

NUUSLetter

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Northwoods Unitarian Universalist
Fellowship

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We are a Welcoming Congregation

The Fellowship is open for services!

Our services are at 10:00 A.M. **Check our calendar for more info.**

The Board has set out the following covid guidelines:

- Masks are strongly encouraged in the building until the transmission level is low. All Northern WI counties have fluctuated between medium and high levels of transmission risk in recent weeks. We urge you to protect yourself and others “



Upcoming Services

Sundays 10:00

August 7, The Meaning of Life

August 14, Richard Olson

August 21, The Meaning of Life

August 28, MLK Program, Torpy Park

September 11, Rev. Mary Beth O'Halloran

Religious Education

Religious Education resumed in person. We will be gathering at 10:00 a.m. on Sundays without regular services. We are just finishing watching “The Meaning of Life” and will be starting a new series. See our website for more information. The kitchen will be open. We look forward to seeing you. The Board asks that we be vaccinated, wear masks and continue to socially distance.

Announcements

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

Milestones

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| Elinore Sommerfeld | 08-02 |
| Jan Reed | 08-04 |
| Susan Knight | 08-04 |
| Joan Hauer | 08-07 |
| Jerry Woolpy | 08-14 |
| David Foster | 08-17 |
| Ellie Frost (Susan Knight's daughter) | 08-26 |
| Suzy & David Foster | 08-31 |
| Cara Hettich | 09-01 |
| Sherry Zoars | 09-01 |
| Jonathon Beutler (Barb's son) | 09-01 |
| Carly Ratliff | 09-05 |
| Rev. Sydney Morris (our former minister) | 09-07 |
| Brianna Kubinek | 09-08 |

Do you see a mistake that can be corrected? If so, please contact Candy Sorensen at (715) 892-2997 or sorencan@yahoo.com Thanks!.

Ojibwe Traditional Beliefs:

Nii Bin-Summer of the South, providing us with warmth for the NEW LIFE that was granted of the time of CHILDHOOD and the color YELLOW for the warm winds and growing power.

ODE'IMINI GIIZIS-STRAWBERRY MOON-JUNE

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Movie Night August 9th at 6:00 PM. The movie is “Night on Earth”. The plan is to have movie nights on the second Tuesdays of the month. Come and a movie. BYOB.

The Social Justice Committee will meet . Check our website for more details.

Our NUUF Community

Live Auction items you can bid on in person or on zoom:

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| Fishing Trip | Ted Rulseh |
| Movie Jan 16 | Jana Mirs |
| Movie Feb 10 | Jana Mirs |
| Movie Mar 10 | Jana Mirs |
| Kayak and Picnic Aug 6 (7) | Pam Thul Immler |
| Film and Dinner Dec 3 | Constance Downey |
| Hike and Picnic Sep 11 | Patty Buehler and Nancy Johnson |
| Lodging 3 nites (9/1 —10/15) (5/15—6/1) | Joan Junge |
| Collage Workshop Jan or Feb | Toni Polfus |
| Watercolor Workshop (Sep 12—23) | Toni Polfus |
| Sushi Dinner | Sharon Reilly |
| Hymnbook Exploration Oct 1 | Mary Beth O’Halloran |
| Lunch and Historical Tour early Sep | Mary Ann Fields and Doris Eberlein |
| Game Night and Dinner | Cheryl and Bon Hanson |
| Dinner and Game Night | Chery and Bob Hanson |
| Game Night with Dessert | Natalia Graf and Walt Jones |
| Indian Dinner | Natalia Graf and Walt Jones |
| Hike and Pizza Aug 3 | Randy Wendt and Nancy Johnson |

Comments on the Loss of a Founding Member

I only met Dick Fields when we started to get together to form this Fellowship. From the start Dick was a doer who wanted to get things done, and he believed in doing it in the right way. Dick never wanted to hold a position on the Board, but he was always ready and willing to head up a committee or participate in decision making. He was quick to recognize that we needed a building of our own and worked with others to find a suitable location. When we found that location Dick was there to help us think through how to get permits, loans, find a contractor and all the other things that really needed to get done. Mary Ann was President and Dick was her partner in getting us through those years.

