

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

Jan. 6, David Barnhill

Jan. 20, the Rev. Denise Tray

Feb. 3, the Rev. Mary Beth O'Halloran

Feb. 17, the Rev. Erv Teichmiller

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

Jan. 13, Turning Points in American History, "The Pill: Power to Choose, and Showdown in Birmingham: Civil Rights"

Jan. 27, Turning Points in American History, "Viet Nam, and Birth of Environmentalism"

DISCUSSION GROUPS

Men's Discussion Group meets on Tuesday, Jan. 8, 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. **A volunteer is needed to provide the main dish.**

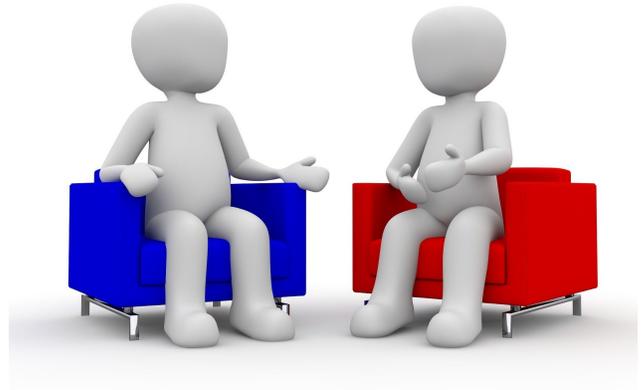
Participants need to bring a dish to pass as well as drinks of your choice. New members welcome. Contact Dick Fields, dmafields@yahoo.com, for more information or to bring the main course.

Women's Evening Discussion Group meets Tuesday, Jan. 8, 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.

The regular Women's Discussion Group will meet Tuesday, Jan. 22, at 10 a.m.

Topic: "Forgiveness."



MILESTONES

Tony & Sherry Zoars	01-01-
Barbara and Don Bratcher	01-04-
Minetta Koblings	01-05-
Sharon VanRaalte	01-07-
Bob Feser	01-07-
Jessica Rosenberg	01-09-
Melanie Cyra	01-10-
Harley & Ruth Erbs	01-12-
Kimberly Norris	01-12-
Gary Pajonk	01-15-
Richard Thieret	01-16-
Ed and Jeanine Semon	01-18-
Bee Young	01-20-

Randy Wendt	01-22
Barbara Mochon	01-24-
Connie Lefebvre	01-27-
Dwight Logan	01-28-
Aidan Graf	01-28-

Is your Birthday or Anniversary missing? Or do you see a mistake that can be corrected? If so, please contact Candy Sorensen at (715) 892-2997 or sorencan@yahoo.com Thanks!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For distribution of announcements between newsletters or email/address corrections, contact Candy Sorensen at 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 January or February. Thank you.

Building Your Own Theology

Building Your Own Theology – Book 1 –Beliefs -- will meet the Friday evenings before service Sundays at 5:30 starting Nov 9. Dates will probably be adjusted for thanksgiving and Christmas, but otherwise plan on every other Friday evening. Topics include human nature, divinity, ethics, meaning and more profundity. Discussion will be exciting. Let Mary Beth know if you want to join the fun: mbohallowan@yahoo.com.

Winter Circle Dinners Out

Instead of potluck dinners at members homes starting in January we can share time, conversation and food at area restaurants.

- Parking in the winter months will be more accessible and cleaning will not be necessary for the hosts.
- Price of the meal is the responsibility of each attending member, not the host.
- Dinners can mean breakfast, lunch or dinner. Please indicate your preference when you sign up.
- Sign up sheets at the Fellowship, or email skipols@newnorth.net.
 1. Choose to Host — set up date, time and place. Once sign up is complete, email invitations to pre-selected guests.
 2. Choose to Attend — pick either weekday or week end, choose breakfast, lunch or dinner. Your host will email you with the place, date and time.

