



▶ QUILT PROJECT, ICE,  
NEW MEMBER PROFILES  
..... 2



▶ NEW MUSIC COORDINATOR,  
NONVIOLENCE CONFER-  
ENCE  
..... 3



▶ OPERATION  
BOOTSTRAP..... 4

# Stevens Point Unitarian Universalist *fellowship*

## President's Message

The energy and activity level of the Fellowship remains high. Every week there are new improvements to the facility. We have experimented with having services in two different locations. The programs have been varied, as usual. Thanks to all the presenters, musicians, program committee (especially Carol Weston, Clara Cleve, Michele Bjella and Rae Canfield), painters, carpenters, aesthetics committee and many I cannot remember. Thanks to Vince Heig for planting all the lovely flowers in front of the building. The children have made signs designating recycling containers; they seem to be having a good time. We have four new members – Jan Nitz, Bonny Hammond, Alfonso and Cheryl Cantu. If you haven't met them yet, be sure to do so next time you come. There have also been many visitors and friends stopping by. We held a luncheon for the neighbors and Community Industries Board. Our big Open House for all community members was held on Oct 26th.



We are still in need of volunteers to set up, close, bring snacks, be greeters, and help with Religious Exploration. Please sign up on the big poster in the front room. The more who help, the more it makes it easier on all of us. We also could use some more people on a committee to keep track of building needs, cleaning, etc. If you want to be involved, contact me.

Julia Weiser, President  
344-7769 / [weiserj@charter.net](mailto:weiserj@charter.net)



## Interested in Social Action?

Did you know that SPUUF has a Green Sanctuary and Social Action committee? All interested members are welcome to join. If you have any questions or would like more information, contact Michele Bjella at [michelebj@yahoo.com](mailto:michelebj@yahoo.com).

# Fellowship Quilt Project

As a way to celebrate who we are, our unique perspectives AND decorate our new building; we thought we'd make a quilt to hang on a wall. Each family/person will get a quilt square to decorate. Some people have already taken their square home. One person has even brought her decorated square back already!! (Hurray for Phyllis!) We will have quilt squares at this service for those of you who have not picked one up yet. Jan Nitz, who is helping to coordinate the effort, has put together some helpful suggestions for designing your quilt square.



We'd like to get this quilt finished before Thanksgiving. We'll try to give everyone ample time to do this, but we will have to have a time limit for returning your quilt square.

*Feel free to contact Jan at 344-0424 if you have questions.*

## New Member Profiles

### Bonny Hammond

Born in Wisconsin, Bonny moved to California where she married and raised a family. She returned to Wisconsin and when she discovered she was losing her eyesight and hearing, researched communities which could help her to live an independent life. She has been active at the Lincoln Center, uses the city bus system and lives by herself in a little house several blocks away from our new SPUUF center. She is delighted to have a Unitarian-Universalist Society now located so close to her home.

### Alphonso, (Fonzy) and Cheryl Cantu

Fonzy and Cheryl are newlyweds of four years and have a little girl, Ali, who is fourteen months old. Cheryl is a hometown girl and Fonzy is from the southwest and Chicago. Fonzy and Cheryl met at work. They are interested in being part of their community, doing things in their community, and with other people. They found the UU Fellowship through Rae Canfield. They are excited to have found a community that is accepting of people with different belief systems. Fonzy's religious perspective has been greatly influenced by the philosopher Ken Wilber. Rae describes them as good workers, fun to be around, and easy to talk to. We're all looking forward to getting to them and we're glad that they have found a spiritual home here in our fellowship.

### Jan Nitz

Jan moved into the community a year ago to work at the Lands End. Jan works in the business/corporate embroidery division of Lands End and does clothing alterations out of her home. She moved here from the Eau Claire area where she was a member of the Eau Claire UU congregation. For many years, Jan lived on a hobby farm where she raised her two sons and practiced organic gardening. Jan has been interested in organic farming and sustainability issues for a number of years. She is excited about the Fellowship's new home and has jumped right in and gotten involved with the Fellowship by joining the Green Sanctuary Committee and volunteering to help coordinate our membership quilt.

*Welcome to our new members!*



### Interfaith Community for the Earth (ICE)

The monthly meeting of ICE is scheduled for November 11 at 7:00 pm at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Stevens Point. ICE's aim is to educate ourselves in sustainable practices.

