

# *The Open Door Newsletter*

## *February 2018*



### **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 unless otherwise noted below. Find us on the web at [www.chequamegonuuf.org](http://www.chequamegonuuf.org)*

#### **February 11— Speaker: Nancy Langston—**

##### ***“Sustaining Lake Superior: Climate Change and Our Future”***

What can we do to protect Lake Superior from climate change in an era when state and federal politicians are eliminating sensible environmental protections? Lake Superior is the world's largest freshwater lake—and also the world's most quickly warming lake. But in the past year, instead of stronger environmental regulations to slow climate change and sustain clean water, we have seen concerted attacks on science, the environment, and democracy. Climate change denier Scott Pruitt was put in charge of the Environmental Protection Agency even though he could not name a single regulation he favors. Congress has revoked rules against dumping mining waste in streams and polluting watersheds with mercury. Mining projects are rapidly expanding in the Lake Superior basin as state legislatures undo laws that have long protected our water resources. How can we develop new strategies to protect our watershed in the face of climate change? In this talk, Nancy Langston discusses what we can learn from past grassroots struggles to protect Lake Superior as we mobilize to face even greater threats today.

Nancy Langston is a professor of environmental history in the Department of Social Sciences, the School of Forest Resources and Environmental Sciences, and the Great Lakes Research Center at Michigan Technological University. Her research examines water policy, history, and governance. Nancy is the former president of the American Society for Environmental History and is the author of four books about environmental change, including the recently-published *Sustaining Lake Superior*.

#### **February 25— Speaker: David Saetre— “*Toward Healing and Wholeness*”**

The heart of spiritual community beats with the rhythms of healing and wholeness. Authentic spiritual communities understand this. They give voice to the joys and sorrows of life, they give pause in the midst of our hurried and harried lives, and they deepen an enduring sense of love that leads to healing and wholeness.

Our lives are filled with the swings from joys to sorrows. The unexpected turns of our lives confront us with suffering as well as success. And the broken places in our lives, personal and communal, cry out for healing. In fact, the religious meaning of the word “salvation” refers to “healing”. We derive the word “salve” – the balm that heals wounds – from the same root word for “salvation”. To be saved simply means to find healing. Beyond the dogmas of religious institutions we find a common search for healing and love.

David's talk in February explores the religious and spiritual search for healing and wholeness in our lives, and proposes some resources for deepening inner peace. Drawing from Buddhist and Quaker insights, we are invited to explore what it means to live an undivided life, one where our inner truth can find expression and value in our outer lives, despite the pressures and struggles we may face.

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

## FELLOWSHIP EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CUUF Service Schedule for Winter/Spring 2018

February 11	Speaker: Nancy Langston—Climate Change and Our Future
February 25	Speaker: David Saetre
March 11	Speaker: David Saetre—New Member Service
March 25	Speaker: Klara Hartfiel—Infinite Boundaries, Cancer Recovery Camp
April 1	Speaker: David Saetre—Easter Service
April 15	Speaker: Dr. Erica Hannickel—Darwin and Natural Selection
May 6	All Music Service
May 20	Speaker: David Saetre, plus Flower Ceremony and Child Dedication

### “The Other Sunday”

Our congregation meets twice a month for worship and fellowship. UU Women meet once a month, usually on the third Sunday of the month. Now, we look forward to adding "The Other Sunday" to the line up of opportunities for community building and inspiration. The Other Sunday will focus on specific topics of interest to our members and the wider community.

We are pleased to announce our first The Other Sunday scheduled for March 4. Our focus on March 4 will be "Social Justice: Think and Act Locally". We will explore some of the most important social justice issues at the local level including incarceration and jail ministries, issues related to prisoners' justice and safe jails, and social justice issues relevant to policing and minority populations. This is an opportunity to become better informed and to take effective action. We will also have an opportunity to explore Unitarian Universalist principles related to prison ministry and mass incarceration, and to learn about current efforts at the regional and national level to address mass incarceration.

