



THE NUUSLETTER

NORTHWOODS UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

We are a Welcoming Congregation.

A Beacon of Light in the Northwoods

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Coming Sundays

Services at 10 AM.

October 25: David Foster

November 1: Adult Religious Education: Religions of the Axial Age

November 8: Care Committee

November 15: Adult Religious Education: Religions of the Axial Age

November 22: TBA

November 29: Adult Religious Education: Religions of the Axial Age

“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

From the President

Perhaps because I have spent the past month in a state of almost complete inactivity due to my knee operation, I have been thinking about the extraordinary contributions made by members of this congregation to the welfare of others.

Each month throughout the year the Lakeland Area Ministerial Association sponsors a dinner for area residents. As members of this association, we take our turn three times a year, co-hosting with the Church of the Pines Methodists, the Faith Free Evangelicals, and the Christian Scientists. Besides being a very worthwhile event for the local community, it is a great opportunity for members of the faith community to come together in a spirit of mutual support and cooperation.

Although I was unable to participate in the September event, a great many members of our congregation took part by preparing food and/or by helping out at the dinner. Over one hundred people were fed, and from all reports, everyone had a fantastic time.

I also want to acknowledge the efforts of members of the congregation who contributed their time and effort to this year's Memory Walk in support of those with Alzheimer's disease. For many years we have been supporters and major participants in this endeavor. This year we were recognized for having the second largest number of walkers and the third largest amount of contributions of any group that participated. This is an amazing result for a relatively small congregation, and reflects well on our fellowship's dedication to this vital community event.

Coming up this later this month will be another opportunity for us to be involved in a community-wide effort. On Saturday, October 31 the Kids Against Hunger packaging event will once again be held at the Lakeland High School from 9 a.m. to noon. This initiative, which began last year as a project by our own Social Justice Committee, has blossomed into a huge area event. Last year 800 people packaged over 100,000 meals for distribution to local food pantries, and to areas where natural disasters and famines are threats to human life. This year the goal is even more ambitious, with a target of 180,000 meals.

These events are important not only for what they provide in the way of support to those in need, but also for what they do for the volunteers. Participation can be a way that we find spiritual enrichment and a renewed sense of purpose. May we all take advantage of these opportunities as we are able.

Jim Williams

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 are currently exploring a new series entitled, "Religions of the Axial Age". Here is the website describing the program we are using:

<http://www.teach12.com/ttcx/CourseDescLong2.aspx?cid=6312>

We usually view two lectures each week because each is 30 minutes long. When they are 45 minutes, we do only one.

News and Announcements

Food Pantry News

Donations of non-perishable food items and personal hygiene items are needed and welcome. For your convenience, a drop-off box is located in the Fellowship vestibule. Thank you for your continuing support of the Lakeland Food Pantry.

And, a bit Thank You to the following people for working at the food pantry on Tuesday, October 6th: Jan Anderson, Faye Calvey, Dick Fields, Kay Hoff and Ann Sorensen Garza.

As many of you know we also provide used clothing and books at the food pantry. We are currently in need of new or gently used children's jackets, snow pants, warm comforters, blankets and infant/toddler books. Current magazines of no more than two months old are also in demand. Donations can be dropped off at the food pantry on Tuesday mornings or placed in the drop-off box located in the Fellowship vestibule. Thank you for your continuing support of the Lakeland Food Pantry.

Mel Hoff

Seeking Nostalgia

Marilyn Pingle, Director of Pastimes at Ascension Lutheran Church is looking for readers to read nostalgia for half an hour or so followed by discussion on Monday or Thursday at 11:00 a.m. The material can be either the reader's own experience or the experience or others. Call her at 715-358-3404 for more information or to volunteer.

KIDS AGAINST HUNGER Food Packing Event

The United Nations World Health Organization reports that every day more than 40,000 children die from starvation and diseases caused by hunger. Incredibly, one child dies

every five seconds from starvation, 12 children every minute, hour after hour, day after day. More than 6 million children under the age of 5 die every year from hunger.

