

# *The Circuit Writer - March 2020*

## March Services at First UU Wausau

Monthly theme: Wisdom

*What does it mean to be a people of wisdom?*

**Sunday, March 1, 2020—10:30AM**

**“Throwback Sermon”**

**The Reverend Brian Mason, preaching**

In recognition of our church’s 150th anniversary, the Rev. Brian Mason will be selecting sermons from the historic ministers of the First UU Church of Wausau and giving them new life by preaching them with occasional commentary to offer perspective for living in the 21st century. As we approach a historic anniversary, he, and others, will offer a “throwback” sermon on the 1st or 2nd Sunday of the month. Please come and hear the words of Brainard Gibbons, Joseph Nerad, Glenda Walker, John Robinson, Noble McLaughlin, and other luminaries who have led this church through troubled and thrilling times.

*This month’s Throwback: “Beginning with Ourselves,” by the Rev. Glenda C. Walker (minister from 1990-2000; minister emerita 2000-2020).*

**Sunday, March 8, 2020—10:30AM**

**Spring Sing!**

**The Reverend Brian Mason  
and Margaret Jerz, Music Director**

St. Augustine wrote somewhere, “He who sings, prays twice!” We couldn’t agree more. Join us this Sunday for a music-filled service, complete with everyone’s favorite hymns, and Brian’s sermon about music as prayer.

**Sunday, March 15, 2020—10:30AM**

**“Prisoner of Hope”**

**The Reverend Brian Mason, preaching**

**Sunday, March 22, 2020—10:30AM**

**“The Vernal Equinox - The Cycle in Balance”**

**Leader: Randy Jefferson**

**No RE classes**

Why should Winter Solstice get all the earth cycle attention? This year the Vernal Equinox receives its due. Investigating the significance of balance, the planting of seeds, and the hope of more light, we will honor the passing from winter to spring.

**Sunday, March 29, 2020—10:30AM**

**“Ordinary Loss”**

**Leader: Richard Olson**

**No RE classes**

Throughout our lifetime we all deal with loss. Sometimes this loss is traumatic and leads to acute grief. Other times we manage our grief and can move forward. The common steps in the grieving process offer guidance and hope. Yet, when all is said and done, we all grieve loss in different ways.



## FROM A WINDOW ON GRANT. . .

One of the honors that came with serving as UU Wausau's minister was that a beloved minister, the Reverend Glenda C. Walker, lived in its midst as minister emerita. I wish that I'd gotten to know her earlier. But we all know you cannot choose who enters into our lives and when. The privilege that remains for me, as one of her successors, is to officiate her memorial, which is a rare and noteworthy honor. In Glenda's belongings she left a note for the minister asking them to print her poem "The Reaper" in the *Circuit Writer* after her death. So, instead of the usual letter from me about this or that, I give this space to Glenda in honor of her service to this congregation and her last wishes as one of this great church's great ministers.

*A memorial service to celebrate Glenda's life will take place here at First UU Wausau on Saturday, March 7th, 2020, at 11AM, with a reception to follow.*

### "The Reaper"

Why is he called grim?  
The reaper of life?  
Why is he dressed in black?  
  
The grimness is ours.  
Afraid of losing self  
Until the pain and suffering  
Welcome death with arms  
Too frail to open.

Like fruits and vegetables  
At the Farmers' Market  
We are harvested.

Black appears nowhere  
At the Farmers' Market.  
Red, orange, gold, green  
Abound

Like leaves of autumn  
Before they fall  
To dry and fertilize  
The future, elements again  
In the ground of Being,  
the Absolute, God,

To burst into new life.  
A person, a plant, a tree:  
Detritus of past life  
Building blocks of new life  
Vibrant, ready for the next  
round

In the cycles of life.

Those left behind  
Who loved,  
Respected, cared,  
Wear black and mourn.

I would have them  
Celebrate in bright colors  
The metamorphosis of my  
Desiccated body into new life.  
I would remind them  
Of a line from the last  
Calvin and Hobbes cartoon:

Calvin declares:  
"It's a magical world, Hobbes.  
Ol' Buddy . . . Let's go  
Exploring!"

