

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

NEWS for Lake Country UUs

Black Lives Matter

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



February 2020

WORSHIP SERVICES Services begin at 10am

February 2

Serenity to Accept... –Sue Andrews

The serenity prayer of Reinhold Niebuhr begins with “grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change.” Things we cannot change cause us a great deal of anguish. What wisdom might we plumb to find serenity in the face of unpalatable realities?

Cash donations to Hartland Food Pantry

February 9

Stones in My Passway: the Blues as Spiritual Practice –Greg Valde

We all find stones in our passway: hard times, losses, travails. What are we to do with them? (deny them? acknowledge them? run from them? dive into them? share them? keep them to ourselves?) And what role do they play in our spiritual lives and our church community? Through words and music (yes, the blues!), this service will explore these questions - and offer some ideas on how to face them with wisdom and heart.

February 16

Opportunity Sunday - a day to put our faith into action! –Social Justice Committee

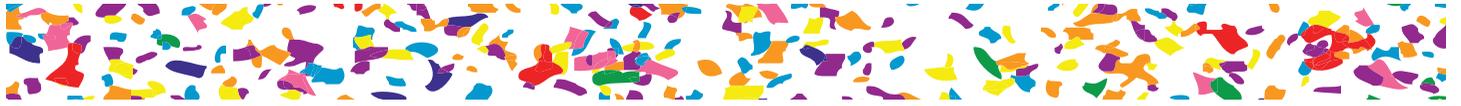
Instead of having a traditional worship service, we will have multiple opportunities for people to take action, both inside and outside of church. Opportunities will include making and serving breakfast at the Hope Center, doing a project at the Day Center of Family Promise, as well as opportunities to do service and activism at church to support a homeless shelter in Milwaukee and writing letters in support of legislation related to climate change and Black Lives Matter. Sign up in advance to volunteer at church or by emailing the church office - admin@lcuuc.org.

Cash donations to SOPHIA Stewards of Prophetic, Hopeful, Intentional Action

February 23

Love Description: What's it all about Alfie? –Roshi Shokan Mui (Erich Moraine)

Some say love it is a river. A rose by any other name would smell as sweet. Love: a simple word which seems to defy accurate description. In these times of ever greater tribalization and divisiveness let's unpack what might be underneath those four letters. Love is the first of a two part series on Love and Hate.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Time, Talent and Treasure Auction

SUNDAY, APRIL 5th–SATURDAY, APRIL 18th (live auction)

It's not too early to think about what you'd like to donate to the auction!

HERE ARE SOME IDEAS:

- Co-host an event or workshop
- Activity for Children and Families
- Hand-crafted items
- New or very lightly used quality items
- Homemade food (pies, jams, canned goods)
- Dinner in your home
- Themed party
- Time in your Vacation Home
- Workshop (teach a hobby or something you're passionate about)
- Ski outing, hot tub party, campfire at your home

Stay tuned for more details!

Submitted by the FUNdraising Committee Co-Chair *Lynne Smith*



On Board

The monthly Board meeting was held on December 19th.

Major topics discussed were:

- Two new members joined LCUUC
- The monthly treasurers report was submitted by Tim Fuller and Gail Oster
- Annual overall pledges were reviewed
- On-going communication will be done with the congregation regarding estate planning and long-term capital needs. This could include the possibility of creating a ten-year capital and operational expense plan.
- Proposals on options for next year's overall church staffing were reviewed. Compliance with FSLA for 2020 was noted.
- A congregational meeting has been set for February to update feedback on zero/three-quarter or full-time minister options.
- The Grounds Committee discussed establishing a long-term, overall design of the grounds, especially relative to existing features such as the labyrinth and commemorative garden. There are elements of significance to church history and commemorations already made that need to be considered. How future donations and commemorations will be accepted/approved by the committee and then implemented are to be determined. The committee is trying to meet the second Sunday of each month, with the next meeting February 9th.
- The Facilities Committee reviewed ongoing tasks, timing for each and dates of completion as applicable. A few recent items completed include: outside hose bibs turned off, batteries changed in fire and CO2 detectors, repair to lawn mower hood completed, outdoor benches stained, windows and doors washed and monitoring of solar electric system and new heating/ventilation system done on an ongoing basis. eatherstripping on the new front interior door is being replaced under warranty. Rock salt is not to be used on new concrete entrance areas for ice control – recommendation was kitty litter as needed for traction. New items that will need attention during 2020 were added to the task list.





