

The Circuit Writer

AUGUST 2019

9:30AM Services at First UU

August 4

“Wisdom from MidWest Youth Leadership School”

Led by: Ruby Fischer, Danika Monarski, and Alek Zavadoski

Three youth from our congregation had the opportunity to participate in a week long leadership school offered by the MidAmerica region of the UUA last month. They all agree that it was a transformative experience. Join us as they share their experience of learning how to improve communication skills, exploring different leadership roles, and discussing what can be changed within our youth programs at First UU Wausau. They'll also incorporate music they learned at leadership school into the service.

August 11

Led by the Rev. Brian Mason

August 18

Led by Julie Trombley, Director of Religious Education

August 25

Led by Randy Jefferson

Dates to save:

To round out the summer, our church picnic will be on Sunday, **September 1**. More details to come!

Sunday, **September 8** will feature an intergenerational in-gathering.

And Sunday, **September 15** will mark the beginning of regular RE classes.



From the Desk of the Administrator...

Greetings! I'm thrilled to have joined your church family and already feel most welcome. We are blessed to have such a vibrant, thriving community that requires mindful administration and leadership. I consider my multifaceted role in that regard to be an extension of your ministry—a responsibility I take very seriously. As your mission statement directs, I am deeply committed to doing what I can to facilitate a “welcoming sanctuary of hope, compassion, service, and understanding.”

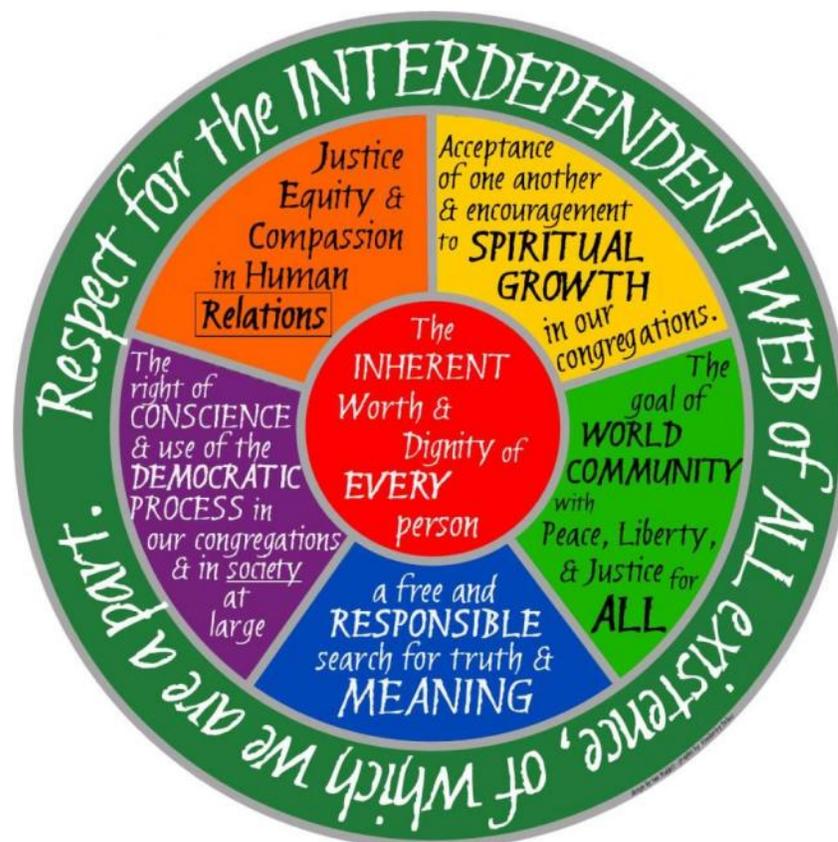
The folks I've met already have proven to me that our church's greatest asset is you, our members and friends who work to make our community the best version of itself. I couldn't be more proud to be a partner in that enterprise.



I look forward to meeting and working with you all. Facing a steep learning curve is always more pleasant when I know there is a cadre of support behind me. Please stop by the church office for a chat, and don't hesitate to reach out if there is anything I can do.

Blessings,

Peter



News for UUs

- **Community Ukulele Strum**

Area ukulele players are invited to a Community Ukulele Strum on Monday August 19th, to be held from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at First UU Church, 504 Grant Street. All abilities are welcome and music will be provided. Hoping there will be interest in making this a regular event.

If you have questions please call Kay at 715-843-7873 or email kmeyer1104@gmail.com.



- **Social Justice Committee**

The gerrymandered Wisconsin legislature recently sent four anti-choice bills to the desk of Governor Tony Evers, including one requiring doctors to mislead their patients about abortion options. Following a brief summer hiatus, the UU Social Justice Committee will reconvene on Tuesday, August 27 at 5:30 p.m. at the Whitewater Music Hall to discuss ways to tackle this issue and set our priorities for the coming year.

- **Have an Event?**

If you are part of a group and would like the congregation know about it, send Peter an email to get it posted in next month's Circuit Writer! He can be reached at peter@uuwausau.org

Don't have a group but are interested in starting one? Members of the church get special discounts on room rentals! Discounts apply to one time events as well.



We are sad to convey news of Margaret Carspecken's passing on July 31. Margaret was a deeply loved member of our church for 73 years.

Community Focus Collections
September 2019—May 2020

The Community Focus Collection committee met during the summer and for the first time decided to have a theme for the year of giving. 2020, as an election year, marks the return of Kids Voting USA, so we thought it appropriate to focus our efforts on children/youth programs. Below are the organizations we have chosen to present to the congregation asking for support. They encompass art, human service, education, and recreation. We hope you will be inspired to support these groups financially, and where possible, with your talent and time as well.

September 15: Boys and Girls Club

October 20: Center for the Visual Arts and their summer art camp scholarship program

November 17: Tyler's Home children respite program

December: Community food pantries

January 19: Kids Voting USA

February 16: College for Kids, Wizarding Academy, Girl Power Camp (scholarship programs)

March 15: Colossal Fossils

April 19: Jo Jo's Playground

May 17: TWC Kids programming

The collections are on the third Sunday of each month and the recipients' stories and contact information will be highlighted in the corresponding month's Circuit Writer. As usual, we will announce the previous month's total contribution. We continue to be a very generous community!

We welcome feedback and invite you to join our committee.

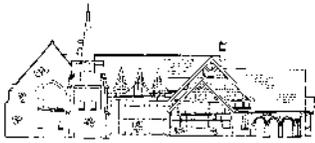
Thank you,

Judy Beier and Joyce Schneider

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 4pm—Buddhist Meditation
4 9:30am— Church Service	5 6pm— Women's AA 6:30pm— Wausau Bird Club	6 6:30pm— Qigong	7 10am—Shawl Time	8 6:30pm—Tai Chi	9	10
11 9:30am— Church Service	12 6pm— Women's AA	13 6:30pm— Qigong	14 5pm—People for the Power of Love	15 6:30pm—Tai Chi	16	17
18 9:30am— Church Service	19 6pm— Women's AA 6:30pm— Ukulele Group	20 6:30pm— Qigong 6:30pm—BoT meeting	21 10am—Shawl Time	22 6:30pm—Tai Chi	23	24
25 9:30am— Church Service	26 6pm— Women's AA	27 6:30pm— Qigong 5:30pm— Social Justice Committee	28	29 6:30pm—Tai Chi	30	31



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