

The Open Door Newsletter

Summer 2023



The fellowship services for summer

During the summer, the fellowship meets once per month for outdoor services and an annual potluck picnic. All services are at 10 a.m. and last about 50 minutes.

Sunday, June 25—*Opening to Pure Consciousness through Zhineng Qigong*

Service Lay Reader: Tracey Snyder

In person only at 10 a.m. at Bayview Beach Pavilion

(about half-way between Washburn and Bayfield off of Highway 13)

Zhineng Qigong is a self-healing method and spiritual practice which includes meditation, visualization, use of sound and slow movement to create a healthy energy flow throughout the body. This practice provides a foundation for a healthy mind, body and spirit.

CUUF member, Tracey Snyder, has been practicing and teaching Zhineng Qigong for several years. She became a certified teacher of Zhineng Qigong in 2016 and has been offering online and in-person classes since then.

At this service, she will share how this practice provided healing and transformation in her life and will invite attendees to participate in this relaxing, healing practice working with the universal energy of life.

This service will take place under the pavilion at Bayview Beach north of Washburn with beautiful Lake Superior as the backdrop. Please dress for the weather, and bring a lawn chair (there are picnic tables). Potluck fellowship and beach time to follow the service. In the case of lightning or extreme weather, an email message will go out the evening before canceling the service. Contact Stacy Craig at stacy@chequamegonuuf.org with any questions.

Sunday, July 16—*Child Dedication Ceremony and Annual Summer Picnic*

Service Lay Reader: Tracey Snyder

In person only. 10 a.m. service, followed at 10:45 by a brunch potluck picnic

Memorial Park Pavilion in Washburn

-We are all born to be a blessing. —*Rachel Naomi Remen*

This will be a unique service/summer potluck combination. At 10 a.m., we will gather for a short, multigenerational service with the message being the child dedication ceremony. After we extinguish the chalice, all are invited to stay for a time of food, fellowship and play for a brunch-style summer potluck picnic. Please bring a lawn chair, a dish to share, your own silverware and utensils, and dress for the weather.

****What is a Child Dedication Ceremony and Who Can Participate?**

Child dedication is open to any age and to anyone who attends CUUF (membership not required).

The ceremony includes:

--Introducing and welcoming the child to the fellowship

--Sharing the inspiration for their name(s) and history of family name(s)

--Asking the fellowship to pledge their support to the tender young ages by 'being the village' as they grow
(*summer service schedule continued on page 2*)

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

Summer Service Schedule 2023 (continued)

Sunday, July 16 (continued)

If parents or guardians prefer, it can also include naming of God parents, spiritual companion or spiritual mentor in child's life. Please contact Stacy Craig by Sunday, July 9 if you would like to participate in the Child Dedication by emailing minister@chequamegonuuf.org

Sunday, Aug. 13—Annual Poetry Service: “*Delight*”

Delight is like the butterflies flying around and landing on the thing that is joy. —*Ross Gay*

“And forget not that the earth delights to feel your bare feet and the winds long to play with your hair”
— *Khalil Gibran, The Prophet*

Our final summer service will be the Annual Poetry Service. Poetry has been described as the language of the heart. At this service, the poems are the message. Everyone is welcome to bring a poem to share, written by themselves or someone else, that shares what is on their hearts right now. While any poems can be shared, the theme this year is ‘delight’—what brings you delight? If you can’t find a poem about delight, try writing a found poem. Look around your home or yard and write down the ‘delights’ you find—book titles, memories captured in a photo, a moment at dusk. Share your list as found poetry at the service.

The service will be located at the picnic pavilion. While there is some seating available, we encourage you to bring a lawn chair and dress for the weather.

CUUF 2023 Summer Service and Gatherings Schedule

June 18	UU Women—10 a.m. at Washburn Library
June 25	Collaboration with Tracey Snyder to introduce Qigong at Bayview Beach Pavilion (north of Washburn off of Highway 13)
June 28	Board Meeting—6:30 p.m.—In person at CUUF office or on Zoom (link below)
July 9	UU Women—10 a.m. at Washburn Library
July 16	Sunday Service—New Child Dedication Ceremony and Annual Summer Picnic (Memorial Park Pavilion in Washburn)
August 13	All Poetry Service at Memorial Park Picnic Pavilion in Washburn
August 20	UU Women—10 a.m. at Washburn Library

CUUF summer programs are listed on page 8.

