LAKESHORE
UNITARIAN
UNIVERSALIST
FELLOWSHIP

MAY 2016

NEWSLETTER

MAY SERVICE

SERVICES: SUNDAY 10:00 A.M

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Choir Practice

1st & 3rd Wednesday

Of each month

LUUF CHOIR

MAY 1

"What to Believe: Hangin' Curve-balls, Wet Kisses, Guns, and Unitarian Universalism" "

The Reverend
Dr. Andrew C. Kennedy

Reverend Dr. Andrew C. Kennedy has served in the Unitarian Universalist ministry for over 40 years, serving congregations in Indiana and New York before coming to Wisconsin in 1986. Retiring after 28 years as Senior Minister of the First Unitarian Society of Milwaukee in 2014, Drew is now that Society's Minister Emeritus. During his tenure the congregation tripled in size to become the 12th largest UU congregation in the country while inspiring a legacy of social justice involvement. Drew is happily married to Lois Wesener, and has two grown children and three grandchildren. For fun, Drew is an avid, year-round soccer and pool player.

MAY 8

"Out of Africa: Processing Our South Africa Journey" Bill Kirkpatrick and Erica Strauss

"Twenty years into democracy, South Africa is a place of many contradictions --hopeful developments and demoralizing corruption; spectacular beauty and grinding poverty; generosity (the spirit of ubuntu) and xenophobia. We will share some of our experience there, which leaves us with much still to process." Bill and Erica were founding members of Lakeshore UU Fellowship, and they have just spent two and a half years in South Africa.

MAY 15

"Be Prepared" Joan Schiels

BE PREPARED. That's the motto of the Boy Scouts and also the Girl Scouts. Someone once asked Robert Baden-Powell, the founder of Scouting, "Be prepared for what?" He replied, "Why, for any old thing." Are YOU prepared for anything? Really?

The Reverend Joan Shiels has been a regular speaker at the UU fellowship in Door County for 11 years and comes to us with high praise from our friends in Door County. She has graduate degrees in Religion, Theology and Divinity. She was both a Brownie and a Girl Scout.

MAY 22

Flower Ceremony and

Annual Meeting

You will want to bring a flower for this lovely annual ceremony celebrating our connections to each other and the fellowship. You'll get to go home with someone else's flower.

The ceremony will be followed by our annual meeting which will include election of officers for next year as well as budget decisions. You may want to join the fellowship before this Sunday so that you can vote in the annual meeting. It's important!

MAY 29

Memorial Day potluck picnic and sing-a-long

Our Guitar Group will lead us in a sing-a-long, and we'll have a picnic—inside, but still, a picnic!

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

Email Kim Everett at kimeverett60@gmail.com

LUUF BOARD NEWS

Notes from the January LUUF Board meeting

The following issues were discussed at the March 16, 2016 board meeting:

Budget for 2016-2017

To date, we have received 19 pledges totaling $20,000. Members and friends who have not pledged are encouraged to do so as soon as possible so that the board can complete and approve the final budget for the next fiscal year. Last year we had 36 pledges for approximately $29,000.

LUUF Chalice Yahoo group subscription
https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/LUUFChalice/info

To unsubscribe

luufchalice-unsubscribe@yahoogroups.com

The board reviewed a preliminary budget for 2016-2017 totaling approximately $27,000. Adjustments were made to some categories depending upon perceived needs in the future; the final budget will be approved at the May 18th board meeting and presented to the Fellowship at the Annual Meeting.

Annual Meeting The board reviewed the agenda and materials that will be distributed to members and friends prior to the annual meeting on Sunday, May22nd.

The James

WELCOME

Five new members

Amber Daugs, Tod Geimer, Nancy Lodl, Joe Metzen, and Susan Phillips were welcomed at the service on April 24.

Thank you April Service Leaders and presenters and LUUF Choir.

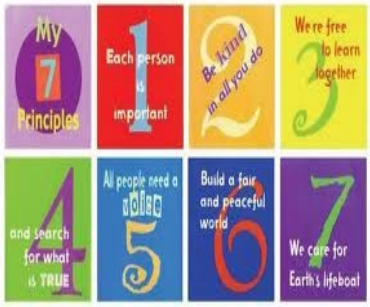
The next Board Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, May 18 following choir practice.** As always, if you have any issues you would like addressed or would like to attend a meeting, please let a member of the board know. All are welcome to attend board meetings. In the spirit of transparency— Minutes 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 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:

Linda Hunter huntel@comcast.net or Jim Sustman jim_sustman@yahoo.com



CHILDREN'S ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Calling All Children

The Children's Religious Education Program.

The 2016 sessions will be based one of the UU principle's and will include a story and a short project.

The program is open to all children ages 4—10 years of age and continues through May.
Infant and toddler care will all be provided.

The program is being led by Jill Finnel with assistance from Claudia Dunn, Ginny Finnel & Sandy Bast.

The Religious Education committee is also looking for additional LUUF Members or Friends to participate in helping to plan for the future of the children's religious education program.

Please contact Sandy Bast if you would like to help.

Watch for upcoming events from the adult activities group

Have an idea for an adult activity, contact a member of the adult activities group.

