



The Circuit Writer

First Universalist Unitarian Church of Wausau

June 2018

June Services at UU Wausau

June 3—10:30am

-Baccalaureate & Bridging

The Rev. Brian Mason & Julie Trombley, DRE

This Sunday we will celebrate our congregation's graduating seniors in this very special annual service. We'll have the honor of hearing from Emma Busig and Teagan Maier, our participating graduating seniors. Then all children and youth in the congregation will have the opportunity to participate in our bridging ceremony. The bridging ceremony is a celebration of the growth of our most precious resources. This is an opportunity to recognize the children and youth of our community, including Emma and Teagan; to applaud their success thus far, to acknowledge them and to wish them happiness and satisfaction in what's to come. It is to make sure they know we are with them in whatever lies ahead.

Musicians: Alec Sauer and David Livingston

June 10—10:30am

-Flower Communion

The Rev. Brian mason



At the beginning of summer, in UU churches throughout the world, Flower Communion is celebrated. Flower Communion is an annual ritual that celebrates beauty, human uniqueness, diversity, and community. I kindly ask that everyone in the congregation bring a flower to this service. Any flower will do. Buy one from a florist or at a gas station. Pick one out of your garden. Heck, pick one out of your neighbor's garden. Together we will bless the flowers, our year together, and many more to come.

Musician: Ray Kraemer

June 17—9:30am

-True North

Richard Olson



There is concern that the magnetic north pole has been shifting at a faster rate than any time in history, which could disrupt migration and navigation. Objects such as the compass may no longer be accurate to orient ourselves. But what about that other compass, that moral compass? Is that shifting too.

June 24—9:00am

-General Assembly Worship Service



Jim Maas

If you can't attend the largest annual gathering of UUs joining in a powerful, communal worship experience at the General Assembly, join our First UU gathering on Sunday, June 24 at 9:00 a.m. as we watch and sing along together. Expect great music and a powerful message.

Grounded in a deep belief that we are all prophets, Unitarian Universalists ask, "How can we faithfully meet the demands of our time?" We expect the message to be on that theme. The Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray will lead the worship service. She is the ninth president of the Unitarian Universalist Association. Rev. Frederick-Gray served as lead minister of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Phoenix from 2008 to 2017. She graduated from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, and Harvard Divinity School.

Note the early starting time. Coffee and iced tea will be provided. Bring snacks to share so no one gets hungry. Expect the service to last about 90 minutes.

From a Window on Grant



Thank you so much for the generous housewarming gift. I feel like owning a snow blower gets me that much closer to becoming a bona fide Wisconsinite. I think I need a Stormy Kromer cap and a Packers jersey before it's official though.

I'm looking forward to services in June very much. On June 3rd we'll celebrate the annual Baccalaureate service. It's always inspiring to hear from our graduating seniors. This is definitely a service you won't want to miss.

June 10th we'll celebrate Flower Communion. Flower Communion is a special occasion in the life of many Unitarian Universalist congregations. Please remember to bring a flower with you this morning. Any flower will do. You can buy a flower or grab one from the yard. Heck, grab one from your neighbor's yard. If you get caught be sure to tell them you're doing it for religious purposes.

Our summer services begin June 17th and last until August 26th. Don't forget that services throughout the summer start at 9:30 am. Services will likely be held in the Atrium while Yawkey Hall is under construction.

We're more than halfway to our \$31K goal for the Yawkey Hall remodel. I'm humbled by everyone's generosity with this fundraising campaign. Contribute what you're willing and able. Our giving and sacrifice will be well worth it.

General Assembly (GA) of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) is held every summer in a different city each year. This year GA is in Kansas City, Missouri. Every GA is ripe with exceptional worship services and dynamic speakers. One of GA's annual highlights is the Ware Lecture. This year's lecturer is Brittany Packnett, Teach for America's Vice President of National Community Alliances. Brittany has a popular TEDx talk about the importance of women of color in leadership. You can learn more about the history of the Ware Lecture and Brittany by going to the UUA's website or www.brittanypacknett.com.



