

LAKESHORE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

A welcoming and accepting, diverse and inquiring spiritual fellowship



JANUARY 2026 NEWSLETTER



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January 4 "The Wisdom of Resistance"

Jim Dolan

"Resistance without wisdom simply becomes a sense of rage without purpose. Leonardo da Vinci tells us that "It is easier to resist at the beginning than at the end." The German people of the 1930's discovered that truism too late. Will we do the same? It seems so, doesn't it?"

Jim is a well-known artist, but he's also a fine speaker and a member of our fellowship.

January 11 "Resisting Resistance?"

Carrie Arnold

Sometimes pushing back seems like the only way to resist. But sometimes it's just too hard to be hard. How can we practice resistance in softer ways? Can gentleness be resistance? Let's talk about it.

Carrie was a jail chaplain and currently has a house church. She's a regular speaker at LUUUF.

January 18 "The Positive Power of Negative Thinking"

Rev. Tony Larsen

In keeping with our monthly theme of resistance, Tony's sermon will be about the power of saying no, even when the rest of the world is asking for a yes.

Tony is a retired UU minister who comes to us regularly.

January 25 "Practicing Resistance Without Losing Ourselves"

Pat Hanson

"Practicing resistance means discerning *how* to resist without being consumed by the struggle or press-ganged into someone else's script. Resistance is not simply opposition. It is a *disciplined, communal practice* that requires both shared burden and wise discernment—knowing when to stand, when to step back, and when to avoid participation altogether."

Pat owns New Day Resources, and he deals with Trauma-informed Individual and Couple's Coaching, Leadership, and Team Development, Group Coaching, Organizational & Church Consulting, and Speaking at Events and Retreats.

Jan 25 4th Sunday
Pot Luck, monthly charities collection



Zoom link— <https://zoom.us/j/91851788865>?

Email Kim Everett at kimeverett60@gmail.com for newsletter submissions

LUUUF Chalice Google group subscription

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Our New Pianist

John Peshut is a classically-trained pianist, having attended the Interlochen Arts Academy in Interlochen, MI, followed by Piano

Performance studies at Peabody Institute at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, MD. He ultimately completed his Bachelor of Arts degree (Music) at Roosevelt University, in Chicago, IL.

He's also played at the Door County and Mequon UUs. He lives in Sheboygan, but he assures me his car is reliable!

Happy New Year from the LUUF Board. We are looking forward to the New Year, as the Adult Activities Committee plans for the first quarter activities, as well as working to support our community.

If anyone has any issues that you want to bring to the Board or wish to attend a Board meeting, please let us know.

Sincerely,

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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:

Linda Hunter lhunter740@gmail.com Jim Hollahan jim.hollahan@gmail.com

Rights of Nature News and Legislation

On November 15, 2025, about 100 eastern Wisconsin voters attended a session on the Rights of Nature at Woodland Dunes. Wisconsin legislatures are currently considering a ban on local efforts to assign legal rights to natural entities with a goal of ensuring nature's ability to be healthy, robust, and resilient.

Sen. Steve Nass, R-Whitewater, and Rep. Joy Goeben, R-Hobart, introduced the bill. The [legislation](#) would prevent a city, village, town or county from passing "rights of nature" ordinances that grant legal rights to protect against pollution or maintain a healthy ecosystem.

GOP lawmakers have said there's a growing national trend of local governments providing legal standing to rivers, forests and ecosystems. More than 30 local governments in at least 10 states have adopted or attempted to pass such measures, [according to the bill's authors](#)

Nass said rights of nature laws are a direct threat to private property rights during a hearing before the Senate's transportation and local government committee.

"As countries around the world and other local governments in America begin to place nature above human beings, it is important that this be stopped in Wisconsin before it goes any further than a non-binding resolution," Nass said. "Nature should not supersede human beings, and nature has no inalienable rights like man."

In Wisconsin, Nass noted that Green Bay moved to [draft a resolution](#) over the summer that would recognize area wetlands and waterways possess the "right to clean water," including the Fox and East rivers.

Green Bay was following in the footsteps of Milwaukee County. In 2023, the county [passed](#) a "rights of nature" resolution that supports bestowing rights to waterways there with a goal of "ensuring human activities do not interfere with nature and its ability to be healthy, robust, and resilient."

