

The Open Door Newsletter

November 2014

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



This Month's Fellowship Services

November 2 — Speaker: A.J. Galazen — “Day of the Dead, Part Three: The Final Sacrament”

The Day of the Dead is not for us. We are still alive. The Day of the Dead is for our departed loved ones. Each of us is called to invite home the souls that we dearly remember, and share something from them that still lives. We will make room for everyone.

Memory usually doesn't happen on the spur of the moment. That's why we're asking you to start now. Begin listening for recollections. You may be surprised! You are welcome to bring photographs and mementos to add to the community shrine, whether or not you wish to speak.

This unique service will also include musical guests Linda Calhan and Scott Burchill. Linda and Scott will be performing cello and base duets by Bela Bartok, eastern European composer, musicologist and Unitarian.

The dead haven't forgotten you. Please don't forget them.

This service will be held in the Alvord Auditorium, main floor of the Ponzio Center at Northland College.

November 9 — Speaker: David Saetre — “The Irony of American History”

On November 9 the 2014 elections will finally be over, for good or for ill, but before we pack them away into the attic trunk of history it may be worth our while to place these elections into the larger scope of our nation's history. Besides, a dose of ironic detachment might be good for our collective souls and spirits!

To help us reflect on our national experience and moral character I will call on a voice from the past – the great American theologian and philosopher, Reinhold Niebuhr. Niebuhr has been quoted as a favorite thinker by such disparate figures as President Obama and conservative columnist David Brooks. Niebuhr's volume of essays titled “The Irony of American History” was first published in 1952 in the midst of a triumphal America. Even then, Niebuhr cast a cautionary eye toward the building nationalism and nativist tendency in the American narrative. Much, of course, has happened in the half-century plus since Niebuhr's insights, but the larger themes in his analysis of the moral character of our nation seems awfully relevant to our experience today. From our nativist paranoia and the racial politics surrounding Ebola, to our sense of destiny and religious duty related to the Middle East (including religious zeal linked to Israel and Islam), our national character is loaded with religious and moral overtones. I think about this stuff much of the time – so it seems like a good time to share it with you.

November 23 — Speaker: Jerry Phillips — “Life Lessons and the Human Spirit”

Thirty-five years ago Jerry Phillips and his wife Mary opened the Old Rittenhouse Inn in Bayfield. With Thanksgiving Day just around the corner, who could be a better guide as we think about what it means to open our homes, our tables, and our arms to family, friends, and strangers alike? Also on our guest list is local harpist John Manno. John will offer his own musical reflections and lead us in songs of thanksgiving.

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



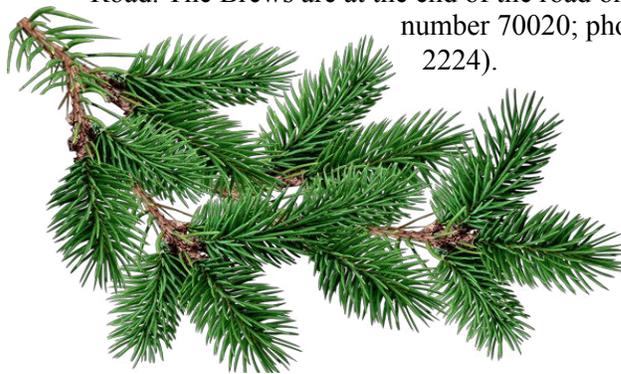
Gathering Boughs, Creating the Spiral

Please join us on Sunday, December 7th 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 clippers, those are helpful.

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

Directions from Ashland:

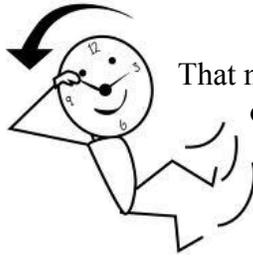
Take Hwy 2 west to County Hwy G (at the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center). Follow Hwy G to Moquah (approximately 6 miles), and turn right onto Moquah Ski Hill Road. The Brews are at the end of the road on the right (fire number 70020; phone 715-746-2224).



Calling All Kids (and Youth, Of Course)!

Our Annual Holiday Service is coming up on December 14th, and that includes the play. Who knows what's in store this year . . . ? If your child would like to take part in the holiday program, please have them attend RE on November 2nd or let Shannon Johnson know (re@chequamegonuuf.org or (715) 817-5802). We will be handing out parts and scripts this Sunday. Rehearsals will be held during RE on Nov. 9, 23, and Dec. 7. Everyone is welcome!