It's a magical world, my  
friends  
At death, we go . . .  
Exploring.

*Wausau, Wisconsin  
November 6, 2007*

## *In memory of Glenda Claire Walker*

*(June 13, 1933—February 12, 2020)*



*Glenda on the job*



*Glenda in retirement*



*Glenda before we knew her*



*Officiating the wedding of Sally Stevens and Billy Uber*



*Child dedication*



*In Yawkey Hall with Ray Kraemer shortly after retirement (2001). She loved to sing.*

## *In memory of Glenda Claire Walker*

(June 13, 1933—February 12, 2020)

If you missed the service on Sunday, February 23rd, Brian's Call to Worship is repeated here:

Friends, if you are able, please stand. I ask you to stand to receive the news that our congregation's Minister Emerita, the Reverend Glenda Walker, died at home on February 12<sup>th</sup>. Glenda was a pioneering minister and a beloved friend, mother, sister, daughter, mentor, spiritual leader, and an inspiration. Glenda grew up in the Northeast and she was passionate, fully committed heart and soul, to this faith, to women's equality, and to the Free Church that she served for more than three decades. This is a grievous loss for her former congregants, for her friends and family, and for everyone else who moved in her orbit and were inspired and touched by her gentleness, her grace, and her wisdom. Please keep Glenda's family and friends and all who loved and admired her in your tender thoughts and prayers in the coming days and weeks. May Glenda's words and her legacy endure long after our days are done. AMEN.

Also, if you missed the obituary, here is what was published in the Wausau Daily Herald (Sunday, February 23, 2020). Link to pass on via email, or go there to "Share a Memory."

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/wausaudailyherald/obituary.aspx?pid=195489659>

The Reverend Glenda C. Walker, 86, died Wednesday, February 12, 2020, in her Wausau apartment. Glenda was the beloved minister of the First Universalist Unitarian Church of Wausau, WI, where she served from 1990 to 2000. Born Glenda Claire Walker in the small town of Branchville, NJ on June 13, 1933, Glenda often spoke fondly of the close church community in which she was raised.

Following high school, limited financial resources meant college would have to wait while Glenda worked as a secretary and later joined the Air Force "to see the world." While serving in the School of Aviation Medicine, she met Richard Morris, and they were married on June 26, 1953 (after Glenda insisted that "obey" be removed from the wedding vows). Richard's career as a geophysicist took them to homes in ten states and Barcelona, Spain. They adopted their daughter Holly in 1963 and son Paul in 1966.

Glenda's religious questioning guided her towards Unitarian Universalism, where she and Richard became members of several different UU congregations at their various homes across the country. While working part-time, and with encouragement from friends at the UU fellowship in Norman, OK, Glenda earned a B.A. degree in Psychology, then went on as a full-time student to earn a Master of Social Work degree (both degrees from the University of Oklahoma). She worked as a social worker for several years. After her marriage of 31 years ended, Glenda attended a 5-day UU summer retreat, where she found herself unexpectedly writing a sermon one evening. Within a week, another sermon had been written. From there, Glenda frequently described a process of following her intuitions, almost void of conscious thought, and soon she was on the road to Harvard Divinity School where she earned a Master of Divinity degree in June 1990. *{continued on next page}*

## *In memory of Glenda Claire Walker*

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A new graduate at age 57, Glenda accepted the pulpit as the first woman minister of the First Universalist Unitarian Church of Wausau, where she served with distinction and grace for ten years. In 2000, the congregation honored her as their Minister Emerita. Having grown to love the community, Glenda chose to stay in Wausau after retirement where she continued to do occasional "supply preaching" at Unitarian Universalist fellowships in Stevens Point and Woodruff, WI.

Glenda was one of the first three recipients of the YWCA's Women of Vision Award (1993). She served on numerous community boards, including The Neighbor's Place, Alliance for the Mentally Ill, LSS Runaway and Family Treatment, Wausau Ethics Board, Aspirus Wausau Hospital Institutional Review Committee, Marathon County Social Services Administrative Review Board, and North Central Health Care Community Coordination Committee.

