

NUUs Letter

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Northwoods Unitarian Universalist
Fellowship

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We are a Welcoming Congregation Sunday mornings at 10 a.m.

Unitarian Universalists believe more than one thing. We think for ourselves, and reflect together, about Life's important questions.

.. Our beliefs are diverse and inclusive. We have no shared creed. Our shared covenant supports "the free and responsible search for truth and meaning." Though Unitarianism and Universalism were both liberal Christian traditions, this responsible search has led us to embrace diverse teachings from Eastern and Western religions and philosophies.



UPCOMING SERVICES

March 1, David Barnhill

March 15, the Rev. Denise Tracy

March 29, Build Your Own Theology Presentation

April 12, the Rev. Mary Beth O'Halloran

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. alternating with our regular Sunday services

March 8, Ancient Civilizations of North America. There are 24 lectures in this series and we should finish the series on March 8.

Adult R.E. will also meet March 22.

DISCUSSION GROUPS

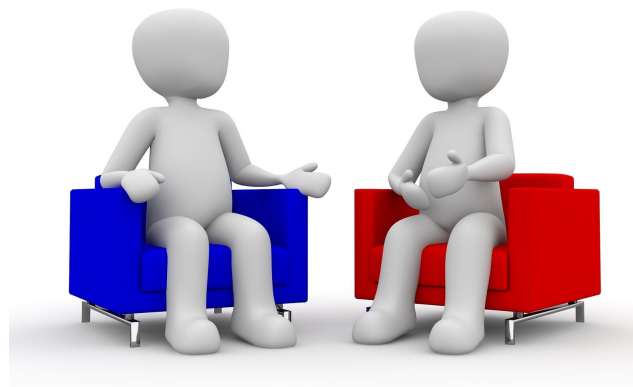
Men's Discussion Group meets on Tuesday, March 10, at 6 p.m. at the Fellowship

All men of the fellowship are invited to attend this potluck followed by discussion led by Rich Immler. Please bring a side dish to pass. A volunteer is needed to bring the main dish.

New members welcome. Contact Dick Fields, dmafields@yahoo.com, for more information or to bring the main course.

Women's Evening Discussion Group meets Tuesday, March 10, at 6 p.m. at the Fellowship in the Dr. Cline Room

All are invited to attend this discussion. No food is served. New members welcome. Contact Natalia Graf-Jones, for more information.



Daytime Women's Group meets the 4th Tuesday at 10am at NUUF.

The next meeting will be held March 24. Many of us go out to lunch together after the meeting.

MILESTONES

Tom & Elinore Sommerfeld	03-02
Kas Roberts	03-06
Tony Zoars	03-09
Iris Linder	03-10
Ed Semon	03-11
Dick Fields	03-12
Nancy Junkermann	03-12
Sally Back	03-12
Charles Reed	03-13
Ed Stoevers	03-13
Walt Jones	03-14
Ginny Metzendorf	03-15

Nancy Bayne	03-16
Kayla Norris Demers	03-19
Sophie Singleton	03-22
Constance Downey	03-22
Dan Rondello	03-24
Terry Hoyt	03-27
Pat Bickner	03-29
Sophia Figueroa	03-29
Kayla and Jason Demers	03-30

Do you see a mistake that can be corrected? If so, please contact Candy Sorensen at (715) 892-2997 or sorencan@yahoo.com Thanks!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For distribution of announcements between newsletters or email/address corrections, contact Candy Sorensen at sorencan@yahoo.com

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** will meet after the service on Feb. 2, 2020. Everyone is welcome to attend Social Justice Committee meetings.
- **The next Fair Trade day at NUUF is Sunday, March 1.**
The order form with available products and prices will be available. Don't forget about chocolate and tea.

NOTES:

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.

Send check made out to NUUF to: David Barnhill, 7164 Clawson Drive, Hazelhurst, WI 54531, 920-745-0842 or david.barnhill.925@gmail.com

A sampling of coffee and chocolate along with olive oil from Palestine will be available.

Thanks for supporting Fair Trade for small farmers.

- **UU Movie Night** Thursday, March 19, at 6 p.m. Movie to be announced.
- **Caritas** is an ecumenical/interfaith group that meets Thursdays 9am – noon to listen to the stories of people who have needs in Oneida and Vilas Counties and offer help when possible.
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.
- Tuesday, March 10, is the next date that UUs should provide a few volunteers at the **Lakeland Food Pantry**, from 8:15 to 11:30 a.m. Anyone available, please contact Connie Lefebvre 715-358-2470.
- **Native Plant Gardening for Pollinators** Join us on Wednesday night, March 4, at 6:30 p.m. at the Minocqua Brewing Co. to talk about gardening with native plants in the Northwoods with Patrick Goggin. Goggin is part of the UW-Extension Lakes Partnership Program. Patrick engages lake citizens and tribal, state and county agencies to help protect lakes. Patrick has been interested in gardening for many decades and has created spectacular native gardens at his home in Phelps. Funding for Science on Tap-Minocqua is provided by a grant from the Brittingham Fund to the University of Wisconsin-Madison.
Interested in dinner? Please arrive by 5 pm & mention “Science on Tap” to receive a 10% discount.
Don't forget you can always watch the event on your computer, tablet or smartphone by clicking the live presentation button on our website at scienceontapminocqua.org.
- Frank B. Koller Biennial Mental Health Summit “Life without Ed: A focus on Eating Disorders,” May 8, 2020 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Lake of the Torches Convention Center Open to Professionals and Community Members. Topics include “Almost Anorexic, Perfectly Imperfect; Eating, Exercise and Body Image.” Open to the community; registration information to follow when available.
- This is a friendly reminder. The **2020 Spring Wisconsin conservation council meeting**, which I mentioned at a recent fellowship program, is on April 13 at 7 p.m. Not sure which county you are in But the good news is the meetings are held in every county in Wisconsin!

