



Lake Country Unitarian Universalist Church W299 N5595 Grace Drive, Hartland, WI 53029, (262) 369-1703 [www.lcuuc.org](http://www.lcuuc.org)

# 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.



## DECEMBER 2018

### WORSHIP SERVICES

Services begin at 10am

**December 2**

Pewaukee Food Pantry

#### **SINGING MEDITATION –Led by Nancy Bratt and Paul Fackler**

Song, silence and verse will combine for a quiet service. Singing meditation is an interfaith spiritual practice, designed to tap that inner well-spring of joy and to deepen our sense of connection to each other.

**December 9**

#### **Peace, Be Still: Bodhi Day –Rev. Amy Shaw**

Hard work isn't always the answer; sometimes the only way to succeed is to be still.

**December 16**

UU Service Committee

#### **Rise Up Oh Flame! –Rev. Amy Shaw**

Join us for this fun multigenerational service celebrating the holidays of warmth and light in the midst of the colder half of the year!

**December 23**

#### **A Star and A Promise –Rev. Amy Shaw**

How do we fulfill the promise of the baby born in a manger so long ago? How do we open our hearts to the possibility of new born grace?

**December 24**

#### **Have a Holly Jolly Christmas! –Rev. Amy Shaw**

All are welcome for this traditional Christmas Eve service. The service will begin at 4pm, and will feature traditional Christmas carols and both secular and sacred readings. There will be goodies, coffee, and cider available after the service.

**December 30**

#### **When Peace is Not Enough –Rev. Amy Shaw**

Peace is good, except when it becomes a function of privilege. Today we are talking about the meaning of Jerimiah 6:14 in the Hebrew bible: *They have dressed the wound of My people with very little care, saying, 'Peace, peace,' when there is no peace at all.*



## Minister's MUUsings

Normally, at this time of the year, I try to remind us all to take some time to be still. But this year is a little different.

The world needs us now, perhaps more than ever.

In this season of joy, I would ask that you do something simple. Be alert. Look for the places where you can live your values. Look for the places where you can be the church in the world, because the world isn't very safe for marginalized people right now.

Let an LGBTQ+ friend or relative or coworker know that you see them, that you see their beloved family. Let them know that you are there for them if they need you.

Let a Jewish friend or neighbor or relative know that you do not support anti-Semitism, and that you can be trusted to fight it when you see it.

Rise up against racism, and against the oppression of black people. Make a conscious decision to engage in the work of disabling racism. Intervene. Speak up. If you don't know how to help, ask. Let black friends, and relatives, and neighbors know that they are not alone in this fight.

Speak up for the Muslim being bullied in the coffee shop.

Stop and film the black or brown or queer kids being arrested. Ask if they need help. Do not walk away.

Speak up for the Hispanic family being told to speak English or for the Chinese or Korean family told to go back where they came from.

Say something. Do something. Refuse to be complicit in oppression or hatred this holiday season or any other time.

Help to heal a hurting world.

Warmly,  
Rev. Amy



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\* All staff have mailboxes in church office



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## **SOCIAL JUSTICE**

### ***Recap/update on “Do Black Lives Matter? The Hidden History Behind Today’s Headlines”***

The Reggie Jackson series of talks, “*Do Black Lives Matter? The Hidden History Behind Today’s Headlines*” were an incredible educational experience. Over three Saturday mornings, Reggie helped us understand the real history of injustice toward blacks in this country that isn’t taught in school. This history began with slavery, but continues to this day. We learned about devaluation of black lives in the political system, in science and medicine, and in the criminal justice system in the United States. We learned disturbing statistics that show Milwaukee as one of, if not the most segregated city in the country, with rates of infant mortality and incarceration among the highest in the U.S.

The morning lecture series were open to the public, and were well attended. In the afternoon, there were “Deeper Dives” for UUs from the five UU congregations in the Milwaukee area that are all a part of “*Black Lives Matter to Wisconsin UUs.*” We had facilitated dialogues with members of the various congregations – learning how to listen to each other and discuss issues of race and how we relate to them. We discussed how to manage unconscious bias and how to become a strong white ally.

There’s much to learn and do. Participants in the Deep Dive sessions brainstormed ways for us to build community with people of color, rather than being paternalistic or being in the “white savior” role. Ideas for next steps for bridging into the inner city community include collaborative service projects or music/choir exchange, or doing a book group or all of the above. We are open to exploring other options and welcome ideas and involvement. Much remains to be determined in terms of location and frequency.

If you have ideas to share or questions, or would like to learn more or get involved, please talk to Rev. Amy or any of the Deep Dive participants, including Sara and Bud Hudson, Wendy and Rhiannon Rupnow, Mark Brewer, Elissa Watson and Kerry Duma. Look for continuing information in the social hall at the Social Justice table and through church announcements.

