



THE NUUSLETTER

NORTHWOODS UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

We are a Welcoming Congregation.

A Beacon of Light in the Northwoods

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2008 Coming Sundays

Services at 10 AM

Taking the Pulpit

August 17: Rev. Bobbie Groth

August 31: Elinore Sommerfeld *“Epiphany!”*

September 14: Julie Wambauch

September 28: Rev. Denise Tracy

“Worship is the central act of the religious community.... The root of the word worship is the Anglo Saxon for worth, and worship is the way we celebrate what we hold worthy.”

---Rev. William Sinkford

Adult Religious Education

On alternate Sundays we meet at 10 AM to discuss topics relating religious and ethical issues to current events and considering ideas that contribute to the spirit and meaning of our group.

We continue a sixteen lecture series entitled *Power Over People: Classical and Modern Political Theory*. The course is taught by Dennis Dalton, PhD of Barnard College. “These lectures examine some of the fundamental questions that have shaped Western political thought since its inception in Athens in the fifth century BC, together with some of the most influential

answers that political theorists have proposed.... The first involves the essential characteristics of human nature and the good society.... The second set of fundamental questions involves the relationship between the individual and the society.... The final set of questions involves theories of change.

Upcoming lectures are:

August 24: Socrates and the Socratic Quest

September 7: Plato—Idealism and Power, Part I

September 21: Plato—Idealism and Power, Part II, Plato's Republic

Please join us for this highly stimulating series of lectures.

From the President

For the last several weeks my thoughts have been with the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church congregation in Knoxville. Thankfully, most of us will never know the horror felt by those who came to services on Sunday, July 27. Expecting to see a special children's performance of "Annie Jr.," instead they were witness to an attack by a lone gunman that left two dead and six wounded. According to police statements, the shooter, 58 year old Jim Adkisson was motivated by hatred of "liberals in general, as well as gays." The authorities believe that he hoped to be killed by police after taking as many lives as possible.

It is impossible to know how the twisted strands of Mr. Adkisson's troubled life came together to produce such a horrible outcome. Books found in his home reveal that his hate was fed by prominent writers such as Bill O'Reilly, Sean Hannity, and Michael Savage. The simple act of reading a book does not make one a terrorist, of course. But people with lives filled with disappointments seek easy answers, and the aforementioned authors are quick to supply them. In their view, most of the problems in the world can be traced to "liberals and the liberal movement," precisely those who Mr. Adkisson was hoping to find at the TVUUC.

The pain and trauma of that awful day will always be remembered by those men, women, and especially children who witnessed this terrible event. Thankfully, most of us will never have to face the horror of seeing those we care for gunned down before our eyes. But what we can take from this tragedy is that once again, love and life can triumph over hate and death. The past few weeks have seen a tremendous outpouring of love from the community, the nation, and the world. Strong support has come from all

quarters of the Knoxville religious community.

UUs have responded in a variety of ways; with services of remembrance, with monetary contributions, and especially with affirmations of support for the principles that we all cherish as people of faith. In Rev. Sinkford's words, "We will not give in to fear. We will meet hatred with love. We will continue to work for justice. Unitarian Universalists stand on the side of love. We invite you to stand with us."

May it always be so. Jim

News and Announcements

NUUF Dates of Importance

August 18: Social Justice Committee Meeting

August 23: Salon Evening Fundraiser

September 11: Women's Friendship Circle

September 15: Social Justice Committee Meeting

Upcoming Services

August 31: Elinore Sommerfeld explores what happens when our spiritual journey takes us to unexpected places. A personal reflection.

Social Justice Committee Meeting

The Social Justice Committee will meet on **Monday, August 18**, at 6:30 at the fellowship. All are welcome.

Salon Evening

The Social Justice Committee is sponsoring a *Salon Evening* on **Saturday, August 23; at 7 pm**. Ed Semon will present a staged reading of his newest play, "Uninvited Guests". There will also be music, poetry, readings, and wonderful desserts. We will raffle off a special weekend at the Holiday Acres Resort in Rhinelander. Tickets are only \$10 apiece, which includes one raffle ticket. Additional raffle tickets are \$1 apiece or 6 for \$5. Proceeds will benefit this fall's Kids Against Hunger project. Tickets will be available at the door.