Future Other Sundays will be April 8 and April 29. All Other Sundays will be at the same UU time, same UU place: Northland College Ponzio Center, 10 a.m. The gatherings will be informal without the trappings of worship services. We will put the coffee pot on, and hopefully we will be able to provide child care for little ones.

We hope offering another meeting will add to the richness of our congregation's opportunities, and will stimulate conversation, inspiration and community action. Remember, our work together is "guilt free". Come when you can, contribute where you are able. I'm looking forward to it.

—David

### Attention UU Women

UU women will meet at Café Coco on Sunday, February 18 at 10 a.m.  
Have fun! Jill will be in Florida.



## We Have an Office!

CUUF has an office! Beginning the second week of February we will be opening a congregation office on the third floor of the Vaughan Library. An opportunity to share space with the local Habitat for Humanity chapter became available and it seemed like a perfect fit. The Habitat organization does not use the office on a frequent basis and does not use it for typical office functions. We will be able to make full use of the office space for meetings, office functions, and minister's use. David plans on setting office hours starting the second week of February.

The absence of an office space has been a disadvantage of using Northland College for our worship gatherings. Our administration and ministry services and supplies have been scattered. This new office space provides a "home" for some of those activities, especially a place for the minister to meet in a confidential space.

To make the space more functional we could use a few office furnishings. If you have an over-stuffed chair or two, consider a loan or a donation to help furnish the new office. Stay tuned for more announcements and regular office hours for our space.

## New Member Welcome Ceremony

As part of our March 11 service, we'll hold our annual New Member Ceremony to welcome the class of 2017-18. If you're considering becoming a member of our Chequamegon Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, read on!

Membership is a personal decision that likely means something unique to each of us. Many of us are moved by the insightful and thought-provoking topics led by our minister, David Saetre. For others there is comfort in being supported as you pursue your own search for spiritual and religious truth and meaning, or a sense of purpose in social action to benefit our fellow citizens and local communities. For families with children, there is an opportunity for our youth to learn about many religious and social topics in an environment that respects the inherent worth and dignity of each and every person. And some people may appreciate the chance to engage others who care about our planet and the creatures that share it. How about you?

Here's what it takes to become a member: Any person 16 years of age or older who concurs with the Unitarian Universalist Association's principles and covenant and signs our CUUF membership book becomes a general member. A general member becomes a voting member by making a financial or in-kind contribution of record. It's that simple. Our membership book is at the welcome table at every Sunday gathering. All new CUUF members receive a new-member gift pack and the quarterly UU World magazine for the upcoming year.

If you have further questions about becoming a member please contact Kristin or Henry Quinlan at 715-685-0041, [president1@chequamegonuuf.org](mailto:president1@chequamegonuuf.org); Mark Perrine at 715-278-3386; or Ed Calhan at 715-682-0046, [treasurer@chequamegonuuf.org](mailto:treasurer@chequamegonuuf.org). As a UUA Affiliated Fellowship, CUUF utilizes resources of and provides annual financial support to the Mid-America Region and UUA that totals \$86 per member per year.

We subscribe to the UUA's covenant to affirm and promote:

- 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.

## Circle Suppers Schedule

Here is the schedule for the Circle Suppers for Saturday, February 17, 2018. Note—Group I meets on Sunday, February 4. If you have any questions, please contact Lee Stadnyk at wrfarm@cheqnet.net or 715-765-4555.

<u>Group I Participants</u>	<u>Contact Info.</u>	<u>Please Bring</u>
Erin & William Schlager*	ewas8811@gmail.com/612-741-7970	Entrée and dessert
Ann & Donn Christensen	donannc@hotmail.com/715-373-5013	Side dish
Linda & Ed Calhan(V)	elcalhan@centurytel.net/715-682-0446	Salad
Jill Lorenz	jllorenz@centurytel.net/715-373-5908	Bread

\* Group I hosts are Erin and William Schlager—227 W. 3rd Street, Washburn.

