

# NUUsLetter

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Northwoods Unitarian Universalist  
Fellowship

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## *We are a Welcoming Congregation*

### **The Fellowship is open for services!**

The services are at 10:00 A.M. **No coffee hour.**

The Board has set out the following guidelines for the next month:

- Full vaccination required to attend in person
- Masks required inside the building
- Social distancing inside the building

The Spirituality committee will be offering a hybrid service which means that there will be a speaker in the pulpit as well as Zoom for those who are not ready to be in a group setting.

We recognize that these are conservative measures and are choosing to protect each other as we enter tourist season. An Ad Hoc committee of the Board has been meeting regularly through the pandemic and recommends these as prudent measures until we see that infection rates in our area remain lower and the CDC's loosening of mask recommendations for vaccinated persons remain steady over time.



## **Upcoming Services**

**Sundays 10:00 a.m.**

**Sept. 12, John Bates**

**"The Values of Wildness and Beauty"**

**The description: The healing values of wild, beautiful places are well known and seem more essential than ever in our increasingly conflicted and angry world. In the Northwoods, we're blessed to be surrounded by beauty and wildness if we only take the time to breathe them in. This will be a sharing of various writings on these values, followed by an open discussion of the values each of us feels when in the presence of beauty and wildness.**

**Sept. 26, Jerry Buerer**

## Religious Education

Religious Education resumed in person for fully vaccinated people in June. We will be gathering at 10:00 a.m. on Sundays without services.

The series we are starting is entitled "Cultural Literacy for Religion: Everything the Well-Educated Person Should Know" taught by Professor Mark Berkson.

The kitchen will not be open so bring your own coffee and treats until further notice. We look forward to seeing you. The Board is recommending that we continue to socially distance and wear masks.

## Announcements

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

## Milestones

Cara Hettich	09-01
Sherry Zoars	09-01
Jonathon Beutler	09-01
Carly Ratliff	09-05
Jerry Collins	09-05
Ruth Erbs	09-07
Rev. Sydney Morris	09-07
Briana Kubinek	09-08
Mollie West	09-10
Sharon Reilly	09-11
Erick Boustead	09-16
Patricia Stanley	09-15
John Kuczkowski & Mary Alice Forester	09-17
Don Roberts	09-27
Betsy Schussler & Rick Foral	09-30

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!

## Upcoming Events

- Greetings to each of you,  
 Covid keeps taking turns and asking new things of us.  
 We all know that the delta variant is more contagious and that we who have been vaccinated can become infected AND spread the virus to others as efficiently as non-vaccinated persons even if asymptomatic.  
 The Board met this week and has decided to again **REQUIRE MASKS INSIDE THE BUILDING** for both services and meetings. This is based on CDC and Oneida County Health Departments strong recommendations.  
 Let's continue to keep each other safe.  
 Pam Thul-Immler  
 on behalf of the board  
 Frederick Place in Rhineland 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)

- Fox and Branch at Tara & Jerry's, Yet again!**



**Saturday, September, 18, 2021, at 6 PM.**

Everyone has fun at a Fox and Branch show. That has been the duo's guiding principle for the past two decades. Dave Fox and Will Branch strive to create a communal atmosphere of fun and high spirits wherever they play. A Fox and Branch show is as much a celebration of being together as it is a musical performance.

Anchored in American roots music, the duo performs on fiddle, guitars, banjo and washboard. Will Branch sings. Their wide-ranging repertoire consists of old-time country songs, fiddle tunes, pre-war blues, New Orleans-flavored music, and jug band numbers.

Based in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, the nationally-known duo has toured the Midwest, the East Coast, the Southern US, Ireland, England and Scotland. They are winners of four Parent's Choice recommended awards.

Fox and Branch have appeared at the Winnipeg Folk Festival; Symphony Space in New York City; Cafe Lena in Saratoga Springs, NY; Club Passim in Boston, MA; and the Overture Center in Madison, WI. They have been featured at many Midwest festivals and community events. The duo has brought their show to libraries in

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Brooklyn, NY; St. Louis, MO; Boston, Ma; southern Louisiana; northern Illinois and across Wisconsin. “Fox and Branch are the best kind of musicians – making everything they play their own...” - Sing Out! Magazine “Fox and Branch are masters of familycentric, audience participation shows.” – Milwaukee Magazine For reservations email [Woolpy@gmail.com](mailto:Woolpy@gmail.com).. Donations \$10 to \$20 per person all for the performers.