Access Information for Zoom Board Meetings for Summer 2023

Please note: Zoom links for board meeting will stay the same each month.

CUUF Board Meeting, Wednesday, June 28 at 6:30 p.m.—In person at CUUF office or on Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting by video:

<https://zoom.us/j/98533490376?pwd=cTErZEF6R0tNVmVZWfPaURadHh2dz09>

Meeting ID: 985 3349 0376 —Passcode: CUUF

Or, join by phone: 312-626-6799—Meeting ID: 985 3349 0376 —Passcode: 095767

From the Minister's Desk

Your Kid's Religious Program is about...Sex?

When I first heard parents at Chequamegon UU Fellowship talk about Our Whole Lives (OWL), this is what went through my head. I was confused. Why would a church be teaching about sex education? The teachers were so passionate about it, but I was too new and too shy to ask, so I regarded it like I did most things related to institutionalized religion in those days; with suspicion and skepticism.

How did I go from there to being the #1 fan of Our Whole Lives? It's a long story, but more than anything, it was going to a seminary that held *embodiment* as sacred. Our bodies are not some second-class, sinful material vessel for the pure soul. We *are* bodies. Sex and sexuality are part of our bodies. For too long, especially in religion, we excluded talking about this, which often created a stigma or taboo that led to shame and silence. OWL, which is developed through a partnership between Unitarian Universalism and United Church of Christ, celebrates bodies and educates about them in safe spaces. It incorporates parental conversations and offers age-appropriate education on sexuality and health. For example, our K-2 OWL participants learned the names of *all* body parts and did a craft making sperm out of pipe cleaners. If you feel suspicious, confused or perhaps even horrified by that fact, please pause, and without judgement, with deep curiosity, ask, *where is that message coming from?*

As summer approaches, we'll be working to hire a Director of Religious Education and Our Whole Lives. CUUF doesn't offer any summer programming right now. The Protestant faith collaborative, made up of several churches in Ashland and Washburn, reached out to invite CUUF kids to join their Vacation Bible School, and we've included their flyer in this newsletter. This will be their last program, as the churches are unable to continue funding. The other option in Ashland is the Salem Baptist "Ocean Commotion: Diving into Noah's Flood" with curriculum from the Creation Museum/Ark Encounter. You can read more about it here: <https://salemashland.myanswers.com/ocean-commotion/>

I know I am a minister who is passionate about religious education and OWL. Not all UU ministers are, and some are even adversarial about the amount of resources kids and youth programs require. For me, it isn't about offering programs. It isn't about filling classes. The work RE does changes lives. It empowers. Teachers and students are transformed by the curricula. Thousands of volunteer hours have built this program and volunteer hours and donations continue to support it. It's growing and it's one of the only options in the region for progressive religious exploration. I hope that you are joining me in celebrating what a wonderful accomplishment this is for this day and age.

In hope,
Stacy

What time should worship be?

Chequamegon UU Fellowship has Sunday worship services at 10 a.m. Many fellowships meet at 10:30 a.m., and the Worship Committee is asking for your input about what time you would prefer. Services typically last from 60-75 minutes. Should we stay at 10 a.m. or move to 10:30 a.m.? How would this affect you? Please make your selection on the simple poll below (it takes less than one minute). Note: Summer services will remain at 10 a.m.

Poll: <https://cuuf.breezechms.com/form/ccfd03>

Caring Committee Corner

Greetings from your Caring Committee members. We wish to congratulate the fellowship graduates this year. Ellyn Suske-Funk and Bergen Brew (high school); Catherine McComas-Bussa, Connor DeSpain and Kali Sipp (Northland College undergraduates); Lilly Krysinski (Bachelor of Nursing); and Dr. Charlie Krysinski (Ph.D. in History). We wish you all well and please know that wherever your path takes you, CUUF will be here to welcome you home.

