While you are there, enjoy some rainbow sherbet! If you are at the 11 a.m. service, please plan to stop by our table in the Loggia on your way to the Facilities Forum lunch! ■

### Great Line Up of Special SJ Events this fall!

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend these special evening events hosted by the Social Justice Council this fall:

**September 21** - Tim Palmer, author of *Rivers of America*, will speak about the health and future of Wisconsin's rivers.

**September 29** - Buddhist author and peace activist Claude AnShin Thomas makes a repeat appearance at FUS.

**October 3** - Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance presentation on the threat to Utah wilderness and the battle over water for the southwest.

**October 10** - Author David Korten, a featured guest at the 2006 General Assembly, will discuss his new book *The Great Turning: From Empire to Earth Community*.

All of these events will take place in the FUS Auditorium and will begin at 7 or 7:30 pm. Details about are available at <http://www.fusmadison.org/sj/socialjustice.shtml> ■

### Paths of Peace #17

Here are four more couplets from the United Nation's "The Peace Poem" submitted in French and translated by Ros Woodward of the Peace and Justice Committee:



Chaque nation envoie des casques bleus  
Pour que le monde soit plus heureux.

– *Ecole Fondamentale, Fleurus, Belgique*

Every nation sends blue helmets (UN  
Peacekeepers)

For which the world will be happier.

Demain, à l'aube d'une nouvelle ère,  
D'un monde serein, espérons être Pères et  
Mères.

– *CDI-Lycée agricole privé, Touseayrals, France*

Tomorrow, at the dawn of a new era  
Of a serene world, we hope to be Mothers  
and Fathers.

J'aimerais. que la paix soit dans tout le  
monde

J'aimerais. qu'il n'y ait pas d'enfants avec du  
sang.

– *Ecole primaire Beausoleil,  
Cesson Sévigné, France*

I will love. when peace will be throughout  
the world. I will love. when there are no  
bloodied babies.

J'imagine un monde sans racisme, sans  
sexisme, sans mal, et sans abus.

Je rêve d'un monde d'arcs-en-ciel et  
d'harmonie.

– *The Norwood School, Bethesda, MD, US*

Imagine a world without racism, without  
sexism, without evil and without abuse.  
I dream of a world of rainbows and har-  
mony.

■



**September is Choir Start-Up Month!**

Yes, here is your chance to try out a choir – no strings attached. If you like it, great, if not – no problem. (I think you will like it).

The Meeting House Chorus begins rehearsing on Wednesday, September 6, at 7:00 p.m. The Society Choir begins their rehearsals on Thursday, September 7, at 7 p.m. Both of these fine choirs welcome new singers, no audition is necessary. You can just show up to a rehearsal or contact FUS Music Director, Dan Broner at [danb@fusmadison.org](mailto:danb@fusmadison.org), or 233-9774, extension 21, with any questions.

Our three children and youth choirs begin rehearsals on Wednesday, September 6. The Cherubs, age 4 through 2nd grade, start at 7 p.m. The Choristers, 3rd through 8th grade, begin at 7:30. The Teens, who are teens, begin at 8:30. Just drop in to the rehearsal in the West Living Room to register, or contact Heather Thorpe at [hathorpe@charter.net](mailto:hathorpe@charter.net).

Here's to the distinct pleasure of joining our voices in song! ■

**The Drum Jams Are Back**

Drum Jams with Alan begin anew on Saturday, September 16. Join Alan Sponem in the West Living Room at 7 p.m. if you are a beginning drummer seeking instruction, or at 8 p.m. and beyond for more experienced drummers.



Please bring your hand drum or sundry noisemakers or use one of ours. All are welcome for an evening of fun. Questions? contact Alan Sponem at 332-8914 or Dan Broner at 233-9774, extension 21. ■

**Newsletter Deadlines 2006**

**Volume 57 #17**

Contribution deadline: September 4  
Publication & Assembly Date: September 11

**Volume 57 #18**

Contribution deadline: September 18  
Publication & Assembly Date: September 25

**Volume 57 #19**

Contribution deadline: October 2  
Publication & Assembly Date: October 9

**Volume 57 #20**

Contribution deadline: October 16  
Publication & Assembly Date: October 23

**Volume 57 #21**

Contribution deadline: October 30  
Publication & Assembly Date: November 6

☛ Please send your contributions to [newsletter@fusmadison.org](mailto:newsletter@fusmadison.org). Thanks! ■

**Change of Address Form**

Please keep us informed if you move, change your e-mail address, get a new phone. You will find an electronic version of this form at <<http://www.fusmadison.org/change-of-address-form.shtml>> Thanks!

