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NEWS for Lake Country UUs

Black Lives Matter

LCUUC is a Welcoming Congregation for bisexual, gay, lesbian, queer, non-binary and/or transgender people



December 2019

WORSHIP SERVICES Services begin at 10am

December 1

A Separate Peace –Gus Santo

Peace is only possible when the other person’s alien uniqueness is welcomed. War is the result of attempting reconciliation by making the other person like me. War is colonization of the other, laying my morality on the stranger, insisting on my cause, my righteousness, and revenge because of how I have been offended. Peace is the willingness to live with someone who teaches me; whom I recognize as my mentor; and whom I respond to with the obedience of ethics: the goodness of the other.

Cash donations to Mukwonago Food Pantry

December 8

Compassion and the Role of the Empath –Claire Johnson

Compassion and empathy go hand-in-hand, but let's explore the actual role that an empathetic person has in our lives, and the journey of how that role can unfold.

December 15

Christmas Pageant “The Gifts of a Journey”

Join us for this multigenerational service, which is our annual holiday pageant as we head into the holiday season filled with love and generosity. Children will be invited to participate in the pageant that morning, so please plan to arrive early before the service to obtain their costumes.

(The High School youth will be serving a Soup Lunch that day after service as a fundraiser for their 2020 trip costs)

Cash donations to UU Service Committee

December 22

Winter Solstice – A celebration of the Winter Solstice in music

Musicians include Kenn Fox, Mare Edstrom, Grace Butscher, Sarah Ehrhardt, Karen Haskell, Greg Valde, and Tracy Moraine.

December 24

Christmas Eve Service – A Babe is Born

Whose child is this, who is born to bring hope to the world? 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 29

Grab Your Own Oxygen Mask First –Lois Remeikis

Many of us are taught to focus on helping others. But, to truly help others, we must practice self-compassion first.



SOCIAL JUSTICE

Share your Blessings this Holiday Season!
Please donate to **Family Promise** and **The Hope Center**

This year, we are collecting items for Family Promise and the Hope Center. There is a “Giving Tree” in the foyer. Please take a tag or two, purchase the item(s) and bring them to church and place them in the bin before Christmas.

Both organizations are always looking for travel size soap, shampoo, conditioner and toothpaste. Thank you for sharing your generosity to help these wonderful organizations.

LCUUC will be showing the film *Suppressed: The Fight to Vote* on Sunday, January 26th. The documentary outlines voter suppression in the 2018 midterm election and the threat it poses in 2020. After the showing of the film, the Social Justice Committee will share ways to get involved in Get Out The Vote (GOTV) efforts.

Black Lives Matter to Wisconsin UUs is hosting a workshop on Reparations on December 14th from 1-4pm at Unitarian Church North. If you can attend, please sign up at the link [HERE](#).

We will carpool, and for those who are interested, we will go out to dinner at the Sherman Park Phoenix afterward. Contact Sara or Bud Hudson for more info – sbhudson@gmail.com.



On Board

We have had excellent attendance at many of our fall services and several of the Board members remarked on the positive energy among members and guests. We are happy to see that engagement in our mission and community remains strong and look forward to an active winter season. We appreciate your efforts to seek out visitors and spend a few minutes welcoming them when you can.



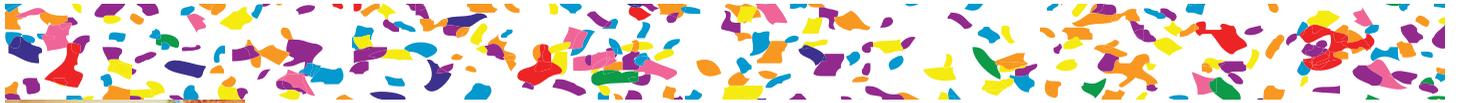
The Board continues to review our finances and approach to our Minister search. We will be drawing up a preliminary budget for next year to guide our next steps to ensure that we can commit to a ¾-time Interim Minister. We are planning to hold a Congregational meeting in January some time to gather formal input from members on the search process and options. More details and a date for this meeting will be announced in December. We also have some work to do on our emergency preparedness plan and will be scheduling training for members and staff on the plan.

