

# *The Open Door Newsletter*

*December 2014*

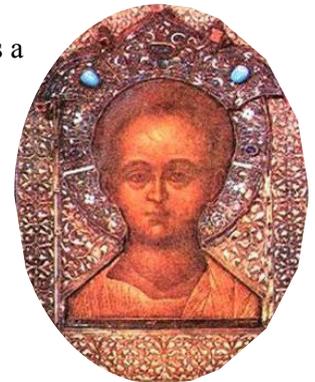
*Fellowship Service for December 7 will be held at 10am  
on the Northland College Campus, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Commons*



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

### **December 7 – Speaker: David Saetre – “*Incarnation*”**

The old carols of Christmas declare the coming of “Immanuel,” which is a Hebrew word meaning, “God with us.” Early Christians began to associate the birth legends of Jesus with the promise of “God with us” – the idea of incarnation. Other religions also offer narratives of God or gods becoming human, the transcendent entering into immanence, the timeless entering into time. Our talk this first Sunday in December looks at legends of incarnation and suggests the enduring significance and meaning of “Incarnation” for our own lives.



Northland College Chamber Choir, an a cappella vocal ensemble, will provide special music for the December 7 CUUF service. The Chamber Choir performs music from a variety of style periods, ranging from the Renaissance to the contemporary, at campus concerts and as musical outreach in the community.

The Northland College Chamber Choir is directed by Dr. Russell Thorngate, Northland College Director of Vocal Activities. Singers include Sopranos - Marissa Neitzke, Sadie Schmitt, Carmen Shore; Altos - Devon Brock-Montgomery, Thryn Hare, Lorah Loucks; Tenors - Allison Boettcher, Alyx Simon; and Basses -Kevin Hass and Jeffrey Lackmann.

### **December 14 – Annual Holiday Service – “*Return of the Light*”**

Join us at 6:00 p.m. in the Alvord Theater, Northland College, for our Annual Holiday Service!

Children, youth, parents, and teachers of the Religious Education program have prepared a holiday play of the solstice tale "How the Light Came to Be." Northland College Campus Minister David Saetre will share his reflections of the season. There will be congregational singing of traditional carols and special music by Joni Chapman, Craig Mealman, and the youth choir. The CUUF string ensemble will accompany our traditional walk through the spiral of greens. The service will close with a candlelight carol followed by fellowship and refreshments. We hope to see you at this special service.

We would love for you to bring a dish to share for the potluck hospitality table—savory or sweet.

**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



### Gathering Boughs, Creating the Spiral

Please join us on Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 - 3:00 p.m. for bough gathering and creation of the spiral used for our annual Holiday Service. We'll meet at Nicole and Alan Brew's house. Those first to arrive will help gather boughs from the woods, and then we'll all work together to weave them into the holiday spiral—come for part or all of the time. Hot drinks, soup, and a fire in the wood stove to warm your hands and feet will be provided. If you have a sled or bough snippers, those are helpful.

You are also welcome to gather boughs or a Charlie Brown Christmas tree for your own holiday decorating.

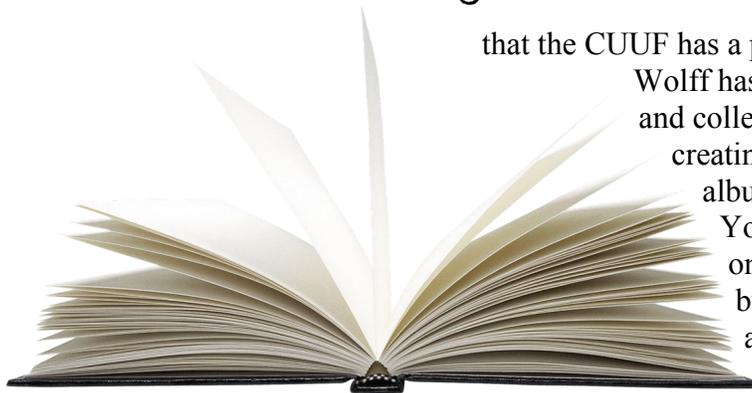
Directions from Ashland:

Take Hwy 2 west to County Hwy G (at the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center). Follow Hwy G to Moquah (approximately 6 miles), and turn right onto Moquah Ski Hill Road. The Brews are at the end of the road on the right (fire number 70020; phone 715-746-2224).