Our thoughts and prayers extend to Judith Peyton's family and friends. Judith will be greatly missed throughout the CUUF Fellowship and beyond. Continued healing wishes to Jan Wise during her recovery period from recent surgery.

Loving thoughts sent to Seth Oster for the recent loss of his mom.

And to all those experiencing loss from saying good bye to loved ones, we send peaceful energy during this difficult time.

The Caring Committee wishes everyone a safe, sunny and warm summer.

"See" you again in the fall.

Attention UU Women

I don't remember when the group we call UU Women started to meet. It was a long time ago and I'm remembering various places we've met and regulars who aren't with us anymore. Lots has changed, but not the descriptor that was adopted as our title without much thought. Recently, someone suggested that we have a new name.

I love the idea of having a more colorful handle that would call out to someone, 'Come check us out.' Suggestions are welcome. Please help us discover that name.

Summer! We'll continue to meet each month. The Washburn Library will be our default meeting location. But, keep an eye out for notices of change of location. There might be a surprise or two.

We'll meet outside unless it's raining, so bring a chair if you can. Start time is 10 a.m.

Here are the dates: June 11, July 9 and Aug. 6.

If you have any questions (or name suggestions), please contact Jill Lorenz at 715-292-9163.

The Caring Committee members can assist fellowship members in need. Please contact Stacy if you would find a ride to services helpful, need a short-term meal train, or need assistance in locating area community services.

Conversations on Love as the Center of Governance

Tuesday, June 13 from 7-8:15 p.m.

Tuesday, June 27 from 7-8:15 p.m.

At the CUUF office in Room #309 on the third floor of the Vaughn Library in Ashland

At General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) this year, we'll be voting on a change in the bylaws, which proposes to center 'love' in the structure of "Principles and Covenant" section, which is Article II. To help delegates prepare for this vote, and to explore how CUUF might adopt or adapt similar language to our bylaws, Rev. Stacy Craig is leading a two-part conversation. It will center on two resources, which are helpful to read ahead, but not required:

All About Love by bell hooks and Article 2 Study Commission of the UUA

At the session on June 13, we'll cover the background and main points in the readings. At the session on June 27, we'll discuss what happened at General Assembly and continue the discussion. Some questions that we'll consider include: *In what ways does 'love' at the heart of governance change or impact how we 'get things done' as an organization? In what specific ways are we asked to transform lives, communities and the world in these times?*

All are welcome! Refreshments will be served. Please contact Stacy Craig with any questions.

To practice the art of loving we have first to choose love—admit to ourselves that we want to know love and be loving. —bell hooks, *All About Love*

Questions? Contact Stacy Craig with questions at minister@chequamegonuuf.org or 715-413-1593.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Greetings RE families,

Thanks for a great end to the service year. We enjoyed a wonderful field trip to Big Lake Organics, as well as the ending of our K-2 Our Whole Lives (OWL) session. Big thanks to parents for supporting your kiddos in attendance and to all of the RE volunteers that make it possible.

The RE Committee met in May to discuss options for our fall curriculum. We are exploring a new curriculum that Megan Perrine has share with us titled “Walking the Rainbow Path: Celebrating All the Colors of Love” for K-1 grades. This program introduces the UU Principles and helps children begin to name their own religious/spiritual experiences. It provides stories and language that create a framework on which to build their own belief system, and to nurture their ethical growth.

2nd - 3rd grade group: Megan and Jen Weiler plan to continue with their “Moral Tales” group that began this year. Here is a quick snapshot of the focus.

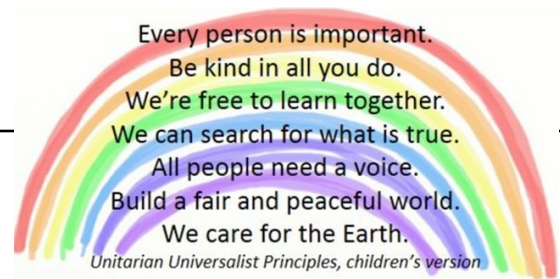
Every day our children go forth into a complex world, where they are often faced with difficult decisions and situations. Moral Tales attempts to provide children with the spiritual and ethical tools that they will need to make choices and take actions reflective of their Unitarian Universalist beliefs and values.

