

# *The Open Door Newsletter*

*April 2017*



## **This Month's Fellowship Services**

*Fellowship Services are held at 10 a.m. on the Northland College Campus, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Commons of the Ponzio Center. Find us on the web at [www.chequamegonuuf.org](http://www.chequamegonuuf.org)*

**April 16, 2016 — Speaker: David Saetre —**

**“New Perspectives on Easter: Life, Death and the Search for Meaning”**

David's talk centers on the universal yet deeply personal reality of death, grief and hope. We know the truth – all of us and those we love are mortal. Yet when death comes to those we love, we grieve deeply. And when we ourselves approach our dying we confront the great, fearful mystery of mortality and what comes next. Those themes appear at the very heart of the Easter story. Does death have the last word? Is life “full of sound and fury signifying nothing”?

The Christian story of Easter traditionally focuses on a miraculous account of Jesus coming alive after three days of burial. That narrative gets woven into a parallel salvation story related to sin with death as punishment for sin, and hope centered in belief in Jesus's miraculous resurrection. But there is another way of hearing that ancient story. Life overcoming death frequently appears in ancient myths, and the Jesus story participates in the ancient longing to make sense of mortality along with some kind of hope. The Easter message does not require magical thinking or belief in miracles to find real meaning and courage in that ancient tale of triumph over death. So, come celebrate a “UU Easter”.



**April 30 — Speaker: Aiden Terry —**

**“Trans-forming Our Perspectives: Transgender Personhood”**

Join Ashland native Aiden Terry for this important and frank talk on transgender personhood as we celebrate the beautiful diversity of people in our communities. Transgender issues have become central to human rights and social justice controversies in our society. Unitarians have been at the forefront advocating for respect, full inclusion and public justice for transgendered persons. While religious organizations have often advocated shame and discrimination toward members of the LGBT community, transgender persons have been particularly singled out in proposed laws supported by conservative churches. Aiden's talk challenges discriminatory practices and opens the conversation toward understanding and support.

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

## From David's Desk

Dear UU Friends,

Our March 12 speaker, Michaela Fischer, reminded us of our commitment to the environment, "to care for our planet earth". Part of our "respect for the interdependent web of all existence" is reflected in the way we use energy. Michaela gave us a compelling motivation to examine our own use of fossil fuels. One of our members asked, "How can I know my carbon footprint, in order to make changes in how I use fossil fuels?" There is a web site for that (there's a web site for everything), and this one is easy to use. It's published by the Environmental Protection Agency. Go to the following web site and follow the instructions. Voilà! You have your household carbon footprint as well as adjustments you can make to reduce your use of fossil fuels. The website: <https://www3.epa.gov/carbon-footprint-calculator/>.

I just completed my own survey and, between my driving and Janet's travels around the state, we have some work to do and some trees to plant to offset our footprint. One thing we did last year was to invest in Bayfield Electric's installation of solar panels. This ambitious plan will result in significantly reduced fossil-fuel electricity generation in our area. If you are a customer of Bayfield Electric you may still participate in this effort. There are other ways to promote solar energy as well, including personal solar panels (expensive) or investments promoting solar generation (affordable for anyone). The important thing to do is to just get started. It's not only about respecting the earth, it's about social justice for all others who share this planet as home. It's a UU thing to do.

(By the way, this is another reason to write your congressman and Senators to reject the deep and dangerous cuts to the EPA.)

Sincerely,

David

Our fellowship made a donation to Parker Matzinger's memorial fund and received the following letter:

Thank you so much for the generous donation to Parker's memorial fund. He was passionate about his research and this will help other students have the opportunities he enjoyed during his years at Northland College. Thank you also for the food gifts we shared with our family.

