

The Open Door Newsletter

March 2014

Fellowship Services are held at 10am on the Northland College Campus, 2nd Floor Commons of the Ponzio Center



This Month's Fellowship Services

March 9 — Speaker: Kent Shifferd — “*Creating A World Beyond War: The Time is Now*”

For two hundred years citizen peace groups have worked faithfully to blunt the war system, to prevent or end particular wars, to stop or eliminate various weapons systems, to support arms control, to prevent the sale of small arms, to promote nuclear disarmament and control proliferation. Now a new organization, World Beyond War, is launching a world-wide, comprehensive campaign to deal with all of these particulars by abolishing war itself and replacing it with a lasting peace, a world beyond war.

Kent Shifferd taught environmental history and environmental ethics and was Director of Peace Studies at Northland College for many years. He wrote *From War To Peace: A Guide To The Next Hundred Years*, and is currently working on a new book about the global environmental crisis, *Breakdown or Breakthrough: The Planetary Emergency and the End of Hypercivilization*. He is on the Advisory Board for the War Prevention Initiative of the Jubitz Foundation and is working with many other peace activists to create the new international movement, World Beyond War. Kent lives with his wife, Dr. Patricia Shifferd, and their Sheltie, “Sweetheart,” on Middle Twin Lake in rural Washburn County, Wisconsin.



Providing music for this service will be Northland College sophomore Parker Matzinger. A talented young man with an eclectic taste in music, Parker is a percussionist by trade while expanding his interests to banjo, ukulele and guitar. He is active on campus in student government, the environmental council, symphonic band, and the percussion ensemble that he started.

March 23 — Speaker: Michael A. Miller, Northland College President — “*An Emerging Vision: Community, Sustainability and Faith Connections*”



Northland College President Michael A. Miller will discuss perspectives about building healthy communities and the ways faith communities and colleges can play evolving and important roles. He will share emerging notions about how Northland can support the development of faith and spirituality in its students while also playing a role in thoughtful ethical considerations in the region.

Dr. Michael A. Miller joined the Northland College community in July 2010 as the College's 13th president. Over the past four years, Dr. Miller has supported and strengthened Northland's traditions of strong community, accessible higher education for all, and relevant experiential learning. Emphasizing open communication and concern for others, he has brought together individuals from all campus constituencies for discussion and planning that has led to bold new approaches to growing enrollment, a broadened and revitalized outreach mission of the college and expanded educational and research opportunities for Northland's faculty and students.

The Chequamegon Unitarian Universalist Fellowship welcomes people of any age, race, gender identity, sexual orientation, language, ability, religion or cultural background.

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FELLOWSHIP EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



We Welcome New Members!

Attention all of you who value the wisdom in Dr. Saetre’s talks, who enjoy the sense of unity and caring which characterize our meetings and who like the camaraderie of being among people who care about our planet and the creatures which inhabit it. If you have not yet joined the Chequamegon Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, think about becoming a member. To keep our fellowship vibrant, we need your support.

We will be welcoming new members into our congregation on Sunday, March 23. If you’re interested let Diana Granger know, and she will give you more information. You can reach her at dianagranger@centurytel.net

Mark Your Calendars For the All Music Service on May 11

This year’s All Music Service will honor the life and legacy of Pete Seeger, considered by many to be the most influential humanitarian/songwriter of our time. Pete died on January 27, 2014 at the age of 94.



For our service, guest musician Rachael Kilgour will lead us in a participatory tribute to his life. Rachael lives in Duluth where her performances often feature Pete’s music. Her presentation will certainly include Pete’s most famous songs “If I Had a Hammer”, “Turn, Turn, Turn”, and “Where Have All the Flowers Gone.”

The annual All Music Service is planned and organized by the CUUF Music Committee, which includes Music Coordinator Hans Veenendaal, Linda Calhan, Megan Perrine and Kristin Quinlan. Now we’d like to hear from musicians and storytellers in our fellowship who are inspired to share their talent at the Music Service – especially if it fits our Pete Seeger theme. Hey, Pete would be pleased with variety! If you are interested in participating, please contact Hans Veenendaal or Linda Calhan (e-mails below).

Pete inspired generations of people to become activists and to rise up to do what needs to be done for the common good. Please consider adding your voice (or instrument) to the All Music Service on May 11.

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Child Dedication Ceremony

A Unitarian Universalist Child Dedication ceremony welcomes a child into the fellowship. It is an opportunity for the fellowship to recognize each child and to offer support to the child as s/he grows.

This year's Child Dedication will be on Sunday, March 23. The ceremony is brief but meaningful; children (infant to twelve years) who participate will come forward with parent(s) or guardians during this part of the service. There are no special requirements of the children or their parents.



If you are interested in participating, please contact Irene Blakely at [Irene Blakely at \[adahsdottir@gmail.com\]\(mailto:Irene.Blakely@adahsdottir@gmail.com\)](mailto:Irene.Blakely@adahsdottir@gmail.com)

Goodie Guide Announcement!

