

NUUS LETTER

MARCH-APRIL 1992

UPCOMING SERVICES:

March 22nd: This service will be conducted by Glenda Walker who is the minister for the Wausau Unitarian-Universalist Church.

April 5th: Jack Hafner will present the service entitled "Touch the Earth."

April 19th: Paul Braunstein has arranged for the Rabbi from Wausau to present this program that coincides with Easter and Passover.

May 3rd: Pat Harrington will present the service.

IMPORTANT DAYS:

Colleen Matula's birthday is March 14th.

Terry Hoyt's birthday is March 27th.

Katelyn Wendt's birthday is 4-2-78.

Steven Cyra's birthday is 4-13-88.

Jessica Reupert's birthday is 4-14.

IF WE ARE MISSING YOUR BIRTHDAY, ANNIVERSARY OR SOME OTHER IMPORTANT DATE, PLEASE LET ME KNOW SO THAT WE CAN INCLUDE YOU ON OUR LIST.

OTHER ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

The next **ADULT RE** get together will be on Saturday, March 14th at Ruth and Harley Erb's house. This will be a potluck gathering starting at 6:00. Since no sign up sheet was made available you can use your psychic powers to know what you should bring or contact Ruth or Harley (362-2643) for more concrete direction. Our last few potlucks were entirely decided by the psychic power selection process. The topic for the evening will be "TEACHING MORALITY IN OUR PRESENT TIMES". Call Mary Ann Fields at 385-2975 for more information.

Ruth and Harley live in Rhinelander. Take Highway 17 N. Turn left on County Highway W which is at about the exact point where Hwy. 17 goes from being two lanes to four lanes. Take County W until you come to Isle View Drive and turn right. Ruth and Harley's house is the 2nd house on the left.

Everyone is welcome.

CARD PARTY

Our most excellent Activites Committee has planned a

Fellowship card party for 4-25-92 at Pat Buehler's house. Pat's place is at 1238 W. Harbor Drive in Arbor Vitae. This is reached by turning off Hwy. 51 by County Charm Carpet center (I think). Pat (356-7834) will provide better directions if you need them.

OTHER NEWS

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to Charles and Denise Sauter. Charlie and Denise live north of Boulder Junction in the Natural Lakes area. They operate a business called Northern Home Services which provides cleaning services, cottage and home opening and closings, etc. Denise is originally from the Hartford, WI area and attended college in Indiana. Charlie is from the Lindstrom, Minnesota area. Charlie and Denise moved here from Minneapolis and have many musical talents and interests in life in the northwoods and protecting our environment. The latest good news that Charlie and Denise have to share with us is that they are looking forward to being new parents this fall.

Our fellowship has three new members who joined our fellowship on February 23rd. Randy Wendt is no stranger to our fellowship. He has been coming since we first started meeting. Randy lives in Rhinelander. He has been in the northwoods for about 16 years. He is school counselor at the Arbor Vitae-Woodruff Grade School. He has two children, Katelyn, who will be 14 in April, and Matthew who will be 12 in September. They attend school in Rhinelander.

Our other new members are Colleen and Stephen Matula. Colleen and Stephen are our newlyweds having gotten married in August. Stephen works for the Department of Natural Resources at the Trout Lake Station as a carpenter. He has worked for the Department for about 8 years. Colleen works for the U.S. Forest Service as a timber cruiser. Colleen and Stephen are looking forward to having the fellowship to their home in Boulder Junction sometime in the near future. Their home was built by Stephen and is operated by solar power and heated with wood.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The 31st annual General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association will be Calgary, Alberta, Canada from June 25 to 30.

NATIONAL WORKSHOP ON SOCIAL JUSTICE

The 16th Annual Unitarian Universalist National Workshop on Social Justice will be held May 3-5, 1992 in Washington, D.C. The theme of the workshop is "Democracy in Crisis: Reclaiming Our National Values". For registration information write to: UUNWSJ, c/o UUA 100 Maryland Ave., N.E. Suite #106, Washington, D.C. 20002.

SPRINGTIME RELIGIOUS EDUCATION WORKSHOP

Central Midwest District Religious Education Consultant Polly Leland-Mayer will be conducting a workshop on RE at the Fox Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in Appleton on April 25th from 9:30 to 2:30. Registration is \$5 and should be sent to Lee Boeke Burke, F.V.U.U.F., 800 No. Superior St., Appleton, WI 54911, 414-729-9182 (home), 414-731-0849 (Wed.).

ANNUAL MEETING

At our annual meeting we will elect our Board of Directors under our new by-laws. All of the present board is up for election. The secretary, treasurer, and one member at large position will be elected to a one year term. The president and one member at large position will be elected to a two year term. Our nominating committee is Harley Erbs, Terri Hoyt, and Irma Braunstein. Please return a written notice to one of the nominating committee members if you do not wish to be considered for nomination to a position on the board. I have faith in the ability of all of our members to carry out the responsibilities of Board membership and hope no one will decline consideration by the nominating committee for nomination to the board.

CLOSING THOUGHTS

There is only ONE reason for joining a Unitarian Universalist Church! That is to SUPPORT it. You want to support it because it stands against superstition and fear. Because it points to what is noblest and best in human life. Because it is open to men and women of whatever race, creed, color, or place of origin.

You want to support a Unitarian Universalist Church because it has a free pulpit. Because you can hear ideas expressed there which would cost any other minister his or her job. You want to support it because it is a place where children can come without being saddened with guilt, or terrified of some "celestial peeping Tom", where they can learn that religion is for joy, for comfort, for gratitude and love.

You want to support a Unitarian Universalist church because it is more concerned with human beings than with dogmas. Because it searches for the holy, rather than dwells upon the depraved. Because it calls no one a sinner, yet knows how deep is the struggle in each person's breast and how great is the hunger for what is good.

You want to support a Unitarian Universalist Church because it can laugh. Because it stands for something in a day when too much religion is still more concerned with drinking and smoking than with prejudice and war. You want to support it because it insults neither your intelligence nor your conscience, and because it calls you to worship what is truly worth your sacrifice.

Yes, there is only ONE reason for joining a Unitarian Universalist Church. To SUPPORT it. Will you? (Adapted by Rev. John Wolf)