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The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of La Crosse Newsletter

Sunday Services: Program at **9:30 AM** followed by refreshments at **10:45 AM**, Southside Senior Center, 1220 Denton Street, La Crosse, WI
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Religious Education News

By Kim Cobb

*If there is to be peace in the world,
There must be peace in the nations.
If there is to be peace in the nations,*

*There must be peace in the cities.
If there is to be peace in the cities,
There must be peace between neighbors.
If there is to be peace between neighbors,
There must be peace at home.
If there is to be peace in the home,
There must be peace in the heart.
--Lao-Tse*

When we selected the "Peace and Social Justice" curriculum for this year, little did we know how relevant it would be. Our children and youth have been looking at conflict, resolution, fairness - all sorts of concepts that are involved in establishing a peaceful world, whether it is their own home or on a broader scale. Each of them has thoughts and ideas on the current world situation-ask them! I hope we've given them some of the tools they need to move forward on their own paths of peace.

Sometimes those paths feel lonely, and maybe a little hopeless. Here's a story you can share to generate discussion about the value of as little as one person taking action in the face of overwhelming odds. "A young child is down at the seashore, where thousands and thousands of starfish have inexplicably been washed far up on shore during a storm and are now stranded and dying as the tide goes out. The child is walking along, throwing them one by one as far into the water as possible. A man walks by and says, "What are you doing?" The child replies, "Saving the starfish," and picks up another one. The man points out, "But there are thousands and thousands of these starfish. You can't possibly make a difference."



Upcoming Programs

April 6 – "Step-by-Step, Breath-by-Breath: Basic Buddhist Principles in Daily Life." When the Buddha sat beneath the Bodhi Tree 2,500 years ago he did so in a world filled with strife, war and suffering. The enlightenment and lessons he received at that ancient time have direct applications to the world of strife we are confronting today. RoundRiver Institute LLC retreat center owner and local therapist Mark L. Taylor MA CPC will provide an introduction to some basic Buddhist principles that offer a wellspring of peace in troubled modern times.

April 13 – Annual Business Meeting. Don't let the word 'Business' scare you away - we will have fun. The choir will sing, new members will be welcomed, we will show off the new Fellowship banner, and... there will be cupcakes and make-your-own sundaes to celebrate another Fellowship year! See page 5 for important details on the business to be carried out. **Choir Sunday**

April 20 – Easter Surprise. Program details to be announced.

April 27 - "Shalom: Where Peace and Justice Meet". The Reverend Ted Tollefson, Visiting Minister at UU Northfield (MN) and Director of the Mythos Institute, has presented several times to our Fellowship, including a one-man Mark Twain performance. Today, the Rev. Tollefson will speak to a timely topical issue. **Choir Sunday.**

New Fellowship Activities

Morning Meditation - Sitting meditation will be practiced the last Sunday of each month from 8:30 to 9:15 AM. Everyone is welcome whether meditation is part of your daily practice or you have never meditated before. A brief introduction to meditation will be offered to anyone interested. For more information contact Cindy Ericksen

Bring your own sitting cushion.

Theological Discussion – The Fellowship's new Theological Discussion group offers casual discussions based on sharing personal opinions and experiences regarding a pre-selected theological topic. The topic chosen for April: What do you believe about death? Is physical death the end of our existence? What does immortality mean to you? Sound interesting? Please join us at our next meeting on April 27. Need more information? Contact Christopher Townsend

The child throws the next starfish as far as possible into the water and says, "I made a difference to that one." (I have no author to credit at this time.)

Teaching Schedule:

	<u>Acquiring</u>	<u>High School</u>
April 6	Ingrid Iverson	Keith Belzer
April 13	Laurie Bernardy	Keith Belzer
April 20	Connie Long	TBD
April 27	Lisa Metz-Belzer.....	Keith Belzer and youth on a weekend retreat
May 4	Perrot Park -No RE	
May 11	Mother's Day Intergenerational Service	
May 18	TBD	TBD

Choir News

By Becky Post

The choir's next evening rehearsal will be Wednesday, April 9th, 7:00 PM at

We will be singing on April 13th and 27th.