Stewardship meetings are well underway and we are pleased to see continued generous support for our community. We appreciate everyone attending, providing feedback, and continuing to turn in pledge cards. We are now counting pledge units as individual members rather than families to better represent our diverse membership. You may still pledge as a couple or a family, but please indicate how many members your pledge represents when you turn it in. Other financial good news includes more than \$3,000 raised in our fall silent auction. Remember that the main event will be in the spring this year with a live auction in April.

From a staffing perspective, we have a couple of announcements. LCUUC has hired Kaya Rollins as our new staff team member. Kaya will be cleaning the church on a regular basis to add to her full schedule as a high school student and athlete. We are pleased to be able to find a win-win with such an engaged member of our community. The Board also committed funding for additional accompanist hours for both choir and services as well as nominal financial support for Gus Santo to continue his work leading our LCUUC Choir. You may have noticed several new members which is a testament to the group’s commitment and enjoyment of Choir. Thank you, Gus!

The Board would also like to acknowledge John Staudt for his support of our community for so many years. John joined LCUUC in 2005 and has been a presence ever since. The Staudt’s will be relocating to Minnesota and he will no longer be a frequent face at LCUUC. In addition to helping with sound and other technology through the years, John has been a great help in understanding our accounting software and bringing our office managers up to speed. His friendly conversation and willingness to pitch in will be missed. Thank you, John

Respectfully submitted by Megan Fedders, President



Youth Religious Education (RE)

Holiday Greetings!

As we finish our Thanksgiving gatherings and the month of December is upon us... I hope everyone can find a bit of calm and peace during the month of December. Here at LCUUC, we will be having our annual **Holiday pageant** on **December 15th**. Join us for this fun, multigenerational service celebrating the Gifts of The Journey. 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! Please come early that morning so the children/youth can select a costume. After the service ends, our HS youth will be serving a Soup lunch fundraiser in the social hall. They are working towards fundraising for their annual service trip next year.

We will be having our December *Living Our Principles* Joint RE class on **Sunday December 22nd** in which we will be talking about Caring and Sharing in celebrating our 1st UU Principle: We believe that each and every person is important. The 4k- 8th graders will be working on some Holiday activities that allow them to share and care with each other, their families, and our congregation.

For the Holiday calendar this year, we will not be offering Religious Education classes or Nursery services on **Tuesday December 24th** or **Sunday December 29th** 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 and the nursery space will be available if you need to step out of service briefly with your child.

On **Friday Dec. 13th** we will be inviting all ages to attend our Annual LCUUC Holiday Party beginning at 5:30pm. We will have a wonderful (free) meal of Chili or Mac/Cheese, followed by Gingerbread creations and musical entertainment. Wear your favorite Holiday pajamas or Ugly Sweaters 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! The friendly folks of the Religious Education committee and the Music Ministry committee are co-sponsors of this event.

I would like to wish everyone a Joyful Holiday and New Year! I celebrate my role as Director of Religious Education here at LCUUC and 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



Caring Circle

Winter days are upon us, and with the increased darkness sometimes come physical and emotional doldrums. Typically, we rely on family and friends to help us through. When we don't have that, it's nice to have a minister to provide some pastoral care. Without a minister in place, the Caring Circle can help.

If you are willing and able to provide others in our community with... a social visit, some light house or yard work, transportation to appointments or shopping, or a meal... please let Barb Adams know. She is the chair of this group and can help coordinate these efforts – but only if she knows who to call on. And if you, or another LCUUC member you are aware of, are in need of a note of support or some of the services listed above, Barb is also the person to contact.

