



# UU Fellowship of Winona NEWSLETTER

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## THEME: BEAUTY

**Feb. 5**                      Presenter: Anne Plummer                      Coordinator: John Collins

Anne Plummer, Art Professor at WSU, will provide a “set” of clay, cut and prepared into balls, with pieces of cardboard to work on, and popsicle stick tools. Children would be welcome to stay (or not, I suppose – it would be great to give individual kids the choice). Anne will discuss her approach to spirituality and beauty and art as I am making suggestions and demonstrating how we might handle the clay in such a way as to mold a spiritual experience for ourselves in the few minutes we have. We would display the resulting clay pieces on a few tables during coffee hour. The fellowship could take their clay pieces home on the cardboard (or not). (These will not be kiln fired.)

**Feb. 12**                      Presenter: Nikki Civettini                      Coordinator: Laura Armstrong

Nikki Civettini, Sociology Professor at WSU, will discuss media portrayals of female beauty and the effects that they have on the self images of girls and young women, on boys and young men, and on cultural expectations for these two genders. She will then ask the fellowship to share their thoughts on ways that we can help create more constructive definitions of beauty and weave them into our interactions with children.

**Feb. 19**                      Presenter & Coordinator: Jim Armstrong

Jim Armstrong, English Professor at WSU, will discuss the relationship between beauty and truth. Keats famously said “Truth is beauty, beauty truth, that is all/ ye know on earth”. But how true is that claim? How do Unitarians relate to that idea?

**Feb. 26**                      Presenter & Coordinator: Nikki Civettini

We will share and discuss images/examples of what we consider beauty to be. Nikki Civettini will collect and present the images and facilitate the discussion. Please email Nikki (ncivettini@winona.edu) with any images/examples of beauty that you would like us to discuss. Things that cannot be emailed (objects, sounds, smells, tastes, etc.) can be brought directly to the service – please contact Nikki to let her know what you’ll be bringing).

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## UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP OF WINONA

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 4, 2012

**Present: Jim Armstrong, John Collins, Dick Dahl, Leslie Foote, Ray Kiihe, Nancy Quinn, Deb Ward, Jan Taylor**

**Treasurer's Report, Dick**

The income during December 2011 was \$2553.83 and expenses for the same month were \$4130.02 for a net loss of \$1576.19.

The treasurer continues to renew the 12-month certificates of deposit each month as they become due. Due to interest earned and reinvested, their total value is now \$6117.85.

Unchanged from November: We have received 2011-12 fiscal year pledge forms from 34 of our 47 adult members (eight couples and eighteen individuals) totaling \$20,035. In 2010-11 we ended up with pledges from 28 of 44 members totaling \$15,584.

In December the treasurer paid WSU \$1950 for rent from September through November. He also made second quarter payments to Prairie Star District of \$281.75 and to the UUA Annual Program Fund of \$710.50. \$100 went to the YMCA Youth Dream Card. Also \$39.55 went to the City of Winona for rental of Lake Park Lodge on Sunday, November 18, 2012.

The check for the Heiffer project never got cashed last year. The \$300 earmarked for it will be rolled over and the RE kids will have \$600 to donate this year.

**Fellowship Administrator's Report,**

The Yellowbook ad for UUFW has been renewed. This year we will also have a Yellowbook web page with a link to our website for \$4 more a month.

The UUWorld list and UUA annual report have been updated. We have 47 members for 2012.

**Committee Reports:**

**RE, Jim :**

There is a request for RE parents: pick up children from

the RE room after the service; remind kids to keep food in the room, don't take it to the hall outside our room; and also remind them to take small helpings of the refreshments until everyone has a chance to be served.

**Sunday Service, Deb:**

The new taping system is working. Margaret Kiihne and Carolyn Collins are sharing the responsibility. Thanks to Randy Schenkat for giving UUFW the two recorders.

Ann Tyndall, a Buddhist chaplain at Gunderson and retired UU minister will speak to the Fellowship in January. Another retired UU minister has also expressed an interest in speaking to our Fellowship.

Next meeting: February 8, 7:00 p.m.

**Social Events, Ray, :**

Circle Suppers will be starting in February.

Dick has reserved Lake Park Lodge and La Canne Park for our annual gatherings in 2012.

