

Stevens Point Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

March / April 2006 Newsletter

Canvass

Did you know that over 30 different programs were provided by community professionals, UUA ministers and Fellowship members through our weekly services this year? Did you know there are 42 known tasks that need volunteers, many on a weekly basis, to keep this Fellowship going, yet we only have 36 members? Did you know that it costs the Fellowship over \$70 just to list you as a member through the Central Midwest District and National Unitarian Universalist Association? This year's budget was over \$12,000. A few examples of this year's budget line items are:

- \$2,000 facility fees
- \$2,400 ministerial, music and presenter fees
- \$1,250 child care and RE

Time, money and talent - these are the assets we ask members to give to the Fellowship for the greater good of our community. Each of us must evaluate our individual situation to determine what is possible to "give" to the Fellowship. It is a personal decision and it fluctuates from year to year. There is no set monetary or time commitment for membership in this Fellowship. We do ask however, that members at least make a contribution of record and help with a few tasks during the year.

The board considers the canvass process a critical component of the health of our Fellowship. Canvassing is a vehicle for members to volunteer for the work that needs to be accomplished to maintain this Fellowship, determines program direction, and sets budget.

Please consider thoughtfully what you can give back to the Fellowship next year. You can return your canvass materials anytime between now and March 31st. There is a box on the information table in the rear of the sanctuary where you can return your canvass materials or you can mail the information to the Fellowship's P.O. Box 361, Stevens Point, WI 54481.

Covenant Vote

Twenty-two out of our 36 members returned their votes on the covenant agreement. This is a quorum of our Fellowship. The covenant was accepted by unanimous vote of those participating members. This covenant will be used as a guide and reference for the programs, committees, religious education and actions of the Fellowship. Thank you to the members of this Fellowship for requesting, participating, developing and approving this covenant on how we will approach and treat one another.

New Member Sunday

Sunday, April 2nd is new member Sunday. Please join us as we officially welcome John Rendall and Peggy Meyer into our Fellowship. If there are any other "Friends" of the Fellowship who are ready to join, please contact Julia Weiser, Jenny Howard or Carol Weston before April 2nd so you can be included in the ceremony.

Board Meeting

Mark your calendars! The next SPUUF board meeting is Sunday, April 16th at 9:00am. at The Springs. **Please note the time change to 9:00 am.** All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Please send Julia or Carol any agenda items for the meeting. The agenda will be sent out prior to the meeting.

Fellowship List Serves

PointUU is the official business list serve of the Fellowship, used for posting information on:

- Weekly service announcements
- General activities of the Fellowship
- Committee meetings
- Central Midwest District communications
- UUA communications

Members and friends are asked not to post random information on this list serve. Information on PointUU can be found at: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/PointUU/>

SPUUF_Discussion is the Fellowship's informal / personal list serve where members and friends can post information to share, discuss and promote:

- points of view on any topic of concern
- current events and
- political activities

Accepted Netiquette guidelines are expected to be followed on this list serve. Information on SPUUF_Discussion can be found at: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SPUUF_Discussion/

Members and friends of the Fellowship may subscribe or unsubscribe from these list serves at any time. Please contact Carol Weston if you want to join SPUUF Discussion or if you have any questions.

Sustainable Travel to Worship

In honor of Bike to Work, May 13 – 19th, join the Wisconsin Interfaith Climate & Energy Campaign by ride sharing, bicycling, walking or riding the bus to church on Sunday, May 14th.

Second Harvest

The [Second Harvest Food Pantry](#) schedule for March and April are:

- March 28th
- April 11th
- April 25th

The Tuesday schedule is:

- Set up 4:00 – 6:00 pm
- Food distribution 6:00 – 8:00 pm
- Close 8:00 – 9:00 pm

Volunteers are needed for any shift or for the entire evening. If you cannot volunteer your time, donations of food and/or money are also needed. Checks can be made to "Second Harvest Food Pantry." Please contact Mary Wright 341-5655 if you have questions on the program. Otherwise step right up and get involved!

Thanks to.....

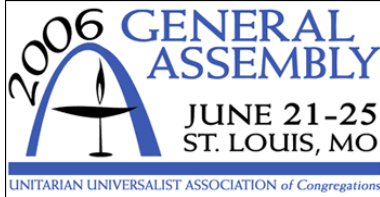
- Jane Shoup for coordinating the February programs
- Julia Weiser for coordinating Music Sunday and all individuals for participating in Music Sunday
- Larry Weiser and Jane Shoup for conducting programs
- All who have helped open, close and bring snacks for our weekly services.
- Jean Rumsey, Carol Weston, Julia Weiser and Michele Bjella for leading RE classes.
- Any other member or friend who contributed to the Fellowship this past month!!

News From the UUA and CMwD

- The March [Central Midwest District Messenger](#) is available online. Back issues of the newsletter are also available online.
- Friday, Apr 21 thru Sunday, Apr 23; **District Assembly 2006**, The Madison Concourse Hotel, Keynote Speaker: Rabbi Michael Lerner; Rabbi Lerner founded the Tikkun Community, an international interfaith organization dedicated to peace, justice, non-violence, generosity, caring, love and compassion, which he chairs with Cornel West. Rabbi Lerner has been the editor of TIKKUN Magazine since 1986. TIKKUN was created as "the voice of Jewish liberals and

progressives" and has become an influential publication in political and progressive circles. More information on the District Assembly can be found at: www.cmwd-uaa.org/index.html

- Saturday, May 6, "**Starting a New UU Congregation for Emerging & Forming Religious Communities - How to Get Started, Create Systems and Develop Organization & Programs**" at Eliot Chapel, Kirkwood, MO 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM.
- Friday-Saturday, May 12-13 "**Stewardship Workshop for Emerging and Small Congregations**" with Jerry King - Connecting Mission/Vision to Programs; Programs to Budget; Budget to Pledges - northern Wisconsin location TBA
- June 21st through 25th **UUA General Assembly** in St. Louis, Missouri. <http://www.uua.org/ga/>



Calendar of Events

Mar. 19:	Chuck Rumsey "Theodore Parker"
Mar. 26:	Lloyd Dlack "My Experiences in Nicaragua"
Mar 28:	Second Harvest Food Pantry 4 – 9 pm
Apr. 2:	Pat Hoehn "Behind the Oil Curtain of Saudi Arabia"
Apr. 9:	Rev Don Wheat "The Joy of Humanism"
Apr 11:	Second Harvest Food Pantry 4 – 9 pm
Apr.16:	Rev Paul Beckel "TBA"
Apr 21-23	CMwD District Assembly
Apr. 23:	Intergenerational Earth Day
Apr 25:	Second Harvest Food Pantry 4 – 9 pm
Apr. 30:	Report on CMwD Conference
May 7:	Annual Meeting
May 9:	Second Harvest Food Pantry 4 – 9 pm
May 12-14	"Engaging Our Theological Diversity" – Adult Enrichment Spring Retreat
May 14:	Land Conservation Jo Seiser
May 21:	Intergenerational Flower Ceremony
May 23:	Second Harvest Food Pantry 4 – 9 pm

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Services are held at The Springs, 2820 Plover Springs Dr., Plover, WI 54467
Services and religious Education start at 11:00 a.m. Sept through May
Summer services are individually scheduled.



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