- **The Social Justice Committee** — August 9th at 10am the Social Justice Committee will meet at the church. We are planning the MLK program. Anyone may attend.
- **The Spirituality Committee** — The next spirituality committee meeting will be Oct. 4th at 10am. We will meet by zoom. If anyone is interested in attending please notify Nancy Johnson.
- **Women’s Group** – The NUUF women’s Group meets the fourth Tuesday of each month, 10:00am, currently on Zoom (emails will be sent a few days before with a link). All women of the Fellowship are invited to take part—it’s fun.
- **Friends of Fair Trade,**  
 In need of some more energy? Looking for some sweetness? Of course you are! And you can help small farmers in the process. Order some Fair Trade coffee, chocolate, or tea. We need to get enough special orders to receive free shipping. Attached is the list of items. In ordering coffee,  
 >> Be sure to specify ground/drip or whole bean.  
 >> Note the difference between a BOX of six 10-12 oz. bags, and a CASE of five 2-pound bags (or it may be two 5-pound bags)  
 Let me know what you'd like. When I get enough orders, I'll let you know that I will be submitting it. When the order arrives, we can arrange for safe pick up and payment.  
 Thanks for supporting Fair Trade for small farmers.  
 David and Phyllis  
[david.barnhill.925@gmail.com](mailto:david.barnhill.925@gmail.com)
- **Caritas-Minocqua** is a charitable organization established by local churches and civic groups in the Lakeland area. We assist people with paying small bills in emergency situations. We are closed for all face-to-face sessions with clients; however, we are now conducting interviews by telephone on Thursday mornings from 9-noon.  
 You must first leave a message on our voicemail at 715-356-9989. Your message should contain the following information. Please speak clearly and slowly. We need your first and last name, your phone number, whether you are a new client or a returning client, and a very brief statement of your urgent need or how we can

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help you. Please be patient and we will call you to arrange an interview. Stay safe.

If you can be an empathic listener and want to make a difference in our community and the lives of our residents, this may be the volunteer opportunity for you! If interested, please contact our director, Beth Jacobson at [bjgraphic2@gmail.com](mailto:bjgraphic2@gmail.com).

- **The Membership Committee** that oversees communications is making the following request of committee chairs. We would ask that you be responsible for sending communications directly to your committee members rather than sending them through Candy. We would also like to ask you to submit any committee news to our NUUSLetter editor, Carly Ratliff [carly.j.ratliff@gmail.com](mailto:carly.j.ratliff@gmail.com). When submitting things to the NUUSLetter please use a font that is easier to read. And we would also like you to send notice of your meetings so they can be placed on the NUUF.COM calendar. These should go to Jason Hoff [ic\\_boy@yahoo.com](mailto:ic_boy@yahoo.com). If you have any questions, please call me at 715-614-0088. Thanks for your help in improving communication.

## Social Justice News

We will have a Social Justice Meeting on Sept. 10th at 2:30 p.m. We will meet in person at the Fellowship.

We are bringing dinner to Frederick Place after the Sept. 10th meeting. We are planning a cookout for the residents.

The Social Justice Committee is busy planning a memorable MLK program. We will be giving the first ever MLK Humanitarian Award to a community member. We are still asking for volunteers from our Fellowship for the nominating committee. We are accepting nominations for the award until Nov. 20th.

## Social Justice Corner

by Nancy Johnson

Keeping the focus on Civil Rights - Sept. 9th is the anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of 1957. This was the first federal civil rights legislation passed by the United States Congress since the Civil Rights Act of 1875. It was signed into law by Dwight D Eisenhower.

The Civil Rights bill passed congress however opponents of the act were able to remove several provisions and limit its immediate impact. It was this bill that led to Senator Strom

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Thurmond to become famous for conducting the longest one-person filibuster in Senate history.

The United States Commission on Civil Rights and the United States Department of Justice Civil Rights Division were established as a result of this bill. More effective civil rights laws were passed in the 60's.

Mark your calendars for Jan. 16, 2022. This is the day NUUF will celebrate the work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and other civil rights leaders.

## Our NUUF Community

If you know someone who is interested in joining the *Northwoods Unitarian Universalist Fellowship*, Terry Hoyt at [thoyt@newnorth.net](mailto:thoyt@newnorth.net) or call 715-3563908,

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 pics, reminders about 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 Sept. 28 for the October 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!