



NEWS for Lake Country UUs

LCUUC is a Welcoming Congregation, meaning that the congregation believes in being inclusive of bisexual, gay, lesbian, and/or transgender people.



Lake Country Unitarian Universalist Church

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Our Mission

LCUUC is a diverse religious community supporting one another in our spiritual search for truth, meaning and compassionate connection. Based on the Unitarian Universalist Principles and the transforming power of love, we strive for positive change in the world.

Our Vision

2020 LCUUC is an inclusive spiritual community that is diverse, growing, vibrant, and economically sustainable. We provide enriching lifespan education and a strong public presence supporting social justice.



JANUARY 2018

WORSHIP SERVICES Services begin at 10am

January 7

We've Come This Far by Faith — Rev. Darrick Jackson

How do we survive in this changing world? What gives us the strength to keep going, to fight for justice, to be better human beings?

The Rev. Darrick Jackson is the Interim Associate Executive Director of UU Ministers Association. He is also an affiliated faculty member at Meadville Lombard Theological School and one of the authors in the book "Centering: Navigating Race, Authenticity and Power in Ministry." Darrick is involved denominationally as Treasurer of DRUUMM (the UU ministry for people of color). He is also the treasurer and Workshop Leader for Healing Moments (a ministry for caregivers of people with Alzheimer's). In his free time, Darrick likes to knit and to be involved in theatre. He is married to James Olson, a United Church of Christ minister and lives with their two cats, Merlin and Morgana.

North Lake Food Pantry

January 14

The Promise and the Practice of Our Faith: Hearing Black UU Voices

— **The Reverend Joyce Palmer**

What would it be like if our UU worship service centered entirely around the voices and the experiences of black Unitarian Universalists? What different (and perhaps difficult) truths might we hear? What might we learn about dismantling white supremacy culture within and beyond our congregation? Join us today as we practice a new way of being together — a way that "de-centers" whiteness. We also introduce the UUA's campaign to support Black Lives of UU (BLUU).

The Rev. Joyce Palmer serves as Assistant Minister for Membership and Congregational Engagement at UU Church West in Brookfield. In the past she served Unitarian Church North in Mequon, and as Director of Membership and Lay Ministry at All Souls Church UU, in Washington, DC.

January 21

Step by Step — The Reverend Dr. Tony Larsen

Tony's sermon will explore the gradual nature of ethical change--in ourselves as well as in society. As the Buddhist Dhammapada reminds us: "Let no one think lightly of evil, saying in their heart, 'It won't come near me.' Just as a water pot gets filled by falling water drops, so the fool becomes full of evil, even if he or she only gathers it one drop at a time." Might this also be true of virtue?

The Reverend Dr. Tony Larsen has served the UU Church in Racine (Olympia Brown Unitarian Universalist Church) for over 42 years and has been especially active in social-justice work. He has also written a book ("Trust Yourself: You Have the Power," Impact Publishing 1979) and contributed chapters to "Everyday Spiritual Practice" and "Salted With Fire" (Skinner House, UU). He sings, plays guitar and piano, and enjoys travel with his husband Craig Matheus.

Heifer

January 28

Draw the Circle Wide — Sue Andrews

Our social world is divided into we's and they's. Do They get the same justice We do? In order to stay a "We," there are rules to follow, questions that can't be asked. Is there a "Social Justice Doctrine" that decrees how we must view the issues? How does that impact our ability to think through the issues and draw the circle wide?

Sue Andrews has chaired Worship Arts for the past three years. She is Professor Emerita in Psychology with the UW Colleges. She has a long-standing interest in the way in which human communities use religion to hold their sharpest insights, to empower their most generous impulses and rationalize the basest.



Minister's MUUsings

Well, here we are. My last newsletter column before Sabbatical. I have no words for how much I will miss LCUUC and her people while I am gone from you for this time.

It has been an eventful last few weeks. On December 12th I left for Fairfax, Virginia. Nancy Bratt and I represented LCUUC at the December 14th Interfaith Clergy Witness at the NRA, which was held at the NRA headquarters. We drove to Fairfax for the event, which was well attended and deeply moving.

Clergy and musicians from across the country met in front of the NRA national Headquarters with speakers and the families of some of the children killed at Sandy Hook. Speakers were UU, Baptist, Jewish, Hindu, and Muslim. Some had lost children to gun violence. Rev. Jason Shelton lead clergy and musicians in song, including frequent sung renditions of the words "We want our children back, so many gone too soon."