There will be some changes in the snack schedule for the upcoming months. Jan Perkins will be the contact person for snacks in March. If you have any questions, please contact Patty Dufek – pport57@charter.net – or Jan Perkins – perkworks9@yahoo.com
Stay tuned!

UU Women continue to enjoy our monthly brunches. Join us on Sunday, March 16 at 10 am at Coco's in Washburn. Feel free to bring a friend. Call Jill Lorenz for more information, 715- 373-5908.

CUUF member Devon Brock-Montgomery, along with two other Northland College students, will be sailing on Lake Superior for the month of May under the guidance of Mark and Katya Gordon. The purpose of the trip is to enhance climate change awareness and education and to build alliances in communities along the shores of Lake Superior. They will be stopping in Houghton, Marquette, Grand Marais, and Bayfield and will be presenting to communities on climate change. If you are interested in getting involved or in supporting the Sea Change program, please speak with Devon at our regular fellowship services or email her at brockd708@myemail.northland.edu

Mary Rehwald will be hosting sketching classes for artists on April 8, 15 and 22. We may even send some sketches in to *The New Yorker*. Interested? Contact Mary at 682-4662 for more information.



IN OUR COMMUNITY

A Concert for Peace – An Opportunity to Raise Your Voice For Peace

— submitted by Linda Calhan

The Chequamegon Symphony Orchestra and the Northland Festival Choir will perform *The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace* on Saturday, April 12, 8 p.m. at Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church. Dr. Russell Thorngate, Northland College Choir Director will conduct.

English composer Karl Jenkins wrote *The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace* as both a tribute to soldiers and as a plea for peace. In it are traditional Latin Mass texts, an old French battle song, Muslim, Hindu, and English texts, variously depicting the glories and the horrors of war. It is dedicated to the victims of Kosovo.

The Northland Festival Choir is comprised of singers from Northland College ensembles, the Lumberjacks, the Accidentals and individuals from the community. You are invited to add your voice to this stirring and powerful work.

A commitment of attending two rehearsals a week is suggested. Rehearsal times may be chosen from the options below:

- **Tuesday and Thursdays with the Northland Singers:** 4 – 5:50 p.m. – NC Music Wing, lower level of the Larson-Juhl Science Center
- **Wednesdays with the Lumberjacks (men only):** 7 – 8 a.m. – Alvord, NC campus
- **Thursdays with the Accidentals (women only):** 5:30- 7:00 p.m. – Wheeler Hall, NC campus

For more information or encouragement to participate, contact Linda Calhan: elcalhans@centurytel.net or 715-682-0446.



Are the Kids Alright? A Look at the Research on Queer Parenting and Child Outcomes

On March 25 Northland College and PFLAG Washburn will host Northland College Professor Angela Stroud in a talk and discussion titled “Are the Kids Alright? A Look at the Research on Queer Parenting and Child Outcomes.”

Until the summer of 2012, the social science research on the effects of gay and lesbian parenting was consistent: children of gay and lesbian parents do as well, and in some cases better than, children from heterosexual families. These findings were considered well-established in the sociological and psychological literature. Then, last summer, the journal *Social Science Research* published an article by Mark Regnerus that claimed to be the first nationally representative study to ask whether this could actually be true. What explains this dramatic difference? Is it better research methods? Or is there something else at work? This talk will present an overview of social science research on the effects of gay and lesbian parenting, including an in-depth explanation of the Regnerus study, and a description of what happened after its publication.

This event will be held at Northland College, 2nd floor commons of the Ponzio Center at 7:00p.m. Angela is a campus favorite, so don't miss this presentation!

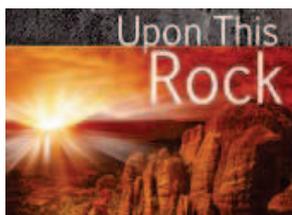


PFLAG (Parents, Family and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) — Washburn reaches out to youth and adults throughout the Chequamegon Bay area. We are a local chapter of a national support, education and advocacy organization for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered (GLBT) people, their families, friends and allies. PFLAG is a non-profit organization and is not affiliated with any religious or political institutions. We meet at 7 pm, on the 4th Tuesday (usually) of each month on the 3rd floor of the [Washburn Cultural Center/Museum](#) located at [1 E Bayfield Street](#) in downtown Washburn. Check monthly announcements to reconfirm times and location. For more information contact Mary Wichita, mary.wichita71@gmail.com or 715-765-4132, or visit our website <http://pflagwashburn.org>.

Northwoods Cantata Chorale Presents *Upon This Rock*

— submitted by Hans Veenendaal

The Northwoods Cantata Chorale—a small group of musicians gathering in Cornucopia—will perform *Upon This Rock*, a unique and modern cantata. *Upon This Rock*, composed by Pepper Choplin, weaves together narratives, solos and spirituals telling the passion story from the perspective of the apostle Peter.