4-5th grade group: To Be Determined

6th - 12th graders will continue with “Building Bridges,” which is a world religions program to deepen youth’s understanding of the dynamic, fascinating and varied world in which they live. It seeks to broaden their knowledge of humanity and embolden their spiritual search.

We have noted that these curriculums have such robust offerings that we can use them for several years, especially because they are designed for congregations that meet weekly. We plan to offer OWL for 4th - 6th grade **BEFORE** the service starting in the fall. Please save the tentative date for the mandatory parent/child meeting on Sept. 24th at 9 a.m. Watch for an email message, including links and more specific information on possible fall curriculum offerings. I invite parent feedback on the fall plan. Please reach out with questions, ideas, reflections and/or if you would like to meet to discuss things further. I can be reached at 715-209-8200.

—Blessings, Ashley Smith



OWL participants



RE participants were invited to a tour of Big Lake Organics composting facility to learn about how they are transforming waste into life-giving compost. Thank you, Megan Perrine, for helping organize the tour and to Todd Rothe for leading it.

Congregational Polity

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Some religious groups have very little decision-making authority. For example, their minister may be placed in their fellowship without their say, their building (and repairs budget) could be owned/operated by the national denomination, and the types of programs offered may be mandated/prescribed by a group that has no connection with the local fellowship. This is not the case with congregational polity, where **ALL** of the decision-making authority lies in the membership. Here are a few clarifications about this form of governance from: <http://www.uua.org/leaderlab/congregational-polity>

Polity refers to a form of governance and how decision-making happens

Congregational Polity is a specific form of church governance, organized at the level of the individual church or congregation. In addition to Unitarian Universalism, United Church of Christ, Disciples of Christ, Baptist and Reformed Judaism all have some version of congregational polity. Here's a short list of features that congregational churches or synagogues all share:

- The highest level of decision-making happens within the church, not within a higher ecclesiastical body such as bishops, presbyters or district staff.
- The elected lay-leadership (usually the board of trustees or equivalent) holds legal authority to buy and sell property, negotiate contracts and other such activities.
- Congregations set their own criteria for membership.
- The minister is chosen and called by the congregation.
- Ministers are ordained by congregations, not by a higher ecclesiastical body.
- The church is financially self-supporting through the financial stewardship of the members.

Some essentials for congregational polity to work include:

- Members must have a high level of commitment
- Members develop and live in accordance with a covenant
- Leaders (including board and committee members) are elected and empowered to tend to the running of the church
- Churches (though independent) must support and aid one another

Congregational polity means that fellowships can look very different from one another because so much of their operation is inspired by the unique, grassroots members who do the work.

When people from the fellowship share, I love your office/newsletter/website...I have to remind them, it's actually YOURS! You are the fellowship.

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If parents or guardians wish, it may also include naming of godparents or naming a spiritual companion or spiritual mentor in the child's life. Please contact Stacy Craig if you would like to participate in the Child Dedication Ceremony by emailing minister@chequamegonuuf.org.

Chequamegon Unitarian Universalist Fellowship 2022-23 Volunteers

Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers. We truly could not run the fellowship without the hard work of so many people. When compiling a list like this one, there is always the chance that someone's name and contribution will be inadvertently missed. Please let us know if we missed your service, so we can add it.

Altar Decoration

Cynthia Belmont
William Lemler
Jan Perkins
Linda Saetre
Tracey Snyder
Maija Sulerud
Jenise Swartley
Jen Weiler

Board of Directors

Jen Banowetz, Secretary
Mike Bunch
Ed Calhan, Treasurer
Karen Crowell, President
Joe Fernandez
Doug Liphart
Beth Lowthian
Ruth Oppedahl
Beth Reed
Angela Stroud

Caring Committee

Deb Aaron
Jo Bailey
Beth Lowthian
Jacki Rae-Ledin
Megan Perrine
Melodie Phipps

Special thanks to the "caring committee of the whole"—all those who bring meals, give rides, share their time, and bring flowers.