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
- Women's March of the Northwoods 2019 Saturday, Jan. 19, 11 a.m. to noon. Meet at 230 Front Street in the Parking Lot between Minocqua Veterans Park & Post Office Please do not park in Post Office parking lot. We will walk around Minocqua, possibly twice! Reflect your concerns - bring a sign. Positive messages please. Please be mindful of gaps in the march, go slow and stay close to the people behind you. Let us know you're coming via Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/events/377911669450262> via ActionNetwork at <https://actionnetwork.org/events/womens-march-on-minocqua-2019>
- For our annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service remembrance, Northwoods Unitarian Universalist Fellowship is sponsoring a Poverty Simulation Sunday, Jan. 20, from 1-4 p.m. held at Ascension Lutheran Church in Minocqua. We are encouraging NUUF members to attend this event. Advanced registration is required. Participation will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Participants must be at least 17 years old. Space is limited, so you should register by Monday, Dec. 3, by emailing Diane Reupert at dreupert@gmail.com with your name, cell phone number, and the current date. Tamara Sharp and Barney Slowey, adjunct professors at Silver Lake College, will facilitate this interactive learning event. The poverty simulation is an exercise in empathy. You will experience what it is like to live with scarcity of resources, to have to make choices between paying for heat or food. You will learn about the constant pressures faced by those living in poverty. Register Now! So far, of our 80-plus membership, only 11 members of NUUF have registered. Eleven! Yikes! This is our signature community event. The Social Justice Committee (especially Diane) works very hard to bring this event to the Northwoods. Social Justice is one of the major reasons Unitarian Universalism exists. I certainly hope we will have better participation than eleven individuals, most of whom belong to the committee. It's one thing to give money to help those in need. That's great. But gaining empathy for those who struggle leads to more genuine engagement. In other words, it makes us better people.
- Propose Nominees from Your Congregation to UUA MidAmerica Region Boards and Committees by Jan. 7. The Nominating Committee of the MidAmerica Region

(MAR) of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) seeks your help.

Unitarian-Universalists are committed to diverse volunteer leadership, and our committee is seeking candidates for the Regional Board and the Nominating Committee itself.

We seek to nominate individuals to reflect the full diversity of the Region, especially in regard to historically marginalized communities, but also balancing amongst size of congregation, lay and ordained, geography, age (including youth and young adults), and gender, among other characteristics. Members in good standing of one of the member congregations of the Region or CLF members residing within MAR geography are eligible to serve.

The Board of Trustees is responsible for governance between annual meetings of the member congregations. There are nine members serving three-year terms. The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Members-at-Large are elected directly by delegates at the annual meeting.

The Nominating Committee has seven members serving two-year terms. This committee recruits volunteers to serve on MAR's Board of Trustees, Nominating Committee, Midwestern UU Conference board, and Camp UniStar Board.

Please ask your members and ministers, perhaps particularly your past General Assembly and MidAmerica Regional Assembly participants, as well as graduates of the Midwest Leadership School, if they will consider serving the MidAmerica Region of the UUA in any of these ways. We would appreciate your response before the holidays, but at least by January 7, so we can meet our deadline. Please send your suggestions by email (Subject Line: MAR Nominee), with email and telephone contact information of proposed nominees, to one of our members:

Kay Slama, Co-Chair slama@morris.umn.edu

Bob Lovell, Co-Chair boblovell@comcast.net

Betty V. Holcomb, Member bettyvholcomb@gmail.com

Claude Diogo, Member claudio_diogo@cargill.com

- The next Fair Trade day at NUUF is Sunday, Jan. 6. A sampling of coffee and chocolate will be available Jan. 6. Thanks for supporting Fair Trade for small farmers.
- We will have a meeting on Jan. 4, 2019, at 10 a.m. at the Fellowship. This meeting is to discuss an alternative for the poverty simulation. Considering the currently low sign up we may have to cancel this program. Since this is our MLK day activity I'm hopeful we can find something significant to replace it if we need to. Any ideas of something to do in place of the poverty simulation will be welcome.

We have signed up to serve a meal at Fredrick's House for the homeless on Jan. 21. If you have ideas and would like to email them that would also be welcome.

I hope to see some of you at the church on Jan. 4.

- A reminder of the upcoming Community Table where Faith Evangelical Free Church and Northwoods Unitarian Universalist Church are helping to provide food

and 2-3 workers for serving and cleanup. Dinner is served at 5:00 so food should be available by 4:30. Please contact Joan if you can provide food and/or help clean-up, (715) 614-2623 or joan.junge@yahoo.com.

- **MOVIE NIGHT:** The Hospitality Committee wants movie night to resume. We will start having movies again on the third Tuesday of the month. Come at 6 and movie will start around 6:30. Bring your own snacks, drinks or even your dinner.

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 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 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 or to Candy Sorensen at sorencan@yahoo.com by Jan. 28 for the September 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!

President's Message

I'd like to wish everyone Happy Holidays! I hope everyone had a healthy and love filled Holiday Season. I am looking forward to a positive and wonderful year ahead, after one of turmoil and uncertainty for our country. We very fortunate to belong to a community of such caring, positive, supportive, active and loving people. We all have had our ups and downs, but together we are stronger. I would like to thank all of you who contribute to our Fellowship whether it is serving on the Board or a committee, being a greeter, providing snacks, donating financially, volunteering, participating in social actions or in any other way that contributes to the common good. We are a Beacon of Light in the Northwoods. Here is hoping for good health, prosperity, peace, love, fellowship, kindness and joy to all.

Peace,

Randy