### **December Designated Collection**

The Designated Collection taken up on Sunday, December 15 will be for our own UU Service committee. The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee is a non-profit, nonsectarian associate member organization of the Unitarian Universalist Association that works to provide disaster relief and promote human rights and social justice around the world.





## Grace Notes

*“Gratitude is the music of the heart. When its chords are swept by the breeze of kindness.” –Unknown*

A few festively dressed UU’s played, sang, danced and handed out candy to the multitudes at the Hartland Business Trick or Treat, on October 25<sup>th</sup>. The UU crew did not manage to multiply any loaves and fishes, so it was a good thing Pastor Amy had purchased enough candy to make it through the evening! The Halloween themed music was well received by costumed trick or treaters, even gathering occasional applause.

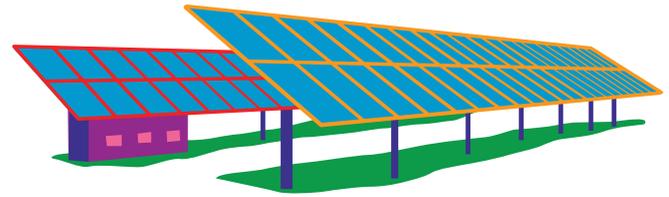
October 28<sup>th</sup> the choir sang Make a Joyful Noise during the Samhain service, while the congregation moved around the sanctuary to various stations for activities welcoming the darker winter months.

The next Sunday celebrated Dawali, the Hindu festival of lights. Let it Shine was sung by the choir.

On November 11<sup>th</sup>, special music was shared by Midwest Guitar Trio with original music by Kenn Fox.

Open Mic Night was held on Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. John Staudt shared his talent by assisting with sound, which was much needed and appreciated. The evening began with music by Caleb and Friends (Caleb Seay, Dave Cicero, Leann Rigoli and Chris Peske), followed by howls of laughter as the crowd was treated to Mark Brewer’s play-by-play ‘My Second Date’ experience and pastor Amy’s true story revolving around a ‘body on the roof’. Seriously folks, you cannot beat a true story. Dan Krill & Chris Peske each shared some guitar music, and Elizabeth Harrahy read a few original poetry pieces, poignant and funny. A tale was spun by Erin Johnston, who did a great job drawing the group through the plot – remember.... You might get what you wish for! Doug Esty played his tuba, joined by Nancy Bratt and Sarah Ehrhardt on vocals and George Ehrhardt on guitar, playing the tune ‘Cakewalk into Town’. Gus Santo also shared a piece of original poetry. An original tune (just written that week) was shared by Tim Fuller, utilizing his guitar, harmonica and voice. Tracy Moraine wrapped up the evening singing ‘Beautiful’ by Carole King, accompanied by Nancy Bratt on piano. The song was as titled. It was a really fun evening with Gus Santo ‘running the show’ as MC – and no one received the gong.... It was all so good!

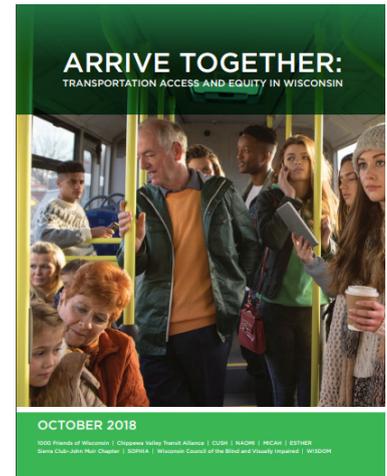
“We Give Thanks” on Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> - was a service of celebration. The choir sang ‘Thanksgiving Song’ by Mary Chapin Carpenter, after which our community gathered in the social hall to enjoy a huge spread of amazing food and camaraderie, including reflection on the many things in our lives we can be thankful for.



## Earth Ministry

### *“Arrive Together: Transportation Access and Equity in Wisconsin”*

Over the past two years the LCUUC (MFE) Ministry For Earth Committee has worked with SOPHIA, the Sierra Club-John Muir Chapter and other transit coalition members in developing a report on public transit in Southeastern Wisconsin and other regions of the state. While we focused on Southeastern Wisconsin other coalition members reported on other areas of the state. Information from all coalition partners has been used to create a report on transit in Wisconsin. The report is titled ***“Arrive Together: Transportation Access and Equity in Wisconsin”***.



The report looked at transportation access to the top 25 employers in areas of importance in each region of the state. Many people don’t drive, so we wanted to know whether they have the ability to get where they want to go by bus or other transportation modes.

