



The Open Door Newsletter

February 2012

Time and Location of Services: Fellowship Services are at 10am on the Northland College Campus. Both services this month are on the 2nd floor commons of the Ponzio Center.

Fellowship Service – February 12th – 10 am

Speaker: David Saetre “Law and Justice”

The title of the talk for February sounds something like a TV police series, I know. However, this talk focuses on the religious origins of the concept of law and the ideas of justice that derive from those core ideas. In the western theistic religions we might think of the Ten Commandments in Judaism and Christianity, or Shariah in Islam. As you walk up the steps to the Supreme Court you can see a bas-relief of the world’s lawgivers. Each one looks toward the center, and in that center the figure of Moses looks outward over the capital holding the Ten Commandments.

Often the idea of law within western religions deteriorates into legalisms. And, the foundations of the moral slides into moralism. For many, religious concepts of law stand for authoritarian tendencies in the religions. Perhaps this is especially so in modern debates of Christianity and its influence in American politics. On the other hand, the religious concept of law has informed liberating movements in Latin America and Africa because of a transcendent idea of justice.

My February talk continues the year-long exploration of classic themes from the western religious traditions, especially Christianity, reclaiming important ideas for a progressive religion in the 21st century. See you at UU and Northland College.

David W. Saetre

College Chaplain and Assistant Professor of Religion, Northland College

“The world is deep, and deeper than the day could read. Deep is its woe. Joy deeper still than grief can be.” Nietzsche “The opposite of faith is certainty, not doubt.” David



Please be sure to read the “Dear Fellowship” letter, regarding a potential internship for our congregation.

Please plan to attend a quick meeting following the **February 12th** Fellowship Service to discuss and learn more about this opportunity.

Fellowship Service – February 26th – 10 am

Speaker: David Seigler “Judaism”

A more complete program description will be sent via email from our administrator, Brenda Brouder, prior to the service.

Caring Corner

Caring Committee Corner: We continue to send healing wishes to Mary Bondeson; her recovery is progressing well and she is getting back to her studies.

With best wishes we say a sad good-bye and good luck to Andrea Haugo and Tom Wyse. We will miss Andrea's happy spirit and generous contributions to our fellowship.

Congratulations and best wishes to June Bavlnka and beau Joe on their engagement!

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.

A Fond Farewell...



I hope that your week is going well. It is with mixed feelings that I am sending this email. I am moving to Viroqua (SE Wisconsin). Tom, my husband, accepted a job working for a forestry coop down there. It will be better pay and closer to family. Hopefully, it'll be easier for me to get a teaching job there also. It was a tough decision because we love the bay area and our friends here.

I will be very sad to leave CUUF. It is a wonderful group of people, and it has been a welcoming, refreshing, and engaging community in my life since the first service I attended.

Tom will begin his job at the beginning of February. We are selling our house in Ashland :- (and have rented an apartment in Viroqua. We will be moving throughout the last two weeks of January. I plan to step down from the CUUF board of trustees after our January 18th meeting. We currently have seven board members, so it will continue to be a viable board until the election next spring. I can coordinate the 2012 circle suppers by email, but we will need someone to take charge for next year. We will also need help with greeters and other membership committee duties. Please consider involving yourself in circle supper coordination, greeting, or the membership committee by contacting Karen Crowell at dancingmoon01@century.net. Thank you for being such a damn cool fellowship of people.
Andrea Haugo

Position Vacancy: Circle Supper Coordinator

As you know, Andrea Haugo is moving to greener pastures in Viroqua, Wisconsin, this month. It was Andrea who launched our Circle Suppers for our members to get to know one another. Many thanks, Andrea. Now we are looking for her replacement as Circle Supper coordinator. To find out more about the coordinator position, please talk with Andrea. She is reachable by email (haugoam@hotmail.com), Facebook, and phone in Viroqua or contact me, Karen Crowell, membership committee coordinator, at dancingmoon01@century.net. These suppers have helped us to foster a stronger Fellowship community. We want them to continue. Step forward to keep Circle Suppers going. Thank you.

Position Vacancy: Greeter Coordinator

Here's another position vacancy left open by Andrea's moving. (Needless to say, we'll miss her energy and leadership in the fellowship.) The greeter coordinator schedules members to greet each Sunday. Welcoming visitors and members to our Sunday services is an important hospitality function and spiritual practice for our fellowship. It's not a big job, but it is an important one. Please contact me, Karen Crowell, at (715) 373-2524, to help create a welcoming open sanctuary for our Sunday services. Thank you.