SOCIAL JUSTICE

There are many ways to get involved in social action in the months ahead

- **CHOOSE – Come Help On Opportunity Sunday Everyone!** Opportunity Sunday on February 16th
A chance to put our faith into action! Sign up in the social hall by February 16th.
- **Bystander Intervention Training** on Sunday, March 1st from Noon to 2pm
Have you ever wished you had done something when witnessing racial injustice? Bystander Intervention Training focuses on ways to safely intervene and what to do. A \$5 donation is suggested. Designed for those in 6th grade and older. You will practice these techniques during the session. Call LeAnn in the church office (262) 369-1703 or email her at admin@lcuuc.org
- **Book discussion of *Waking Up White* by Debby Irving** on Saturday, March 14th from 9 to 11am
As part of our involvement with SOPHIA, their Racial Equity group is hosting this quarter’s book discussion at LCUUC. Elissa Watson will be leading a discussion on the book *Waking Up White* by Debby Irving. You are encouraged to read the book, invite your friends, and join the discussion! RSVP to Elissa at lissawatson@gmail.com or text her at 262-443-8131
- **Get Out The Vote (GOTV)** activities are planned for the Spring.
Contact Phil Smith for more details (262-719-1542 psmithw318@gmail.com)



OPPORTUNITY SUNDAY!

February 16th

CHOOSE – Come Help On Opportunity Sunday Everyone!

On Sunday, February 16th we will PUT OUR FAITH INTO ACTION! We have multiple opportunities for people to take action, both inside and outside of church. Opportunities include making and serving breakfast at the Hope Center, doing a project at the Day Center of Family Promise, as well as opportunities to do service and activism at church to support the Guest House, homeless shelter in Milwaukee. There are also opportunities to do advocacy and learn about issues related Black Lives and climate change.

Please sign up in the social hall for the area that you would like to volunteer in. If we get enough interest, there may be more opportunities. **Or sign up by emailing Kerry Duma kerryduma@gmail.com to find out how you can get involved!**

CHOOSE – Come Help On Opportunity Sunday Everyone!

On this Sunday, February 16th, there will *not* be a traditional worship service in the Sanctuary. We will be performing service for our community instead. We hope you CHOOSE to join in!

Questions? Ideas? Contact Kerry Duma kerryduma@gmail.com

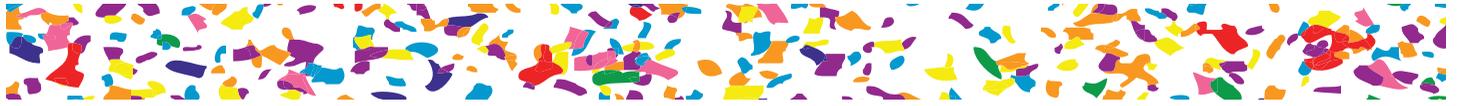


Congregational Meeting

Please attend the Congregational Meeting for all LCUUC Members on Sunday, February 9, 2020, right after the service. While Members and Non-Members are invited to attend and participate in the discussion, only members may vote. There will be a survey sent following the meeting for input for members to provide quantitative and qualitative feedback on the various ministerial staffing options presented

The agenda includes:

- Discussion of staffing options for the 2020-21 and 2021-22 church year
- Voting on a Social Justice Committee Resolution in Support of the Energy and Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act
- Voting on changes to the Membership section of the bylaws



How to safely intervene when you see racial injustice

For those in 6th grade and up, including adults

Have you ever wished you had done something when witnessing racial injustice? **Bystander Intervention Training** focuses on ways to safely intervene and what to do. You will practice these techniques during the session.

