

NUUs Letter

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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.

July 4, Laura Erickson

July 18, Rev. Mary Beth O' Halloran

Aug. 1, February Sky – Susan Urban and Phil

Aug. 15, Richard Olson

Aug. 29, Rev. Phil Sweet

Religious Education

Religious Education resumed in person for fully vaccinated people on Sunday, June 13. 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

Milestones

Catherine Joppa	07-04
Carol Potter	07-06
Mary Ann Fields	07-07
Dick and Mary Ann Fields	07-07
Ardis and Herb White	07-10
Teress Toigo	07-12
Mel and Kay Hoff	07-13
Kathi Cushman	07-14
Audrey Williams	07-18
Charles & Janice Reed	07-19
David Barnhill	07-19
Chris Meier	07-20
Judy Honig	07-21
Tom Sommerfeld	07-22
Randy Wendt	07-22
Candy Sorensen	07-24
Jacob Collins	07-27
Harley Erbs	07-29

Do you see a mistake that can be corrected? If so, please contact Candy Sorensen at (715) 892-2997 or 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
- **The Social Justice Committee** — The Social Justice Committee will meet at 9:30 am on July 12th at the church. We will also have zoom for those who want to attend by zoom please contact Cheryl Hanson.
NATH Dinner Sept. 20. We will provide a dinner at Frederick House and ask the Fellowship to join our Social Justice Committee in providing these meals.
- **The Spirituality Committee** — The Spirituality Committee will meet at 10am by zoom on August 2nd.
- **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
- **Movie Night** — Join us Tuesday, July 6, at 5:30 p.m. for a showing of "Once Upon a Time in Hollywood."
- **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.

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.

- **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. 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. If you have any questions, please call me at 715-614-0088. Thanks for your help in improving communication.

Social Justice Corner — July 2021

By Nancy Johnson

July is the month we celebrate America. There is a lot to celebrate this year. We are finally able to hold our services in person and with fewer restrictions. We have the technology to provide zoom services for those who are more comfortable staying home. We can travel more and spend time with friends and family. Our economy is improving, depending on who you talk to. People are going back to work, at least some people. You may have personal triumphs and progress.

But we also have a lot to be concerned about. Our country has been turned upside down in past years, and I don't think it's just been in just the last few years. We see a lot of conflict and even some delusional thinking with all the conspiracy theories floating about. Some politicians stretch truth and reality, and people appear grossly divided with contradictory ideas about what our country stands for. It gets difficult to see progress.

I admit I enjoy productive conflict. I think a lot can be accomplished when there is reasonable, constructive conflict based in reality. However, sometimes I feel

overwhelmed with the different directions people are going. Some seem so beyond my idea of reality that I want to run and hide.

But for this month, let's take time to celebrate progress made in the areas of civil rights and social justice. While we celebrate our good fortune during these trying times, remember those who made great sacrifices: Native Americans who gave up their land; African Americans whose ancestors built much of our country through slave labor. Be mindful of Black, Brown, Yellow and Red people who, despite their sacrifices, face discrimination because of our country's longstanding belief in White Supremacy.

Times are changing. As Martin Luther King, Jr. famously said, "... the arc of the moral universe is long but it bends toward justice." The conflict is bitter, but the truth is coming out. As Unitarian Universalists we "Stand on the Side of Love" and fight for truth.

Despite it all, we do have a lot to celebrate.

Our NUUF Community

If you know someone who is interested in joining the *Northwoods Unitarian Universalist Fellowship*, Terry Hoyt at 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 or to Candy Sorensen at sorencan@yahoo.com

by July 28 for the August 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!