

# The Circuit Writer - July 2021

## Services for July 2021

**July 4th, 2021 | 9:30AM:**

**Delivering Prophetic Witness:  
Frederick Douglass on the Fourth of July**

*Randy Jefferson, guest speaker*

Called “One of the greatest speeches of American history,” by renowned Frederick Douglass biographer David Blight, the words Douglass spoke in Rochester, NY, on July 5, 1852, still seem timely today. Part jeremiad, part message of radical hope, using Blight as our guide we’ll sample this “rhetorical masterpiece” which, according to Princeton historian Matthew Karp, provides insight into the importance of studying history to better understand that change is possible.

**July 11th, 2021 | 9:30AM:**

**“I Come from No Mean City—  
the Universalist Project in Wausau”**

*The Rev. Brian Mason, preaching*

**Held in the Cyrus Yawkey House Gardens**

In celebration of the church's 151st year, Brian will present, from the garden of one of the church's most storied members, a short essay on the history of Universalism in Wausau that tells the story theologically, and from the perspective of church members as documented in newspapers, meetings records, sermons, and scrapbooks.

*A reception with light refreshments will follow.*

**July 18th, 2021 | 9:30AM:**

**Community Café**

*Led by the Social Justice Committee*

Come for conversation, coffee, and caring discussions to be held on issues that matter:

Racial Justice; Women’s Reproductive Rights; Immigration; Voting and Fair Maps; and Creating a Green Sanctuary

We will meet upstairs in the dining room and have table talks. A host at each table will focus on one of the topics and lead a guided discussion. *Refreshments and treats provided!*

**July 25th, 2021 | 9:30AM:**

**Reflections on Coming of Age During  
a Pandemic**

*Led by Maddie Busig, Danika Monarski,  
and Sylvia Wright*

Join UU Wausau youth as they reflect on their experiences from the last year. This insightful, engaging, and perhaps even heartbreaking service uses a variety of media to explore individual vignettes while forming a powerful collage of the pandemic through their eyes.



## *Summer Thoughts from the Board President*

What a year it has been. I'm sure that we all have run out of words and feelings for the journey the pandemic has taken us all on. I know that I am still adjusting to the changes and still holding my breath that the next year will be a healthy one for everyone.

But the warmth and fresh air of summer give us all a reprieve and a time to remember what life used to be and can be. Time to gather with family and friends and time to just be. Already I've eaten outside at restaurants, gone to the lake and listened to live music again. I've gone on walks and met with my book club. A return to normalcy.

And...I've gone to church (in person). What a glorious gift that has been. We have now transitioned to summer services and there is an amazing schedule of upcoming programs. Many thanks go out to Randy Jefferson and the religious services committee for the planning that went into this process. Thanks as well to all who have volunteered to lead these intimate religious experiences during the upcoming summer.

This summer is also a time of another transition. Our Board President Jody Maier has offered his resignation and thus I write this article as the new Board President. I will endeavor to do my best to serve this congregation with integrity and heart.

On behalf of the Board, I want to offer my heartfelt thanks to Jody for his years of dedication and service to the Board and First UU. He has been an inspiration and a great leader and he will be missed in these roles of leadership.

So please know that you can reach out to myself or other Board members with any thoughts or concerns. We are always available.

And...remember to enjoy your summer.

Sincerely,

*Sheryl Hemp*

First UU Wausau Board President

### *Volunteers Needed!*

We are in need of volunteers to help pull weeds at the church. There will be a group gathering every Wednesday at 10AM to keep up with the weeds in the landscaping. The more people who show up, the quicker the job will be, so if you have a few minutes, please bring a kneeling pad, a pair of gardening gloves, and spend a little time helping beautify our wonderful space!

### *2nd Friday Nighters—July 9th!*

Join hosts Carolyn Bronston and Orval Quamme at their home at 6:00PM for a night of food, fellowship, and fun around the campfire! Bring a dish to share, a camp chair, and spend a beautiful summer evening having great conversation (and s'mores)!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Office open 9am-1pm  Tai Chi 6:30PM	2	3
4  9:30AM: "Delivering Prophetic Witness," led by guest speaker Randy Jefferson	5  Office Closed  Women's AA 6PM	6  Office Closed  Qi Gong 6:30PM	7  Office Closed Knitting 10AM  The New Yorker Noon Swoon 12pm	8  Social Justice meeting 6:00PM  Tai Chi 6:30PM	9  2nd Friday Nighters 6PM hosted by Carolyn Bronston & Orval Quamme	10
11  9:30AM: "The Univer- salist Project in Wausau," Service held in the Yawkey House Gardens, led by the Rev. Brian Mason	12  Women's AA 6PM	13  Qi Gong 6:30PM	14  Knitting 10AM  The New Yorker Noon Swoon 12pm	15  Tai Chi 6:30PM	16	17
18  9:30AM: Community Café, hosted by the Social Justice Committee	19  Women's AA 6PM	20  Qi Gong 6:30PM  BOT meeting 6:30PM	21  Knitting 10AM  The New Yorker Noon Swoon 12pm	22  Tai Chi 6:30PM	23	24
25  9:30AM: Reflections on Coming of Age During a Pandemic, led by UU Wausau Youth	26  Women's AA 6PM	27  Qi Gong 6:30PM	28  Knitting 10AM  The New Yorker Noon Swoon 12pm	29  Tai Chi 6:30PM	30	31



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**The Church Office will be closed  
 from July 5-7th.**



**Office hours: Monday-Thursday, 9AM-2PM**  
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