



## Rev.Elations

by Michael A. Schuler, Parish Minister

When I began serving First Unitarian Society more than nineteen years ago a small group of Unitarian Universalist elders met monthly in what was called the “Party Room” at the Oakwood Village Retirement Community. Typical attendance was eight to ten, and the program was simple. Each person brought something to share: a poem, quotation, editorial, aphorism or personal commentary. Others around the table would react – or not – to what had just been offered. Once the last contribution had been made the meeting ended.

The Oakwood elders group continued for several years and I often enjoyed their company. Gradually, however, participants died or relocated, the numbers dwindled and interest petered out. No gatherings of religious liberals were held at Oakwood for the next fourteen years.

Much has changed in Madison over the past two decades, including the establishment of new and the expansion of existing retirement facilities. Oakwood Village West is at least twice its former size and the Meriter complex off the Square has grown as well. Middleton Glen, Oakwood East, Attic Angels and Coventry Village also serve scores of residents.

The development of bigger and better appointed retirement centers has clearly affected members of First Unitarian Society. Fewer retirees are leaving Madison to re-settle in the Sunbelt; more are selling the home in

which their children were raised and choosing to live in complexes designed to serve seniors. The number of UUs at Oakwood, Meriter and Middleton Glen has burgeoned in recent years, accompanied by a desire for a liberal religious presence and liberal religious programming “on location.”

I am happy to report, therefore, that FUS has responded to this need at Oakwood and Meriter. Since early spring, monthly UU programs at Oakwood West have attracted upwards of thirty participants. A series of lectures on World Religions, organized and sponsored by FUS, is now being held at the same location. The response to these has also been very heartening.

Regular meetings the first Wednesday of each month have begun at Meriter and a similar arrangement is in the works at Middleton Glen. Because some who live in these communities no longer drive or are prevented by physical limitations from attending programs at the Meeting House, this new initiative fills a real void.

As FUS has grown, considerable attention has been given to the integration of newcomers. Ours has become a very attractive community and we make a concerted effort to serve those who seek us out. At the same time we need to be cognizant of the emerging needs of those who have given much to FUS over the years and whose contributions have made this congregation what it is. Our elders have faithfully stuck with us, and we intend to stick with them!

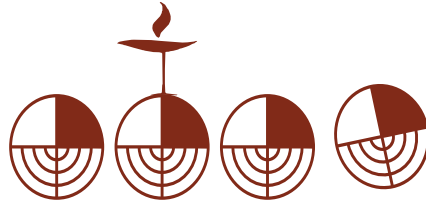
– Michael ■



Photo by Brian Joiner

*Elizabeth Barrett, Laurie Joiner and Barb Avery process a batch of cob for the cob building demonstration at the Fall Festival. No, this was not added to the chili.*

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## News From FUS' Planned Giving Committee: A Seminar On Wills, Trusts, and Charitable Giving!

Whether you are new parent needing to nominate a guardian for your young children or a recent retiree, all UUs, regardless of age or net worth, can benefit from this seminar. Participants will learn the basics about wills, trusts, powers of attorney, probate, and charitable giving. The seminar will be lead by FUS' Planned Giving Committee Co-Chair, Attorney Melinda Gustafson Gervasi, and Bill Love, FUS' Program Assistant for Congregational Giving. There will be time for questions at the end of the evening. Please contact Bill Love, Program Assistant for Congregational Giving, to RSVP or answer questions. The seminar will be offered at 7 p.m., Tuesday, November 13. ■

## Just for Fun – Breakfast Bunch

Interested in meeting UUs for fun and fellowship? Once a month, the Breakfast Bunch will meet at a different place for breakfast and conversation. Our first meeting will be on November 6 at the Bavaria Café in Middleton at 9 a.m. If you want to join us please e-mail Peggy Larson at [ptmadison@charter.net](mailto:ptmadison@charter.net) or call 442-7250 and leave a message so we have an accurate count for tables. The Bavaria Café is at 7457 Elmwood in downtown Middleton. Hope to see you there! ■

## Be a Chalice Lighter!

Would you like to support the growth of other UU congregations in our region? If so, please consider becoming a Chalice Lighter.



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

- initiate new congregations
- acquire or improve meeting spaces for a congregation
- increase paid professional staffing or
- provide for an outreach or public relations program

This program is funded by UUs who volunteer to be a Chalice Lighter. As a Chalice Lighter you make a single commitment. Three times a year Chalice Lighters you are asked to contribute \$20 (or more if you're able,) to support a specific congregation's request. FUS has received two Chalice Lighters grants.

If you are interested please pick-up a Chalice Lighters brochure in the Lobby or contact Prudy Stewart at [prudystewart@charter.net](mailto:prudystewart@charter.net) or 274-2616. On Sunday, October 28, Prudy will be in the Loggia after each service with answers about the program. ■

## Annual Thanksgiving Dinner Party!

The FUS Thanksgiving Day feast is scheduled Thursday, November 22 in the Auditorium. It will be a wonderful celebration of family, friends and food. Contact Bob & Kelly Radford, [radfam@tds.net](mailto:radfam@tds.net) or 845-3523, for questions and reservations. ■

### Hjordis Waxler Dies

Old timers in our congregation will be saddened by the recent death of Hjordis Waxler, though they are more likely to remember her as **Hjordis Wolfe**. Her first husband, (and father of her four children) Harold Wolfe, was professor of Zoology at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. A resident of Shorewood, Hjordi was very active at First Unitarian in the 1950s and early '60s. Indeed she chaired our Religious Education Committee in those years when our RE program was growing explosively.