Caring Circle help is limited, according to LCUUC policy and for the protection of all involved. It is intended as “emergency” relief or short-term support. It is not intended to replace professional medical or social services that may be called for. For those cases, our Office Manager, Leann Rigoli, is keeping a list of referral resources.

But isn't it nice to know that, as part of this UU congregation, you have a network of support if and when you need it? We are all interconnected, and all worthy of attention and love. Let us remember to celebrate and share that this holiday season!

Occasionally, the holiday season also takes its toll on us, despite the cheer we are expected to maintain and share.



Grace Notes

The last month was again full of exiting music. We enjoyed an excellent vocal performance by Katy Fleming on 10-20. Our Native American service on 11-10 was also a great success, featuring 8 songs in the traditional Lakota language.

We welcome our new accompanist Beth Ann Wuerl to our team. Beth Ann will be accompanying LCUUC Choir rehearsals, as well as starting rotation in Sunday Services in December.

We have many Special Music performances slated for the upcoming weeks. "You Are Here" on 11-17 is a music as meditation service featuring several Duet guitar instrumentals by myself and Dave Karnes, as well as several acapella pieces by the LCUUC choir. Tracy Moraine will sing for the Thanksgiving service on 11-24.

We welcome acclaimed fingerstyle guitarist Liz Deyoe on Dec. 1st. She will be playing several instrumentals. Mare Edstrom will perform on Dec. 8th.

Dec 22nd will be a special Winter Solstice service featuring music by Mare Edstrom, Tracy Moraine, Karen Haskell, Greg Valde, Grace Butscher, and more.

As always, be in touch with any comments, critiques, suggestions, etc.

Kenn Fox



UU Orientation Class Sunday, January 12 11:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

The Winter Orientation Class will be held on January 12th after the Sunday service. We will share information about Unitarian Universalism, LCUUC history, church life, ways to get involved and how to become a member. You will meet folks involved at LCUUC as well as others interested in learning about our church.

The session will be from 11:30 to 1:30p.m., and a light lunch will be served. You can sign up at the Welcome Table in the foyer or online. Please let us know in advance if you will need child care. We hope you will join us. Contact Yvonne Fort myfort2@wi.rr.com if you have questions.



2nd Sunday Meet & Greet - December 8th

The Membership Committee will host an informal time after the service on the 2nd Sunday of upcoming months to meet with visitors. We will include a little about Unitarian Universalism and address questions. We hope you will join us for a cup of coffee, some sweet treats and your thoughts.

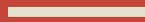


LCUUC *All Ages Holiday Celebration*

FRIDAY 12/13/19 AT 5:30PM

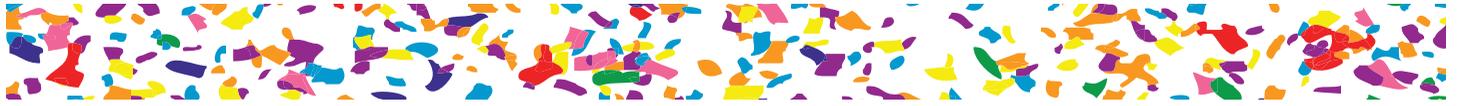
The evening will include the following:

- free Chili dinner served beginng at 5:30pm
- Gingerbread creations begin 6:30pm (all supplies provided)
 - Holiday Carols & Music
 - Hot Cocoa bar and holiday treats served
- Wear your best Holiday sweaters or holiday pajamas
- This is an ALL AGES event (fun for everyone)



This event is sponsored by the Religious Education committee and the Music Ministry Committee- come join in fellowship & fun! Please contact Chris Rollins at dre@lcuuc.org with any questions





IT'S TIME for UUs
TO TALK
ABOUT
REPARATIONS

Saturday, December 14, 1 - 4 p.m.
Unitarian Church North
13800 N. Port Washington Rd.
Mequon

Why is everyone, including all of the Democratic presidential candidates, and Ben and Jerry of ice cream fame talking about reparations in this historical moment? What is HR 40? How does this subject relate to our UU faith and principles? How can we act?

