

# NUUs Letter

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Northwoods Unitarian Universalist  
Fellowship

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## *We are a Welcoming Congregation* Sunday mornings at 10 a.m.

*Unitarian Universalists* believe more than one thing. We think for ourselves, and reflect together, about Life's important questions.

.. Our beliefs are diverse and inclusive. We have no shared creed. Our shared covenant supports "the free and responsible search for truth and meaning." Though *Unitarianism* and *Universalism* were both liberal Christian traditions, this responsible search has led us to embrace diverse teachings from Eastern and Western religions and philosophies.



We light this chalice for  
the light of truth.  
We light this chalice for  
the warmth of love.  
We light this chalice for  
the energy of action.

## UPCOMING SERVICES

**March 31, Richard Olson**

**April 14, the Rev. MaryBeth O'Halloran**

**April 28, Build Your Own Theology Class**

## ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. alternating with our regular Sunday services

Adult Religious Education is starting a new lecture series, "Thinking About Religion and Violence"

April 7, "Violence in Sacred Text" plus "Martyrdom, Sacrifice and Self-Harm"

April 21, "Scapegoating and Demonology" plus "Understanding Witch Trials"

## DISCUSSION GROUPS

### **Men's Discussion Group meets on Tuesday, April 9, at 6 p.m. at the Fellowship**

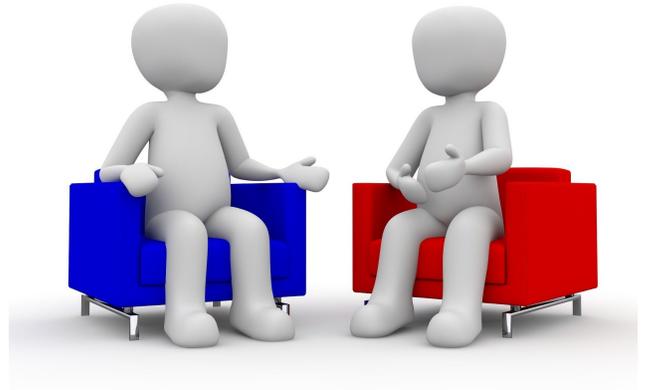
All men of the fellowship are invited to attend this potluck followed by discussion led by Frank Patin. **Rick Foral will bring the main course. Participants need to bring a dish to pass as well as drinks of your choice.** New members welcome. Contact Dick Fields, [dmafields@yahoo.com](mailto:dmafields@yahoo.com), for more information or to bring the main course.

### **Women's Evening Discussion Group meets Tuesday, April 9, at 6 p.m. at the Fellowship in the Dr. Cline Room**

All are invited to attend this discussion. No food is served. New members welcome. Contact Natalia Graf-Jones, for more information.

### **Daytime Women's Group meets the 4th Tuesday at 10am at NUUF.**

The April 23 discussion topic is spring renewal. Many of us go out to lunch together after the meeting.



## MILESTONES

Tara Woolpy	04-03-
Ann Sorensen	04-12-
Steven Cyra	04-13-
Trish Kirk	04-13-
Jessica Reupert	04-14-
Nancy Young	04-15-
Doris Eberlein	04-16-
Tony Dallapiazza	04-19-
Aaron Rusak	04-20-
Matthew Rusak	04-20-
Stephanie Perkins & Gary Pajonk	04-22-

Barbara Logan	04-23-
Annamarie Beckel	04-28-
Xylina Graf	04-30-

Do you see a mistake that can be corrected? If so, please contact Candy Sorensen at (715) 892-2997 or [sorencan@yahoo.com](mailto:sorencan@yahoo.com) Thanks!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

For distribution of announcements between newsletters or email/address corrections, contact Candy Sorensen at [sorencan@yahoo.com](mailto:sorencan@yahoo.com)

Our UU Fellowship needs you to volunteer to bring snack and/or be a greeter. Snacks do not have to be elaborate.  
Consider volunteering for a Sunday in April or May.  
Thank you.

