



LAKE SHORE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

A welcoming and accepting, diverse and inquiring spiritual fellowship

NOVEMBER 2020



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Due to Covid 19 pandemic and ongoing need to keep each other safe, we will continue virtual Sunday service on Zoom. Twice a month we will share services with UU Congregations around the state.

Zoom service links and information about shared services will be provided through LUUF Chalice Google Group email list. Please be sure you're receiving Chalice Group emails.

LUUF Chalice Google group subscription
lakeshoreuuchalice@googlegroups.com

Contact Ginny Finnel or Kim Everett if you have any issues subscribing to LUUF Chalice Google Group Email.

NOVEMBER 8

"Pandemic Italian Style"
How Italy & Italians have Responded to Covid 19
Catherine Leone

Italy was the first country outside of China to experience the full impact of the novel corona virus. During the spring of 2020 it implemented the longest and most stringent nationwide lockdown. By July, Italy was touted as a model for controlling the spread of the virus. Our stories with one another we learn the most sacred truths about ourselves and that we are not alone. Now, as COVID 19 cases are soaring in the United States and rising again in much of Europe, Italy, too, is experiencing a resurgence of cases. Italians are being asked, once again, to stay home, wear masks, and endure closures of businesses and schools.

At the level of national and regional government, and at the level of local communities, families, and individuals, the response in Italy has been different from that in the United States. I'll explore, and attempt to explain, the differences.

Catherine is a retired sociology professor from the University of Green Bay, Manitowoc campus.

NOVEMBER 15

"Enough"

**Ali Peters, intern minister,
Fox Valley UU Fellowship**

"Too much," and "not enough" are feelings many of us are familiar with. We notice excess and scarcity all the time. This Sunday we will take time to, instead, explore what "enough" feels like. What does it feel like to give enough, to take enough, and to be enough? Join us as we draw upon the wisdom and balance of the natural world to wrestle with these questions together.

Ali grew up in New Jersey and is a graduate of Union Theological Seminary in New York City where she earned her Master of Divinity degree with a concentration in Interreligious Engagement.

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NOVEMBER 22**"Dust to dust: Lessons in resilience from rotting rocks"**

Marcia Bjornerud, Geology professor from Lawrence University

"We humans have long striven to deny our corporeality, preferring to define ourselves as intellectual or spiritual creatures. In a time of pandemic, the stark fact of our physical nature becomes hard to ignore. But if we feel in any way diminished by the idea of consisting of mere matter, maybe it is because we've underestimated matter. In this meditation, we will consider the deep wisdom in geologic processes and how they can be an antidote to existential angst."

Marcia Bjornerud spoke for us on the last Sunday when we could be in person last March. We're happy she is willing to return virtually!

NOVEMBER 29**"50 Shades of Gratitude"**

Rev. Jim Coakley

Acknowledging that we are about to enter a long holiday season during a pandemic, we seek to maintain resilience through a mindset of sufficiency and gratitude. Let us begin a communal spiritual practice of lifting up all the shades of gratitude in our lives for 50 days.

Rev. Coakley is the minister for Stevens Point, Green Bay, and Fond du Lac.

LUUF HISTORY AND CURRENT INFORMATION

To learn more about your fellowship, you need travel only as far as our second-floor library. There, in addition to a treasure trove of books available on loan (just add your name to the sign-out sheet on the shelf) you'll find historical and organization documents related to the fellowship. Also available are current fellowship policies and procedures, annual business meeting minutes, monthly board meeting minutes, treasurer's reports and more. Staying informed about fellowship activity, procedures and events is a great way to become more connected and involved in our fellowship community.

If you wish to attend a board meeting, contact a member of the board for next board meeting

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 Ministers 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:

Board President Message

Forward Together

It's Monday, October 26, a day after our first snow of the season, a dusting. This morning snow in the trees had melted into sparkling ice chips that rained down, surprising us, as Bill and I walked Jasper to the river. A little serendipitous beauty.

Speaking of lovely surprises, we recently learned that Melody and Jim Hanson have made significant provision for the Fellowship in their wills. We are immensely grateful for this act of love for our community and faith in our future. Thank you both for your generosity! If anyone else has made a planned gift to the Fellowship, please let us know so we can express our gratitude.

We are heading into winter amid a major spike in coronavirus cases here in Wisconsin, and it is increasingly clear how wise the advice of our UUA leaders was last March: don't plan on in-person services until at least May of 2021. Their added caveat: or until the most vulnerable person in your congregation can attend safely. We were fortunate that our leadership helped us early on to understand just what we were facing.

Luckily, Jim Hollahan jumped in to get Zoom services started for us, tricky as that was in the beginning. More recently, we have put together a team and a workable plan to keep services going until next summer without burning out our service leaders, planners, techs. A big thank you to all of them and to all of you for hanging with us, for joining together every Sunday and helping to keep our community strong and resilient. It is so good to be together—at Fox Valley or First UU or at our own pretty amazing services.