Jean Biegun (chair)
Beth Barfield
Kathie Fishbeck
Cecelia Held
Jennifer Hollahan
Jim Hollahan
Mary Jane Lukes
Carolyn Rabata
Judy Rollin
Nancy Wilkinson

Sunday Evening Meditation 6:30pm

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Thursday Morning 9:00am

Susan Phillips, lifelong Buddhist student and experienced teacher, provides valuable instruction in both the practice and philosophy of this ancient wisdom path. Sitting, meditative walking, and discussion are part of

Sign up for summer service presentations

During the summer months of June, July and August, the service planning committee takes the summer off, giving membership and friends, or friends of friends, an opportunity to present a Sunday service. Even if you've never stood in front of a crowd, to say what you have to say, this is a great opportunity to be among friends and present a topic of interest to you. Consider a book review, movie, or travel adventure, all are welcome and encouraged, so consider signing up for a summer service presentation. Sign up sheet is located on the back table in the Fellowship.

GLOBE

Green Living on Behalf of the Earth

GREEN TIPS!

Happy National Pet Week! Here are some tips to free our beloved pets of fleas and ticks. (1) Avoid commercial flea and tick sprays; look instead for natural repellents containing essential oils. (2) Add garlic and brewer's yeast to pets' meals, which makes pets taste bad to bugs. These supplements take a few weeks to spread throughout your pet's system, so begin giving them now.

Make your neighborhood an inviting sanctuary for birds. If natural habitats such as old trees are in short supply, build or buy a birdhouse and install it out of reach of cats, squirrels, and other predators. Feeders can be bought or made from plastic bottles or milk cartons that can be hung from safe places such as a clothesline, or consider planting native wildflowers, shrubs and sunflowers to provide natural food for birds.

For "Green" Lawns: (1) Leave grass clippings on the lawn to provide a natural (and free) source of nutrients, or compost the clippings for use in your garden. (2) If you prefer to use a lawn care company, seek out one that uses eco-friendly management practices as opposed to heavy chemical treatments.

Tips for Green boating: **Dispose of old fishing line properly**. Lost line can be lethal to fish, sea turtles, birds and other marine animals. **Secure trash bags to a fixture on the boat** so that they are not accidentally washed overboard, and make sure all trash finds its way there for proper disposal on land.

Maintaining a lawn can be labor and water intensive. Why not opt for a yard that's grass free? Ask your local nursery for suggested ground covers that can tolerate our local climate conditions. Or Google "Yardening with plants" for information on a super Earth-friendly alternative.

GLOBE

Hello, LUUF members and friends.

When addressing climate crisis impacts, sustainable population growth--especially as related to social justice--is a crucial issue that unfortunately often receives considerably less attention than it deserves. Therefore this month I am re-running an article from last June's Chalice which deals with how family planning relates to social justice. The article originally appeared on the website Population Connection in February of 2015 and was authored by Elspeth Dehnert. I hope everyone will find it of value.

***SOCIAL JUSTICE REQUIRES FAMILY PLANNING*—by Espeth Dehnert**

What do poverty elimination, gender equality, and educational and health equity have in common? None of them can be fully realized until everyone around the world has the ability to plan their pregnancies. In other words, social justice requires universal access to family planning.
And what better time to reflect on this crucial link than today, February 20—the United Nations-designated World Day of Social Justice.

You see, people who can't access modern contraception—and, in turn, aren't able to choose whether and when to have children—are less likely to reach their full potential. An unplanned pregnancy can severely hamper a person's ability to get an education, obtain economic security, and, in the worst case, maintain good health. Not surprisingly, it's women and girls who bear the brunt of these devastating consequences.

Many women—most of whom live in the developing world—die as a result of not being able to delay, space, or avoid pregnancy. In fact, about 800 women worldwide perish every day due to pregnancy- or childbirth-related complications even though most of these deaths could have been prevented.
For those women and girls who do survive childbirth, caring for a newborn can make finishing school and holding down a job an impossible feat. As a result, many women will be prevented from reaching the same level of economic and personal success as their male counterparts.

While most women in the United States are able to acquire contraceptive methods, some 225 million women in the developing world aren't using one even though they don't want to get pregnant.
But for roughly $25 a year, that could all change. The average cost of a blouse here in the United States could provide a woman living in a developing country with life-saving family planning services.

Investments in this arena will certainly help improve the lives of women and families, but they can also help developing countries achieve accelerated economic growth. Evidence from around the world shows that investments in reproductive health—specifically, as it pertains to youth—are critical to reducing poverty and increasing educational levels.

Having the ability to prevent pregnancy, survive childbirth, and enjoy equal opportunities is a basic human right. And it is up to all of us to call on our prospective governments to make a real investment in international family planning—otherwise, the world may never achieve true social justice.

Respectfully submitted,
Judi Northen

Hope House of Manitowoc County

Thank You LUUF Volunteers

The upcoming scheduled weeks are:

June 12-June 19

July 31-Aug 7 & Sept 18-Sept 25

Mark your calendar if you'd like to volunteer!