Below is a link to the locations of each meeting for each county.

https://dnr.wi.gov/about/wcc/Documents/spring_hearing/2020/2020hearinglocations.pdf.

I hope you are able to make it and can bring as many other conservation-minded people as you know. Conservationists should outnumber all other groups.

We cannot complain about our current federal administration or state legislative leadership toward conservation if we do not engage in local opportunities such as this. Marching is one activity but political engagement can be more powerful in making changes to policies.

And to really be effective, you should show up every year to voice your opinion not just about a specific issue but on all issues. Even the ones you don't support. You have a say in rejecting the anti-conservation proposals brought up by other people.

This year I will be re-submitting my proposal on creating a wildlife and fisheries lead abatement conservation fund. I've submitted this proposal in the past and it has gotten closer to being passed each time. Hopefully the third time's a charm.

You will be hearing more about my resolution once I finalize my revisions.

Mark your calendars now! I hope you show up, along with your many conservation-minded friends, to support my resolution which is to help offset the impacts of lead in our environment on wildlife and human health, along with the many other conservation resolutions submitted each year.

Thanks, Sharon Reilly, 608-963-0742

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 March 28 for the April 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!

PRESIDENT'S NOTE

From Randy Wendt:

Rather than trying to replicate what other movement organizations are already doing, the work of UU the Vote is to amplify the work already happening on the ground, equip each other with the skills and tools, and to channel resources to parts of the country where the imbalance between the work that is needed and the resources that are available is the greatest.

Make no mistake. Directly or indirectly, the issues so many of us care most deeply about—climate change, LGBTQ rights, immigration, racial justice and more—will be on the ballot in 2020.

UUs hold democracy and the right of all people to have a voice and a vote as part of our Seven Principles. The 2020 election cycle is a benchmark—not an endpoint—in our faith's long-term work toward justice. No matter the outcome this November, we have work to do to protect our faith's ability to stay relevant beyond 2020.

UU the Vote continues to build momentum in congregations around the country.

Last weekend, [Forward Together: the UU Justice Ministry of North Carolina](#), gathered UUs for the Moral March on Raleigh with Rev. William Barber. Meanwhile, First Parish Brewster in Massachusetts recently gathered to write 119 letters and 153 postcards to voters in Florida, Pennsylvania, Texas and Wisconsin as part of a get-out-the-vote effort.

UUs from across North Carolina were out in full force at this year's Historic Thousands on Jones Street / Moral March on Raleigh. (Photo by Lisa Garcia-Sampson)

UU the Vote video

Unitarian Universalists have been part of every movement in US history, and we are ready to show up for the 2020 election like never before. Our forebears and ancestors gave us the blueprints for seeking justice in the world and speaking truth to power.

We're excited to share this short video that lifts up Francis Ellen Harper, the Unitarian who advocated as both a suffragist and an abolitionist, and Rev. James Reeb and Viola Liuzzo, two UUs killed during their work supporting the Civil Rights movement:

Share this 90-second video through your congregation's e-newsletter, website, or during worship service.

State Action Fund key to this work

The general election is nine months away; but the critical work of UU the Vote starts now. In order to know how much we can scale up UU the Vote's activities for the critical work ahead, we need to know where our overall fundraising stands by the time we head into General Assembly in late June.

We're asking UU congregations to collectively raise \$300,000 for a UU the Vote State Action Fund, which will help us build out the state infrastructure, electoral technology, and on-the-ground organizing needed to make a difference in the 2020 election cycle.

The State Action Fund will better position us to protect reproductive rights, voting rights, or other liberties, and to mobilize support to areas where progressive measures (e.g., \$15/hour living wage in Florida) will be on the ballot.

Congregational support building

The UU the Vote State Action Fund received its first contribution recently from a collection held by the First Unitarian Church of Dallas. Other congregations that have made early commitments to the state action fund include:

- Carbondale Unitarian Fellowship, Carbondale, IL
- First Religious Society Unitarian Universalist, Newburyport, MA
- UU Society of Schenectady, Schenectady, NY
- University Unitarian Church, Seattle, WA
- Fox Valley UU Fellowship, Appleton, WI

Can you let the UU the Vote Team know your congregation's fundraising plans, even if it's an estimate? Just as in congregational life, this will help us plan our fall strategy.

Sunday, March 1, 2020, the weekend before Super Tuesday, UU the Vote is sponsoring a nationwide Giving Day. A step-by-step guide to fundraising for UU the Vote is included in the organizing toolkit (PDF), and is available online at uuthevote.org. You can download sample newsletter and collection announcements, as well as a newly posted sample collection script.

Even if March 1 collection doesn't go toward UU the Vote, we're asking congregations to read a short announcement inviting members to pledge a mobile gift to the UU the Vote State Action Fund—by texting VOTELOVE to 91999. Whatever is donated via text-to-give will be counted toward the congregation's overall state action fund contribution.

If you have questions or need guidance on any aspect of UU the Vote, you can join one of our weekly online Office Hours, held every Tuesday evening from 8 – 9pm Eastern Time (5 – 6pm Pacific). View office hour dates (currently scheduled out through May) and sign up at uuthe.vote/office-hours.

Don't forget to download the [Organizing Toolkit](#), as well as review the step-by-step [online fundraising guide](#).

In faith,

Christopher Hartley
UU the Vote Fundraising Manager

uuthevote.org

The Organizing Strategy Team and the Coalition of UU State Action Networks are hosting a pre-GA training on Organizing Your Congregation for UU the Vote, Wednesday, June 24, 1pm - 4 pm (lunch 12pm - 1 pm).