



The Open Door Newsletter

May 2011

Time and Location of Services: *Fellowship Services are at 10am in the Ponzio Student Center on the Northland College Campus. The music service will be held in the Alvord Theater. The flower service will be held on the second floor in the commons.*

Fellowship Service – May 8th – Annual Music Service – Alvord Theater

Come “Lift Up Your Voice” at the annual UU All Music Service on Mothers' Day, in the **Alvord Theater**. Guest musician, Heidi Howes, will bring her originality and voice to lead the congregation in song. We are an eclectic group in our spiritual tastes and no less so in the musical realm. This service should have something for everyone, as we will draw from our rich fellowship a wide variety of musical genres and readings.

Fellowship Service – May 22nd - Annual Flower Ceremony

Speaker: Chang’aa Mweti

Kenya to America-Stories of Cultural Differences

The final service of the season will incorporate the Annual Flower Ceremony. Please bring flowers to share, from your garden, or the store, or from your neck of the woods, all types are appreciated. The Flower Ceremony celebrates the diversity of our fellowship and in keeping with this theme, the fellowship is excited to have Chang’aa Mweti as the guest speaker.

Dr. Chang’aa Mweti, is an inspiring African storyteller originally from Kenya and currently an associate professor of education at the University of Minnesota in Duluth. Using dramatic skits incorporating a sitting stool, walking stick and native clothes, he will share with the fellowship stories of cultural differences and the power of unity. This will be an interactive presentation for all ages. Please join us for this service that culminates our year of worship together.

Welcome to our new CUUF Board Members elected at our April 10th CUUF Annual Meeting*

Ed Calhan

Erin Tenney

Patty Dufek

Board positions will be decided amongst the new and returning members at the May 18th board meeting.

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.



The fellowship welcomed Sebastian Tenney on April 22nd. Included in the photo: Kathy Tenney, Erin Tenney, Sebastian Tenney.

Annual Garage Sale – May 21st

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 21st**. **This is a great UU fundraiser.** Volunteers are needed to make this a successful event. Please volunteer for one of these responsibilities:

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

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

June Bavlnka is hosting the garage sale at her residence in Ashland. Birgit Wolff will offer more details at the May 8th service and through emails. If you would like to contact her to volunteer or ask questions: birgithwolff@yahoo.com or 765-4888.

Annual CUUF June Picnic – June 12th (tentative info - stay tuned)

I'm hoping for Sunday, June 12th, for the CUUF picnic. I'm planning for it to be very similar to last year, with a potluck buffet, games, music and ...maybe a bonfire. An evening meal may be a different twist on things. I'll put out my feelers on that...so, the time is "to be announced".

Prentice Park's facilities are so accommodating I am anticipating it to be the location.
If you have any questions or concerns call Patty Dufek @ 715-682-9015 or 715 292-1676.
Thanks in advance for your input.
Sincerely, Patty Dufek

Podcasts: In Case You Missed It

You may listen to services on the CUUF website: www.chequamegonuu.podbean.com. Technology is amazing. Thanks Travis (wherever you are) for getting us up and running in this department.

After Service Snack Host/Hostess Schedule:

May 8th Mergendahl, Bewley, Blakely, Dowd
May 22nd 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. 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:

Ojibwe Arts and Cultural Festival

The Cable-Namakagon Historical Museum and the Lac Courte Oreilles Arts Association present the 3rd bi-annual Ojibwe Arts and Cultural Festival on August 6, 2011, from 9:00a.m. to 6:00p.m. in the Cable Community Center. Several select Ojibwe artists will display and demonstrate their works of art; contemporary and traditional along side creative and educational displays showcasing brilliant and unique pieces found no where else in the world except here. From leather or feathers and colors found in the immediate environment artists will create and explain their birch bark and black ash baskets, paintings embedded with symbolic features and intricate beadwork of floral and geometric designs. Put this exciting Ojibwe Native American Festival on your summer calendar of events! If you wish to volunteer for this cultural event contact Sara Balbin (curator) at 715-798-3848.

Unitarian Universalist Association Events:

Prairie Star District

Camp Unistar Summer programs: Camp UniStar, located on Star Island in Cass Lake, MN, offers 13 weeks of awesome experiences, with about 65 people attending from Saturday to Saturday. Space is still available for some weeks: June 4-11 - Work Week (special Young Adult price), July 2-9 - Music

Jam!, July 9-16 - Scoundrels & Scandals: Corporate Misconduct in Modern Society, July 30-August 6 - Miniature Worlds, Aug 27-Sept 3 - Fiber, Optics (digital photography and yarncraft).

Campers may choose to stay in the lodge or cabins, or tent right next to the lakeshore.
See <http://www.psduua.org/Camps/CampUniStar>

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.psduua.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.

Faith Formation 2020 – May 5th or May 10th (offered twice)

All these workshops are at 6:45 – 8 PM Central Time. Registration is available at <http://www.psduua.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.psduua.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.psduua.org/Newsletter/61February2011> (bottom of page).

UU websites:

National organization – UUA: UUA.org

Information regarding famous persons who were or are UUs: www.famousuus.com

Regional organization: Prairie Star District: www.psduua.org

Prairie Star District newsletter: www.psduua.org/newsletter

UU Calendar of upcoming events:

May 8:	CUUF - Annual Music Service – Alvord Theater
May 18:	CUUF Board Meeting – 7:00 pm Washburn Library
May 21:	CUUF – Garage Sale
May 22:	CUUF - Flower Ceremony; Chang'aa Mweti, storyteller, Assistant Professor of Education and Curriculum UMD
June 12:	CUUF – Annual Picnic

CUUF is on hiatus from June through August. There may be an informal gathering – in the past there has been a camping weekend. Brenda will keep you informed through email.

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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***Please note: Annual meeting minutes and reports have been included with this newsletter as an insert.**