Hjordis spent her last three years at Oakwood Village here in Madison. A private memorial service is being planned. – Max Gaebler ■

### 3rd Annual Fall Festival Another Great Success!!

The day was as festive as any fall festival could be! Great food, music, activities, lively conversation, laughing children and smiling faces.



Many thanks to all those who joined us for the celebration and to those who contributed by donating food and/or time. Special thanks to Nancy Deer for the great chili, Prudy Stewart for organizing the food service, Sarah Danforth and the UW volunteers who lead all the kids' activities, Brett Hulseley for delivering hay bales, washing dishes, Dave Weber for leading tours and Alice Delaquess for being a great support person. The Cob Building was a big hit! Congratulations to Brian Joiner, Barb Avery, Chuck Learned, John Gustafson, and Tom Miskelly. See you next year!

– Mary Kay Aide, Chair, Fall Festival ■

### The Membership Book is Open October 27 and 28

After worship services on the the weekend of October 27 and 28, the Membership Book will be open for signing. Those ready to accept the rights and responsibilities of membership and participate actively in the Society are invited to sign the book after services. Lay Ministers and representatives of the membership committee with welcome and assist you.

If you are uncertain about what Unitarian Universalism is or what membership in the Society entails, consider enrolling in the upcoming New UU orientation series (registration forms in the Lobby brochure rack). ■



### 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 drop them by the office of Harry Carnes 233-9774 ext 122. ■



## Fundraising To Close The Gap

Anyone who has been to FUS recently can see that a lot has been going on. Beautiful remodeling and restoration work on the A and B wings have almost been completed. Hidden but significant improvements have been made to enhance the safety and long-term preservation of these historic structures. There is also a huge hole (full of ancient lakebed sand!) where the C wing once stood and where our new “green” building will rise.

Construction progress, despite some unexpected but necessary work, is still basically on track. With value engineering we reduced certain construction costs; the Board voted to pursue an environmentally- friendly building process (LEED certification) and supported the addition of a geothermal heating system for greater energy efficiency. Our architects, contractor, FUS staff and many members of various committees have worked extremely hard and with great dedication in the past few months to get us to this point. Energy, excitement and anticipation are in the air.

As with most building projects there are always surprises along the way. We have had a few construction challenges - hidden office walls, roof support problems, fire code upgrades, etc. These have been dealt with ably and efficiently. As many of you already know, we became aware of problems with the dependability of our contractor in late spring and as a consequence we changed contractors in April. We were very fortunate that Findorff Construction Co. was ready and willing to take over the task very quickly. In addition, our spring Capital Campaign, under the superb leadership of Nancy Ragland and Craig McComb and with great member participation was very successful. Our goal of \$5 million dollars was raised in five months.

Our biggest and very disappointing surprise has emerged in the financial arena. In late May we learned that the former contractor had grossly underestimated the cost for building this unique, state-of-the-art building. By late June we were informed that the actual bids were \$1.65 million dollars higher than we were led

to expect. This amount, along with the cost of added environmentally-responsible elements in the new addition and full completion of some projects means that our construction costs are now \$2.3 million dollars (34%) higher than the original amount.

We now face the immediate challenge of closing this gap by raising more funds from our members and friends. While we can use debt to finance a portion of this shortfall, we cannot responsibly borrow all of the extra money it

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will take to complete the project. Last October we raised our hands in a vote to move forward with confidence to achieve our vision of preserving our cherished landmark structure and constructing a new addition to support our growing liberal religious community.

We need to reaffirm that commitment and seek again the generosity so apparent in our original campaign.

Our vision is about more than just a building; it is about who we are as a UU congregation and how we grow individually and collectively on a spiritual path. It is how we give voice to our values and live our seven principles.

We have put together a second campaign to close the gap, which will begin this month. We have already received over \$195,000 in commitments from FUS leadership. Some of you will be receiving a call to meet with one of our volunteer canvassers – it will most likely be someone you know. Please try to give a few minutes of your time to meet with them to explore possibilities. We hope all members and friends of our vibrant and thriving community will participate in this vital task.

Many years ago, the original builders of our Meeting House committed their resources to reach toward the future and contribute to the growth of our liberal religious tradition. As we commit our funds to this campaign we link our hands with theirs in courage and faith.

If you have any questions, would like to explore pledge opportunities or if you would like to help in any way, please contact Jan Lottig, Development Specialist, at 238-0699 or email: [janl@fusmadison.org](mailto:janl@fusmadison.org). ■



## Religious Education

### Children's Religious Education

Our classes are off and running now! We currently have 451 children registered in religious education classes and child care and 111 volunteer teachers. We're adapting to life in the trailers and appreciating the neat corners they provide, unlike the former classrooms in the C-Wing, which are lovely to look at but don't provide the most usable space. The child care trailer is snug, but comfy, and the new closets in the Nursery School wing have been a great addition. We ask that parents of potty-trained kids in child care please be sure to have their children use the bathroom before coming to the trailer so that we can minimize trips from the trailer to the bathrooms in the nursery school.