Love,

Betsy, Jim and Family

## New Member Welcome!!

During our March 26th service we welcomed ten new members into our Fellowship. Some are new faces, some not so new, but all are now official! Congratulations to:

David Saetre

Patra Holter

Kristen Ann Christensen

Julie Sorensen

Cecilia Niemann

Steve Lewis

Elisa Voss

Courtney Remacle

Aistis Tumas

Meghan Salmon Tumas

Please note—it is possible to become a member of our Fellowship at any time by contacting one of our board members and signing the membership book at any Sunday service.

**Official Notice: Chequamegon Unitarian Universalist Fellowship's 2017 Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 19 at 6:30 p.m. — Ponzio Student Center, 2nd floor commons**

*We affirm and promote the right of conscience and the use of the democratic process.*

Join us at the 2016 – 2017 Annual Business Meeting and be a part of realizing our fifth principle of Unitarian Universalism. What goes on at our annual meeting? Some of the main activities include;



- hearing from each of our committees about this year's activities;
- getting a detailed look at our budget and finances;
- recognizing the multitude of volunteers that make our Fellowship flourish;
- hearing updates from the CUUF Board, including an update on our Chalice Lighter Grant application, and
- electing new board members.

There are two special items of notice that will come up for a vote at this year's meeting. We have heard through our Community Action Committee, David Saetre, the newsletter, and other sources about the Unitarian Universalist Association's Declaration of Conscience (see page 7 of this newsletter). The CUUF Board fully endorses the Declaration and asks for a congregational vote that we officially support the Declaration of Conscience.

Northland College has recently decided to be a Sanctuary School. (You can read the article on page 6 of this newsletter to find out more about Northland's decision and what the implications are of becoming a Sanctuary School.) Because of our longstanding relationship with Northland College and because this decision wholly reflects the founding principles of Unitarian Universalism, the CUUF board fully endorses this action and asks for a congregational vote that we officially support Northland College's decision to be a Sanctuary School.

You are essential in making our Fellowship an active and vibrant lay-led congregation. Everyone, members and friends, is invited to attend on Wednesday, April 19, at 6:30 p.m. in the 2nd floor commons of the Ponzio Student Center. If you have any questions or items for the agenda please send them to Mark Perrine, [president1@chequamegonuuf.org](mailto:president1@chequamegonuuf.org), or Henry Quinlan, [president2@chequamegonuuf.org](mailto:president2@chequamegonuuf.org). You will receive a copy of the meeting agenda and minutes of last year's minutes via e-mail or regular post before the meeting. Some copies of these items, along with the treasurer's report, will be available at the meeting as well.

Light refreshments will be served. Thank you for your participation in the communal governance of our Fellowship. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Hospitality Hosts for Upcoming Services**

	<u>Contact Person and Set Up</u>	<u>Snacks and Clean Up</u>	<u>Snacks and Clean Up</u>
April 16	George & Dorota Bussey 715-682-7943	Deb & Jeff Lewis 715-682-5686	Steve Kassof /Kevin Stranberg 715-292-3082
April 30	Sue & Roger Aiken 715-779-3579	Beth Reed & Doug Liphart 715-682-8385	Carol Kjellander 715-292-6399
May 14	Nicole & Alan Brew 715-746-2224	Heidi & Jeff Ungrodt 715-682-0103	Karyn Watters & Lee Stadnyk 715-682-6589
May 21	Birgit & Roland Wolff 715-765-4888	Jill Lorenz 715-373-5908	Deb & Bob Aaron 715-373-0201

If you are unsure of what to do, please refer to the CUUF Hospitality Host Information Sheet on our website, [www.chequamegonuuf.org](http://www.chequamegonuuf.org). If you have a conflict with your scheduled service date, please call another member to facilitate a swap or fill-in. You can also contact Betsy and Jim Matzinger at (847) 651-6738 or [hospitality@chequamegonuuf.org](mailto:hospitality@chequamegonuuf.org).

