



# The Circuit Writer

Newsletter of the First Universalist Unitarian Church of Wausau

July 2017

## 9:30AM Services at UU Wausau

**July 2**

**-And Crown Thy Good...**

Worship Leader: Richard Olson

As American pays tribute to itself this week, some feel they have little cause for celebration. Certainly, there are failures in our system. But we can also claim many successes. In a highly polarized nation, where success is too often defined by personal gain rather than common good, how do we foster 'brotherhood'?

**July 9**

**-Becoming Compost: Ensuring a Green, Growing Legacy**

Worship Leader: Randy Jefferson

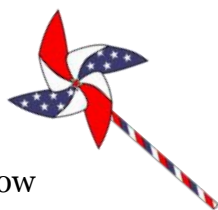
Using the inspiring book *Greening Death: Reclaiming Burial Practices and Restoring Our Tie to the Earth* by Suzanne Kelly as a starting point, we will consider how our link to the interdependent web of life can continue even after death. Be ready for some mental rewiring.

**July 16**

**-Diversity**

Worship Leader: Jaime Rannow

People with disabilities are often misunderstood and underestimated. Today we will better understand different types of disabilities, and how those with physical and intellectual disabilities are important members of our community.



**July 23**

**-Summertime Drum Circle**

Worship Leaders: Joni Hahn & Margaret Jerz

In many cultures, the drumbeat is believed to be a reflection of our heartbeat. Come and join us in the atrium as we combine and express our heartbeats in a drum circle. In doing so, let's celebrate the collective heartbeat of our community. Margaret will lead us in the drum circle, and Joni will share a folk tale about the drum. Drums and small percussion instruments will be provided. This is a service appropriate for all ages.



**July 30**

**-Be Careful of any Faith that Desires to Pass Understanding**

Worship Leader: Greg Venne

How does the world of science establish knowledge and how do we answer the relentless attacks on scientific principles.

From your Worship & Music Ministry Team

For all of you who have been holding back on volunteering to lead a summer service, the time to step forward is now. We still have some **Sunday openings in August**. If you have attended, you know we have had engaging, thought provoking services again this Summer. Be part of keeping it going until Brian's first service in September. Contact [Randy Jefferson](#), [Kay Meyer](#), or [Jim Maas](#) to volunteer.

## Office Space

It's a beautiful summer here at UU Wausau! Although our summer services are low-key, there is still plenty of activity here in the building. Looking for something fun to do? Come join the Shawl Time group every 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 10AM. They would be happy to teach you how to knit! Come to Richard Olson's summer classes, Bridging the Gap, which you can read more about on page 3. Come enjoy the lovely music at the annual South Beach Up North concerts later this month. There is plenty going on at UU Wausau to liven up your summer!



Speaking of livening up - I've been thinking of how nice it would be to add some personal touches to our newsletter. If you have any news that you would like to report (a proud accomplishment, a special vacation, etc.) please let me know. I would be happy to share your news with your UU Wausau friends! Have a special poem, article, artwork, or photo that you would like to share with us? Pass it on! The Circuit Writer is your newsletter; one more way to feel the special connection that makes the congregation a community.

See you in church,

*Anji Spialek*



*Our Whole Lives students graduate*



*Greg Venne and Dave Berge help out in the kitchen*

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

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# Treasurer's Congregation Report - through May 2017

1. Key Annual Budget Numbers:
 

Total Income	\$104,905
Total Expense	\$136,617
Net Income	-\$ 31,712

2017 Pledges:	
Pledges Budget	\$255,000
Pledges YTD 6/15/17	\$251,048
Pledges Shortfall	\$ 3,952
  
2. Outstanding Mortgage: \$196,800
  
3. Current net income is somewhat misleading as we have yet to add in auction income from this year and we have paid for all ministerial search process expenses from Operating Funds. Once search and settlement expenses have been totaled, money from the Reserve Fund will be transferred to cover them.
  
4. When these adjustments have been made, we will probably still be facing a deficit even if we hit our budget expense projections because our income is lagging behind budget. Pledges, our major income source, are the main reason for that. Hopefully we can still make up the shortfall noted above. Settling our new minister should help. It will remain critical that pledge commitments be fulfilled. We know we are losing some members due to relocations this year, so adding to our membership will be vitally important. Special financial gifts from those who are able to make them will also be needed if we are to maintain the strong financial position that we have built the past several years.
  
5. In January this year I put together information for the Board regarding our pledge profile by quartile for 2016 and 2017. Below are the 2017 numbers. You will note that our profile is considerably different from the UUA guidelines that are also shown. We rely on a much smaller number of pledge units for a much higher percent of our pledge income than the UUA recommends. Only 3% of our pledge units give 25% of our pledge income, while the UUA guideline for that top quartile is 10% of pledgers. For the bottom quartile, the UUA guideline is 40%. It takes 68% of our pledge units to produce that final 25%. As you can see, the UUA guidelines provide for more balance. Adhering more closely to the guidelines would increase our financial stability. Hopefully this information is helpful and will assist you as we work as a congregation over time to modify our giving to create a healthier, more balanced giving profile.

Quartile	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
# Pledges	4	11	25	87
% of Pledges	3%	9%	20%	68%
UUA Guide	10%	15%	35%	40%

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Jefferson

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*Randy Jefferson reading the Children's Focus*





# News for UUs



## ☛ Women's Book Pack

Book Pack will meet July 25 in Apt. 217 of Primrose Retirement Community at 2:00 p.m. to finish their discussion of *Last Bus to Wisdom* by Ivan Doig.