We also ask that all parents please remember to sign up to bring snack and for most of you, to stay in the classroom as a helper on the day that you bring snack. That third adult can be hugely helpful. We have several classes without classroom support coordinators — the person designated to remind you when to bring snack. If you're a parent in one of those, we're counting on you to be extra diligent in remembering the dates you signed up for.

Please remember that we will NOT be having a Halloween Parade this year. In January, we will have a Banner Parade where each class will present a class banner to the congregation. We look forward to seeing the creativity the kids will bring to that! ■

### 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 stick around just in case we need you! ■

### 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 to 8 p.m. on Sundays. Questions? Call Leslie at 233-9774, x. 119. Here's our tentative upcoming schedule:

- **October 28:** Halloween Party!
- **November 4:** Gender Roles discussion
- **November 11:** What is the experience of returning Iraqi veterans?
- **November 18:** Qigong Movement Meditation
- **November 25:** No YRUU; it's Turkey Weekend! ■



*Above: The Neighboring Faiths class learns about Judaism through videos from You Tube prior to visiting a synagogue. Neighboring Faiths offers our sixth and seventh graders an opportunity to explore the beliefs and rituals of worship practiced by other religious traditions. The class features field trips to different places of worship in our community. They have just finished up a study of Catholicism with a visit to Blessed Sacrament Church and are now exploring Judaism. Other traditions to be covered include Native American beliefs, Hinduism, Buddhism and Islam. ■*



## Social Justice

### The Welcoming Congregation Committee Needs You!

There will be a Welcoming Congregation Committee meeting on Tuesday, October 23, at 7 p.m. at the Escape Java Joint, 916 Williamson Street. We have fresh leadership and are eager to begin new efforts to help existing and potential members of FUS who identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender to feel truly welcomed and become active in our FUS faith community.

Please join us and bring your ideas/questions along. Contact Betsey Day (827-5934, [daybuss@charter.net](mailto:daybuss@charter.net)) or Ann Pooler (658-6847, [apooler@charter.net](mailto:apooler@charter.net)). ■

### Human Rights Activists Needed

Are you appalled by the disregard for human rights locally and internationally? Do you want to get involved? The FUS Human Rights Committee is looking for a few good people who have some time to devote to the issue of human rights. The committee meets on the first Tuesday of each month. We hope to lead the congregation in taking action on the situation in Darfur, civil rights issues, our governments current policy on torture, and the current diminished importance of Human Rights in our national dialogue.

Currently we have a committee of three. We would like at least two or three more members to share their ideas and expertise in fighting for the human rights we firmly believe to be essential to a truly democratic and just society.

Please contact Sandra Pomponio at [spomponio@tds.net](mailto:spomponio@tds.net) or 320-0695 if you are interested in joining our committee. ■

### EcoTip #125



#### Eat local – Good for Farmers, the Environment, and You!

When the average North American sits down to eat, each ingredient has typically traveled at least 1,500 miles – call it “the SUV diet.” On the first day of spring, 2005, Alisa Smith and James MacKinnon chose to confront this unsettling statistic with a simple experiment. For one year, they would buy or gather their food and drink from within 100 miles of their apartment in Vancouver, British Columbia. (From the 100 Mile Diet web site - <http://100milediet.org/category/about/>)

During this time of harvest, try a local meal. Plan your meal as a family or a group. As you eat, talk about the ingredients and where they came from and the farmers you may have met. Talk about the ingredients that are not local. The “100 mile diet” offers a wonderful opportunity to support our local farmers and economy, to raise our awareness of food sources and make the connection between the food we eat and the environment. One of the more surprising changes Alisa and James made was switching from vegetarianism to include locally grown meat in their diet as they realized some of their vegetarian products traveled great distances!

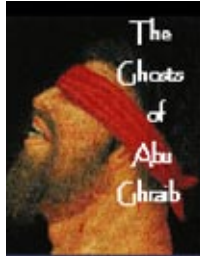
For more information, look for the Environmental ACTION Committees brochure on the 100 mile diet on the Social Justice Table after services or contact Wendy Cooper for a copy. Two great tools for using local produce are:

- *From Asparagus to Zucchini: A Guide to Farm-Fresh, Seasonal Produce* From the Madison Area Community Supported Agriculture Coalition (\$15), and
- *The Victory Garden Cookbook* by Marian Morash (approximately \$25).

Both of these cookbooks are arranged alphabetically by vegetable. They provide background information including preparation and storage and recipes. ■

## Spotlight on Torture - October 24

Join us on October 24 at the First United Methodist Church, 203 Wisconsin Ave, from 7 to 9 p.m. as we participate in the nationwide project organized by the National Religious Campaign Against Torture. We will join hundreds of congregations across the country in showing the film *Ghosts of Abu Ghraib*. This film features the familiar and disturbing photos of torture at Iraq's Abu Ghraib prison. Acclaimed filmmaker Rory Kennedy digs beneath the headlines and beyond the sound bites to investigate the psychological and political context in which the torture occurred. It asks critical questions about how it happened and how it affects America's credibility.



Social Justice's Wendy Cooper will help lead the discussion after the film.