**The Social Justice Committee is seeking new members.** As you know, social justice has always been and continues to be at the heart of Unitarian Universalism. Each year NUUF sponsors a community-wide program to commemorate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service. We would like to continue and broaden our efforts. Many of you are involved in ongoing social justice activities and would bring much needed energy to our shrinking committee. Please consider joining us.

Our next Social Justice Committee meeting is on March 31st at 11:30 a.m. after the service. Anyone is welcome to attend and we are asking for new members.

Nancy Johnson, Committee Chair  
naperjo@yahoo.com

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Frederick Place in Rhinelander has a sizeable number of dates open for meals. If you can help out with one of these dates you can either call Frederick Place at 715-369-9777 or email Tammy Modic at [tammymodic.frederickplace@gmail.com](mailto:tammymodic.frederickplace@gmail.com)
- **Annual Pledge Drive**  
We are starting our annual pledge drive. The Finance Committee has received budget request and has put these into a requested budget which is copied below. What we would like now is to have you decide what you would like to pledge to make it possible for this budget to be funded. This is not the finalized budget as the Board will have to review pledges and the budget for presentation to the membership at the annual meeting May 12.  
Please consider your pledge and submit it to the Finance Committee by mail at PO Box 1881, Woodruff WI 54568 or by e-mail, [northwoodsufellowship@frontier.com](mailto:northwoodsufellowship@frontier.com). If you would like your pledge to remain the same as last year just indicate

that. If you want to change your pledge then do that. If you don't know what your pledge was last year then please contact Terry Hoyt, Finance Committee Chair, thoyt@newnorth.net or Kate Rahimzadeh, Treasurer, upnorthkate@gmail.com . Thank you for your continued support of our Fellowship.

<b>NUUF Budget 2018-2019 Proposal</b>	<b>2017-18 Adopted Projected</b>	<b>2017-18 Activities to Date</b>	<b>2018-19 Requested</b>
<b>Estimated Income</b>			
Pledges	28,160.00	27,610.00	30,005.00
Collection Plate Income	1,500.00	1,453.53	1,500.00
Coffee Sales	250.00	201.05	250.00
Auction Fundraiser	2,500.00	2,330.00	2,500.00
Building Use	2,500.00	2,801.00	2,500.00
Social Justice MLK Event	0.00	591.00	0.00
Interest Income	0.00	5.65	5.00
Endowment Fund Distribution	2,590.00	2,590.00	2,818.00
Transfer from Operational Funds	7,652.00	0.00	7,008.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>45,152.00</b>	<b>37,582.23</b>	<b>46,586.00</b>
<b>Estimated Expenses</b>			
<b><i>Community Presence and Denom Support</i></b>			
Dues \$60 UUA/\$24 MidAmerica x 84	7,140.00	7,070.00	7,056.00
Meeting Fund	600.00	0.00	1,500.00
Publicity and NUUsleter	2,500.00	1,794.60	2,500.00
Social Justice	4,000.00	836.50	1,500.00
UU Service Committee	430.00	420.00	420.00
Woodruff Tax Donation	500.00	500.00	500.00
	15,170.00	10,621.10	13,476.00
<b><i>Membership Growth and Support</i></b>			
Care Committee	500.00	500.00	500.00
Finance	400.00	0.00	400.00
Hospitality/Social Activities	500.00	288.33	500.00
Membership	430.00	359.45	430.00
Office	600.00	1,355.95	600.00
	2,430.00	2,503.73	2,430.00
<b><i>Organizational Growth and Development</i></b>			
Building and Grounds Committee	3,000.00	716.79	3,000.00
Building Operations			
Cleaning	1,872.00	1,440.00	1,872.00
Gas and Electric	2,000.00	1,804.30	2,000.00
Insurance (1510 general and 902 Wcomp)	2,500.00	2,260.00	2,500.00

