



LAKESHORE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

A welcoming and accepting, diverse and inquiring spiritual fellowship

APRIL 2020



SERVICES: SUNDAY 10:00 A.M

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LUUF Sunday Service Response to COVID 19 and the need for Social Distancing

As the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases multiplies across the country and in Wisconsin, the Unitarian Universalist Association and our own MidAmerica Region are counseling congregations to move their Sunday services and other meetings online.

To respond, the Lakeshore Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Board has decided to cancel face-to-face services effective Sunday, March 22, and move scheduled services to the online platform Zoom.

As we all practice "social distancing" to slow the spread of illness and save lives, loneliness and isolation will be major challenges for many of us. We encourage you to reach out to each other and to seek the support of our lay ministry team as you need it. A friendly voice on the phone can often make all the difference.

Please join us for our Zoom service presentations starting on March 22, at 10:00. You'll find descriptions of the service and Zoom instructions following the descriptions of the April Sunday service. You can also find Zoom links and Sunday service information on our website at:

www.lakeshoreuufellowship.org

APRIL 5

"LIBERATION of the IMAGINATION"

A Collection of Images and Ideas
Responding to a Time of Social-
Distancing and Self-Isolation.

James Neilson

A visual treatise on the power of the visual arts to express that which we can't utter aloud and embody that which feels forbidden and dangerous (therein celebrating the liberation of the unfettered imagination in difficult times like ours).

Jim has been here many times. He teaches at St. Norbert's College, and when he leaves, we all wish that we could take his courses. He presents inspiring art.

APRIL 12

"Resurrection As Symbol" Rev. Phil Sweet

As a literal belief the doctrine of the resurrection of the body is to me the most implausible of all the major Christian doctrines. The belief undermines the senses, undermines science, personal judgment and is terribly damaging to the intellectual integrity of religion. The story of the resurrection stands as a testimony to the irrepressible optimism of the human spirit. It points to self-affirmation of the power of life to continue to find meaning in the midst of death and tragedy, the eternal yes to hold the bible accountable to life.

Phil is a regular speaker for us. He's a retired UCC minister.

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LUUF Chalice Google group subscription

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APRIL 19

"Bringing Earth Day Home"

Jim Knicklebine

"This year marks the 50th anniversary of the first Earth Day. As we mark that anniversary, we can honor the Earth by making our personal places more friendly for our fellow creatures. This presentation explores ways we can do that."

Jim is the director of our local environmental center.

APRIL 26

"Angels Who Have Forgotten"

Tony Larson

About his sermon, Tony says: "I once came upon an article by someone who almost died in a hospital but who, through the help of friends who came to visit, pulled through. She came to feel that each gesture they made for her was almost miraculous, but she also knew that they didn't see what they did as anything special. They couldn't see what a gift they had given. She concluded that it was 'as if they were angels who had forgotten.'

"I was struck by this expression and immediately thought: What an interesting way to see the people who have nurtured us--as heavenly beings, who give without knowing how miraculous and divine they really are. I also realized, from what I had learned while working with Lakeshore UU Fellowship, that this UU congregation is--to a great extent--an example of 'angels who have forgotten.' Thus this topic seemed perfect for my service with you on the 26th."

Tony is a retired UU minister.



You can join our service using a smart phone, a tablet or a computer. Your device must be connected to a WiFi network. You also have the option to listen to the service by calling in just with your phone.

Virtual Zoom Service begins at 10:00 am.

ZOOM INSTRUCTIONS:

Please plan to join the Zoom session at 9:45 am to allow time to connect and solve tech issues

Click on this link to join the Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/3015027722>

If this is the first time using Zoom you will be prompted to download a Zoom App, a short download

If You Plan To Join By Phone Only

To join just on the phone dial (312) 626-6799 - Meeting Number 301-502-7722

If you have any questions please feel free to call or e-mail.

Jim Hollahan
jim.hollahan@gmail.com
Mobile 301-502-7722.

Flattening That Curve

As of this writing, we still have no confirmed COVID-19 cases in Manitowoc County, though officials warn us that the virus is undoubtedly here. And so we wait in our homes, getting out only for necessities or to walk our dogs or ourselves, while keeping six degrees of separation between us and every human not in our immediate orbit. We are doing our best to be responsible Wisconsinites—keeping ourselves and others safe and accepting what we have to do to flatten the curve.