This film is for mature audiences only. It is extremely intense, troubling, and graphic. The film illustrates how torture violates the basic dignity of the human person that all religions, in their highest ideals, hold dear. It contradicts our nation's most cherished ideals. What does it signify if torture is condemned in word but allowed in deed?

The Human Rights Committee of FUS has agreed to co-sponsor this event because we share NRCAT's belief that "Ghosts of Abu Ghraib" will help people of faith deepen our understanding of the nature of U.S.-sponsored torture and also act as a call to action. So often we ask ourselves, "What can I do about the situations in our world that are so wrong? Come, learn, listen, and find out what we can do about ending this cruelty and injustice.

If you have any questions or would like to offer assistance contact Sandra Pomponio at [spomponio@tds.net](mailto:spomponio@tds.net) or 320-0695. ■

## Calling all Gardeners!

The Environmental ACTION Committee is working on two activities at First Unitarian Society in 2008 and we need your help:

- A winter education series on gardening that may include: rain gardens, healthy lawns, global warming and gardening, native plants and invasives. Help plan and promote the sessions. Work needs to be done over the next two months and the classes will be held during the winter.
- A spring plant exchange to share and expand the color and variety of your garden. Help plan and coordinate this event for the spring of 2008.

If you are interested in either of these activities, please contact Linda Olson, 836-1779 or [olson99@tds.net](mailto:olson99@tds.net) or Liz Wessel, 238-9934 or [lizwessel@yahoo.com](mailto:lizwessel@yahoo.com). ■

## Paths of Peace #43

The following is from *The Fifth Book of Peace* by Maxine Hong Kingston, and is copied with her permission.



“On International Women's Day, I was one of the women dressed in pink who called and sang for peace in front of the White House. “Bush says Code Red. We say Code Pink.” The spirit of Yin – a feeling of peace and love suffused everyone, including counter-demonstrators and police officers. Never before had I experienced such nonviolence. Thousands of women tried to send our good feelings and protection all the way to the Iraqi children.

“The images of peace are ephemeral. The language of peace is subtle. The reasons for peace, the definitions of peace, the very idea of peace have to be invented, and invented again.

“Children, everybody, here's what to do during war: In a time of destruction, create something. A poem. A parade. A community. A school. A vow. A moral principle. One peaceful moment.”

*This column is dedicated to a young woman, one of many who attended and marched in another, pre-Iraqi war demonstration organized by Code Pink. She helped her grandmother make what seemed like a very long march from a park and around the White House. I hope that she still believes that inner peace, interpersonal peace, and global peace are causes to keep striving and working for.*

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### Calling all Messiah Singers....

As part of our Holiday Choral Festival on Sunday, December 9 the Society Choir will sing two choruses from Handel's Messiah, And the glory of the Lord and For unto us a child is born. If readers have sung Messiah choruses before and would like to join in please contact Dan Broner ([danb@fusmadison.org](mailto:danb@fusmadison.org) or 233-9774, ext. 121.) We will be rehearsing on Thursday evenings in the weeks leading up to the event. ■

### Knabe Grand Donated

You may have noticed the lovely small grand piano in the West Living Room. Built by the Knabe company, for years the official piano of the Metropolitan Opera, the instrument is the ideal size for the room. FUS is grateful to Jim and Dorothy Goodman who donated it before moving to New Zealand.

The piano that used to reside in the West Living Room, a 6 foot 4 inch Mason and Hamlin grand, is currently being restored by Tim Farley. It will grace our historic Meeting House Auditorium next year, and the Yamaha grand currently there will move to the New Auditorium. ■

### Newsletter Deadlines

#### Volume 58 #18

Contribution Deadline: November 5  
Publication and Assembly: November 12

#### Volume 58 #19

Contribution Deadline: November 26  
Publication and Assembly: December 3

#### Volume 58 #20 "Christmas Issue!"

Contribution Deadline: December 10  
Publication and Assembly: December 17

#### Volume 59 #1

Contribution Deadline: Wed., January 2  
Publication and Assembly: January 7

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



### Time is Running Out For Making a Tax-Advantaged Gift from Your IRA

The Pension and Protection Act (PPA) of 2006 contains a provision that provides the opportunity for persons over the age of 70½ to make gifts from traditional and Roth IRA accounts.

Under the provision of this bill such donors can exclude from his/her adjusted gross income (AGI) gifts directed from traditional and Roth IRA accounts up to \$100,000 in 2007.

It excludes gifts to donor advised funds or private foundations. In addition no benefits can be received as a result of the directed gift, so it excludes the funding of gift annuities, trusts, and certain other deferred gifts. No income is reported and no additional tax deduction is allowed when funds are directed to a charitable organization such as First Unitarian Society.

Because qualified charitable distributions from IRAs will eliminate the need for donors to claim an income tax charitable deduction, non-itemizers will enjoy the equivalent of a charitable deduction.

An example: this could benefit a donor who is taking required distributions from his/her IRA but would prefer to not have the added income. The distribution could instead be directed to an organization like FUS. It may also benefit a donor who wishes to move a small "orphan" IRA out of their portfolio and give it to FUS or another charity. The situation for each donor will be different, so do not take these short paragraphs as professional advice. See an attorney or other professional for advice on the tax implications.

