



The Circuit Writer

First Universalist Unitarian Church of Wausau

July 2018

9:30am July Services at UU Wausau

July 1

-Mystical Nature: Awe and Wonder as Religious Experience

Service Leader: Randy Jefferson

Reflections on 5/27/18-6/1/18, a week when a tree, a fungus, and a lake reinforced my sense that something is out there and there is another side.



July 8

-"I love my ancestors even though they died." CeCe Venne, age 5.

Service Leader: Greg Venne

Our grand daughter hears stories about our ancestors. Pictures of her great-great grandparents hang on the walls of her Brooklyn apartment. She can literally see Ellis Island from her neighborhood that sets above the harbor.

Lee Ann and I will briefly tell our stories on how one side of our family came to America. We each have a couple of pictures to share. Perhaps you have something similar.

In smaller groups, we will ask you to share a story of one of your ancestors. Focus on either the first generation to enter America, or the next generation that worked to assimilate. Feel free to bring a picture or two or even an artifact that has been passed down.

This service is designed to honor the immigrant experience we all share!



July 15

-Project SEARCH



Service Leader: Jaime Rannow

Due to large numbers of Babyboomers retiring, Wisconsin and the rest of the nation is experiencing large gaps in the workforce. At the same time, people with disabilities are the most underemployed and unemployed of any single group in the country. Local businesses and public schools are trying to solve this by creating partnerships through workforce initiatives. Project SEARCH which began in Cincinnati, Ohio, has become an international business-led program designed to develop social and employment skills for adults with disabilities. Today we will discuss why this program is important, what it does, and learn more about a new program coming to the Wausau area this fall!



July 22

-And on the seventh day...

Service Leader: Richard Olson

We all know human beings need rest, recreation, and 'down time'. But we may have forgotten, or never even realized, that we need a Sabbath even more



July 29

-Come Sing a Song With Me

Service Leader: Margaret Jerz

Vibrant congregational singing is a sure sign of a healthy, thriving church. When we sing together, we express who we are and this expression may well be described as the heartbeat of the church. Join us as we discuss the multiple benefits of community singing and unite in an old fashioned sing-a-long using the music of our rich UU traditions and others.



News for UUs

☛ Office Closing

Please note that the UU Wausau office will be closed The weeks of July 16–20 and 23–27 for staff vacation. If there is an emergency during this time, please contact Board of Trustees President, Tim Peterson. Tim can be reached at 715-573-0133 or timnp67@aol.com.

☛ The UUA Condemns Family Separation at the U.S./Mexico Border

“The policy of this administration to separate children from their parents at the border is immoral, inhumane and indefensible,” says UUA president, the Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray.

"These families arrive desperate for safe-haven, seeking asylum having fled violence and disruption in their own homeland – and instead of safety, they are further traumatized, victimized and criminalized at the hands of the U.S. government."

For more information or to donate to support legal services for detained separated parents, visit <https://www.uua.org/pressroom/press-releases/unitarian-universalist-association-condemns-family-separation-us/mexico>.

☛ Rummage Sale

A huge thank you to all who helped with the rummage sale—and there are a lot of you! It was a wonderful opportunity to meet other UU Wausau members and bond over volunteering. The rummage sale brought in just over \$3,000 for our operating budget.

☛ Poetry reading

The mid-central region of the Wisconsin Fellowship of Poets is holding its next poetry reading on Thursday, July 26, at 6:30 pm in Yawkey Hall. The featured poet will be Dawn Anderson, Wausau, followed by an open mic. The event is free and open to the public.

