

NUUs Letter

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Northwoods Unitarian Universalist
Fellowship

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We are a Welcoming Congregation Sunday mornings at 10 a.m.

Unitarian Universalists believe more than one thing. We think for ourselves, and reflect together, about Life's important questions.

.. Our beliefs are diverse and inclusive. We have no shared creed. Our shared covenant supports "the free and responsible search for truth and meaning." Though Unitarianism and Universalism were both liberal Christian traditions, this responsible search has led us to embrace diverse teachings from Eastern and Western religions and philosophies.



UPCOMING SERVICES

Dec. 9, Rev. Mary Beth O'Halloran

Dec. 16, 4:00 p.m., Holiday service and potluck.

Dec. 23, There will be no service, but hospitality is inviting you to a Winter Solstice potluck. Details to follow.

Jan. 6, David Barnhill

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. alternating with our regular Sunday services

Dec. 2, Turning Points in American History, "1948: The Berlin Airlift and the Cold War" and "1950: Tuning In -- The Birth of Television."

DISCUSSION GROUPS

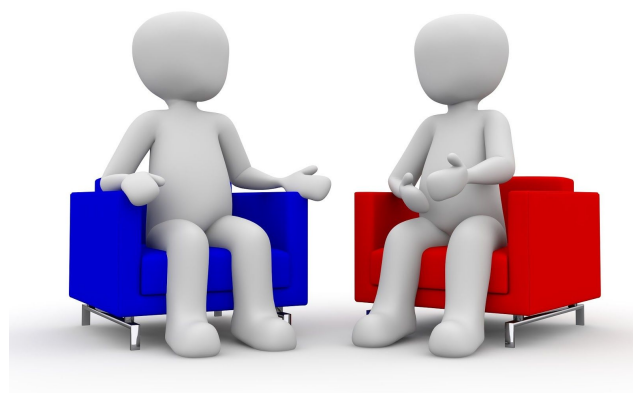
Men's Discussion Group meets on Tuesday, Dec. 11, at 6 p.m. at the Fellowship

All men of the fellowship are invited to attend this potluck followed by discussion led by Frank Patin. **A volunteer is needed to provide the main dish.**

Participants need to bring a dish to pass as well as drinks of your choice. New members welcome. Contact Dick Fields, dmafields@yahoo.com, for more information or to bring the main course.

Women's Evening Discussion Group meets Tuesday, Dec. 11, at 6 p.m. at the Fellowship in the Dr. Cline Room

All are invited to attend this discussion. No food is served. New members welcome. Contact Natalia Graf-Jones, for more information.



The regular Women's Discussion Group will not meet in December.

MILESTONES

Dawn Holt	12-06-
Natalia Graf	12-08
Julie Wambach	12-12-
Julie White	12-14-
Cathy Peterson	12-14-
Guthrie Linder	12-15-
Diane Reupert	12-19-
Laurie Figueroa	12-20-
Bob and Marilyn Feser	12-22-
Suzy Foster	12-27-
Marilyn Hendry	12-27-
Dana Collins	12-30-
Peter Frost	12-31-

Is your Birthday or Anniversary missing? Or do you see a mistake that can be corrected? If so, please contact Candy Sorensen at (715) 892-2997 or sorencan@yahoo.com Thanks!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For distribution of announcements between newsletters or email/address corrections, contact Candy Sorensen at sorencan@yahoo.com

Our UU Fellowship needs you to volunteer to bring snack and/or be a greeter. Snacks do not have to be elaborate.
Consider volunteering for a Sunday in December or January. Thank you.

Building Your Own Theology

Building Your Own Theology – Book 1 –Beliefs -- will meet the Friday evenings before service Sundays at 5:30 starting Nov 9. Dates will probably be adjusted for thanksgiving and Christmas, but otherwise plan on every other Friday evening. Topics include human nature, divinity, ethics, meaning and more profundity. Discussion will be exciting. Let Mary Beth know if you want to join the fun: mbohallowan@yahoo.com.

Winter Circle Dinners Out

Instead of potluck dinners at members homes starting in January we can share time, conversation and food at area restaurants.

- Parking in the winter months will be more accessible and cleaning will not be necessary for the hosts.
- Price of the meal is the responsibility of each attending member, not the host.
- Dinners can mean breakfast, lunch or dinner. Please indicate your preference when you sign up.
- Sign up sheets at the Fellowship, or email skipols@newnorth.net.
 1. Choose to Host — set up date, time and place. Once sign up is complete, email invitations to pre-selected guests.
 2. Choose to Attend — pick either weekday or week end, choose breakfast, lunch or dinner. Your host will email you with the place, date and time.