Hospitality Committee

June Bavlina, chair
Joe Fernandez
Jan Perkins

Men's Group

George Bussey

Membership Committee

Henry and Kristin Quinlan, chairs

Music Committee

Linda Calhan, chair
Megan Perrine

Musicians

Linda Calhan
Joni Chapman
Donn Christensen
Liam Grady
Maya Holevatz
Emma Holtar
Mirabel Jurewicz
Oleana Jurewicz
Catherine McComas-Bussa
Mark Perrine
Kristin Quinlan
Lee Stadnyk
Jenise Swartley
Karyn Watters

Personnel Committee

Irene Blakely
Mark Perrine
Angela Stroud

Poster Distribution

Jo and Mike Bailey
Megan Perrine

Religious Education Committee

Doug Liphart and Beth Reed, chairs
Megan Perrine
Ashley Smith
Erin Tenney

Religious Education Teachers

Deb and Bob Aaron
Joni Chapman
Stacy Craig
Doug Liphart
Kelsey and Todd Rothe
Aistis Tumas
Ana Tochterman
Heidi Ungrodt
Jen Weiler

Social Justice

Jen Banowetz, chair

Service Lay Readers

Jen and Jeff Banowetz
Irene Blakely
Dorota and George Bussey
Fred Clark
Lindy Howe
Charlie Krysinski
Ashley Kaumatauskas
Deb Lewis
Doug Liphart
Beth Lowthian
Ruth Oppedahl
Kelsey Rothe
Aistis Tumas
Meghan Salmon-Tumas
Beth Reed
Erin and William Schlager
Tracey Snyder
Jenise Swartley
Heidi, Jedd and Raina Ungrodt
Jen Weiler

Stewardship Committee

Lois Albrecht
George Bussey
Ed Calhan
Ruth Oppedahl, chair

UU Women

Jill Lorenz

Welcome Table

Lindy Howe
Beth Lowthian

Worship Committee

Charlie Krysinski
Catherine McComas-Bussa
Jan Perkins
Megan Perrine
Tracey Snyder
Jenise Swartley, chair

Worship Set-Up

Ed and Linda Calhan
Jan Perkins
Megan Perrine
Tracey Snyder
Jen Weiler

Congratulations Graduates

CUUF wishes to congratulate the graduates of 2023.

From Northland College: Connor DeSpain, Catherine McComas-Bussa and Kali Sipp

From high school: Bergen Brew, Ellyn Suske Funk and Bas Veenendaal

Congratulations to all those celebrating this special milestone!

CUUF 2023 Summer Programs

Soul Matters Sharing Circle

The theme for June is a continued study on the topic of *creativity* and in July we'll explore the topic of *delight*. The group will not be meeting in August. Interested in joining? Please contact Stacy Craig to register at minister@chequamegonuuf.org or 715-413-1593.

Monday, June 12 at 6 p.m. CST/7 p.m. EST

Monday, July 10 at 6 p.m. CST/7 p.m. EST

Death Café Offers Opportunity to Discuss Death and Dying in a Safe Environment

Death Cafes offer the opportunity to meet in a confidential, safe and caring environment to discuss death and dying. Everyone's thoughts, feelings and experiences are all relevant. We welcome participants of any background, religion, culture or belief. The next meeting will be held on Friday, June 9 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the Washburn Meditation Center, 325 Washington Avenue.

At Death Café, we make a taboo subject normal through casual conversation. "Our objective is to increase awareness of death with a view to helping people make the most of their (finite) lives."

A Death Café is a group-directed conversation of death with no agenda, objectives or themes. It is a discussion group rather than a grief-support or counselling session.

Many report that participating in Death Cafés reduce their anxiety about death and dying (their own or their loved ones), which can enhance the way we live in the present. Most people leave feeling connected and uplifted.

Kate Miller will facilitate the discussion. She can be reached at 847-204-9350.