For us in the frozen tundra, April is the transition month to spring—the snow wanes, the weather warms, and the suddenly visible soil in our gardens invites us to clear away the sticks and stalks of last fall and plant. Spring is also a time when we begin to shuck our winter habits—the hunkering down, the hours spent indoors—and go biking with friends or invite everyone to a backyard barbecue as soon as the mercury hits 55. I'm convinced Wisconsinites have ice in their veins!

No doubt we will find it difficult to hibernate for another month or perhaps longer as the world wakes up all around us. Let's remember that nature can provide both outlet and solace and make use of the astonishing array of beautiful spaces within walking or driving distance from our homes—Woodland Dunes, Silver Creek Park, Lincoln Park, the Maritime Trail, Point Beach State Forest, or even our own backyards.

We are excited and consoled that, through the miracle of technology and the ingenuity of several of our members, we have now a way to keep in touch and offer services via the internet. Many of you have tuned in to our recent services on the platform Zoom. This transition has been made possible through the kind auspices of Jim Hollahan, who has a subscription, and the equally kind assistance of others, including especially Linda Hunter, Kathie Fishbeck, Ginny Finnel, and Kim Everett.

Thank you to all of them for their skills and their dedication to our community. This is how we stay “connected and uninfected”! I hope you know, too, that Jim has arranged a Wednesday open discussion time from 1:00 to 2:30 pm just for us to check in and chat with each other. The same “Zoom room” is used both for services and for Wednesday chat time: <https://zoom.us/j/3015027722>. Kim has created new webpages, YouTube channel and a robust presence on Social Media (Facebook). Instructions for all additional technology opportunities follows on the next page. Please reach out virtually and stay connected to LUUF, as we weather the storm of current circumstances.

The MidAmerica Region has also been an immense help to us, providing free webinars on everything from the ins and outs of Zoom to ways of extending pastoral care while we are all self-isolating. Lisa Presley, who runs a seminar series for board presidents, is now hosting weekly check-ins for leadership to see how our congregations are doing and offer tips to help us manage this new reality.

Do remember that we have four lay ministers: Linda Hunter, Jim Hollahan, Ginny Finnel, and me. If you are struggling and need to talk, please don't hesitate to give one of us a call. And, as we saw at our first Zoom service, we all take seriously our responsibility to care for one another as we navigate this challenging time. Reach out to each other if you feel the need. I have never been more proud to be part of this congregation. Thank you all. As Garrison Keillor says, “Stay well and keep in touch!”

Erica

The next Board Meeting will be held on **monthly meeting on March 3, 6:30pm**. As always, if you have any issues you would like addressed please let a member of the board know. In the spirit of transparency—Minutes of past board meetings are filed in the library.

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:

**ADDITIONAL LUUF
ON-LINE RESOURCES**

WWW.LAKESHOREUUFELLOWSHIP.ORG

You will find links to

Zoom services, current, upcoming
and past Sunday service presentations.

Newsletter

Alerts about COVID 19 and LUUF
on-going response and resources

Zoom Wednesday Check-in information and links.

Facebook social media stream.
If you'd like to follow LUUF on Facebook,
but don't have an account,
we provide viewing on our website,
without the need for a Facebook account
Available under the "CONNECT" tab.

New "DONATE" button on website using PayPal

YOUTUBE CHANNEL

Lakeshore UU now has a
YouTube Channel.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL0dVAygNOTkK5cY9_6-YVg?view_as=subscriber

You'll find Video categories under "Playlist" for the following:

Sunday Service video's

UU Music and Hymns

Meditation Practice

UU The Vote

UUA

What is Unitarian Universalism

Check back often, as more content will be made available, as members and friends
of the Fellowship share their favorite YouTube video's. If you have something to
share, please save to the LUUF YouTube channel or forward to Kim Everett at:
luuf.parkstreet@gmail.com



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.
Process is:.

*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.

*Select “Add a Company or Person.”