## ☛ Poetry Reading

The Wisconsin Fellowship of Poets, mid-central region, is sponsoring its quarterly poetry reading on Thursday, July 27, at 6:30PM in Yawkey Hall. Patricia Reckrey, Waupaca, will be the featured poet, followed by an open mic. This event is free and open to the public.



## ☛ Angel Study Group II

Join moderators Sharon Faville and John Pochinski for an on-going study of Angel Literature, Wednesday evenings at 7pm in Yawkey Hall. This open-ended study group will explore the perspectives of various authors whose books have popularized this topic: Theolyn Cortens, Jean Slatter and Doreen Virtue among others.

## S O U T H B E A C H CHAMBER ENSEMBLE

### ☛ South Beach Up North

On July 15 and 23, we are delighted to host the South Beach Chamber Ensemble as they present *South Beach Up North*.

Saturday, July 15 at 6PM, the Ensemble presents **MOZART ON THE MOVE**, a delightful mix of classical favorites, current pop tunes, opera arias and Latin dance music featuring area high school students. The concert will take place in the Atrium. Bring a picnic basket and wine! **Admission: \$10 at the door.**

Sunday, July 23 at noon, join the Ensemble for **DVOŘÁK AND RAVEL PIANO TRIOS**. Dvořák Piano Trio No.3 in F minor Op.65 (1833) and Ravel Piano Trio in A major (1914)

Antonín Dvořák (1841-1904) was the first Bohemian composer to achieve worldwide recognition, noted for turning folk material into the language of 19th-century Romantic music. Maurice Ravel (1875-1937) was a French composer known especially for his melodies, masterful orchestration, and richly evocative harmonies. **Sunday's concert is free.**

## ☛ Qi Gong Cancellation

Please note that there will be no Qi Gong on Tuesday, July 4.

## ☛ Book Store Now Open!

UU Wausau has a variety of books from the UUA InSpirit Bookstore for sale in the Atrium. Look under the welcome banner on the pamphlet table. To purchase a book, just remove the price slip from between its pages and attach a check or cash to it with a paperclip. Payment can then be placed in the clear plastic donation box near the east parking lot door.

## ☛ Bridging the Gap

Someone once said that UU Wausau is the church whose God goes up north for the summer. Maybe so, but that leaves some of us behind, at least part of the time. Stay connected this summer by attending our **Bridging the Gap** sessions. As we UUs strive to live by our principles, we turn to many sources of inspiration, including the "Sources of Our Living Tradition." Join us as we consider our many sources, refine our personal connections with them, and develop ways to better draw on them for strength, comfort and hope. 10-11am, July 12 & 26, Aug 2. Sign up in the Atrium. Facilitated by **Richard Olson.**





# July 2017 Calendar



2 Sun	9:30AM	Church Service	16 Sun	9:30AM	Church Service
	4:00PM	People/Power of Love		4:00PM	People/Power of Love
	6:00PM	Overeaters Anon		6:00PM	Overeaters Anon
3 Mon	6:00PM	Women's AA Mtg	17 Mon	6:00PM	Women's AA Mtg
	6:30PM	Wausau Bird Club	18 Tue	6:30PM	BOT Meeting
4 Tues	7:00PM	Table Tennis		6:30PM	Qigong
5 Wed	10:00AM	Shawl Time		7:00PM	Table Tennis
	7:00PM	Angel Study Group	19 Wed	10:00AM	Shawl Time
6 Thu	6:00PM	Unity Project		7:00PM	Angel Study Group
	6:30PM	Tai Chi	20 Thu	6:00PM	Unity Project
	7:00PM	Table Tennis		6:30PM	Tai Chi
7 Fri	6:30PM	Community HU Song		7:00PM	Table Tennis
8 Sat	3:00PM	Buddhist Meditation	23 Sun	9:30AM	Church Service
9 Sun	9:30AM	Church Service		12:00PM	S. Beach Up North
	6:00PM	Overeaters Anon		6:00PM	Overeaters Anon
10 Mon	6:00PM	Women's AA Mtg	24 Mon	6:00PM	Women's AA Mtg
11 Tue	6:30PM	Qigong	25 Tues	2:00PM	Women's Book Pack
	7:00PM	Table Tennis		6:30PM	Qigong
12 Wed	10:00AM	Bridging the Gap		7:00PM	Table Tennis
	6:30PM	Eckankar Book Group	26 Wed	10:00AM	Bridging the Gap
	7:00PM	Angel Study Group		7:00PM	Angel Study Group
13 Thu	6:00PM	Unity Project	27 Thu	6:00PM	Unity Project
	6:30PM	Tai Chi		6:30PM	Poetry Reading
	7:00PM	Table Tennis		6:30PM	Tai Chi
15 Sat	8:00AM	Wmn's Early Risers		7:00PM	Table Tennis
	6:00PM	S. Beach Up North	29 Sat	4:00PM	Buddhist Meditation
			30 Sun	9:30AM	Church Service
				6:00PM	Overeaters Anon

## July is National Anti-Boredom Month!

Keep boredom at bay with these Wausau community events:

Willow Springs Garden Independence Day Celebration and Car Show, July 2. [Willow Springs Garden](#)

Wausau Balloon & Rib Fest, July 13 - 16. [Balloon Fest](#)

Jazz on the River, Sundays beginning July 9. [River District](#)

The Water Walkers Ski Show, Sundays at 6pm: [Water Walkers](#)





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