The UU choir also rehearses on the Sundays we sing at 9:00 AM on the second floor of our Denton Street meeting place.



New singers are always welcome to join us. For more information, phone either of the directors: Eric Kraemer () or Becky Post ().

Fellowship Book Group

By Kim Cobb

Our April meeting will be Thursday, April 3rd, 7:00 PM at Cobbs . We'll be reviewing "Priestess of Avalon." If this sounds familiar-it is! We're continuing the March book.

Here's a summary of the book:

In this stunning prequel to The Mists of Avalon (1982), 10-year-old Eilan, whose greatest wish is to serve as priestess for her goddess, is brought to Avalon for training. From a prophetic vision, she knows she is destined to love one man and to bear his son. When the man of her vision, a young Roman soldier, comes to Avalon, Eilan is compelled to follow her heart, which means defying her high priestess, the Lady of Avalon. For that, she becomes an outcast from her spiritual family and embarks on a lifelong path of love, treachery, heartbreak, and fame in the outside world. Her Roman soldier is to become the emperor Constantius, and their son, Constantine, will succeed him on the imperial throne. When Eilan, her name Latinized to Helen, becomes the empress mother at the heart of Constantine's flourishing Christian empire, she quietly continues to worship the goddess on her own while seeking the truth in the sacred teachings of all people. Thus, she becomes a powerful force for union between her people's pagan beliefs and the new religion of the Christ. Completed by Paxson after Bradley's death in 1999, this rich and moving novel merits its place beside Bradley's fantasy classic. - Paula Luedtke, Copyright © American Library Association

Women's Play Time

Saturday April 26, 7:00 PM

A Chance to laugh and lighten, no matter your humor level!

Delight yourself with your creativity that thrives in this special atmosphere.

Contact Jan Wulling or Liz Ash at for details. (Other play times also possible.)

Lawn Sign Project:

Starting in April, lawn signs bearing the words "Honor the Separation of Church and State" will be available for purchase at the Social Justice Table following services.

There are a number of issues that prompted these lawn signs. Some members are concerned about the decision of the state of Wisconsin to require public school children to recite the 1950's-modified Pledge of Allegiance that includes the words "under God". Others are concerned about public funding being utilized to support private religious schools. Still others see problems with giving federally funded faith-based charities increased privilege to proselytize specific religious doctrines. And finally, some of our members would like to show support for the challenge to the placement of the Ten Commandments Monument in Cameron Park.

The lawn signs are the work of individual members of the Fellowship, rather than a Fellowship-endorsed activity. The signs may be purchased at \$10 each; \$15 for two; \$7 each for three or more signs.

Calling All Fellowship Books

In an effort to make the fellowship even more organized (if such a thing is possible), we are trying to make all the books in the fellowship library available for checkout. To do this, we need all of the books back. If you have a book from the library, please return it to Greg Dihlmann-Malzer.

UU Sweatshirt for Sale

By Jean Novack

I have one unclaimed UU sweatshirt left over from the T-shirt/sweatshirt sale. It is a size men's medium. Cost is \$24.00. If you are interested, contact me, Jean Novack, at 788-8965 or email me at or see me at Sunday service.

Seeking Creative Uses for Old Hymnals

By Jan Wulling

How can we dispose of 25 discarded 1964 hymnals in a manner in keeping with the 7th principle? The hymnals are taking up valuable RE storage space. Ideas? Call Jan Wulling, , or

Monthly Caregiver

The Caregiver sends cards and flowers to Fellowship members and friends as needed, and helps pass on the word if someone needs cheer or support.

