



# The Circuit Writer

Newsletter of the First Universalist Unitarian Church of Wausau

June 2016

## June Services at UU Wausau

**June 5, 10:30AM**

**-Crossing the Bridge**

Rev. Laurie Bushbaum

Music: Jeff Krause, Maddie Busig,  
Alek Zavadoski

This Sunday all ages will celebrate transitions as we honor our graduating seniors, Flower Communion and Bridging Sunday. All children who would like to will cross the bridge built by Mike Moen, Tim Peterson and this year's Building Bridges class. We will also celebrate all Lifespan volunteers who helped our children grow. Every year we grow and transition, no matter our age! What bridge are you crossing?

Everyone is invited to bring a flower or branch to contribute to the Flower Communion.

**Stay after for  
First Sunday Potluck!**



**June 12, 10:30AM**

**-The Pieces of the Puzzle**

Rev. Laurie Bushbaum

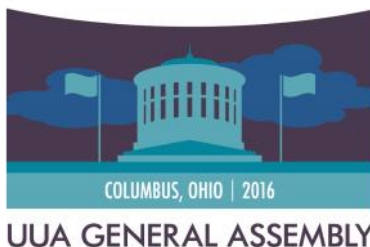
Music: Karen Zuidema

This multigenerational service is the last Sunday of the regular church year.

Venerable Old Turtle will help us think about truth and its many shapes. We will put together our own giant puzzle honoring the ministry of UU Wausau. You might have that missing piece we need.

**Vision workshop:**

11:45-1:15- Give your input into creating the new Vision statement of UU Wausau, an important step in the Interim and Search processes!!



**June 19, 9:30AM**

**-Juneteenth**

Worship Leader: Randy Jefferson

Guest Speaker: Darryl Mayfield

I am Darryl Mayfield, a member of the North Central Wisconsin community since year 2000. In that time, I've owned 2 businesses, taught for Cardinal Stritch and Upper Iowa, contributed opinion pieces for 2 years in the Wausau Daily Herald, but more important I've been a father to two sons, volunteered on local and state boards, coached girls and boys sports, and been the husband of Eileen Kay Bradley for 38 years (I count the 4 in which I dated her only!!)

Today, I've been asked to deliver an address on Juneteenth. Instead of boring you with my opinion, I've chosen to let history speak to us. It is the history of US --- the American people --- that could, if we'd listen to it, acknowledge it, and embrace it --- provide the freeing truth to establish the principles of the United States' Constitution.

**June 26, 9:20AM (90 minute service)**

**-Heart Land: Where Faiths Connect,  
General Assembly Sunday Worship**

Worship leader: Jim Maas

Rev. Nancy McDonald Ladd will lead worship in Columbus, Ohio. Rev. McDonald Ladd is Senior Minister of River Road Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Bethesda, MD

The faith world is increasingly multi-faith. People are crossing borders of religion and spiritual practice to create wholeness in their lives. General Assembly 2016 will assemble leaders and communities of many faiths to worship together, learn from one another, and create a new vision of faith that no longer divides us, but connects us to an interdependent future for all.

Join us around the table in Yawkey Hall as we join thousands of UUs joining in worship at GA and via streaming video.

## **In the Interim...**

I just saw a cartoon online. It shows a church Board talking with a Minister. One lay leader is saying, *"We want you to lead us on a powerful journey of Transformation like it says here in the book. Just don't change anything, OK?"*

As I end my second year of Interim work with you, I'll share a list of some of the Interim work we have done. Some of this work is invisible to many of you. I know change can be hard. I also believe that the hard work of the last two Boards and other lay leaders and many, many of you, is creating a much clearer and stronger UU Wausau for the next called minister that all of us anticipate with excitement and hope. We are building step-by-step in many different areas of the congregational system.

Below are the 5 basic Interim Tasks, as outlined by the UUA, with what has been accomplished to date and what remains to be accomplished. Please note that in all likelihood, not everything on the list will be completed before you call a settled minister but this does describe some of the transformational journey UU Wausau has been on and some of the landscape through which you have travelled, knowingly or unknowingly.