Members of our board and our lay ministry team have calling rosters, and we're trying to check in with each of you from time to time to ask you how you are faring in these difficult days. We also want to know what you need from us. How can we help you navigate the days, weeks, and months ahead? You don't have to wait for a call. Any one of us would be glad to hear from you. What you are struggling with, what keeps you motivated, what keeps you up at night, what do you think we can do better for you and everyone else in our Fellowship. You are not in this alone, and you might even have some ideas that would help all of us weather the hard months ahead.

In view of overwhelming needs in our state due to the COVID-19 surge here, our Fellowship is working to contribute to solutions in many ways. Thank you to all of you who volunteer your time, energy, and resources to help our neighbors weather the fallout from the pandemic. Recently, the board allocated the \$5,000 remaining of an anonymous contribution, as the donor wished, providing \$1,000 to promote the Haven's Cardboard City and \$1,000 each to our other charities. We are very grateful for the generosity of this donor, who is committed to addressing the needs of people in our community and has given our fellowship another opportunity to live our values out loud.

We have also made use of our community fund to give support to Crusaders of Justicia, here in Manitowoc, and, in recognition of their generosity to us, to the Fox Valley UU Fellowship's effort to assist immigrant families and individuals seeking safe housing here in their area. The Rev. Leah Ongiri and Marti Wheeler send their thanks to our congregation for this support.

As October melts into November, we move ever closer to the end of fear, the end of isolation, the end of what the Queen would call our "annus horribilis," the awful year, the most awful many of us have ever endured. This is not our forever life, even if it feels that way now. Hang in there, everyone. Call, Zoom, reach out to us and to one another. We have a beautiful, loving, awesome community! Let's connect!

Erica



Love is the doctrine of this congregation, the quest for truth is our sacrament, and service is our prayer. To dwell together in peace, to seek knowledge in freedom, and to share our strength in fellowship, thus do we covenant.

As Members and Friends of the Lakeshore Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, we affirm this covenant and promote the Seven Principles of the Unitarian Universalist Association.

As an expression of these commitments:

We show love and respect by

- Creating a community where all are welcome
- Celebrating individuality and ensuring that everyone's voice is heard
- Addressing issues with one another directly, assuming good intentions
- Accepting responsibility for what we say and do
- Supporting our Fellowship with our time, talent, and treasure
- Supporting each other's spiritual journey

We use the democratic process in our congregation by

- Hearing and valuing the opinions of all
- Ensuring transparency in our decision making
- Developing consensus when possible and appropriate
- Resolving differences respectfully, using our fellowship's mediation process when necessary

We work for social justice by

- Striving to become a more diverse and inclusive community
- Educating ourselves and collaborating with others on issues of social justice
- Working to change cultures of injustice.
- Protecting and preserving our planet

We welcome into our Fellowship those who may differ in beliefs but are in general agreement with our commitment.

The Fifth Principle of Unitarian Universalism calls for the right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large.

UU the VOTE

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On Thursday, November 5, join the UUA, UU the Vote and Side with Love for a post-election vigil and community gathering featuring UUA President Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray and Dr. Glen Thomas Rideout, Director of Worship Arts at First UU Congregation of Ann Arbor, MI. It will begin at 8pm ET / 7pm CT / 6pm MT / 5pm PT and run no more than 90 minutes



SIDE WITH LOVE

No matter the results of the election, we will gather and ground ourselves in faith, love, and justice.

Join our livestreams on Facebook

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Or, YouTube <https://youtu.be/VWWhrQ7vSaWU>

Please note that given the uncertainty of everything that is happening right now, this is what we anticipate as our basic Order of Service. We are doing our best to finalize everything in the midst of rapidly changing circumstances. Elements may change between now and Thursday evening.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

Call to Worship -

Singing - "Circle Round for Freedom" - Linda Hirschorn - Dr. Glen Thomas Rideout, Director of Worship and Music, First UU Congregation of Ann Arbor, MI

Centering - Rev. Dr. Susan Frederick-Gray, President, Unitarian Universalist Association

Chalice Lighting - Rev. Ashley Horan, UUA Organizing Strategy Director

Musical Meditation - Matt Meyer, Director of Community Life, Sanctuary Boston

Had Ritual - Dr. Glen Thomas Rideout, Director of Music & Worship Arts, First UU Congregation of Ann Arbor, MI

Singing - "Guide My Feet" - African-American Freedom Song - Dr. Glen Thomas Rideout, Director of Worship and Music, First UU Congregation of Ann Arbor, MI

Story - ["The Cracked Vessel"] - Rev. Dr. Susan Frederick-Gray, President, Unitarian Universalist Association

Singing - "Alleluia Chant" - based on Westminster Chimes, arr. Rideout, ed. prod. Mike Halerz - Chalice Singers, First UU Congregation of Ann Arbor, MI