Community members lined the opposite side of the street as they do each month, protesting over and over again the lack of gun control.

On lines in front of us tiny tee shirts hung, children's names written on them. One for each victim of Sandy Hook.

Though the weather was bitterly cold, the crowd did not thin for almost 2.5 hours.

I was heart sick at the need for there to be such an event, and yet could find hope in every person who stood shivering in the cold, and every one of the multiple cars which sped past us honking and giving a thumbs up. We will not be silent in the face of the NRA's hold on America.

By the time this newsletter is released, I will be on sabbatical, and so I ask that you hold me in love and thought, just as I will hold you, until I return on July 1, 2018.

Be well and be blessed.
Rev. Amy



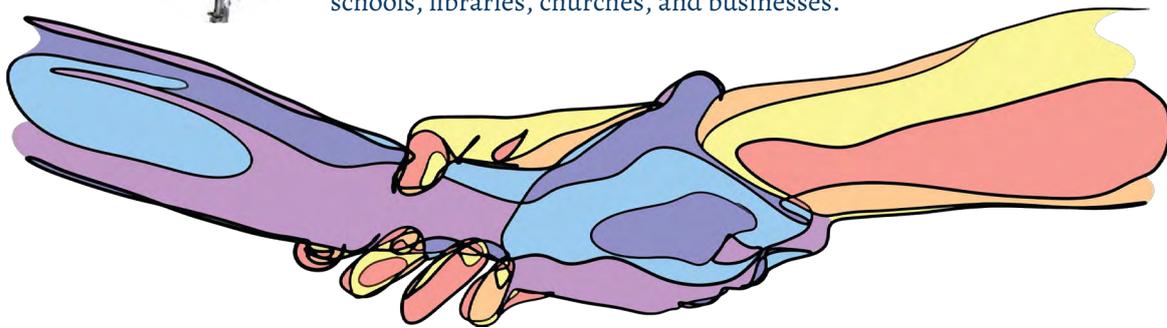


Building Racial Understanding

with Reggie Jackson



Reggie Jackson is the winner of several awards for his work in our area. He is a much sought-after speaker and consultant focusing on the African-American experience, anti-bias education programs and diversity training at schools, libraries, churches, and businesses.



How do you feel about the lack of racial diversity in the suburbs of Milwaukee?

Do you wish your family lived in an area more welcoming and diverse?

Join us for Reggie's talk to understand the origins of racial segregation in our area and explore ways to be more welcoming.

Monday, January 29th

7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Kettle Moraine High School Auditorium

349 N Oak Crest Dr., Wales, Wi. 53183

~free and open to the public~

Everyone is Welcome!

More info at <http://lcuuc.weebly.com/reggie-jackson.html>



SOCIAL JUSTICE

BUILDING RACIAL UNDERSTANDING – Monday evening, January 29 - Save the Date and please come – invite your friends/neighbors! Hosted by LCUUC!

On Monday evening, January 29th 7-8:30pm, LCUUC’s Social Justice Committee will be hosting **Building Racial Understanding**, a talk by Reggie Jackson, to understand the origins of racial segregation in our area and explore ways to be more welcoming. The talk followed by a Q&A will be held at the Kettle Moraine High School. The event is free, all are welcome.

Please promote this talk with the organizations to which you are connected. You can print out page 3 of this newsletter or contact the church office for a link to the flyer, or for paper copies of the flyer. **"LIKE" our event on our Facebook page. Facebook users– please click the "I'm attending" button and share it to your site with some kind words :)**

Many of you know we began this project after one of our few African-American Kettle Moraine High School families packed up and left because of racial harassment. It is important to us to maximize attendance at this event as a statement against racism in our area and a broader statement against the increased racism occurring because of the current political climate!!! The auditorium at KM can hold over 500 people—it would be awesome to fill it! Please contact psmithw318@gmail.com with any questions.