Women's Friendship Circle

The September Women's Friendship Circle will meet at 10:30 am Thursday, **Sept. 11th** in the Fellowship building. The usual format of a program followed by a potluck lunch will continue; it's soooo good!

All women of the Fellowship, member or friend, are invited. Look forward

to A FEARLESS ART EXPERIENCE with Jeanine Semon. Jeanine says:
“Everybody has ART in their genes; it heals, it expresses, it’s fun.
We thought ART was for the budding genius, but it’s for all of us!
We each have our own mark!”

Jeanine will show and talk about her own ART and follow with a simple hands-on lesson. She will then “read” each person’s ART, joined in observation by the artist and the group members.

If you would like to talk with Jeanine about her program, you may call her at 588-7388.

Food Pantry Update

On Tuesday July 29th NUUF provided volunteers for the Lakeland Area Food Pantry. We had an enthusiastic group handing out food including Dave Deinard, Bob & Marilyn Feser, Kay Hoff, Dan Padberg, Gary Pajonk, Stephanie Perkins and Joe Strauss. A big thank you to all! A number of the recipients expressed their gratitude for the help they are receiving.

Our next opportunity to serve those in need through the Food Pantry will be **Tuesday September 16th**. We need six to nine volunteers from 8:30 to about 11:30 AM. If you are available and would like to help, please call Mel Hoff at 715-588-1409.

Thank you all for your continuing support of the Lakeland Area Food Pantry. Mel Hoff

An Invitation

The Board of Trustees of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Duluth Requests the honor of your presence at the ordination of **Suzanne M.**

Wasilczuk to the Unitarian Universalist Ministry

Sunday, September 28, 2008

4:30 in the afternoon

835 College Avenue, Duluth Minnesota

Clergy are invited to robe and process. Please arrive at 4 pm.

Please call 218-525-5811 to RSVP, for directions or further information.

Alzheimer's Association

Memory Walk

Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk in Minocqua will be on Saturday, **October 4th** - Registration - 9:00 a.m.; Walk - 10:00 a.m.

PLEASE mark your calendars now and plan to join our "NUUF Trotters Team". We were great last year with placing FIRST with the most walkers - and we placed SECOND for the amount of \$\$\$ raised! Let's do that again!

Save the date and please give me a call or send an email and I'll get you registered for another successful Memory Walk.

Thank you, Bev Strauss 356-9307; email: bevjoest@verizon.net

Membership Committee News

Sally Back and Herb White signed the Membership Book on August 3. As part of becoming a member we have a program called a Welcoming in Ceremony for those new members. Several people will be welcomed into the congregation on August 17. They are Carol Potter, Ardis White, Ella Toigo, Sally Back and Herb White.

Membership involves a commitment to Unitarian Universalist principles, our mission and covenant, participation in church activities and financial support.

If you would like more information about the Fellowship contact Sharon VanRaalte 715-453-8083 or Mary Ann Fields 715-385-2975.

Yoga at the Woolpy's

NUUs are cordially invited to join our free yoga meets every Tuesday and Saturday mornings at 8 AM on our dock (weather permitting). Five to ten of us get together for this fun morning ritual. Call 356-6276 for information. Jerry Woolpy and Tara Reed

Consultancy Services

An agreement has been reached with Rev. Bobbie Groth to provide consultancy services to the Fellowship on the six weekends that she is taking the pulpit during the coming year. The dates are 8/16-17, 11/8-9, 12/6-7, 1/31-2/1, 4/11-12, and 5/23-24. Committees that wish to meet with her to discuss events, projects, mission or other concerns are asked to contact her in advance to make arrangements as to time and place. She will also be available for private individual consultations on Saturday mornings from 11-12, again arranged in advance. To contact Rev. Groth, you may call at 414-

764-0612, e-mail to gooseknoll@copper.net, or write her at 707 Hawthorne Ave., South Milwaukee, WI 53172.

