



## *The Open Door Newsletter*

*April 2011*

**Time and Location of Services:** *Fellowship Services are at 10am on the Second Floor commons of the Ponzio Student Center on the Northland College Campus.*

### ***Fellowship Service – April 10th*** **Coming of Age Recognition**

***Led by CUUF Coming of Age Youth***

The April 10 service will be led by youth who have participated in our Chequamegon UU Fellowship Coming of Age program. Coming of Age is a UU religious education curriculum in which youth explore their personal beliefs and values and how they intersect with Unitarian Universalist beliefs and values. Over the past 2 years, along with regular religious education classes, the COA participants have been involved with various community service projects and have gone on a weekend retreat. At this service, the COA participants will share their own personal credos with the fellowship. We will also recognize mentors who have helped guide our students on their journey, and welcome the Coming of Age graduates into our “grown-up” community.

**A Child Dedication will be included in the April 10<sup>th</sup> service:** Unitarian Universalists believe that every child brings new life and hope into the world. We set aside this special time, called simply the Ceremony of Dedication, for the community to bless the child and celebrate the blessing of this gift of life. The ceremony does not make the life of the child sacred; we believe that life is sacred inherently. When we dedicate a child we acknowledge the truth that each child’s life is sacred and hold that truth in the light of our faith.

**Potluck Following the service:** *Central to many UU activities, eating and conversing is a way to deepen congregational bonds. Please plan to bring a dish to pass and plan to stay for the annual meeting.*

### ***Fellowship Service – April 24th*** **Easter for Skeptics**

***Speaker: David Saetre***

Welcome to Easter Sunday worship, Unitarian Universalist style. In this service we will celebrate the renewal of life with the return of Spring, while exploring the Christian tradition of Easter as the victory of life over the power of death. Our speaker is David Saetre, Chaplain at Northland College, who will explore some of the narratives associated with the Easter experience, and look for themes in some of the post-Easter stories that help us consider the victory of life over the mystery of death. The talk will include recent scholarship related to the post-Easter narratives in the Christian scriptures as well as insights from inside and outside the Christian tradition. A joyful, hopeful Easter for skeptics!

David Saetre Campus Minister/Assistant Professor of Religion

*"The prevailing wisdom of the day is that religion and spirituality are a way to feel good, but the search for religion is the search for truth"*

### **UU Principles: There are seven principles which Unitarian Universalist congregations affirm and promote:**

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

## CUUF New Members March 2011

*Submitted by Karen Crowell*



There are ten new members who participated in the March membership service: Nicole and Alan Brew, Deb and Bob Aaron, Barbara Beutler, Brandon and Petra Hofstedt, and Jeff, Deb and Ray Lewis. Photo (from left): Alan Brew, Jeff, Ray and Deb Lewis and Bob Aaron. We welcome you to CUUF!

## What Religion Looks Like, Wisconsin Edition

*Submitted by David Saetre*

“Tell me what religion looks like.”

“This is what religion looks like!”

So chanted the 75 religious leaders who marched into Wisconsin’s Capitol in Madison on Tuesday, February 22, in support of the state workers who are opposing Governor...

Several UU members asked about the article I referred to in my talk on March 13th.

Please use: <http://www.religiondispatches.org/archive/politics/4295/>

Thanks, David

## CUUF April 10<sup>th</sup> Potluck and Annual Review Meeting

*Submitted by Beth Reed*

*Central to many UU activities, eating and talking to one another is a way to deepen congregational bonds.*

***Please plan to bring a dish to pass and plan to stay for the annual meeting.....***

Following the April 10<sup>th</sup> service, we will have a potluck lunch and then meet to review the past year. We will hear committee reports, review the survey results, vote on new board members and solicit your input about the future of our fellowship. Please bring a dish to share and plan to stay for an hour or so after the service. We hope to see you there!

Your CUUF Board

### **Family Potluck Saturday, April 16th**

*Submitted by Irene Blakely*

Irene Blakely, our CUUF Co-Chairwoman, will be hosting a potluck on Saturday, April 16th at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome! Plates, silverware, and beverages will be provided. Bring a dish to pass. Expect good food and fun. Irene lives at 803 3rd Ave. E, Washburn. Phone: 373-2907.

### **Music Service – May 8<sup>th</sup>**

*Submitted by Joni Chapman*

It's time to dust off that clarinet and practice for the UU All Music Service on May 8. The music committee is working on a program of short pieces of music and readings that celebrate the Unitarian principles. We are particularly looking for songs for the fellowship to sing along. Joni Chapman is happy to accompany anyone who wishes to sing or play a solo instrument. If you would like to contribute to the service, please contact Joni Chapman at [jonibchapman@yahoo.com](mailto:jonibchapman@yahoo.com) or Megan Perrine at [perrine@cheqnet.net](mailto:perrine@cheqnet.net).