- I am moving, and want to keep in touch
- Yo! I am not moving, but my e-mail is.
- Achtung! My phone number is changing!
- Alert! None of the above, but see my note below.

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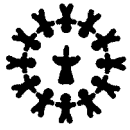
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Notes \_\_\_\_\_

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



## Religious Education



**C**hildren's Religious Education classes begin on Saturday, September 9. We welcome you to a new year of learning and growing with us!

### Did you Receive Information About Your Child's Class?

**P**arents of children enrolled in RE classes will receive a mailing for each child around August 30th. If you have not received this mailing by September 4, please be sure to call Alex at 233-9774, x. 14 to let her know. The mailing will include a class list, a list of teachers, and other pertinent information. ■

### Interested in Imparting a Strong Social Justice Ethic to Our Youth?

**I**f so, please consider joining our team of social justice teachers. The 11 a.m. class is looking for a fifth teacher to help out. During the year, we'll likely be talking about homelessness and poverty, environmentalism, oppression, activism, and more. We'll be volunteering at the Grace Episcopal shelter, Interfaith Hospitality Network, the Arboretum, and many other places, trying to make a difference in whatever ways we can in our community. If you're interested in helping out, call Leslie at 233-9774, x. 19. ■

### Youth Trip to Upham Woods

**W**e'll have two groups at Upham Woods (near the Wisconsin Dells) September 30-October 1. Middle schoolers and YRUU members will head north for a variety of equally fun but separate activities, including hiking, a challenge course, canoeing, a campfire, and more! Details of our time there will be sent soon, but you might want to mark your calendars now so you can be sure to join us! Volunteer chaperones will be required for the middle school group. ■

### Senior Members Wanted

**T**he Children's Religious Education program is looking for senior FUS members who are currently or have recently been involved in caregiving responsibilities in our congregation to be regular visitors for the *We Are Many, We Are One* class this year. This could include lay ministers, or people involved with Grace Episcopal, Interfaith Hospitality Network, or other social justice initiatives. *We Are Many, We Are One* is offered to our three and four-year-old children. During your time with the children, you will share stories, play games, and have snack together. You will be asked to visit the class about 5 times during the year. If you're interested in doing this, please contact Leslie Ross at 233-9774, x. 19, or at [leslie@fusmadison.org](mailto:leslie@fusmadison.org). please specify what time you'd prefer to visit the class – 9 a.m., 11 a.m., or Saturdays at 4:30 p.m. ■

### Living With Spirit A Chalice at Home

Consider the ritual of the chalice for your family. You can light it before dinner and say a blessing; light it in the morning and say a hope for your day; or light it in the evening to reflect on the days events. It can be a moment of connection or reconnection, a moment to pause and reflect, a moment for gratitude. You can save a favorite chalice lighting from a weekend worship service or use this one:

"May faith in the spirit of life, and hope for the community of earth, and love of the light in each other, Be ours now and in all the days to come." ■



### Moments in UU History

On September 30, 1770, John Murray, an émigré from England, preached his first Universalist sermon in America when his boat ran aground at Cranberry Inlet, New Jersey. There he met Thomas Potter, who had been waiting for God to send him a preacher with a message of universal salvation. This occasion is often used to mark the beginning of Universalism in America. ■



## Denomination



### UU Church of Elgin Invites Folks to Prairie Fest on September 30

On Saturday, September 30 the UU Church of Elgin, IL will have its annual Prairie Fest.

The festival, which is an educational and celebratory event around the Prairie environment and

related environmental issues, will begin at 10 a.m. and run throughout the very full day.

