

EAST BREEZE



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In The Interim

Saying goodbye is never easy, even when you know that the beginning comes with an end. It's kind of hard to believe that the time for us to say goodbye is upon us, that nearly two years have passed since I arrived. It seems like it was just yesterday that I was just arriving and beginning to meet so many of you.

Interim ministry by its definition is a ministry of saying hello and goodbye. And doing some really hard work in between those two. As interim ministers we cannot do the work alone and when I think back over the last two years and how hard you as a congregation have worked to arrive at this place of welcoming a new ministry I am amazed.

Yes, it is time for us to say goodbye and at the same time our end is in our beginning and our beginning in our end – to paraphrase T. S Eliot. It has been a wonderful two years and as I carry you with me in my heart I will do so knowing that great things are ahead for this congregation and its ministry. How can it be otherwise?

Go in Peace, gentle people, go in peace.

Blessings,
Marlene

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June Services

6/1 "For the Love of Friendship" The Rev. Dr. Marlene Walker Interim Minister

Last fall Virginia Harrison was the lucky bidder on Rev. Walker's Rave sermon. The text she chose for the service is Frog and Toad Are Friends by Arnold Lobel, a delightful children's book about friendship. Come and see what Rev. Walker has to say about friendship based on Frog and Toad. Margaret Noll will provide the music.

6/8 "Flower Communion" The Rev. Dr. Marlene Walker Interim Minister

We will once again celebrate the beauty of spring and community in this multi-generational service. Bring a flower to add to our communion bouquet. We will also be burying our Reeb 20th Anniversary Time Capsule as part of this service. If there are any last minute items you wish to add to the Capsule please get them to Rev. Walker by June 4th. Margaret Noll will provide the music.

6/15 "Being the Wave not the Water" The Rev. Dr. Marlene Walker Interim Minister

It is never easy to say good bye. It is especially not easy to say goodbye to a community of people I have come to minister with, to care for, to love. Leaving, and saying goodbye, to a congregation is so much "not an easy thing" for ministers to do. But do it we must. This will be my last service here at Reeb and the time for us to formally say goodbye and celebrate what we have accomplished. Rachel Avery and the JRUUC Choir will provide the music.

April 2014 Financial Details

	April	July 2013 to the present
Income	\$ 9,926	\$142,564
Expenses	\$15,105	\$141,411

We are facing a tighter financial situation this year as the end of the fiscal year approaches. Last year, we had a surplus. Income for April was \$9,926 against expenses of \$15,105 for a net loss of \$5,179. Our checking account balance at the end of the month was \$11,375. We will be counting on that for a cash flow cushion until the beginning of the new fiscal when higher pledges should kick in and we can draw on advance pledge payments.

There are just under \$20,000 in outstanding pledges. All but about \$8,000 of that will come in through EFT payments.

Miscellaneous rentals are about \$5,000 below budget, largely due to Big Oak being in the building (though they paid rent while they were here) Utility expenses are running about \$200 per month above budget. Building maintenance expenses are about \$600 over budget for the year.

Rummage sale: The rummage sale brought in \$900, \$100 less than budgeted. It was on a different date than in previous years which may have reduced the number of customers. That income will show up on the May statement.

Remodeling Project: The work is nearing completion. The total cost will be around \$15,000 which is about what we projected. We will be paying for that with our line of credit and then refinancing that balance when we renew the mortgage in late June.

Mortgage refinancing: Derek Peterson talked to the operations officer at First Society about the mechanics of getting competitive bids for refinancing. He will be contacting the lending institutions they talked to. Given the relative sizes of their debt versus ours the monthly savings may not be that great. First also has a much higher monthly cash flow which makes them more attractive to lenders.

Art Hackett, Treasurer

6/22 “Ending the Deportations: Reuniting Families”

Leila Pine

Margaret Noll will provide the music.

6/29 “Music”

Molly Mitchell

Exploring the intersection of music and the spirit. Margaret Noll will accompany the hymns.



President’s Note: Sarah’s Sayonara

This is my last newsletter column as JRUUC president. What a year it has been! Highs and more highs, from zestful celebration of our 20th anniversary to calling Karen Quinlan unanimously as our next settled minister. Our Dreamliner is fueled and poised to take flight. It is a privilege to be on board.

Doubtless we’ll have periods of turbulence along the way. What binds us in beloved community is not always seeing things the same way, but working through our differences respectfully for the sake of a common goal. We share a commitment to standing on the side of love. We come together to transform ourselves and the world through love.