### **Annual Garage Sale – May 21<sup>st</sup>**

*Submitted by Birgit Wolff*

When I hear the word "spring," do flowers, song birds, or the smell of freshly mown grass come to mind? NO! **GARAGE SALE** comes to mind. The annual Ashland garage sale is May 21<sup>st</sup>. This is a great fundraiser for us. Volunteers are needed to make this a successful event. Please sign up for one of these responsibilities:

- set up before the sale
- mind the store during the sale
- clean up after the sale.

**We also need a host garage.** Please contact Birgit [birgithwolff@yahoo.com](mailto:birgithwolff@yahoo.com) to volunteer or host.

...And oh, yes, of course we need your unwanted, gently-used or new donations, so start setting them aside.

### **Podcasts: In Case You Missed It**

The CUUF Christmas Program video is on YOUTUBE: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=EP6QaVQripE](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EP6QaVQripE).

Be sure to watch the credits. A great big thank you to Travis, he did a fantastic job on this. Most of this info can also be found on the CUUF website <http://www.chequamegonuuf.org/>

### **After Service Snack Host/Hostess Schedule:**

April 24<sup>th</sup> Perrine, Kehn, Bussey, Quinlan  
May 8<sup>th</sup> Mergendahl, Bewley, Blakely, Dowd  
May 22<sup>nd</sup> Guy, Van Horn, Calhan, Areson

Please call Patty Dufek if you have questions: 682-9015 Or 715-292-1676

### **Caring Corner**

If you know of people in need of our thoughts and prayers or people who have specific needs please contact Jacki Rae-Ledin at 373-0347 or [antiquegardeninn@hotmail.com](mailto:antiquegardeninn@hotmail.com). If you are interested in serving on the caring committee, please contact Jacki.

### **Have You Considered Making a Planned Gift to CUUF?**

*Submitted by Ruth Oppedahl*

*"Life is a gift, and if we agree to accept it, we must contribute in return. When we fail to contribute, we fail to adequately answer why we are here. I believe we are here to do good." -- Albert Einstein*

There are a variety of ways to make planned gifts or bequeaths to the Chequamegon Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. Please consider designating a specific sum or percentage of your estate or life insurance policy to CUUF. Or, perhaps you are able to offer a planned gift while you are living. Contributions may be set aside for specific purposes, with recognition or anonymously. Please discuss any ideas you may have with a board member.

**Planned Giving is good stewardship.** For more information contact Ruth Oppedahl at 715-373-0973.

## Community Events:

**Faith In Action** – Upcoming Programs:

*Submitted by Megan Perrine*

- **Polka Concert** Benefits Faith In Action - Ashland County will be having a Benefit Concert at the **Great Lakes Visitors Center** on Sunday, **April 10th from 12:30 - 4:00 p.m.** A \$7 donation will be taken at the door. Local musicians, Bob Olson and Friends, will kick off the music at 1:00 followed at 2:00 by U.P.'s Copper Country's Eleanor Taylor and Friends playing polka favorites. Hot beef sandwiches, coleslaw, chips, and homemade desserts will be available for sale starting at 12:30. **Break out of your cabin fever and support a great program!**
- **Spring into Action for Seniors this Spring!** Faith In Action –Ashland County is gearing up for spring and summer. The program is recruiting volunteers willing to help with mowing, yard work, fix-it jobs, shopping, and light housekeeping. The program takes requests from senior citizens for a variety of services on an ongoing basis. This is a great time to volunteer!
- For more information call 682-4414 x 3 or email: [fiavolunteer@ashlandaging.org](mailto:fiavolunteer@ashlandaging.org).

**PFLAG** – Upcoming Programs

*Submitted by Mary Wichita*

- *Kevin Shanning*, How to Be a Good Ally is being rescheduled.
- Our 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary Ice Cream Social Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. Plan on a good time and some fun as we launch our first ever variety show/open mic event! Read a poem, sing a song, perform a skit or tell a funny story! More info: Contact amy.pflag@hotmail.com or call 715.373.5355/Facebook: PFLAG Washburn WI or Mary Wichita, 715-765-4132; [mary.wichita@yahoo.com](mailto:mary.wichita@yahoo.com)
- May 24 PFLAG Chapter meeting will host Northland College Professor *Erica Hannickel*. She will offer historical insights with her topic: *Gay Life in the Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century*.

PFLAG'S vision is that the parents, families and friends of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender persons, celebrate diversity and envision a society that embraces everyone, including those of diverse sexual orientations and gender identities. Only with respect, dignity and equality for all will we reach our full potential as human beings, individually and collectively. PFLAG welcomes the participation and support of all who share in, and hope to realize this vision.

