



The Open Door Newsletter

September 2012

Fellowship Service – September 9th – 10 am at the Alvord Theater ***Speaker – David Saetre – Welcoming in a New Year of Worship***

Welcome back to a new year of worship and celebrating community connections. We are excited to begin this year of new beginnings, new friends and new ventures as we partner together in ministry. As most of you know, our fellowship worship is a partnership between Northland College Chaplain ministry and the Chequamegon Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. Our first service celebrates that partnership as we welcome new students, new members and friends, and as we install and welcome A.J. Galazen as our first seminary intern.

The first service is dedicated to extending that welcome to all who seek a progressive and “radically welcoming” religious community, a fellowship that extends the open arms of hospitality to all --- whoever you are, and wherever you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here! Our service will explore and embody that theme of “hospitality and welcome” as the essential virtues of community. Let’s celebrate as we welcome, A.J., new students, old friends, and new members into our beloved fellowship.

Then, we look forward to a fall series on other classic themes of a welcoming community: the virtues of *faith, hope and charity*. My October talk will focus on the third spiritual virtue, *Charity*. I look forward to following that meditation with talks on *Hope* and *Faith* in November and December.

Finally, we look forward to growth and new opportunities for small group worship. Northland College will sponsor **every Sunday** worship services, beginning September 9th. We will still have our “big” services with religious education and the whole nine yards on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of every month. However, this fall we begin our inaugural year of small group, experimental worship on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. These services will give our students and community members an opportunity to attend experiential worship, planned and led by our intern, A.J., in cooperation with the Northland Chaplain’s office. These services will also meet in the Ponzio Campus Center second floor commons, at 10 A.M.

Welcome to all as we begin a new season of reflection, study, personal growth, and the celebration of community.

David

David Saetre, Northland College

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The Annual Water Service - at the outdoor fire circle on the Northland College Campus

Speaker- All of us, everyone

The annual Water Service will be held on the Northland Campus Sunday, September 23rd. 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 - we will have a pitcher of water to share.

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Nicole and Alan Brew will lead this service. 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 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.

United Seminary Intern

This is an exciting new season for CUUF, as we will be working with a United Seminary Intern for the first time. This year's intern is a member of our own congregation, A. J. Galazen. David Saetre is A.J.'s Field Instructor. A Lay Advisory Committee, comprised of CUUF members and a Northland College student, will provide support, input and guidance to A.J. Committee members are Jill Lorenz (CUUF), Tracey Ledder (CUUF), Karen Ruedi Crowell (CUUF), Linda Calhan (CUUF) and Katrina Nichols (Northland College). Let's make the most of this opportunity!

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A songwriting workshop, hosted by UUs in Brookfield, WI, features Peter Mayer (more info in PSD and National UU info).

A Request from the Music Committee

It's time to update our list of people with musical talent from the CUUF congregation. We know that there are quite a few of you out there who are shy or humble about your abilities. The Music Committee can help you out in whatever way you need.

Let's say you have a hidden ability to play the clarinet. You don't have to play ALL of the music for a service.

We have plenty of pianists and other musicians who would gladly accompany you for gathering music or special offertory music. If you would like to play a guitar to lead group singing, we would like to hear from you. You haven't picked up that accordion in years? Dust it off and play a song or two for CUUF.

The Music Committee would like to help nurture your talents and let you feel the spirit in a slightly more prominent way. Contact Joni Chapman at jonibchapman@yahoo.com or 715-685-0076, or another member of the committee. The Music Committee: Joni Chapman, Linda Calhan, Megan Perrine, and Kristin Quinlan.