We are heading into a summer of work, play, farewells, and preparation for a new beginning. This next leg of our journey will build on all we have done these past two years with Rev. Marlene’s guidance. In another month Kim Reain will be president and Virginia Harrison will succeed her as president-elect. Led by a strong new board and getting ready for our new settled minister, our beloved community will stay in good hands. Enjoy the flight!

Sarah Cook, president



Sunday, June 15th
The Rev. Marlene's
Farewell Party and
Asian Flavors Potluck
following her last service

Please bring a dish
with an Asian flair for lunch
Stay for a Short Program
More details to come!

Stewardship Stirrings
Adult RE this Month!

The Stewardship Team is facilitating an adult RE class this month called "The Wi\$dom Path: Money, Spirit, and Life." If you've already registered, we look forward to seeing you on June 1, 6, and 8! Details are at: <http://www.jruuc.org/adult-re-widom-path-money-spirit-and-life>

The Stewardship Team also thanks Ruth Flanagan and Shaili Pfeiffer for their successful leadership of the Annual Budget Drive! Thanks to their passion, JRUUC has pledged \$133,000 to the Beloved Community. This is an excellent example of how we are already choosing to direct our resources towards living out our values. To read more about the 2014 Annual Budget Drive, please visit <http://www.jruuc.org/2014-annual-budget-drive>

Thank You

How does our garden grow? Through the love and appreciation of our Beloved Community's volunteers. If you have every participated at James Reeb, know that you are valued and we have gratitude for your participation.

Please see our display of gratitude in the glass case in the Narthex (lobby). Foam stickers, a token to recognize our volunteers, are located just below for you to put on your name tag. This year a sign and donations to the JRUUC Children's Garden will be given to express our deep gratitude to all that our volunteers do.

Below is a list of volunteers. If your name doesn't appear on this list or the display, my apologies for this error and please let me know because we want to include you. The names below are alphabetical by first name.

Enjoy the love,
Kim Reain
698-5051

2013-2014 JRUUC Volunteers

Adije Podebradsky
Alice Schuman-Johnson
Andy Soth
Art Hackett
Barb Whitney
Beth Esser
Betsy Tuttle
Bevo Buhr
Carin Bringelson
Carol Mathis
Caroline Hardin
Casper Sunn
Charlie McNulty
Cindy Rudd
Colleen O'Hara
Craig McComb
Dan Reain
Derek Peterson
Doug Erickson
Ed Kuharski
Elaine Pridgen
Ellie Dillenburg
Erik Saynisch

Gloria Perez
Grant Dobbe
Hannah Zimmerman
Heike Saynisch
Holly Anderson
Holly Marsden
Jan Gordon
Jane Aldrich
Jeanne Lydon
Jeri Parrott
Jill Barasch
Jim Dew
Joanne Keane
Joan Kemble
Jocie Luglio
John Koch
John Mathis
John Steill
Kate Clapper
Kelly Kearns
Kim Reain
Kirsten Johnson
Larry Orr
Laura Ragland
Laura Yin
Laura Zimmerman
Leila Pine
Lottie Rue McNulty
Lucy Soth
Mark Lydon
Marla McFadden
Mary Anglim
Mary Schaper
Mary Wagner
Megan Barry-Luglio
Molly Mitchell
Noelle Livingston
Pat Schneider
Peggy Haack
Quinn Reain
Rachel Avery
Raymond Mitchell-Stillwagner
Rene Simon
Richard Johnson
Roger Pierson
Ruth Flanagan
Sam Barasch

Sandy Person
Sara Powers
Sarah Cook
Sarah Elmore
Shaili Pfeiffer
Sharon Bogert
Stephanie Thurow
Sue Dottl
Susan Podebradsky
Terri Pepper
Thomas Lund
Tim Cordon
Tom Kemble
Virginia Harrison

PJS participants: MOSES, Sustainable Saturdays Nights, CAC pickup at Dane County Farmer's Market, Grace Episcopal Men's Shelter Breakfast, Social Justice Council and this includes our congregation members and friends.

Many Hands Volunteers

Winter Solstice Volunteers

Volunteers who set-up and take-down for
Worship services and events

Dish washers and kitchen care

Mentors to new Members

Meal & Soup Makers

Providers of Child Care

All who volunteer their time, treasure or talent!