Hall Gallery Features Jeanine Semon

A new exhibit of Jeanine Semon's paintings is now on display in the Fellowship's Hall Gallery. Jeanine will be the program facilitator for the Women's Friendship Circle in September, Jeanine Semon, an artist all her life, considers herself fortunate to have such an exciting vocation. "I do what other people retire to." Her subject matter comes from her soul and the world of nature. She has deep belief that "all life is interconnected". Her art has a healing, peaceful effect and is used in hospitals. Jeanine earned a BFA at University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. In explaining her work Jeanine states: "My tree art has become more and more abstract, away from realism. I paint trees as I feel they are: homes for creatures and spirits, resting places in the summer heat. Deeply rooting the soil and holding the precious rain, they give comfort and health to the world." Take time to stroll down the hallway and enjoy her work! Note: The Aesthetics Committee would like to have other artist's display their work--painting, weavings, quilting, photography or personal collections. Please contact Doris Eberlein, Eileen Schultz, Celeste Gonder or Tony Zoars to schedule an exhibit.

UUA News

UUWomen's Fall Retreat, November 7-9, Williams Bay WI.

www.womensconnection.org

New Bumper Sticker Bumper stickers with the new UUA ad slogan, "*Nurture Your Spirit, Help Heal Our World*" are available for \$2 each (order of 10). Order them online at www.tinyurl.com/6ebofu

UU's in the News

"Knoxville stands with grieving UUs after shootings" UUA president delivers message of hope one day after shooter's rampage in Unitarian Universalist church.

<http://www.uuworld.org/news/articles/117514.shtml?n>

"Two Unitarian Universalists killed in church shooting" Knoxville shooter may have been motivated by 'hatred of the liberal movement.'

<http://www.uuworld.org/news/articles/117286.shtml?n>

A guide to news coverage of the shootings is available at our blog, "Unitarian Universalists in the Media":
<http://www.uuworld.org/news/blog.php?n>

Official statements and resources from the UUA are available at www.UUA.org:
<http://www.uua.org/news/newssubmissions/117156.shtml?n> We will post additional news coverage at *uuworld.org* as the story develops.

Knoxville Relief Fund

From the Stewardship and Development Dept.:

Dear Friends,

We are all deeply saddened by the news this weekend of the tragedy at the Tennessee Valley UU Church which also affected members of the Westside UU Fellowship.

President Sinkford and the UU Trauma Response Ministry Team are now on the ground in Knoxville. For more information on the UU response, click [here](#).

What you can do to help: The UUA, in collaboration with the Thomas Jefferson District has established the **Knoxville Relief Fund** to bring ministry, spiritual care, and practical financial assistance to those affected by the tragedy in Knoxville TN [Read more.](#) [Donate Now](#)

Those killed and injured were from two area congregations that were participating in a joint worship service at TVUUC. Letters of sympathy may be mailed to both Knoxville congregations:

Tennessee Valley UU Church

2931 Kingston Pike

Knoxville, TN 37919-4624

Westside UU Fellowship

616 Fretz Road

Knoxville, TN 37934-1604

In faith, Catherine Lynch, Director of Campaigning

Green Tips

From The Journal-Standard via Mary Ann Fields: Finding New Uses for Old Things:

Old Branches, New Décor: If you're trimming trees to prepare for the growing season or cleaning the yard, save long fallen twigs or branches that are in good condition. Tie in a bunch and let dry completely in the garage. Spray paint them in white, silver or gold

and display in a vase or large urn as indoor decoration.

Old Mailing Tubes, New Wine Rack: ReadyMade, a savvy do-it-yourself magazine, suggests making a wine rack from mailing tubes and an old milk carton crate from your college dorm years (or a box that's at least 12 inches in depth.) Measure the depth of the crate and cut the tubes to this length with sharp scissors. Stack the tubes in the crate and turn the crate on its side on a flat surface. Each cubby hole can fit a wine bottle. Be sure to store the crate in a dry, cool area.

