

# 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 3, the Rev. Denise Tracy**

**March 17, Ted Rulseh**

**March 31, the Rev. Richard Olson**

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

## ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

Marc. 10, due to the snowstorm, the last two videos, "Collapse: End of Cold War" and "Age of Terror: 9/11," will be discussed

March 24, the new series about religion and violence will start. The first two videos are – "Religion and Violence: A Strange Nexus" and "Defining Religion and Violence." This series is more significant than the title suggests. Topics will include sacred texts, martyrdom, violence against specific groups such as Native Americans and women, cults, just war theory, among others. "

## DISCUSSION GROUPS

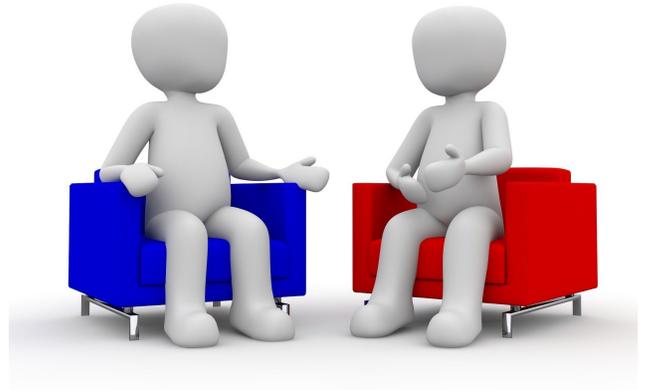
### **Men's Discussion Group meets on Tuesday, March 12, at 6 p.m. at the Fellowship**

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](mailto:dmafields@yahoo.com), for more information or to bring the main course.

### **Women's Evening Discussion Group meets Tuesday, March 12, 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 March 26 discussion topic is your plans and concerns about what your life will be like in 5 years and in 10 years, sort of 5 and 10 year plans. Many of us go out to lunch together after the meeting.

## MILESTONES

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| Tom & Elinore Sommerfeld | 03-02- |
| Kas Roberts              | 03-06- |
| Tony Zoars               | 03-09- |
| Iris Linder              | 03-10- |
| Ed Semon                 | 03-11- |
| Dick Fields              | 03-12- |
| Nancy Junkermann         | 03-12- |
| Sally Back               | 03-12- |
| Ed Stoever               | 03-13- |
| Charles Reed             | 03-13- |
| Walt Jones               | 03-14- |

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| Ginny Metzdorf             | 03-15- |
| Nancy Bayne                | 03-16- |
| Kayla Norris Demers        | 03-19- |
| John Viste & Elaine Strite | 03-21- |
| Sophie Singleton           | 03-22- |
| Connie Downey              | 03-22- |
| Dan Rondello               | 03-24- |
| Rich Uspel                 | 03-25- |
| Terry Hoyt                 | 03-27- |
| Pat Bickner                | 03-29- |
| Sophia Figueroa            | 03-29- |
| Kayla and Jason Demers     | 03-30- |
| Marti Hall                 | 03-31- |

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 March or April.  
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.

Nancy Johnson, Committee Chair  
naperjo@yahoo.com

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto:tammymodic.frederickplace@gmail.com)
- We appreciate and have enjoyed this opportunity for beautiful movement and exercise. A chance to warm up. Denise Tracy is offering Tai Chi on Saturday, March 2nd. The class will run from 10 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$10. If you are interested or want more information contact: Denise Tracy at [revmsddt@aol.com](mailto:revmsddt@aol.com)
- In March, NUUF has two dates to provide workers for the Lakeland Food Pantry. Tuesday, March 5, is from 8:15 -11:30 a.m. and Thursday, March 21, is from 3:15-6:00 p.m. Please consider helping out! Any questions, contact Connie Lefebvre, (715) 358-2470
- The next Fair Trade day at NUUF is Sunday, March 2. You can pay by check. A sampling of coffee and chocolate will be available.
- **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.

## 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

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 March 28 for the April 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!

## 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.

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).