Glenda is survived by her daughter Holly Jewell (Rudi Wehmschulte) of Palm Bay, FL; niece Kathleen (Robert) Brown of Murray, UT; and nephew Gregory (Gina) Limon of Randolph, NJ; as well as other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents Oliver and Jean Walker, and sisters Eileen Walker and June Woodcock.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, March 7, 2020, 11 AM, at the First Universalist Unitarian Church, 504 Grant Street, Wausau, WI. Donations may be made in Glenda's name to First Universalist Unitarian Church.

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The Wausau Daily Herald also ran an article, published online February 26, 2020:

**"Unitarian church, Wausau community mourn death of minister and civic leader"**

<https://www.wausaudailyherald.com/story/news/2020/02/26/glenda-walker-first-universalist-unitarian-minister-dies/4854809002/>

The print version of the article appeared in the February 28, 2020 Wausau Daily Herald.

## REflections

Are you looking for a UU practice around Lent, for yourself or your family? If yes, visit the #UULent social media project: <https://www.facebook.com/UULent-259081167866768/>. This project was “created as a way for Unitarian Universalists to engage in a shared spiritual practice alongside siblings in faith who are observing Lent.” The practice invites you to contemplate a word of the day and then create a photograph that represents the word, or concept, and post it on social media. Here’s the UULent 2020 calendar, it can also be found at the above link:

### March RE Schedule

**March 1<sup>st</sup>** — Regular Classes

**March 8<sup>th</sup>** — Regular Classes

**March 15<sup>th</sup>** — Regular Classes

**March 22<sup>nd</sup>** — No RE, Nursery open to 5 and under, all others welcome in the service

**March 29<sup>th</sup>** — No RE, Nursery open to 5 and under, all others welcome in the service

2020 PHOTO A DAY #UULent						
Join a Unitarian Universalist practice of Lent! Each day, Unitarian Universalists and our friends and family will intentionally reflect on a daily word, carry our awareness throughout the day, and capture an image that represents the word for us. We'll share our reflections and images on social media with the hashtag #UULent. On Sundays, we challenge each other to reflect on the daily word and also embody and enact it in our lives. (Created by Mr. Barb Greve; designed by Zr. Alex Kapitan.)						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
FEBRUARY			26 prayer	27 commitment	28 risk	29 passion
MARCH						
1 sanctuary	2 creativity	3 dust	4 silence	5 community	6 imagination	7 play
8 inclusion	9 dance	10 water	11 courage	12 wisdom	13 doubt	14 music
15 resistance	16 change	17 wind	18 remorse	19 freedom	20 grace	21 craft
22 justice	23 struggle	24 fire	25 trust	26 inspiration	27 support	28 surrender
29 love	30 reach	31 rain				
APRIL			1 confession	2 acceptance	3 forgiveness	4 awe
5 mercy	6 cry	7 bloom	8 resilience	9 transcend	10 gratitude	11 anticipation
12 rejoice						
NURTURE Your Spirit. Help HEAL Our World.						

### Youth Midwest Leadership School: A Phenomenal Experience for Youth

Youth Midwest Leadership School (YMWLS) is July 12-18 at Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington-Normal, IL. Sponsored by the UUA MidAmerica Region since 2009, YMWLS is an intentional community designed to provide UU youth with opportunities to engage in all aspects of leadership within Unitarian Universalism. In addition, YMWLS provides one of the best opportunities possible for youth to connect with UU peers and adults and develop strong relationships and lasting friendships within the larger UU community. YMWLS was attended by 3 UU Wausau youth last summer. All 3 highly recommend the experience. Youth ages 14-18 are invited to participate. Our congregation is limited to 4 youth participants. Contact Julie at [julie@uuwausau.org](mailto:julie@uuwausau.org), ASAP, to express interest in your youth attending 2020 Youth Midwest Leadership School. More information can be found online at <https://www.mwls.org/youth>.

## REflections...for Adults

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March's Soul Matters question: What does it mean to be a people of *WISDOM*?