This provision has not been extended beyond 2007 so time is running out to take advantage of this charitable opportunity. We have had a number of members of the congregation make such gifts towards their Capital Campaign pledge or their Annual Pledge. Your IRA trustee should have details on the process of completing this type of gift. Please contact Bill Love, Program Assistant for Congregational Giving, at 233-9774 extension 123 or at [bllove@fusmadison.org](mailto:bllove@fusmadison.org) if you would like more information, or plan to make such a gift to First Unitarian Society. ■

## Fifth Annual Hungarian Feast!

Just when you thought it would never arrive, the Hungarian Express is rounding the bend and will pull into the newly-reconstructed FUS station on Friday, November 9, at 6 p.m. Get aboard for a gourmet experience you'll never forget. Chicken paprikash, Hungarian noodles and cucumber salad are just a few of the delicacies you'll experience, along with libations from East-Central Europe that will make you smile.

We'll be in the historic Meeting House this year, but rest assured that good food, good fellowship and a good time will be the same as they always were. And it's all for a good cause. Your \$25 (\$10 for children and students, drinks extra) will go to support our partner congregation in Nagyajta (NAH-joy-tah), Transylvania, that Hungarian-speaking region of Romania that until very recently endured harsh repression.

There will even be a vegetarian option for our non-meat-eating friends. So join us for our Fifth Annual Hungarian Feast on Friday, November 9, at 6 p.m.

Please send in the form below with your check made out to FUS, and "Hungarian Dinner" on the memo line. Advance reservations help enormously with our planning... but last minute guests are always welcome! ■



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

\_\_\_\_\_ Adults @\$25 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Students/kids @ \$10 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ How many of these meals should be vegetarian?

Mail this form, with your check made out to FUS and Hungarian feast in the Memo, to:

First Unitarian Society,  
Attention: Hungarian Feast  
900 University Bay Drive,  
Madison WI 53705

Or drop it off at the Meeting House in Kelly Crocker's mail box. Thanks!



## Hard Hat Update

### Notes From the Project

Since the last newsletter, we have actually occupied (re-occupied?) our offices in the Loggia and B wing. The finance people, (Bill and Luella), Religious Education (Leslie, Alex and Kim), and Harry are in Room B-3. Donna, Alice, Wendy, and Karen B-W can be found in A-8. In a way, moving out of the trailers was harder than moving into them, because this move is for keeps. Moving westward, A-9 is Susan Koenig, A-10 is Kelly Crocker, A-11 is Karen Gustafson, and A12 is Michael Schuler.

### Renovation

We still wait for the trim rings for the Auditorium lights. Because of a miscommunication, the factory started making them with a painted finish instead of shiny stainless steel. This is aggravating, but when you only renovate every 50 years, it stands to reason that there will be glitches. I personally am thankful that we got the rewiring and painting completed without any loss of historical plaster.

### D Wing

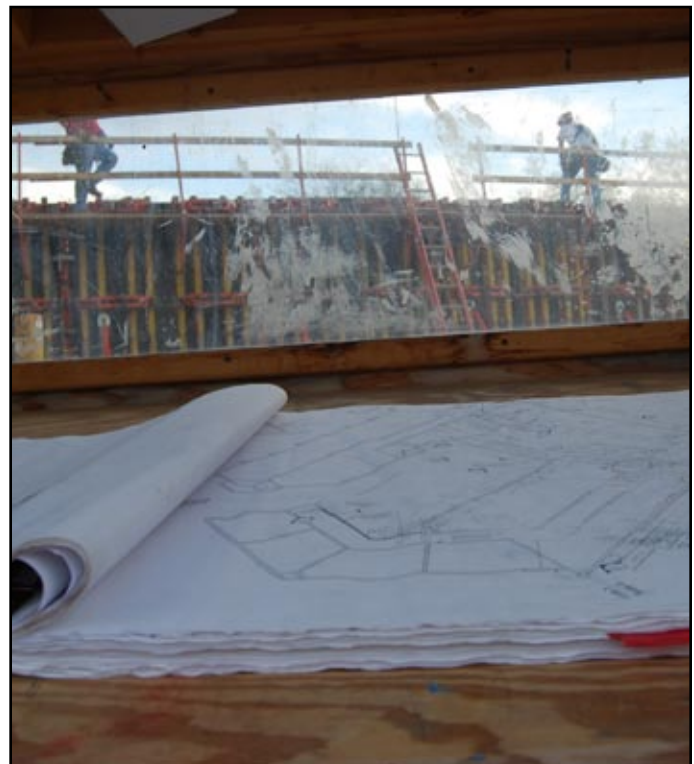
For the record, the retaining wall is 192 feet long. The first 102 feet are poured, and if one could go into the "hole," one could see the texture of the main bathroom walls. Concrete can be poured in winter, but it is better done at above freezing temperatures, so there is an inescapable sense of the clock ticking. The wall should be complete by the end of the week, and when the tests say it is strong enough, we will fill in the hole around it. All our sand is in temporary storage out by McKee Road. They estimate that 68 truckloads will come back for the backfilling.

What to expect between now and the next newsletter is more concrete: wall and columns.

