

The Circuit Writer - July 2020

Join us for our **online service** every Sunday! Our podcast is e-mailed and posted on our Facebook page (<http://www.facebook.com/firstuuwausau>) Sunday mornings at 9:00am, along with an Order of Service.

Want to sign up for e-mails? Contact danika@uuwausau.org and she'll be happy to add you.

Sunday Services for July 2020

July 5: Essential but Unwanted: From the dawn of civilization, human migration has been the norm. So has the tension and conflict that it causes. *Led by Richard Olson.*

July 12: From the catalog of Woody Guthrie, we find clear connections to a sense of place and home, we hear the expressions of our trials and struggles, and we understand the calls for justice from those on the receiving end of injustice.

The Missing Man Trio (Greg Venne and Matt Cypress) along with a guest or two will share a half dozen or so tunes. Expect brief commentary on the selected pieces. (What do you expect from English teachers by trade?) Listeners will have access to the words and can sing along at home. As well, listeners may sling back any thoughts of their own into the void of the podcast universe.

July 19: The Religious Dimensions of Secularism: We are pleased UWSP Lecturer in Religious Studies Dr. Ryan O'Leary is returning to speak to us this summer. Dr. O'Leary will talk about work he has had done on the connection between religion, secularism, and tolerance.

July 26: My First UU Part I: 1975-2000: Having witnessed the last 45 of our church's 150 years, while still able to recall memories of the Peter Scott, Dick Drinon, and Glenda Walker years, I will pass on some of my oral history of happenings in our hallowed halls during the 20th century's last 25 years. *Led by Randy Jefferson.*

During this time of virtual services, know we hold you in our thoughts and our hearts, and look forward to the day we can all gather together in person again.



From the Board Table...

Hello dear friends. I hope you are all remaining well of body, mind and spirit.

This past month, I lost my mom due to complications from heart surgery. The pandemic made every part of this more challenging: from hospital visitation, to arranging a funeral. It was a really difficult time to suffer a loss. And yet, within it I was able to see so much goodness from my church family. So many of you reached out to us, sent cards, brought flowers, and delivered meals. We were able to hold a very small funeral in the sanctuary. Brian spoke, along with family friend Nancy Petulla. Margaret played the piano and Danika sang along with handling so many other details. There were fewer than 20 of us who attended and while it was strange to be in the sanctuary with so few people, it was comforting to be there. I had a bit of time to ponder what this church, the building and the people, have meant to us. My husband and I have been members of First UU Wausau for more than 15 years. When our son was adopted, we had all of our children dedicated in the same space where we were now saying final farewells to my mom. For me, the tragedy highlighted the loving community that has been built on the foundation of this church. I am grateful for all of you.

Your Board of Trustees has continued to discuss plans for the fall and beyond. So many things remain uncertain in the months to come. But please know that the people are still here to support and help you through difficult moments. We might not be able to sing hymns, hug each other in greetings across aisles, or chat over coffee in our stunning atrium, but when we can, it will surely be great.

Peace,

Heather Busig

Office Hours

Though the church is closed, the church office *is* open! Danika is currently in the office Mondays—Thursdays, 9am—1pm. Please feel free contact any of the staff (e-mails listed on the back of this newsletter) to set up a time to meet, or give a call if you need anything.

Fair Trade Coffee & Chocolate

At UU Wausau we use only Fair Trade coffee that provides living wages for growers and workers. The proceeds from the sales of our Fair Trade coffee, chocolate, cocoa, and local honey go to the Ari Schmidt Fund, named after a UU Wausau church member passionate for justice. Small grants from the Fund support justice-oriented local initiatives and church projects.

As we are currently meeting virtually, we have organized ways for you to continue to be able to purchase your favorite items while remaining safe.

Choose your favorites from the list below, e-mail your selections to danika@uuwausau.org, or call the church office, and set up a time to pick them up from the church – Dänika will meet you at the door with your order. You can pay with cash or check at the time of pick-up, or pay via our secure [Online Giving form](#) ahead of time (please select Ari Schmidt Fund from the drop-down menu).

Coffee, \$9 per 12oz bag:

- Love Buzz (whole bean or ground)
- French Roast (whole bean or ground)
- Decaf – Full City Roast (whole bean or ground)
- Decaf – Hazelnut Creme (ground)

Chocolate, \$4 per bar:

- Milk Chocolate
- Milk Chocolate Caramel Crunch with Sea Salt
- Dark Chocolate with Almond
- Dark Chocolate Caramel Crunch with Sea Salt
- Very Dark
- Extreme Dark



Cocoa Mix, \$8 per 12oz carton:

- Original
- Dark
- Spicy

Chocolate minis, \$1 for 5:

- Milk Chocolate
- Dark Chocolate

Local Honey, 100% Raw, \$8 per jar

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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 move through this month holding these principles in our hearts.



-from www.uua.org

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Morning meditations are posted to our Facebook page Monday-Thursday at 8:30AM.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Choir Hangout on Zoom 6:30PM	2	3	4
5 9:00 AM Podcast posted to FB & e-mail Service led by Richard Olson	6	7	8 Choir Hangout on Zoom 6:30PM	9	10	11
12 9:00 AM Podcast posted to FB & e-mail Service led by Greg Venne	13	14	15 Choir Hangout on Zoom 6:30PM	16	17	18
19 9:00 AM Podcast posted to FB & e-mail Service led by Dr. Ryan O'Leary	20	21 BOT meeting on Zoom 6:30PM	22 Choir Hangout on Zoom 6:30PM	23	24	25
26 9:00 AM Podcast posted to FB & e-mail Service led by Randy Jefferson	27	28	29 Choir Hangout on Zoom 6:30PM	30	31	



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