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May 5

"Pluralism and the Visual Arts" Jim Neilson

Pluralism and the Visual Arts: In the 1960s and 1970s, art, politics and culture merged as artists began to believe in a more socially and politically responsive form of art. A suite of both familiar and new images celebrating the art of honoring differences and embracing commonalities will be shared and discussed (with special emphasis on the color journey of pink; from peaceful to political!).

Jim is an art professor at St. Norbert College.

May 12

"Mothers and Others for Peace" Rev. Tony Larsen

Tony's sermon will explore the original meaning (and history) of Mother's Day. (Did you know that the day started out as a peace celebration--and that it was begun by a Unitarian who authored a very bellicose hymn?)

Tony is a retired UU Minister, and he is a regular speaker at LUUF.

May 19



FLOWER COMMUNION SUNDAY



Mary Jo Urgan

This year is the 101st Anniversary of the first Flower Ceremony created by the Unitarian minister Norbert Capek in Prague in 1923. This annual ritual, sometimes referred to as the Flower Communion, celebrates beauty, human uniqueness, diversity, and community. Perhaps you brought a flower or two to share. We will leave with someone else's flower as a gift of friendship. Our 6th principle, the goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all, is our hope and essential focus.

May 25 TBA

Rev.Kathleen Baughman

"I found my calling in UU ministry to be in chaplaincy rather than parish ministry. I spent 13 years as the Oncology Chaplain at Mayo Clinic Hospital and Cancer Center in Phoenix, Arizona. I was a second career minister. My first career was as a Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner treating children, adolescents and their families. In 2019, I retired from my ministry at Mayo and returned to Wisconsin where I have family."

Last Soup Sunday before summer, we will return in September.
Thank you to the LUUF Hospitality Committee for ensuring we have had great food prep and cleanup.



Save a tree, save paper, save money Sign up to receive your LUUF newsletter electronically

Email Kim Everett at kimeverett60@gmail.com

LUUF BOARD BRIEFS

Dear Friends,

Hola! We know everyone enjoyed our "Cinco de Mayo Feast" this past Sunday. The Adult Activities committee once again did a fabulous job as did all of you in bringing creative Mexican cuisine, bright and festive decorations, and good appetites. **Muchas gracias!**

In preparation for our **ANNUAL MEETING** on **Sunday, May 21, 2024** which follows the Flower Ceremony, you will receive via the U.S. mail, all the important information relating to this meeting. Please review the info and plan on attending. We need a quorum in order to conduct business. (And we promise there will still be time to grab a cup of coffee!)

In addition, we, as a board, want to take this opportunity (as this is the last newsletter of the 23/24 fiscal year) to say a **big thank you to Kim** for all her hard work in putting out the LUUF Newsletter for the last 9 months. Also, please note that there will be **NO Sunday Services via zoom** from June through August. However, all are welcome to join us in person at the Fellowship for our summer services.

In closing, please know how much we appreciate all the effort everyone in this Lay Led Volunteer Fellowship of ours has put forth to make our LUUF a warm and caring place to be!

With gratitude and appreciation,

The LUUF Board: Dick Urban, Sandy Bast, Kathie Fishbeck, Melody Hanson, Mary Dean, Albert Sears, Sharon Titel & Linda Wenzel.

LAKESHORE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST (LUUF) LAY MINISTRY

Theologically, LUUF Lay Ministers are as diverse as Unitarian Universalist among our Lay Ministry you will find a variety of spiritual perspectives and beliefs about the sacred.

LUUF Lay Minsters are committed to serving all Fellowship members and friends, with the utmost of compassion and discretion. If you're in need of a good listener, connection, support and/or resources inside, or outside our Fellowship, in times of illness, or another of life's challenges, or to officiate at dedications, weddings, or

funerals, please don't hesitate to contact any of the following LUUF Lay Ministers:

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Threads That Connect • Stories That Inspire



The Mid America Regional Assembly—April 19th & 20th, 2024 was held at the First Unitarian Society of Madison, WI and was a combined meeting with the Pacific Western Regional Assembly. Four individuals from our Fellowship attended: Sandy Bast, Sharon Titel, Ginny Finnel and John Fease.

The meeting opened with keynote speakers Rev. Dr. Sofia Betancourt of the UUA and Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia A. Thompson of the UCC. They spoke of the importance of UU's coming forward and speaking the truth during these very critical times. We need not only to work with others but to stand up.

In addition, it was explained how and why the UUA is divided into five regions, 3 of which are fully integrated and 2 of which are a consortium made up of parts of the United States and its territories along with the UUA in other countries. The purpose of the regions is to provide better communication, connections and learning that reaches all members of Unitarian Universalist Association and reminds all that we are part of one family.