A Blessing on the Work - Nicole Pressley, UU the Vote National Organizer, and Everette Thompson, Side With Love Campaign Manager

Singing - "What Wondrous Love" - Dr. Glen Thomas Rideout, Director of Music & Worship Arts, First UU Congregation of Ann Arbor, MI

Prayer - rev. theresa rohlck, Congregational Chaplain, First UU Congregation of Ann Arbor, MI

Singing - "Stand By Me" - Charles Tindley/arr. Rideout - Dr. Glen Thomas Rideout, Director of Music & Worship Arts, First UU Congregation of Ann Arbor, MI

Prayer - Rev. Dr. Sofia Betancourt

Meditation - Matt Meyer, Director of Community Life, Sanctuary Boston

Story - "What Do You Do With an Idea?" - Kobi Yamada - dig. reproduction by Dr. Glen Thomas Rideout - narration by theresa rohlck

Singing - "Sing Out, March On" - Joshuah Campbell - Dr. Glen Thomas Rideout, Director of Music & Worship Arts, First UU Congregation of Ann Arbor, MI

Words & Prayer of Commission - Rev. Dr. Susan Frederick-Gray, President, Unitarian Universalist Association and Dr. Glen Thomas Rideout, Director of Worship and Music,

LUUF continues to support our 5 outreach community organizations.

- Hope House (Homeless Shelter)
- InCourage (Domestic Violence Center)
- The Haven (Mens shelter)
- TREP (Two Rivers Economical Pantry)
- Painting Pathways (Clubhouse International)

We can't do that without your help!

1. Ways to give — “Donate” button on our website www.lakeshoreuufellowship.org
This on-line donation system utilizes Pay Pal. It is an internet based program that is protected and quite safe. If you don't already have a PayPal account, you can set one up at www.paypal.com You can complete a direct transfer through your bank or credit card. Follow the PayPal instructions on-line.
2. You can continue to mail checks in through the postal system.
3. You can set it up through your bank with an online account.
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*Sign into your on-line banking system

*Go to your Payment Center, online bill paying, or whatever your bank calls your on-line bill paying system.
Associated Bank uses “ Pay Bills”, for instance.

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*Set up a payment and date to be completed. Or choose Monthly reoccurring

*The bank will issue a check and mail it to LUUF

LUUF Treasurer is checking the mail weekly, just as before this containment, and will submit the checks to Bank First every week.

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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 activities.

Our Fellowship offers members and friends many hands-on opportunities to create social justice, including participation in:

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,

Upcoming Hope House Volunteer weeks: Oct 25—Oct 31 & Dec 13 — 19

InCourage - Domestic Violence Center

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

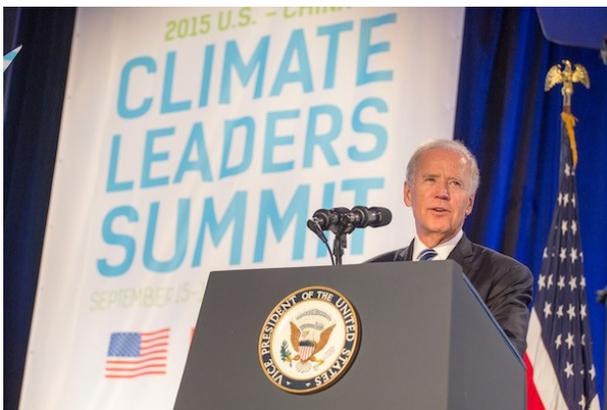
GLOBE

Green Living On Behalf of Earth



Biden Plan for a Clean Energy Revolution & Environmental Justice

(Going out on a limb and assuming Biden is our next president)
GLOBE will do a provide a more in-depth conversation on climate crisis
and Biden's Clean energy Revolution and Environmental Justice plan
in a future blog post and newsletter article.

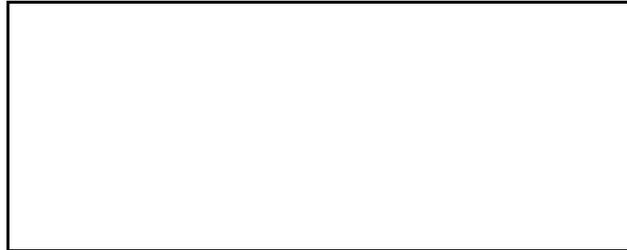


From coastal towns to rural farms to urban centers, climate change poses an existential threat – not just to our environment, but to our health, our communities, our national security, and our economic well-being. Vice President Biden knows there is no greater challenge facing our country and our world. Today, he is outlining a bold plan – a Clean Energy Revolution – to address this grave threat and lead the world in addressing the climate emergency.

Learn more at: <http://www.joebiden.com/climate>



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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*



**SIDE WITH
LOVE**