Pathway to Membership

We welcome you to become a member of the Chequamgon UU Fellowship. A member is anyone 16 years old or older who wishes to covenant to affirm and promote the UU principles of faith (below) and signs our Fellowship Membership book:

- 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 fellowship.
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning.
- The right of conscience and the democratic process within our fellowship and in society at large.
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all.
- Respect for the interdependent web of existence of which we are a part.

The benefit of membership is being a part of a liberal faith community and it's many programs, which inspires awareness. The expectations of membership are that you will participate in the fellowship at whatever level you can or wish and that you will make an annual pledge of financial support at whatever level you can or want.

1. Anyone interested in membership, will be given a copy of *The Unitarian Universalist Pocket Guide*, available on the book table during service Sundays.

2. **New Members meeting, Wednesday, February 22nd, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m., location TBA:** If you are interested in becoming a CUUF member, please join us for an informal membership Q & A. We can talk about the Fellowship, how it works, and anything of interest in *The Pocket Guide*.

3. **New Member Welcome Sunday, March 4th, at CUUF service.**

4. For further information, please contact Karen Ruedi Crowell, 715-373-2524, dancingmoon01@centurytel.net.



2011 Child Dedication Ceremony:
Kathy, Erin and Sebastian Tenney

Religious Education for 2011-2012

All youth are welcome to participate in our Religious Education (RE) programs.

K-3 *Picture Book World Religions*, which uses children's books to teach about world religions.

Middle School "What Do You Stand For?" Discusses character traits with activities and discussions.

High School The older kids are ready to put their beliefs into action so we will focus on service projects of their choosing. This is very youth directed. For more information on Religious Education please contact Beth Reed at 715-682-8385, 4lipreeds@centurylink.net or Ruth Oppedahl at 715-292-3872 ruth@oppedahl.com.



have curriculum support and do our yearly planning as a group. We need a teacher for the youngest age group: K-2. However, we could shift with other teachers if someone would really rather work with older kids. Please contact Beth Reed (682-8385 or 4lipreeds@centurylink.net) if you would like more information. Thanks, Beth

Position Vacancy:

Religious Education Teachers

Dear Fellowship, Our children are a vital and important part of our fellowship. They need a RE teacher. We would love your input if you enjoy working with children and would like the opportunity to teach them and let them teach you! We



Women's CUUF Monthly Lunch at Coco's

The third Wednesday of each month UU women are meeting for lunch at Coco's in Washburn. This month we will meet on **February 15th at noon**. Feel free to call Jan if you have questions, (715) 373-1141.

CUUF Website & Facebook page: Check them out....

The CUUF website is in the process of being updated – it will soon be unveiled. It will reside at the same location, URL <http://www.chequamegonuuf.org/>, but will have a new look. We are now a presence on Facebook... <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Chequamegon-Unitarian-Universalist-Fellowship/185720978179> . Since it is a fan page, you will have to “like” it to follow it.

We still have Podcasts...Thanks Travis!

Directly through itunes: <http://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/chequamegon-unitarian-universalist/id392546299>

Or, through our website: <https://sites.google.com/a/chequamegonuuf.org/frontpage/home/service-podcasts>

After Service Snack Host/Hostess Schedule:

Feb 12 Hassart; Ledder; Kehn; Lorenz; Wolfe **March 4** Beguhn; Chapman-Dowd; D/K Christenson
Feb 26 Saetre-Bewely; Perkins; Rehwald; Tenney **March 18** Perrine; Brew; Calhan; Kent/Kathy Tenney

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: (715) 682-9015 or (715) 292-1676

Time to start thinking of our annual GARAGE SALE

Please save your terrific items for the May sale and see me if you can help in any way.
birgithwolff@yahoo.com

Have You Considered Making a Planned Gift to CUUF?

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.

You can give without loving, but you can never love without giving. ~Author Unknown
If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.

John Quincy Adams Planned Giving is good stewardship.

For more information contact Ruth Oppedahl at 715-292-3872.