LCUUC will again be doing **“Living Below the Line”** the week of January 14. This program allows families to gain a glimpse of what it’s like to live below the poverty line by challenging us to spend \$1.50/day on food for five days. We will encourage people to do this Monday, January 15-Friday, January 19. It’s only 5 days, but it’s hard, and opens our eyes to how difficult it is to be without resources. We will encourage you to donate the money you would have spent on groceries. We plan to send those donations to “Save the Children”, which is doing much-needed crisis support work for the Rohingya in Bangladesh. More info will be in the January newsletter. We hope many of you will join us!



After kicking off “Living Below the Line” in church on Sunday morning, we will be hosting a Flash Food Drive to collect food for the Food Pantry of Waukesha. Volunteers will hand out flyers to shoppers as they enter the store with a list of items that are currently needed by the food bank and ask them to purchase one or more items and drop them off in one of our barrels on their way out. These types of food drives often collect six or more barrels of food in an afternoon. Watch for an announcement of date and location. There will be signups for volunteer shifts. This is a great opportunity for intergenerational social justice

We hope many of you will sign up for the **Examining Whiteness** class on 6 Sundays in January/February. Please see announcement about this and sign up in the social hall.

Multiple events continue to be happening in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the fair housing marches in Milwaukee (see 200nightsoffreedom.org). We continue to coordinate with Black Lives Matter to Wisconsin UUs (like them on Facebook). Another central location to keep up with what’s happening in our area regarding Racial Justice is ridracism-mke.org.



EXAMINING WHITENESS: An Anti-Racism Curriculum

Racism affects us all by shaping our identity. This UUA course, prepared by the Rev. Doctor William Gardiner, is for UUs, especially white people who are interested in understanding the complex history of white supremacy in the US and the impact it has on us as individuals and society as a whole.

Providing an anti-racism curriculum for white people allows deeper understanding of issues that are essential to furthering a white

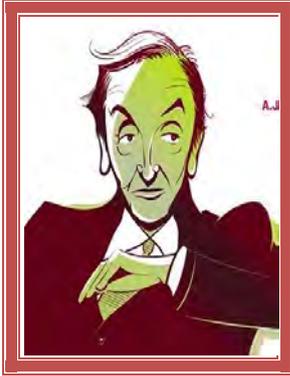
anti-racist identity. Topics include the emotional lives of white people, racial identity development and journey, white power and privilege, and developing a positive white identity.

The class will meet Sundays at 11:30am from January 21 to February 25, 2018. Please sign up to participate either by emailing Leann at admin@lcuuc.org or on the sign-up sheet in the Social Hall.



LOGICAL POSITIVISM

LANGUAGE, TRUTH & LOGIC



Have you ever wondered about what it means to speak about personal beliefs?

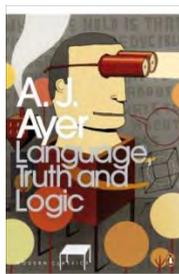
When Mr. Spock in *StarTrek* praises logic as the guide to truth, what exactly is he talking about? Does it even make sense to say that?

You may not get answers to these questions, but if you take this class maybe you'll understand the questions better!

A.J. AYER

Instructor: Gus Santo

Come and join us here at the **Lake Country Unitarian Universalist Church**, at the corner of County Roads K & E in Hartland, Wisconsin, classroom #3, on Wednesday evenings from 5:30pm–7:00pm, January 10th through February 28th, 2018, to explore the concepts of language, truth & logic. This is an eight week course. A fee of \$30 is suggested as a donation to the LCUUC. Previous completion of Philosophy courses is not required. All are welcome, no matter what you believe!



YOU MUST PURCHASE YOUR OWN TEXTBOOK:

LANGUAGE, TRUTH AND LOGIC

BY A. J. AYER

ISBN 10: [0486200108](#) ISBN 13: [9780140212006](#)

You can purchase **LANGUAGE, TRUTH AND LOGIC** by going on-line to:

 **AbeBooks.com**® *Passion for books.*®

Interested? Register for this class with the LCUUC's office by calling 262-369-1703 or by e-mail at admin@lcuuc.org. LCUUC members can also donate their registration fee by going on line to the church's pledge and donation web-site.

AYER WAS KNIGHTED, A FELLOW OF THE BRITISH ACADEMY, AN HONORARY MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES, A MEMBER OF THE BULGARIAN ORDER OF CYRIL AND METHODIUS, 1ST CLASS, AND CHEVALIER OF THE LEGION D'HONNEUR.