*Did you know . . . .*

that the CUUF has a photo album? Birgit Wolff has been taking pictures and collecting bulletins and is creating an on-going photo album of our fellowship. You can usually find it on the welcome table, but if it's not there just ask Birgit or one of the greeters.



## High School Youth Are Coming of Age!

Over the next two years, the High School youth group will be doing a Coming of Age Program (created by Sarah Millspaugh and published by the UU Association of Congregations) designed to help youth clarify and develop their own beliefs while exploring their relationship to their congregation. They will explore topics such as How UU's Make a Difference, Your Autobiography, God Beliefs, and Belief Statements. During the program, they will have opportunities to connect with other UU youth at a youth conference, do a wilderness retreat, develop their own credo, and help organize and lead a service for the fellowship.

### CUUF HOSPITALITY ASSIGN-

**December 7:** **Deb and Robert Aaron, Contact People & set-up** – (715) 373-0201  
Rick Dowd, snacks & clean-up – (715) 685-0076  
Kristen Christensen, snacks & clean-up – (715) 373-5972

**December 14: Holiday Service Potluck!**

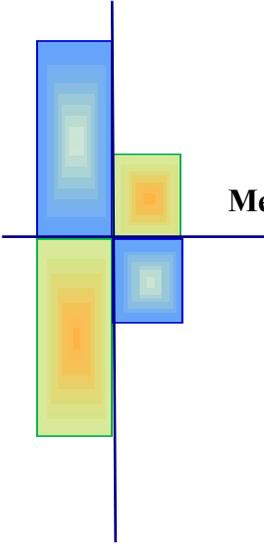
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**January 11:** **Jacki and Terri Rae-Ledin, Contact People & set-up** – (715) 373-0347  
Birgit and Roland Wolff, snacks & clean-up – (715) 765-4888  
Erin Tenney, snacks & clean-up – (715) 209-2261

**January: 25** **George Busséy Contact Person & set-up** – (715) 682-7943  
Chris and Mary Gonderzik, snacks and clean-up – (715) 685-2568  
Julia and Hans Veenendaal, snacks & clean-up – (715) 373-0361

If you're unsure of what to do, please refer to the CUUF Hospitality Host Information Sheet printed in the October issue of this newsletter; back copies are available on our website, [www.chequamegonuuf.org](http://www.chequamegonuuf.org). The full Hospitality Schedule is also available on our website in an easy-to-print/download format. If you have any conflicts please get in touch with the contact person/people for your specific service date or contact June Bavlnka, [hospitality@chequamegonuuf.org](mailto:hospitality@chequamegonuuf.org) or (715) 209-1622.





### Meet Our New Board Members:

**Devon Brock-Montgomery** is a junior at Northland College studying Natural Resources. Born in Madison, she attended the First Unitarian Society for many years. Devon has taken an active role since joining our fellowship last year, including being a song-leader. She enjoys making music (you'll see her perform as part of the Northland Chamber Choir at our December 7 service), doing bead-work, and reading as much as she can.

You can reach Devon at [bdmember4@chequamegonuuf.org](mailto:bdmember4@chequamegonuuf.org) or by calling her at

**Susan Leigh** has been a member of the CUUF for about three years. Her background is "multicultural, multinational and multispiritual. At a certain point in my life," remarks Susan, "I longed to get together with others in a non-dogmatic 'search for truth and meaning' and compassionate support." She's grateful to have found that in our community. As a board member Susan hopes to continue to support this community so we can be here for others.

