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September 1,

Coming Sundays

Sunday, September 5, 10:30 AM, Philosophy and Religion in the Modern World, Lecture 2: "Plato's Inquiries: The Gods and the Good."

Sunday, September 12, 10 AM, Dan Rondello.

Sunday, September 19, 10:30 AM, Philosophy and Religion in the Modern World, Lecture 3: "Plato's Spirituality: The Immortal Soul and the Other World."

Sunday, September 26, 10 AM, Natalia Graf.

Sunday, October 3, 10:30 AM, Philosophy and Religion in the Modern World, Lecture 4: "Plato and Aristotle: Cosmos, Contemplation and Happiness."

Sunday, October 10, 10 AM, Rev Ms Denise Tracy.

Sunday, October 17, 10:30 AM, Philosophy and Religion in the Modern World, Lecture 5: "Plotinus: Neoplatonism and the Ultimate Unity of All."

Sunday, October 24, 10 AM, Mary Ann Fields.

Sunday, October 31, 10:30 AM, Philosophy and Religion in the Modern World, Lecture 6: "The Jewish Scriptures: Life with the God of Israel."

Sunday, November 7, 10 AM, Sister Ann Wittman, Spirituality: a New Buzz Word.

Sunday, November 14, 10:30 AM, Philosophy and Religion in the Modern World, Lecture 7: "Platonist Philosophy and Scriptural Religion."

Sunday, November 21, 10 AM, Terry Hoyt, UUSC.

Sunday, November 28, 10:30 AM, Philosophy and Religion in the Modern World, Lecture 8: "The New Testament: Life of Christ." •

Remembering Fred Urban

On Saturday, September 25, at 10:a.m. Martha Urban invites the Fellowship to join her in a short memorial service for Fred. She will bring his ashes from Watertown for the ceremony in the church and the Memorial Garden. This service was Fred's express wish, since the Fellowship meant a great deal to him. Following the service there will be refreshments in the coffee room. •

Note from the President

At the one-week session of the MidCentral Leadership School I learned many techniques and procedures which should prove helpful to us. I also learned some things that will be helpful to me, personally. I'll be sharing the Fellowship related ones over time, and today I'll tell you about a change that only affects you all peripherally.

How it came about is a mystery to me, but I find that without panic, anxiety or even nervousness, I can solve difficult situations with confidence. And I know going into the situation that I will make it happen. For instance, a bank in Santa Barbara has a strong policy against providing cash for non-depositors--but I, a stranger with no connections from Wisconsin, for heaven's sake, talked them into wiring my bank for \$500 and calling me when it came in. At the airport I convinced a determined clerk that I really did not need to pay another \$415 for my ticket, and she even got me onto an earlier flight. And because my incoming flight was delayed I arranged to get to my Rhinelander flight 89 gates away by cart, and they held the last flight the night five minutes for me.

Now, I understand that some of you do this kind of thing routinely and never work up a sweat. I do this kind of thing sometimes and don't always SHOW that I've had a struggle. Somehow I've gained faith. In myself? In the world? Certainly not in the airlines or the banks, except as they are staffed by people. Maybe it's people who now have my faith.

I feel that I've changed, and while I'm not doing a very good job of explaining this particular difference, I know it's there. Thank you again for sending me. Maybe I can make something wonderful happen for us. Pat Harrington •

James Luther Adams Award

The UUSC has made this award to our Fellowship in recognition of the line item gift from our annual budget of at least \$1 per member. James Luther Adams (1901-1994) served as minister of the Second Church in Salem, Massachusetts and later on the faculty of Harvard Divinity School. The letter of recognition states, "*With support from congregations like yours, UUSC is able to accomplish more than any one individual, or even any one*

society, in bringing justice to the world...” •

Fall RE Classes

Dawn Holt

Children’s religious education will begin for the school year during the September 12th service. This year there will be two classes. Our middle school youth (grades 6-8) will be taking a look at other religions using a curriculum called Neighboring Faiths. This class will spend time learning from the lesson, visiting other churches, and listening to guest speakers. The children 5th grade and younger will be studying from the We Believe curriculum. These lessons teach the seven UU principals. High School youth will be welcome to attend the adult service or learn about other religions with the middle school youth.

Hope you had a great summer! •

Announcements:

Saturday, Sept. 11th at 9:00 a **work party** will meet at the Fellowship to cup up and remove trees in the Memorial Park area damaged during the recent storm. All our welcome, even if you do not use a chain saw, as we need people to remove debris. For additional details contact Dick Fields or Joe Strauss. •

There will be a short **Membership meeting** Oct. 10th. at the Fellowship Bldg. following coffee hour. This committee needs additional members. Contact Mary Ann Fields.