If you know of any member who is ill, has suffered a loss, or is having a rough time and could use cheering, please let the Caregiver know. Fellowship members don't always know of other members' difficulties, but we would like to extend a hand to any of our members and friends in need, so please let us know about your hardships, as well as the joys in your lives.

The April Caregiver is Liz Spangler,

February Volunteers

April 6

Food: Kristie Shappell
Setup/Cleanup: Katie Van Roosenbeek and NEED ONE VOLUNTEER
Greeter: Ann Beechler

April 13

Food: Board of Trustees
Setup/Cleanup: Dawn Hart and ONE MORE VOLUNTEER
Greeter: Cindy Ericksen

April 20

Food: Connie Long
Setup/Cleanup: Joyce and Ray Starrett
Greeter: Liz Spangler

April 27

Food: Ann and Oliver Beechler
Setup/Cleanup: NEED TWO VOLUNTEERS
Greeter: Katie Van Roosenbeek

May 4

Joint program with the Winona UU Fellowship in Perrot State Park.

AdventUurers News

By Liz Spangler

Movie (videotape) at the Franciscan Spirituality Center is Thursday April 24th, soup/sandwich supper at 5:30 PM, movie at 6:00 PM. Call the Spirituality Center (791-5295) to reserve supper. Cost is \$6.00. April's movie: *Camille Claudel* examines the life of Camille Claudel, mistress of the sculptor Rodin, and the destructive power of their creative relationship.

Ain't Misbehavin' The Fats Waller Musical Show. April 29th in the main theater at Viterbo, 7:30 PM. Cost is \$33.00 or \$27.00. Call Judy Eubanks ASAP! She will secure tickets. Her # is .

Looking forward to May. We will have a picnic at Liz Spangler's, and plans are being made to see the play, "The Trip to Bountiful" at the UW-L Toland Theater.

Is there something you think that our group would enjoy doing? Call Liz S. at .

Member News

By Liz Spangler

By the time this newsletter is printed, **Phil Sandberg** should be done with his radiation treatments. Yea! Phil's birthday is March 30th. I'm sure he would enjoy a card.

Congratulations to **Phil Martin** for his role on the Division 2 *State Champion* Aquinas Blugold basketball team!

Our thoughts go out to **Ari Franco & Bill Katra** upon the death of Ari's cousin in Mexico.

Cindy Ericksen will have surgery on April 21st. Send her some of your energy.

Elise and **Lars** were selected at the regional National History Day competition held at UW-L on March 26, to go on to the Wisconsin state competition to be held on May 3 in Madison. Elise did an individual exhibit in the Junior division, and Lars did an individual documentary in the Senior division. Congratulations and good luck to both of them!

Backup Coordinator Named

At it's December 2002 meeting the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to name Sarah as "Backup Coordinator." As Backup Coordinator Sarah will fill in for Greg on Sunday mornings when he is unable to be at the fellowship. Sunday morning coordinator duties include unlocking the building and storage cabinets before the service, and locking up again afterwards, supervising and assisting with setup and cleanup, know where to find things, collecting and counting offering, and assorted other tasks. Sarah has already filled in for Greg several times, and everything has gone smoothly. Thanks to both Sarah and Greg for the work they have done for the Fellowship this year.

Funds to Attend PSD Annual Conference Available

The Board of Trustees has approved some funds for partial registration reimbursement for attendees of the Prairie Star District meeting. The meeting will take place in Rochester, MN on April 4-6. Interested persons should contact Margaret Dihlmann-Malzer as soon as possible.

Historian Wanted

Would you like to take pictures of fellowship activities and events, and keep them in an album for the use of fellowship members? A record of people, dates, times and places would help us all remember the great things we do together. Others could contribute pictures as well. If you are interested, contact Jean Novack or any other Board of Trustees member.

Our Fellowship's Social Justice Committee provides this series of newsletter articles highlighting various social justice issues. These articles are intended to raise awareness and stimulate thought and discussion. Opinions expressed are those of the author, not necessarily of the Fellowship or of the Social Justice Committee. Margaret Dihlmann-Malzer provides this month's article.