All are welcome to participate. For more information contact Michele at [michelebj@yahoo.com](mailto:michelebj@yahoo.com).

# 2008 Nonviolence Conference

The Wisconsin Council of Churches is sponsoring "Jesus: the Nonviolent Activist of Mark's Gospel", November 14 and 15 at the Stevens Point Ramada. This is a conference for both clergy and lay leaders.

Ched Myers, keynote speaker, is director of Bartimaeus Cooperative Ministries, Oak View, CA, and author of *Binding the Strong Man*, a Political Reading of Mark's Story of Jesus.

The conference includes workshops, a youth caucus, and book sales/book signing. Conference begins Friday at 5 p.m. and concludes Saturday at 3:00 p.m. Pre-conference (no additional cost) begins Friday at Noon.

Workshops include: Body, Mind, Spirit Practices for Peace, Creating a Culture of Peace Right Where I Live, The Stories of Veterans for Peace, Anti-Torture Awareness/Education, and Pastoral Approaches for Creating an Ethos of Peace.

To learn more or to register go to: [www.wichurches.org](http://www.wichurches.org) under "Events" or phone WCC at (608) 837-3108.

## A new music coordinator for SPUUF!

This year, Jeff Adams will be the Stevens Point UU Fellowship's new music coordinator. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Psychology degree from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point in 2005 and is now a training consultant for Skyward, Inc., a Stevens Point-based computer software business. Although he travels extensively, he hopes to dedicate many hours to preparing music and musicians for the Fellowship.

Previously, Jeff served as principal trumpet of the 84<sup>th</sup> Division Army Band, where he had the distinguished honor of playing *taps* at several nationally-televised events, including the 2005 Milwaukee Bucks' Military Appreciation game. Jeff was also appointed the assistant conductor of the Army Band in 2003. He left the band in 2006 to begin an 18-month tour as a drill sergeant.

As a musician, Jeff has performed with more than two dozen ensembles in over 50 locations, including Stevens Point's city band and the Central Wisconsin Symphony. He is currently the second trumpet in the Wausau Symphony Orchestra. He and his fiancée, Emily, have been regular visitors to the fellowship since 2007. They live in Stevens Point with their cat, Apollo, and their fish who are yet unnamed.



### Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers Snow Shoveling Program

Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers will be coordinating a snow removal program for the 2008 winter season. The number of people registering to receive this service continues to grow daily. We could use your help to fill this growing need.

Please contact the Interfaith Volunteer Caregiver office with any questions at (715)342-4084 or [interfaith@unitedwaypoco.org](mailto:interfaith@unitedwaypoco.org).



## Operation Bootstrap Collection

*Operation Bootstrap has put out a special appeal for donations. The Fellowship will be collecting donations for Operation Bootstrap between November 23 and December 21st; however, you are more than welcome to bring donations in sooner!*

Here's a list of the most desired products:

flour, sugar, cooking oil or spray;  
dry cereal, canned soup/beef stew, crackers,  
canned peaches and pears, tuna, salmon, canned meats  
canned corn, green beans, kidney beans  
applesauce, concentrated fruit juice  
peanut butter, dry roasted peanuts  
macaroni and cheese mix, pasta, rice  
Jell-o, pudding mix, angel food cake mix  
diapers, toilet paper, laundry detergent, bar soap, dish soap shampoo, toothpaste  
coffee is welcome but is a treat, not an essential.

The group can always use paper bags as well.

*They have an abundant supply of spaghetti sauce, other tomato products, and pineapple.*

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES



**11/9**

"Humans Being", Richard Olson

**11/16**

"Seeking the Divine in Poetry and Literature", Deb Andrews

**11/23**

Guest at Your Table  
Intergenerational

**11/30** "Exercising and Expanding Your Brain", Clara Cleve

**12/7** "Practicing Buddhism in THIS Life", Jennifer Straight

**12/14** Topic TBA, Jane Jones

**12/21**

Winter Holidays Intergenerational

**12/28**

Bruch at IHOP

### Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

P.O. Box 361

Stevens Point, WI 54481

[www.spuuf.org](http://www.spuuf.org)

[info@spuuf.org](mailto:info@spuuf.org)



# The Uncommon Denomination