*Fill out the information as requested,
Usually this is the name of the company, and address and phone number

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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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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.

GLOBE

Green Living On Behalf of Earth

Green Tips



Simplify – April 2020

Reduce Purchases: This shouldn't be too difficult, in a time of social distancing, we're limiting our movements, which includes shopping trips.

In general, think before you buy any product –

- ⇒ Do you really need it?
- ⇒ How did the production of this product impact the environment?
- ⇒ What further impact will there be with the disposal of the Product and associated packaging material?
- ⇒ When you are thinking about buying something, try the 30 day rule – wait 30 days after the first time you decide you want a product, before finalizing your decision and making the purchase. This will eliminate impulse buying.
- ⇒ Buy local—stay close, conserve fuel.
- ⇒ Observe an “Eco-Sabbath” – For one day, choose an hour, don't buy anything, don't use machines, don't switch on any thing electric, don't cook, don't answer your phone and, in general, don't use any resources. Use it instead to garden, dig in the soil, or meditate about how you can reduce, reuse and recycle.

In an effort to keep people informed about the availability of resources during the COVID 19 Pandemic, included below is a letter from the Office of the State Treasurer



Sarah Godlewski

Office of the State Treasurer | State of Wisconsin

Dear Wisconsinites,

We know a healthy economy is dependent on the health of its people. As we adapt to the Governor's essential #SaferAtHome order, my office is working hard to provide the resources and information Wisconsinites and our small business community need.

Since my last email, there have been a number of emergency orders and actions to protect the economic security of individuals and small businesses during this public health crisis. A few notable updates are:

Protection from Eviction/Foreclosure. In order to help ensure people are able to stay home and slow the spread of COVID-19, Governor Evers announced a temporary ban on evictions and foreclosures for 60 days. This includes both residential properties, as well as businesses. To read the full document, click [here](#).

Prevention of Utility Shut-offs. The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC) has directed regulated utilities to stop disconnection for nonpayment for all customers, including commercial, industrial, and farm accounts. They have also halted late fees and eased a number of administrative rules to keep homes and businesses supplied with light, heat, and water. For help with utility disconnections, reach out to the PSC directly [here](#).

In addition, there have been updates to resources available through the **US Small Business Administration (SBA)** www.sba.gov/coronavirus

We know that COVID-19 will continue to impact our lives and our community. We are working with our partners to provide the tools and information Wisconsinites need to help navigate this uncertainty. Please feel free to reach out to my office via email at treasurer@wisconsin.gov with questions.

We are in this together.

Stay safe,

Sarah Godlewski

Give blood.

Every 2 seconds someone
in the U.S. needs blood.

American Red Cross



Manitowoc – Two Rivers Community Blood Drive

Thursday, April 16th
9am – 2pm

Manitowoc-Two Rivers YMCA
205 Maritime Dr.
GYM

The American Red Cross needs YOU! We are taking special precautions to ensure the health and safety of donors, volunteers, and staff. Extra sanitation and social distancing are being practiced at our blood drives. Sign up today!

**For an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org
Or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).**

1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | redcrossblood.org | Download the Blood Donor App

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On **Saturday, April 18th @ 10:00 A.M.**, the public is invited to the Manitowoc Public Library (**Balkansky Room**) to hear **Mr. Nick Miller, Director of Science and Strategy for the Nature Conservancy of Wisconsin**, speak on climate change and its impact on Wisconsin.

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Due to current Social Distancing this event has been cancelled.



Hope house wish list

Paper Towels, Toilet Paper
Laundry Detergent, Dryer Sheets
Cleaning Supplies, and wipes
Pillows, Blankets, Sheets

For additional items, visit their website at:

<http://hopehousemc.org/wish-list/>

Lakeshore UU 2020 Volunteer weeks

May 31 - June 6
July 19 - July 25
Sept 6 - Sept 12
Oct 25 - Oct 31
Dec 13 - Dec 19

**Contact Nancy Slatterly at:
nancy_slatterly@hotmail.com
If you are available to volunteer.**

Check out Hope House facebook page for more information about upcoming events and happenings.