Can people get to work? Many cannot. That leaves many people cut off from the places they need to go -- hurting our economy, lowering quality of life, and making this a less attractive place to live. Every region of the state faces unique challenges, but one thing is common across all of the places surveyed: There has been a long term lack of investment in public transportation, and that’s hurting our communities.

We need more investment in a transportation system that works for everyone. If our leaders don’t change course, things will only get worse: Many communities, including Waukesha County are already struggling to meet the transportation needs of a growing population of seniors who often must give up driving privileges as they age. And many of our young people increasingly want to live in transit-friendly, walkable, bike able towns and cities.

If you are interested in helping to promote public transit for environmental sustainability, social justice and economic development please consider joining our MFE committee at LCUUC. Contact Ray Grosch [yar.grosch@gmail.com](mailto:yar.grosch@gmail.com) or Gerry Flakas [gerflak@aol.com](mailto:gerflak@aol.com).

View the report visit the website [HERE](#).

View the October 23<sup>rd</sup> Milwaukee news conference [HERE](#).

This is LCUUC member Dan Krill and friends  
playing sacred and secular songs for the season.  
All proceeds will benefit Children's Hospital.

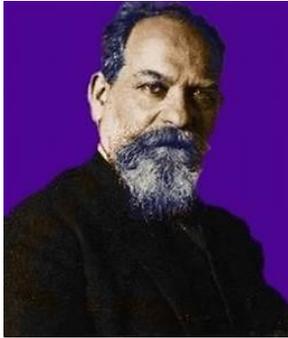
Join us for an evening of  
**HOLIDAY  
FOLK MUSIC**



**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19  
5:30-7:00 PM  
MAMA D'S WALES LOCATION  
TO BENEFIT THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL**

# 20<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY PHILOSOPHY: PHENOMENOLOGY

## EDMUND HUSSERL



**E. HUSSERL**

Do you think that the sciences ask all the best questions because they are concerned only with objective reality, and that things that are real can be objects for the sciences only?

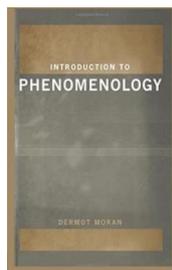
Do you think that philosophy just makes things up to explain what science cannot explain? Do you think that philosophy is disconnected from everyday life?

Are phenomena ideas, or objects, or both, or neither?

Instructor: Gus Santo

Are these questions interesting to you? Then 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, from **5:30pm–7:00pm, EVERY OTHER WEDNESDAY: January 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>, February 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>, March 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>, to explore what it means to know what you think you know.** Thirty dollars is suggested as a donation to the LCUUC. Previous completion of philosophy courses is not required.

All are welcome.



Class discussion will be based on:  
***Introduction to Phenomenology***

by Dermot Moran

ISBN 10: [0415183731](#) ISBN 13: [9780415183734](#)

Purchase of a text is **not** a requirement.

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

**Dermot Moran is Professor of Philosophy at the University College Dublin and Editor of the *International Journal of Philosophical Studies*.**



### **LCUUC is hosting a brand new playgroup!**

LCUUC is hosting a brand new playgroup! Lake Country Circle Round Playgroup will begin meeting here on Tuesdays. It is every Tuesday 8:30am-10am, rain or shine! Caregivers, bring your children, no rsvps needed, no worries if you are late or leave early - just pop in whenever you can and enjoy chatting with other adult humans while we play with our kids! Come, be comfortable, and socialize your little ones! We end each Circle Round Playgroup with circle time songs and a story. This playgroup is free and open to the whole community; we meet at the Hartland Unitarian Universalist Church building each week. If you know someone who might enjoy this playgroup, please point them to the fb page "Lake Country Circle Round Playgroup" (we will also post it on our LCUUC page). Or just tell them to bring their kids Tuesdays 8:30-10am



## **Lake Country Circle Round Playgroup**

**FREE! Every Tuesday 8:30-10am**

**W299N5595 Grace Drive in Hartland**

There is a new community playgroup across from Swallow & Arrowhead High in the round, circular UU building!!

- Tuesday 8:30am-10am, rain or shine!
  - No rsvps needed, no worries if you are late or leave early - just pop in!
  - Toy room, outdoor space
  - Coffee!
  - Come, be comfortable, and socialize your little ones!
  - Circle time with songs and stories
  - Free & open to the whole community!
- Check us out and get in touch on Facebook!  
Search "Lake Country Circle Round Playgroup" or  
email [circleroundplaygroup@gmail.com](mailto:circleroundplaygroup@gmail.com)



We meet at the Hartland Unitarian Universalist Church building located at  
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## Youth Religious Education (RE)

Holiday Greetings!

