

NUUs Letter

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Northwoods Unitarian Universalist
Fellowship

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We are a Welcoming Congregation

A virtual chalice lighting:

In This Time of Uncertainty

Courtesy of the WorshipWeb Library.

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worshipweb@uua.org.

by [Amy Williams Clark](#)

We gather in this time of uncertainty, full of unknowns, as angst closes in upon us.

We light this chalice with a flame that draws us together.

With this flame, we cut through the dankness of isolation and are warmed by the fires of our interconnection.

For this moment, this radical moment, we find a certainty within the knowable bonds of love and community.

UPCOMING SERVICES

**Aug. 2, February
Sky (Phil Cooper
& Susan Urban)**

**Service Title:
"Gone, Gonna
Rise Again"**

Many spiritual paths contain stories of gods who die and are born again, especially in earlier religions whose main form of worship centered on the cycles and seasons of the Earth. We will look at some of these traditions, and explore what meaning this orientation to spirituality might have for our own lives.

Will appear on our website (nuuf.com) and a link will be sent prior to Sunday service.

Aug. 16 at 10 a.m.

Aug. 30 at 10 a.m.

Discussions will be held after services at 11 a.m. via Zoom.



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!

HIGHLIGHTS

This new initiative will highlight two NUUF members a month. Hopefully we can all learn a bit about one another and stay connected during the pandemic. Members will be contacted and asked to write a brief autobiography. Enjoy the first two profiles written by Dick and Mary Ann Fields.

Mary Ann Fields, NUUF president

Dick and I have been married for 64 years. Dick is from Southern Ill. and I am from Northern Ill. We met at the U. of Ill. at Champaign. We have three children. Susan who lives in Tallahassee, Fla. David is married to Corliss, and has two children — Ben, 19, and Sarah, 20. Dave is in the Ukraine now and his family lives in Neillsville, Wis. Cathy, married to Warren, has son Will, 19, and stepdaughter Kim (married with two daughters) who live in Houston, Texas.

Dick and I discovered Unitarian-Universalism in Park Forest, Ill. in 1959. We have also been members of a UU congregation in the DC area and in Elgin, Ill. We have attended a number of UU groups across the US. We discovered the Northwoods in the late '60s and bought property in 1971 and built a small home in 1980 which has over the years had additions. In 1989 we noticed an article in the *Lakeland Times* about a UU Fellowship

being formed. We involved ourselves very soon afterwards in the group. We were living in Geneva, Ill., at the time and using our home up here as often as we could. In the 1990s we decided to be full-time residents of Wisconsin. Dick and I have been very active with the NUUF serving on several committees. I served as president for two terms in the 1990s when we bought property and built the Fellowship building. We are both charter members.

Our other interests have been genealogy, library volunteers, travel, golf, Mah Jongg and in our younger days, hiking, cross-country skiing, swimming, and canoeing.

Mary Ann Fields

Dick Fields

Richard Fields was born and raised in Southern Illinois. He attended the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana and received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agronomy. He received his Masters Degree at the University of Minnesota, St. Paul campus, in Plant Pathology.

Dick and Mary Ann joined the UU Church in Park Forest, Ill., in 1959 while working for Libby, McNeill and Libby. He joined Novartis in 1961 and was located in Adelphi, Maryland, where they joined the UU Church. After living there for three years he was transferred to the Corporate office in Chicago and lived in Geneva, IL. They joined the UU Church in Elgin.

After working for Novartis 34 years he retired and they moved permanently in 1991 on property they had owned in Wisconsin for 20 years.

Dick and Mary Ann are charter members of the Northwoods UU Fellowship. They have served on the board and various committees. Dick chaired the Finance Committee which conducted the fund drive to finance the building of our original Fellowship.

He also chaired the committee responsible for planning the design, funding, and construction of the addition to our Fellowship building. The original building consisted of 2,400 sq. ft. on two levels and was increased to 6,000 sq. ft. Dick is presently Chair of the Spirituality Committee, and involved with Adult Education, and the Men's Discussion Group.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- The **Sunday Morning Discussion Group**, co-chaired by Mary Beth O'Halloran and Mary Ann Fields, meets every Sunday morning, by Zoom, at 11:00 A.M. The Sunday we have a virtual service, the topic will be a discussion on the sermon and the alternate Sunday will be a topic to be determined. All are welcome to attend the Zoom meeting.

Candy will send an invitation to the Fellowship to attend the Zoom meeting.