Economic Segregation and Public Schools

By Margaret Dihlmann Malzer

The on-going discussions in La Crosse about public school boundaries and enrollment management have revealed a larger and too easily ignored social justice issue. It is that all children, poor as well as middle class, perform substantially worse in schools with high concentrations of poverty. At the same time, the economic segregation of schools is steadily increasing nationwide.

US Department of Education figures show that middle class children attending high poverty schools perform worse, on average, than low income children attending middle class schools. Once schools passed a 60% low-income (students eligible for free or reduced-price lunch) threshold, both low income and middle class children's scores declined significantly. The US Department of Education identifies more than 8,000 high-poverty schools as underperforming.

This does not mean that poor children cannot learn. Study after study demonstrates that when lower-income students attended schools where most of the students were more affluent, they achieved higher scores. Researcher David Rusk studied 4th grade students in Madison-Dane County and found "for every 1% increase in middle class classmates, low income students improved 0.64 percentage points in reading and 0.72 percentage points in math. For a given low income student, this meant the difference between attending a school with a 45% middle class student body and one with 85% middle class classmates on average meant a 20 to 32 percentage point improvement in that low-income pupil's test scores."

Why do all students perform better in middle class schools than in high poverty schools? Most recent studies indicate that "middle class schools are marked by more motivated and well behaved peers, more active and influential parents and by the very best qualified teachers." Studies find "a positive peer influence associated with being in classes with high achievers." Parents are recognized as an important part of the larger school community because they can volunteer in class, push for high expectations, and ensure adequate resources. Teachers leave high poverty schools at much higher rates than they do middle class schools. One study found that of

teachers in US secondary schools, 19% teach out of their field of expertise in low poverty schools, compared to 34% in high poverty schools.

Economic segregation of schools increased in the 1990's and those increases are projected to continue in all but six states between now and 2025. Although the US student population is two-thirds middle class (defined as not eligible for federally subsidized lunches), one-quarter of American schools have a majority of students from low-income households. "We are becoming two Americas - one rich, one poor - and we will pay a steep price if we do nothing to address this crisis."

The Century Foundation sponsors and supervises timely analyses of economic policy, foreign affairs, and domestic political issues. Not-for-profit and non-partisan, it was founded in 1919 and endowed by Edward A. Filene. In 2002, they published Divided We Fail, a report of the Century Foundation Task Force on the Common School. Dick Swantz, former superintendent of the La Crosse School District, was a member of that task force. The Task Force concluded, "eliminating the harmful effects of concentrated school poverty is the single most important step that can be taken for improving education in the United States." Basically, they argue that every child in America should be given the opportunity to attend a middle-class public school. They recommend that "federal, state, and local governments adopt a policy goal of giving every child in America the opportunity to attend an economically and racially integrated school. Every education policy decision, from the funding of multibillion-dollar federal programs, to deciding where to draw a school boundary line, should seriously weigh whether the action will promote or hinder the central goal of integrated schools." The Century Foundation report recommends a series of policies to overcome some of the major obstacles to economic integration of schools. They provide information about an increasing number of school systems that are making the explicit choice to enhance the economic integration of their schools and therefore, the future of their students.

UU's who believe in the inherent worth and dignity of every person and the goal of justice, equity, and compassion in human relations need to become informed and make active choices about how to address this issue, not only in La Crosse, but also across the state and nation. One source of information is the Century Foundation Web site at <http://www.tcf.org/Publications/Detail.asp?ItemID=168>

Quotes taken from Divided We Fail and "Economic School Integration: An Update" by Richard D. Kahlenberg.

Please note: there will be no potluck this month.