<https://www.facebook.com/hopehousemc/>



Hope House, a program of Lakeshore Interfaith Hospitality Network (LIHN) and an affiliate of Family Promise, is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to provide shelter and guidance to homeless individuals and families, due to the impact of misfortunes upon their lives. Once accepted into the program, Hope House provides meals, shelter, case management, referrals to community agencies, supportive listening and many other resources as needed. Hope House helps to create structure out of chaos by creating a goal-oriented plan so those desperately in need of shelter can focus beyond daily survival, to a life of stability.

How to Get Involved

The success of Hope House depends on the efforts and enthusiasm of hundreds of volunteers. These volunteers perform the variety of tasks necessary to provide a safe and comfortable temporary home for Hope House guests. Volunteers express their hospitality by interacting with guests, treating guest families with dignity and respect, and showing the genuine concern for their well-being. You don't need to donate thousands of dollars or hundreds of hours of service to make a difference. In fact, you can make a difference by volunteering one hour a week or a single donation of food or hygiene products.

Just a reminder: we are participating the the Help for the Homeless Hygiene Drive, which ends on March 8. A box for donations is in the foyer on the left. Please see below for items to donate.

Heartfelt
THANKS
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Two Rivers Mishicot Ecumenical Pantry



Don't forget our food basket in the vestibule of the Fellowship

Please drop off your non-perishables and they will be taken to TREP.



Pantry needs:

Meals in a can, cereal, chili beans, baked beans, chicken noodle soup, soda crackers, tuna, macaroni and cheese, ramen noodles, jelly, peanut butter, packaged rice, or noodle meals, pasta and rice. Toilet paper, tooth paste, shampoo deodorant, bar soap, cleaning supplies and diapers.

Please drop your contributions in the coat room and they will be delivered to TREP.

Volunteers needed:

People to take clients around for food on Monday mornings from 8:00—noon. Or, Wednesday morning from 8:30—noon

Volunteers to drive the cube truck on Monday or Wednesday mornings. Heavy lifting involved, bring muscles.

Call TREP at: 793-5364 if interested.



Painting Pathways Club House Inc.

Club House international registered.

<http://paintingpathways.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/Painting-Pathways-Clubhouse-Inc-1612913832257735/>



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



The Manitowoc County
Domestic Violence Center (DVC)

new name is... in courage
still SUPPORTING VICTIMS of DOMESTIC ABUSE and SEXUAL ASSAULT

24/7 CRISIS LINE (920) 684-5770

EMAIL: INCOURAGE@INCOURAGEWI.ORG



SHELTER ASSISTANT/CRISIS LINE:

Answer the DV & SA crisis lines (training provided)
Assist residents as needed in shelter with daily living skills
Other volunteer opportunities:
Restocking kitchen cupboards
Organizing/cleaning
Processing donations

RECEPTIONIST/OFFICE WORK:

Greet visitors (during daytime hours)
Assist with clerical duties such as:
Data entry
Making copies
Filing
Preparing mailings
Familiarity with Word and Excel a plus

SPECIAL EVENTS/FUNDRAISING:

Lend a hand at special events.
Fundraisers.
Mailings

TRANSPORTATION:

Assist in the transportation of clients to appointments
in the
community and other various destinations.
Can use agency van or your insured vehicle

MAINTENANCE/YARD WORK:

Help with regular maintenance or yard work.
Summer lawn mowing is always needed.

For additional information about volunteering at inCourage, visit their website at:

<https://incouragewi.org/volunteer-page/> Or call 1-920-684-4661

Follow InCourage on <https://www.facebook.com/InCourage-113065508711585/>

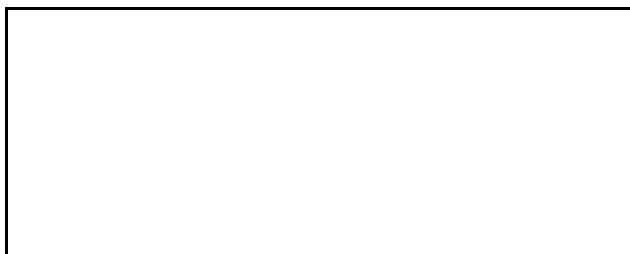


of Manitowoc County, Men's Homeless Shelter





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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**