Green Sanctuary works to advance RTA

The LCUUC Green Sanctuary Committee works on transit issues from an Environmental Justice perspective. Our Green Sanctuary Committee was one of the founding members of the **Waukesha County Transportation Coalition**. The coalition consists of several faith based groups working with the Sierra Club's state wide "equitable transportation" initiative.

We recently initiated a new effort focused on promoting RTAs (Regional Transit Authorities) in our state. Wisconsin is the only state in the Midwest that does not allow regional transit authorities. The lack of regional transit in Southeastern Wisconsin exacerbates the segregation within our region and compounds the difficulty of aligning the regional workforce with jobs.

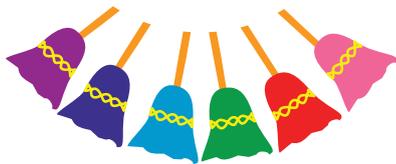
A major cause of Wisconsin's transit problem is a history of underfunding public transportation. We need to invest in public transit and create a 21st century transportation system in our region and our state.

The Waukesha County Transit Coalition in conjunction with other state groups including the Sierra Club, 1,000 friends of Wisconsin, and WISPIRG (Wisconsin Public Interest Research Group) is moving forward with a first step. Step 1 includes providing lobbying training to our volunteers so that we can more effectively work with local and state elected officials to accomplish our goals. Later this spring we will be putting that training into action.

What is an RTA?

- RTAs are governing structures that create, organize and operate transportation systems over a regional area, i.e. Southeastern Wisconsin.
- They have the ability to raise money locally to meet local needs, usually through a sales tax
- Currently in Wisconsin all transit systems are operated by Cities or Counties and are not well coordinated
- Beyond just public transit, RTAs are typically responsible for multi-modal transportation, including pedestrian, biking, driving and train infrastructure
- RTAs can help connect people to jobs, invigorate businesses and commercial districts, and give regional transit the flexibility needed to change and adapt to changing needs and preferences.

Interested in participating in this exciting new effort? Or if you are interested in any other "green" topics, such as renewable energy, natural landscaping, energy efficiency, climate change, organic gardening or other environmental issues, please consider joining us. Contact the Green Sanctuary Team to find out about our next upcoming meeting. (Ray Grosch yar.grosch@gmail.com) or (Gerry Flakas gerflak@aol.com).



CHURCH CLEAN-UP SCHEDULE

Each LCUUC family unit has been assigned one Sunday to clean up

the kitchen after social hour. If you are unable to clean on your assigned date, arrange to switch with another family. Clean-up instructions are posted in the kitchen.

- January 7** Phil & Lynne Smith
- January 14** Watson and Wichmann
- January 21** Morgan/Prange-Morgan and Nyquist
- January 28** Nelson/Zirzow and Wolfgram

Finance Committee News

The Finance Committee met November 21st 4:30–6:00 pm at LCUUC. Present: Paula Hillmann (Chair), Mike Bera, Gail Ostler, Tim Fuller, Claudette Hamm (Treasurer) Absent: Craig Howard

Claudette Hamm is stepping down as Treasurer and Tim Fuller has agreed to accept the role as soon as the Board approves his appointment. Tim will work with Claudette and Leann Rigoli, new office manager (replacing Brittani Collins effective January 1, 2018).

Watch for updates on donations and contributions to local agencies posted each Sunday in the order of service.

If members would like detailed information on the church finances at any time, please contact the church office or Paula Hillmann (Finance Committee Chair)

Best wishes for a joyful holiday season and happy new year! *–The LCUUC Finance Committee*

Auction Wrap-up

Our **Time, Talent and Treasure Auction** was a huge success! We raised over \$21,000, thanks to the many generous donations and bids from our members and local businesses!

A BIG HEARTFELT THANKS TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED!

Mark your calendars! **LIVE AUCTION: Saturday, November 3rd, 2018**



Another leap of faith: LCUUC CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

On December 3rd, the Capital Campaign Working Group kicked-off the Capital Campaign with a brief presentation and unveiling of the new plans.

Information about the campaign is on the LCUUC website at lcuuc.weebly.com. Religious Education (page 7) has an announcement about a design contest for our RE children.



