

**First Universalist Unitarian Church
of Wausau has been a place
for liberal spiritual seekers since 1870.**

- If you're already a **MEMBER** of UU Wausau, we thank you.
- If you're a **FRIEND**, we invite you to become a Member of our church.

Joining our congregation is simple, but significant . . .

With your signature in our membership book, you affirm your pledge:

- To enter & to remain in a continuing & tolerant dialogue concerning the ways of truth & love, a dialogue within which free persuasion may occur
- To share in our fellowship & in our corporate decision-making
- To support with your gifts of energy & financial assistance our common work for the common good



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The **BEGINNING** is the most important part of the work.
— Plato

In this time of **NEW BEGINNINGS** we invite you to . . .

- Meet our **NEW UU TEAM**
- Learn about **EXCITING CHANGES** to our church's programming, outreach, building, & more



Help our church **GROW!**

**new
FACES**



Rev. Brian Mason

“ Serving the First UU Church of Wausau is truly a dream come true. I'm thrilled to share in what I expect to be an exciting, meaningful, and joy-filled year with you as I learn why this church matters to you, and what your hopes and dreams are for it. Together, each of your individual gifts, talents, and personalities positively impact our communities — and our shared world.

Thank you for investing in the rich heritage of our congregation, new ministries (a Music Director!), and so much more. ”

**Let's do this.
Let's do this TOGETHER!**



DRE Julie Trombley

“ I feel privileged to be a part of a community that so warmly welcomes ALL children & youth — just as they are. Being relatively new as the Director of Religious Education (DRE), I'm excited to continue on, a little wiser, having a Bacon Fest, a Christmas pageant, & a year of the Our Whole Lives sexuality curriculum for teens behind me now. The new RE curricula look meaningful & fun. I'm proud of the diverse topics being discussed in our volunteer-led RE classrooms each Sunday.

I'm also excited about a new group we'll be offering to parents, grandparents, & others in the community. Open Arms aims to provide support for the joys & challenges of raising children. It's a great opportunity for our church to host a meaningful program for the public, while exposing families to our church & our values. ”

**new
SPACES**

As President of our UU Board, I'm pleased to recap the exciting changes that have been made to all four floors of our church:

• 3rd floor - **Kitchen / Dining Room Renovation**

Barb Seegert's generous bequest is a gift we ALL can enjoy at church potlucks, parties, & fundraisers.



• 2nd floor - **Bridal Dressing / Changing Room**

This bright newly converted space makes our church more appealing for hosting weddings & other gatherings that generate outside revenues.



• 1st floor - **Sanctuary Reconfiguration**

Seating has been rearranged to allow Rev. Mason to speak from the raised platform, making him more visible to those in the balcony & providing a new perspective for us all.

• Lower Level - **Recreation Room**

This updated space — a fresh & safe environment — is the place for activities for all ages. From Ping-Pong to stage productions & from a possible meditation retreat to a music room, it may be the ideal area for our new Open Arms Parenting Group.

“ This is a joyous time for our church . . . A new beginning!

My hope is that you will consider being an active part of our beloved church community. With your help, we can continue to be a home for open-minded seekers of truth & meaning. ”

— Tim Peterson



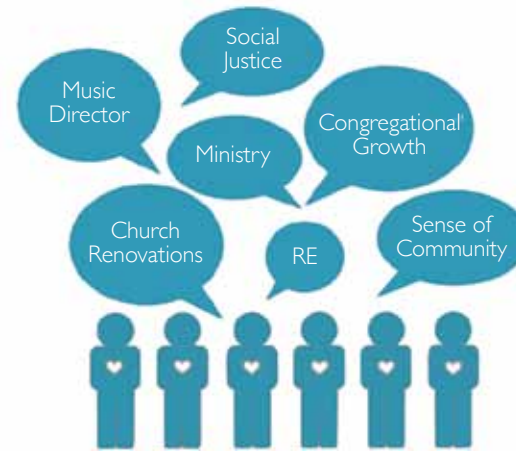
So, what **NEW BEGINNINGS** are in store for UU Wausau?

“ I hope to grow opportunities for members to get involved, both within and beyond the walls of our church.

I will strive to make each Sunday worship experience inspired, steadfast, and heartfelt — a reflection of the congregation’s character as I see it.

Most of all, I want our shared new beginnings to be about growing together, learning and listening, dreaming and visioning, planning and then acting. ”

— Reverend Brian Mason



What’s important to UU?

Please consider what this church means to:

- You
- Your family
- Your friends & neighbors
- Our wider community of people: those you know — and don’t know

Your UU Pledge Can Do **EVEN MORE** Good!

Once again, we’re fortunate to have several donors prepared to offer **\$5,000** matching grants as an incentive to help achieve our goal of raising **\$255,000**.

1. **NEW MEMBER GRANT**

Matches every dollar given by a new member who has never given before (up to \$5,000). Each initial pledge dollar will be worth \$2, up to the limit of the grant.

2. **PLEDGES INCREASED BY 15% (or more) GRANT**

Matches all increased pledges in excess of 15% over the prior year’s pledge (up to \$5,000).

“ Help us earn these **BONUS** funds! ”

— Anji Spialek, *Congregational Administrator*

We Invite **YOU** to Invest in **NEW BEGINNINGS** at UU Wausau



| adjusted annual income | supporter | | | sustainer | | | visionary | | | full tithe | | |
|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| | suggested % of income | monthly payment | annual payment | suggested % of income | monthly payment | annual payment | suggested % of income | monthly payment | annual payment | suggested % of income | monthly payment | annual payment |
| \$10,000 | 2% | \$17 | \$200 | 3% | \$25 | \$300 | 5% | \$42 | \$500 | 10% | \$83 | \$1,000 |
| \$25,000 | 2% | \$42 | \$500 | 3% | \$63 | \$750 | 5% | \$104 | \$1,250 | 10% | \$208 | \$2,500 |
| \$50,000 | 3% | \$125 | \$1,500 | 4% | \$167 | \$2,000 | 5% | \$208 | \$2,500 | 10% | \$417 | \$5,000 |
| \$75,000 | 3% | \$188 | \$2,250 | 4.5% | \$281 | \$3,375 | 6% | \$375 | \$4,500 | 10% | \$625 | \$7,500 |
| \$100,000 | 3.5% | \$292 | \$3,500 | 5% | \$417 | \$5,000 | 6.5% | \$542 | \$6,500 | 10% | \$833 | \$10,000 |
| \$150,000 | 3.5% | \$438 | \$5,250 | 5% | \$625 | \$7,500 | 6.5% | \$813 | \$9,750 | 10% | \$1,250 | \$15,000 |
| \$200,000 | 4% | \$667 | \$8,000 | 5.5% | \$917 | \$11,000 | 7% | \$1,167 | \$14,000 | 10% | \$1,667 | \$20,000 |

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This is a particularly exciting time for us with **so many new beginnings on the horizon** for our congregation and our church. We hope you’ll demonstrate your enthusiasm by stepping up your support more than ever before.

This is, indeed, a new era for us all as Members and Friends of this wonderful church!

Please, pledge generously.



“ I’m a contributing Member of UU Wausau because this church strengthens my whole family. What’s more . . . my kids have **UNPARALLELED** learning opportunities and role models here. ”

— Mandy Wright

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we thank you for investing in **NEW BEGINNINGS** at UU Wausau