**DON'T FORGET TO SET YOUR
CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR
THIS SUNDAY!**



That means you can catch an extra hour
of sleep before our service.
(Although we won't mind if you
come early—you can help set up!)

Who's Bringing the Cookies?

Hospitality hosts for the upcoming services are,

November 2: Michael and Karen Ruedi Crowell, Contact

People & set-up – (715) 373-2524
Paula and Mike Bunch, snacks & clean-up
Mary Rehwald, snacks & clean-up

November 9: Marilyn Einspanier, Contact Person & set-up – (715) 372-5103

Nicole and Alan Brew, snacks & clean-up
June Bavlnka, snacks & clean-up

November 23: Patty Dufek, Contact Person & set-up – (715) 682-9105

Ashley and Michael Kamantauskas, snacks & clean-up
Julie Sorensen, snacks & clean-up

December 7: Deb and Robert Aaron, Contact People & set-up – (715) 373-0201

Rick Dowd, snacks & clean-up
Kristen Christensen, snacks & clean-up

December 14: Holiday Service Potluck



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. The full Hospitality Schedule is also available on our website in an easy do 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 or (715) 209-1622.

CUUF Circle Suppers

Circle Suppers are a great way to get to know your fellow UUs outside of our Sunday Fellowship Services. There's still plenty of space in our Winter 2015 Circle Supper line-up. Last year there were two groups of 8-12 members who met once a month in January, February, March, and April, but we certainly can make that three if more people want to sign up.

You can read up on the ins and outs of Circle Suppers in last month's issue. If you're interested or have more questions, contact June Bavlnka, jbonline08@gmail.com. To sign up please send her your name, the number attending from your household, email, telephone, household address, yes or no to hosting ability, number of dinner guests you can accommodate, any special dietary concerns, and the months that you would like to sign up for dining (Jan-Feb-Mar-April).

Great food, great company, great camaraderie. Don't deny yourself this opportunity for fun and delicious evenings out with some of the best people you will ever encounter ... fellow CUUF members.

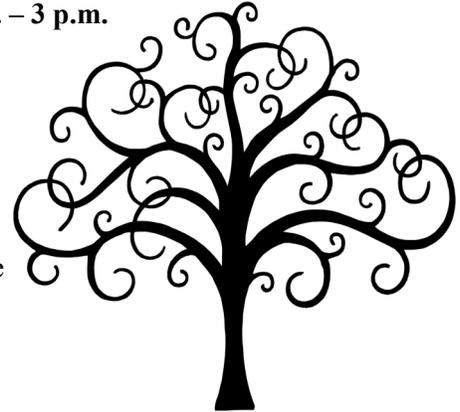
HOSPICE HAPPENINGS

November 21 – 5th Annual Bake Sale and Boutique

Find treasures made by local artists—pottery, soaps and lotions, gourmet chocolates, jewelry, note cards, ornaments, and much more—and delectable sweet treats at Hospice’s Bake Sale and Boutique. 20% of artists’ earnings and all earnings from the baked treats will help fund special programs at Hospice. **10 a.m. – 3 p.m. on Friday, November 21, in the lower level of Memorial Medical**

December 4 – Tree of Life Ceremony

Join us for Hospice’s ecumenical ceremony to remember and celebrate loved ones lost. This year, Reverend Mark Ricker will provide the Reflection/Message, and Michael McKenna will provide the music. Refreshments are served following the ceremony. **6:00 p.m., Thursday, December 4, in the lower level of Memorial Medical Center.**



Ornaments for Sale

Until November 21, Hospice is selling ornaments, made by local artist Amy Kalmon, to commemorate or honor loved ones. The ornaments are medium-sized round bulbs glittered in Amy’s trademark manner, featuring candles on one side and the word “loved” on the other. Your loved one’s name can be added to a tag that hangs from the ornament’s silver ribbon. To order an ornament, call the Hospice office, 715-685-5151. There will also be order forms at the November 2 and 9 UU services.

Have You Heard of the Career Closet?

In 2014, The Chequamegon Bay Area Community Fund, under the auspices of the Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation, awarded the Concentrated Employment Program a grant to establish a *Career Closet*, to help folks find appropriate clothing for job interviews and work. If you have clothing for men or women that would be suitable work attire, and are interested in contributing to this new program, please take them to the NW CEP Office in the Ashland Development Center (across from the Presbyterian-Congregational Church.)