## FELLOWSHIP EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Garage Sale

The Great CUUF Garage Sale will be on Saturday, May 20th, at Karyn and Lee's splendid garage, 901 9th Avenue West, Ashland. Please save items to donate. If you can help, even for a few hours that day, please contact Birgit Wolff at [birgithwolff@gmail.com](mailto:birgithwolff@gmail.com).

### Attention UU Women!!

UU Women will meet on Sunday, April 23rd, at 10:00 a.m. at Café Coco in Washburn. It's an opportunity to get to know each other better and have some fun. We welcome you to join us! If you have questions, call Jill at 715-373-5908.

### Please Note Upcoming Service Dates for 2017

April 16 - David Saetre – Easter Service  
April 30 - Aiden Terry – Transgender Issues  
May 14 - All Music Service  
May 21 - David Saetre – Flower Service and Child Dedication

### Call For Musicians, Story Tellers, Dancers and Other Talented Folks!!

Mark your calendars now - the CUUF All-Music Service will be on Sunday, May 14, at 10:00 a.m. in the Alvord Theatre.

We're pleased to announce that Chance – vocalist Cheryl Leah and cellist Ed Willet – will be our headliner group. Don Christensen will lead rounds, Scott Burchill will emcee and read poetry, and Joni Chapman will add classical piano music to the mix. Singers will include Sweetgrass Duo and the CUUF Children's/Youth Choir. There will be lots of congregational singing as well.

We'd love to include more CUUF members in this service. If you're interested (and we hope you are), please contact any of us on the Music Committee.

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### Religious Education April News

As we welcome spring, we are so grateful to all of our volunteer teachers and helpful parents who enable us to provide activities in the RE program. As our year comes to a close, we have a number of special activities.

Our students and preschoolers will continue to practice for the All-Music Service coming in May.

On April 16, during regular RE time, we plan to practice without the preschoolers for a short time. We will also be holding our annual egg hunt outside, weather permitting. This year we will again be supporting the Chequamegon Humane Association through our egg hunt. Some eggs will have treats while others will have cash in them. The money "gathered" will then be donated to the CHA. If anyone would like make a small donation to the cause, please see Stacy Craig or Deb Aaron before or after the Easter service so that we can include any additional donations.

On April 30, all of the RE children will meet at the beginning of the service in the Alvord Theater to practice for the music service. After practice there will be a special craft activity for all but the youngest pre-K children.



## MidAmerica 2017 Regional Assembly — “Finding Our Partners: Faith in Action”

April 28-30 in Oak Brook, Illinois

Why you should plan to come to Regional Assembly... Besides the excellent array of workshops and the moving worship services being planned, you will want to hear the UUA Presidential Candidate Forum and also our keynote presenter, Rev. Dr. Lee Barker, on the subject of “Finding Our Partners: Faith In Action.”

Join us for an exciting weekend celebrating Unitarian Universalism in the MidAmerica Region. You can find out more at [www.midamericauua.org/ra](http://www.midamericauua.org/ra)

## UUA General Assembly — “Resist and Rejoice!”

June 21-25 in New Orleans

We will gather in New Orleans, Louisiana, for a General Assembly experience focused on solidarity with the movements for racial, economic and climate justice. We will invite the culture, history, geography, and people of New Orleans to be our teachers.

General Assembly is more than the annual business meeting of the Association. The myriad of programs, worship events, witness and service opportunities, and exhibits not only provide a rich experience to the thousands of UUs who attend each year, they also give participants a renewed sense of energy, up-to-date information, inspiration, and innovative ideas to take back to their congregations and communities.

“It felt like we were part of a living faith - it gave me energy to keep going in my own community.”

The votes that GA delegates cast have a significant impact on Unitarian Universalism. They determine our elected leaders, amend the bylaws and rules that govern our Association, and shape the justice work that we do as a movement.

“I was able to grasp the scope of the UUA - there is so much possibility when we are part of the whole!”