Once again this month's small group packet is full of wonderful resources and information, this time on the topic of *WISDOM*. These packets are available to all members. If you aren't in a small group, you can pick up a packet on the reception counter at church or ask Julie to email one directly to you, by writing to [julie@uuwausau.org](mailto:julie@uuwausau.org).

### March Adult RE Offerings (in addition to Worship Services and Soul Matters Groups):

#### **Adult Choir – Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00**

Singing as spiritual practice. Join the choir to connect to yourself and others through soulful music.

#### **Adult Drum Club – Mondays, 7:00-8:00 pm**

**1005 Steuben Street**, home of Margaret Jerz, Music Director

No previous experience in percussion is necessary – just a pair of hands and the willingness to listen, watch, focus, and match. All instruments will be furnished. The sessions will feature equal parts of community building, meditative drumming, and recreational activities along with the development of fundamental skills.

#### **Minister's Book Club – Tuesday, March 31st, 6:30-8:00 pm**

Join Brian to discuss *On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous* by Ocean Vuong.

From the publisher: *On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous* is a letter from a son to a mother who cannot read. Written when the speaker, Little Dog, is in his late twenties, the letter unearths a family's history that began before he was born – a history whose epicenter is rooted in Vietnam – and serves as a doorway into parts of his life his mother has never known, all of it leading to an unforgettable revelation. At once a witness to the fraught yet undeniable love between a single mother and her son, it is also a brutally honest exploration of race, class, and masculinity. Asking questions central to our American moment, immersed as we are in addiction, violence, and trauma, but undergirded by compassion and tenderness, *On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous* is as much about the power of telling one's own story as it is about the obliterating silence of not being heard.

## MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Oh my goodness, is there anything better than the warmth of the sun on a February day? Temps in the mid 30s feel like a celebration, even while being fully aware that we do live in Wisconsin and winter is not yet through with us.

You might ask why I am sitting at my computer when there is such glorious sun outside. Well, friends, I am reaching out to you, hoping you are all ready to start coming out of hibernation. We have so many fantastic things going on in and around our church community. I hope you are as eager to get involved as I am to share them with you.

On **Saturday, April 4th**, there will be a dinner hosted at our church that was offered as an auction offering by the fUudies, a group of church friends who started sharing regular, themed meals together approximately 10 years ago. Several of us turned 50 this past year, and we are offering what is sure to be an incredible meal of food favorites over the past 5 decades. The menu hasn't quite been finalized, but I can promise that the food will be exceptional. We can increase the number of people who attend and thought we would reach out. A \$40 donation to the church would bring you a night of excellent food and drink as well as incredible conversation and company. Please reach out to me at [hbusig@gmail.com](mailto:hbusig@gmail.com) if you would like to join in on the fun.

If you suffer at all from FOMO (fear of missing out), you will want to get out your calendar and write this down. The pinnacle of our year-long celebration of the 150th anniversary of our church will be the weekend of **November 14th and 15th**. There will be more information coming about what will surely be a fantastic, star-studded weekend, but we wanted you all to save the date. There will be many ways for people to contribute to and participate in this celebration of our church.

Your board isn't only planning parties and celebrations. We are also busy reviewing policies and procedures to ensure our practices match our bylaws. We are routinely evaluating the wants and needs of the church building and the people who have made this their spiritual home, and discussing ways to get the most value for our contributions. Thank you for being a part of the work and the celebration of this beloved community.

In peace,

*Heather Busig*  
*Board of Trustees*

## SECOND FRIDAY NIGHTERS

Please join Heather & Kent Busig at their home on **Friday, March 13** at 7:00 p.m. for an evening of socializing and good food. This is a great way to get to know people who attend First UU Wausau. Please bring a hearty appetizer and/or drinks to share. They do have a dog, who will be in her crate during the evening. No children, please. 2201 Elmwood Blvd., Wausau. E-mail [hbusig@gmail.com](mailto:hbusig@gmail.com) with questions.



Remember that First UU Wausau has **Fair Trade coffee and chocolate** for sale on Sundays. The products come from Equal Exchange: A worker owned co-operative founded in 1986. Take some home to share with friends and family.