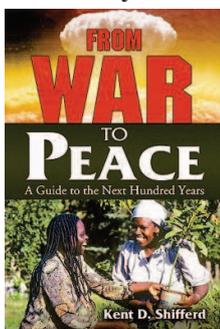
Under the direction of Beverly Steele and accompanied by Michael O'Bryon, the concert will be presented at two times: April 5 at 7 p.m. at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Cornucopia and April 18 at noon at the First Presbyterian Church in Bayfield. Both concerts are free; donations will be accepted in Cornucopia with the proceeds going to the South Shore Brick Food Shelf. There will also be post-concert treats after the Cornucopia performance in the fellowship hall, catered by the O'Bryons of the Village Inn.

First Friday Dance

March's First Friday Dance will actually be held on the second Friday, March 14th, as Northland College students will be on Spring Break during the first week of the month. March's dance will feature the **Red Pine Resonators**. This dance will be at the Sigurd Olson Environmental Institute on the Northland College campus and is free and open to everyone. No experience or partner is necessary. Dances will include circle mixers, square dances, reels, contras, and waltzes. Caller Donn Christensen teaches all dances before the music starts. Dances for families and children start at 7pm and adult dances follow at 8pm. First Friday Dances are sponsored by the Northland College Student Association and the Chequamegon Folk Collective. For more information call (715) 373-5013 or (715) 682- 8018.



From War to Peace: A Guide to the Next Hundred Years
by Kent D. Shifferd



The world's first peace organizations emerged in the 19th century and since that time, anti-war activism has progressed rapidly. This illuminating book presents a realistic analysis of the extent to which the war system has infiltrated all aspects of Western culture and how it works to perpetuate war rather than promote peace. Additionally, the text describes the historically recent and still evolving parallel system of peace institutions. The values and ideas that have grown out of peace activism offer a very real opportunity to outlaw war in the coming century just as slavery was abolished in the 19th century.



2014 MidAmerica Regional Assembly

The MidAmerica Regional Assembly, April 11th & 12th, will be a weekend of coming together for enriching fellowship, inspiring lectures and workshops, and deepening worship. You can explore this year's theme "Hunger for Justice" at four different locations throughout the MidAmerica Region. One of these sites is not that far from us: Wausau, Wisconsin.

There will be live workshops, worship, and entertainment at each location. The Assembly will open on Saturday with the traditional banner parade and welcome. In some locations there are pre-conference activities on Friday. Using live streaming over the internet, two of the events will bring together people on Saturday, April 12th. Rev. Dr. Paul Rasor, Director of the Center for the Study of Religious Freedom and Professor of Interdisciplinary Studies at Virginia Wesleyan College, will give a keynote address in Topeka, Kansas, which will be broadcast live on the internet so that participants in the other three locations can view the talk. The first ever MidAmerica Business Meeting will be held later that morning and broadcast live from Bloomington, Indiana. Congregational delegates sitting in all four locations will be able to see the meeting and participate in discussing, asking questions, and voting.

In addition to the two events being streamed live, there will be worship, workshops, social justice activities, and opportunities for getting to know other UUs in each location. For specifics on the Wausau Assembly location—including workshops, schedules, lodging, fees, etc.—visit www.midamericauua.org/events/regional-assembly/wausau



Bayside Unitarian Universalist Summer Camp: July 13-19, 2014

*Wesley Woods Conference Center
Williams Bay, WI*

Registration is open for Bayside Unitarian Universalist Summer Camp! Founded in 1988, Bayside is a small (50-70 person) family summer camp held at the Wesley Woods Conference Center each year.

Bayside offers adult workshops and worship services, along with quality child care and day camp experiences. Singles and families of all configurations and traditions enjoy both quality programming throughout the morning and free time with the option of water activities on beautiful Lake Geneva.

Summer will be here before you know it. Start making plans for summer time family fun! For more information e-mail Carol Roan (roanschewe@gmail.com) or check out their web page <http://www.yahoodrummers.com/bayside>

CHEQUAMEGON UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST COMMUNITY CALENDAR
MARCH 2014

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March 23 **Speaker: Michael A. Miller, Northland College President** — *“An Emerging Vision: Community, Sustainability and Faith Connections”*

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New Member and Child Dedication Sunday

CUUF & COMMUNITY EVENTS:

March 14 First Friday Dance — 7 p.m., Sigurd Olson Environmental Institute at Northland College

March 25 “Are the Kid’s Alright: A Look at the Research on Queer Parenting and Child Outcomes” —
7 p.m., 2nd floor commons of the Ponzio Center at Northland College

April 5 & 18 “Upon This Rock,” presented by the Northwoods Cantata Chorale
April 5 — 7pm, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Cornucopia
April 18 — noon. First Presbyterian Church, Bayfield

April 12 “The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace,” presented by the Chequamegon Symphony Orchestra and
the Northland Festival Choir — 8 p.m. at Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church, Ashland
Rehearsals are starting—contact Linda Calhan for information (see p. 4)

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE WIDER UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST COMMUNITY

April 11 & 12 2014 MidAmerica Regional Assembly; Wausau, WI and other locations — **Registration is Now Open**

July 13—19 Bayside Unitarian Universalist Summer Camp; Williams Bay, WI — **Registration is Now Open**

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MISSION STATEMENT

We are a welcoming spiritual community that nurtures lifelong journeys of mind and spirit
in the liberal tradition.

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