Our 5-congregation collaborative, Black Lives Matter to Wisconsin UUs, invites interested UUs to take part in a conversation/learning session about Reparations,



Pastor Marilyn Miller, MICA President, former director of the Lutheran Human Relations Association, and an inspiring anti-racism trainer and organizer will lead the workshop. A panel of our Milwaukee community partners will provide some provocative history and recommendations for reparations. A strong element of the workshop will be interactive, with small group discussions and Q and A, and a focus on actions we can take.

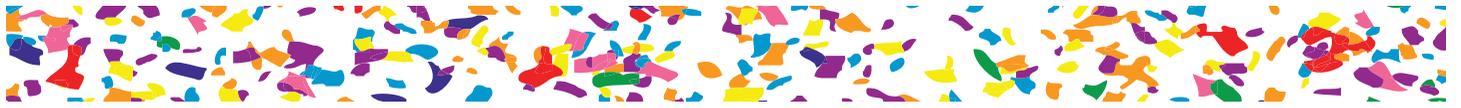
This gathering is intended for Unitarian Universalists and will explore the particular reparations work that is ours as a denomination. **We need all of us to be engaged in this important work. Our black faith siblings need to see our commitment. Please plan to join us.**

Register at EventBrite -- <http://bit.ly/UUReparations> -- and please indicate if you need free onsite childcare.

Questions? Contact Mary Devitt. mldevitt@gmail.com 414.702.1004



Black Lives Matter to Wisconsin Unitarian Universalists is a collaboration of the 5 Milwaukee-area Unitarian Universalist congregations which came together to facilitate racial justice education within our congregations and to coordinate and amplify the voice of Unitarian Universalists in racial justice work and actions within the greater Milwaukee metro area.



Ethics for Unitarian Universalists: Immanuel Kant & Emmanuel Levinas



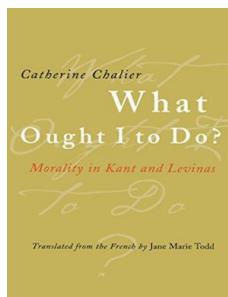
Immanuel Kant

What ought I to do? This question is asked by every person concerned about ethics. Immanuel Kant maintains that concern for morality is built into reason's need and therefore represents the best in being human. Emmanuel Levinas thinks that the source of the good lies entirely outside of the self, in fact, that the otherness of other people is the source of moral obligation, undetermined by reason.



Emmanuel Levinas

What do you think?



What Ought I to Do?
Morality in Kant and Levinas
by Catherine Chalier

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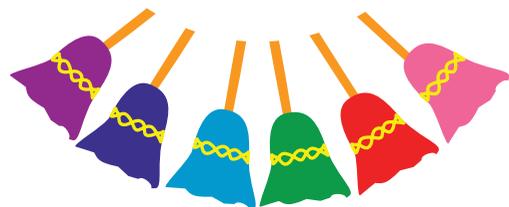
Gus Santo is the Instructor for this course.

You are **not** required to purchase *What Ought I to Do?* However, if you do want to purchase a used copy just go to:

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Interested? All are welcome. Register for this class for \$30 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. Classes will be held every other Thursday at 5:30pm to 7:00pm in classroom #3, at **Lake Country Unitarian Universalist Church**, at the corner of County K & County E in Hartland, Wisconsin. January 30th, 2020; February 13th, February 27th, March 12th, March 26th, April 9th, April 16th, & April 30th.

Catherine Chalier is Professor of Philosophy at the University of Paris, Nanterre, and the author of numerous books on Levinas.



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

- December 1 Alison Ericksen / Dian Ericksen
- December 8 Timm / Ostler
- December 15 Fox / Edstrom-Fox
- December 22 Lizdas / Hudson
- December 29 Julie Krill / Fuller



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The LCUUC CHURCH CALENDAR can be found HERE

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Cleaning: Kaya Rollins



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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.