Other notable things happening within the UUA is the Promise and the Practice of our Faith for Black Lives of Unitarian Universalism (BLUU) Campaign. Every congregation is being asked to financially contribute to BLUU. I encourage you to learn more about BLUU and the Campaign. BLUU is an influential group and will likely feature prominently at GA this year.

There's also growing momentum towards the adoption of an 8th Principle. You can learn more about this by going to www.8thprincipleuu.org. There are a lot of important topics that will be discussed at GA this year, which is why I'm sharing a couple notable items with you now.

The business meetings at GA are where we, collectively, decide the future of our movement. Our decisions shape how our endowments are invested, who serves in positions of leadership, and define our priorities. I always say that if you want to see democracy in action you should serve as a GA delegate for your congregation. That's what I will be doing June 20-24.

I do this because I feel a duty to serve our greater religious movement. I don't always agree with the decisions that are made. I occasionally disagree with the UUA's leadership and even some of my colleagues about what our movement's focus should be. But even when I disagree and struggle to understand, I know that we're in this together, and I trust the wisdom of our community. We cannot forget that we are a sacred religious community. A community of compassionate people trying our best to serve justice, righteousness, and peace in all we do.

We're not going to get it right every time. But there are times when our hard work and struggles pay off. The only way to strengthen our mission is to live it. To put faith into action.

In faith,

Brian



Office Space

Although it's time for summer church services, please note that the church office will remain open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9am until 2pm. If you need anything, you know where to find me!

See you in church, *Anji*



Religious Education

A beautiful RE volunteer appreciation breakfast was held on May 20th. Heartfelt gratitude goes to Christina Priewe, Sheryl Hemp and Donna Allgood for hosting this event on behalf of the congregation. Thank you for helping our generous volunteers feel appreciated!

Upcoming events in RE

June 3rd—Baccalaureate and Bridging Service. Join us as we honor our graduating seniors. In addition, ALL children and youth in the RE program will get to walk across our bridge, signifying another year of RE completed.

June 10th—Flower Communion. This multigenerational service is a special end of the church year tradition.



Summer Services and RE

Summer services begin June 17th. Summer services begin at 9:30 am and are generally more informal than during the church year. No RE is offered during summer services. The nursery is available to children 8 years old and younger. Children and youth 9 and older are welcome to attend the service.

New Tables

RE was able to purchase 8 new classroom tables this past month! This was possible, in part, due to proceeds from soup and bread sales the past two years. Thank you to everyone who made and donated soups and breads, everyone who purchased items and to Karen Peterson for organizing the sales! You can stop by the upstairs “World of Wonder” or the downstairs “World Religion” classroom to see the new tables.

Volunteers needed



I’m looking for volunteers to be in RE classrooms next church year! Do you have some time and energy to give to the children and youth of our congregation? Volunteering in an RE classroom is all about helping children and youth feel welcome and special in our church community. It’s about building relationships and offering support. It’s taking the time to get



to know the kids you’re working with and letting them know there are adults in this community who care about them. Can you spare a little time to make a big difference? Contact me at julie@uuwausau.org to express your interest. I’ll be in touch over the summer to discuss details and what age group might be the best fit for you.



OWL

Our Whole Lives, a comprehensive sexuality education program will be offered for 7th & 8th graders during the 2018-2019 church year. Enrollment in the program is currently full. Contact Julie at julie@uuwausau.org to be put on a waiting list, or with questions.

Mark your calendar for these exciting events:

Sept. 2nd, Church picnic at Oak Island Park

Sept. 2nd, 6:30 pm—Blessing of the Backpacks at First UU Wausau

Sept. 9th—10:30am, Water Communion
Sept. 16—First day of RE classes!!!!

Thanks for a fantastic church year! See you in the fall.

Julie,

Director of Religious Education





News for UUs



📍 Rummage Sale

It's that time! The Rummage Sale is June 8 and 9, and set-up will take place all week long. If you have a moment to stop by and help out, please do. It's fun, rewarding, and easy. Starting Tuesday, June 5 and through the rest of the week you will find crews here setting out and pricing items for sale. Come on over, have a cup of coffee, and price a few things. Helpers get first pick at purchases!