### **1. *Claiming and honoring its past and engaging and honoring its griefs and conflicts***

#### **Completed:**

- Celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Building
- Judy Stevens writing UU history column this year for the CW
- Acknowledge history of communication problems
- Board's Completion of Disruptive Person's Policy
- Looked at: lack of clarity regarding accountability/ supervision in Governance documents and in practice, financially unsustainable costs for previous staffing pattern, long history of staff conflict

#### **To do:**

- Finish Personnel Policy Revision (In pro-

- Clarify Board Policy regarding Staff hiring and firing authority
- Write and use Communication Policies (In process)
- Complete and approve Congregational Covenant (In process)

### **2. *Recognizing its unique identity and its strengths, needs, and challenges***

#### **Completed:**

- New website for better outreach/ internal communication
- Re-aligned staffing pattern within budget; re-apportioned work
- Minimized Endowment draw for Annual Operating Budget
- Lay team to support Annual Stewardship Drive – surpassed goal for 2016
- Hired new Lifespan Faith Staff
- Endowment Declaration documents reviewed and updated
- Basic plan developed for Ministry Teams to increase lay involvement

#### **To Do:**

- Develop plan for ongoing website management- summer 2016
- Staff Covenant – summer/fall of 2016
- Staff Reviews according to best practices plan and in line with all governance and personnel policies (In process)
- Re-engage a plan for Planned Giving/ Red Granite Society
- Hire part-time music staff, if possible, for 2017
- Implement Ministry Team plan – though this may be phased in over a 3-year period.
- Develop Stewardship as year-round Team.
- Train Lifespan Staff for full engagement in role for Fall, 2016
- Develop Annual Board Planning calendar (In process)

**3. Clarifying the appropriate leadership roles of minister(s), church staff, and lay leaders and navigating the shifts in leadership that may accompany times of transition**

**Completed:**

- As stated above, Board Policies reviewed to better align Governance documents, Personnel Policies and Minister Contract/ staff Letters of Hire
- Scheduled dates for Congregational Covenant and Mission/vision conversations
- Basic plan for 4 Ministry Teams

**To do:**

- Re-write Board Policies in positive language to make user-friendly
- Deepen Board training by bringing in consultants (In process)
- Plan annual Board Retreats in the future
- Lay team to craft Congregational Covenant and Mission/Vision over summer for approval at special fall congregational meeting

**4. Making appropriate use of District, UUA, and other outside resources**

**Completed:**

- Regional Consultant used for conflict mediation
- Collaborating with Region/UUA on OWL training, June, 2016
- Using Regional Ministerial Settlement Rep. and related Search Committee Consultants as per UUA Settlement process; use Interim Ministry Consultant

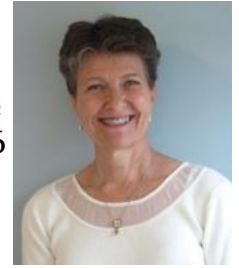
**To do:**

- Continue with a UUA devised schedule for Search
- Consider bringing in workshop on UU anti-oppression training

**5. Proudly coming into possession of a renewed vision and strong stewardship, prepared for new growth and new professional leadership, ready to embrace the future with anticipation and zest.**

**Completed:**

- Successful Stewardship Drive with lay involvement for 2016
- New website



**To do:**

- Re-design tasks for Welcoming Visitors/ preparing new Members and create lay/ staff plan for follow-through
- Complete creation / approval of new Mission / Vision (In process)
- Use a Regional, or other Consultant to lead the Development of Goals / Objectives based on the new Mission/ Vision statement.