On October 31 the Lakeland community will team up with non-profit organization “Kids Against Hunger” to package meals for hungry children in the United States and around the world. Our goal is to package 100,000 meals in three hours. Each meal will cost only 15 cents! Here’s where you come in: to make 100,000 meals for hungry children we need to raise \$15,000 and sign-up 450 volunteers to work 90-minute shifts at the Lakeland Union High School cafeteria, from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. and 10:30 to 12:00 a.m. Nationally, Kids Against Hunger volunteers packaged nearly 40 million meals last year that were distributed in more than 40 countries.

Our NUUF Social Justice Committee has generously committed \$1,000 to this event including \$723 raised at the Spring Fling fund raiser. On October 11th and 25th we will have a table in the Founders Room for anyone who wishes to sign up to help and/or contribute money. Donations can also be mailed to Kids Against Hunger, P.O. Box 10, Hazelhurst, WI 54531

The NUUF committee members are Joyce Barnes, Bev & Joe Strauss, Barb Logan and Mel Hoff.

Alzheimer’s Walk

For many years we have been supporters and major participants in the Alzheimer’s Walk. This year we were recognized for having the second largest number of walkers and the third largest amount of contributions of any group that participated. This is an amazing result for a relatively small congregation, and reflects well on our fellowship’s dedication to this vital community event. Thanks to all who participated.

Kudos to Kay Hoff

Kay Hoff has received the 2009 Eleanor Roosevelt Activist Tribute! The award was presented to her on Tuesday, October 13th at the Madison Museum of Contemporary Art.

“Grassroots Activist Category: A local woman who has worked to organize in her area and has gone above and beyond to better serve Democrats. She is first and foremost a member of the community, and she works as hard as she does, not for a paycheck, but because the issues and the people matter to her.”

Congratulations, Kay!!!! Your NUUF Friends are very proud of you!

NUUF Dates of Importance

November 12: Lori Cooper Born presenting on herbal infusions, wine making and the use of herbs for the upcoming holiday season.

November 19: NUUF Board holiday party and music event. Bobbie Groth and her husband will be playing fiddle music and there is more news to come about the event.

Remember, When You Shop at Trig's, You Can Help Our UU Fellowship

Trig's Food and Drug helps our Fellowship earn money with its "Trig's Supports Local Churches and Schools" Program. Three times a year receipt totals are tabulated and 1% of the total for our Fellowship is returned to us by check. You must record our Fellowship number, 27B, on your register receipt before depositing it in the "barometer" at the exit door for this to work for us. Our receipts this last year totaled \$346.08. So, remember, 27B.

Membership News

A Word of Thanks

On September 15 the NUUF joined with the Church of the Pines, the Faith Free Evangelical Church, and the Christian Scientists in hosting the Lakeland Community Table. Organized by the Lakeland Ministerial Association, the Community Table is an opportunity for people from the community to enjoy a nutritious meal while joining together in fellowship. NUUF members who donated food and/or helped with the meal included Ella Toigo, Jan Mirs, Laurie Figueroa, Dick and Mary Ann Fields, Paul Braunstein, Gary Pajonk and Stephanie Perkins, Lynn and David Deinard, Candy Sorensen, Doris Eberlein, and Carol Amour. Thanks so much for your time and generosity.

Art Exhibit

The Wisconsin Regional Art Association is sponsoring an art exhibit at Ministry Health (Howard Young) all this month. I have three pictures on display. I hope you have an opportunity to visit it.

Elinore

Hold this Holiday Date

Yes, the holidays are just around the corner. Mark your calendar for Saturday, December 19, for NUUF's holiday party and music event. Bobbie Groh and her husband will be

playing fiddle music. More details later.

Elinore

Women's Friendship Circle

In April Lori Cooper Born presented on *The Wonder of Herbs*. She will continue this month with Part Two, discussing herbal infusions of vodka and gin suitable for bloody Marys. She will also discuss wine-making and the use of herbs for the upcoming holiday season. Of course, she will bring samples and soups made from her fall garden harvest. If you have questions, call Sally Back 715-248-76276.

Sunday Flower Coordinator

Jane Mira will be moving north in November and will assume responsibility for coordinating flowers for Sunday services starting in January. This will be a good way for her to get to know us and for us to get to know her. Watch for more details.