Also, part of the focus of the meeting was the election of new regional board members, and information on the budget which is supported by our donations. In addition, the proposed changes in our **Seven Principles** to key **values** contained in each principle was addressed. To this list of values, the UUA is adding the value of <u>Peace</u>. The other values are: Interdependence, Transformation, Equity, Justice, Generosity, and Pluralism with Love at the Center. These proposed changes will be voted on at the UUA General Assembly which will be held on-line June 18-22, 2024. Registration is open to all. Cost of full registration is \$315 before May 15th. After that date, the cost is \$400. See page 43 of **UU World** for a full description and options.

Sandy Bast

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It's summer at Lakeshore Unitarian Universalist Fellowship and you all know what that means.

It means members and friends, friends of friends bring their voice and their passions, their hobbies and their readings, poems, or art to summer service presentations. If you have something to share, we're all ears, we want to hear from you. Consider presenting to a casual crowd of interested folks, who want to hear what you have to say. Schedule is filling up and it's looking mighty fine. Contact:

Contact Kathie Fishbeck





HISTORY OF ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACHIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

The push for this recognition came from <u>Jeanie Jew</u>, a Chinese American Capitol Hill staffer. Her great-grandfather immigrated from China and helped build the transcontinental railroad, but later lost his life to anti-Asian violence as laws like the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882 and the Geary Act stoked anti-Chinese and anti-Asian sentiment.

The month of May was chosen to commemorate the first known Japanese immigrant to the U.S. on May 7, 1843 and the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869, which was made possible with the labor of up to 20,000 Chinese workers.

In 1977, New York representative Frank Horton and Hawaii senator Daniel Inouye both introduced joint resolutions to propose proclaiming the first ten days of May as <u>Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week</u>. Though these resolutions didn't pass, representative Horton was successful in passing a resolution the following year, requesting that the president proclaim a Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week during the first ten days of May starting in 1979.

Congress extended this recognition of the AAPI community to the entire month in 1990, and in 1992, Congress passed a bill to annually designate the month of May as Asian/Pacific Heritage Month.

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LUUF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL JUSTICE INFORMATION AND EVENTS PAGES



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We are called to put our UU values and faith into action to build a world that is peaceful, compassionate, just and sustainable.

In the tradition of UU's, our Fellowship, it's members and friends live our UU principals by participating in many social and human concerns endeavors. Social Action is the lifeblood of our Fellowship. It nourishes us spiritually and enriches our community.

LUUF's Social Justice committee sponsors many different ways to make a difference in the world through social justice and community outreach. We work with partners in the community at various concerns throughout the community and are often well represented. We have a strong commitment to social justice, supporting and encouraging our members and friends to be involved in some way with our social justice outreach activites.

Our Fellowship offers members and friends many hands-on opportunities to create social justice

Hope House of Manitowoc County



Hope House, a program of Lakeshore Interfaith Hospitality Network and an affiliate of Family Promise, is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to provide immediate shelter and guidance to homeless individuals and families. Contact Kim Everett kimeverett60@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering. Information and training will be provided.

<u>InCourage - Domestic Violence Center</u>

Provides shelter, crisis intervention and supportive services for survivors of domestic and sexual abuse and their families, with a commitment to safety, respect and self-determination.



Painting Pathways



Painting Pathways Clubhouse empowers adults with diagnosed mental illness by building community, supporting recovery and changing lives.

Two Rivers Ecumenical Pantry (TREP)

Food assistance for those in need. Serving Two Rivers, Mishicot, and surrounding areas.



The Haven of Manitowoc County



The Haven of Manitowoc County provides shelter for homeless men for up to 90 days and offers a program to help them regain their independence

TREP Food Pantry



Lakeshore UU members and friends will once again collect and donate non-perishable foods to TREP (Two Rivers Economical pantry). Canned, in a jar or boxed food (NO fresh food items) will be accepted. You'll find a box in the front entryway of the Fellowship beginning Oct. 1st . Please drop off any donations when you arrive for Sunday Services. Melody Hanson has agreed to deliver the donations to TREP. Thank you for your help.

Hope House of Manitowook County

Hope House LUUF Evening Host volunteer dates for 2024. Mark your calendars. If anyone is interested in volunteering for Hope House, please contact our coordinator Nancy Slattery at: (920)412-4725

May 19-25, July 7-13, August 25-31, Oct 13-19, Dec 1-7

Evening Hosting at Hope House (5-8 pm) Evening hosts socialize with guests, welcome newcomers, and assist parents with children's needs. Evening hosts may conduct children's activities, help with homework, or assist a guest with a particular need.

