

The average pencil is seven inches long, with just a half-inch eraser – in case you thought optimism was dead.

Robert Brault

MUUYACM IS BACK!

Join us this Thursday, March 27:

The Power of Story, with Rev. Kelly J. Crocker

People have been telling one another stories since the beginning of time. These tales are the narratives of our lives, spanning centuries and connecting generations. They are the vehicles for our history and our traditions, our values and our lessons for living, our hopes and our dreams. We will look at the power of story through stories we tell to children. Kelly will bring some of her favorite children's books. **Do you have a favorite here with you in Madison? If so, bring it. If not, bring the memory of it to share with us.** There are those who believe that turning to the ancient art of storytelling can bring about positive change in our world, even peace. Let's join together to look at some of our favorites.

6pm, 3/27, St. Francis House (1001 University Ave, between Mills and Brooks, parking in the back)

And WE'RE HAVING A RETREAT!!

We'll be preparing for and celebrating a Passover Seder this Friday, March 28, at 5:30pm at Kelly's house. If you haven't already done so, please RSVP to me, and if you need directions, a ride, or have questions, please email me at karenb@fusmadison.org. Hope you all can make it!

Local UU Services:

Saturday, March 29 at 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 30 at 9 & 11 a.m.

First Unitarian Society

www.fusmadison.org

"Perfect Love, Imperfect Relationships"

by Kelly Jane Crocker, Minister of Religious Education

Love may be perfect, but people, and relationships, clearly are not. We'll look at love from a different perspective – not as a feeling but as a way of being in the world. We won't focus on finding that ideal mate but on becoming a more loving, realistic, and mindful person. Love is a spiritual and heroic journey. Join us as we try to find insights into the lifelong journey of love.

Musically, on Saturday we will enjoy music for flute and piano by Marilyn Chohaney and Dan Broner. On Sunday, Wendy Adams, violin and Dan Broner, piano will perform music by Alan Hovhaness

Sunday, March 30 at 9 & 11am

James Reeb Unitarian Universalist Congregation

<http://jruc.org>

"Atheism as a Spiritual Path," with Barb Whitney and Thomas Lund

A few different perspectives on how spiritual journeys can lead to atheism; and can you have a spiritual journey after atheism?

Sunday, March 30, 10am

Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society

<http://uuprairie.org>

"Class Conscious," presented by Erin Bosch

In this election year, it might be interesting to discuss some issues of class that could affect our ability to effectively form coalitions with individuals from different economic classes. For example, professional-

middle-class (PMC) progressives are often surprised that working-class people have negative reactions to the PMC subculture, in particular, values-based "alternative" lifestyles. Let's do some consciousness-raising in this regard.

Local UU Events:

Spanish Speakers Gather

Spanish Speakers will meet for potluck and conversation on Wednesday, March 26, at 6:30pm at the home of one of the members of Prairie UU Society. Everyone is welcome! For directions or to arrange rides, call Rosemary at 238-4382.

Third Racism Film to be Shown

The Journey Toward Wholeness Task Force will present the 3rd and last part of the series Race: The Power of an Illusion; The House We Live In on Sunday, March 30. We will show the film after the 11 a.m. service at First Unitarian Society. A light delicious lunch will be provided and the film will be shown at 1 p.m. A guided discussion will be led by JTW members. You need not have seen the first two episodes to enjoy this film. Indeed part 3 literally "hits home" because it sheds light on a very important aspect of life in Madison... where we live!

Episode 3 - The House We Live In asks, If race is not biology, what is it? This episode uncovers how race resides not in nature but in politics, economics and culture. It reveals how our social institutions "make" race by disproportionately channeling resources, power, status and wealth to white people. A fascinating and enlightening topic in light of the current political race! We look forward to seeing you there.

Preservation Progress is Topic of Friends Meeting

Greg Ericson and Ken Ragland of the FUS Preservation Committee, will speak at a meeting sponsored by the Friends of the Meeting House on Monday, March 31, at 7 p.m. in the historic Auditorium at First Unitarian Society.

Greg is a member of the architectural woodworking community and has been involved in major Madison restoration and preservation projects. He will describe the process that identified the original paint colors used in the Meeting House.

Ken is an Emeritus Professor of Mechanical Engineering at UW-Madison. He will discuss the copper roof and its preservation.

All are invited to join us for this excellent presentation!

Harpsichord Concert

On Friday, April 4, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, April 6, at 4 p.m. Trevor Stephenson will be performing The Goldberg Variations by J. S. Bach.

This beautiful Aria with 30 variations represents some of Bach's finest music and will be played on our special two manual French harpsichord in our historic Auditorium at First Unitarian Society. Advance tickets are \$20, 15 for seniors and students and are available at Orange Tree Imports, Avol's Books, Madison Music and Ward Brodt Music. Admission at the door will be \$25, \$15 for seniors and students.

Announcements:

Habitat for Humanity Deadline Extended

We have decided to extend the deadline for Habitat for Humanity applications by one week. If you are an adult interested in chaperoning the First Unitarian Society teens on their Habitat trip, please contact Leslie Ross (leslier@fusmadison.org) for an application. We will be traveling to Grand Rapids, MI, June 22 - 28. The new deadline is Friday, March 28.

Links to area UU congregations:

James Reeb UU Congregation: www.jruuc.org

Prairie UU Society: <http://uuprairie.org>.

First Unitarian Society: www.fusmadison.org

Did you know that you can stream the services LIVE? You don't even have to get dressed on a Sunday morning to hear what's happening at FUS; Visit this weblink to get the scoop on how to get connected: <http://www.fusmadison.org/live/liveservices.shtml> .

And new! You can get the FUS sermon recordings automatically downloaded and ready to list to an MP3 player. For more info, visit the FUS podcast page: <http://www.fusmadison.org/sermons/podcasts.shtml>.

Unitarian Congregation of Rock County (Janesville): www.ucrockcounty.org.

Free Congregation of Sauk County (Sauk City): www.freecongregation.org.

Other great young adult UU links:

FUUSE, the online YA community: www.fuuse.com.

UUYAN, the UU Young Adult Network: www.uuyan.org.

Connect UU, to find YAs around the continent: www.connectuu.com.

Church of the Younger Fellowship - The Church of the Younger Fellowship is open 24/7 on the Internet. Designed for young religious liberals who might not have a church close by, or who might not find a bricks-and-mortar church to their liking, or who simply like the interactive style of the Internet, CYF is proving to be an attractive option: <http://uucyf.org>.

Central Midwest District Young Adult Network - a group of young adults ages 18-35 working to build community and to foster growth of the Unitarian Universalist Young Adult movement in the Central Midwest District: <http://cmwdyan.org>.