The modest profits from these sales go to the **Ari Schmidt Fund for Bus, Bail and Pizza** – which offers funding to individuals from our church community wishing to experience, participate in, or start social justice activities.

## RED GRANITE LEGACY SOCIETY

*Ubi caritas et amor, Red Granite Legacy Society ibi est. Fiat justitia per infinita saecula saeculorum.*

**QUESTION:** Is it true that the Red Granite Legacy Society is a secret society within our congregation, and members gather by candlelight under the sanctuary to chant Latin incantations and perform magic?

**ANSWER:** This is mostly unfounded rumor. They do not chant under the sanctuary; however, they do perform magic by giving life to this church after they are dead. (Yes, that's a particular form of magic!) Include First UU in your will or estate plan and you too will automatically become a member of the Red Granite Legacy Society ... and magic things will happen.

And, no, the Red Granite Legacy Society is not secret, although it deserves to be promoted more regularly. It was established many years ago, but as we celebrate the church's 150-year anniversary and recognize the need to continue this vital institution, we want to breathe new life into the Red Granite Legacy Society.

Please let us know if we don't realize that you are already a member. If you didn't get an email recently confirming that we know you're a member, then we don't know. Confirm that First UU is in your will or estate plan, and we'll add you to the list. Or, update your will or estate plan, notify us, and you'll be added to the list. No proof is required.

By the way, the nonexistent secret Latin incantation means:

*Where charity and love are, the Red Granite Legacy Society is there. Let justice be done through infinite ages of ages.*

- Endowment Committee

(Tom Eberlein, Dan Schaut, Jerry Phelan, Randy Jefferson, and Kevin Briquetlet-Miller)

# 1ST UU WAUSAU TREASURER'S QUARTERLY CONGREGATION REPORT

## FINANCIAL RESULTS THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2019

Key 2019 Annual Budget Numbers: 2020 Pledges (Pledge Drive Through 2/20/20):

Total Income	\$338,168	Pledges Budget	\$334,875
Total Expense	\$318,703	Pledges Made	\$285,722
Net Income	\$ 19,465	Pledges Lower Than Budget	\$49,153

Outstanding Mortgage: \$150,395      Endowment Fund: \$444,682

The end of year net income will be transferred to the Reserve Fund. The Reserve Fund is a restricted managed by the Board that is used for making payments for unbudgeted expenses, the most significant this past year being new furnaces to heat the sanctuary.

- 1.) Total Income was \$3,502 less than budget. Total Expense was \$17,853 under budget. The largest factor for lower than budgeted expenses was due to the Congregational Administrator position being open for a portion of the year and the compensation difference between the prior Administrator and the new.
- 2.) 2019 was again a solid financial year for the church. The generosity of members and friends made it possible for us to meet our stretch pledge goal for the year. Sound fiscal management was displayed by staff and the Board. We have challenged ourselves again for 2020, recognizing the need to expand the Director of Religious Education hours and appropriately compensate her for her dedicated efforts directing our growing, thriving religious education program, and fairly pay our Music Director for the hours she works to provide us with the music program that moves and uplifts us.
- 3.) The 2020 pledge numbers at the beginning of this report show that we are still more than \$49,000 short of our goal. Our review of 2019 pledgers who have yet to submit a 2020 pledge indicates we can make that goal if the total amount they pledged in 2019 is matched in 2020. If you have yet to make a 2020 pledge, or are in a position to increase your pledge already made, please make your intentions known to Danika Koslovich, our Congregational Administrator. Thank you.
- 4.) Because we needed to begin critical tuck pointing work on the exterior of the church before further interior damage occurred, it was necessary to withdraw \$150,000 from the Endowment Fund late in 2019 to cover these expenses. The plan is to replenish the Endowment Fund with some of the anticipated contributions which will be received from the multi-year Capital Campaign that will be initiated this fall. Growing the Endowment Fund is essential if we are to meet the UUA recommended guideline of a balance which is two times the annual operating budget before regular distributions from the Endowment Fund are made.