– Dave Weber, Owners Representative ■



Top: Filling in the East Courtyard and getting ready to pour the big wall. The orange things are the ends of reinforcing rods that make the wall stronger. Below: Looking east at the new wall from the Findorff plan shed.



## The Historic Meeting House Paint Colors: A Detective Story

By Michael P. May, Chair, Preservation Committee

Have you wandered about the historic Meeting House lately? Have you watched the colors of the walls and ceilings? Have you noticed the fascinating interplay with the natural light?

The FUS Preservation Committee has returned the paint palette of our Meeting House to its original basis. This is the detective story of how we did that.

The Preservation Committee spent many hours examining the various textures and colors of walls in our building. We argued about which were the most authentic; in some cases we could identify which colors were likely untouched from the original paints some 50-plus years ago. However (being true UUs) we could not agree on which colors should be painted in various parts of the building.

Then, relying on advice from Greg Ericson, a member of our Committee, we engaged a paint probe expert. Mike Bath took probes from dozens of places in the A Wing and had them analyzed. After this work, he prepared a detailed report identifying at least 6 original colors in various places. These colors have a universal number so that the exact tint can be duplicated in the brand of paint to be chosen.

Now, the Committee had further discussions (arguments?) about which of the colors would be best for various parts of the Meeting House. Our own David Weber even gave each of these colors names that he made up ("Burnt Mango, Apple Blossom, Tawny Peach," etc.). We had test boards of the paints made so that we could see them in various places. But we still were unsure which of the colors should be placed on which walls and ceilings, which represented the true original paint scheme, which had faded over time, or which should be next to each other.

So (being true UUs), we turned to an expert,

our preservation architect consultants from Isthmus Architects. We asked, "How do we know which colors to choose?"

The answer was so startlingly simple that we were shocked: "Follow the probes," we were advised.

And so we did. It made no sense to us. But whatever color the probe said was the original color of an area, we matched that color. Ceilings

were darker than walls; we had assumed that the outside soffits were to match the inside, which they will not. The entire Auditorium was a single color. None of this was what we had imagined.

The results are fantastic. The colors seem to change during the course of a day, as different light hits them. Even the same color, as in the Auditorium, looks like different colors due to shadows and light. We are being treated to a magnificent panorama, as part of our home.

But there is more. You will notice that the historic colors reinforce one of Mr. Wright's themes of our Meeting House: the movement from dark to light. The darkest ceiling will be at the entryway near the West Living Room. Then, as one walks into the Loggia, the ceiling is lighter, and the walls are lighter yet. Finally, as one enters the Auditorium, the lightest interior color is used. The lightest color of all will be the outside soffits or eaves.

The use of darker ceilings and lighter walls in the Lobby and Loggia also makes excellent use of the north light that comes in from the glass walls of the Meeting House. The light glances off the wall, interplaying with the red floors and the darker ceiling to provide brighter, ever-changing colors.

The Preservation Committee will be pursuing other detective stories. The conclusion of this effort is pleasing to the eye and to our effort to honor our past and our future. ■

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# Meeting House Calendar

## Tuesday, October 23

Management Team	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	W Liv Rm
Building Project Meeting	1:00 PM - 02:30 PM	Channing Trlr
Sound Board Maintenance	1:00 PM - 05:30 PM	Aud
Transition Team Meeting	2:00 PM - 03:30 PM	Barton Trlr
Centering Prayer	5:00 PM - 06:00 PM	Annex Liv Rm
Movement Meditation	5:00 PM - 06:30 PM	VA Hosp, 2nd
Chalice Group Coord Team	5:30 PM - 07:00 PM	Channing Trlr
Films that Disturb...	6:00 PM - 09:00 PM	Aud
New UU Chalice Group	7:00 PM - 08:30 PM	Emerson Trlr

## Wednesday, October 24

Staff Meeting	9:15 AM - 11:00 AM	W Liv Rm
Sound Board Maintenance	1:00 PM - 05:30 PM	Aud
Building Committee	4:00 PM - 05:20 PM	Channing Trlr
Meeting House Chorus	7:00 PM - 09:00 PM	Aud
Children's Choirs	7:00 PM - 09:00 PM	W Liv Rm

## Thursday, October 25

Archives	1:00 PM - 04:00 PM	Hearthroom
Sound Board Maintenance	1:00 PM - 05:30 PM	Aud
Transitions	5:30 PM - 07:00 PM	W Liv Rm
MUUYACM Services	6:00 PM - 07:00 PM	St. FrancisHse
Society Choir	7:00 PM - 09:00 PM	Aud

## Friday, October 26

Sound Board Maintenance	1:00 PM - 05:30 PM	Aud
Wedding Reh Prichard/Horwitz	6:00 PM - 07:00 PM	Aud
20s & 30s Group Potluck	6:00 PM - 09:00 PM	W Liv Rm

## Saturday, October 27

Organ rehearsal	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Aud
Wedding - Prichard/Horwitz	12:15 PM - 03:00 PM	Aud
Worship Services	4:30 PM - 05:30 PM	Aud
CRE Classes	4:30 PM - 05:30 PM	Annex/Trlrs/ W Liv Rm
COA Retreat	6:30 PM - 11:00 PM	Annex/Aud /W Liv Rm