CUUF Circle Suppers

Food. Friends. What could be better? We are organizing CUUF Circle Suppers for this winter. They will be held once a month, January-April. This is a chance to get to know UU members better. The circles will be about 8 people, and the people in each circle will rotate to some degree monthly. Formally joining the Circle Suppers means that you will host one meal and try to attend three other meals. If your schedule doesn't allow that, you can be a *substitute* Circle Supper attendee, which means I will call you or email you if someone can't attend their scheduled Circle Supper. Please email June Bavlnka by November 1, at aknlvab07@gmail.com, if you want to participate in a Circle Supper, either as a regular or as a substitute diner, or if you have any questions. Thank you! *Note: Family Circle Suppers have been difficult to schedule, due to so many complicated schedules. Circle Suppers, this year, are for **adult** CUUF members.*

No Room at the Inn

Religious Education has a menagerie of masks, used for the holiday service, that need to move from Megan's barn to a safer habitat. Little creatures are chewing and inhabiting them. The straw that broke the camel's back...er, ox's horn... is that wasps have taken up residence there. We currently have a camel, donkey and an ox head that need dry, secure storage. They are paper mache and close to life-size. We will be adding to the collection this year. All of these UU creations are very special and we hope to preserve them for many more years of use. If you have some storage space to share, let Megan know - 715-278-3386 or perrine@cheqnet.net.





Religious Education Kicks Off on Sept. 9th

Please join us for the start of the Childrens' RE program on Sunday, September 9th. Children will have a chance to meet the teachers, share a story and games and a snack.

Our lead teachers this year are:

Deb Aaron K-3
Erin Tenney 4-8
Beth Reed High School
Megan Perrine Holiday Program Coordinator

This year, the K-3 group is using a curriculum called "We Believe." It uses stories and activities to learn about the 7 Unitarian Universalist Principles. Deb Aaron is a grandma and school psychologist who brings a great deal of experience to this position!

The 4-8th grade (roughly) will be continuing with a positive character development curriculum and may also work in some of the UU Principles. Erin Tenney has been a long time member of our fellowship and shares her great respect for humanity and children every time she teaches.

The High School youth will continue to research and plan a mission trip as well as study world religions in preparation for beginning the Coming of Age Program next year. Beth Reed grew up a UU and has been with the fellowship and RE since the start! Her sons, now in high school, had child dedication ceremonies with this fellowship when they were babies.

We are always in need of more volunteers to team teach or just to cover a Sunday if the teacher is not available. Our dedicated teachers miss the service every time when they go it alone! We are especially in need of someone to help with music since the Oppedahls have moved to Madison.

RE is open to all youth in the community. We are an open and welcoming fellowship. Tell your friends about it and bring them to check it out. Adults are also welcome to visit or talk to Beth Reed if you want to know more about the curriculum resources we use.

We have a great story lined up for the Holiday Service as well and are already preparing props! You won't want to miss it.

Please contact Beth Reed at (715) 682-8385, 4lipreeds@centurylink.net if you have questions. *Hope to see you on September 9th. Beth Reed*



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>

Indian Pipe (*Monotropa uniflora*) is a white, almost translucent, plant that has a parasitic relationship with fungi and trees. <http://curiousnature.info/A1-Indian%20Pipe.htm>. Photo taken in the Rainbow Lakes Wilderness Area, Delta, WI.

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.

*Give whatever you are doing and whoever you are with the gift of your attention. **Jim Rohn***

Planned Giving is good stewardship. For more information contact Ruth Oppedahl at 715-292-3872.

Letters to the Fellowship:

A Word about our Annual Pledges

I like to think of my annual pledge as the amount that I am sure I will be able to contribute.

If during the year I am able to contribute more, that will certainly mean I am blessed. I just want our volunteer board and committee chairs to know that they can count on me for something. I can see that they need the information about my pledge in order to plan our activities for the year. I like this pledge process. I think it really helps us as a fellowship.

I know that letter from our volunteer Treasurer, Warren Kehn, will show up in my mailbox sometime this Fall. And it will bring a smile to my eyes ... as I think to the great year ahead. Thanks Warren.
George Einar Busséy

An Update from Ruth Oppedahl:

Ruth, Nick and Alex are now in Madison and having a good time, especially enjoying Thai, Indian and Italian food! Our new address is 5210 Manitowoc Parkway, Madison, WI 53705. The phone is the same – 715-292-3872. Thanks to all the UUs who helped us paint, pack the truck and hold the moving sale – we couldn't have done it without you! Ruth Oppedahl

From UU National regarding the Sikh Temple tragedy:

"As we move forward in the weeks and months ahead, we must do more than express compassion. We must reflect on what conditions make repeated acts of deranged violence possible and take action.