Mary Ann Fields wishes to thank for all the healing thoughts expressed by the members through notes, visits, and telephone calls. They kept my spirits high during my 16 days stay at Rennes Rehab Center in Rhinelander, following hip replacement surgery.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Frederick Place in Rhinelander has a sizeable number of dates open for meals. If you can help out with one of these dates you can either call Frederick Place at 715-369-9777 or email Tammy Modic at tammymodic.frederickplace@gmail.com

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- The Campanile Christmas concert with Mary Beth O'Halloran and Patty Buehler singing is Sunday, Dec. 2, at 1 p.m.
 - The NUUF Holiday musical program and potluck is Sunday, Dec. 16, at 4 p.m. Bob Hanson's Brass Quintet, the NUUF Choir, Trillium and others will share holiday music you're sure to enjoy. A potluck supper will be held at 5 p.m.
 - The public performances of Patty Buehler with Trillium will be held at Minocqua Library Friday, Dec. 7, at 1 p.m. and at Gas Light Square Saturday, Dec. 15, from noon to 3 p.m.
 - For our annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service remembrance, Northwoods Unitarian Universalist Fellowship is sponsoring a Poverty Simulation Sunday, Jan. 20, from 1-4 p.m. held at Ascension Lutheran Church in Minocqua.

We are encouraging NUUF members to attend this event. Advanced registration is required. Participation will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Participants must be at least 17 years old. Space is limited, so you should register by Monday, Dec. 3, by emailing Diane Reupert at dreupert@gmail.com with your name, cell phone number, and the current date.

Tamara Sharp and Barney Slowey, adjunct professors at Silver Lake College, will facilitate this interactive learning event.

The poverty simulation is an exercise in empathy. You will experience what it is like to live with scarcity of resources, to have to make choices between paying for heat or food. You will learn about the constant pressures faced by those living in poverty. Register Now!

- The next Fair Trade day at NUUF is Sunday, Dec. 9. A sampling of coffee and chocolate will be available Dec. 9. Thanks for supporting Fair Trade for small farmers.
- You are invited to an **artists' holiday home show**, featuring the works of Toni Polfus and Phyllis Schuit Barnhill. Saturday, Dec. 1, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at [7164 Clawson Drive, Hazelhurst. 920-745-0842](#). The following artists will be displaying their work. All items will be for sale.
 - Toni Polfus – Nature inspired pottery and watercolor paintings
 - Debbie Wilkie – Temari (ancient Japanese thread art) and baskets
 - Jenny Gibson – Knitted socks, gloves, and Christmas Stockings
 - Phyllis Schuit – Embroidered thread art and woven hats and scarves
 - Pat Garske – Quilts, purses, and original fabric
- Greetings! The holidays are just around the corner, and it's time to start thinking about our annual poinsettias. As usual, these will be delivered to the building in early December, and decorate the auditorium through our Holiday Service Dec. 16. They may be taken home after that (bring a bag to protect them from the cold). Please contact Jana Mirs to reserve a poinsettia. (715-356-4746 / janamirs@yahoo.com.)
- Science on Tap, Wednesday, Dec 5, 6:30 p.m at the Minocqua Brewing Company
"Wisconsin's Bats"

Brian Heeringa is the Wildlife Biologist for the Washburn Ranger District of the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest. He received his degree from the University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point and has worked with the USDA Forest Service since 2003. In addition to coordinating the bat monitoring program on the National Forest, Brian works with a team of biologists to coordinate bat acoustic survey efforts across the Eastern Region of the Forest Service. A recent sharp-tailed grouse translocation project and the ongoing restoration of a globally imperiled pine barrens ecosystem are also areas of focus and interest. Brian is a member of The Wildlife Society and serves as a board member of the Midwest Bat Working Group.

Come and learn about the important and unique role that bats play in our world! As the primary predator of nighttime flying insects Wisconsin's bats are vitally important to not only the health of the environment, but people as well! The Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest and surrounding lands, provide critical habitat for Wisconsin bats and are essential for helping them survive the continuing threat of the disease White-Nose Syndrome. Join Brian as he speaks about the bats that call Wisconsin home, what is being done by the Forest Service and partner agencies to protect these important animals, and ways that you can get involved in your very own backyard.

Funding for Science on Tap—Minocqua is provided by: a grant from the Brittingham Fund to the University of Wisconsin-Madison

Don't forget you can always watch the event on your computer, tablet or smartphone by clicking the Watch Science On Tap live button on our website at www.scienceontapminocqua.org

Interested in dinner? Please arrive by 5 pm & mention "Science on Tap" to receive a 10% discount.

- **Wade Fernandez at the Woolpy's, concert Dec. 8 at 6 p.m. and Workshop Dec. 7-8**



Soaring from Menominee Indian Reservation roots, Nammy award-winner Wade Fernandez knows how to both soothe and rock. With versatility, he honors tradition while forging ahead in an ever expanding world of music. Award-winning vocals, guitar, songwriting, native flute & drumming, all flow from deep within a rich blood memory, echoing his words, "Music is a very powerful gift to be returned and shared in a good way."

