

The Circuit Writer - August 2021

Services for August 2021

August 1st, 2021 | 9:30AM:
“Religion, Conflict, and the Other”

Dr. Ryan O’Leary, guest speaker

Part of the nation’s response to 9/11 involved crafting narratives about ourselves and the radical “other” we found ourselves suddenly faced with. As we approach the 20th anniversary of 9/11, and as America draws down its involvement in Afghanistan, let us re-examine the religious rhetoric surrounding the beginning of the War on Terror and think about how our national discourse might still be shaped by those original narratives.

August 8th, 2021 | 9:30AM:
**“101(ish) reasons I think mindfulness meditation can heal us all and change the world*
[*results not guaranteed]”**

Holly Briquet Miller, guest speaker

There is such hope for the future in these words from the Dalai Lama: "If every 8 year old in the world is taught meditation, we will eliminate violence from the world within one generation." But what about those of us who were NOT taught meditation at a young age...is it too late? And can something as simple as mindfulness meditation actually make an impact on our world in 2021 amidst the global climate crisis, political polarization, systemic oppression and an ongoing world-wide pandemic? Join UU Wausau member Holly Briquet Miller as she makes a case for why the collective challenges we're facing could lead to a fundamental shift for humankind, and how mindfulness meditation can contribute to positive change.

August 15th, 2021 | 9:30AM:
“Soul Matters: Listening as Spiritual Practice”

Led by Dawn Ashenbrenner, Jeanine Knapp, Suzan Miller, and Greg Zavadoski
Join one of the First UU Soul Matters groups as they model the simple but profound practice of offering sacred space to one other. This engaging and joyful service will highlight spiritual practices and questions that virtually sustained the group of once strangers over the worst months of the pandemic.

August 22nd, 2021 | 9:30AM:
“A Family’s Journey with Hospice”

Led by Eppie Gruling, Kay Gruling, MD, and Mary Robinson

A family’s experience coping with the medical, emotional, and physical journey through Hospice. Presentation followed by time for questions and discussion.

August 29th, 2021 | 9:30AM

Led by the Rev. Brian Mason



From the Office

Hello, everyone! I'd like to take a moment to tell you how moved I am by your generous, giving hearts, and how much care you pour into our community. From Community Focus Collections, to the Holiday Giving Tree (I had to contact the organization three times to ask for even more names!), to filling that shopping cart with personal hygiene items for school children—your generosity moves me so much. During the pandemic, you continued to regularly stop by the office to drop off donations for local food pantries and shelters.

Recently, I delivered another load of your donations to The Neighbors' Place, and had an opportunity to meet with the head of their new Baby Pantry. During our conversation, I asked about their current needs. The things they are particularly in need of right now include the following:

- Preemie diapers
- Diapers, sizes 3-7
- Overnites & Pull-Ups
- Baby wipes
- Baby soaps & shampoo
- Gentle laundry detergent
- Baby food
- Baby utensils

Please consider adding something from this list to your cart during your upcoming shopping trips, and dropping your donation(s) off at the church. I'm in the office from 9am-2pm, Monday-Thursday, and 8:30am-11:30am on Sundays. Thank you for helping out local mothers and their families!

- Dänika Kozlovich

Racial Justice Event

George Marshall Clark, an aspiring barber in Milwaukee, was lynched September 7, 1861. His was the only documented lynching of a black person in Wisconsin's history.

Clark's burial place has been unknown until recent months. The site has been found in Forest Home Cemetery, Milwaukee. It was discovered by Milwaukee artist Tyrone Randle, Jr., with the assistance of cemetery staff.

A memorial marker has been purchased through donations. On **Wednesday, September 8, at 6pm**, 160 years after Mr. Clark was buried in an unmarked grave, a public ceremony will be held at **Forest Home Cemetery** to dedicate the marker and honor his life.

Specific information and details about this significant historical event can be found in the coming weeks on the [Forest Home Cemetery website](#) or by calling them at 414-645-2632.

2nd Friday Nighters—August 13!

Join hosts Jim and Joyce Schneider at their home at 6:00PM for a night of food, fun, and great conversation! Please bring a dish to share; beverages will be provided. This is an adults-only event.

Address: 143429 County Road U, west of Wausau.



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1 9:30AM: “Religion, Conflict, & the Other,” led by guest speaker Dr. Ryan O’Leary	2 Women’s AA 6PM	3 Qi Gong 6:30PM	4 Knitting 10AM The New Yorker Noon Swoon 12pm	5 Tai Chi 6:30PM	6	7
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29 9:30AM: Sunday Service , led by the Reverend Brian Mason	30 Church office Closed Women’s AA 6PM	31 Church Office Closed Qi Gong 6:30PM				



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**The Church Office will be closed
 from August 30-September 1st.**



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