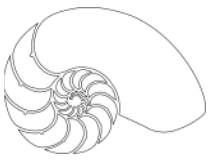
*Rev. Laine*  
Interim Minister

**June Membership Anniversaries**

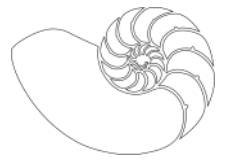


Margaret Carspecken	70 years
Jeanette Johnson	70 years
Andy & Jeanna McGivern	41 years
Sue Miller	18 years
Bob & Mary Judell	11 years
Jeff McDonald & Jim Mueller	2 years
Michelle Pupillo	1 year
Todd Walker	1 year
Dänika Kozlovich	1 year
Karen & Jim Monarski	1 year
Kristin & Paul Zaal	1 year





# Lifespan Faith Development



As the 2015-2016 Faith Development program year comes to a close I want to thank all of the wonderful individuals who volunteered their time and talents to the program this year. An RE program wouldn't be possible without volunteers (especially in a year like this one). Thank you for doing your best to make the Faith Development program for the children and youth of our church possible and an enjoyable experience. As a way of expressing our gratitude to this year's Faith Development volunteers, UU Wausau has started a Childcare Scholarship Fund with our YWCA neighbors



across the street. Thank you for nurturing our children and youth and we pass your gift on to families in need.

*Julie Trombley*

Director of Lifespan Faith Development

## Camp UniStar

Looking to continue your faith development over the summer? Camp UniStar is a camp for Unitarian Universalists and like-minded people, nestled in the Chippewa National Forest of Star Island, surrounded by the clear waters of Cass Lake in Northern Minnesota.

Camp UniStar offers a week filled with new and old friends, thought-provoking programs, and memorable experiences.

Each week has a theme centered around a two-hour daily program on topics such as spirituality, science, sailing, social justice, self reflection, or the arts.

Activities include hiking, boating, sailing, volleyball, dances, crafting, and much more.

To learn more, visit [www.CampUniStar.org](http://www.CampUniStar.org)

## 2015-2016 Faith Development Volunteers:

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|-----------------------|------------------|
| Heather Busig         | Richard Olson    |
| Nan Cedar             | Cindy Owen       |
| Collin Csuy           | Karen Peterson   |
| Sally Decker          | Meg Peterson     |
| Marguerite Donnelly   | Theran Peterson  |
| Gretchen Egan         | Tim Peterson     |
| Marsha Fitzgerald     | Jerry Phelan     |
| Tricia Forbes         | Amy Place        |
| Joni Hahn             | Sue Rainville    |
| Linda Haney           | Jessie Robinson  |
| Melissa Goessl-Heiser | Sally Schmidt    |
| Lila Hobson           | Steve Schmidt    |
| Anne Jefferson        | Michelle Schotz  |
| Randy Jefferson       | Mark Schuler     |
| Paul Kage             | Laura Syring     |
| Joyce Kurth           | Kathy Thurs      |
| Dänika Kozlovich      | Sarah Thurs      |
| Jeff Leigh            | Marla Tobalsky   |
| Mary Beth Maas        | Tonya Trabant    |
| Lisa Macco            | Julie White      |
| Kati Maier            | Brian Stezenski- |
| Kay Meyer             | Williams         |
| Mike Moen             | Kerry Wilson     |
| Karen Monarski        | Josh Wright      |
| Katie O'Conner        | Mandy Wright     |
| Rose O'Conner         | Kristin Zaal     |



# The Board Table

Some of you still remember the old days that marked the summer of the traditional Unitarian Universalist year. We bid each other adieu in early June, turned off the lights, and generally did not enter the building again until September. It's not like that anymore, and this will be an especially active summer.

As has been the case for a number of years, services will continue to be held each Sunday, with an earlier start time of 9:30 a.m. Most are led by members of the congregation, on a variety of topics and, as would be expected, using varied styles of presentation. They usually include an opportunity for dialogue among the attendees on the morning's subject. This year some services will incorporate a short TED talk to add additional though provoking perspectives on the topic. Make a point to be part of some services this summer.

The board continues to meet the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Meetings are always open to members. In addition, the board has engaged Kelly Fischer, a well-respected local consultant to non-profit organizations, to facilitate a retreat on June 18 for the purpose of helping us improve our effectiveness as a board. Finally, as we approach the start of the new church year, on August 12 and 13 the board and Laurie will participate in a workshop led by UU Accredited Interim Minister Marlene Walker during which we will set goals for the final interim year, agree on task responsibilities, and create a board/interim minister covenant.

