

The Open Door Newsletter September 2009

Fellowship Service – September 13th

Speaker: David Saetre

“The More Things Change, the More They Stay the Same: The Promise and Challenge of Change”

The promise of new beginnings is in the air as we open our worship year this fall. Schools are open, students have returned, college students have arrived. We will meet new friends, renew old acquaintances, and note the loss of a few old friends. New beginnings and change. But, change is difficult and the promise of change can quickly turn to the bitter disappointments. Notice how quickly we have moved from “Yes, We Can”, to “Maybe Not” as a nation! The same is true in our personal lives. In this talk I hope to address the hopes and challenges associated with change, talk a little about the hard work required to effect real change, and try to develop some perspective that could help us in our communal and individual lives.

David W. Saetre
Campus Minister/Assistant Professor of Religion

Location: The Second Floor commons of the Ponzio Student Center on the Northland College Campus

Fellowship Service – September 27th

Speaker: All of us, everyone

The Water Service – at the outdoor Fire Circle in the round on the Northland College Campus

The annual Water Service will be held on the Northland Campus Sunday September 27. If the weather permits, we will gather at the Campus Fire Circle to share our stories of fun and renewal related to the waters that we have connected with this summer. Please bring any water that you gathered over the summer from special places to pour into our bowl of collective memories. Don't worry if you forget to bring it though! We will have a pitcher of water to share.

Tracey Ledder and Ruth Oppedahl will lead us in singing. There will be no Religious Education as the children are welcome to participate in this intergenerational service. There is some permanent seating (concrete benches) at the Fire Circle, in the round, but you are encouraged to bring lawn chairs if you like. If the weather is inclement, we will meet on the second floor of the Ponzio Student Center. Hope you can join us for this reconnecting service.

Dear CUUF Fellowship:

In an effort to encourage participation from all of our fellowship members and ease the load on our hospitality committee and coordinator, we have created a snack rotation for our social hour after services. The following schedule shows the service date for which those listed are asked to bring snacks and juice to be shared during conversation after the service is over. **Karla Hasart** will continue to provide coffee and help with set up and take down. She will contact those listed if she needs assistance. It is our hope that doing this service for our spiritual community will also help people get to know one another a little better.

Your group will need to bring snacks and juice for about 30-40 people. You can communicate with the other people on your date and divide the food jobs. Simplicity is the key! Of course, there will be times when you need to switch dates or you are unable to bring a snack. Just call someone else on the list and switch with them – please call Karla Hasart (682-4012) to inform her of the change. Thanks for trying this new system! We will start with the first three months and update you as we go on throughout the year.

-Your CUUF Board: Megan Perrine, Ruth Oppedahl, Warren Kehn, Diana Granger, Irene Blakely and Beth Reed

September 13th: Karla Hasart

September 27th:

June Bavluka
Sally Bergerud
Erin Tenney

November 8th:

Michael and Karen Crowell
Richard Dowd
Paul and Cindy Van Horn

October 11th:

Mary Bondeson
Mark and Brenda Brouder
Kent and Kathy Tenney

November 22nd:

Marilyn Einspanier
AJ Galazen/Matthew Wolter

October 25th:

Scott Burchill
Don and Ann Christensen
Kristen Christensen

Working within UU: There are several positions which need to be filled as we head into this year of growth and change. The Office Administrator position is a compensated position which requires about 20 hours of time per month. A person is needed to care for children during the UU fellowship service. Mentors are needed to help youth along on their UU journey. The full descriptions are below.

Office Administrator

Responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Maintains Fellowship files and records, board meetings/minutes, budgets/financial reports
- Coordinates with Northland College chaplain to reserve meeting space
- Maintains Fellowship member, friends, and visitor databases
- Answers or redirects requests for Fellowship information/announcements
- Prints Sunday program as needed or requested by coordinator
- Prepares and mails out pledge drive mailings with assistance from Stewardship Chair
- Maintains inventory of supplies, hymnals, Fellowship equipment and furniture

Qualifications: Trustworthy, professional, confidential performance of above duties.

Skills: Working knowledge of MS Word and Access. Excellent communication skills.

Process for hiring: Application deadline is September 30. Review of applications at the October board meeting or an ad hoc meeting as needed. The application includes a letter of interest, resume and a list of three references. Applications can be emailed to Beth Reed (lipreed@cheqnet.net).

