

The Circuit Writer

First Universalist Unitarian Church of Wausau

JULY 2019

9:30AM Services at UU Wausau

July 7

"Where Have All The Flowers Gone," Not Enough To Just Sing The Old Songs

Lead by: Greg Venne

Sure, we will sing a handful of the old folk songs that stirred the social unrest of the 60's. However, we will allow for interludes of conversation on the current social conflict settling into our culture. When is resistance morally justified? What are the ethical constraints? Is it ethical to not resist? What does the point look like when resistance and organized protest becomes necessary?

Become a guest member of the Missing Man Trio with your voice. and or your guitar, fiddle, ukulele, or drum. We will select tunes in easy keys and with simple progressions. Most importantly, we won't forget the likes of Woody Guthrie, Pete Seeger, and maybe just a little Dylan. A Kumbaya free service.

July 14

"Add to Cart"

Lead by: Richard Olsen

Many UUs are converts. But religious conversion is a process and usually involves some shopping around. In fact, our search for truth and meaning is a sort of life-long shopping spree. Today we follow the conversion paths of Sophia Lyons Fahs and James Luther Adam, two "shoppers" from my Pantheon of Illustrious UUs.

July 21

"STILLNESS"

Lead by: Pam Henkel

What does it mean to Be Still?

How might "Inner Stillness" help us to make "Choices" rather than "React" to our surroundings? On July 21st Pam Henkel will have us "Practice" ways we can make wiser choices about our thoughts, feelings, and behaviors.

July 28

"Nature and the Prophetic Spirit"

Lead by: Ryan O'Leary

UWSP philosophy professor Ryan O'Leary has been working on a project this year investigating biblical prophets and contemporary environmental concerns. Join us for this thought provoking service as he shares his findings and observations on the relationship between religion and nature.



Office Space



Summer is finally here! I celebrated the summer solstice by participating in Collage. Soft music played in the background, delicious refreshments were served, and all collage materials were provided! The atmosphere are people helped create the perfect environment to get inspired and create beautiful artwork. Check out some examples below.



I would encourage everyone to participate next time! Its open to all skill levels. If art isn't your thing, there are plenty of other events held at the church you can get involved with. You could even start up your own group! Check the "News for UUs" or the calendar for upcoming events.

Best,

Courtney



REFlections

Summer Services and RE

In general, summer services begin at 9:30 am and are 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 services.



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.

Enjoy your summer!

Julie

Notes from the Social Justice Committee

There are profound connections between the health and economic stability of women and children in the US and access to family planning, contraception and safe, legal abortion. Yet in the wake of a rightward shift to the Supreme Court, 28 states introduced legislation during the first quarter of 2019 that would curtail a woman's right to control her reproduction. Many of these are so egregiously unconstitutional their true purpose can only be to reach the high court in an effort to reverse Roe v. Wade and end reproductive rights at the federal level. 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 White-water Music Hall to discuss ways to tackle this issue and set our priorities for the coming year. Will you join us?

- Macia Anderson, member Social Justice Committee



News for UUs

• **Wisconsin Fellowship of Poets** • **Community Ukulele Strum**

- **Poetry Reading**

The Wisconsin Fellowship of Poets, mid-central region, is holding its next poetry reading on Thursday, July 11, at 6:30PM in Yawkey Hall. Jeffrey and Joan Johannes, Port Edwards, will be the featured readers, followed by an open mic. The event is free and open to the public, and you are all welcome to attend!

Area ukulele players are invited to a Community Ukulele Strum on Monday July 15th, 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.

• **South Beach up North 2019**

Saturday, July 20th at 6:00PM in the Atrium. The Chamber Ensemble presents Mozart on the Move: the Classics, Tangos, Opera Arias and More. Tickets will be \$10 at the door.

• **Have an Event?**

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

• **Tai Chi Cancellation**

Tai Cai is cancelled on Thursday, July 4th due to the holiday. It will continue the following Thursday at 6:30PM. See the July calendar for more dates and times.

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 too.

The Board Table



Dear Friends,

I hope this finds you all out enjoying the seductive summer sunshine. Summer is a time when so many of us step away from routine and we enjoy a bit slower pace with late evening dinners, sitting around a campfire with friends, walking and biking around our lush green town. It is a time to replenish the stores of vitamin D as well as nurture our own spirits and connect with those around us. I hope you are all finding some of these simple pleasures in your days.

Your board of trustees has been diligently reading and discussing the book: Governance and Ministry, Rethinking Board Leadership by Dan Hotchkiss. We have been looking at some big building projects that will need to be tackled. And we continue to plan some wonderful events surrounding our congregation's 150th anniversary.

Even in this slower paced season, we have an abundance of opportunities to connect with each other. Our community is strengthened when we are all involved. Please use this summer to think about how you would like to get involved. Would you like to help teach RE? Join the Board of Trustees for a term? Become more active in the social justice committee?

Currently, the group working on the celebration for the 150th anniversary is going to need people to help plan and accomplish a variety of events. Please contact me by email or text if you are interested in helping. hbusig@gmail.com. 715-370-2036.

-Heather Busig

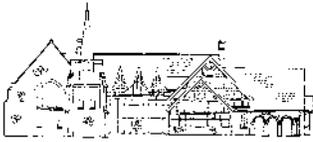
150th Anniversary

July 2019

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | 1 6PM Women's AA | 2 6:30PM Quigong | 3 10AM Shawl Time | 4 Independence Day! (NO Tai Chi) | 5 | 6 4PM Buddhist Meditation |
| 7 9:30AM Church Service | 8 6PM Women's AA National Blue- berry Day | 9 6:30PM Quigong | 10 | 11 6:30PM Tai Chi 6:30PM Poetry Reading | 12 Pecan Pie Day | 13 |
| 14 9:30AM Church Service | 15 6PM Women's AA 6:30PM Ukule- le Strum | 16 6:30PM Quigong | 17 10AM Shawl Time World Emoji | 18 6:30PM Tai Chi | 19 | 20 6PM South Beach up North |
| 21 9:30AM Church Service National Ice Cream Day | 22 6PM Women's AA | 23 6:30PM Quigong | 24 Cousin's Day | 25 6:30PM Tai Chi | 26 Aunt & Uncle Day | 27 |
| 28 9:30AM Church Service | 29 6PM Women's AA | 30 6:30PM Quigong International Day of Friend- ship | 31 | | | |



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Off Photos
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