There will also be a number of other important summer happenings. The Search Committee will be deeply involved in their ongoing assessment work that requires your input, and other tasks they need to accomplish to keep the search process on track. A separate team will be using ideas from all the congregation discussion sessions on covenant and mission/vision to develop draft statements to present for approval at a congregational meeting in October, so they can be included in our ministerial search packet. If you are interested in helping draft these statements, please contact Randy Jefferson.

As noted elsewhere, summer means Julie Trombley can now dedicate herself to her half-time position as our Director of Lifespan Faith Development. Julie has some great ideas for expanding our outreach and energizing our programs. Obviously the help of many of you will be needed for us to benefit from the talents Julie brings us.



What else does the summer hold?... Rec room labyrinth painting, community garden tending and weed pulling at church (divine intervention has not worked), and perhaps a survey from the Worship & Music Ministry Team on your ideas for making Sunday services more engaging.

You get the idea. Summer is a time to refuel, but at UU Wausau there will be a lot going on, some of which may help your refueling while giving you the opportunity to stay connected.

Randy Jefferson

Board of Trustees President



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Board meetings are held at 6:30 PM on the third Tuesday of each month. All are welcome.

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## Ministerial Search Committee Update

We have begun the important step of surveying the congregation and finding out what kind of minister you want, as well as what kind of Church you want for the future. On Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, we introduced the link to the survey on SurveyMonkey.com, as well as set up our “Listening” table in the atrium after Sunday services. We really want to hear from you, so please let us know what you think. The more information we have, the better we will be. In case you missed it, here is the link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WKS9S25>

We also set up a way you can quickly access the survey from your smartphone (as long as you have a QRcode reader App) by scanning this QRcode:



Watch for our official “Kick-Off” party on June 5<sup>th</sup>, where your Ministerial Search Committee will discuss our processes and timeline as we work toward welcoming a new minister in the Fall of 2017.

As part of our process, in the Fall of 2016, we will be holding a “Beyond Categorical Thinking” service and workshop for the Congregation. This is a program designed to promote inclusive thinking and prevent unintended discrimination that can be present during a congregation’s search for a settled minister. We will update you once we have a firm date for the program along with the progress that our committee is making. Keep an eye on the bulletin board, the Church’s website, and in the monthly newsletter for these updates.

Please feel free to call any of us to talk about our process, your hopes, your concerns - we’re eager to listen: Linda Haney, Mary Pierce, Holly Briquetlet Miller, Bart Hobson, Ingrid Zavadoski, Jeff McDonald and Sheryl Hemp



Youth from the UU Fellowship of Wayne County in Wooster, Ohio, are taking 3,200 bottles of water they collected to Flint, Michigan, this month. (Courtesy UU Fellowship of Wayne County.) See the article at <http://www.uuworld.org/articles/flint-crisis-compelled-uu-response> to learn more.

## Office Space

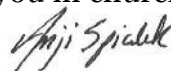
Last month, I had the opportunity to go to the MidAmerica Regional Assembly in St. Paul. The assembly included a lively mix of speakers, workshops, worship services, and time to mix and mingle with other UUs from across the Midwest.



My favorite parts were the three worship services. Seeing different styles of UU “church” was eye-opening, as our congregation is my only UU experience. s were being sung! I abstained. I took away from the services a desire to experience other churches. At some point, I would like to visit Fox Valley UU, and Stevens Point Fellowship.

I also came away with a couple of new ideas for the Circuit Writer. Moving forward, I plan to add more information about MidAmerica and the UUA, and possibly some topical information from UU World and other congregations. My hope is that this will help us here at UU Wausau connect to the larger UU community.

See you in church!



Congregational Administrator



# Knowing Our Past



## Social Issues - Part One

By Judy Stevens

In 1965 our minister, Joseph Nerad, and our board president, Dr. George Andrews, took part in the civil rights march in Selma, AL, led by Dr. Martin Luther King. Also during Rev. Nerad's time here, the YWCA asked for permission to use our church school annex for a daycare nursery Mon.-Fri. In return for the use of the house, the YW would pay 75% of the total expenses incurred in its operation, including all utilities and maintenance. The annex was a house we owned directly east of our church. The board agreed to the plan, and this was the first daycare nursery in Wausau.