Notice of Annual Business Meeting

The Annual Business Meeting of the UU Fellowship of La Crosse will be held at 9:30 AM on Sunday, April 13, and you are invited! Don't let the word 'Business' scare you away - we will have fun. The choir will sing, new members will be welcomed, we will show off the new Fellowship banner, and... there will be cupcakes and make-your-own sundaes to celebrate another Fellowship year! RE/childcare will be available and the children will join us for the goodies. We will do some business as well. Committees will update us on what they have done over the last year. We will hold an election of officers, Board members and Nominating Committee members (see article about Nominations). We will discuss and vote on a Bylaws amendment (see article) and a proposal that the Fellowship establish an Endowment Fund (see article). If you want to vote and are not yet a Voting Member, remember that you need to both sign the Membership Book and make a contribution of record.

Proposed Amendment to the Bylaws

The Board has approved a recommendation from the Building Committee to suggest an amendment to the Bylaws to be discussed and voted on at the Annual Business meeting of the Fellowship on April 13. This amendment would be a 4th paragraph added to the end of Article V: Meetings. Currently, the article reads:

ARTICLE V - Meetings

An Annual Fellowship Business Meeting shall be held during the second quarter of the fiscal year. The fiscal year shall be from January 1st to December 31st.

Special business meetings other than the Annual Meeting may be called by the Board of Trustees or by at least ten (10) per cent of the Voting Membership of the Fellowship.

Written notice must be sent to all Voting Members at least two (2) weeks prior to the meeting specifying the business to be transacted. Only business identified in the notice may be transacted at the special business meetings. Twenty-five (25) per cent of the Voting Membership shall constitute a quorum.

The proposed addition to Article V is:

The purchase, sale, or mortgage of real property requires approval by seventy-five per cent (75%) of the voting membership by identifiable ballot, either in person at a congregational meeting or by absentee ballot requested and received before the time of the vote.

The purpose of this amendment is to define a standard that would need to be met in making any decisions about purchasing a building or building site for the Fellowship, or selling one that we might already own. A decision like this is of such great importance to the future of the Fellowship that it should never be made by the Board alone, or even by the standard majority vote from a Congregational Business meeting that only requires 25% of the Voting Membership to have a quorum. As our Bylaws currently read, we could theoretically purchase

real property based on the approval of 8 members of the Fellowship! 25% of our current 60 Voting Members constitutes a quorum to hold a Business Meeting. Only 8 of those 15 people (a simple majority) would have to vote to approve a motion to purchase property. A situation like this would be legal as our bylaws presently stand. The Building Committee has researched how other UU congregations make such decisions and this proposed amendment to our Bylaws is comparable. This amendment would offer protection to the congregation as a whole, as well as to its leadership. If you have any questions before our Annual Business meeting on April 13, please contact members of the Building Committee or the Board.

Endowment Fund Proposal

By Madeline Kepner

Members of the Finance Committee and the members of the Board of Trustees have approved a resolution to implement an Endowment Fund that will be presented for a vote by the membership at the Annual Meeting on April 13th. We believe that implementing an Endowment Fund strengthens our financial resources.

The UU Guide for an Endowment Fund states: "*Creating and administering an endowment fund is one of many ways to care for Unitarian Universalism, a free faith. Unitarian Universalism is a gift we have received from others. We sit in the shade of trees we did not plant. The trees help us and rely on us. We are the gardeners, the trustees, and the stewards who will ensure that the trees are healthy and growing for the next generation to come. Good stewardship of financial resources is a very important part of the ethical and religious development of individuals and groups.*" An Endowment Fund adds an additional healthy financial dimension to our Operating Fund and Capital Fund creating a more stable financial situation.



The characteristics of the endowment proposed:

- a To provide for long-term health and survival of the congregation.
- a To be funded by charitable bequests, proceeds from charitable trusts, gift annuities, and other gifts.
- a Invested conservatively in a balanced diversified portfolio designed to meet goals: long term growth of principal to keep up with or outpace inflation, and, if needed, to yield income for current purposes.
- a Principal held virtually inviolate.
- a Income expended according to guidelines.