At 11 a.m. keynote speaker Stephen Packard will talk about "Orchids and Flames: The delicate and the Ferocious in Nature" Packard directs the Chicago area programs of the National Audubon Society, and is currently a Steering Committee member of Chicago Wilderness and Senior Editor of Chicago Wilderness magazine. He is also on the editorial board of the journal Ecological Restoration.

At 1 p.m. musician Peg Lehman will perform. For more than twenty years, Peg Lehman has delighted audiences at schools, libraries, park districts, camps, and community events with her beautiful voice, stirring folk songs, and distinctive Appalachian instruments. When she sings for children, she is masterful at engaging them in singing along, making them feel special, and stimulating their imagination and creativity.

Other activities available will include a Resale Boutique, Workshops, Information Booths, Craft & Food Booths, Interactive Activities, Self-guided Tours, Labyrinth Walks, and Historic Information.

For further information check their web site at <http://www.uuce.org/prairiefest/> or call 847-888-0668. ■

### Seats Available on Prairie Society Bus to King Tut

Seats are still available on Prairie Society's bus trip to see the King Tut exhibit at the Field Museum in Chicago on September 30. The price is \$67 and is due before September 7. Call Pat Watkins at 233-5795 or see the green flyer on the bulletin board near the West entrance. More information about the exhibit is available at <http://www.kingtut.org/chicago/exhibition.htm> ■



## Community

### Joe Elder Opens Middle East Series

To mark the fifth anniversary of 9/11, UW-Madison sociology professor Joe Elder will present "The Roots of Conflict," a free presentation at 7 p.m. Wednesday, September 13, at the Overture Center for the Arts in Madison. In this first of a special five-part weekly series on "Understanding the Middle East," Elder, who was born to American parents in Kurdish Iran and has firsthand experience in the region, will provide an overview of the history of the Middle East and the root sources of conflict. Other presenters include prominent theologian Martin E. Marty and Chevron Corporation counselor for international strategy Jan H. Kalicki.

The program is a presentation of the Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters as part of its Academy Evening series. All programs will take place at 7 p.m. Wednesdays, September 13 - October 11 at the Overture Center for the Arts and are free and open to the public. Free tickets (suggested donation \$2) are recommended to ensure seating and are available in the Wisconsin Academy's James Watrous Gallery at Overture, third floor. Gallery hours: Tues./Wed./Thurs. 11-5, Fri./Sat. 11-9, Sun. 1-5, closed Mondays and Labor Day weekend. The Capitol Theater offers ample seating; walk-ins likely seated. Maps and directions are available at [www.wisconsinacademy.org](http://www.wisconsinacademy.org). We regret that tickets cannot be mailed or reserved by phone except for groups or for attendees who reside outside of Dane County. They may order tickets from Barb Sanford, [bsanford@wisconsinacademy.org](mailto:bsanford@wisconsinacademy.org), 608/263-1692 X13 (email preferred). ■

# Meeting House Calendar

## Wednesday, August 30

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
Campaign Committee	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	W Living Rm

## Thursday, August 31

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
Women's 16 Step Group	6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	C-3

## Friday, September 1

Chamber Music Rehearsal	10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Auditorium
Modern Marimba Recital	4:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Auditorium

## Saturday, September 2

Red Cross Blood Drive	8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	C-Wing
Organ Rehearsal	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Auditorium
Mueller/Hyland Rehearsal	11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Auditorium
Greenspirit Farm pickup	2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	C-5

## Sunday, September 3

Children's RE Classes	7:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	B-1   B-2   C-3   C-5   C-7   C-9   C-11
CRE CLASSES	7:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	Gathering Rm
Coffee/lemonade after service	8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Loggia Table 2
Worship Service	9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.	Auditorium
Worship Service	11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	Auditorium
Muller/ Hyland Wedding	3:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	Auditorium
Insight Buddhist meditation	6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Gathering Rm

## Monday, September 4

Early Meditation	7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.	W Living Rm
Dance Fellowship - Cancelled	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Gathering Rm

## Tuesday, September 5

Capital Campaign Planning Cte	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	W Living Rm
Economic Justice Committee	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	C-5
Denominational Affairs mtg	6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	C-11
Peace and Justice Cte	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	C-5
Quest Integration Groups	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	C-3   C-7