In Our Community:

First Friday Dance

The next First Friday Dance is **February 3** at Sigurd Olson Environmental Institute on the Northland College campus. Kids dances start at 7 and adult dances begin at 8. All dances are taught, so no experience is necessary. The dances include circle mixers, square dances, contra dances and some waltzes. The Red Pine Resonators will perform live, old-time string-band music with callers Sarah York and Don Christensen. This is a free event sponsored by the Northland College Student Association.

The Gildi Project, named in honor of Gildi Whiteside

A recent episode of *Speak Your Mind* features **Ed Niemi, PhD, LP**, a licensed clinical psychologist, and **Mel Whiteside**, who experienced the loss of his wife and companion of 41 years, Gildi. Mel believes strongly that raising awareness and openly talking about depression will result in fewer suicides. **Beth Meyers** is the Executive Director of CORE Community Resources, a program serving seniors in the Chequamegon Bay Area. Recently, Beth and the Board of CORE Community Resources initiated the Gildi Project, named in honor of Gildi Whiteside, aimed at addressing the mental health needs of senior residents.

To view this episode of *Speak Your Mind* visit www.speakyourmindonline.org . To learn more about HDC visit their website at www.humandevelopmentcenter.org .

Faith In Action Fights Cabin Fever

Even a mild winter can create challenges for many seniors citizens, keeping them homebound more than usual. Faith In Action-Ashland County works to connect seniors with caring volunteers from their community who can provide a variety of services. These volunteers often bring a bit of sunshine into a long winter week. Volunteers can provide a friendly visit and a game of cards, assist with basic household chores, take on minor fix-it jobs, do lamp repair, help with shopping, provide respite, or assist with snow removal. Pets N' Pals volunteers can visit a senior with a trained therapy dog. Arts and Sports Buddies can take seniors out to area events. Faith In Action depends on volunteers from each community to fill the local requests. For more information about becoming a volunteer, receiving volunteer services, or making a donation call Ashland County Aging Unit 682-4414 x3 or email fiavolunteer@ashlandaging.org.

PFLAG (Parents, Family and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) – Washburn Chapter

If anyone has any questions, please contact Mary Wichita (mary.wichita@yahoo.com; 715-765-4132). Chapter meetings are typically held on the fourth Tuesday of the month on the 3rd floor of the Washburn Cultural Center.

February 28, 7pm, Gay-Straight Alliance: What it is and How to Start One in your School

March 27, 7 pm, Growing Up Queer in a Rural Community

All meetings listed will be held at the Washburn Cultural Center.

UU Prairie Star District and UUA National:

Prairie Star District (PSD) Conference to Explore War & Peace

Join fellow UUs the weekend of April 13-15, 2012 in Bloomington, Minnesota, for the Prairie Star District Annual Conference which will address the challenging theme, "Lessons From War & Peace: Stories of Faith, Hope and Courage."

In addition to examining this profoundly moving theme, you can benefit from workshops designed to strengthen your congregation, deepen your social justice work, and enrich you on a personal level. Come and experience some of PSD's top talent, culminating with the joy of shared worship and musical celebration on Sunday morning. For more information about the conference, please visit <http://www.psduua.org/AnnualConference2012>.

*Note: **Gloria Steinem** will be at the Beth El Synagogue, St Louis Park, MN April 17th – go to the PSD conference and then stay for Gloria?*

For all PSD information please visit the website: www.psduua.org

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>. Visit the general website at www.uua.org .



CUUF and local community Calendar

Feb 3	First Friday Dance, Sigurd Olson/Northland College
Feb 12	Sun, Fellowship Service Speaker: David Saetre “Law and Justice” Please stay for the Internship discussion following the service.
Feb 15	Women’s Lunch at Coco’s in Washburn, at noon
Feb 22	Wed, New Member Informational meeting 5:30-7pm, location TBA
Feb 26	Sun, Fellowship Service, Speaker: David Seigler “Judaism”
Feb 28	PFLAG 7pm at the Washburn Cultural Center
Mar 4	Sun, Fellowship Service and New Member Welcome
Mar 18	Sun, Fellowship Service – Annual Meeting after the Service Please plan to stay for the potluck and attend the Annual Meeting
Mar 27	PFLAG 7pm at the Washburn Cultural Center

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

*** Please note the change in June’s phone number and Erin’s phone number ***

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“Never be afraid to try something new. Remember that a lone amateur built the Ark. A large group of professionals built the Titanic.”

— Dave Barry