**Membership/Outreach, Nancy:**

The committee has written a brief article for our web page discussing the difference between being a member and a friend in our Fellowship

**Newsletter, Jan:**

The next newsletter deadlines are January 23 & February 20, Send articles/news/announcements to Emilie Falc, [efalc@winona.edu](mailto:efalc@winona.edu)

**Next meeting:** February 1, 5:30 p.m., Ray Kiihne's house.  
Respectfully submitted  
Jan Taylor

Operation Beautiful website began in 2009 after 26-year old Caitlin Boyle had a particularly difficult day at work. "I wanted to do something small and simple for someone else to make me feel better!" That 'something small' was to simply stick a post-it note with the words "You are beautiful!" on it in a public place where another woman might see it. "We need this positive type of messaging in society, and Operation Beautiful is simple, quick, and effective - both for the note poster and the finder!" The idea quickly took hold. Since she began the site, Caitlin has received over 7000 notes from women all over the world, including Asia, Europe, and Africa.

A book collecting 125 inspiring notes and stories is also available titled "Operation Beautiful: Transforming the Way You See Yourself One Post-It Note at a Time." Source & to read more go to: <http://www.beliefnet.com/>

## Birthdays

Emilie Falc	February 3
Arie van Tol	February 3
Aaron Chernega	February 4
Denis Carter	February 5
Debbie Sheets	February 5
Debi Niebuhr	February 6
Noah Short	February 6
Michael Bowler	February 14
Noah Schultz	February 19
Philippa Armstrong	February 19
Ruthie Civettini	February 20
Claire Short	February 20
Adele Jacobsen	February 26
Laura Armstrong	February 27
Cosette Nelson	February 28



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### From "Creation Spirituality: Liberating Gifts for the Peoples of the Earth" by Matthew Fox

The Navajo people have a prayer that deserves to be sung daily by all persons:

I walk with beauty before me  
 I walk with beauty behind me  
 I walk with beauty above me  
 I walk with beauty below me  
 I walk with beauty all around me  
 Your world is so beautiful, Oh God.

*"Beauty is not in the face; beauty is a light in the heart."*

*~Kahlil Gibran*

## UUFW Board Members

Jim Armstrong	President, Board Chair RE Committee Liaison
Jan Taylor	Administrator/Newsletter
Dick Dahl	Treasurer
Ray Kiihne	Chalice committee liaison, Social Events committee liaison
Leslie Foote	Social Justice liaison
Nancy Quinn	Membership & Outreach liaison
John Collins	Caring committee liaison
Deb Ward	Sunday Service liaison

Because beauty is a habit of the universe, it is essential that humans be about the good work of showering one another with beauty, and of bringing out the beauty of one another. Not to do this is to obstruct the universe's intention. Injustice, it seems to me, is always ugly. What is just is beautiful and brings back the beautiful to what was broken. All works of healing are works of making beauty, and all beauty heals. The composer Gustav Mahler said that our sole obligation in life 'is to be as beautiful as we can in every way. For ugliness is an insult to the beautiful God.'

Read more: <http://www.beliefnet.com/>

Sunday Attendance	Adults	Children
January 8	42	15
January 15	33	15
January 22	36	9



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Questions / Suggestions for the UU Newsletter?

The UU Newsletter Editor is Emilie Falc.

Please send contributions to [efalc@winona.edu](mailto:efalc@winona.edu).



## Amnesty International Letter Writing

On Sunday afternoon of February 26, how would you like to help release a human rights defender from prison? Come write a letter for Amnesty International's Write for Rights campaign. Our event is in part a response to the remark by Nikki Civettini's father, in his talk about compassion, that we should try to reach the *sources* of injustice, and letter-writing is one of the ways we can do that.

The Social Action Committee invites you drop by the Kiihnes' home any time between 2 and 5 p.m. We'll have paper, envelopes, and the info you need to write a short letter in support of a person who is being unjustly imprisoned--we do ask that you bring a \$1 for the overseas postage of each letter. We promise light refreshments and *good conversation*.

If you have any questions, call Margaret or Ray, 454-4651; you might also want to take a look at the [www.amnestyusa.org](http://www.amnestyusa.org) website.