## Unitarian Universalist Association Events:

### Prairie Star District

#### **Prairie Star District holds its Annual Conference in Des Moines, April 8-10, 2011!**

Talented storyteller, Rev. Brian Eslinger will present the keynote address, "Telling Our Stories" on Friday evening to a multigenerational audience. Bring the family.

You'll want to hear Rev. Kendyl Gibbons lecture on "Spiritual Maturity as the Goal of Faith Development". Choose from among 24 workshops being offered. Workshops that will inspire you: to strengthen your resolve on matters of social justice; to explore your beliefs and values; to revitalize your congregation; and to literally "Sing the Journey Together," where participants can learn new songs from the teal hymnal. Seize the opportunity to network with hundreds of UU's from around the District.

The Conference will be April 8-10, 2011 in Des Moines, Iowa. Discounted registration fee is available through March 18. More information at <https://www.psdoua.org/drupal/events/AnnualConference2011>.

**Camp Unistar Summer programs:** UniStar, located in northern Minnesota, offers 13 weeks of awesome experiences, with about 65 people attending from Saturday to Saturday. In 2011 there will be Work Week (June 4-11), two Youth Weeks (June 11-18; June 18-25) and ten Family Weeks for families and adults of all ages (every week from June 25 through September 3). Each Family Week has a theme with a daily two hour morning program. Programs may include topics such as sailing, dance, yoga, science, religion, current events, nature, and crafts. Campers may choose to stay in the lodge or cabins, or tent right next to the lakeshore. <http://www.campunistar.org>.

**Camp StarTrail**, located in Nebraska, will be held July 31 to August 5, 2011. Camping that fits your budget and your soul. Find out how we "pamper the camper" at [www.psdoua.org/campstartrail](http://www.psdoua.org/campstartrail).

## **Prairie Star District, continued:**

### **Online Workshops**

Consider attending one of the free online workshops offered by District staff and knowledgeable guest speakers. To participate all you need is high speed internet access and a separate phone line.

- *Worship* April 12 or 14, 2011 (offered twice).
- *Tending the Flame (on UU Parenting)* April 21 or 26 (offered twice).
- *Lay/Ordained Partnership* May 2011

All these workshops are at 6:45 – 8 PM Central Time. Registration is available at <http://www.psuua.org/Workshops>. Note: at the same address you can choose to watch previous workshops and/or view a tutorial slide presentation on how to participate in an online workshop.

### **People and Congregations in the news**

Read about PSD people and congregations

<http://www.psuua.org/Newsletter/61February2011PeopleAndCongregations>.

**MidWest Leadership School (MWLS)** and **Youth MidWest Leadership School** develops youth and adult lay leaders in the Unitarian Universalist (UU) community. MWLS will be held July 17 - 23, 2011, on the campus of Beloit College in southeast Wisconsin. For information or a registration form, visit <http://www.mwls.org/>. Scholarships from PSD are available.

**General Assembly 2012** will be held in Phoenix, AZ. “Justice General Assembly”, will be held where immigration is a flash-point issue. You may offer input if you wish – this General Assembly is in the process of being structured: <http://www.psuua.org/Newsletter/61February2011> (bottom of page).

## **UU websites:**

National organization – UUA: [UUA.org](http://UUA.org)

Information regarding famous persons who were or are UUs: [www.famousuus.com](http://www.famousuus.com)

Regional organization: Prairie Star District: [www.psuua.org](http://www.psuua.org)

Prairie Star District newsletter: [www.psuua.org/newsletter](http://www.psuua.org/newsletter)

## **Letters to the Fellowship:**

### **Easter Bonnets:**

I am participating in the Easter Service. I hope to see more hats than last year!

Thanks.

Cyndy Guy

## **UU Calendar of upcoming events:**

<b>Apr 8-10:</b>	Prairie Star District annual conference in Des Moines, Iowa
<b>April 10:</b>	<b>CUUF – Youth Coming of Age Service and Child Dedication</b> <i>Potluck and Annual Meeting will follow the service. Please bring a dish to share and plan to stay just a little longer than usual.</i>
April 16:	Family Potluck at Irene Blakley’s Home. 6pm.
<b>April 24:</b>	<b>CUUF – David Saetre – Easter for Skeptics</b>
<b>May 8:</b>	<b>CUUF - Music Service: members, friends</b>
May 21:	CUUF – Garage Sale
<b>May 22:</b>	<b>CUUF - Flower Ceremony;</b> Chang’aa Mweti, storyteller, Assistant Professor of Education and Curriculum UMD

**Note: Fellowship service dates are in bold.**

**MISSION STATEMENT** - This fellowship exists to serve the human needs of its members and friends, to stimulate individual development of a positive and ethical philosophy of life, and to provide a common shelter for everyone's personal growth. -- Founded, February 22, 1998

**Chequamegon Unitarian Universalist Fellowship**

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