Today is a sunny winter day. Random Holiday decorations have been popping up all over town and soon we will be celebrating with our loved ones during the Holiday season in December! Here at LCUUC, we are having our annual **Holiday pageant on December 16<sup>th</sup>**. Join us for this fun, multigenerational service celebrating the holidays of warmth and light. All ages of children and youth will be able to take part in this fun and interactive pageant. There will be no rehearsal and whoever is here that Sunday can take part in the fun!

Due to the Holiday calendar this year, we are not offering Religious Education classes or Nursery services on Sunday Dec. 23<sup>th</sup>, Monday Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>, or Sunday Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> so that all of our volunteer teachers and our Nursery employees can take time to celebrate the Holidays with their families and friends. Please plan accordingly for your children. The nursery space is available if you need to step out of service briefly with your child.

We are having our December Living Our Principles Joint RE class on Sunday December 9<sup>th</sup> in which we will be talking about Caring and Sharing in celebrating our 1<sup>st</sup> UU Principle: We believe that each and every person is important. The 4K- 8<sup>th</sup> graders are working on some Holiday activities that allow them to share and care with each other, their families, and our congregation.

On Friday Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> we are inviting all ages to attend our LCUUC Holiday Party beginning at 5pm. We will have a wonderful meal of Chili and Mac/Cheese, followed by Gingerbread house building and other entertainment of music or a holiday movie in the sanctuary. Kids can wear their favorite Holiday pajamas as we gather to spend time enjoying festive holiday traditions. We invite all ages to attend this fun evening in celebration of the Holidays and our community here at LCUUC!

### Looking forward to 2019 we are planning for the following activities:

- In conjunction with UUUC of Waukesha, we will be offering 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> OWL (Our Whole Lives) classes beginning in January–March. The parent orientation meeting will be on Sunday Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> in the sanctuary at 12:15pm. You will be able to meet the OWL teachers at this time and learn more about the program. This meeting is mandatory for parents only of OWL students in 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Our LCUUC high school seniors are beginning their Bridging programming and will be spending time with their chosen mentors during the coming months. This is a rewarding program for our seniors as they look back at their time spent here at LCUUC, while looking forward to their future paths as they leave us to begin their own journey.
- We have reached the half-way mark in our RE programming and we will be beginning new curriculums in some of our classrooms in January 2019! Teachers please watch for the RE teacher schedules to come out for the 2<sup>nd</sup> part of this RE year. If you have been attending LCUUC regularly this year, please see me if you would like to find out more details of volunteering as a teacher. We are still in need of teachers for our 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade room.

I would like to wish everyone a Joyful Holiday and New Year! I celebrate my role as Director of Religious Education here at LCUUC. I cherish the programming that we are able to share with the children and youth of our beloved congregation!

*“The child is both a hope and a promise for mankind”. ~Maria Montessori*

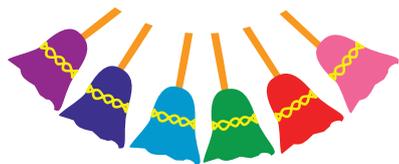
*In Peace, Chris Rollins, Director of Religious Education*



## Time, Talent and Treasure Auction Update

Thanks to everyone who donated and bid at our recent auction. A special thank you to Greg Valde, who stepped up to be our auctioneer, and Dan Krill and his band, for making the Live auction a fun filled evening! We raised \$16,500 to carry out the mission and vision of LCUUC! There will be opportunities to sign up for some of the donated events that were not filled to capacity. Stay tuned!

*Your FUNdrising Committee*



## 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.

- December 2** Sue Andrews & Linda Campbell
- December 9** Nichols, Harrahy
- December 16** Haskell
- December 23** Hillmann
- December 30** Sternkopf, Wagner

## Community, Committee - Commit!

Are you interested in joining a committee? Are you on a committee, but have not officially signed up? Sign-up today using the easy to use Sharing the Ministry link on the LCUUC website under Community Life. Chairs are looking forward to having you on their committee!

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month at LCUUC. For more information, call 262-569-1011

## SUNDAY MEDITATION

Please join us for Sunday morning meditation which will begin at 9:00am on September 9<sup>th</sup> in classroom 3. We typically begin with a reading, then meditate together for about 20 minutes. This is followed by a closing reading and a brief time of sharing ending at 9:30. It is a wonderful centering way to begin Sunday.



## Kintsugi Sangha - Meditation

Drop by for a visit to this Zen community which is open and welcoming to all traditions. The Kintsugi Sangha meets on Thursdays in the sanctuary from 6:30 till 8:15pm for meditation, instruction, and conversation. Newcomers or those wanting additional time are welcome as of 6pm. There is no prerequisite for attendance, everyone is welcome regardless of experience.

## 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.*



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**The LCUUC CHURCH CALENDAR can be found HERE.**