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- 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 Spirituality Committee** has produced 7 virtual Sunday services through June in both text and audio format. These services are available to our members and friends on the NUUF website, nuuf.com. They include the Build Your Own Theology class, March 29, Rev. Mary Beth O'Halloran, April 12, Rev. Denise Tracy, April 26, Richard Olson, May 10, Ed Stoever, May 24, Betsy Schussler, May 7, and Rev. Phil Sweet, June 21.
Starting in July our goal is to produce Sunday services in both audio and video format. These will not be live streamed Zoom services; they will be placed on YouTube and will continue to be on our website as before and available any time after they are posted.
We hope you are enjoying the services we have been providing and if you have any comments or suggestions please let Dick Fields, or any other committee members, know.
 - The social justice committee will have a zoom meeting on Aug. 18 at 7 p.m. We will be planning activities for MLK Jr. program. Anyone can attend.

- We have a stock of **Fair Trade coffee and chocolate** for the NUUF community. If you are interested, please contact me about what we have available and how to make a safe transfer of these goodies. The Fair Trade farmers will benefit, as well as your taste buds! David Barnhill 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.

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- Friday, July 24, a longtime member of our Fellowship died. **Charles Reed** was 98 years old and died in his sleep. He was a doctor who specialized in allergies and worked several years at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. Cards can be sent to Janice Reed at Lake Shore Senior Living, 12440 Warpath Lane, Unit 10, Minocqua, WI 54548A
 - **Eileen M. Goggins Schultz**, a former valued member of Northwoods UU, was memorialized recently by her loving family; an event held at the Campanile. She died on April 2, 2020, at the age of 73. Her husband Tom Schultz, had died in the last year. They lived off the Bearskin Trail south of Minocqua. Eileen lived much of her adult life in the Wausau area and was very active on many boards. She moved to the area after building a home and participated intensely in the community. She was most involved with the development of the Campanile and the Women's Legacy council through Howard Young Foundation, funding programs for the community. Eileen designed the symbolic painting and executed it in the sanctuary of the NUUF addition. She, along with Doris Eberlein and others, helped plan the use of space in the addition and renovation, making it more welcoming. Her husband, Tom Schultz, had the construction company that built the addition and renovation. Eileen was a very capable organizer and planner, a wonderful hostess, an artist who blessed her family with lovely paintings and an author of two books. She looked you in the eye and spoke to you in the moment, listened and cared. She was memorialized by her family as providing a welcoming home to them, a deep interest and valuing of each of them. She did get to see her great grandchild before she passed. Eileen contributed to the fellowship in many ways. The community will miss her energy and commitment.
 - **Note of Gratitude to Randy Wendt and Constance Downey:**

As the new Board met for the first-time last week, we had several occasions to refer to Randy's leadership as president over the past 2 years. Most of NUUF members had direct contact with Randy over the myriad details of overseeing the fellowship. Thank you, Randy, for your thoughtful and even handling of each concern.

Constance, member-at-large for the past 2 years brought a steadiness to our discussions. Thank you for your careful eye to detail and diligence while we met in person and especially lately when our Zoom meetings were challenging. — Pam
 - Jennifer LaPorte, St. Kate Hospice Chaplain, has presented services at our Fellowship in the past and is scheduled again on Sept. 27, 2020. She informed us

that she is "available for pastoral care/meeting with any folks who may be in need of a chaplain during this time." To set up a meeting with her call 715-240-0120.

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!

PRESIDENT'S NOTE

From Mary Ann Fields:

Hello to you all. I will be your NUUF president for the next two years. A little about myself—I was born and raised in Illinois and have been a member of the UU since 1959.

I served as president of this Fellowship in the 1990's for two terms. I'm hoping to get to know each of you better. It is going to be a difficult time for us until we can again meet in our Fellowship Building. My hope for us is that we will keep in touch until we again meet as a group.

The board for the coming year will be PamThul-Immler as secretary, Kate Rahimzadeh as treasurer and Connie Lefebvre and Toni Lieppert Polfus as members at large.

Please feel free to email me dmafields@yahoo.com or call 715 385 2975.

As Ever Mary Ann

A virtual chalice extinguishing:

We Are One

Courtesy of the WorshipWeb Library.

For more information, contact worshipweb@uua.org.

by Amy Zucker Morganstern

Never has it been more true than now:

We extinguish this flame,

But the sparks within us remain alight.

From each of us, in our supposed solitude,

The signals buzz and hum, sparkling through space one to the other,

Connecting us invisibly

But palpably.

We are one.

And from every window,

Our light shines.