Respectfully Submitted  
 Randy Jefferson  
 2/21/20

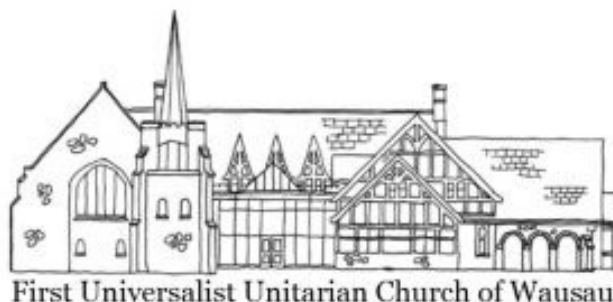
## WELCOMING CONGREGATION “RENEWAL”: LOOKING BACK AND LOOKING FORWARD

Our First Universalist Unitarian Church became a “Welcoming Congregation” back at a time when many churches did not provide an equitable place, programs, or outreach for LGBTQ+ persons to become members of a church community.

This congregation responded in early 2000 and offered Adult Religious Education sessions to educate and raise an awareness of needs, followed by a series of other changes to the church, including a Statement of Conscience and a Congressional vote to formalize the commitment to members of the LGBTQ+ community. Joni Hahn and Richard Olson, along with others, were involved in this important work.

Well, time has moved on and it is now 2020 – time to relook at a process of self evaluation and review so that we can once again stay current by offering our congregation best practices as a Renewed Welcoming Congregation. The UUA now offers a formal process of annual renewal, and this congregation is in the beginning stages of forming several work groups interested in doing research, examining what we offer now, what needs to change or continue, so that new people in the congregation as well as long time members are made aware of best practices, learn about current needs of the LGBTQ+ community, and formalize a renewed commitment for our Church.

If you would like to help, please contact Roxann Bornemann at [roxannbornemann@gmail.com](mailto:roxannbornemann@gmail.com)



## **“PAY IT FORWARD” WITH HELP FROM THE ARI SCHMIDT FUND FOR BUS, BAIL AND PIZZA**

Last month we introduced the idea of “Pay it Forward” and encouraged you to read and take action based on the book Channel of Peace (Julie has copies available to borrow). There are a number of ideas to stimulate your thinking on the many things you might do to put “pay it forward” into your daily practices. Just think of all the kind things, the gifts, the unexpected help that you have received from friends, family and strangers - how ever can you pay them back? Pay it Forward is the answer!! Just think what our community, our country and our world would be like if everyone paid kindnesses forward.

On May 10th, Mother’s Day, the Ari Schmidt Fund will be sponsoring the church intergenerational service with the theme of pay-it-forward. We hope during the service that you will be willing to share a little of your pay-it-forward activities and what they have meant to you. There are so many things you can do and so many ways you can get in the pay-it-forward habit.

Stay tuned for more details in the April Circuit Writer.

*- the Ari Schmidt Fund Committee*

## **MARCH COMMUNITY-FOCUSED COLLECTION: COLOSSAL FOSSILS**

March’s **Community Focus Collection** will be received in support of **Colossal Fossils**. **Colossal Fossils**, a science based non-profit, was founded in 2011 with the goal of serving as a unique and inspiring source of science-based education. Their museum, located in the Wausau Center Mall, is filled with hands-on educational opportunities and real-life fossils. Beyond the museum, **Colossal Fossils** travels the state teaching primarily children about evolution, life cycles, geology, history, and biology. Their accessible programs are designed to meet and exceed Wisconsin’s education standards through unique and exciting methods that bring 4.6 billion years of history alive!

Check out <http://www.colossalfossils.com> to learn more.

*- the CFC Committee*

## STEWARDSHIP & YOU!

Stewardship is the ethic we undertake to oversee and protect our church. As members, we are ALL stewards and we accept the responsibility of safeguarding our church and shepherding it into the future. As congregants, we commit to:

- Protecting our building,
- Providing staff and programming that meet our spiritual needs, and
- Providing financial resources to guarantee our church's future vitality.