In the mid 1970s, when Peter Scott was our minister, a small racist group in central Wisconsin known as the White Seed began speaking out and causing trouble. They espoused the annihilation of Jews, the enslavement and neutering of all blacks, and the deportation of all Asians in the U.S. Our church, in agreement with all members, passed a resolution stating the dignity and worth of all people, a peaceful co-existence of all humanity, and a pledge that our congregation would educate the community about the threat posed by the White Seed group. It also stated that we would support any lawful means to protect Mt. Sinai congregation and the Rabbi. The board was empowered to publically express the views of the resolution. For a number of years, the White Seed group continued to espouse their views and cause trouble, particularly in the Tigerton area where there were clashes with the police and the FBI, but it finally disbanded.

In 1984, when Dick Drinon was our minister, the Marathon County Dept. of Emergency Government was inspecting buildings to update their list of emergency shelters to be used in case of tornadoes, fire, floods, nuclear fallout or other disasters. In our county, 109 buildings were listed as fallout shelters, and of those, 13 were church buildings - ours being one of them. Dick and 85 members signed a statement that was published in the newspaper that they were against this as they didn't feel that fallout was survivable. They wished to have our church designated as a "nuclear free zone." The remaining 384 congregants didn't support the statement, but Dick felt satisfied that the situation was handled in an open, democratic forum.

## Congratulations to Donna Seidel!



Donna was named as one of the YWCA's 2016 Women of Vision! According to the YWCA, "*Women from all walks of life have received this designation for their contributions to life in our community and surrounding area.*"

*They have recognized artists, authors, educators, and those who have initiated new programs. We have also presented this award to leaders in business, civic, non-profit, health care, government and volunteer pursuits."*

Donna is the twelfth member of UU Wausau to earn the distinction. Past Women of Vision include Glenda Walker, Linda Ware, Judy Beier, Edith Peterson, Marion "Barney" Viste, Tammy Stezenski-Williams, Sue Stoddard, Sarah Rudolph, Doris Ullrich, Carolyn Bronston, and Sheryl Hemp.

## Legacy Gift from Brad Lantzer

During his life, Brad Lantzer made generous time, talent, and financial contributions to UU Wausau, a church he highly valued. Brad also made a decision to include our church in his legacy planning. We have received a significant distribution from Brad's trust that will be invested through our Endowment Fund. Bequests such as those received from Brad's estate comprise the largest component of contributions to the Endowment Fund. We are extremely grateful for this gift and the foresight Brad had to help ensure that UU Wausau continues to be here for future generations seeking a free and open church to support their personal search for truth and meaning. Thank you, Brad.



# News for UUs



## ☛ **May's Community Focus Collection**

A big thank you to all who contributed to our annual Mother's Day Baconfest! Between proceeds from the breakfast and donations to our Community Focus Collection, we were able to raise \$437 for the Women's Community!

## ☛ **UU World Digital**

Miss your *UU World* subscription when you are on vacation? Visit [uuworld.org/digital](http://uuworld.org/digital) to subscribe to digital access on your tablet!

## ☛ **Care Ministry**

"How are you?" – we really want to know.

The CARE MINISTRY is a committee that supports members and friends who are ill, bereaved, homebound, hospitalized, getting married, having a baby or going through other life passages. This personal brand of church ministry provides a point of contact with those in need of a visit, a meal, a birthday card or loving support in time of need or celebrating other "milestone" events.

If there are joys or challenges in your life, or you know someone who could use our services, please share it with your church family. Contact the Care Ministry through the church office or call Suzan Miller, 715-845-2405.

## ☛ **Qigong and Tai Chi**

On Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 6:30 until 9:00 pm, you are welcome to join teacher **Larry Riddle** for stretching and Qigong (Tues) and for stretching and Tai Chi (Thurs). The stretching portion of the classes lasts for about 90 minutes and is required. Beginners welcome! These classes are free and open to the public.