Wisconsin tribes have also taken steps to recognize the rights of nature. In 2018, the Ho-Chunk Nation became the [first tribe in the country to amend its constitution](#) to include the rights of nature. In 2020, the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin [passed a resolution](#) to protect the legal rights of the Menominee River.

David Liners with the [Rights of Nature Wisconsin](#) movement said such measures are meant to protect the Earth for future generations. He noted that corporations also have some of the same rights of people. Under [corporate personhood](#), companies can hold property and sue or be sued, [according to the Brennan Center for Justice](#).

"The rights of nature is just simply saying we need the natural world to have some standing to be protected," Liners said. "It's not absolute rights." Liners said such measures don't give the natural world more rights than people. But Nass said granting the same rights of people to nature could open landowners to litigation, saying supporters want to expand the rights of nature to stop development.

Republicans say states like Florida and [Ohio](#) have passed laws limiting the legal rights of nature. They have also pointed to a [1972 Supreme Court ruling](#) that found the Sierra Club lacked standing in its legal challenge to a U.S. Forest Service decision to develop a game refuge. GOP lawmakers argue only people or recognized legal entities have standing, saying rights of nature policies threaten a "dangerous shift" in legal precedent.

In October, a group of Democratic state lawmakers [unveiled](#) "rights of nature" legislation, saying that natural resources like lakes and forests should be given their own legal standing. As part of the legislative package, a [joint resolution](#) urged the Legislature to recognize and protect the rights of nature and not pass laws that prevent local governments from adopting such measures.

More than [500 rights of nature laws or policies](#) have been passed worldwide. In 2008, Ecuador [became the first country](#) to grant legal rights to nature in its constitution, and [Bolivia](#) also recognized the importance of protecting nature. In 2019, a ruling by the top court in Bangladesh granted rivers the same rights as people.

Follow at: <https://www.wpr.org/news/gop-bill-would-ban-local-rights-of-nature-ordinances-wisconsin>

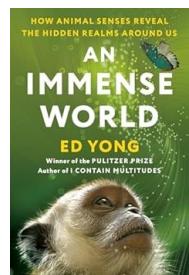
Also at Wisconsin Rights of Nature at: <https://www.rightsofnaturewi.org/>

Adult Activities



Many U.U. Members are already actively involved in one or more of the local charity organizations providing food and shelter to those in need. So, in that spirit, the adult activities Committee decided to sponsor the BLESSING BOX at Jefferson School during the month of January. Specific information on this project will be forthcoming.

Book Chat will be meeting at the Fellowship on **Monday, January 19, 2026, at 1:30** to discuss AN IMMENSE WORLD, by Ed Yong. One needn't have read the whole book to join the conversation. It is a brilliant book that inspires awe and wonder at this world we inhabit with so many other remarkable creatures and certainly gives solid argument for the responsibility we have to honor all habitats! Come join the conversation, and bring suggestions for future books to read!



The New Year will bring new and continuing activities for the Membership, so, stay tuned! The Adult activities committee will meet in January to finalize first quarter 2026 activities. Watch the Chalice Email group for upcoming activates, as well as in the February LUUF newsletter.

New WUUSAN Website Goes Live!!

Wisconsin Unitarian Universalist state Action Network is proud to roll out our new website, redesigned to make your browsing experience fulfilling and worthwhile. Thanks to the good folks at Madison Media Services, our site is now able to display changing content through regular blogs, accept viewer comments, and search for content that you are excited about. WUUSAN will invite blogs from some of the most progressive minds in Wisconsin, post current photos of the work you are doing out in the community, and create information exchanges so congregation can build on the work of each other. You'll also be able to look through past newsletters to review where we have been.

Content is always the key! If there is something you would like to see here, drop a comment. If you want to let us know what you are up to, send us photos and descriptions. Share your work with UU's across Wisconsin and help our faith grow into the the progressive force it can be!