Membership

Solstice Picnic Potluck

4 pm Saturday, June 21st

Come to Hippo Park (aka Wirth Court Park), 2801 St Paul Ave -- behind the Goodman Community Center. We want to celebrate new members from 2013-2014, & what better way to do that than with ALL members! Please bring a picnic item to share. There is a small shelter at the park and bathrooms are close by. Contact Jocie Luglio at 442-8814 or on the day of the picnic, please contact Megan at 217-2022 <https://www.cityofmadison.com/parks/parks/park.cfm?id=1385>

Justice at JRUUC

News, Announcements, & Volunteer Opportunities for Social Justice work



An Update from MOSES

JRUUC is a congregational member of MOSES -- an interfaith coalition working to increase justice in our state. From four angles we are working to decrease the Wisconsin prison population.

Ways to learn more about MOSES and the state-wide organization, WISDOM:

1. In the JRUUC lobby, read the MOSES yearbook and the booklet of letters from prisoners
2. Attend the monthly MOSES meetings on the 1st Sat. of every month, 10a-12n at First Congregational Church. **Next ones are June 7th and July 12th** (because of the holiday weekend). To carpool, contact Carin B. at cmbringe@gmail.com
3. Explore online resources, including...
11 x 15 Campaign website:
<http://prayforjusticeinwi.org/>
MOSES Facebook group:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/mosesmadison/>
MOSES website: <http://mosesmadison.org/>

Serving Breakfast to Homeless Men

The first Saturday of every month volunteers from the James Reeb Breakfast Crew join some volunteers from Prairie UU to prepare and serve a hot breakfast of scrambled eggs at the men's shelter in Grace Episcopalian Church on the Square. We arrive bright and early at 5 am; our work is complete by 7:30 am. Would you like to join the Breakfast Crew and take a turn? It feels good! Contact Peggy Haack: peggyhaack@gmail.com or 244-8428.

The Peace, Justice, & Sustainability

Group (PJS – pronounced “pee-jays”) are now meeting on the second Monday of the month. Our next meeting will be 7 pm June 9th at JRUUC. All are welcome to participate. Questions? Email Barb at bwhitney@chi-squared.org.

Sustainable Saturdays

The Fourth Sat. each month
Saturday June 28th 6-9pm at JRUUC

Potluck starts at about 6pm followed by socializing and a program

Everyone is welcome

For more information, contact
Tim Cordon at 608-630-3633



Save the Dates for the CAC Food Pantry Collection!

Every year we volunteer with Community Action Coalition to collect leftover food at the

Saturday Dane County

Farmers Market

on the Capitol Square

from noon-1pm

(some days longer or shorter).

All ages are welcome and we need

8-12 volunteers per Saturday.

This year our dates are: **August 2nd, September 27th, and November 8th.**

Contact Jocie Luglio

(jocillator@hotmail.com)

for more info or to sign up!



Religious Education

Spring is a busy time for Children and Youth Religious Education! On April 20th we had an incredible Easter egg hunt with over 180 eggs found by the children. This year, for the first time we included children-friendly seeds in the eggs. We hope the marigolds, nasturtiums, sensitive plants and radishes help connect our RE children to the interconnected web of all life. Don't have space at home to plant them? Bring them to Summer RE and we'll use them in our Children's Garden!

Thank You to the volunteers who helped us do all-ages RE during the successful candidating week! The children talked about Appreciation on April 27th, making Thank You gifts for our RE volunteers. On May 4th we talked about "Saying Goodbye, Saying Hello" and discussed the transition between an interim ministry and a settled ministry.

Summer weather has finally come; Summer RE is almost upon us! This year we are doing "Trees and Music." We invite you to share one hour this summer with the children by signing up to do a session at: <http://bit.ly/summerRE2014> or by emailing re@jruuc.org. As always, we provide full support to first time & occasional teachers and assistants.

As our RE year draws to a close, we invite you to look back at all the wonderful and enriching Religious Education lessons we did this spring through our digital Letters Home archive at: <http://bit.ly/S2014lettershome>. These letters include ideas for family activities, discussion guides and links to multi-media content.

We also invite everybody to take the RE Annual Survey at <http://bit.ly/re2014survey> -- whether a parent, volunteer or congregation member, we want

your feedback on our Children and Youth's Religious Education program. The RE committee and I use this to improve our program and plan for the fall and thank you for taking the super short survey.

Finally, many of you have been asking where you can watch the Reeb 20th Anniversary video the 6-8th graders put together - and it's now live on our website! Watch it here:

<http://www.jruuc.org/history-jruuc>



From the Office

Reeb members and friends are good stewards of our resources and reuse and recycle as much as possible. Toward that end, we've been using envelopes from the Plumbing Heating Piping Company for the weekly offertory count as well as other internal needs. After about seven years, very few of these envelopes are left!