The actual proposal that will be submitted to the Congregation for a vote at the Business Meeting follows:

"The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of La Crosse shall have a separate Endowment to assure the long range financial future of the Fellowship, to help the Fellowship manage and survive financial emergencies, and to fund capital needs and special projects that further the mission of the Fellowship."

Members of the Finance Committee will be willing to answer questions about this resolution after the service April 6th.

Nominees Announced

The Fellowship's nominating committee is pleased to announce our slate of candidates for the elected positions that will be filled at the annual business meeting on April 13. The candidates are:

- President-elect: **Bob Huff**, two-year term (becomes President in the second year)
Treasurer: **Margaret Dihlmann-Malzer**, two-year term
Secretary: **Ingrid Iverson**, one-year term¹
Member-at-Large: **Connie Long**, two-year term
Member-at-Large: **Jean Novack**, one-year term²
Nominating Cmte: **Madeline Kepner**, one-year term
Nominating Cmte: **Eric Severson**, one-year term

The Nominating Committee believes this slate of candidates will provide excellent service to the Fellowship and urges you to give them your full support at the business meeting on April 13.

In addition to the above elected positions the nominating committee is pleased to announce the following appointments to non-elected positions:

- Cindy Ericksen** will chair the Program Committee in the coming year.
Jean Novack will join the Nominating Committee as a non-elected member.
Bob Huff will chair the Annual Campaign Committee.
Madeline Kepner will be assistant chair of the Annual Campaign Committee.

Two members will be leaving the Board this year. Thanks to **Kate Bain**, who is completing a two-year term as a member-at-large, and to **Dave Long**, for his dedicated service as Treasurer for a number of terms.

This year's nominating committee consisted of Kathy Schnitzius, Jean Novack, and Christopher Townsend, and was also assisted by Madeline Kepner, Margaret Dihlmann-Malzer, and Bob Huff.

Notes:

1. Ingrid Iverson was elected to a two-year term as Secretary in 2002. She resigned her term early in the year due to schedule conflicts. The position was then filled by Liz Ash until her resignation, and then by various board members. Ingrid is now being elected to fill the second year of her original two-year term.
2. Jean Novack is filling the second year of Liz Ash's original two-year term. Liz resigned her member-at-large position at the request of the nominating committee in order to allow her to fill out Ingrid's term as Secretary (see note 1) which Liz also eventually resigned from due to schedule conflicts. Jean Novack has been filling Liz's member-at-large position by board appointment since Liz became Secretary.

Focus Dinner Update

Fifty-four people (including facilitators) attended our Fellowship's first round of Focus Dinners, which were completed in February. Facilitators reported a massive variety of ideas and priorities to the Fellowship's Long-Range Planning Committee. The dinners provided a rich social setting in which to build community while sharing hopes, dreams, and goals for the future of our Fellowship. Attendees listed the following as important Fellowship values:

- Tolerance and acceptance of a variety of religious beliefs/traditions
- Being of service to those who need help in the fellowship and community
- Valuing youth/intergenerational activities
- Format to get to know others, such as small group discussion, potlucks, projects
- Presence and recognition in the community
- Education, critical thinking, providing a framework for transmission of values

- Life transitions, rituals, (births, graduations, weddings, memorials)
- Intellectual growth and stimulation
- Curiosity and search for truth(s)
- Seven Principles
- Emotional Support and sense of community
- Friendly
- Seeking and questioning
- Community-minded
- Sense of justice
- Openness to new ideas/knowledge
- Being involved with social issues
- Social responsibility
- Incorporation of artistic expressions such as poetry, music, song, art
- Educating and nurturing our children
- Respect for one another, all humanity, individuality, diversity

The Long-Range Planning Committee thanks all who participated. Watch for Focus Picnics coming this summer.

Conquer Your Clutter

Feeling overwhelmed by STUFF? Jan Wulling can help you clear it away.