As the Fellowship progressed Dick continued in his supportive role of moving us forward to having a Fellowship that would be our home. He headed up the committee overseeing our addition, he chaired our spirituality committee and he supported Mary Ann in all of her endeavors.

Where Dick and I differed the most was in our spirituality beliefs. Dick as I think everyone knows was a confirmed atheist. I am a confirmed Universalist. Where I believed in the teachings of Jesus, Dick could believe in other things that allowed him to be much more conservative than I. That does not mean that I think Dick was evil, I don't. Dick was a good, honest, moral man.

And where is Dick now? I believe that Dick is still among us. His physical presence is gone, but every element of that physical presence still exists in the (what I will call) the greater. Everything that made up Dick is still with us, but in a different form. Whatever good you have with Dick, hold on to it. Hold on to your memories of Dick and in your thoughts thank him for being with us for the time we had.

Signed, Terry Hoyt, Another Founding Member

Covid Precautions Increased precautions were started by the board earlier this month due to increased covid activity in our northern counties from low to medium activity (green to yellow). Precautions include masks required in the building *when others are present*, no singing at services, food and visiting outdoors. After discussion it was agreed that once local Covid activity returns to low (green) masks will be encouraged, singing will be reviewed and eating will still be encouraged outdoors. Jana and Pam will monitor.

FELLOWSHIP WEBSITE

Our Website is the best way to keep up to date with what is happening. Member or not you can easily go to nuuf.com and see our calendar and upcoming events. On the home page along the right-hand side is a list of upcoming events. Click on one and you can see more information. On the calendar you can click on an event and more information will show up.

Sally Back wishes to thank all the NUUF members who have sent cards and been supportive in other ways. She really appreciates staying in contact. There are only 3 or 4 phones for the whole facility, so it is difficult to reach her by phone, but the notes cheer her up. FYI—Sally's address is Villa Maria Rehab, 301 Taconite Street, Hurley WI 54539. 715-561-3200

Congratulations to **Ed Stoever** for not only surviving covid, but returning to teaching bridge classes. Great appearance on channel 12. How wonderful to be 96, kind and tolerant to new bridge students. We are

all so proud of you and value your friendship.

Dr. MLK, Jr. “I Have a Dream” Community Celebration

Fifty-nine years ago, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., delivered his famous “I Have a Dream” speech before a crowd of some 250,000 during the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom.

On Sunday, August 28, the Northwoods Unitarian Universalist Fellowship will host a community celebration commemorating that historic speech. **The event, held at Torpy Park in downtown Minocqua, will begin at 11:00 a.m.**

The public is encouraged to attend.

Keynote speaker for the celebration is Dr. Chris Ebert, AAUW state communications coordinator who was present at the 1963 March on Washington. Poets, Tinker Schuman and Beth Tornes, both of Lac du Flambeau, will read their original work. Music will be provided by The Sharp Keys (Ken Stewart and Heidi Coles), a Madison based group. Vocalist is Patty Buehler. Ted Rulseh, author and *Lakeland Times* columnist, will serve as M.C.

As an event highlight, the first annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Award will be presented to community social justice activist and Rhinelander resident, Jackie Cody, for her years of unwavering dedication to improving the lives of others.

Anyone seeking further information about the event can contact Cheryl Hanson at ceonehanson@gmail.com.

- Thanks to Mary Ann Fields and Toni Polfus for their leadership over the past 2 years. Both have led with dedication and wisdom during difficult transitions.
- Welcome to Jana Mirs as newly elected co-president with Pam Thul- Immler and Bob Hanson as interim Secretary along with Mel Hoff continuing as treasurer and Bill Kane member at large.

Editor’s Note

Newsletter

Please send announcements and updates to me, Terry Hoyt, at thoyt@newnorth.net by 8:00 AM August 28th for the September newsletter. **Please try to get things to me earlier. People seem to like to complain. They complain if there is no letter, they complain if it’s late and they complain if like less month (when I had the audacity to take a vacation and finished the NUUSletter before the deadline). I couldn’t have sent it out driving through North Dakota so please have some understanding. Did you really have to wait until the last day to send me something?** 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!