**Thus far, we have pledged just over \$300,000 toward our 2020 goal — that's about 90%. We thank you so much for your generous support of First UU Wausau.**

**If you haven't yet turned in your 2020 Pledge Form, please [download](#) or request one from Danika ([danika@uuwausau.org](mailto:danika@uuwausau.org)) now to help guarantee the future of the church we love!**

— Your 2020 Stewardship Committee,  
*Carl Drake, Marsha Fitzgerald, & Sarah Thurs*

## HOW IMMIGRATION IMPACTS CENTRAL WISCONSIN

March 10th, 2020 — UW Center for Civic Engagement

A 90-minute “Fred Friendly public roundtable event, modeled after a famous PBS series from the 1970s and 1980s that featured 12-15 “experts” in a well-moderated conversation about the impact of immigration in Central Wisconsin. In this case, our “expert” panelists will be drawn from various segments of local society representing a diversity of viewpoints, e.g., from dairy farms, rural industry, law enforcement, education, business, various immigrant populations, and others. Moderator for this event will be Rob Ferrett, host of Wisconsin Public Radio’s daily “Central Time” program. The purpose of this event is to help us understand how immigration affects our local society and economy from the perspective of those who live in Central Wisconsin. Following the moderated session, the public audience will have a chance to weigh in.

## MEMORIAL PARTICIPATION EXPANSION

UU Wausau has an active, participatory congregation that serves our church and the local community in several ways, in this case by managing memorial services here in our building. This is both a task-packed and a tender ministry providing planning, setting up, and cleaning up. We want to make sure that anyone who wants to do so can participate in their own way, including folks new to this church or long-time congregants. Your share of the work might consist of dropping off some bars or cookies, designing flower displays, setting up, or cleaning up. There will be opportunities to shadow experienced members to get the feel of what gets done so very well here.

We invite **anyone** interested to stop by the table in the Atrium during coffee hour on **March 8th or March 15th** to get more information, or to add your name to a call sheet for any task you feel would work for you. All people and ideas are welcome. Thank you!

Questions? Please contact Jeannie Russell at [jeanniereads@hotmail.com](mailto:jeanniereads@hotmail.com).

## THE SEVEN PRINCIPLES OF UU CONGREGATIONS

Unitarian Universalist congregations affirm and promote seven Principles, which we hold as strong values and moral guides. We live out these Principles within a “living tradition” of wisdom and spirituality, drawn from sources as diverse as science, poetry, scripture, and personal experience.

As the Reverend Barbara Wells ten Hove explains, “The Principles are not dogma or doctrine, but rather a guide for those of us who choose to join and participate in Unitarian Universalist religious communities.”

**1st Principle:** The inherent worth and dignity of every person;

**2nd Principle:** Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;

**3rd Principle:** Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;

**4th Principle:** A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;

**5th Principle:** The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;

**6th Principle:** The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;

**7th Principle:** Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

**May we enter this new month holding these principles in our hearts.**

-from [www.uua.org](http://www.uua.org)

# March 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:30AM — Service <i>"Throwback Sermon"</i> <b>POTLUCK!</b> 3:30PM —Narcotics Anon 6PM — Overeaters Anonymous	2  Women's AA 6PM	3	4  Shawl Time 10AM  Adult Choir 6:30PM	5  Tai Chi 6:30 PM	6	7 <b>Glenda Walker memorial 11AM</b> Buddhist Meditation 4PM
8 10:30AM — Service <i>"Spring Sing!"</i> 3:30PM —Narcotics Anonymous 6PM — Overeaters Anonymous	9  Women's AA 6PM	10  Social Justice 5:30PM  Qi Gong 6:30PM	11  Adult Choir 6:30PM	12  Tai Chi 6:30PM	13  <i>Second Friday Nighters Busig's house 7pm</i>	14  Buddhist Meditation 4PM
15 10:30AM — Service <i>"Prisoner of Hope"</i> <b>CFC—Colossal Fossils</b> 3:30PM —Narcotics Anonymous 6PM — Overeaters Anonymous	16 Caring Committee 4PM  Women's AA 6PM	17 Board of Trustees 6:30PM  Qi Gong 6:30PM	18  Shawl Time 10AM  Adult Choir 6:30PM	19  Tai Chi 6:30PM	20	21 Early Risers—8:00AM  Buddhist Meditation 4PM
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