Youth Religious Ed (RE)

Our lives at home will hopefully be settling down after the holidays, however things are really “cooking” here at LCUUC! We have kicked off the Capital Campaign and changes are going to be happening. To make sure the youth in our Religious Education program have some input into their classrooms—we have a contest that runs until Jan. 14th in which the youth can submit the design of their “dream

classroom” here at LCUUC. Please have your child bring in their designs to Helen Bera or myself before Jan.14th and then MSI employees will select the winning designs from the following age groups: **ages 12 and under** can win a \$25 VISA gift card & **ages 13–18** can win a \$50 VISA gift card! We are very excited to involve the youth in planning for the future and having some input into the classroom that would meet their needs and be fun for them to spend time in every week! Additional materials are posted in the social hall and we look forward to all the creativity that is abundant in our LCUUC youth!!

We will be having our January *Living Our Principles* Joint RE class on Sunday January 14th in which we will be welcoming guest speakers from the Social Justice committee who will be spending time with our class talking about the *Living Below The Line* initiative that the entire church will be invited to participate in again this year from Jan. 15th-19th. Last year several families really learned many valuable lessons when they were challenged with eating nutritious meals on \$1.50 per day (per person in their home). The youth will learning more about the challenge and will be participating in some fun activities that focus on nutrition (rumor has it that Bingo-Meister Bud will be here)! If you would like to participate in this program this year- please feel free to join your child for our class on the 14th to learn more about how your family can impact *Living Below The Line*.

All the classrooms will be starting the New Year with fresh curriculum in the month of January. Teachers please be on the lookout for emails with sign-up opportunity for teaching dates in 2018. I am in the final process of determining if we will be able to offer O.W.L. (Our Whole Lives sexuality curriculum) this spring for our 7th-9th graders? At this time we do not have enough volunteers to teach the classes and a final decision will be made in early January to determine if we can offer this valuable curriculum this year. There is a training available in late January 2018 in Oak Park, Illinois that I am hoping to recruit at least one female and one male adult to attend. If you have the ability to volunteer for this 3-day training class and would like to help save the future of our O.W.L. programming- please let me know in early January as I can arrange for registration costs to be paid by LCUUC for the training. I did attend the training in October last year and found the experience to be quite powerful! The curriculum is so important. Our Whole Lives helps youth participants make informed and responsible decisions about their sexual health and behavior. With a holistic approach, Our Whole Lives provides accurate, developmentally appropriate information about a range of topics, including relationships, gender identity, sexual orientation, sexual health, and cultural influences on sexuality.

I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and share this quote that brings me inspiration...

“And now we welcome the New Year. Full of things that have never been.”
~Rainer Maria Rilke

In Peace
Chris Rollins, Director of Religious Education

Board Report

As I’m sure you’ll read elsewhere in the newsletter, the stage is set for Amy’s sabbatical beginning in January. The Board, Worship Committee, and staff have all been briefed on how to keep things up and running over the next few months. If an issue arises that you feel requires Amy’s attention, please route that information through the Board.

Board members enjoyed an opportunity to meet Denise Cawley, the student minister who is working with Amy this year. Denise is a 1st year ministerial student at Meadville-Lombard Theological Seminary. She, her wife, and their son are members of First Church in Milwaukee. A key focus of her first year curriculum is service learning, and in that role she is providing spiritual and emotional support to patients at Planned Parenthood. She brings a strong background in non-profit fundraising and marketing, as well as extensive diversity and inclusion training.

Congratulations to the Fund Raising Committee on a record-setting auction this year! Both the silent auction and the live auction were wildly successful, raising a combined total of over \$21,000. Hurray!

While we are on fundraising, we have launched our Capital Campaign to raise essential funds to maintain and upgrade our church facility. We are grateful for those members who have already pledged funds to help us meet our goal, and we encourage everyone to join them. Over the next few months, you can look forward to providing input on various materials that will be used in the remodel, as well as opportunities to contribute “sweat-equity” that will help us to keep our costs as low as possible.

–Susan Lewis



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Grace Notes

“Music washes away the dust of every day life.” –*Art Blakey*

What a busy season we have had! By the time we get to church we are all dusty with every day toils of work, driving, shopping, housekeeping, and...rehearsing. And then we come together to sing and listen to all the instruments and we feel refreshed.

The RE ministry gathered statements of thanks from the children and the Music ministry put those statements to music so the choirs could prepare a special sung grace (featuring the Children’s choir) for our congregation’s Thanksgiving meal.