Snow plowing		1,000.00	1,320.00	1,000.00
Telephone (incl DSL)		840.00	820.44	840.00
Endowment Committee		100.00	0.00	100.00
Memorial Garden Committee		1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
		12,312.00	8,361.53	12,312.00
<b><i>Spiritual Growth and Learning</i></b>				
Adult and Children RE		1,000.00	228.11	400.00
Music		2,150.00	1,483.00	2,150.00
Spirituality Committee		9,000.00	6,825.00	9,000.00
		12,150.00	8,536.11	11,550.00
<b><i>Financial Support to Others</i></b>				
Freedom Fund		0.00	500.00	500.00
Food for Kidz		0.00	500.00	500.00
Frederick House (NATH)		0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Caritas		0.00	0.00	1,500.00
Endowment Fund Distribution				
Restorative Justice			647.50	939.33
Pasttimes			647.50	939.33
Northern WI Center for working people			647.50	939.34
Caritas			647.50	0.00
		0.00	5,090.00	6,818.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>42,062.00</b>	<b>35,112.47</b>	<b>46,586.00</b>
<b>Income Less Expenses</b>		3,090.00	2,469.76	0.00

- **COMMUNITY DINNERS**

Our Fellowship was instrumental in getting the once a month community dinners started about 10 years ago. Lee Ann Niebuhr, Father Edgar from St. Mathias, and Woody Haage brought the idea to the Lakeland Ministerial Association where a plan was developed. Eventually having the dinners at St. Mathias was approved and the various churches in the area divided up the responsibility of providing a dinner to anyone that wanted to share some time with others in the community. These dinners are held on the third Tuesday of each month with dinner being served at 5 p.m.

Pat Bickner organized these dinners for us for many years and then Joan Junge took over the responsibility. Many thanks to Joan and Pat for doing this service. The Hospitality Committee has now taken on the job of reminding our members that we can help bring our community together by sharing some food four times a year. Our Fellowship provides food in January, April, July, and October. There are usually 70 to 100 attendees at these dinners. Our Fellowship should provide about

eight potluck size entrees for the dinner and have some volunteers to help serving and cleanup.

Please mark your calendar so that you can help this worthwhile project. It's a very enjoyable experience to share food with others.

The next time we will be providing food to help bring our community together will be Tuesday, April 16, at 5 p.m. It would be helpful to have some strong people to man the dishwasher, which requires lifting a large tray of dishes in and out.

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- The Fourth UU Fellowship Film & Feast event will be held Saturday, April 27, at 1 p.m. There will be a shared chocolate and fruit fondue preparation followed by the fondue brunch and the film. After the film there will be a short discussion and then the planning for the May event. Door prizes will be given!

RSVP by signing up on the Film & Feast Attendance Sheet in the kitchen indicating number of those attending and the item you are bringing. Please sign up by 25 April. All are welcome! The Film: "Chocolat." Approx. 2 hrs 2 min. 2000. A magical and delicious tale from director Lasse Hallstrom is set in a small French village in 1959 where a single mother arrives with her daughter and opens a chocolate shop whose confections have an intoxicating and liberating effect on the townspeople, until the iron-willed mayor tries to shut her down. And, an Irish river gypsy arrives in town and is seduced by her sweet spell.

Menu: Chocolate and fruit fondue, red, white wine.

Fruit: Strawberries, bananas, apples, seedless grapes, pineapple, oranges, mandarin oranges, melons, peaches, cherries, and other suitable dipping items.