## Wednesday, September 6

Financial Stewardship Council	7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	W Living Rm
MHNS Welcome Wagon	9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Gathering Rm
Staff meeting	9:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	W Living Rm
It's Greek To Me	11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Auditorium
Music Committee Meeting	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	W Living Rm
MHNS Parent Orientation	7:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Gathering 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, September 7

MHNS Welcome Wagon	9:00 a.m. - 3:00 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
MHNS Parent Orientation	7:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Gathering Rm
Environmental Action Cte	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	C-11

Society Choir	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Aud  WLRm
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## Friday, September 8

Newsletter Printing	12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	W Living Rm
Memorial service, Weege	4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Aud, W Liv Rm
MBS Parent Orientation	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Gathering C-3,11

## Saturday, September 09

Board retreat	8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Gathering Rm
Organ Rehearsal	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Auditorium
CRE Committee Meeting	9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	W Living Rm
Dugan/Witte Commitment	11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Auditorium
Greenspirit Farm pickup	2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	
Worship- Water Communion	4:30 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.	Auditorium
Children's RE Classes	4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	B & C Wings
Fall Teen Program Kick-off	7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Gathering Rm

## Sunday, September 10

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
Worship Service	9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.	Auditorium
Social Justice Fall Kick Off	10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	W Living Rm
Membership Information	10:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.	Library
Worship Service	11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	Auditorium
UU Communion Group	12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	C-3
Parenting Chalice group	3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	B-1   C-3
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, September 11

Early Meditation	7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.	W Living Rm
Newsletter Assembly	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	W Living Rm
Dance Fellowship	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Gathering Rm
Acting Group	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Auditorium
Doubters Group	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	C-9
Male experience men's group	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Annex Liv Rm
Women Spirituality & Ritual	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	C-7

## Tuesday, September 12

Capital Campaign Planning Committee	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	W Living Rm
Movement Meditation	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Gathering Rm
MayaWorks Reception	7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Auditorium

## Wednesday, September 13

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
Alliance	11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Gathering Rm
Tai Chi	4:45 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.	W Living Rm
Worship Council Meeting	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	C-9
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

**Sunday, September 3 at 9 & 11 a.m.**

## “Water Communion”

with Michael A. Schuler and Kelly J. Crocker

Please join us for this end-of-the-summer celebration of that ubiquitous liquid that serves so many important purposes in our lives and the life of planet Earth. During this intergenerational service we'll “mingle the waters” of many places (remember to bring your contribution) and enhance our appreciation for this liquid gold through stories, poetry, music and commentary.

Musically, Linda Warren will play several new solo harp pieces written by her friend Laura Zaerr, along with some older favorites. Dan Broner will play the *Prelude* from Ravel's “Le Tombeau de Couperin.”

**Saturday, September 9 at 4:30 p.m.**

## “Water Communion”

A somewhat altered version of the previous Sunday's service (description above). Youngsters will join us for the first portion of the service, then attend classes. A pot-luck dinner will follow the service.

Musically, our guest horn player, Joanna Grace, will provide the musical offerings

**Sunday, September 10 at 9 & 11 a.m.**

## “Making Do With Less Ego”

by Michael A. Schuler, Parish Minister

I find it fascinating that while western psychology has long emphasized the importance of a “healthy ego” for good mental health, Eastern spirituality has made negation of the ego a priority. Which insight is correct? Or do both, in some paradoxical sense, have something important to offer?

Musically, the Oakwood Chamber Players members Marilyn Chohaney, flute, and Michael Allen, cello, will join Linda Warren on harp for chamber music.



## Building Forum Rescheduled for September 24 Parish Meeting Rescheduled for October 1

Our architects (TKWA) will present their drawings with the latest revisions of our new building at an **all-church Forum** on Sunday, September 24, (*note date change!*) from 12:30-2:30 p.m. in the Auditorium.

We will also use this time for questions about the preservation plan for the original building, financing and sustainability issues. We urge you to come. A light lunch will be served starting at noon (donations welcome) and child care will be available. (Please see article on [page 4](#).)



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