



The Circuit Writer

Newsletter of the First Universalist Unitarian Church of Wausau

August 2016

August Services at UU Wausau 9:30AM

August 7

-Boing!!!

While some bounce back in life with relative ease, others find it more challenging. What are **the ABC's of resilience?**

Worship Leader: Richard Olson

August 14

-Anybody Listening

In a pulpit exchange with Rev. Laurie, UCC Pastor Mary Jo will encourage some thought about **prayer...from different faith perspectives and from the standpoint of a spiritual direction.**

Is prayer necessary? Does prayer "work?" Do we really need to pray? How can we pray? Is any being really out there that will listen and answer? How would we know anyway? (She doesn't claim to have all of the answers, but will make music on the church organ.)

Worship Leader, Music: Pastor Mary Jo Laabs

Worship Associate: Jim Maas

August 21

-Body, Mind, and Spirit: An Approach to Local Food

Join us as we explore the role that food can play in nourishing ourselves, our communities, and our land.

Worship Leader: Kate Seybold

August 28

-To Be Announced

Worship Leader: Linda Haney



News for UUs



📖 Women's Book Pack

Book Pack will meet August 30th at 2:00PM in Apt. 217 of Primrose Retirement Community to discuss Jacqueline Winspear's *The Care and Management of Lies*.



📖 Food Pantry Donations

As you know, UU Wausau donates to the food **banks of the Salvation Army, Neighbors' Place, Women's Community, and the Mosinee Community Center of Hope.** The need for food is constant, but during the summer many families struggle to feed children who otherwise would receive school lunch. Please remember to donate as you are able. Your generosity is part of what makes UU Wausau special!

The Board Table

With the new church year fast approaching it is time to look at all the opportunities to engage in volunteering for our congregation.

During the summer months Kathi Hupy and I have held some listening sessions to explain both the opportunities and the need for volunteers to help make our Church a vital and meaningful experience for all. We hope to have one more in August and will spend some time during our first two services (starting Sept.11) to further reach out to any who wish to get involved.

To summarize what is tentatively planned and what other possibilities might exist, this is the outline:

MINISTRY TEAMS AND THE WORK GROUP UNDER THEM:

LIFESPAN FAITH DEVELOPMENT. UU religious Education which includes Children and Youth, Adults and Multigenerational discussions.

HOSPITALITY. Caring Circle, Greeters, Ushers. Coffee Hosts, New Member Welcome, Volunteer Appreciation, Pot-Lucks, Special Services (funerals ,weddings, Concerts, Special Events, Second Friday Nighters etc.).

WORSHIP AND MUSIC. Associates to help with Sunday Services. Summer Service Planners, Collaborate with Minister to recruit Guest Speakers, Schedule musicians, Altar and Sanctuary aesthetics.

JUSTICE & SERVICE. Ari Schmidt Fund/Fair Trade Coffee, Community Meals Coordinator (in junction with the Presbyterian Church), Community Gardens, Little Free Library, Food Collection Cart, Community Focus Collections, Naomi, Special Events.

All of these teams need co-coordinators, and a working group of volunteers under them. Some

of the working groups need only one person, some need many, some are already up and working, some are dying on the vine. Some will have much staff involvement, some will need **little..... but ALL need help.**

All of the Ministries could have additional work group opportunities or some of the groups could be discontinued.

These Ministries make our Church a vibrant exciting place to gather, be it on Sundays, or whenever. Please consider what you can do to help make this happen. Sign up sheets are in the office or call either Judy (715 359-9755) or Kathi (715 241-6358)

-Judy Beier

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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

“What’s taking so long? Why can’t we just hurry up and hire a new settled minister already?”

Some version of this question has come up often as we’ve chatted with members during the kickoff to our search process.

The structure and timeline for searching for and calling a new minister that the UUA has established is quite different from the “post an opening, review resumes, do a few interviews and offer the job” model that most of us are familiar with. As your Search Committee, we can assure you that (once we got over our initial surprise at how in-depth and carefully scheduled this process is!) we are grateful for each step of the journey, as such valuable knowledge is gained through this process.