Chocolate fondue: 12 1oz squares unsweetened chocolate, 3 cups sugar, 2 cups of light cream, 1 cup butter. (Should be enough for two fondue pots, Joan & I are bringing the 2 pots) Alternative fondue brew: white chocolate and 1/2 of the above fondue ingredients. An additional pot is needed. Bon Appetit, Constance Downey

- Seeking cat care provider for four cats for the following dates while I am in Ireland: Wednesday, April 17; Thursday, April 18; Monday, April 22; Tuesday, April 23; and Friday, April 26. One cat, Chloe, needs meds 2x a day. Email me or call me at 715-337-0598 for details. Will pay for pet care services. I live outside the village of St Germain off Highway O, close to Highway D, near Paradise Lake. — Constance Downey
- hope this email makes your "read it now" list and doesn't get lost in the busyness of March/April programming months.
- "Traces of the Trade: Stories From the Deep North" will be screened Saturday, April 13, at 10:30 a.m. at The Beloved Community of Intercession Episcopal and Redeemer Lutheran, located at 900 Brilowski Road in Stevens Point. The film is about director Katrina Browne's family's realization that their Rhode Island ancestors were the largest slave-trading family in the history of the U.S. Browne

will be at the screening and answer questions during the discussion following the film. The event will be from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and costs \$15, which includes lunch. The Diocese of Fond du Lac, the Wisconsin ELCA synod, the Wisconsin Methodist Judicatory and the Presbyterian Synod, and the Wisconsin Council of Churches are sponsoring the film screening. In the morning the film will be shown and followed with discussion, in the afternoon Browne will introduce a new dialogue series called "Sacred Ground."

To register, visit <https://www.diofdl.org/tott.html>

Note - People do not have to be a member of any congregation or faith affiliated group to attend. The registration form only asks so that the groups sponsoring the event can know how many of their folks attended for future collaboration.

- **MOVIE NIGHT:** The Hospitality Committee hosts movies on the third Tuesday of the month. The next movie night will be Tuesday, March 19. Come at 6 and movie will start around 6:30. Bring your own snacks, drinks or even your dinner.
- **"Doing Theology in the Age of Trump: A Critical Report on Christian Nationalism (Westar Seminar on God and the Human Future),"** by Dr. Jeffrey W. Robbins (Editor), Clayton Crockett (Editor), November 8, 2018

This book is a work of theological resistance. It is not so much about the presidency of Donald Trump as it is about what his popularity and rise to power reveal about the state of Christianity and the moral character of the evangelical Right in the United States today. More specifically, it is about the threat of white Christian nationalism, which is the particular form that the nationalist populist movement of Trumpism has adopted for itself. The contributors are all fellows from the Westar Institute academic seminar on God and the Human Future, and include many of the leading figures in theology and Continental philosophy of religion. This volume provides a form of theopolitical resistance based on intersectionality. The authors (16) recognize how the various forms of oppression interrelate to contribute to a vast, dynamic, and seeming impenetrable network of systemic injustice and marginalization. These essays demonstrate that politics need not be played as a zero-sum game with a winner-take-all mentality, and that a critical theology is as urgently needed and as relevant now as ever.

## Our NUUF Community

If you know someone who is interested in joining the *Northwoods Unitarian Universalist Fellowship*, please contact Candy Sorensen at [sorencan@yahoo.com](mailto:sorencan@yahoo.com) or call 715-892-2997.

Check out our website <http://nuuf.com>. Also take time to "LIKE" us on Facebook. Click here on [Northwoods Unitarian Universalist Fellowship](#) for direct access if you already

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have a Facebook account. We're posting pictures, reminders about upcoming events and more.

## EDITOR'S NOTE

### Newsletter

Hello everyone, I will be compiling the newsletter for the foreseeable future! Please send announcements and updates to me, Carly Ratliff, at [carly.j.ratliff@gmail.com](mailto:carly.j.ratliff@gmail.com) or to Candy Sorensen at [sorencan@yahoo.com](mailto:sorencan@yahoo.com) by April 28 for the May newsletter. It is very helpful if your copy is written exactly the way you want it to read so that it can be copied and pasted. Thank you!

