

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.

Aug. 1, February Sky – Susan Urban and Phil

Aug. 15, Rev. Mary Beth O'Halloran

Aug. 29, Rev. Phil Sweet

Sept. 12, John Bates

Sept. 26, Jerry Buerer

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

Elinore Sommerfeld	08-02
Janice Reed	08-04
Susan Knight	08-04
Joan Hauer	08-07
Jerry Woolpy	08-14
David Foster	08-17
Ellie Frost	08-26
Suzy and David Foster	08-31

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** — August 9th at 10am the Social Justice Committee will meet at the church. We are planning the MLK program. Anyone may attend.

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- **The Membership Meeting** is scheduled for Sunday, Aug. 1, following February Sky's service. The purpose of the meeting is to vote on the proposal of the Social Action Committee in having an annual Martin Luther King Award. Also to discuss finances of the Fellowship.
 - **The Spirituality Committee** — The Spirituality Committee will meet at 10am by zoom on August 2nd.
 - **The Hospitality and Membership Committee** is planning an outdoor picnic and grill out. We will host the event following Rev. Phil Sweet's service on Sunday, Aug. 29. Rain date is Sunday, Sept. 12. Please bring a dish to share and any meat if you wish to grill. Lemonade and coffee will be available.
 - **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
 - **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 — August 2021

By Nancy Johnson

Each month I try to find a social justice issue that might be of interest or give us ideas of what we can do as individuals and as a congregation to become more active in local issues.

As many of you know this year The Social Justice Committee is planning to give a Humanitarian Award to someone in the community who has lived through actions the mission of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. We are hoping to find local talent to entertain us and encourage us to do what we can to improve the social injustices we see.

When I looked at the Social Justice Resource Center for their list of August social justice issues I found that August 19th is World Humanitarian Day. I couldn't resist talking about our upcoming Humanitarian Award Presentation. Information was given to the Fellowship so I will keep this brief. We will be asking our Fellowship for nominations for this award. I get curious with words and usually like to start with a definition. Maybe a couple of my favorite definitions might help you decide who to nominate.

The best definition I found was from careerexplorer.com:

“A humanitarian actively engages in promoting human welfare and social reforms, and has no prejudice with human suffering on grounds of gender, sexual orientation, religious, or national divisions. A humanitarian's goal is to save lives, relieve suffering, and maintain human dignity.”

The simplest definition I found was from Your Dictionary.

The definition of a humanitarian is a person who cares about people and who often participates in charity or does good work to show that care.

Easy right. I look forward to seeing who the nominees will be.



Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Award Nomination Form

Name of Nominee:	
Address (specify home or work):	
Phone (specify home or work):	
Nominee has Shown Visible and Continuing Volunteer Effort, Actions, Involvement or Leadership and in the One or More of Following Areas:	<i>Promoting Dr. King's Non-violent Philosophy, Peace, Equity, Racial, Social, Economic or Environmental Justice</i>
*Number of Years Nominee has been Actively Identified with the Oneida & Vilas County Area?	<i>At Least 3 Years.</i>

Please answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper for each nominee and attach to this form. Include your name address and telephone number (specify home or work) and email if appropriate. **Responses should be limited to two (2) pages or less.** If your nominee is an employee or elected official, the nomination must describe activities that are above and beyond the normal scope of their work responsibilities.

Criteria

1. How has your nominee shown visible and continuous commitment, involvement and actions, words and deeds in one or more areas of promoting Dr. King's non-violence , peace, equity, racial, social, economic or environmental justice?
2. What impact has your nominee had on the lives of people in the North woods?
3. Any other information you believe to be pertinent.

Please also provide a brief biography of your candidate (maximum of 1 additional pages).

Applications can be submitted in one of the following ways:

Email: ceonehanson@gmail.com

Mail: NUUF P.O. Box 1881 Woodruff, WI 54568

NOMINATIONS ACCEPTED UNTIL 11/20/21

Your Name: _____

Phone Number/Email: _____

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 Aug. 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!