



LAKE SHORE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

A welcoming and accepting, diverse and inquiring spiritual fellowship

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

December 6 "Stillness"

James Neilson

As a motif in art history (still life), an atmosphere known in caves and cathedrals, a discipline practiced by those seeking clarity and insight, and a theme in sacred and popular music, stillness is an essential element of beauty and belief, wonder, joy and awe.

Through a specially curated collection of artwork and images, this celebration of stillness seeks to deepen our regard for the humility and power of stillness as a strategy of caring for and embracing the body, mind and spirit.

Jim is an art professor at St. Norbert's College in Green Bay.

December 13 "Stillness in Tempo"

The Rev. Jennifer Nordstrom
Joint Service with First Unitarian Society of Milwaukee

Stillness has a relationship with movement, just as the notes of a piece of jazz are punctuated by silence. As opposed to silence, stillness can be a frame for music, creativity, and teeming life. Stillness can serve as the ground for creativity, the rest that creates the next thing. Join us for this worship service that explores stillness as creative ground.

Rev. Nordstrom is the Senior Minister at First Unitarian Society of Milwaukee.

Rev. Jennifer is a national leader in Unitarian Universalism and beyond on issues of peace, climate justice, and racial justice. She cares deeply about the world and the people in it and sees Unitarian Universalism as a tool to build the Beloved Community. She is co-editor of a book on environmental justice and Unitarian Universalism, which was published in 2017.

December 20 Christmas with our charities

Kathy Bernhart

We will host the charities to which we pledge money every year. A representative from: Encourage, Painting Pathways, The Haven, Hope House and TREP will speak briefly about how they are functioning during this pandemic. We will announce our pledge which will be sent Saturday, December 19. They will receive the card and check on Monday or Tuesday. Plan on a few Christmas Carols too.

December 27 Joint Service TBA

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

Email Kim Everett at kimeverett60@gmail.com

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Dear friends,

This is the first year in at least 15 that we've bought and decorated a Christmas tree with the expectation that we will enjoy it through the rest of the holidays. I have to say that its cheerful color and deeply resonant scent are some compensation for our reluctant but necessary decision to forego any family gathering this year.

I know many of you will also be missing your extended families and holiday traditions, a hard loss for us all. With a vaccine (or three) on the horizon, it may seem a little less daunting to put off getting together, but the holidays can be difficult, especially if we're alone, even in less challenging times. I know I'm repeating this message, but please make sure to reach out and connect with friends in our beautiful, loving community. We can help each other weather this month and the next and however many there may be before a vaccine changes the geography of our lives.

Board members and lay ministers have been making calls to check in with you in the last month. We want to know how you are weathering this season, what you might need from us, and what ideas you have for easing our isolation. If you haven't connected with one of these folks, please take the initiative yourself to call me or any of the board or lay ministry teams. We want to know how you are, and we need your input on how we can help.

You may know that Kim Everett recently hosted two LUUF game nights with a "mystery box" theme. I attended the first one and can say we had a pretty rollicking good time! She may be hosting another game night soon, so watch the Chalice list for an announcement. Meanwhile, others, including Bonnita and Robert, are organizing small gatherings via Zoom. If you'd like to sponsor a gathering, all you need to do is download Zoom (free), set up a meeting, and invite friends to join.

Finally, a big thank you to our many members and friends who worked to distribute voting information and help people register and vote, who are helping to deliver food to people in need and staffing Hope House at a difficult time, who are our front-line health workers, who are giving of their time and resources to mitigate the effects of this pandemic in so many ways. We applaud your commitment to love and justice.

A warm, happy, and safe holiday season to you all.

Warmly,

Erica

Board meetings are 1st Wednesday of each month, at 6:30, on Zoom. If you'd like to attend a meeting please contact Erica, or a member of the board.

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:



2021 Thematic Services Addressing Racism

As a UU Fellowship, we continue to recognize our need to reflect upon how we may inadvertently contribute to racism in our community and beyond. In June at the 2020 Lakeshore UU Fellowship Annual meeting, we formally endorsed the following, as our 8th Principle:

"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."

About the 8th Principle

The 8th Principle was created out of the recognition that the original 7 principles were not enough to directly address and dismantle individual, institutional or systemic racism in UU culture and beyond. Led by Paula Cole Jones, the 8th Principle Learning Community was formed in 2019 as a peer learning environment to support congregations in living out the 8th Principle. Endorsed by Black Lives of UU (BLUU) and Diverse Revolutionary UU Multicultural Ministries (DRUUMM), the 8th Principle has so far been adopted by over 30 UU groups.

In order to assist us in our ongoing learning toward racial justice, the Service Planning Committee has set up a series of related services over the first three months of 2021 to create the opportunity to explore and discuss in-depth, different components of racism and white supremacy. Here is the schedule of services exploring components of the the 8th principle:

January 10 Sarah Urban	White Fragility
January 16 MLK Day	(we are scheduling a Joint Service)
February 7 Rev. Tony Larsen	Exploring the 8th Principle
February 14 LUV	Stories of Diversity
March 7 Rev Danny Givens	An Activist's perspective
March 28 Jim Neilson	An Arts Perspective on racism

Please mark your calendar and plan to join us in this journey of learning!

Mary Jo Urban and Jim Hollahan
LUUF Service Planning Committee



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.