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Annamarie Beckel will Attend Library Book Club. The Minocqua Public Libraries book club will be discussing “All Gone Widdun” by Annamarie on Tuesday October 5. If you have read the book, or intend to, come join the discussion with the club and Annamarie. Call the library, 356-4437, for more information. If you need a copy of the book it is available from the local bookstore, or call Annamarie and get an autographed copy. (Lee Zausner) •

Joys and Concerns

Diane Rupert had back surgery August 3 and is recovering nicely. She can take everything but a slap on the back.

The weddings of Nancy Keck and Perry Junkermann, and Patty Buehler and Jerry Woolpy came off beautifully. Thanks to all who shared in the celebrations.

Dr. Patty Buehler, DDS retired officially Tuesday, August 31, after 21 years of dental service to become an even better mom and wife. •

Become a Qualified Literacy Trainer

Joe Strauss

You can fight illiteracy. Mary Stearns of literacy Services of Wisconsin, Madison, will come here to give six hours of training to a group of six to ten people that are serious about helping other adults learn to read, (or improve very poor skills). We can become a satellite of their organization enabling us to obtain instructional materials through them at cost. Her minimum class size is six and the maximum is ten, so sign up early to avoid being closed out---or---to us to reach the magic number of six.

As I understand it, the teaching is done on a one to one basis following the teaching aid packets which Literacy Services of Wisconsin buy from a company called New Readers Press. If you should become really involved in the program you will be, as a qualified trainer, invited to an annual conference in Madison in October and to other training seminars held periodically around the State.

If that is not reward enough, reflect for a moment on how difficult it would be to make it in our world without the ability to read. Helping someone over that hurdle would be an immense achievement. Please let Joe Strauss know if you have an interest in learning more about this opportunity. •

NUU Views

Question: In her recent sermon to us Rev Sydney Morris stressed the importance of adding *forgiveness* to the UU covenant. How is this different from affirming the inherent worth and dignity of every person and acceptance of one another, which are already a part of the covenant?

Answer from Terry Hoyt: Forgiveness can be found in the principles we "affirm and promote". Justice is certainly one way of measuring forgiveness. "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." The second principle of "Justice, equity, and compassion in human relations" is about forgiveness. This is not a principle that espouses retribution or holding grudges.

The personal message I got out of Sydney's "8th Principle" related more to the development of an inner peace through forgiveness and love. The seven principles have most to do with interrelationships between members of the UUA congregations. I felt that Sydney wanted something for members to build on within themselves. I want a faith built on love. I want a faith built on forgiveness. I believe in the principle of living one day a time. I believe in the principle of never going to bed angry with those you live with and love.

There is a difference between societal peace and individual peace. If all is forgiven by an individual that person may have inner peace. If all is always forgiven by society can justice ever be achieved? Should society forgive purposeful acts of wrongful conduct? As an individual I need to forgive most such acts to allow me to attain inner peace? But, can I forgive Hitler? Those acts are the most difficult to forgive because even though the initial acts were done many years ago the consequences continue to affect us today.

Forgive me, but does that answer the question?

Editor's rejoinder: I believe Rev Sydney Morris was addressing the tendency to self-righteousness that occurs when we sit in judgment of one another. When we fail to recognize the meaning of the American Indian precept, "You cannot judge another person until you have walked a mile in his or her moccasins."

In this column, NUUs are invited to answer questions of a religious and spiritual nature. If you are willing to share your opinion on these kinds of questions please let the editor know. •

Overheard from "other" Newsletters

The third verse of Blessed Assurance will be sung without musical accompaniment.

Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

Miss Charlene Mason sang, "I Will Not Pass This Way Again," giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It is a good chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

The peace-making meeting scheduled for today has been canceled due to a conflict. Tonight's sermon- "What is hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice.

The sermon this morning: Jesus Walks on the Water. The sermon tonight: Searching for Jesus.

Barbara C. remains in the hospital. She is having trouble sleeping and requests tapes of Pastor Jack's sermons.

The 'Over 60s Choir' will be disbanded for the summer with the thanks of the entire church.

A distinguished missionary will be speaking at Calvary Memorial Church. "Come tonight and hear Bertha Belch all the way from Africa."

Announcement in a church bulletin for a National Prayer & Fasting Conference: "The cost for attending the Fasting & Prayer conference includes meals". •

Next NUUSLETTER Deadline, Sunday, October 10, 1999.

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