The killings we keep witnessing in America are symptoms of a culture that is too tolerant of hatred and too reluctant to restrict access to deadly weapons." – UUA President Rev. Peter Morales, in a statement about the tragic murders at the Sikh Temple in Oak Creek, WI.

Hayward LCO Tribal Arson

In July, many of the Hayward LCO sacred symbols were desecrated by fire and other violence. We could offer the tribal members an expression of compassion for their loss. What group action should we take?
Marilyn Einspanier

Do your part to bring Life...the Arts... to the Newsletter

Last winter, a friend suggested that the newsletter needs to pop and sing a bit more – be drawn out of the details of news and into a more living, breathing form, which art, poetry, photography can help produce. I whole-heartedly agree – let's make this newsletter vibrate. The newsletter needs **your input** to do this – photographs (nature or fellowship, *cameras are allowed at fellowship, so bring yer camera, why don't cha?*), poetry, insightful story, artwork and quotations - if something speaks to you it will speak to others. If you want the newsletter to be vibrant, contribute. Spirituality implies action. Marilyn Einspanier

"Until he extends the circle of his compassion to all living things, man will not himself find peace."

~ Albert Schweitzer, *The Philosophy of Civilization*, 1923

In Our Community:

Faith in Action:

Johnny Doane and Jim Pekol Bands to perform for Faith In Action Concert

The Faith In Action Benefit Concert will be on **Sunday, September 16th**, from **12:30-4:00 p.m.** at the **Northern Great Lakes Visitors Center**. Johnny Doane will sing hits of the 30's, 40's and 50's; classics of Tony Bennett, Bobby Darren, and Frank Sinatra. The Jim Pekol Band plays favorite polkas, Dixieland, country, and big band. **Hot beef sandwiches** 12:30-3. **Music starts at 1.** A \$7 donation is requested. Enjoy music/food and offer support for Faith In Action! Call 715-682-4414 x 3 for info.

QPR Suicide Prevention Training Saves Lives

QPR (Question, Persuade, and Refer) is training recommended for anyone who interacts with people – in a work-related capacity or in personal relationships. Faith In Action and CORE are hosting a **no-cost QPR** training on **Monday, September 17th**, at 6:00pm @ Ashland Senior Cntr, 400 Chapple Ave. Call 715-682-4414 x 3 for more info.

Announcements from PFLAG (Parents & Friends of Lesbians and Gays):

Regular Monthly Meeting--September 25: 7 pm, Washburn Cultural Center.

Northland's Chaplain, **David Saetre**, will lead our program, "Omnigender and the Church: Identity, Religion and Sexuality in American Religion Today." David will focus on faith, sex, and gender as part of how we understand ourselves and how religious institutions affirm or oppress the sense of self. Everyone is welcome! Contact Mary at mary.wichita@yahoo.com or 715-765-4132.

Free Concert - Stage North in Washburn -- September 30, 7:30 pm.

Trans folk-rocker Namoli Brennet's gritty, honest folk music can be found on 9 CDs, including her latest, "We Were Born to Rise." Nominated for numerous OUTmusic awards, her music is featured in the film "Out In The Silence" which follows the struggle of a gay teen. <http://namolibrennet.com>
Donations to PFLAG appreciated. The evening includes a silent auction. Everyone is welcome!

UU Prairie Star District and UUA National:

PSD Announcements are listed. For more detailed information, visit the PSD website:

www.psduua.org.



Transforming Belief into Practice

This one-session **webinar** will reflect upon Albert Schweitzer's ethic of *Reverence for Life* and what it could mean for our lives and our congregations.
September 4th, Tuesday, 6 – 7:30 p.m. EDT **or** Saturday
September 8th, 12 – 1:30 p.m. EDT.