## Sunday, October 28

COA Retreat	12:00 AM - 08:00 AM	Annex/Aud /W Liv Rm
Worship Service	9:00 AM - 10:15 AM	Aud
CRE Classes	9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Annex/Trlrs /W Liv Rm
Worship Service	11:00 AM - 12:15 PM	Aud
CRE Classes	11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Annex/Trlrs /W Liv Rm
Neighboring Faiths	4:00 PM - 06:00 PM	W Liv Rm
YRUU	6:30 PM - 08:00 PM	Annex Liv Rm
Insight Buddhist Meditation	7:00 PM - 09:00 PM	W Liv Rm

## Monday, October 29

Dance Fellowship	1:00 PM - 03:00 PM	W Liv Rm
Tai Chi with Jim	4:30 PM - 05:15 PM	W Liv Rm
Planned Giving Cte Meeting	5:00 PM - 06:30 PM	Brent's
Actor's Group	7:00 PM - 09:00 PM	W Liv Rm
Mindfulness Meditation	7:00 PM - 09:00 PM	Creswell's

## Tuesday, October 30

Management Team	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	W Liv Rm
Transition Team Meeting	2:00 PM - 03:30 PM	Barton Trlr
Centering Prayer	5:00 PM - 06:00 PM	Annex Liv Rm
Movement Meditation	5:00 PM - 06:30 PM	VA Hosp
Films that Disturb...	6:00 PM - 09:00 PM	Aud

## Wednesday, October 31

Staff Meeting	9:15 AM - 11:00 AM	W Liv Rm
Annual Campaign Cte Mtg	5:00 PM - 06:30 PM	Hearthroom
Lay Ministry	5:25 PM - 07:00 PM	Channing Trlr
Meeting House Chorus	7:00 PM - 09:00 PM	Aud

## Thursday, November 1

organ tuning	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Aud
Archives	1:00 PM - 04:00 PM	Hearthroom
Transitions	5:30 PM - 07:00 PM	W Liv Rm
MUUYACM Services	6:00 PM - 07:00 PM	St. Francis Hse
Society Choir	7:00 PM - 09:00 PM	Aud

## Friday, November 2

Author Reading	6:00 PM - 08:00 PM	Aud
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## Saturday, November 3

Organ rehearsal	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Aud
Worship Services	4:30 PM - 05:30 PM	Aud
CRE Classes	4:30 PM - 05:30 PM	Annex/Trlrs /W Liv Rm

## Sunday, November 4

Worship Service	9:00 AM - 10:15 AM	Aud
CRE Classes	9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Annex/Trlrs/W Liv Rm
Worship Service	11:00 AM - 12:15 PM	Aud
CRE Classes	11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Annex/Trlrs /W Liv Rm
Preservation Committee	12:30 PM - 02:00 PM	Channing Trlr
SJ Coffee & Controversy	1:00 PM - 03:00 PM	Aud
Neighboring Faiths	4:00 PM - 06:00 PM	W Liv Rm
YRUU	6:30 PM - 08:00 PM	Annex Liv Rm
Insight Buddhist Meditation	7:00 PM - 09:00 PM	Hearthroom

## Monday, November 5

Dance Fellowship	1:00 PM - 03:00 PM	W Liv Rm
Tai Chi with Jim	4:30 PM - 05:15 PM	W Liv Rm
Journey Toward Wholeness	5:00 PM - 06:30 PM	Minton's
Neopaganism	6:00 PM - 09:00 PM	Aud
Actor's Group	7:00 PM - 09:00 PM	W Liv Rm
Closed Men's Group	7:30 PM - 09:30 PM	Annex Liv Rm

## Tuesday, November 6

Management Team	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	W Liv Rm
Building Project Meeting	1:00 PM - 02:30 PM	Channing Trlr
Transition Team Meeting	2:00 PM - 03:30 PM	Barton Trlr
Centering Prayer	5:00 PM - 06:00 PM	Annex Liv Rm
SJ Committee Meeting	5:30 PM - 08:30 PM	Channing Trlr
MHNS Parent Program	7:00 PM - 09:00 PM	Barton Trlr



### Wednesday, November 7

Staff Meeting	9:15 AM - 11:00 AM	W Liv Rm
Music Committee	5:30 PM - 06:30 PM	W Liv Rm
Environmental Ethics	6:30 PM - 08:30 PM	Barton Trlr
20's & 30's Spirituality Circle	6:30 PM - 09:00 PM	Annex Liv Rm
Meeting House Chorus	7:00 PM - 09:00 PM	Aud
Children's Choirs	7:00 PM - 09:00 PM	W Liv Rm

### Thursday, November 8

UU Christians Group	1:00 PM - 02:30 PM	Channing Trlr
Archives	1:00 PM - 04:00 PM	Hearthroom
Nominating Committee	5:30 PM - 06:30 PM	Emerson Trlr
Transitions	5:30 PM - 07:00 PM	W Liv Rm
SJ Committee Meeting	5:30 PM - 08:30 PM	Channing Trlr
MUUYACM Services	6:00 PM - 07:00 PM	St. Francis
House		
CRE Committee Meeting	6:15 PM - 08:30 PM	Annex Liv Rm
Society Choir	7:00 PM - 09:00 PM	Aud
Employment Transitions Group	7:00 PM - 09:00 PM	Barton Trlr