- ◆ Clear Congestion
- ◆ Simplify
- ◆ Enjoy Your Home!

Jan Wulling, Home Organizer,

More on Death and Dying

By Kathy Neidert

This is a follow-up to Rev. Dean Staffanson's March 9 service on "When the Bell Tolls: Considerations for the Dying and Those Left Behind." For those who would like to revive the tradition of having a home vigil after a loved one dies, I recommend reading the book *Living into Dying: A Journal of Spiritual and Practical Deathcare for Family and Community* by Nancy Jewel Poer. In her book, Poer operates from the belief that death marks the beginning of a spiritual existence, and having a loved one's body at home for the first three days after death, with readings, poetry, music and prayers by family and friends, helps the departed one transition into the spiritual world.

Living into Dying contains both examples of actual home vigils Poer has been involved in, as well as the practical and legal considerations of having a home vigil. An extensive bibliography is also included with, among others, works by Elizabeth Kubler-Ross, a pioneer in death and dying, and Rudolf Steiner, founder of Waldorf education and other spiritually-oriented endeavors.

Let me know if you have difficulty getting the book.

Kathy Neidert,

Reminder to All Committee Chairs

Please plan to present an oral report on your committee's activities and accomplishments for the past year at the Annual Business meeting on April 13. If you are unable to be at this annual meeting, please submit a written report to Kathy Schnitzius and she will read it to the membership at this meeting.

Program Survey

Please fill out the program survey that is included in this newsletter. The Program Committee needs your input to help them know how to best to serve everyone and to balance people's needs for information and inspiration.

Upcoming Meetings

Next Board of Trustees meeting (new board) is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, April 17th at Margaret Dihlmann-Malzer's home at 7:00 PM.

The Theology Group will meet for discussion after the service on Sunday April 27. 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM.

Senior Center Rummage Sale

The Senior Center will be sponsoring a rummage-craft-bake sale on Saturday, May 17. The UU Fellowship or any individual member may sell something there. There is no charge but their suggested donation to the Senior Center is 10% of the sales [honor system]. No charge if nothing is sold. Sellers may have more than one table as long as the tables hold out. Last year there were sales tables upstairs as well as on the main floor and some used card tables. One woman sold baked goods, which were gone in less than 2 hours. The sale runs from 9 AM to 2 PM. The Senior Center Board sells pie, soup, etc. during the sale. They run ads in the paper on Thursday and Friday, as well as the Saturday of the sale and seem to get a good turnout, with a long line waiting for opening hour. Anyone wanting a table should notify the Senior Center Board President, Marilyn Michaels, at _____, as soon as possible.

The Building Committee Needs Your Help

The Fellowship Building Committee needs your help. Please clip out the card below, fill in your suggestions for buildings or lots for the Building Committee to check out, and return the card to the Fellowship either by mail or at a Sunday service. We need lots of eyes searching to make sure we don't miss any possibilities. Thanks!

Hey Building Committee, check-out this building/lot:

Street

City/Town

Type of building/lot

Realtor/phone/MLS#

Your name and phone number so we can contact you if we can't find the place:

Keep in mind that we are searching for a building AT LEAST the size of our current space.

OUR COVENANT AND MISSION

We, the members of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of La Crosse, gather together to:

- i *Sustain a caring community that nurtures, empowers, and challenges;*
- i *Foster respect for individuality and diversity;*
- i *Promote an active and ongoing quest for truth, meaning, and justice;*
- i *Explore and celebrate the mysteries and interconnectedness of life;*
- i *Nurture our children, teach them our religious history and traditions, and encourage them to develop ethical and spiritual values.*

Our mission is to live this covenant as a positive influence for ourselves and our community.

Adopted May 25 1995

Important!

Notice of Annual Business Meeting.

Sunday, April 13, 9:30 AM, Southside Senior Center, 1220 Denton Street.

See pages 5 and 6 for details on business to be conducted during the meeting.