Coming of Age Mentors needed: New to our Fellowship this year is the Coming of Age program for youth in grades 8-12. This program is intended to help youth better appreciate Unitarian Universalism and their own beliefs and values. One aspect of Coming of Age is that mentors help guide the youth through this exciting journey of exploration.

Volunteer Mentor Description: Each Coming of Age mentor will work one-on-one with a youth. The mentor's responsibility is to guide the youth on an inner journey of self-discovery, wherein one's unique gifts and insights can be claimed and brought forth into the world. The mentor creates a bond of mutual benefit between a youth and the community. Qualifications are listed below:

- Adult member of the Chequamegon UU Fellowship with at least one year participation in UU;
- Willing to share own stories and ideas in a way that youth can understand and that helps them develop their own stories and ideas;
- Good listener who can develop rapport with youth;
- Willing to commit time to work with youth, occasionally during Sunday RE classes, and occasionally outside of regular UU services, including a weekend retreat in the spring;
- Able to uphold appropriate emotional and sexual boundaries.

How to Apply: If you are interested in becoming a Coming of Age volunteer mentor, please contact Kristin Quinlan at hkquinlan@centurytel.net or 685-0041. We will compile a list of interested mentors and try to match youth with adults with whom they may have a common interest. We will ask interested mentors to complete a "mentor application" in order to facilitate this process.

Child Care Provider: Our Fellowship is in need of a person who enjoys playing with young children and would be willing to provide child care during our UU services. If you are interested, or know of someone who would be willing to provide child care services, please contact Kristin Quinlan at hkquinlan@centurytel.net or 685-0041. **There will be financial compensation for this position.**

On-line Fall UU Leadership Conference – Saturday, September 19:

New this year, the Fall Leadership Conference will be online rather than in-person. There will be three sessions on one day; participants can select one of the two topics which will be offered during each session.

Session 1: 9:00 to 10:30 AM (Central Time)

Finance For New Treasurers
or Running Effective Meetings

Session 2: 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM (Central Time)

Engaging New Members in the Life of the Church
or Information for New DREs

Session 3: 1:00 to 2:30 PM (Central Time)

Yes You Can - 10 Tips for a Successful Presidency or Volunteer Management and Recruitment

Participants will need a computer with high speed Internet access and a separate phone line.

For further information go to www.psdoua.org/workshops

Ashland - Habitat for Humanity

A note from Angela Fairbanks regarding the Habitat House that is going up in Ashland.

Just a reminder that we welcome volunteers on site at 317 7th Avenue East every Saturday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Mondays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Wednesday evenings from 5 p.m. to dusk. Site supervision is provided at all times. All experience levels are welcome. For more information, please contact Angela or Rick Fairbanks at (715) 682-8425 or visit our website's regularly updated calendar at <http://www.cheqbayareahabitat.org/calendar.html>.

Individuals can stop by on Monday (8-5) and Wed (5-9) to help. On Saturdays they like to have groups.

Saturday Groups: They are looking for volunteer groups of 8-10 persons to work the site on Saturdays and another group to provide lunch for all workers on that day. Saturdays available: Sept 5, Sept 12, Oct 10 (Whistlestop), Oct 17 and Oct 24th. Please call or email Marilyn (372-4299 or deltalod@cheqnet.net) if you would like to help organize a UU group for one of those Saturdays. “Yes We Can”.

Spiritual Direction Class

Jan Wise writes: *I would like to let the congregation know that I have one opening in my group spiritual direction classes. The classes meet once a month in my home. The organizational meeting for the available group is Tuesday September 1 from 3:00 until 5:00. Please call Jan at 373-1141 for further information including number of meeting throughout the year and nominal fee.*

Books and Web links:

[Saving Paradise, How Christianity Traded Love of this World for Crucifixion and Empire](#) by Brock and Parker. Jan Wise writes: *The book was reviewed in the Summer 08 UU magazine. I found it fascinating and very informative.*

Dr. Visscher, was a UU who initiated a health coop, Group Health. This coop eventually grew into Health Partners which has approximately 1.5 million members. The biography of Dr Visscher is available online: www.uua.org/uuhs/duub/articles/mauricevisscher.html. John Keohane, the biographer and also a UU, provided this information and link.

Reverend Chris Buice, from the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church, has written an email encouraging UUs to visit the website www.salsa.democracynaction.org.

Newsletter submissions:

If you have submissions for the newsletter please send them to either of the following addresses by Wednesday, September 23rd:

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opendoor@chequamegonuuf.org