## Presidents Report

Spring is in the air and I am sure we all our anticipating less snow and much warmer weather. Along with Spring also come our Annual Meeting which will be held after Service on May 12. I find it hard to believe it has almost been a year. It is important if you can not make the meeting you have someone bring your proxy. Last year there was a request the information packets would be received before the meeting. I will be placing a packet of materials at the Fellowship on April 14 and April 28 for members to pick up. There will also be list to sign if you take one and we request you bring it to the meeting to save paper. This way you can go over the budget and the materials before hand. Any question send me an email at [wendtr66@gmail.com](mailto:wendtr66@gmail.com).



Randy Wendt.

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# **THE POWER OF WE**

## **UUA General Assembly**

### **Spokane, Washington | June 19-23**

General Assembly is the annual meeting of our Unitarian Universalist Association. Attendees worship, witness, learn, connect, and make policy for the Association through democratic process. Anyone may attend; congregations must certify annually to send voting delegates. The 2019 General Assembly will be June 19-23 in Spokane, Washington. Most General Assembly events will be held in the Spokane Convention Center.

#### **The Power of We**

What do we want Unitarian Universalism to be? It is a time when we are asking big questions in our faith, and GA 2019 will be focused on digging into those questions together. It is a critical chance for congregational leaders and passionate UUs to set new goals and aspirations for our religious community. Help begin to reshape our Association and our congregations in new and powerful ways.

This year's theme is about collective power, "The Power of We," as well as the possibility, the purpose, the struggle and the joy of what it means to be together in faithful community. In the past two years, Unitarian Universalism has recommitted to the work of liberation inside and outside our faith community. The antidote to a time of dangerous dehumanization is a love that connects us to our deeper humanity. Come to Spokane to experience what our shared faith can become when we embrace the Power of We.

#### **Registration and Housing Open March 1**

GA Registration and the GA Housing Reservation System open at 9 a.m. PST at [www.uua.org/ga](http://www.uua.org/ga)

#### **Spokane**

The Spokane region is the gateway for adventure and exploration in the Intermountain Northwest. Located driving distance from Glacier National Park and Yellowstone, Spokane is nestled in natural beauty.

Spokane is located on interstate I-90, 110 miles from the Canadian border and 18 miles from Idaho. It is the largest city between Seattle and Minneapolis.

Spokane International Airport (GEG) is serviced by Alaska, American, Delta, Frontier, Southwest, and United Airlines. Nonstop service is offered to 17 destinations, including Minneapolis, Chicago, Dallas, Phoenix, and LAX.

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Spokane is accessible by rail via Amtrak's Empire Builder route (Chicago - St. Paul/Minneapolis - Spokane - Portland/Seattle). It is also reachable by Greyhound Bus.

### **Excellent Programming**

GA will offer more than 100 programming selections over the course of five days. This year, in addition to Theme-Based Programming, the schedule will feature Role-Based Track Programming, including time for discussion among attendees, sharing inspiring models and stories, and concrete suggestions for how to further the work or "take it home." More programming details are available at [www.uua.org/ga](http://www.uua.org/ga).

### **Financial Aid Available**

The UUA is committed to the goal of making GA accessible to as many attendees as possible. Go to [uua.org/ga](http://uua.org/ga) in the month of March to learn about scholarships to support delegates - particularly those from marginalized groups - and volunteer opportunities (work in exchange for registration).

## **Youth MidWest Leadership School**

**Luther College, Decorah, Iowa JULY 14-20, 2019**

**LEARNING • SHARING • CHALLENGING • WORSHIPPING • INTENTIONAL  
COMMUNITY • LEADERSHIP SKILLS • UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST  
VALUES & HERITAGE**

### **WHAT IS Youth MidWest Leadership School?**

Youth Midwest Leadership School is a weeklong intensive experience designed to engage participants in all aspects of leadership in a Unitarian Universalist faith community. Since 2009, we have offered Youth Midwest Leadership School for teens (entering 9-12 grade) in tandem with our Adult School on the Luther College Campus. It will challenge and train Unitarian Universalist youth in three areas: Leadership Skills Development, Worship, and Religious Values & Heritage.