You can reach Susan at [bdmember1@chequamegonuuf.org](mailto:bdmember1@chequamegonuuf.org) or by calling (715) 209-1437.



### CARING CORNER

Do you know of someone who is ill, needs help, or has a great joy to celebrate? We offer support to members and friends of our fellowship. Contact Ashley Kamantauskas, [caring@chequamegonuuf.org](mailto:caring@chequamegonuuf.org) or (715) 570-4553. Or, if you're interested in being part of the Caring Committee, you can get in touch with her as well.

### 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. You may want to consider designating a specific sum or percentage of your estate or life insurance policy to the 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. For more information contact Warren Kehn at [treasurer@chequamegonuuf.org](mailto:treasurer@chequamegonuuf.org) or (715) 681-0447.

*The true meaning of life is to plant trees, under whose shade you do not expect to sit.*

— Nelson Henderson

## 2015 MidAmerica Regional Assembly

Join us April 17 - 19 for the MidAmerica Regional Assembly in Naperville, Illinois (a suburb of Chicago). It will be a great chance to be together as one region as we explore "The New in a New Era of Unitarian Universalism." And we're very excited about the two major speakers who will be with us: the Reverend Rosemary Bray McNatt and the Reverend Dr. Marlin Lavanhar.



**The Reverend Rosemary Bray McNatt** is the new president at Starr King School for the Ministry in Berkeley, California. She is a UU World contributing editor and until June 2014, was senior minister of the Fourth Universalist Society in New York City. A skilled writer and editor, she's a former editor for the *New York Times Book Review*, and the author of three books, including a memoir, *Unafraid of the Dark* (Turtleback, 1999). Read some of her essays here: <http://www.uuworld.org/about/authors/rosemarybraymcnatt.shtml>

**The Reverend Dr. Marlin Lavanhar** is Senior Minister at All Souls Unitarian Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma. A lifelong UU, he began his religious life at the North Shore Unitarian Church in Deerfield, Illinois. In 2008, All Souls became the largest UU congregation in the United States, with over 1800 adult members. All Souls offers three worship services on Sunday mornings - a humanist service, a traditional service, and a contemporary service - plus services on some Friday evenings. Read about them here: <http://www.allsoulschurch.org/worship>  
Read one of Marlin's essays here: <http://www.huffingtonpost.com/rev-marlin-lavanhar>



### And More

Besides our theme speakers, we'll have workshops, the Regional Business Meeting, music and celebration, good food, and time for meeting new friends and old from congregations across our great Region. We hope to see YOU there!

## 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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# Chequamegon Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Community Calendar

## DECEMBER



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4 6pm <b>Tree of Life Ceremony</b> Memorial Medical Ctr.	5 7pm <b>First Friday Dance</b> @ Northland College Sigurd Olson Inst.	6
7 10am <b>Fellowship Service</b> David Saetre "Incarnation" 12:30—3:00pm Bough Gathering	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 6pm <b>Annual Holiday Service</b> "Return of the Light" Potluck to Follow!	15	16 Hanukkah begins at sundown	17	18 6:30pm <b>CUUF Board Meeting</b> Memorial Medical Ctr. Sand Island Room	19	20
21 10am <b>UU Women @</b> Coco's - Washburn  Winter Solstice	22	23 <b>DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS</b>	24  Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26 Kwanzaa	27
28	29	30	31			OVER, PLEASE 

## Upcoming Fellowship Services

### December 2014

7  
14 — Annual Holiday Service

### January 2015

11  
25

### February 2015

8 — Welcoming Service  
22

### March 2015

8 — New Membership  
22

### April 2015

5 — Easter  
12  
26

### May 2015

3 — All Music Service  
18 — Flower Ceremony and Child Dedication

Don't see your event on  
the monthly calendar?

Be sure to send in all  
dates and  
announcements by the  
Newsletter deadline!