Thank you to all LUUF volunteers

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Two Rivers Mishicot Ecumenical Pantry

Celebrating 27 years of service to the Mishicot and Two Rivers area

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

Ron provided canvas bags for donation of can goods to TREP

You'll find them in the coat room

TREP'S ANNUAL FOOD COLLECTION IS MAY 14TH AND LUUF MEMBERS AND FRIENDS ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 11:00—1:00, RECEIVING FOOD SUPPLIES AND STOCKING SHELVES. MEMBERS AND FRIENDS HAVE ALWAYS PROVIDED GENEROUS SUPPORT FOR THIS ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE AND IT'S HOPED THAT WE'LL CONTINUE TO REFLECT OUT PRINCIPLES OF GIVING BACK AND SUPPORTING COMMUNITY. YOU JUST NEED TO SHOW UP, READY TO WORK!

The Manitowoc County Domestic Violence Center (DVC)

new name is... incourage

still *SUPPORTING VICTIMS* of DOMESTIC ABUSE and SEXUAL ASSAULT

Earth Day Interfaith Sing-along
At LUUF

Thank you Bev and the Lakeshore UU Guitar Group, with special thanks to Cath Pape, on the drum, for an Earth Day benefit concert and celebration of Mother Earth.

Contributions to Clipper City Co-op $202
Thank you for your generous support of our future community owned cooperative grocery store.

The GLOBE display was absolutely amazing.
Thanks GLOBE for representing UU Principle Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

Globe also represented LUUF at Earth Day

Community in Action

Summer Camp

This is a follow up to the announcement Jim Hallohan made at fellowship on Sunday, regarding camp opportunities for low income youth. Jim is encouraging members and friends of the Lake Shore Unitarian Universalist Fellowship to come together in support one Manitowoc youth in attending a week long Camp Program at Crossways Camping Ministries. crosswayscamps.org Jim hopes together we can send one child to summer camp, by raising $450 .

There are no overnight camps in Manitowoc County. Last year Joe Metzen, Manitowoc / Two Rivers YMCA and Jake Neimeyer, Executive Director of Crossways Camping Ministries, created a project to send 55 low-income youth to a week at one of Crossway's summer camp programs. The YMCA, Big Brothers / Big Sisters and the Southfield Townhouse Learning Center recruited the Manitowoc youth who had the opportunity to attend a week of camp at no expense to the families. The camping program was a great success and you can check out this video about last years program. **https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rRIks_6ZjIA**

A week out in the woods for a middle school youth can be a transformational experience. I know from personal experience the impact. Growing up in the north side of Chicago my first experience living in the woods and experiencing nature came when I went to an overnight camp for a week! That experience shaped my relationship to nature, the woods and outdoor fun for a lifetime. The goal is to collect $450 to support one camper. Please send you donation to Joel by May 15th. I will ask Joel to submit the camper-ship donation to Jake Neimeyer, Executive Director, Crossways Camping Ministries on behalf of the fellowship .

Please send your donations to: Joel Marquardt, Treasurer,

Lake Shore Unitarian Universalist Fellowship,

620 Park St,

Manitowoc, WI 54220

Dear friends at LUUF:
As many you know, my art studio is currently at 826A Eighth St. on the 2nd floor. However, the building has been sold and as of Sept. 31 I will need a new space. If you come across or think of anything that I could use please let me know. My requirements are as follows:
1. approx 200-250 sq. ft.
2. a WINDOW!
3.heated in winter
4. separate entrance
5. access to a half-bath

Thank you very much! 920-652-9739 susanphillips2@verizon.net
(p.s. You will get a star in Heaven if you find something!)

Spirit of the Rivers Studio community open houses the last Saturday of the month from 9 to noon thru July.

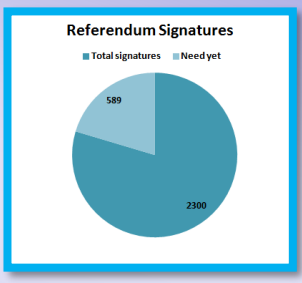
Spirit of the Rivers is a monumental bronze sculpture group to be situated on the Lake Michigan shore between Manitowoc and Two Rivers, Wisconsin. Celebrating the culture and history of the earliest inhabitants, the monument reminds us that people lived on this shore for countless generations before the first axe struck timber to develop our present cities.

UU"s in action! Manitowoc United to Amend

The referendum would ask whether citizens support an amendment that states artificial entities such as corporations, unions and nonprofits are not people afforded protection under the Constitution and money is not the same as speech.

If you have not signed the United to Amend petition, please contact Kathy Bernhart at 692-0620, visit the Facebook page and volunteer to gather signatures.

https://www.facebook.com/ManitowocUTA/?fref=ts



FARMERS' MARKET
MANITOWOC

2016 Manitowoc Farmers Market Schedule Managed by Amber Daugs

Tuesdays: 12:00 pm-6:00 pm, June 7 to October 25
Saturdays: 8:00 am-2:00 pm, May 7 to October 29

Support Local, shop our area farmers markets. Clipper City Co-op will be at Sat. farmers markets, stop by their table and say hi. Watch for promotions and events! They've got some fun things planned for this summer at the farmers market.

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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

PEACE TO ALL