### Friday, November 9

Partner Church Dinner	5:00 PM - 09:00 PM	Aud
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### Saturday, November 10

Organ rehearsal	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Aud
I Love My Kids, but What About Us?	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	
Barton/Dickinson Trlrs		
Worship Services	4:30 PM - 05:30 PM	Aud
CRE Classes	4:30 PM - 05:30 PM	Annex/Trlrs/W Liv Rm
After-Service Potluck	6:15 PM - 08:00 PM	Aud

### Sunday, November 11

Worship Service	9:00 AM - 10:15 AM	Aud
CRE Classes	9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Annex/Trlrs /W Liv Rm
Worship Service	11:00 AM - 12:15 PM	Aud
CRE Classes	11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Annex/Trlrs /W Liv Rm
Newcomer Reception	12:30 PM - 01:30 PM	W Liv Rm
Parenting Through Shared...	3:30 PM - 05:30 PM	Emerson /Dickinson Trlrs
Neighboring Faiths	4:00 PM - 06:00 PM	W Liv Rm
YRUU	6:30 PM - 08:00 PM	Annex Liv Rm
Insight Buddhist Meditation	7:00 PM - 09:00 PM	Hearthroom

### Monday, November 12

Newsletter Assembly	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	W Liv Rm
MHNS Conferences	9:00 AM - 03:00 PM	Emerson Trlr
Dance Fellowship	1:00 PM - 03:00 PM	W Liv Rm
Tai Chi with Jim	4:30 PM - 05:15 PM	W Liv Rm
Chalice Group Facilitators	7:00 PM - 09:00 PM	W Liv Rm
Actor's Group	7:00 PM - 09:00 PM	Barton Trlr
Open Men's Group	7:30 PM - 09:30 PM	Annex Liv Rm

### Tuesday, November 13

Management Team	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	W Liv Rm
Transition Team Meeting	2:00 PM - 03:30 PM	Barton Trlr
Centering Prayer	5:00 PM - 06:00 PM	Annex Liv Rm
Movement Meditation	5:00 PM - 06:30 PM	VA Hosp
Steering Committee Meeting	5:15 PM - 07:00 PM	Channing Trlr
Estate Planning Seminars	7:00 PM - 08:30 PM	W Liv Rm

### Wednesday, November 14

Financial Stewardship Mtg	7:30 AM - 09:00 AM	W Liv Rm
Staff Meeting	9:15 AM - 11:00 AM	W Liv Rm
Alliance	1:00 PM - 02:30 PM	Aud
Annual Campaign Cte Mtg	5:00 PM - 06:30 PM	Hearthroom
Worship Council	5:30 PM - 07:00 PM	Emerson Trlr
AE Committee	5:30 PM - 07:00 PM	Channing Trlr
Environmental Ethics	6:30 PM - 08:30 PM	Barton Trlr
Meeting House Chorus	7:00 PM - 09:00 PM	Aud
Children's Choirs	7:00 PM - 09:00 PM	W Liv Rm
Connections Council	7:00 PM - 09:00 PM	Channing Trlr

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# Upcoming Services at FUS

All services are webcast live at [www.fusmadison.org](http://www.fusmadison.org)

**Saturday, October 27 at 4:30 p.m.**

**Sunday, October 28 at 9 & 11 a.m.**

## “Community: Promise and Practice”

by Karen Gustafson, Minister

The word “community” appears frequently throughout literature and conversation about Unitarian Universalism. On our FUS web-page we refer to FUS as a “religious community”; in our UU Statement Principles we refer to “the goal of world community”; in the New UU classes participants often speak of “seeking community” as a reason for coming to FUS. What might “community” mean in those contexts? When we seek it, how do we know we have found it? Does community exist independent of our participation in it?

**Musically**, on Saturday, Philip Delaquess, cello, and Linda Warren, harp, will play music of Chopin and Rachmaninoff. Sunday look for The Meeting House Chorus, with guest soloists Tamara Brognano and Gay Thomas, singing *For Good*, from the musical “Wicked” by Stephen Schwartz.

**Saturday, November 3 at 4:30 p.m.**

**Sunday, November 4 at 9 & 11 a.m.**

## “Beyond Basic Courtesy to Radical Hospitality”

by Michael A. Schuler, Parish Minister

These days, hospitality is often characterized as a minor virtue, a gesture meant to grease the gears of human interchange. However, many traditional cultures place far greater emphasis on this principle and regard modern Western morays as crude and insensitive. This weekend we’ll give hospitality a second look.

**Musically**, on Saturday, The Meeting House Chorus will provide the special music. Sunday, The Society Choir will sing *Agnus Dei* from Gabriel Fauré’s “Requiem” and *The Last Invocation* by Randall Thompson.

**Saturday, November 10 at 4:30 p.m.**

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

## “Sacred Sensuality” by Michael A. Schuler, Parish Minister

The topic around which this service will revolve was suggested by the highest bidder for a “sermon of your choice” a last spring’s Cabaret Service Auction. What might it mean to cultivate a spirituality of the senses, as well as of the mind and emotions?

**Musically**, on Saturday Joe Harris, classical guitar, will join Linda Warren on celtic harp. Sunday, The Meeting House Chorus will sing *Hallelujah*, by Leonard Cohen.



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