



The Open Door Newsletter

September 2011

Time and Location of Services: Fellowship Services are at 10am on the Northland College Campus.

Fellowship Service – September 11th – 2nd floor commons of Ponzio Center
David Saetre, Speaker: “A 9/11 Retrospective: Religion and Terror Ten Years Later”

David will engage us with his style and grace, bringing the past and present into perspective. We look forward hearing his thoughts.

Fellowship Service –September 25th - Annual Water Service
Location: will be held at the outdoor fire circle in the urn on the Northland College Campus

The annual Water Service will be held on the Northland Campus Sunday, September 25th. 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.

Kelsey Rothe will lead this service and Ruth Oppedahl is coordinating the music. 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 or blankets to cushion the benches. If the weather is inclement, we will meet on the second floor of the Ponzio Student Center. Hope you can join us for this re-connecting service.

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.

Religious Education for 2011-2012

All youth are welcome to participate in our Religious Education (RE) programs. Our first day will be September 11th and we will do music, games and a treat all together as one big group to kick off.

This coming year we'll have three main groups:

K-3 *Picture Book World Religions* which uses children's books to teach about world religions. We need volunteers to please sign up for 1-2 Sundays to cover the twelve services that have RE classes. Please contact Beth Reed or Ruth Oppedahl to volunteer. We think using picture books will be a fun way to learn about other religions in the world!

Middle School with teachers Erin Tenney and Tom Mitchell using the curriculum "What Do You Stand For? Discusses character traits with activities and discussions.

High School with teachers Beth Reed and Ruth Oppedahl. The older kids are ready to put their beliefs into action so we will focus on service projects of their choosing, possibly exploring Islam and Youth Weekends and making connections to the larger UU youth groups. This will be very youth directed.

For more information on Religious Education please contact Beth Reed at Beth Reed 682-8385, 4lipreeds@centurylink.net or Ruth Oppedahl at 715-292-3872 ruth@oppedahl.com

It's a UU Set-Up

Each Sunday service is preluded with a flurry of activity: shuffling the study tables to serve as the refreshment buffet, setting up the chairs and PA system, and getting the welcome table into place. And, everything goes back to where it was following the service.

The Worship Committee is forming a sub-committee to help with set-up and take-down. The Set-Up committee needs about 3-4 active members. Responsibilities for this role include:

- 1) becoming familiar with setup/takedown routine
- 2) being responsible for setup/take down for four or five services throughout the 2011/2012 year
- 3) working with volunteers from the fellowship who will assist

This sub-committee will relieve the Worship Committee of this pre/post service stress. **If you would like to serve on this committee, please contact Megan Perrine (Perrine@cheqnet.net) or Ed Calhan (elcalhan@centurytel.net).** It is a great way to serve the fellowship and get a little exercise before the Sunday service. Carry On!

Voter Registration

An effort to identify, educate, and assist voters in need of the new voter ID (now required under Wisconsin law) is underway in Ashland and Bayfield Counties. Debra Lewis is organizing a committee to reach as many voters as possible before the next election. A strategic plan is being devised and volunteers will be needed in the months ahead to help with educational efforts, phone calling, and transportation to the Department of Motor Vehicles to obtain the ID.

If you would like to assist with this project or if you know someone in need of assistance in obtaining the ID, please contact Deb at jeffdeblewis@charter.net. The committee will also be educating citizens about the process of obtaining a certified birth certificate from their counties of birth (a necessary prerequisite to obtaining the ID). Stay tuned...

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. Play them while you work on something else at the computer.

After Service Snack Host/Hostess Schedule:

Sept 11, 2011	Dufek
Sept 25, 2011	Haugo; Blakely; Liphart-Reed; Bussey; Wise (Water Service)
Oct 9, 2011	Hassart; Wichita; Ledder; Lorenz; Lewis
Oct 23, 2011	Saetre-Bewely; Crowell; Rehwald; E. Tenney

The Hospitality Schedule for the 2011/2012 year is included in this newsletter. Please consult the schedule to determine your scheduled service. If your name does not appear on the schedule, please call Patty so that she can add you to it. If you can't serve when scheduled, please call Patty to alert her. If you want to bring something but are not on the schedule, feel free to contribute - you don't have to let anyone know.

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.

UUA – National

Michael McGlone, Public Information Assistant for the Unitarian Universalist Association encourages UUs to find monthly Congregational Bulletins at: <http://www.uua.org/communications/bulletin>. Visiting the general website www.uua.org is very educational.

UUA – Prairie Star District

Nancy Heege, District Executive of our Prairie Star District (PSD) encourages you to visit the following websites: General info: <http://www.psdoua.org> Newsletters: <http://www.psdoua.org/Newsletter>

The major presentations of 2011 PSD Annual Conference, "It Matters What We Believe":
http://www.psdoua.org/drupal/events/AnnualConference2011/streaming_video.

See Rev. Dr. Brian Eslinger speak on "Telling Our Stories" and Rev. Dr. Kendyl Gibbons on "Spiritual Maturity as the Goal of Faith Development."

Prairie Star District is seeking workshop applications for the PSD Annual Conference 2012, "Lessons from War & Peace: Stories of Hope, Faith, and Courage," to be held April 13-15, in Bloomington, Minnesota. Workshops are sought that respond directly to this theme, or will foster leadership development, and/or will strengthen our UU community through multigenerational conversation. Information about the Conference and copies of the application are at <http://www.psdoua.org/drupal/AnnualConference2012>.

Deadline to apply is Monday, September 26, 2011.

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

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