More information at [uua.org/ga](http://uua.org/ga)



## Important Information: Registration is Now Open for Both Assemblies!

The CUUF is allotted two general delegates and one RE delegate to represent our Fellowship at the Regional Assembly business meeting. Delegates must be fellowship members; the RE delegate need not be credentialed. You do not need to be a delegate to attend the assembly or to attend the meeting, but only delegates can vote.

The CUUF is allotted two delegates plus a ministerial delegate to represent our Fellowship at the General Assembly. Among the multitude of workshops, presentations, services, and activities, UUA business is conducted at five general sessions taking place throughout the Assembly. Delegates who are not able to attend the actual event can still vote through live-streaming sessions. You do not need to be a delegate to attend the assembly or to attend the meeting, but only delegates can vote.

Both the MidAmerica Region and the UUA offer financial aid opportunities. Moreover, our Fellowship has the resources to help support those interested in attending either Assembly. **The financial aid deadline for the General Assembly is March 31. For the Regional Assembly, scholarship requests need to be in by April 5** and final registration is due by April 21. Also, the discounted room rate is only available until April 12.

**Anyone interested in attending and/or serving as a delegate should contact Hans Veenendaal as soon as possible at [cuufad@gmail.com](mailto:cuufad@gmail.com) or (715) 373-0361.**

## Northland College Sanctuary School- Statement of Support

During the March 16th meeting, the CUUF board unanimously voted to applaud and encourage Northland College's Statement of Support for undocumented students and encouraged CUUF members to do the same. The membership will have the opportunity to formally support it as a congregation in a vote during the annual membership meeting in April. The statement reads:

Northland College stands firm in its commitment to protect and provide sanctuary for all members of our community who may need such protection in the coming months and years, including our undocumented students.

Northland College has a proud history of commitment to social justice, civil liberties, diversity, and the protection and inclusion of groups subjected to acts that threaten their freedom and safety. The North Wisconsin Academy was founded in 1892 with a declaration to provide educational opportunities to people of the north woods—including immigrants, women, and Native Americans. The Academy later became Northland College, “named not for a denomination or a man but for a region it was destined to serve,”—and our commitment to that original ideal has never wavered.

At this moment, when there is a rising national rhetoric of intolerance and acts of hate that threaten people of color, Muslims, LGBTQ+ individuals, Jews, women, and immigrants, among others, we affirm our protection of these groups, and we affirm our intention to support all students in their quest to pursue their education without government interference.

We wholeheartedly pledge to become a sanctuary school. This means that unless we are legally required to do so:

- The College will not voluntarily share student information with immigration enforcement officials;
- The College will not voluntarily grant access to College property to immigration enforcement officials;
- The College will not voluntarily participate in the enforcement actions of immigration officials on campus. College offices will continue to refrain from inquiring about or recording the immigration status of community members; and
- The College does not make housing decisions based on immigration status and will not do so.

The College will do everything within its power to promote the safety of any member of our community who may face heightened threat.

Furthermore, the Diversity Work Group has formed a subcommittee which will both respond to the evolving needs of undocumented members of our community and others and address, in greater detail, the additional recommendations that students and faculty have already presented.

Northland College supports the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program and urges its continuation in future administrations. Accordingly, we reaffirm our commitment to ensure that undocumented and DACA students continue to be admitted without regard to their financial status and continue to have full access to educational opportunities.

We are proud to add our voice to those rising around the country to protect social justice, mutual respect and tolerance, and the basic principles upon which this country was founded.

Sincerely,  
Michael A. Miller  
President

The Unitarian Universalist Association (our national body) has recommended the following social justice statement for our consideration.

#### Declaration of Conscience

At this extraordinary time in our nation's history, we are called to affirm our profound commitment to the fundamental principles of justice, equity and compassion, to truth and core values of American society.

In the face of looming threats to immigrants, Muslims, people of color, and the LGBTQ community and the rise of hate speech, harassment and hate crimes, we affirm our belief in the inherent worth and dignity of every person.

