

# *The Open Door Newsletter*

## *September 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)*

### **September 9 — Speaker: David Saetre — “*The Necessary Angel: Faith and Imagination*”**

David's message for our first fall service features a meditation on nurturing an active imagination as the necessary capacity for a spiritual life. The American poet Wallace Stevens published a group of lectures on poetry and literature under the title, “The Necessary Angel: Essays on Reality and the Imagination”. Stevens declared, in the essay *Imagination as Value*, “The imagination is one of the great human powers...the imagination is the liberty of the mind.” A hallmark of liberal religion and spirituality is the liberty of thought and the free exploration of ideas. But that liberty of thought is also necessary in all the realms of life – from the political and social to the ethical personal dimensions of life. And, a well-developed imagination is necessary for sustaining a sense of community. That includes small communities, like churches! So we begin a new year of worship and service with an appeal to the imagination. Imagining deeper ways of experiencing and expressing love, of social justice in our greater communities, of compassion and care for one another, of mentoring our children and youth – let that be a hallmark of our new year together.



### **September 30 — “*Annual Water Service*”**

Our second service of the new 2018 – 2019 season will be the Annual Water Service. We will gather at the Northland College Campus Fire Circle to share our stories of fun, renewal, and reconnection related to the waters in our lives. Please bring any water that is meaningful to you or that you have gathered over the summer from special places. We will pour these into our bowl of collective memories to symbolize a shared faith coming from many different sources. Don't worry if you forget to bring some water—we will have a pitcher of water to share. Alan Brew, Director of Sigurd Olson Institute, will lead this service and share his water stories and insights. Donn Christensen will lead us in singing. There will be no religious education as the children are welcome to participate in this intergenerational service. There is some permanent seating (concrete benches) at the Fire Circle, but we encourage you to bring lawn chairs or blankets to soften and expand the seating. If the weather is inclement we will meet in the tent that is set up on the campus common green space.

We hope you can join us for this re-connecting service!

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

## CUUF 2018 Fall and Winter Service Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker/Topic</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker/Topic</u>
September 9	David Saetre	November 11	Tom Clowes
September 30	Water Service	November 25	David Saetre
October 14	David Saetre	December 2	David Saetre
October 28	Allhallowtide	December 16	Holiday Service

### The Other Sunday

“The Other Sunday” begins on September 23rd with a special guest speaker focusing on transgender youth and supporting the difficult journey of LGBT youth in the public schools. More information about this important gathering will be coming—watch for emails and check our website and Facebook page.

### From David’s Desk

Ready for fall? The other night I felt a cool breeze coming out of the west that seemed different – a dry, light zephyr that seemed to whisper, “Fall”. The next day I noticed the angle of light and the subtle change in color that occurs this time of year as the sun approaches its equinox. I love this time of year.

I also know this is the time of new beginnings. School starts soon and little ones to big ones buy their supplies, and Northland students return and move into the dorms. Teachers gather their wits and syllabi together, and our congregation kicks back into a higher gear. Our religious education program features a new Northland intern, Emma Holton, who will be working with the Middle School program. Expect another retreat for that group this fall. We still need teachers and substitute volunteers for the Sunday RE program. We will provide sign-up sheets for volunteers at the first service on September 9.

We also welcome our friend and member A.J. Galazen back to the area. A.J. will provide several adult education classes this fall and winter, with a fall class dedicated to the history and sources of Unitarian and Universalist faith traditions. And worship will be as dynamic and meaningful as ever.

I often think of the motto that greets people as they enter the chapel of St. John’s Church, Madeline Island, “Whoever you are and wherever you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here.” Although that motto is already taken, I like to think that describes our fellowship too. So to each of you, and to friends and neighbors we have not yet met (but will soon!), welcome, and welcome back.

David

### Your Help Needed!

Lead a service! You can do it!

The CUUF Worship Committee needs to enlist the help of a Service Coordinator for each service. The Service Coordinator is the person you see up front, moving the service along. The Service Coordinator picks out the designated number of readings, lines up readers, and often decorates the alter along with serving as emcee of the service. Hans Veenendaal, as Worship Coordinator, works closely with the Service Coordinator to help them through the process. If you are interested in offering to coordinate a service, or want to learn more about the process, contact Megan Perrine at 715-781-4123. It takes a village to put a service together!

## Attention UU Women!

UU Women will meet on Sunday, September 16 at 10 a.m. at Café Coco. This monthly get together is a chance to get to know other women in our fellowship while enjoying good food and coffee. Please join us if you are interested—no obligations, no commitment, but lingering is encouraged!

UU Women is open to anyone who identifies as a woman in a way that is significant to them. Contact Jill with any questions at 715-373-5908 or [jlorenz@centurytel.net](mailto:jlorenz@centurytel.net)

## Circle Suppers

Circle Suppers will be happening again this winter, going from January through April. Watch for more information in next month's newsletter!



## Hospitality Schedule

Here is the fall CUUF Hospitality Schedule! Please note that we created a schedule with all CUUF families to help share in the hospitality fellowship that follows each service. This is a good reason to stick around and find conversation with fellow members. Hospitality time is not meant to be a Sunday brunch. We provide coffee and juice and share food—baked treats, breads, fruits, vegetables, cheese, crackers, etc. If you cannot be there on the Sunday you are scheduled please contact someone else on the schedule to switch Sundays.