Workshop: "Finding Your Voice With The Native American Flute" is open to all levels from complete beginner on up and from 5th grade through elder. The cost is \$150 per student and includes a beautiful Native American cedar flute which you can decide to keep, sell or give away after the workshop. Over Friday & Saturday the workshop consists of 3 two-hour sessions at the Woolpy's (8395 Woolpy Drive, Minocqua) - Friday 6-8 pm, Saturday 10-12 and

1-3 with lunch served in between.

Students will be taught how to play the music from their heart and have the option to perform a song with me at the concert on Saturday night. Students must send a nonrefundable deposit to The Woolpy's of \$85 by Nov. 7th, 2018 in order to guarantee a reservation in the class. The early deadline allows time for a flute to be made to order for each student. Late enrollees may or may not be accepted depending on the availability of extra flutes.

Send deposits made out to Jerry Woolpy, POB 483, Minocqua, WI 54548 For more information contact Tara and Jerry 715-356-6276 or woolpy@gmail.com

Wade Fernandez Concert: 6 p.m. Dec. 8 at Tara and Jerry Woolpy's, located at 8395 Woolpy Drive in Minocqua. Donations of \$10-20 requested. As always, all money collected goes to the musician. Food and drink provided. Feel free to bring some finger-food or a beverage to share if you'd like but it's not required. Contact Jerry at woolpy@gmail.com to reserve your seat. Directions to the Woolpy's from Paul Bunyan's on Highway 51 north of Minocqua. Take "Old Highway 70" west 1 mile to Dr. Pink. Take Dr. Pink 0.8 mile south to Woolpy Drive on the right. Right on Woolpy Drive winding west 0.2 miles to 8395 Woolpy Drive (the third house on the right)

- **MOVIE NIGHT:** The Hospitality Committee wants movie night to resume. We will start having movies again on the third Tuesday of the month. Come at 6 and movie will start around 6:30. Bring your own snacks, drinks or even your dinner.

Our NUUF Community

If you know someone who is interested in joining the *Northwoods Unitarian Universalist Fellowship*, please contact Candy Sorensen at sorencan@yahoo.com or call 715-892-2997.

Check out our website <http://nuuf.com>. Also take time to "LIKE" us on Facebook. Click here on [Northwoods Unitarian Universalist Fellowship](#) for direct access if you already have a Facebook account. We're posting pictures, reminders about upcoming events and more.



EDITOR'S NOTE

Newsletter

Hello everyone, I will be compiling the newsletter for the foreseeable future! Please send announcements and updates to me, Carly Ratliff, at carly.j.ratliff@gmail.com or to Candy Sorensen at sorencan@yahoo.com by Dec. 28 for the September newsletter. It is very helpful if your copy is written exactly the way you want it to read so that it can be copied and pasted. Thank you!

MEMBERS' CORNER

The care committee wants to set up a Care Directory of people willing to help other members in times of short term need. To do this we need to know what you are willing to help with and under what conditions. Are you willing to do this as a service or do you need some monetary compensation? Below are the areas of help needed.

If you think of another area please let us know and we will add it to the list. *To sign up please email us (skipols@newnorth.net) your name, address, phone number, email. Then select and list what areas to which you are willing to donate your time and effort. And add any helpful information. The directory when completed will be available online and in hard copy.

*Areas of need:

1. driving to doctor or medical appointments
2. driving to the airport, departure or arrivals
3. meals prepared ahead or made for immediate eating
4. pet care: cat or dog, in your house or are you willing to drive to take care of a cat in their home, or staying at the pet's house while owners are gone
5. childcare, baby, toddler, school age. Evening or day.
6. elder care, giving short term nonmedical relief for a caregiver
7. technology problems
8. yard work: grass, snow, leaves, gardens, weeding, planting
9. indoor: small carpentry work, painting, housekeeping needs, laundry, bed changing
10. special need children
11. tutors for students
12. grocery shopping
13. driving to and from church service or activities
14. driving to do errands

Another idea is to have a sharing Fun Times Directory of people who wish to find people to share interests and activities.

*Areas of interests:

1. hiking or walking or running
2. watercraft sports, canoeing, kayaking, paddle board, pontoon, or motor boats.
3. swimming
4. cross-country or downhill skiing, classic or skating, beginner or intermediate, or expert
5. art making
6. hobbies
7. games, board, cards, computer
8. snowshoeing
9. shopping
10. reading
11. going to the movies
12. eating out
13. biking, road, mountain, fat tire, easy trail
14. computers
15. playgroups for children, or grandchildren
16. knitting
17. car trips, travel