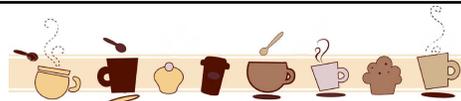
<u>Group II Participants</u>	<u>Contact Info.</u>	<u>Please Bring</u>
Deb & Jeff Lewis (GF)*	jeffdeblewis@charter.net/715-682-5686	Entree
Lee Stadnyk	wrfarm@cheqnet.net/715-765-4555	Side dish
Karyn Watters	karynwatters@gmail.com/715-682-6589	Salad
Betsy & Jim Matzinger	zinger1757@yahoo.com/847-651-6738	Bread
Richard & Diana Granger	granger1017@gmail.com/715-373-1133	Dessert

\*Group II hosts are Deb and Jeff Lewis—722 Chapple Avenue, Ashland.

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Mary Rehwald	mary.rehwald@gmail.com/715-6824662	Side dish
Hans & Julia Veenendaal	juliahansveen@gmail.com/715-373-0361	Salad
Kristin & Henry Quinlan	quinlan.hk@gmail.com/715-685-0041	Dessert
Courtney Remacle	courtneyremacle@gmail.com/920-860-6234	Bread

\*Group III host is Irene Blakley—803 Third Avenue E., Washburn.

## Hospitality Hosts for Upcoming Services



The CUUF Hospitality Team schedules all of our families to help provide food for after our services. If you are scheduled for a coming Sunday and are not able to attend, please contact another CUUF family to switch Sundays with you. Thank you for your help. 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).

	<u>Contact Person and Set Up</u>	<u>Snacks and Clean Up</u>	<u>Snacks and Clean Up</u>
February 11	Erin Tenney 715-209-2261	Erica Rosenfeld & Family 715-209-5190	Todd & Kelsey Rothe 715-278-3383
February 25	Julia & Hans Veenendaal 715-373-0361	Kim Suske & Family 715-373-5931	Ashley Smith
March 11	Kathy Gang 715-373-0133	Courtney Remacle 920-860-6234	Diana & Dick Granger 715-373-1133
March 25	Stacy Craig 715-682-1232	Aistis & Megan Tumas	Karyn Watters & Lee Stadnyk 715-682-6589

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### Religious Education News for 2018

Religious education for the children and youth of our community is an integral part of the CUUF mission and purpose. Now that our holiday activities are over, we again return to the curriculum from the Tapestry of Faith.

The RE experience is far richer and more diverse when we have participation from numerous members of our UU community. Thanks to those who have signed up on our teaching schedule; however, we continue to need more members to help us complete our schedule.

The curricula are as follows:

Preschoolers: Thanks to the regular commitments of Nicole Brew and Matt Horning, our little ones can experience social growth and love through structured play and picture book stories.

Kindergarten-Grade 2: “Wonderful Welcome” program. We welcome in love, friendship, and faith through stories, crafts, and games.

Grades 3-5: “Window and Mirrors” will be used to nurture our children’s spiritual path. This program will encourage children to identify their own experiences and perspectives and to seek out, care about, and respect those of others.

Middle and high school students: “Building Bridges” will deepen our youth’s understanding of the dynamic and varied world in which they live. Activities will provide some unique opportunities and an environment where respectful explorations and questioning are encouraged.

Each person who signs up to volunteer will be given the lesson materials and ideas two weeks before their scheduled Sunday. Please contact Deb or Kelsey if you would like to assist us in enriching the lives of our children and youth by sharing your skills and talents.

We still need volunteers for the following dates and programs:

February 11—Kindergarten-Grade 2

February 25—Grades 3-5 (Deb will be out this day)

March 11—Kindergarten-Grade 2

April 1 (Easter Service)—Pre-K child care support as well as K-2 help.

Thank you!

—Deb Aaron and Kelsey Rothe, Religious Education Co-Directors



### Your Message Here!

Send in your artwork, poems, book reviews, ideas, musings, essays, stories, or anything else you can think of. Just look at this blank space and imagine how much better it would look with your contribution!

## IN THE GREATER UNITARIAN COMMUNITY



We wanted to make you aware of the financial assistance available from the Iva Laughlin Fund for members of your congregation.

