

EAST BREEZE



Newsletter of the James Reeb Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Madison, Wisconsin

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July Services

- 7/6 "Your NO Is as Sacred as Your YES"**
Virginia Harrison
Exploring boundaries, obligations, inspiration and leadership.
- 7/13 "Leadership As a Spiritual Practice"**
Sarah Cook & Kim Reain
Leadership is more than a role and a list of duties. We'll explore how it can be a rich tool for personal and spiritual growth.
- 7/20 "Was the Declaration of Independence a Unitarian Universalist Document?"**
Craig McComb
Many count Thomas Jefferson as a Unitarian. But in fact Unitarianism and Universalism were only getting started in this country at the time of the revolution. Adams, Franklin, Priestly, and Rush were UUs to a greater or lesser degree. Madison, Hamilton, and Washington were not conventional Christians. We'll explore these gentlemen's beliefs and actions.
- 7/27 "\$ignposts from the Wi\$dom Path"**
Members of the Stewardship Team
Last month a dozen Reebers explored the topic of money with the help of a new UUA curriculum for adults called "The Wi\$dom Path: Money, Spirit, Life." Come hear about some of the takeaways we learned from our class-time together.

Rev. Walker's Summer Schedule:

After my last Sunday Service on June 15th I will be heading to General Assembly in Providence, RI. I will then be on vacation and only available for pastoral emergencies through the end of August.

Membership

A Photo Directory Is Coming!

Save the dates and
Get ready for your photo shoot
Tuesday, Sept. 9th & Wednesday, Sept. 10th

Lifetouch will be coming to photograph
Families of JRUC for our new
Photo Directory
You will have the opportunity to sign up for
appointments later in the summer;
Watch this space for more details.



Save the Dates for the CAC Food Pantry Collection!

Saturday Dane County
Farmers Market
on the Capitol Square
Meet at 11:50 am
At the white CAC truck on the
E. Wash side of the Capitol

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

See page three for more information!

Stewardship Stirrings

Stewardship, according to the UUA, consists of supporting a healthy congregation far beyond the vital provision for the day-to-day operation through the Annual Budget Drive. Other essentials include having reserve funds available for maintaining the building and for those unforeseeable emergencies that will surely take place over time. Reeb has done well on these issues. However, there is one major bulwark that we have begun recently – an **Endowment Fund** that earns interest through investments, and is not to be used for ordinary expenses, except possibly in dire circumstances. The endowment is somewhat like our savings for retirement while we earn salaries: it provides financial security and abundance beyond the year-by-year demands. The interest can be used to enlarge the fund and, if large enough, to fund special projects. Most universities and some UU congregations have endowments that are vital in supporting their programs. Reeb should have one as well.

The endowment will mainly be funded by individuals wanting to contribute beyond the current fiscal demands. Contributions can be of any size, large or small. We might consider the endowment when planning our legacy to the future in our wills. When young, we think of our immediate family's needs, but as our later years we might think of enriching the greater community. For several years, Carol and I have included Reeb and other good causes in our wills.

What are the nitty-gritty details of the Reeb endowment program? They are under construction, but will be soon forthcoming. A committee will draft a proposal detailing how things will be handled, to be submitted to the Board of Trustees for approval. The JRUUC endowment began through the generous gift of an anonymous congregant and is invested in a UUA interest-bearing account that only invests in companies that meet our congregation's standards. The committee will also provide education and discussion regarding the endowment process. Stay tuned!

John Mathis, member of the Stewardship Team

Justice at JRUUC

News, Announcements, & Volunteer Opportunities for Social Justice work



Upcoming MOSES Events and Actions:

Leadership Development Opportunity for Formerly Incarcerated folks and their Families
Fri. & Sat. June 27-28, 5–9 pm & 8:30 am–3 pm
At Midvale Lutheran Church
4329 Tokay Boulevard, Madison
Details on the flyer on the bulletin board in the Reeb hallway.

Monthly MOSES meeting
Saturday July 12th, 10am - 12noon
At First Congregational Church
The August meeting will be the first Saturday of the month: August 2nd

MOSES Action in support of "Old-law Prisoners" Wed. July 9th, 9:45am - 4pm
Meet at the Darbo Salvation Army Community Center, 3030 Darbo Drive
The day includes (free of charge):

- A chartered bus trip to the Capitol for an official press conference
- Lunch at the Capitol
- Sitting-in on a meeting at the Department of Corrections, and
- An opportunity to bring attention to folks in prison who are eligible for parole

Questions? Contact Carin B. at cmbringe@gmail.com

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 July 14th 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

Saturday, July 26th 6-9 pm 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

Local Food Social Justice - Sign up now!

August 2nd, September 27th, and November 8th.

For many years, JRUUC has participated in the Community Action Coalition's Farmers Market Collection at the Saturday Dane County Farmers Market

The CAC coordinator says “...the way it works is that for each Saturday of the outdoor farmers’ market season, volunteer groups sign up to come and help collect food donations from the vendors on the square. I collect the donations in one of CAC’s trucks and take it back to our cooler where food pantry representatives come the following Monday and pick up whatever they can use. It’s only an hour to hour and a half of work, but I am constantly amazed by the generosity of vendors and have found each Saturday to be a booster shot for my optimism.”

We meet at 11:50am at the white CAC truck on the East Washington side of the capitol building, and collect left-over food or plants for about 60-90 minutes. The food is then distributed to local food pantries and shelters for meals. It is rewarding and fun!

We need 8-12 people each Saturday; friends and kids are welcome to help.

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, especially for the August date!!



From the Office

Good heavens, these past two years have gone by fast. The farewell party for the Rev. Marlene was delicious and fun. I was especially happy to be at Marlene’s outstanding last worship service. If you missed the sermon, I highly recommend listening to the audio, which will be posted on our website soon, thanks to Derek Peterson and Carin Bringelson.

Working with a professional and very experienced interim minister has been a terrific experience. Marlene was the catalyst for our personnel manual, a re-working of how we deal with renters, additional professional development funds for Caroline and me, and a thorough staff evaluation system, just to name a few. Thanks so much, Reverend Marlene!

This newsletter is early because I will be out of the office from June 23rd to June 30th for Administrator’s Days and General Assembly in Providence, RI. When I come back to the office Tuesday, July 1st my office hours will be a bit different: 10:00 to 5 pm Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. In the past, I’ve eaten lunch at my desk, but beginning in July I’ll take an hour most days to get outside. I’ll be able to do this and still work for 19 hours a week.

I’m finally listening to my mother, who has been telling me since I was in high school that it isn’t good to sit for prolonged periods. Recently, I heard that “sitting is the new smoking.” Ugh.

Elizabeth Barrett, Office Administrator

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

**Virtual General Assembly:
Participating from Off-site**

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

- Opening Celebration Wed. early evening
- All General Sessions
- Morning Worship, including Sunday Morning Worship
- Service of the Living Tradition Friday
- Synergy Bridging Service Thursday
- Ware Lecture Saturday late afternoon
- Closing Ceremony Sunday afternoon

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.



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