And while you're there, punch the Donate and Join Us buttons! WUUSAN will serve you better when you stay in touch! <https://wuusan.org/>



The Gathering

The Gathering is a new monthly virtual event from Side With Love, designed to offer:

- **Spiritual Grounding** – Strengthen your heart and spirit for the work ahead.
- **Political Analysis** – Understand the threats to democracy and justice.
- **Collective Action** – Organize with others to block anti-democratic forces and build a just and loving world.

Join us every Second Monday of the month at 8pm ET / 5pm PT / 4pm AT / 2pm HT.

[January 12](#)

[April 13](#)

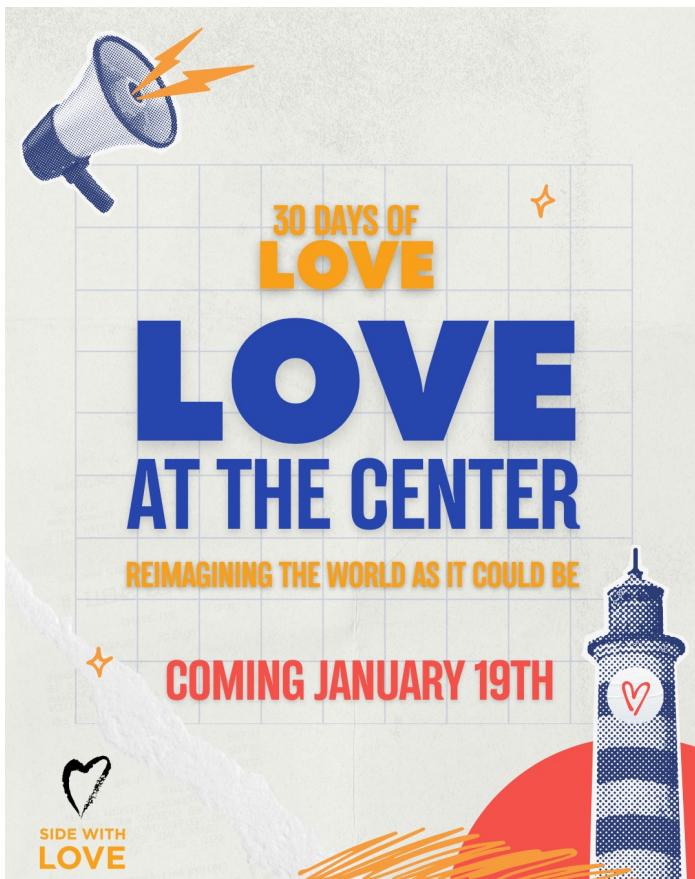
[February 9](#)

[May 11](#)

[March 9](#)

[June 8](#)

**Register at: Click the month above, or go to:
<https://sidewithlove.org/the-gathering>**



Love At The Center: Reimagining the World As It Could Be:

Mon, Jan 19, 2026—Mon, Feb 16, 2026

At a time when fear, violence, and extraction dominate our politics and our planet, we practice another way. We believe love is not fragile; it is fierce. It grounds our organizing, fuels our imagination, and sustains our communities. Over five weeks, we will move through a journey from imagination to action, rooting our freedom dreams in faith and bringing them to life in our world.

Each week, we will have a written reflection from Side With Love staff; a conversation with a UU theologian; a multigenerational family activity; reflection questions for journaling; a meditative body practice; and a coloring sheet connected to the weekly theme.

The weekly themes are:

Week 1: Reimagining Thriving

Week 2: Grounding in Context

Week 3: Mobilizing Action

Week 4: Nurturing Community

Week 5: Exploring Possibilities

If you would like to receive an email and/or a text when 30 Days of Love 2026 weekly content is available!

Sign up at:

<https://sidewithlove.org/30-days-of-love-2026?emci=ddba2b9c-a8da-f011-8195-000d3a1d58aa&emdi=db5fc6ec-d9e4-f011-8195-000d3a1d58aa&ceid=30096789>

rising together 2026: investing in liberation



Rising Together 2026: Investing in Liberation

Saturday, January 24th, 2026
9:00 am – 3:00 pm at Fox Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

Register Here

Are you rethinking your understanding of what freedom and safety mean in our world today? Are you wondering how to imagine a liberated future where we invest in each other rather than policing, prisons, and immigration enforcement? Are you curious about how abolition movements are grounded in spiritual work? Join us for Rising Together 2026: Investing in Liberation!