In opposition to any steps to undermine the right of every citizen to vote or to turn back advances in access to health care and reproductive rights, we affirm our commitment to justice and compassion in human relations.

And against actions to weaken or eliminate initiatives to address the threat of climate change – actions that would threaten not only our country but the entire planet – we affirm our unyielding commitment to protect the interdependent web of all existence.

We will oppose any and all unjust government actions to deport, register, discriminate, or despoil.

As people of conscience, we declare our commitment to translate our values into action as we stand on the side of love with the most vulnerable among us.

We welcome and invite all to join in this commitment for justice.

The time is now.

### Don't forget Earth Day is April 22

The idea for a national day to focus on the environment came to Earth Day founder Gaylord Nelson, then a U.S. Senator from Wisconsin, after witnessing the ravages of the 1969 massive oil spill in Santa Barbara, California. Inspired by the student anti-war movement, he realized that if he could infuse that energy with an emerging public consciousness about air and water pollution, it would force environmental protection onto the national political agenda. On April 22, 1970, 20 million Americans demonstrated for a healthy, sustainable environment in massive coast-to-coast rallies. By the end of that year, the first Earth Day had led to the creation of the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the passage of the Clean Air, Clean Water, and Endangered Species Acts.

My kids and I usually take time on Earth Day to clean up garbage along our road. What are you doing for Earth Day 2017?

— Submitted by Kim



## Mary's Page - Community Outreach Update

### Community Dinners—Next dinner is Friday, June 2

We had a really enjoyable community dinner that CUUF co-sponsored on March 25 at St. Andrew's Church in Ashland. Our UU volunteer group contributed great lasagnas, salads and desserts to the festivities, along with general camaraderie. This time our volunteer group included Lee S., Karyn W., Ed C., Kristen Q., Henry Q., Monica L., Madelaine L., David S., Denise B., Jackie R., Tim L., Deb L., Jeff L., Warren K., Brad L., and Kristen C. (Wow - that's 16 people I can remember - who did I leave out?) Because the volunteers also sit down to enjoy the meal and meet with new people from around town, this is a warm and fun way to spend a Friday evening. Despite the fact that Father Mark has moved to Colorado, the dinners will continue. Jane Kittata from Northland College coordinates them.

I told Ron Davis, a representative from St. Andrew's, that I thought our Fellowship would be willing to co-sponsor these dinners about once every two months. I always put out a sign-up sheet at our services for people to sign up. Next time, we are going to ask for meatloafs and other hot dishes along with side dishes such as potatoes, vegetables and salads. We thought this would be a good variation from the usual lasagnas plus salads. Call me at [715-682-4662](tel:715-682-4662) if you want to volunteer. Our next community dinner will be Friday, June 2.

### Community Outreach Social Justice Group—Next meeting is Sunday, April 2, 10:00 a.m., Ponzio Center

Six people came to our first Community Outreach group. It was a small group, but we knew there were many competing events. We are using the book *The Prophetic Imperative* by Rick Gilbert as a study guide. We meet once a month on Sundays; our next two gatherings take place the first Sunday of each month (April 2 and May 7) at 10 a.m. You need not have the book to attend.

The discussion for April 2 will begin with people reporting in more depth on backgrounds of influential Unitarians and Universalists in history (chapter 3, pp. 31-67). If you have the book and want to come, pick a name and give us a little more background on the person you pick. At the May gathering we will talk about how we want to proceed and whether we want to sponsor a CUUF Social Justice Empowerment Workshop in the fall.

### Other Social Justice Happenings in the Chequamegon Bay Area

“How Big Money Rules”, NGLVC, Thursday, March 30, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Matt Rothschild will be speaking on “How Big Money Rules” at the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center this Thursday, March 29. Matt is the executive director of the Wisconsin Democracy Campaign. He worked at Progressive magazine for 32 years and has appeared on Nightline, NPR, C-SPAN, the O'Reilly Factor, the Joy Cardin Show on WPR, and Eric Schubring's show on WOJB. This presentation is sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Ashland/Bayfield Counties and is free. This is a follow-up presentation to a good discussion that took place this past Thursday at the Washburn Public Library – “Dark Money” by Jane Mayer. Jane's book has just come out in paperback.