## ☛ **Annual UU Camping Trip**

The weather has warmed up enough to start thinking about the annual UU camping trip! We have 6 sites (plus one group site) reserved from August 19-21 at Franklin Lake campground (10 miles East of Eagle River). We typically set up two families per site so the camping cost is approximately \$20 per family for the weekend. Meals are shared so that you put your effort into one and relax the rest of the time. Come join us and swim, kayak, hike, bike, run, or explore a good book by the continuous campfire. Email Ingrid at [iclarkz@gmail.com](mailto:iclarkz@gmail.com) to sign up on a first come, first served basis.

## ☛ **Women's Book Pack**

Book Pack will meet June 28th at 2PM in apt. 217 of Primrose to discuss *The Mathematician's Shiva* by Stuart Rojstaczer. Eric Puchner describes the book: "This funny, moving, perceptive look at one man's relationship to his eccentric mother and the legacy of her genius succeeds to the nth degree."

## ☛ **Community Suppers**

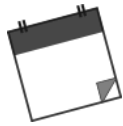
Thanks to Marsha Fitzgerald for agreeing to be our Community Supper organizer this coming year. For those who may not know about Community Suppers, these are feel meals at First Presbyterian Church, every Sunday evening from 4:00 to 5:10. The mission of the program is to provide food and warm companionship to those in need. At this time, 14 faith communities partner to prepare and serve these meals. UU Wausau will be preparing and serving in October and November, and the twice in the new year as well. Please contact Marsha if you would like to be a part of the team.

## ☛ **Power Flow Yoga on Hiatus**

Blake Andrews Power Flow Yoga will be taking a break this summer, but will begin again in September on Wednesday evenings.







# June 2016 Calendar

1	Wed	10:00 AM	Shawl Time	15	Wed	10:00 AM	Shawl Time
2	Thu	6:30 PM	Tai Chi	16	Thu	6:30 PM	Tai Chi
3	Fri	9-5:00 PM	rUUmage sale!			7:00 PM	Table Tennis
		6:30 PM	Community HU Song	18	Sat	8:00 AM	Wmn's Early Risers
4	Sat	9-5:00 PM	rUUmage sale!			4:00 PM	Buddhist Meditation
		4:00 PM	Buddhist Meditation	19	Sun	9:30 AM	Church Service
5	Sun	10:30 AM	Church Service			6:00 PM	Overeaters Anon
		11:45 AM	First Sunday Potluck	20	Mon	6:00 PM	Women's AA Mtg
		6:00 PM	Overeaters Anon	21	Tue	6:30 PM	BOT Meeting
6	Mon	6:00 PM	Women's AA Mtg			6:30 PM	Qigong
7	Tue	6:30 PM	Qigong			7:00 PM	Table Tennis
		7:00 PM	Table Tennis	23	Thu	6:30 PM	Tai Chi
8	Wed	6:30 PM	Eckankar Book Grp			7:00 PM	Table Tennis
9	Thu	6:30 PM	Tai Chi	25	Sat	4:00 PM	Buddhist Meditation
		7:00 PM	Table Tennis	26	Sun	9:30 AM	Church Service
11	Sat	4:00 PM	Buddhist Meditation			6:00 PM	Overeaters Anon
12	Sun	10:30 AM	Church Service	27	Mon	6:00 PM	Women's AA Mtg
		11:45 AM	Mission & Vision Talk	28	Tues	2:00 PM	Women's Book Pack
		6:00 PM	Overeaters Anon			6:30 PM	Qigong
13	Mon	6:00 PM	Women's AA Mtg			7:00 PM	Table Tennis
14	Tue	5:00 PM	Care Ministry Mtg	29	Wed	10:00 AM	Shawl Time
		6:30 PM	Qigong	30	Thu	6:30 PM	Tai Chi
		7:00 PM	Table Tennis				



## Pocket Comfort Shawls

Pocket comfort shawls are small knitted strips that roll up to fit in your pocket. They are here for you, or to pass along to someone you know who's in need of a little comfort.

A big thanks to our Shawl Time regulars for making these comfort shawls to remind us that someone who cares is always near.

