

# NUUs Letter

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## *We are a Welcoming Congregation*

### **Opening of Fellowship for services—June 6**

June 6 will be our first Sunday with in person services back in the Fellowship building. Betsy Schussler will be the speaker. The services will be 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.**

**June 6, Betsy Schussler, "Jefferson, Jesus, and Buddha"**

**June 20, Richard Olson**

## Religious Education

We are resuming in person Religious Education for fully vaccinated people on Sunday, June 13th. We will be gathering at 10:00 AM.

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

Here are the first two lessons:

### 1: Religion-Its Meaning and Importance

Start by reexamining basic questions: Why does religion matter? What makes a religion? As you explore the answers, you'll embark on a journey toward a better understanding of the world, its histories, and its cultures, as well as a better understanding of yourself and what it means to be a good citizen in a diverse global community....

### 2: Facets of Religion-Divinity and Devotion

God. Divinity. Ultimate Reality. Start your journey by looking at how different religious traditions approach the concept of "God." In addition to exploring the concepts of divinity, you'll also look at key components of religious devotion:

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

Joan Hafner	05-08
Toni Lieppert Polfus	05-09
Kay Hoff	05-18
Bev Strauss	05-20
Walt Jones and Natalia Graf	05-21
Cheryl and Bob Hanson	05-21
Jeanine Semon	05-25
Jason Hoff	05-27

Alan & Sharon VanRaalte	05-28
Marjorie Scaffide	06-05
Kas & Don Roberts	06-06
Stephanie Perkins	06-18
Sue Ferguson	06-23
Faye and Lee Calvey	06-24
Cheryl Meier	06-26
Betsy Schussler	06-28
Alan VanRaalte	06-28
Barbara Bratcher	06-30

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

- 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)
- **The Social Justice Committee** will meet June 29 at 11:30 a.m. by Zoom. Contact Nancy Johnson or Cheryl Hanson if interested in attending. We are working on the Martin Luther King Jr, Humanitarian Award.
- **The Spirituality Committee** will meet June 29 at 10 a.m. by Zoom. Contact Nancy Johnson or Dick Fields if interested.
- **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)

- **Results of the NUUF Virtual Annual Meeting Vote: as of May 25, 2021**

Respondents = 41, Quorum = 29

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| 1. Minutes of the 2020 Annual Meeting   | Unanimously Approved          |
| 2. 2021-2022 Budget   | Unanimously Approved          |
| 3. Mel Hoff for Board Treasurer   | Approved with 1 abstention    |
| 4. Pam Thul-Immler for Board Secretary  | Approved with 1 abstention    |
| 5. Bill Kane for Board Member at Large  | Approved with 1 abstention    |
| 6. Don Roberts for the Endowment Committee  | Approved with 1 abstention    |
| 7. The proposal to post signs to support Black Lives in front of the building.                                | Approved by 38, Declined by 3 |
| 8. Three members have agreed to be on the Nominating Committee:<br>Joan Hauer, Patty Buehler and Barb Beutler |                               |

The Board thanks everyone who has volunteered to serve our Fellowship and all who submitted ballots.

We look forward to time together again soon.

Mary Ann Fields, President

Kate Rahimzede, Treasurer (outgoing)

Pam Thul-Immler, Secretary

Connie Lefebvre, Member at Large (outgoing)

Toni Lieppert-Polfus, Member at Large

- **Movie Night** will return to NUUF June 7 at 6 p.m. First showing will be *Mr. Holland's Opus*.

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

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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.
- **New Day Rising Conference Reflection-** Randy Wendt  
I felt the conference was very worthwhile by bringing a variety of congregations together to share what they are doing and to their deep commitments that promote our values of inclusion, the environment and social justice. One thing that stood out to me was Richmond, Virginia's Pledge to End Racism, based on The Birmingham Pledge, to engage more of their congregation in making a commitment to confront systemic racism by real life actions. I hope we as a Fellowship can explore adopting this type of pledge in the future. It would make a strong statement of commitment from each one of us that chooses to sign the pledge. For more information on signing this pledge you can go to <http://birminghampledgefoundation.org/>  
The Pledge is below:  
BIRMINGHAM PLEDGE SIGN IT – LIVE IT – SHARE IT I believe that every person has worth as an individual. I believe that every person is entitled to dignity and respect, regardless of race or color. I believe that every thought and every act of racial prejudice is harmful; if it is my thought or act, then it is harmful to me as well as others. Therefore, from this day forward I will strive daily to eliminate racial prejudice from my thoughts and actions. I will discourage racial prejudice by others at every opportunity. I will treat all people with dignity and respect; and I will strive daily to honor this pledge, knowing that the world will be a better place because of my effort.
- Sneak Preview of June Live Theater at Piney Ridge: **“A Midsummer’s Night’s Dream in Three Acres”**  
Join us for a fast-paced, interactive romp through Shakespeare's magical "rom-com" - staged all over the grounds of Tara and Jerry’s place in Minocqua. In

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this promenade staging, the audience will frolic with the fairies in pursuit of the mismatched lovers, moving with each scene through the woods, garden, dock, yard and theater.

Umbrellas, sensible shoes, and garb in accordance with the weather - wings and masks are optional.

The performance is rain or shine, so bring an umbrella for light rain. If however, the queen of the fairies gets really angry and curses the weather - we will retreat to the mostly water-proof safety of the Theater, and perform for you there with "dry" humor.

Three performances June 25th and 26th, Friday afternoon, Saturday morning and afternoon

Limited "seating" with preference given to regular attenders. Recommended donations \$10-\$20 per person to cover expenses.

Make your reservation soon! at [woolpy@gmail.com](mailto:woolpy@gmail.com)

## 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 June 28 for the July 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!