Hosted by the Fox Valley UU Fellowship, along with co-conspirators from **First Congregational UCC Appleton**, the **Green Bay Area UU Fellowship**, **ESTHER, JOSHUA**, and the **Wisconsin UU State Action Network**, Rising Together gives local advocates, activists, justice-makers, and community-builders the opportunity to get centered on what matters most and feel grounded in a nurturing community.

The event is free, open to the community, and includes light breakfast, snacks, lunch, and childcare. We are also hoping to offer home hospitality connections for anyone who is traveling from out of state. Please register by January 8th if you'd like to buy a t-shirt, or at least by January 20th to help us plan for food and other logistics!

If you have questions, please email hannah@fvuuf.org!

 [Register Here](#)

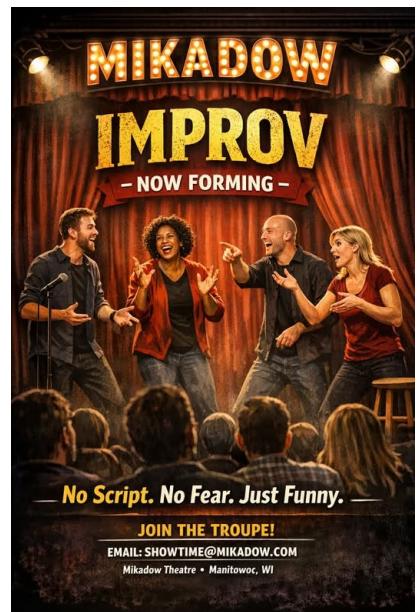


**Claran and Roger's Holiday Open House
Saturday, January 10th beginning at 6 pm.
3353 Kimberly Circle, Manitowoc**

Please join Claran and Roger for their annual Holiday Open House. Come and enjoy their extensive decorations, a cup of cheer, and some light snacks.



Some local theater opportunities you may want to participate in at the Mikadow from Claran





WhaleCoast Alaska 2026

Experience a unique and awe-inspiring UU Alaska tour!

- National Parks Tour - June 20-30, 2026 – \$4,535
- All-Alaska Tour - July 17-29, 2026 – \$5,545

Our 32nd Year!



- Spectacular wildlife and views
- Native Alaskan culture and history
- Alaska's finest museums, attractions, and experiences
- Travel on the Alaska Railroad
- UU homestays and dinner parties
- Hiking, canoeing, and rafting options
- See Denali National Park and glaciers