Indivisible Ashland Group has formed in Ashland. It has met at Tap Roots several times, and its first action was to deliver 30 letters to Sean Duffy's office this past Wednesday. A drop box was set up for people to drop letters into. To learn more, contact [IndivisibleAshland@gmail.com](mailto:IndivisibleAshland@gmail.com)

Carry on, everybody. What a great community to live in. —Mary Rehwald

## Courtney's Page

### Letters to Prisoners

It's hard to articulate to folks why this work is so meaningful until you've done it. Almost every person who has participated in writing letters to prisoners has a moment of surprise and humility and compassion when they receive a letter back from someone who is behind prison walls expressing gratitude for the warm thoughts and feelings letters bring. As we work to build a different world together, reaching out to the people who have been left behind grows increasingly important. We come together in community to write letters to folks behind prison walls in the hopes that one day there will be no more walls.

We're always looking for new people to come join us in writing letters, and we will provide you with all the materials you need and guide you through the process of writing your first letters. We hold space together for letter writing the second Thursday and fourth Sunday of each month. Upcoming dates are:

Thursday, April 13th, 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 23rd, 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 11th from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

At this time, all gatherings are scheduled to take place in the Community Room of the Chequamegon Food Co-op in Ashland. If you are unable to attend but would like resources or more information, please feel free to contact me at [courtneyremacle@gmail.com](mailto:courtneyremacle@gmail.com) or 920-860-6234.

### Resist! Community Potluck Against CAFOs

In an effort to ramp up community efforts to protect our landbase and our water from the invasion of a 26,000 hog confinement operation, a group of Ashland county residents have begun hosting monthly potlucks. These gatherings are for anyone and everyone who is interested to come and discuss ways to educate ourselves and engage our local elected officials and each other in standing up for our water and our community and saying "no" to CAFOs. The first potluck was held in March, and a group of 40+ people discussed ideas for educational outreach, youth-oriented events, increasing political engagement, and non-violent direct action training.

Protecting our water is a prevailing narrative because that's where so much common ground is found for South Shore communities, but there are also spirited discussions about economic viability, tourism, animal rights/humane treatment of animals, supporting small farmers, the desire for local control of our politics/communities, etc. Any and all motivations and narratives of resistance are welcome!

We're very excited to continue these conversations during our April potluck, which will be held on Wednesday, April 12th from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at the Northern Great Lakes Visitors' Center. Bring a dish to pass, a plate/bowl/eating utensil, and your creative energy and spirit and help us build a network of resistance against large-scale industrial agriculture. All are welcome! For more information, please feel free to contact me at [courtneyremacle@gmail.com](mailto:courtneyremacle@gmail.com) or 920-860-6234.

Some feedback on writing letters to prisoners....

Courtney Remacle sponsors regular times to get together to write to prisoners. Getting together makes this a rewarding way to spend an hour. Mary Wichita was one of the recent letter writers, and she was very excited to get a long letter back from the person she wrote to in Taycheeda Prison. I also got a reply which I am looking forward to picking up from Courtney. It is strange to write a few letters to people you don't know, and then it is a thrill to hear back.

—Submitted by Mary Rehwald

## IN OUR COMMUNITY



### Spring for Pizza for Faith In Action

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Faith In Action is having a “Spring for Faith In Action” fundraiser at The Alley Restaurant on Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. There will be a pizza buffet for \$12, which includes pizza, pasta, salad, and chicken wings. In addition, there will be a raffle of some really nice gift baskets – something for everyone.

Take a night off from cooking and support Faith in Action. For more information call 715-682-4414 ext. 3.