Old Shower Curtain, New Grill Cover: Got a stained or tired shower curtain? Use it as a waterproof cover for outdoor furniture or a grill.

Meet our Members

From New Member, Ella Toigo: I was born into the Roman Catholic tradition and raised as such until I married. One Sunday a dear friend asked me to attend church with her. This was a small community named Evangelical United Brethren. The Pastor, Reverend Peterson, was an inspired speaker and it was my good fortune that on that first Sunday I attended he spoke about evolution and how we could have all evolved from the fish in the ocean. Well, this was certainly different from what I was used to hearing as a "sermon" on Sunday morning! After listening to this intellectual for many weeks I was excited once more about things spiritual. I was very active (a young wife and mother) in the life of this community and served, at various times, as Sunday School Director and Church Treasurer. We had an interesting Woman's Group and enjoyed each other's company at our many social events. Alas, after some 15 years the Evangelical United Brethren merged with the Methodist Church and lost its identity and uniqueness.

My spiritual journey began again as I was not happy in the Methodist tradition. I started "surfing the net" and after reading about the different religions I came across this strange fellowship called Unitarian Universalist. I called my daughter and asked her to attend this interesting sounding "fellowship" with me. As luck would have it (since one of my special interests is the environment) the speaker at the first service we attended was a NASA employee from Madison, WI. Each speaker since has brought new interest and awareness into my life. We have both been attending the Northwoods U.U. Fellowship ever since. Now, after several years, I have become a member and look forward to continuing my "journey." I especially like the variety of speakers, the "talk back" after the sermon, and

the warm fellowship before and after the service. The music at the service is outstanding for such a small group. We are so fortunate to have such a talented organist and pianist as Joyce Barnes and a variety of soloists.

My husband, Abraham, and I have just celebrated our 60th wedding anniversary. We were married on May 1, 1948. We have three children (one son and two daughters), four grandsons, and one great grandson. Our son and his family live in Tennessee and have a home in Minocqua. Our oldest daughter lives in Salt Lake City, Utah and our youngest daughter lives in Rhinelander. I am an avid reader and especially like mysteries. I also like gardening and am a Master Gardener. I have become a quilter since my retirement in 1990 from the University of Wisconsin-Parkside as Assistant to the Vice Chancellor. We moved to Minocqua in 1990 from Kenosha, Wisconsin.

Joys and Concerns

Our condolences go out to Mary Ann Field on the death of her mother on August 6, 2008.

Paul Braunstien is currently in the hospital in Marshfield recovering from stomach surgery.

Milestones

Mary Rusak	08-18
Jack & Joan Hafner	08-18
Jeanne Reed	08-24
Eliot Frost	08-26
Dawn McCusker	08-29
Suzy and David Foster	08-31
Sherry Zoars	09-01
Tim Kratz	09-01
Jonathon Beutler	09-01
Ruth Erbs	09-07
Rev. Sydney Morris	09-07
Mackenzie Reupert	09-08
Mollie West	09-10
Eileen Schultz	09-10
Greg & Dawn Holt	09-10
Erick Boustead	09-16

Happy Birthday NUUF

NUUF was founded 19 years ago this month. We recognize those who have reached significant membership milestones this year:

15 years:

Greg and Dawn Holt, Oct 3, 1993

10 years:

Jerry Woolpy, May 6, 1998

Doris Eberlein re-joined again, May 30, 1998

Arthur Eberlein, July 19, 1998

5 years:

Celeste Gonder, Mar 30, 2003

Tom and Elinore Sommerfeld, May 4, 2003

Faye Calvey, Nov 2, 2003

Closing Thoughts From *Song of Myself* By Walt Whitman

I think I could turn and live with animals, they are so place and self-
contain'd

I stand and look at them long and long.

They do not sweat and whine about their condition,

They do not lie awake in the dark and weep for their sins,

They do not make me sick discussing their duty to God,

Not one is dissatisfied, not one is demented with the mania of owning things,

Not one kneels to another, not to his kind that lived thousands of years ago,

Not one is respectable or unhappy over the whole earth.

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