Juneteenth celebration set for June 18 in Duluth

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Duluth Chapter, will be hosting the 49th Annual Juneteenth Celebration on June 18 from 12 - 5 p.m. at the Central Hillside Community Center in Duluth.

Incidentally, the Duluth Chapter held a meeting on June 1, at which time one of the participants asked if anyone from CUUF might be driving to Duluth for the event.

If you or someone you know is planning to attend from CUUF, please contact Minister Stacy Craig at stacy@chequamegonuuf.org or Fellowship Assistant Adam Haecker at cuufad@gmail.com



Recognition, Renewal, and Gratitude—Notes From the May 17 CUUF Annual Meeting

The annual meeting began with prelude music titled “Right Here” by Gathering Sparks/Sam Turton. One of the main business items of the annual meeting was the recognition and appreciation of the many folks who served the fellowship mission this past year, including staff, committee members and volunteers.

Ed Calhan gave a detailed Treasurer’s Report, as well as a proposed 2023-24 budget. We also welcomed Beth Lowthian as the new CUUF president, who is stepping in for outgoing president, Karen Crowell. We also welcomed two new board members, Monica Lee and Tracey Snyder.

There was time for Joys and Concerns from those in attendance. Overall, we look forward to a prosperous upcoming service year in 2023-24. Thank you. Please see **Note:** below for how to obtain more information.

Note: Please contact Fellowship Assistant Adam Haecker for the complete work of CUUF for the 2022-23 service year as presented at the 2023 Annual Meeting. He can be reached at cuufad@gmail.com

How to Remember CUUF in Your Will

Please consider joining others who have named CUUF as a beneficiary in their will or retirement or investment accounts. All you need is our EIN# 30-0248893 and our address: CUUF, P.O. Box 641, Ashland, WI 54806.

May 10 Board Meeting Report

The CUUF board met online on May 10, 2023. The focus was to review the 2023-24 mission budget for the annual meeting. The approximate \$85,000 budget is a work in progress. Ed sent a document that listed some items that he thought we could eliminate to reduce our upcoming expenses. This reduces the expected expenses by \$5,700. The document also contains ideas for raising funds. The annual meeting itself focused on recognition of staff and volunteers, nomination of new board members, and recognition of departing board members.

Scenes from the All-Music Service on May 7



Song sung by Lee Stadnyk and Karyn Watters at the All-Music Service on May 7

We love the sunshine
The glorious sunshine

It makes us happy
When skies are clear

You’ll never know, folks
How much we love it

Please don’t take our sunshine away

The other night, folks
As we lay sleeping

We dreamed of summers
Hot days ahead

When we awoke then
We got to thinking

We might change our minds later on

We love the sunshine
The marvelous sunshine

It makes us happy
This time of year

So at this time, folks
We love the sunshine

Please don’t take our sunshine away

CUUF is Hiring! Director of Religious Education and Our Whole Lives

Coming soon! The CUUF website will soon have a job description for a part-time staff position to direct the congregation's spiritual programming for children, youth and families. This work is supported by volunteers, the RE Committee and minister. If you are someone (or know of someone) who would like to be a part of the amazing work of fostering children's spiritual and ethical growth, empowering youth in social justice action and work with curricula that has the potential to save lives, please reach out to Minister Stacy Craig for more information and how to apply. The position works minimally in the summer, but does require in-person duties two Sundays/month from September through May. Ideal candidates are familiar with Unitarian Universalism and have teaching or educational administration experience.



Vacation Bible School
When: Monday, June 12th-
Friday, June 16th
Time: 9AM- Noon
Noon is lunch!
Where: Good Shepherd ELCA
311 13th St. W.
Ashland, WI 54806
Ages: Finished 4K through
Finished 6th Grade
Together with: UPCC, Saron
ELCA, Messiah ELCA, and area
Methodist churches.

Sign up: www.goodshepherdashland.com
For more information about the curriculum go to:
<https://www.concordiasupply.com/Vacation-Bible-School/VBS-2022-Themes/Food-Truck-Party-VBS-2022-Cokesbury>

A Note from Mary Rehwald

This is an edited version of an email message that she shared and gave permission to share in this newsletter. Mary is a longtime member of CUUF and moved from Chequamegon Bay to Madison in 2022.