Connecting Our Hearts to All Life: Compassionate Relationships, Care, and Advocacy

This eight-session **online course** offers compassionate communication skills, understanding of **trans-species** intelligence, ethics, animal behavior, spiritual practices, and more! Tuesdays, 6 - 7:30 p.m. EDT, September 11th – October 30th. (*Editor: Sounds interesting!*)

You can **register** for these classes by emailing: Rev. Lora Kim Joyner at amoloros@juno.com.

Peter Mayer – Songwriting Workshop

Oct 20th 2 - 4pm (limited to 25 participants). (*Peter's solo concert at 7pm*)

Unitarian Universalist Church West, 13001 W. North Avenue, **Brookfield WI**, www.uucw.org.

Peter Mayer writes songs for a small planet - about interconnectedness and the human journey. He especially loves performing this whimsical, humorous, and profound folk music for "his people," UUs.

CUUF and local community Calendar

Sept 4	Transforming Belief into Practice webinar 6-7:30 pm EDT (one session)
Sept 8	Transforming Belief into Practice webinar 12-1:30 pm EDT (one session)
Sept 9	Sunday, Fellowship Service David Saetre – Welcoming in a New Year of Worship Religious Education for children and youth begins
Sept 11	Connecting our Hearts to All Life – 8 wks online course – Tuesdays, 6-7:30pm EDT
Sept 16	Sunday, Group Worship – Ponzio Center – 2 nd floor commons – 10am – AJ Galazen
Sept 16	Johhn Doane and Jim Pekol Bands – Northern Great Lakes Visitor’s Center 12:30 – 4pm. Music and food. Benefit for Faith in Action
Sept 17	QPR suicide prevention training sponsored by Faith in Action and CORE 6pm – Ashland Senior Center – 715-682-4414x3 for more info
Sept 23	Sunday, Fellowship Service Everyone – Water Service
Oct 7	Sunday, Group Worship – Ponzio Center – 2 nd floor commons – 10am – AJ Galazen
Oct 14	Sunday, Fellowship Service
Oct 21	Sunday, Group Worship – Ponzio Center – 2 nd floor commons – 10am – AJ Galazen
Oct 20	Brookfield, WI – Peter Mayer – songwriting workshop (2-4pm), concert (7pm) www.uucw.org
Oct 28	Sunday, Fellowship Service
Nov 1	Contact June Bavlnka before Nov 1 st regarding Circle Suppers

UU Fellowship service dates and descriptions are in bold.

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Chequamegon Unitarian Universalist

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2012 – 2013 CUUF Budget

At the July 19 board meeting, an annual budget of \$18,019 was approved for the 2012 – 2013 service year. This year's total is slightly less than the \$18,046 budgeted last year, mainly due to a change in the way that our UUA and Prairie Star district dues are calculated. Significant changes from the 2011 – 2012 budget are as follows:

Software costs were increased from \$350 to \$405 for anticipated upgrades to the CUUF computer.

Internet costs for the CUUF website are expected to decrease from \$156 to \$50
Unitarian Universalist Association dues decreased from \$2120 to \$1392 in accordance with the new CUUF Membership Certification policy.

Prairie Star District dues decreased from \$800 to \$552 in accordance with the new CUUF Membership Certification policy.

The speaker honorarium for David Saetre was increased from \$225 per service, to \$250 per service for a new total of \$2250

The membership committee budget was increased from \$495 to \$550 for welcome packets, bulletin cover artwork and a possible photo directory.

Equipment/Furniture increased from \$150 to \$350 for a new CUUF printer.

The worship committee budget was increased by \$500 to provide functional and aesthetic improvements to our worship space in the Ponzio student center.

In addition, the RE budget was separated into two categories, one for Sunday class expenses and the second for project, travel or conference expenses. It is anticipated that money earned by RE fundraisers or budgeted but unspent in a service year would accumulate in the RE project category and be available for major service projects as chosen by the RE committee.

Many thanks to all of the committee chairs that provided the budget inputs for this process, and to Fellowship members and friends whose annual pledges make our community possible.