Online training will discuss various topics such as:
How our program works and why it is so effective.
How you can volunteer and be a part of helping families become stabilized.
Understanding your role as a volunteer.
Sensitivity issues to be aware of when volunteering with our families.

Immediate Wish List Needs Include:

Kwik Trip gas cards - \$10 or \$20 increment
Diapers Size 4, 5 and 6
Plastic hangers
Kid's 3-in-1 wash
Twin XL size bed sheets
Men's & women's adult body wash
For a full list and to purchase on Amazon visit:
https://www.hopehousemc.org/needs-list





WHY VOLUNTEER AT INCOURAGE?

Choose from a variety of opportunities. We find the right fit for you!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

Play indoor or outdoor games, do crafts, plan activities with the children Teach a craft or skill or share your talents.
Plan family fun nights, such as game or movie night
Make a meal or snack
Assist children with homework.
Shelter Assistant/Crisis Line:

For a complete list of opportunities at InCourage, visit their website at: www.incouragewi.org/volunteer-page/

Or Call 1-920-684-4661.



Join Painting Pathways staff, members and volunteers for our annual brat fry and plant sale!



Brats, burgers, cheeseburgers, chips and drink options all by donation! Place your preorder by emailing:

gthiel@paintingpathways.org

Beautiful options in plants! More information to come!

This year, our members made unique and beautiful tree jewelry to be purchased, by donation!



It's GAME TIME!

Join us in August for our fun TEAM game challenge fundraiser! Gather your team of 4-6 people and compete to win the champion bragging rights and a unique trophy.

SAVE THE DATE! Tuesday, August 6, 2024

4:00pm - 7:00pm



Think minute to win-it, brain teasing puzzles, trivia, and race competitions to beat the clock, make the most shots, build the tallest tower, and more! There's something for all skill levels to show off your talents. This event is for adults 21 and older.

BUILD YOUR TEAM NOW with your family, your friends, or your co-workers, and play for a great cause! The proceeds from this event will support our families who are experiencing homelessness in Mantiowoc County.

Your team entry will include a food truck meal option, beverages, participation in competing games, and a team T-shirt for each member. Don't miss the fun! More details to come soon.

Held at Sabbatical Brewing Company 835 S. 29th Street, Manitowoc, WI

www.hopehousemc.org/events/hope-cup-games

Spring Rummage Sale & Bazaar

THURSDAY PRE-SALES MAY 2ND

6PM-8PM

FRIDAY

MAY 3RD 9AM-4PM SATURDAY

MAY 4TH 9AM-4PM

JOIN US!

SHOPPERS!

Shop gently used clothing, housewares, furniture and more in support of Grow It Forward's mission.

Fresh bakery & food also available!

SELLERS!

Rent a "booth" of up to two 8' tables for \$10 plus 10% of your sales and have your rummage sale in our clean, beautiful space! (No need to clean your garage!)

- · You price your items and label them with a seller number we provide.
- All booths set Wednesday, May 1st, 8am-1pm or Thursday, May 2nd, 1pm-6pm
- We handle all of the advertising and act as your customer service reps,
 handling all transactions! You do not need to be present during sale hours!
- All booths must be removed on Saturday, May 4th between 4-5pm
- You can also let US remove your booth, then all proceeds will be donated to Grow It Forward, and we will donate your remaining items to St. Vincent de Paul.



Hazardous Waste Clean Sweep 2024



FREE!

For Households

and Farms

SAVINGS!

For Businesses

Many common items like automotive products, household cleaners, pesticides, and home improvement products are hazardous when used, stored, or disposed of improperly. Look for items that contain the following on their labels: Danger, Warning, Caution, Poison, Combustible, Flammable, Corrosive, and Toxic.

Thanks to our participants and volunteers, since our collection started in 1985, we have collected 1,185,447 pounds of unwanted chemicals.



MANITOWOC COUNTY

Residents

Saturday, May 18, 9am - Noon Manitowoc County Highway Shop 3500 HWY 310, Manitowoc

Farms and Businesses

Friday, May 17, 2pm - 4pm Manitowoc County Highway Shop 3500 HWY 310, Manitowoc Must register by May 10

REDUCTION IS YOUR FIRST CHOICE!