This week, I remembered a box of 500 envelopes that I took home from the University of Wisconsin Foundation in 2000. I dusted the box and brought them in. It sure feels good to reuse things, especially after fourteen years!

It has been a fabulous two years working with the Rev. Marlene! I've learned a lot these two years about saying NO, especially to renters who don't respect our space. I've learned more about Unitarian Universalism, partly through the great information Marlene shares. My current favorite is "What's In a Brand?" Watch it at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IfCC40KpC28>

And think about how to be clear about who we are as Unitarian Universalists.

I will be out of the office from June 23rd to June 30th for Administrator's Days and General Assembly in Providence, RI. Thanks to the JRUUC Board of Trustees for giving me a professional development budget for the Admin Days registration fee!

Elizabeth Barrett, Office Administrator



Native American State Names in our MidAmerica Region



Are you sad because you cannot attend Love Reaches Out General Assembly in Providence, RI June 25-29 2014?

Virtual General Assembly: Participating from Off-site

Virtual Love reaches out, too! Technology has re-shaped the meetings landscape in recent years — providing new opportunities to connect General Assembly (GA) on-site participants with those who cannot attend in person. GA is transforming from an event one need be present to experience into a hybrid meeting —incorporating live streaming of events and social media to create an interactive experience for live and remote attendees.

GA will be showing on a computer near you. Generally, streamed events include:

- Opening Celebration
- All Plenary Sessions
- Morning Worship in the Plenary Hall, including the Sunday Morning Worship
- Candidates Forum (in years with contested elections)
- Service of the Living Tradition Friday
- Synergy Bridging Service Thursday
- Ware Lecture Saturday late afternoon
- Closing Ceremony

For more information go to: <http://uua.org/ga/>
Please note that Providence is on Eastern Time – all events will begin an hour earlier Madison time.

According to the website www.native-languages.org/state-names.htm twenty-six of the names of the fifty United States of America are based on words in Native American languages. Of those twenty-six, twelve are in our Mid-America Region:

- **Illinois:** "Illiniwek," the name of the Illini people, meaning "best people."
- **Indiana:** the only one of our 13 MidAmerica states which is not named with a specific Native American name. "Indiana" means Land of the Indians or Land of Indians. Multiple Native American nations are a significant part of Indiana history, including the Miamis, Chippewa, Delawares, Erie, Shawnee, Iroquois, Kickapoo, Potawatomes, Mahican, Nanticoke, Huron, and Mohegan.
- **Iowa:** A tribal name of the Ioway people, meaning "sleepy ones."
- **Kansas:** From the name of the Kansa people, meaning "south" for People of the South Wind.
- **Kentucky:** from "Kentake," an Iroquois place name meaning "meadow land."

- **Michigan:** "Mshigem" or "Misigami" are Potawatomi and Ojibwe names for "great lake." English speakers call the great lake Lake Michigan.
- **Minnesota:** "Mnisota" is the Dakota Sioux name for the river English speakers call the Minnesota River. It means "cloudy water."
- **Missouri:** The name of a people native to the area, "Missouria, came from the word "mihsoori," meaning "big canoe people."
- **Nebraska:** "Nibthaska" or "Nibrathka," the Omaha-Ponca and Otoe names for the river which English speakers call the Platte River, meaning "flat river."
- **North Dakota:** From the Dakota, meaning "the allies."
- **Ohio:** from "Ohiyo," the name which English speakers call the Ohio River in the Seneca language, meaning "it is beautiful."
- **South Dakota:** From the Dakota, meaning "the allies."
- **Wisconsin:** "Wishkonsing" is the Ojibwe name for the river which English speakers call the Wisconsin River. The Ojibwe sources say the meaning of "Wishkonsing" is unknown.



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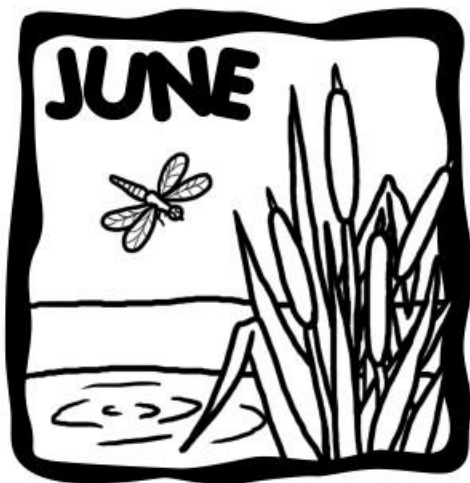
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