I realized how lonesome I am for my Sierra mountain and northern Wisconsin homelands and loving pals. I have made some close friends here, but the deer and bear don't wander up to my windows anymore to see what's going on inside (i.e. what do you have to eat?). One of the best parts of my experience with two new friends, David and Kristine Zellmer, was to see "The Lion King" at Madison's fancy new theatre that brings major Broadway shows here every year. This was the most incredible live theatre I have ever seen in my life. It is currently on tour in North America and will be in Reno, Nevada (November) and Philadelphia and Schenectady, New York, and goes to Tulsa, then Washington, D.C. next. Have never seen better choreography, set design, music (such as Elton John and Tim Rice), lighting, message and combination of international cultural patterns and interconnectedness. Everyone in the production was a puppet of an animal from the African Savannah's. Julie Raymor was the genius behind incorporating many international cultural ways of doing puppets (shadow puppets) and Kabuki puppets—and the combinations added up to a major lifetime experience for me. Go online and find a place near you and plan a vacation around it if you can. Of course, in my usual fashion, I didn't know anything about it; thought it was some typical Disney animated show, and I believe it started out that way, but has been completely changed for the stage.

The sun is coming up—this night owl must hit the hay. Love, Mary.

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Madison, WI 53717, phone: 608-820-1712, cell: 715-702-1812;
mary.rehwald@gmail.com



IN OUR COMMUNITY

Dorota Bussey to have her artwork featured at Black Cat in Ashland

CUUF member and webmaster, Dorota Bussey, will have some of her artwork on display at the Black Cat in Ashland during the months of July and August. Here are a few examples of her work.



Dorota explains that “Winter Sentinel” represents wolves who are so misunderstood and vilified by humans. She painted “Phoenix Rising” during the pandemic to give hope to rising again despite life’s hardships. The piece titled “Dancing Monarchs” represents the joys and beauty bestowed on us by ever-changing nature.



Greetings from Washburn Chequamegon Bay PFLAG. If you’ve been reading the Ashland Daily Press, you know we have been busy with school board issues in Ashland and Washburn. The support from the entire community has been wonderful. Thank you. It is unfortunate that a comparatively very small, misinformed community comprise attendance at school board meetings. This affects many topics of which LGBTQ+ civil rights is just one. Therefore, we would ask that you seriously consider coming to a school board meeting of your choice (either in-person or virtually) just to listen or perhaps comment during the public comments time. Our youth are our future. We’d like to see them stay engaged with

their home communities as they venture into their futures. Let’s all help create the most welcoming, embracing, nurturing environment possible.

Have a wonderful summer!

—Kate Stolp

- June 1—Washburn Public Library Pride Movie Night, “Rent” at 6:30 p.m.
- June 3-30—LGBTQ+ Out and Proud Art Show at Authentic Superior in Herbster. Art submission forms and instructions are on the WCB PFLAG website. Drop off points have been designated in Ashland, Washburn and Bayfield.
- June 4—Art Show Reception from 1-4 p.m.
- June 10—Ironwood Pride
- June 11—Chequamegon Bay Pride Fundraiser with Dora Diamond
- June 22—”Pride Anthems” at Big Top Chautauqua
- June 24—Stonewall Martini Night, 211 Martini Bar in Washburn
- June 28—Music in the Parks in Washburn
- July 26—Brownstone Days in Washburn
- Aug. 11-12—”Rocky Horror Picture Show” at the Ashland Bay Cinema
- Aug. 12—Chequamegon Bay Pride Picnic at Bandshell Park in Ashland
- Sept. 2—Duluth Pride from 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.
- Sept. TBD—Washburn Chequamegon Bay PFLAG Summer BBQ
- Sept. 21—Washburn Chequamegon Bay PFLAG “Third Thursdays” resume

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Please visit the WCB PFLAG website at www.pflagwashburn.org for more information.

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