Before you buy:

- · Read the labels
- Choose safer alternatives
- Buy the smallest amount needed for the job

After you buy:

- Follow directions for safe use
- Store properly in the original container
- Share what you can't use
- Dispose of leftovers properly

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

Pesticides

- Insecticides
- Herbicides
- Fungicides
- Rodenticides
- Other poisonous repellents Gasoline and banned chemicals (DDT)

Paints/Solvents

- Varnishes and Shellacs
- Turpentine and Thinners
- · Lead Based Paints
- Oil Based Paints
- Aerosols
- Wood Preservatives

Cleaners/Cleansers

- Oven Cleaners
- Spot Removers
- Polishes

Manitowoc County may modify guidelines at any time to meet the needs of the program.

Other Materials

- · Used Oil and Filters
- Contaminated Oil
- Hvdraulic Oil
- Antifreeze
- Bulk Mercury, Mercury **Devices and Compounds**
- Acids/Bases
- Mothballs
- Pool Chemicals
- · Photographic Chemicals
- · Wood Coating, Stripping and Preservative Chemicals

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

- LATEX PAINT*
- · Explosives such as ammunition
- · Radioactive materials such as smoke detectors
- · Compressed gas tanks and high pressure cylinders such as fire extinguishers and propane tanks
- Unknown chemicals
- · Infectious and biological waste including sharps and needles
- Light bulbs
- Computer components and TVs
- Batteries
- Appliances
- Freon gases
- Pharmaceuticals

Other disposal or recycling options exist for many unacceptable items. Contact the Manitowoc County Recycling Center at 683-4333 or visit

Recycling.manitowoccountywi.gov

*All residents are encouraged to dispose of latex paint in their regular trash. Just take the lid off and let it dry or add paint hardener or cat litter. Once hardened, latex paint can be disposed of in the





Tuesday, June 11, 2024 7:30am - 5:00pm



1415 Lake Street · (920) 793–5550 (Across from McDonald's) www.two-rivers.org/trwl/page/recycle-event Watch our website and Facebook for updates!

Please stay in your vehicles. We will do the unloading. If you are bringing a large amount of light bulbs, please add up the numbers by bulb type to save us time counting them. You do not need to be a customer of TRU to bring recyclables to this event.

Where? - Two Rivers Utilities, 1415 Lake Street (next door to McDonald's). Drive-up, drop-off, watch for signs. Traffic cones will be placed to ensure a smooth and safe flow.

Why? - Proper recycling prevents toxic heavy metal and other hazardous waste from harming the local lakes and rivers.

Fees in effect for 2024 (subject to change):

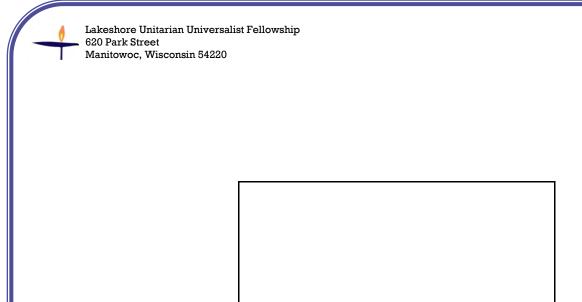
- Incandescent Lights \$0.25 each
- Spot, Flood, quartz, halogen \$0.50 each
- Fluorescent Lights 4' or less \$0.25 each
- Fluorescent Lights over 4' \$0.75 each
- Fluorescent Circular or U-Tubes \$0.50 each
- CFL's \$0.50 each
- LED Bulbs \$3.00 each
- UV Lamps \$5.25
- Mini Christmas light strings No Charge.

Non-PCB Ballasts - No Charge. Please note: We will no longer be accepting any PCB ballasts. PCB ballasts may be recycled at the <u>Manitowoc County Recycling Center</u>.

- Alkaline Batteries \$1.50 lb (No Charge for Rechargeable Batteries sorted separate from Alkaline Batteries
- TV's and all types of monitors under 30" \$20.00 each
- TV's over 30" and any TV in a console \$40.00 each
- Room A/C Units, Dehumidifiers, Dorm-size Refrigerators (freon containing items) \$10.00
- No Charge for items such as: Rechargeable Batteries; Microwaves; Computers; laptops, printers; key-







LAKE SHORE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST MISSION

As a welcoming and accepting, diverse and inquiring spiritual fellowship, We unite to create a community which stimulates a free exchange and Exploration of ideas, foster spiritual and intellectual growth, and serves as a base for active outreach to benefit the world around us.

AS UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS, WE AFFIRM AND PROMOTE THESE PRINCIPLES

The inherent worth and dignity of every person
Justice, equality and compassion in human relationships

Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations

A free and responsible search for truth and meaning

The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process

The goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all

Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part

We affirm and promote journeying toward spiritual wholeness by working to build a diverse multicultural Beloved Community by our actions that accountably dismantle racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions."