The person assigned as contact person brings snacks, prepares the table, and makes coffee. The other two assigned families bring snacks and assist with clean up. 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).

Thank you!

Jim and Betsy Matzinger

Hospitality hosts for upcoming services are as follows:

	<u>Contact Person and Set Up</u>	<u>Snacks and Clean Up</u>	<u>Snacks and Clean Up</u>
September 9	Linda & Ed Calhan 715-682-0446	Deb & Bob Aaron 715-373-0201	Christel Sketch/Zach Jurewicz 715-685-2733
September 30	Megan and Mark Perrine 715-781-4122	Donn & Ann Christensen 715-373-5013	Ashley Smith 715-209-8200
October 14	Kathy & Kent Tenney 715-685-2577	Karen Ruedi Crowell & Mike Crowell 715-373-2524	Monica Lee & Matt Horning 218-591-7007
October 28	Mary Rehwald 715-682-4662	Jen and Jeff Banowetz 715-373-5025	Steve Kassof/Kevin Stranberg 715-292-3082
November 11	Irene Blakely 715-373-2907	Chris and Norm Engstrom 715-292-6448	Paula & Mike Bunch 715-373-5232
November 25	Nicole & Alan Brew 715-746-2224	Jacki Rae-Ledin & Terry Ledin 715-373-0347	Kristi Kiel 715-292-6219
December 2	Julie Sorensen 715-209-4998	Kim Suske 715-373-5931	Brad Lemire 715-209-2510

December 16 – Holiday Service potluck to which everyone contributes.

## Unitarian Universalist Association—Common Read

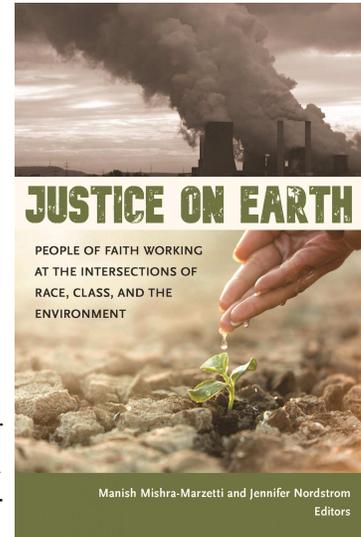


A Common Read invites participants to read and discuss the same book in a given period of time. A Common Read can build community in our congregations and our movement by giving diverse people a shared experience, shared language, and a basis for deep, meaningful conversations.

The 2018-19 Unitarian Universalist Association's pick for our common read is *Justice on Earth: People of Faith Working at the Intersections of Race, Class, and Environment*, edited by Manish Mishra-Marzetti and Jennifer Nordstrom (Skinner House Books, 2018).

At a time when racial justice, environmental justice, and economic justice are seen as issues competing for time, attention, and resources, *Justice on Earth* explores the ways in which the three are intertwined. People on the margins are invariably those most affected by climate disaster and environmental toxins. The book asks us to recognize that our faith calls us to work for justice for our human kin, for the Earth and for all life. It invites us to look at our current challenges through a variety of different perspectives, offers tools to equip us for sustained engagement, and proposes multiple pathways for follow-up action.

*Justice on Earth* is available at InSpirit, the UU Book and Gift Shop, at [uua.org](http://uua.org). A discussion guide for congregations, offering both a single session and a three-session format, will be available online October 1, 2018.



It is interesting to see what is happening in the greater Unitarian community. Check out the website of the MidAmerica Region of the Unitarian Universalist Association: <https://midamericauua.org/> and the Unitarian Universalist Association website at <http://www.uua.org/>.

## MidAmerica Region UUA—Social Justice Webinars

Our congregations are ideally suited to address important social justice issues that arise in their communities and within their congregations. Yet often congregations aren't sure where to begin, how to move forward, how to ground their social justice work in our theology, and how to include younger people in that work. In the winter and spring of 2018, MidAmerica Region is working in collaboration with the Minnesota UU Social Justice Network to provide webinars to help congregations move forward in their social justice work. You will find the archived webinars at [midamericauua.org](http://midamericauua.org).



## In Our Community



FAITH  
IN ACTION

Grandparents' Day is September 9<sup>th</sup>. Celebrate by serving the senior citizens in your community! Faith In Action–Ashland County connects caring volunteers with older adults for a variety of services. New volunteers are always welcome and needed throughout the county. For more information, call Kris at the Ashland County Aging Unit at 715- 682-4414 ext 3. Help someone today!

Treat yourself for a good cause! Faith In Action will be holding a fundraiser at Culver's in Ashland on Tuesday, September 11, from 4-8 p.m. Part of the proceeds from that evening will benefit Faith In Action.



I need your submissions! Please send me notices of special events, community happenings, and fundraisers. Submit your photos, poems, essays, and artwork! Write up a little something about a topic that is important to you.

Our newsletter is our community! Send submissions to [uunews@chequamegonuuf.org](mailto:uunews@chequamegonuuf.org) or call Kim at 715-373-5931.



PFLAG will have its next chapter meeting on Tuesday, September 25, at 6:30 p.m. at the Washburn Cultural Center. They will be showing the documentary film, *Over the Rainbow*. The film is about Leny, a Dutch woman who came out as a lesbian at the age of 68. *Over the Rainbow* is a positive film about coming out later in life. Leny, now in her 80s, does not feel bitterness toward her past but instead embraces her life with vibrancy.

*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)*

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**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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