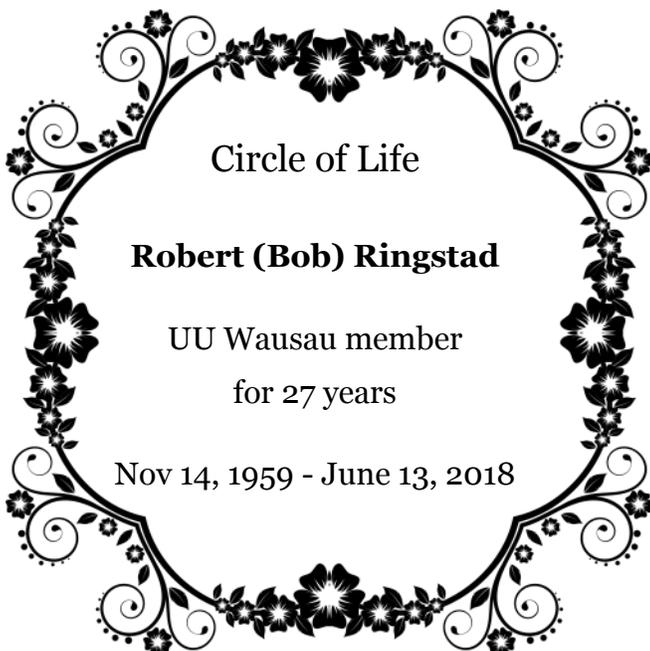
☛ South Beach Up North

On July 21 and 29, we are delighted to host the South Beach Chamber Ensemble as they present *South Beach Up North*.

Saturday, July 21 at 6PM, the Ensemble presents **MOZART ON THE MOVE**, a casual picnic concert featuring a local high school string quartet. Listen to Mozart, the classics, Frank Sinatra, tangos, sambas, opera arias, pop songs and more. The concert will take place in the Atrium. Bring a picnic basket and wine!

Admission: \$10 at the door.

Sunday, July 29 at noon, join the Ensemble for **GERMAN MASTERS**. Beethoven Piano Trio in B-flat major, Op. 97, the Archduke (1811) Mendelssohn Piano Trio in D minor, Op. 49 (1839). **Sunday's concert is free.**



News for UUs



☛ Social Action—You are Invited!

The last Social Action Committee meeting concluded with the idea that efforts should include both social action and social justice. The former requires volunteers to roll up their sleeves and jump in on various projects. The latter requires more thoughtful consideration and input to identify our core values and priorities pertaining to social justice, and so give direction to our actions to serve those values. Anyone who would like to join the discussion to identify our primary social justice priorities is invited to attend the committee's next meeting, at 6pm on Tuesday, July 10 at the home of **Jim Sheibley** and **Macia Anderson**, 1312 Green Vistas Dr., Wausau East.



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☛ Our Lovely Landscaping

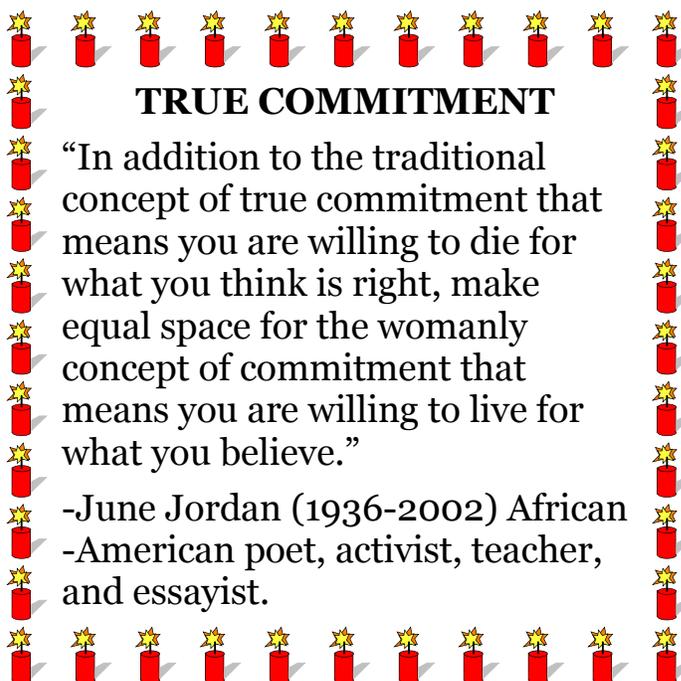
A special thanks to Judy Stevens, who tirelessly works to make sure that our landscaping and plants make the building look beautiful and welcoming. Also thanks to Sue Miller and Sally Decker for the lovely planters and mulch near the main entrance.

☛ 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!



TRUE COMMITMENT

 “In addition to the traditional concept of true commitment that means you are willing to die for what you think is right, make equal space for the womanly concept of commitment that means you are willing to live for what you believe.”

 -June Jordan (1936-2002) African American poet, activist, teacher, and essayist.