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,
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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. Contact Nancy Slattery at” nancy_slattery@hotmail.com

Upcoming Hope House Volunteer weeks: 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**

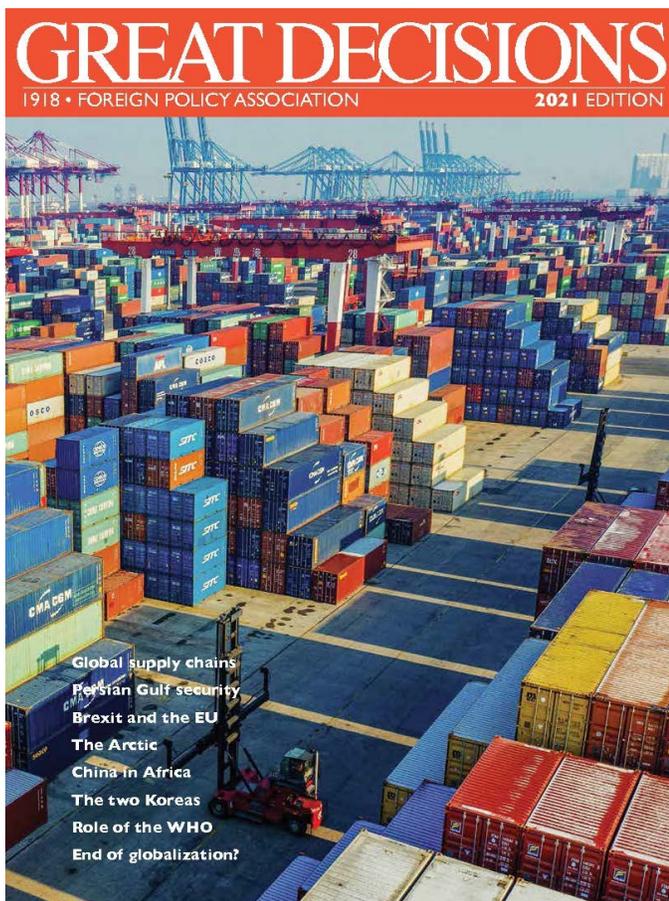
*****Hello Planet Partners . . .** We share with you our Delight that President-elect, Joe Biden, appointed John Kerry to his Cabinet as our country's Special Climate Envoy!

It was truly Serendipity, if you can believe it, that we indeed chose John Kerry first! That was this summer in June, when the LUUF GLOBE Committee introduced our "Climate Crisis Conversations" Series to you, with the Article "In Regards to Guarding our Globe". We showcased John Kerry's April 22nd, 2020 Earth Day speech, as the foundation of our premier climate conversation to begin our series. Bonnita Budysz & Sandy Bast shared their perspectives on this, and also Michael Moore's movie "Planet of Man", and thus started these important and vital conversations, with each other and with you. Kim Everett and Suzanne Zipperer took up the mantle a few months ago, by sharing their Perspectives on Plastic and current Agricultural Practices.

Perhaps you are wondering Who & What Topic will comprise our Next Climate Conversation to start the New Year for the January, 2020 Newsletter? We have invited our UU friend, writer and author, Ted Rulseh to share his planet perspectives, and we look forward to what will unfold.

"To You as Friends of GLOBE: Sandy, Kim & Bonnita ask for your Engagement with us by suggesting topics for future consideration, or writing an article, book or movie review, for upcoming installments in our "Climate Conversations" Series. We look forward to what you will share, what we will learn, and what we will accomplish Together as Planet Partners!

The Lakeshore UU Fellowship GLOBE Committee.....Thanks You for your Activism, your Advocacy, and most of all, we are Grateful for your Attention and Focus on this most important and vital issue of Our Time, Now and Continuing – It is Climate.



Here's some Great News: the **Great Decisions** geopolitical lecture series will be returning to MPL in February and March 2021. This time, however, it will be in an exclusively virtual format due to the restrictions of in-person gathering. The lectures and discussions will still take place in real time, livestreamed on both MPL's [Facebook](#) page and [YouTube](#) channel.

Further details will be posted as we approach the start of **Great Decisions**, but for now, here's a bit of a preview of what you have to look forward to--the cover of the 2021 **Great Decisions** briefing book, along with a list of topics. It look like it's going to be another great year of **Great Decisions!**

Hello LUUF Men, LUUF Friends & 'Woke Men' After a bit of a lull, I am re-viving the "Woke" Men's Unitarian Universalist Breakfast Club!

During this time of flex n' flow, we are morphing to accommodate best/safe practices. So do join me for a Safe Zoom Breakfast, (**Wednesday, December 16th at 9 a.m.**), with your favorite coffee mug, or Bloody Mary (!), or _____ and breakfast bites between quips and conversation.

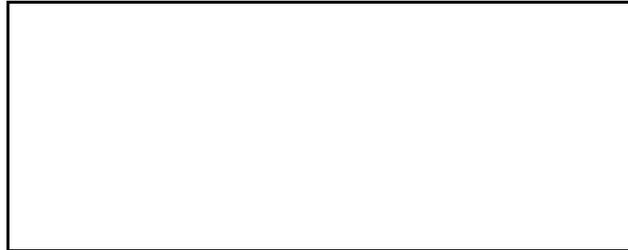
I will be re-sending you the link/invite (see below) via email the Monday/Tuesday before our Wednesday Breakfast Zoom. I would like to continue our Zoom Visits for 2021 once a month, mid-month. Let me know how that will work out for you, ok? Your emails, calls, texts are Welcome to Notify me if you would like to be added to the Breakfast Group E-Mail List.

Looking forward to sharing coffee, caring conversations, cuisine, and camaraderie with you!

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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**