

**STEVENS POINT UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP**  
**MAY 2005**

Unless indicated otherwise all services and religious school begin at 10:00 am on Sundays in the Odd Fellows Hall, 2854 Church Street, Stevens Point, WI.

Calendar

**2005**

May 8                      Annual Meeting, no RE, Childcare available

May 15                     Marcia Johnson, "More World Reflections"

May 22                     Steve Bjella, topic tba

Other events of note:

**May 3                      Election Day – Referendum on funding schools**

Next Sunday, May 8 will be our Annual Meeting. It will be held at the Odd Fellows Hall. There will be no other service. All members are encouraged to attend to celebrate our previous year and prepare for the next one. Committee chairs should prepare a brief annual report. We will also plan some gatherings for the summer months. Please bring an edible item to share with the others. We have volunteers for all offices except the president. Consider taking that office when someone calls you. All members will receive by mail a summary of the canvass. If you have not sent your survey and list of gifts, talents, and committee preferences, fill them out and mail them today to Steve Bjella, 1908 Lynda Lane, Stevens Point 54481. Consider serving on one of the Fellowship's committees; we need input from everyone. We hope to have a complete listing of the responses by Tuesday so that Steve can collate and mail them out in a timely fashion.

The budget is being prepared for approval at the Annual Meeting. You should have received the expenditure side in your canvass packet. The income side will be completed when the pledge forms are in. Please return your pledge slip to Julia Weiser, 61 Sunset Blvd, Stevens Point, WI 54481 as soon as possible so that we can have an accurate picture of income for next year. Fourth quarter payments for the fiscal year 2004-2005 are now due. If you are unsure of the amount owed, please contact Julia.

We will plan summer gatherings for the Fellowship at the Annual Meeting, so if you have a suggestion or wish to offer a place to meet, do so then.

A big thank you to

Clara Cleve, Vince Heig, Ron Chapman, Julia Weiser, and Carol Weston for vacuuming and dusting the upstairs of the Odd Fellows building. It looks really spiffy now.

Thank you to Dorothy Ginnett for coordinating the Intergenerational Service for Earth Day. There were activities for all with appropriate readings. Thanks also to Dave and Marcia Johnson, Carol Weston, and Jane Shoup who helped with the service. I loved the weaving the web activity.

To Steve Bjella for organizing and coordinating the annual canvass. This important job is very time consuming and his efforts are greatly appreciated.

To all of you who opened and closed the building in the past month.

Congratulations to:

Dorothy De Boer for passing her oral defense for her dissertation leading to a PhD in sociology.

Anna Hettler who is graduating from SPASH this month and will attend UW-Eau Claire in the fall.

Lisa Koob who is graduating from SPASH this month and will work for Americorps in Washington, D.C. next year.

Some summer reading suggestions are ( have read some of these but hope to read all):

“THE WORLD IS FLAT,” by Thomas Friedman. This book and an article in the New York Times state that the worldwide web “has enabled playing fields that allow for multiple forms of collaboration on research and work in real time, without regard to geography, distance, or, in the new future, even language.” Using technology and communications equipment allow individuals anywhere to compete in the world economy.

“MY SISTER’S KEEPER”, by Jodi Picoult. This novel raises some ethical medical and personal issues when one teenaged sister makes a decision that could have fatal consequences for the older sister she loves. This is a fascinating story about a situation made possible by medical interventions and transplants.

“THE MIDDLE OF EVERYWHERE”, by Mary Pipher. This book helps us to understand the struggles of refugees who live in our communities and how we can connect with them. It is based on her experiences in Lincoln, Nebraska.

“THE KITE RUNNER”, by Khaled Hosseini. This novel concerns the friendship of two young boys, one in a life of privilege, the other not. It is also about the relationship of fathers and sons set in Afghanistan in the 1970s.

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