The intergenerational choir sang special music for Thanksgiving on 11/19, the Taize-style service on 11/26, Mawlid on 12/3, the Christmas pageant on 12/10, and the Hanukah service on 12/17. The Children’s choir sang “Put a Little Love in Your Heart” accompanied by the band as part of the Christmas pageant.

Services on Christmas Eve will feature organ, piano, guitar and lots of singing,

We certainly want to take time to thank all of the special musicians and accompanists who have shared their talents with us this season. It was especially fun when several youth (some home from college on holiday break) joined our band to share their music and let us see how they are growing.

Of course, all of this singing and playing with so many singers and instrumentalists meant a lot of extra rehearsals. The musicians all look forward to the Winter Solstice and the “longest night of the year” for a good, long, well-deserved rest. We wish to extend our thanks to all for a year of dedication and hard work.

This is also the time of year when many people come up with resolutions for the New Year – and so should we.

Choir director: Resolve to start all rehearsals on time no matter how many (or few) singers are actually there.

Music director: Resolve to resist handing out new music on Sunday mornings before church.

Both: Resolve to really appreciate the talents and efforts of all who work to support the Music Ministry of our church.

Harmoniously with Holiday Cheer,
Nancy and Doug





LCUUC calendar

Tuesday, January 2

3pm Lekooks with Ukes
6:30pm RE committee meeting
7pm Worship arts committee meeting
7pm SOS meeting

Wednesday, January 3

12pm Midweek meditation moment
6:30pm Choir practice

Thursday, January 4

6pm Kintsugi Sangha—meditation
7pm NVC practice group

Sunday, January 7

9am Couples in Recovery
9am Choir rehearsal
9am Sunday morning meditation
10am Sunday service
11:30am Senior bridging
11:45am Examining whiteness
6pm NA (closed meeting)

Tuesday, January 9

3pm Lekooks with Ukes
7pm Social Justice committee meeting
7pm SOS meeting

Wednesday, January 10

12pm Midweek meditation moment
5:30pm Philosophy: Language, Truth & Logic
6:30pm Choir practice

Thursday, January 11

6pm Kintsugi Sangha—meditation

Friday, January 12

7pm TED talks @ Milw Street Traders

Sunday, January 14

9am Choir rehearsal
9am Sunday morning meditation
10am Sunday service
11:30am Stewardship meeting
11:45am Examining whiteness
6pm NA (closed meeting)

Tuesday, January 16

2pm Staff meeting
3pm Lekooks with Ukes
4:30pm Finance meeting
7pm NVC practice group
7pm SOS meeting
7pm Board meeting

Wednesday, January 17

12pm Midweek meditation moment
5:30pm Philosophy: Language, Truth & Logic
6:30pm Choir practice
8:15pm Music committee meeting

Thursday, January 18

6pm Kintsugi Sangha—meditation

Sunday, January 21

9am Choir rehearsal
9am Sunday morning meditation
10am Sunday service
11:45am Examining whiteness
6pm NA (closed meeting)

Tuesday, January 23

3pm Lekooks with Ukes
7pm Social Justice committee mtg
7pm SOS meeting

Wednesday, January 24

12pm Midweek meditation moment
5:30pm Philosophy: Language, Truth & Logic
6:30pm Choir practice

Thursday, January 25

6pm Kintsugi Sangha—meditation

Sunday, January 28

9am Choir rehearsal
9am Sunday morning meditation
10am Sunday service
11:30am Stewardship meeting
11:45am Examining whiteness
6pm NA (closed meeting)

Tuesday, January 30

3pm Lekooks with Ukes
7pm SOS meeting

Wednesday, January 31

12pm Midweek meditation moment
5:30pm Philosophy: Language, Truth & Logic
6:30pm Choir practice

Couples in Recovery

The Couples In Recovery program (CIR) is intended to help the recovering couple bring serenity and peace into their home and relationship. Please join us the 1st Sunday of each month at LCUUC. For more information, call 262-569-1011



MidAmerica UUA is partnering with the Minnesota Unitarian Universalist Social Justice Alliance (MUUSJA) to present a series of six social justice webinars beginning January 9, 2018. There will be one webinar on the second Tuesday of each month between January and June. MUUSJA's Executive Director Rev. Ashley Horan and Statewide Organizer Pastor Danny Givens will host.



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