Our goal is to present the congregation with a candidate that we feel best matches UU Wausau’s needs and hopes for the future, and the timeline the UUA has set forth honors the time it takes to both discern our needs and find that candidate. Here is a basic outline of our Ministerial Search process:

1. UUA Ministerial Settlement Representative (MSR) visits
2. Ministerial Search Committee (MSC) selected
3. Search Committee meets with MSR and plan its work
4. Search Committee holds retreat
5. Congregational Survey distributed and tabulated
6. Information packet about our congregation completed
7. Search committee begins considering potential candidates
8. Search committee interviews 3-4 candidates
9. Search committee recommends one candidate
10. Candidating week and congregation vote on candidate

We are right on track with where we should be (completed steps 1-4, in progress on 5 & 6) and are following the timeline set forth by the UUA.

A major part of our job this summer is to put together a Congregational Record (CR) which describes the life and history of this church. Potential candidates will read this document **online in the fall to decide whether they’re** interested in UU Wausau. As we work on the CR, we find ourselves wrestling with weighty **questions about our church’s vision and the way** we run this church.

To do a thorough job, we’re seeking input from the Board, the Transition Team, most importantly YOU! **We’ve talked to many of you** at our Search Committee table before the services in the atrium and are tabulating the initial results of our the online survey that went live in May. If you have not yet completed the online survey you still have time to make your voice heard- the survey will be open until August 15th. We will continue seeking your input in a variety of ways this fall.

Our hope is that the information from the surveys and these necessary conversations about the future of our church will both inform the Congregational Record, and, by continuing through next year, help us move forward toward calling the right candidate.

The Search Committee can’t do it alone. We trust that all the thoughtful discussions we’re having as a congregation will only make us a better church. We appreciate all the support and input you give us.

August Membership Anniversaries



Cyrus Campen

18 years

Nancy Tabaka Stencil

5 years





August 2016 Calendar



1	Mon	6:00 PM	Women's AA Mtg	15	Mon	6:00 PM	Women's AA Mtg
2	Tue	6:30 PM	Qigong	16	Tue	6:30 PM	BOT Meeting
		7:00 PM	Table Tennis			6:30 PM	Qigong
3	Wed	10:00 AM	Shawl Time			7:00 PM	Table Tennis
4	Thu	6:30 PM	Tai Chi	17	Wed	10:00 AM	Shawl Time
		7:00 PM	Table Tennis	18	Thu	6:30 PM	Tai Chi
5	Fri	6:30 PM	Community HU Song			7:00 PM	Table Tennis
7	Sun	9:30 AM	Church Service	20	Sat	8:00 AM	Wmn's Early Risers
		6:00 PM	Overeaters Anon	21	Sun	9:30 AM	Church Service
8	Mon	6:00 PM	Women's AA Mtg			6:00 PM	Overeaters Anon
9	Tue	6:30 PM	Qigong	22	Mon	6:00 PM	Women's AA Mtg
		7:00 PM	Table Tennis	23	Tues	6:30 PM	Qigong
10	Wed	6:30 PM	Eckankar Book Grp			7:00 PM	Table Tennis
11	Thu	6:30 PM	Tai Chi	25	Thu	6:30 PM	Tai Chi
		7:00 PM	Table Tennis			7:00 PM	Table Tennis
13	Sat	4:00 PM	Buddhist Meditation w/Lama Gongphel	28	Sun	9:30 AM	Church Service
14	Sun	9:30 AM	Church Service			6:00 PM	Overeaters Anon
		6:00 PM	Overeaters Anon	29	Mon	6:00 PM	Women's AA Mtg
				30	Tues	2:00 PM	Women's Book Pack
				31	Wed	10:00 AM	Shawl Time

SAVE THE DATE - Annual Church Picnic!

UU Wausau's Annual Church Picnic will be held rain or shine on Sunday, September 4 at 11:00am at Riverside Park (100 Sherman St., Wausau 54401.)

Bring a dish to pass, your own plates and utensils, and your favorite outdoor games. The Annual Church Picnic is the perfect opportunity to catch up with your UU friends as we prepare to start a brand new year.

Everyone is welcome - bring a friend!



Church Picnic