Variety Concert Benefits Faith In Action

Faith In Action - Ashland County will be having a concert at the Northern Great Lakes Visitors Center on Sunday, November 2nd from 12:30 - 4:00p.m. Polka favorites Jeff and A.J. Walker will kick off the music at 1:00p.m., followed by Wayne Jellish singing a variety of old-time favorites. Hot beef sandwiches, along with coleslaw, chips, and homemade desserts will be sold starting at 12:30. There is a \$7.00 admission fee, taken at the door. Enjoy an afternoon of good music and support a good cause! For more information call 682-4414 ext. 3 or email:

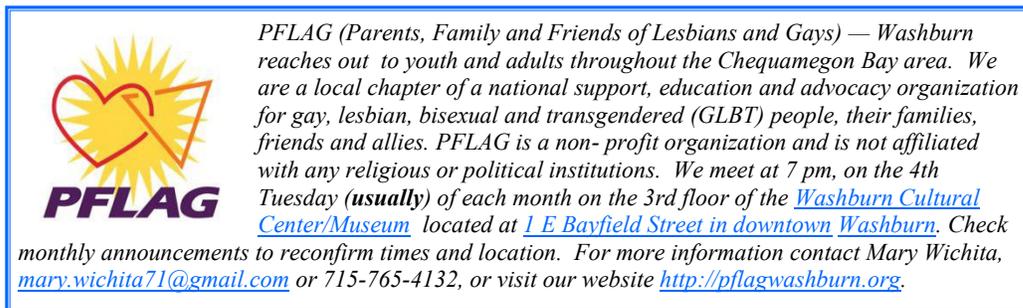


**FAITH
IN ACTION**

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PFLAG Washburn Scholarship Game-Day Fundraiser

On Sunday, November 23rd the Vikings play the Packers at noon and we'll be watching on the big screen at Stagenorth in Washburn! There will be food, a silent auction, drinks—adult and nonalcoholic/kid-themed-- and fantastic company to watch the game. All ages are welcome and it doesn't matter which team you are cheering for. Cost is \$10 to get in the door. This cover charge and all the money from the silent auction goes to the PFLAG Washburn scholarship fund. PFLAG Washburn gives out at least two \$500 scholarships and one \$1,000 scholarships each April to students in the Bayfield and Ashland counties area. The money comes directly from our fundraisers and from donations. This is our third year, and we already know the impact these scholarships are having is huge on our young people and their journey into college. Please help us by spreading the word and invite all your friends!



NEWS FROM MIDAMERICA

Formation of Wisconsin UU Legislative Network

At the last Regional Assembly (at the Wausau site) a group of folks met to discuss the possible formation of a Wisconsin Unitarian Universalist Legislative Network. The purpose of this network would be to inform UUs statewide of legislative and regulatory developments so that they would be able to contact their legislators and the regulatory agencies to present their views on these issues.

We would now like to proceed with the formation of such a group. Among the issues we need to discuss is whether we would try to promote an official position on any particular topic, or whether we would provide information so that individual UUs would have the needed information to express their personal views.

If you're interested in participating in this project, we invite you to a meeting on **November 15, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at the Open Circle UU Fellowship (OCUUF) in Fond du Lac WI located at 19 3rd St in Fond du Lac**. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss the advisability/viability of forming such a network and how it might be organized. Please let me know if you are interested and would be able to attend. E-mail me at jim@jaegerfamily.us. Even if you are unable to contact me, we invite you to come anyway. See you there.

— Jim Jaeger, M. Div.
Consulting Minister at OCUUF

Editor's Note: Contact Ed Calhan, CUUF Board President or any other board member if you are interested in taking part in this opportunity. Contact information is listed on the back cover.

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



NOVEMBER

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9 10am Fellowship Service David Saetre <i>"The Irony of American History"</i>	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 10am UU Women @ Coco's - Washburn	17	18	19	20	21 10am - 3pm Hospice's Bake Sale & Boutique @MMC	22 DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS
23 10am Fellowship Service Jerry Phillips	24 ←Also on Sunday 11/23: 12pm PFLAG Game-Day Fundraiser @ Stagenorth, Washburn	25	26	27 HAPPY THANKSGIVING!	28	29 OVER, PLEASE 
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Upcoming Fellowship Services

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14 — Annual Holiday Service

January 2015

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February 2015

8 — Welcoming Service
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March 2015

8 — New Membership
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5 — Easter
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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!