Mrs. Iva Giles Laughlin, who died in January 1904, was an active and inspirational Universalist laywoman who lived in Chicago. She made this bequest to help elderly people in need. The Iva Laughlin Fund is administered by the Midwestern Unitarian Universalist Conference. Examples of grants include:

- Hearing aids
- Rent assistance
- Medical expenses
- Food subsidy
- Funeral expenses
- Utility subsidy
- Personal care assistance

Grants can be used to reimburse expenses recently incurred or to fund pending expenditures. The grants, however, are limited to discrete, one-time requests, not ongoing support. Grants will be made based on need. Individuals can expect a decision on their application within 4 to 6 weeks. Please know that all grant requests are confidential.

To apply, send an email to the [LaughlinFund@gmail.com](mailto:LaughlinFund@gmail.com) or mail your information to The Laughlin Fund, c/o MidAmerica Region, 2355 Fairview Ave. N., #312, Roseville, MN 55113. Please include the following information:

- Applicant's name
- Name of person submitting application if not the applicant
- Address, telephone number, and email address
- Date of birth
- Name of congregation to which the applicant belongs
- An explanation of the use of the grant
- The amount being requested
- A quote or a bill to support that amount
- An explanation of when the money is needed and any other sources of funds being requested to help
- Any other relevant information that will support your application

The size of grants varies based on the availability of funds. Grants can be as large as \$1,000 with typical grants ranging between \$250 and \$500. If a grant cannot fund the total request, a smaller amount can be distributed to

*MidAmerica Region, where UUs visibly live our faith, create connections, grow our membership, and welcome all persons who share our UU values.*

## IN OUR COMMUNITY



We are thrilled and excited to announce that the next PFLAG meeting will be a book launching event! Join us on Monday, February 26, at 6:30 p.m. at the Sigurd Olson Environmental Institute on the Northland College campus as we introduce *For the Divine Spark: Personal Stories of LGBTQ Discovery*. The event will begin with opening remarks by Mary Dougherty as she describes the power of story telling. Several of the contributing authors will read excerpts of their writing. The book is edited by Rev. Nancy Hanson of Messiah Lutheran Church, Washburn and First Lutheran Church, Port Wing.

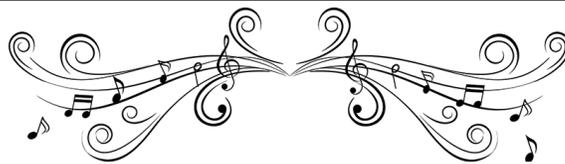
This event is for everyone, including students and community members young and old. Books will be available for purchase and authors will be available to sign their stories. For more information, please visit [www.thesparkinme.com](http://www.thesparkinme.com).

## Local Music

The Ashland Chamber Music Society presents the Bay Area Chamber Ensemble on Saturday, February 3, 7:30 p.m. at the Presbyterian-Congregational Church featuring Ashland area musicians Joel Glickman, clarinet; Sheila Mitchell, violin; Michelle Vyskocil, viola; Linda Calhan, cello; Scott Burchill, bass; and Joni Chapman, piano. The evening will begin with Ralph Vaughan Williams' lovely *Piano Quintet in c minor*, followed by Igor Stravinsky's *l'Histoire du Soldat (The Soldier's Tale)*, a theatrical piece with narration and a cast of characters played by Scott Burchill, Rebecca Moore, Martin Curry, Ivan Curry, and Casey Hilts. The text was written by Kurt Vonnegut and is based loosely on the story of Private Eddie Slovik, the last American soldier to be executed for desertion. This controversial performance promises to be entertaining and thought-provoking.

The Presbyterian-Congregational Church is located at 214 Vaughn Avenue, Ashland. Parking is available in the adjacent Civic Center lot. Tickets available at the door—general admission is \$15, students are admitted free.

There will be a Northland College Symphonic Band Concert, February 20, 7-8 p.m. at the Alvord Theater on the Northland Campus. Join us for an Americana Music event with the Symphonic Band. Programmatic pieces including "*Overture on a Southern Hymn*" and marches, including the "*Viking March*". Wonderful wind ensemble sounds!



## 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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