### Serious Music for Serious Times

On Saturday, April 8, the Chequamegon Symphony Orchestra (CSO) and the Northland Festival Choir will present ‘Serious Music for Serious Times’, their last concert of the 2016-17 season. The program will include *Ruy Blas Overture* – Mendelssohn, *Symphony No. 4* – Beethoven, *Te Deum* – Anton Bruckner, and *Cantique de Jean Racine* – Faure.

Since its founding in 1965, the CSO has strived to provide enriching, engaging, and entertaining orchestral concerts to the residents of northern Wisconsin. The CSO membership includes Northland College students and area people from all walks of life.

Several members of our Fellowship play in the symphony and sing in the choir. As well, you’ll see loyal Fellowship faces in the audience.

The concert will be an opportunity to acknowledge and thank Professor Joel Glickman, who is retiring after 42 years as CSO director, and Dr. Russell Thorngate, who will be leaving the Northland College Choir program after a five year tenure. Both gentlemen have given generously of their time and talents to our musical community.

When: Saturday, April 8, 8:00 p.m.

Where: Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church, 210 Lakeshore Dr. East, Ashland

Cost: General admission - \$6, over 64 years - \$5, students/children – free

### First Friday Dance with Duck for the Oyster

The final First Friday Dance of the season will be on April 7 at the Alvord Theater at Northland College – kids’ dances at 7:00 p.m., adults at 8:00.

This is an old time dance featuring reels, circle mixers, square dances, contras, and waltzes. All dances are taught and no experience is necessary. This event is sponsored by the Northland College Student Association. Everyone is welcome.

### Chequamegon Area Choir Spring Concert

Since 1973, the Chequamegon Area Choir, a 60 voice choir directed by Michael Powers, has been singing their hearts out. You’re invited to attend their spring concert, ‘Beyond Words’, which will be performed on Friday, April 4, at 7:30 p.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Ashland and on Sunday, April 9, at 4:00 p.m. at St. Louis Catholic Church in Washburn. Tickets will be available at the door: general admission - \$7, seniors and students - \$5, children 10 and under – free.

## Upcoming PFLAG Events

### **Social Justice and the LBGQT Community**

Thursday, March 30, 2017  
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Bayfield Carnegie Library

As part of the Bayfield Library's Social Justice series, PFLAG Washburn will present a talk on social justice matters related to the LGBTQ community.

### **PFLAG 8th Anniversary Celebration**

Tuesday, April 25, 2017  
6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Founded in 2008, the Washburn Chapter of PFLAG will be celebrating its 8th anniversary. Location and details coming soon—please mark your calendars!



*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 6:30 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 Nancy Hanson, (715) 209-1100 / [nancyhanson1958@yahoo.com](mailto:nancyhanson1958@yahoo.com) or visit our website [www.pflagwashburn.org](http://www.pflagwashburn.org)*

## The Art of Ubuntu: I Am Because We Are

Echoes of Peace and Zeitgeist, located at 222 E. Superior Street in downtown Duluth, will present a weekend of art, music, poetry, spoken word and dance centered on the theme “The Art of Ubuntu: I Am Because We Are.” The weekend will kick off with an art exhibit opening at Zeitgeist on Friday, April 28, 5 p.m. reception, 6 p.m. program (free admission). There will be an arts afternoon at Zeitgeist on Saturday, April 29 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. with children’s art activities in the atrium and an afternoon stage of poetry and spoken word in the Zeitgeist Teatro (free admission). Saturday concludes with an evening concert at 7:30 p.m. in Mitchell Auditorium at the College of St. Scholastica (admission is free-will donation).

Check out what is happening at Hay River KTC Buddhist Meditation Center. Visit their website at <http://www.ktchayriver.org/>

### **CHEQUAMEGON UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP MISSION STATEMENT**

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

**~ Founded, February 22, 1998 ~**

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