📍 May Community Focus

Our Mother's Day **Bacon Fest** was a huge success last month! Between the brunch proceeds and the **Community Focus Collection**, we raised **\$866** for the **Women's Community**. Over the course of the 2017/18 church year, you have generously donated **\$5,743** for disaster relief, local human services, and local childhood education. Thank you for your generosity!

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📍 June Second Friday Nighters

June **Second Friday Nighters** will take place June 8th at the home of **Jim Sheibley & Macia Anderson**, 1312 Green Vistas Dr., Wausau, at 6pm. Jim and Macia have a dog in the home. Please bring a snack to share. This event is adults only, please!

📍 UU Summer Camping Trip

It's time to plan for the annual UU camping trip! **Greg and Ingrid Zavadoski** have 6 sites (plus one group site) reserved from August 17-19 at Franklin Lake campground (10 miles East of Eagle River). With two families per site, the camping cost is approximately \$20 per family for the weekend. Meals are shared so that you put your effort into one and relax the rest of the time. Come and swim, kayak, hike, bike, run, or read a book by the continuous campfire.

Email Greg and Ingrid at gzavados@gmail.com to sign up on a first come, first served basis. New members or families with young children are especially encouraged to join us. This event has been a touchstone for several generations of UU families, with some having spent over 11 summers in those woods!



June Membership Anniversaries

Happy Anniversary!



Margaret Carspecken 72 years
 Andy & Jeanna McGivern 43 years
 Sue Miller 20 years
 Bob & Mary Judell 13 years
 Jeff McDonald & Jim Mueller 4 years
 Danika & John Kozlovich 3 years
 Karen Monarski 3 years



June 2018 Calendar



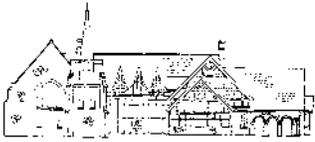
2 Sat	4:00PM	Buddhist Meditation	14 Thu	6:30PM	Tai Chi
3 Sun	10:30AM	Church Service		7:00PM	Table Tennis
	11:45AM	First Sunday Potluck	16 Sat	8:00AM	Women's Early Risers
	6:00PM	Overeaters Anon		4:00PM	Buddhist Meditation
4 Mon	6:00PM	Women's AA Mtg	17 Sun	9:30AM	Church Service
5 Tues	6:30PM	Qigong		6:00PM	Overeaters Anon
	1:00PM	Rummage Sale Set-up	18 Mon	6:00PM	Women's AA Mtg
6 Wed	10:00AM	Shawl Time	19 Tues	6:30PM	Qigong
	10:00AM	Rummage Sale Set-up		6:30PM	BOT Meeting
	4:00PM	People/Power of Love	20 Wed	7:00PM	Table Tennis
7 Thu	10:00AM	Rummage Sale Set-up		10:00AM	Shawl Time
	6:00PM	Unity Project		4:00PM	People/Power of Love
	6:30PM	Tai Chi	21 Thu	6:00PM	Unity Project
8 Fri	8:00AM	Rummage Sale		6:30PM	Tai Chi
	6:00PM	Second Fri Nighters		7:00PM	Table Tennis
9 Sat	8:00AM	Rummage Sale	23 Sat	4:00PM	Buddhist Meditation
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11 Mon	6:00PM	Women's AA Mtg	26 Tues	6:30PM	Qigong
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PARTNER CHURCH COUNCIL

We're Getting a Partner Church!

UU Wausau will soon have a partner church and you can help build that relationship! Churches in **India**, the **Philippines**, **Hungry**, and **Romania** are currently seeking a partner church in the United States. The UU Wausau Partner Church Committee is just beginning, so if you're interested in world travel, learning about UUism in other countries, and launching a brand new ministry, please sign-up in the Atrium. For more info visit the **UU Partner Church Council's** website (<http://www.uupecc.org>), check out profiles of the churches seeking partners on the sign-up table, or contact committee Chair **Shannon Thielman** (shannon0312@yahoo.com).



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