Website: whalecoastak.org

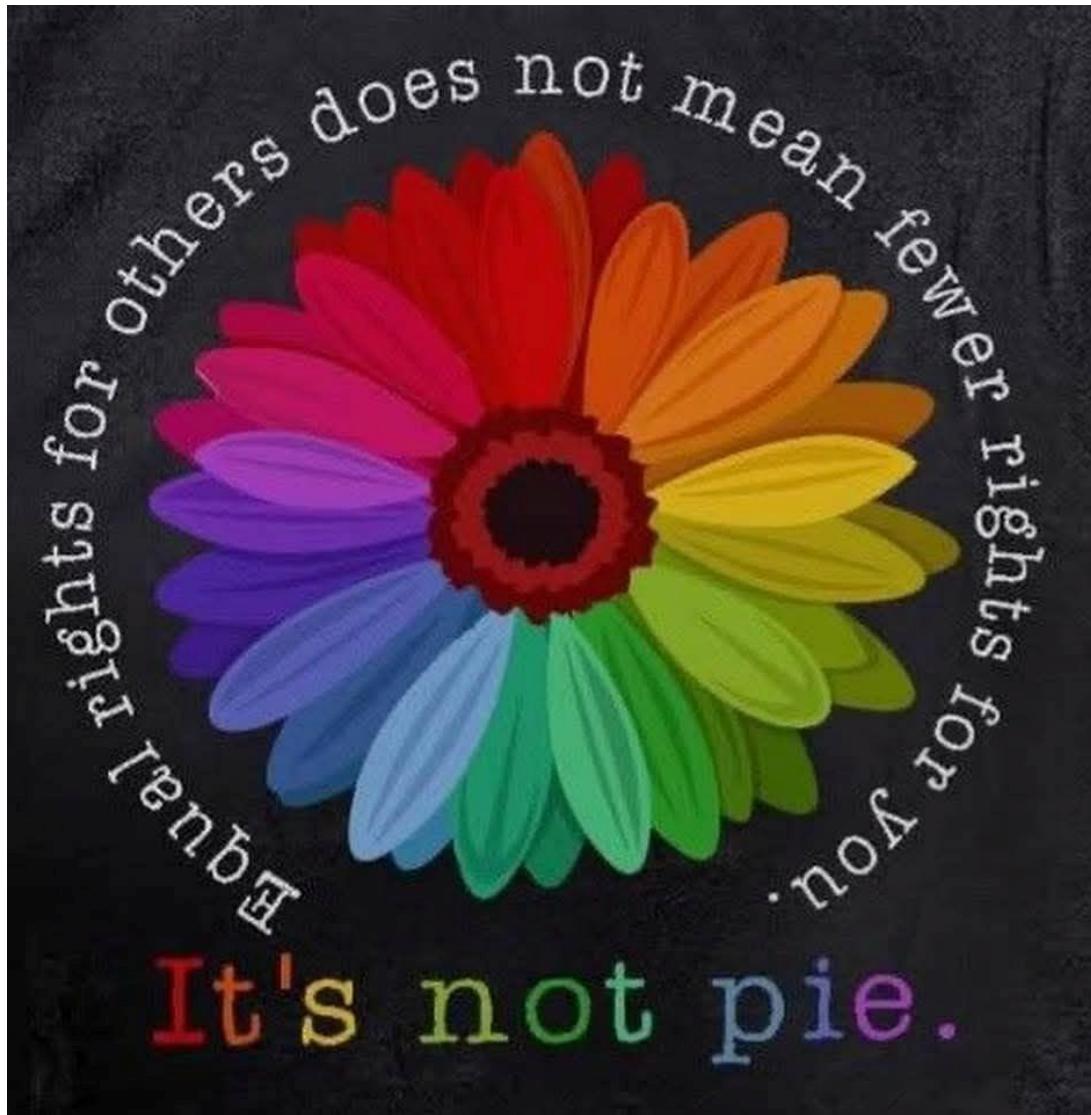
Tour Director: Maya Kaup, Anchorage UU and Alaska travel enthusiast

Email: info@whalecoastak.org

Hurry! Each tour sells out when 30 guests register



LUUUF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL JUSTICE INFORMATION AND EVENTS PAGES





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.

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

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 LUUF Evening Host volunteer dates for 2025 Mark your calendars.
If anyone is interested in volunteering for Hope House, please contact our
coordinator Nancy Slattery at: (920)412-4725

Jan 25-31

June 21-27

Nov 15-21

March 15-21

Aug 9-15

May 3-9

Sept 27-Oct 3

Hope House of Manitowoc County is celebrating **20 years of service to the homeless families**. We started in 2005 as a rotating homeless shelter from church to church. This transferred into a location at St Boniface Church for several years. In 2017 the Board made the decision to have a permanent site at 1000 South 35th Street, Manitowoc.

We now have room for 35 individuals in our house. We have common areas: living room, dining room, playroom and laundry room. We are very pleased to welcome and assist our homeless residents through case management, life skills training, service searches and other independent living preparations. Their school age children are in school during the day, which gives the parent time to work and time to reach out to services and participate in case management.

As a 90-day program we assist, and move the family into independence as soon as they are ready. The barrier to independence is the availability of housing. Our \$20 for 20 years of service campaign will help us provide services and items needed by our families.

InCourage - Domestic Violence Center Needs list



Donations can be dropped off 24/7 at
300 E Reed Ave, Manitowoc WI 54220



We're in need of personal care items—deodorant, body wash, shampoo, conditioner—as well as household cleaning supplies. Every donation brings comfort, dignity, and relief to those rebuilding their lives.