Treasurer's Congregation Report - Through May 31, 2018

1. Key Annual Budget Numbers:

Total Income	\$134,268	2018 Pledges:	
Total Expense	\$130,206	Pledges Budget	\$255,000
Net Income	\$ 4,062	Pledges Made	\$265,273
Outstanding Mortgage:	\$176,813		

2. After 5 months, our operations expense budget is showing a slight surplus of \$4,062 (3.0%).

3. As was reported at the close of the pledge drive, your generous pledging resulted in 2018 pledges over \$10,000 higher than the budgeted pledge income, which was set at a conservative level. We had \$83,925 in prepaid pledge receipts for 2018 (pledges for 2018 that were paid in 2017), which was more than double the prepaid average for the previous five years. Adding 5/12 of this prepaid amount (the allocation through May) to the pledge payments made in 2018 through May, our total received for five months is \$107,301. This is just over \$1,000 (1.0%) higher than the budgeted pledges through May, \$106,250. That means so far in 2018 we are on track to meet our target for 2018 pledges made. Obviously for the annual goal to be realized, we need to continue to meet our pledge commitments.

4. We have again accelerated the reduction in our long term mortgage debt by making additional mortgage payments. Earlier this year the Board used \$12,500 in Reserve Funds for this purpose. The Endowment Committee has agreed to match this amount from endowment funds to further reduce our mortgage principle.

5. One final note on pledges. In the last Treasurer's report to the congregation earlier this year, I indicated in the next report I would show our pledge profile by quartile for 2018 as I had done last year for 2017. Table is below. 2018 is very similar to 2017, which means once again 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 (3 pledgers) 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%. 69% of our pledge units (81 pledgers) produce that final 25%. As you can see, the UUA guidelines recommend more balance. As I have noted previously, adhering more closely to the guidelines would increase our financial stability. I continue to report this information in the hope that it will assist us 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	3	10	24	81
% of Pledges	3%	8%	20%	69%
UUA Guide	10%	15%	35%	40%



Respectfully Submitted
 Randy Jefferson
 06/25/18



July 2018 Calendar



1 Sun	9:30AM	Church Service	18 Wed	10:00AM	Shawl Time
	6:00PM	Overeaters Anon		4:00PM	People/Power of Love
2 Mon	6:00PM	Women's AA Mtg	19 Thu	6:00PM	Unity Project
3 Tues	6:30PM	Qigong		6:30PM	Tai Chi
	7:00PM	Table Tennis		7:00PM	Table Tennis
4 Wed	4:00PM	People/Power of Love	21 Sat	8:00AM	Women's Early Risers
5 Thu	6:00PM	Unity Project		4:00PM	Buddhist Meditation
	6:30PM	Tai Chi		6:00PM	S. Beach Up N.
	7:00PM	Table Tennis	22 Sun	9:30AM	Church Service
7 Sat	4:00PM	Buddhist Meditation		6:00PM	Overeaters Anon
8 Sun	9:30AM	Church Service	23 Mon	6:00PM	Women's AA Mtg
	6:00PM	Overeaters Anon	24 Tues	6:30PM	Qigong
9 Mon	6:00PM	Women's AA Mtg		7:00PM	Table Tennis
10 Tues	6:30PM	Qigong	26 Thu	6:30PM	Tai Chi
	7:00PM	Table Tennis		6:30PM	Poetry Reading
12 Thu	6:30PM	Tai Chi		7:00PM	Table Tennis
	7:00PM	Table Tennis	28 Sat	4:00PM	Buddhist Meditation
14 Sat	4:00PM	Buddhist Meditation	29 Sun	9:30AM	Church Service
15 Sun	9:30AM	Church Service		12:00PM	S. Beach Up N.
	6:00PM	Overeaters Anon		6:00PM	Overeaters Anon
16 Mon	6:00PM	Women's AA Mtg	30 Mon	6:00PM	Women's AA Mtg
17 Tues	6:30PM	Qigong	31 Tues	6:30PM	Qigong
				7:00PM	Table Tennis

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 1. [Willow Springs Garden](#)

Wausau Balloon & Rib Fest, July 12 - 15. [Balloon Fest](#)

Jazz on the River, Sundays beginning July 8. [River District](#)

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





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