First Sunday Jam

A group of musicians who play a range of acoustic music (folk, old time, blues, contemporary, etc.) will begin meeting at the NUUF building the first Sunday of every month beginning this Oct. 4th from 1:30 to 4:30 pm. The group formerly met at the Life Spring Dome Coffee House on Hwy 51 South. The jam is dedicated to playing a broad range of acoustic music (folk, old time, blues, contemporary, etc.) and to provide a venue for people who enjoy making music and socializing with others who play acoustic instruments. Persons of all ages and ability levels are welcome. While this is an acoustic jam, exceptions will be made for instruments like electric basses or keyboards, as long as the amps are turned down to an acoustic level. This is an open group and anyone is welcome to attend and participate. People who want to just stop by and listen are also welcome. However, typical of most jams, the musicians play in a circle and not toward an audience. There will be a donation can on hand for voluntary contributions for heat and electricity which will be turned over to the NUUF. For information call Bill Schweisheimer 358 3934.

*The morns are meeker than they were
The nuts are getting brown;
The berry's cheek is plumper,
The rose is out of town.
The maple wears a gayer scarf,
The field a scarlet gown.
Lest I should be old-fashioned,
I'll put a trinket on.*

Emily Dickinson

Milestones

Greg Holt

10-23

Tim Muench	10-24
Irma Braunstein	10-24
Tara Reed & Jerry Woolpy	10-25
Charmaine Winters	10-26
Ethan Sites	10-26
Myrle Wasko & Dawn McCusker	10-31
Megan Katz	11-03
Faye Calvey	11-04
Dan Padberg	11-09
Jim Williams	11-09
Ron and Diane Reupert	11-11
Bob Polfus	11-12
Dennis Kobes	11-15
Zach Boustead	11-15
Herb White	11-16
Ruth Sproull and Dick Pantalone	11-18
Rick Immler	11-19
Amy Holt	11-24
Celeste Conder	11-25
Perry Junkerman	11-29
Patty Buehler	11-30

From the Editor

Just a reminder that the deadline for inclusion in the newsletter is the fifteenth of each month. Please send newsletter items to my e-mail address. Please send them as an attachment to your e-mail as that makes them much easier for me to cut and paste. I can be reached with questions, suggestions, or reactions at writer65@verizon.net or by phone at 715-356-5797.

I apologize for any errors or omissions in this newsletter. Please let me know if I inadvertently omitted your submission or if you spot any errors. I will make corrections next time.

Carol Ann Amour

UUA News Chalice Lighters

From the CMwD: We are pleased to announce our Fall 2009 Chalice Lighter Call will

support the Universalist Unitarian Church in Peoria, Illinois. Thanks to your generosity, Chalice Lighter grants fund congregational growth projects, such as new congregation starts, adding professional staff, building new or enhanced space, or accomplishing outreach and public relations programs. This call will close on November 30, 2009.

We hope you can send your check, made out to CMWD Chalice Lighters, for \$20 or more (\$10 minimum) to the address below. You can also donate online by visiting the web site for the Central Midwest District Chalice Lighters: www.cmwd-uua.org, select Services on

the Resources sidebar, then Chalice Lighters, then Donate - Online. As always, we thank you for your generosity.

If you have questions, please contact Elinore Sommerfield.

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For Further Reading

If you would like to learn more about Unitarian Universalism, you might enjoy reading some of the books and pamphlets available through the [UUA Bookstore](#) or your local library.

- [The Unitarian Universalist Pocket Guide](#)
edited by William Sinkford
- [A Chosen Faith: An Introduction to Unitarian Universalism](#)
by John A. Buehrens and Forrest Church
- [With Purpose and Principle: Essays About the Seven Principles of Unitarian Universalism](#)
edited by Edward Frost
- [ABC's for UU Newcomers: A Brief Introduction to Unitarian Universalism](#)
by William Cleary
- New Member gift set
([in English](#)) ([en Espanol](#))

Feel free to contact the Public Information Assistant, info@uua.org, if you would like to have a free packet of pamphlets and information about Unitarian Universalism mailed to you.

"I love being old...because I am more myself than I have ever been. There is less conflict. I am happier, more balanced...and more powerful.

Mary Sarton

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The play is memory.

Being a memory play, it is dimly lighted. It is sentimental. It is not realistic/

In memory everything seems to happen to music. That explains the fiddle in the wings.
Tennessee Williams
The Glass Menagerie

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