 You can make a difference by purchasing items directly from our Amazon wishlist:

Amazon Wish List link:

<https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1EAVOO8FPB0RK?>



The Warning Shelter needs a few more people to bring evening meals. You would cook for 20 at home and drop the food off around 6:00 pm at the warming shelter. The meals are generally simple with a side (veggies or fruit, salad doesn't go over too well.) and dessert. Casseroles, stews, etc. Contact Mary Ann Teshima directly mrs.teshima@gmail.com for details and dates.



There is need for supplies for the Warming Shelter, you can find the list on their Amazon wish page, like here:
<https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2RAZSMBT64K5O...>

CONNECT WITH US TO
CREATE A BRIGHTER FUTURE
FOR OUR COMMUNITY.



Extension
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

COMMUNITY NEEDS FORUM

Hosted by University of
Wisconsin-Madison Division of
Extension – Manitowoc County



Join us for a two-hour gathering where we can come together to share perspectives. Let's discuss the needs of Manitowoc County by raising awareness about available services, teaming up for growth, and learning from each other.

We'll discuss topics such as



POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT



AGRICULTURE



HEALTH & WELL BEING

And other opportunities.

You are welcome to attend as your schedule allows and if you cannot attend you can still offer feedback by following this link:
<https://forms.gle/JqtJb64LAyVtyngY8>

Please RSVP by January 6th to Jayna.hintz@wisc.edu or at:
<https://forms.gle/Cnt1LcNjQ7SYDxNAA>

University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming in compliance with state and federal law.



Tuesday, January 13



1:00 to 3:00 p.m.



UW-Green Bay Manitowoc Campus
705 Viebahn Street
Manitowoc, Wisconsin 54220

We look forward to meeting with you! Please pass this information along to other leaders and innovators in Manitowoc County. Feel Free to reach out with any questions.

Contact:

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Extension is the Wisconsin Idea in action!

Extending the boundaries of the university to the boundaries of the state



Extension
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The University of Wisconsin-Madison, Division of Extension's outreach creates key connection with families, farms, communities, businesses, nonprofit organizations, government and more. We support local partners, volunteers and leaders to take action and serve as role models in their communities, and we make sure Wisconsinites have the latest research, best practices, and educational opportunities.

Extension has six institutes that work in six different areas of programming.

- [Agriculture](#)
- [Community Development](#)
- [Human Development & Relationships](#)
- [Health & Well-Being](#)
- [Natural Resources](#)
- [Positive Youth Development](#)

Each of the 6 Institutes has a director and program managers that provide and support educators with research, resources, and the network to be effective in the communities where they work.

Educators reach out to connect and meet with community partners to assess needs or gaps in the community. They identify needs and prioritize issues in collaboration with local partners, they determine common themes and then prioritize their plan of work based on the needs they hear.

Educators work on the local needs and trends with local partners. Through their state network the local needs and trends are often determined to be statewide or regional trends. Teams of Extension educators, program managers, state specialists and institute directors will work together to address complex/larger issues making program development more efficient. Extension Educators bring the research, knowledge and resources of the University of Wisconsin to your community.

How does Extension come to life in Manitowoc County?

In Manitowoc County, three of the six Extension program or institute areas are represented and implemented in the county.

Check out highlights of Extension's work in Manitowoc County.

- Agriculture <https://manitowoc.extension.wisc.edu/agriculture/>
- Positive Youth Development <https://manitowoc.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/>
- Health and Well Being <https://manitowoc.extension.wisc.edu/family-living/>
- FoodWIse <https://manitowoc.extension.wisc.edu/foodwise-nutrition-education/>



Saturday, March 14th

The Inn On
MARITIME BAY

Save the date!



Humor for Hope
Featuring Taylor Mason

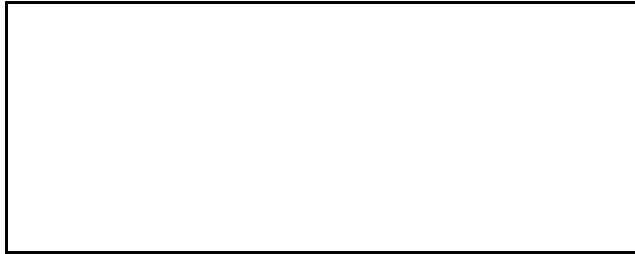


Save the date!

2026 FEBRUARY						
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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

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."