This Leadership School is an intentional community and learning experience. It equips young UUs with a foundation that deepens their religious development and expands their ability to contribute, both in their Unitarian Universalist community and beyond.

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**WHO Should Attend?**

Students should be motivated to learn and engage. They should be able to manage their time and needs in an environment with long days filled with group and individual learning opportunities along with theological reflection. They need to be mature and emotionally stable. Youth entering grades 9- 12 may attend; youth entering grades 10-11 are especially encouraged. Congregations sending adult students would especially benefit from sending youth!

**HOW Do I Register?**

Registration Information and Forms: [www.mwls.org/youth](http://www.mwls.org/youth) Registration and full payment of fees due June 1, 2019.

Scholarships Available from the MidAmerica Region. Email [youth-info@mwls.org](mailto:youth-info@mwls.org) for more information Youth tuition includes housing, food, and materials.

Sponsored by the MidAmerica Region of the UUA [www.uua.org/midamerica](http://www.uua.org/midamerica)  
REGISTER at [mwls.org](http://mwls.org)

## **AMUUSE - Adult Midwest Unitarian Universalist Singles Enrichment**

**P.O. Box 29369, Indianapolis, IN 46229-0369**

**[www.amuuse.com](http://www.amuuse.com), 260-403-2059**

Thousands of SINGLE ADULTS have attended our weeklong vacations over the past 45 years, many of them returning year after year. Our camp program creates a magical feeling of connection, community and support for single adults who sometimes feel isolated and alone. We're sure there are single people in your congregation who would enjoy spending a week with us!

Gwen Valore, President

740-363-4630 [gwencody@hotmail.com](mailto:gwencody@hotmail.com)

Barb Kunz, Registrar

260-403-2059 [campkuntz@gmail.com](mailto:campkuntz@gmail.com)

**Dates for 2019:**

May 3-5 Tower Hill Spring Weekend Sawyer, MI

July 14-20 Camp-Gatherings- Tustin, MI

Aug. 11-17 Camp-High Spirits- Sawyer, MI

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Nov 8-10 Tower Hill Fall Weekend Sawyer, MI

The purpose of AMUUSE is to enrich in all ways the lives of single persons. We are dedicated to promoting spiritual, intellectual, and social exchange for all interested single adults twenty-one years of age or over regardless of religion, gender, sexual orientation, race or political persuasion.

## Pastime Club

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

We are pleased to report that the involvement in the Pastime program continues to grow. Word has gotten out about the value of the program to both those with dementia and their caregivers. With your help we have been able to purchase equipment, games and various activities to enhance the lives of those with dementia. We have devoted, trained staff that ensures the days are filled with stimulating undertakings.

Annually, we continue to receive restricted grants from Alzheimer's Foundation of America and Northwoods United Way. We rely on many other organizations and personal donations for the everyday expenses of maintaining a professional staff and other overhead expenses and have been blessed to have the facilities at Ascension Lutheran Church at no cost.

With the growth of participation in the program, we need more volunteers. Perhaps you would care to come for an hour or two to see what is involved. Volunteers choose the day and time - weekly, monthly - as fits their schedule. Mary Anne Kellner, Director, would be pleased to answer your questions. She can be reached at (715) 358-3404 or speak to any of the Board Members.

The Pastime Club would like to thank you for your previous contributions to our mission of providing a caring, enriching program for those with mild to medium dementia in our community. Please consider a tax-deductible donation this year to the Pastime Club. It is a great way to support your local friends and neighbors, who may be dealing with a loved one who has dementia or Alzheimer's disease. We are dependent upon and are appreciative of your donation.

Sincerely,

The Board of Directors

To contribute, please make checks payable to:

Pastime Club, Inc., PO Box 276, Minocqua, WI 54548