*Middle and high school age **FREE***

\$5 donation for adults

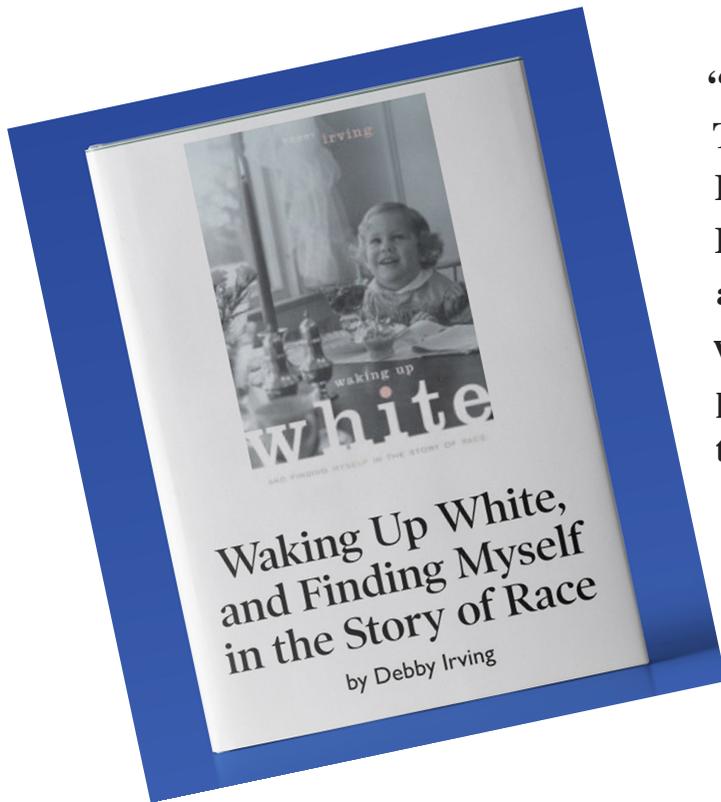
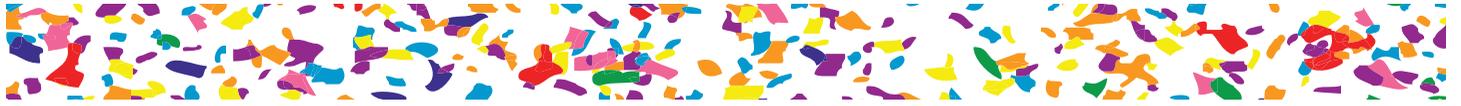
INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!

Lake Country Unitarian Universalist Church

(W299N5595 Grace Dr, Hartland, the round church by Arrowhead HS & Swallow School)

Sunday, March 1, 2020 from Noon to 2pm

admin@lcuuc.org or call LeAnn at the church office (262) 369-1703



“I read *Waking Up White* in one sitting. To say I loved it is an understatement. It’s such a raw, honest portrait... Irving’s experience on display — warts and all — will help white people, who haven’t noticed the role systemic privilege has played in their lives, start to see the world in a new way.”

—Jodi Picoult, author,
The Storyteller, My Sister’s Keeper

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BOOK DISCUSSION

WAKING UP WHITE by Debby Irving
moderated by Elissa Watson

Lake Country Unitarian Universalist Church

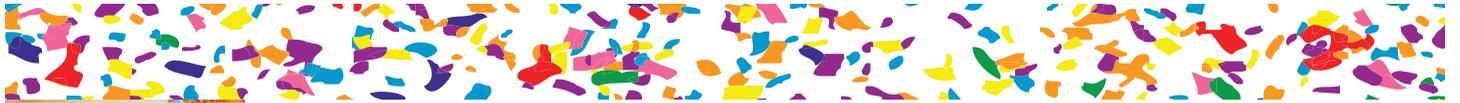
(W299N5595 Grace Dr, Hartland, the round church by Arrowhead HS & Swallow School)

Saturday, March 14, 2020 from 9am to 11am

RSVP: lissawatson@gmail.com or text Elissa (262) 443-8131



SOPHIA (Stewards of Prophetic Hopeful Intentional Action) is a coalition of diverse faith communities in Waukesha County dedicated to building and deepening relationships within and among our communities. SOPHIA’s Racial Equity Team sponsors a quarterly book discussion. SOPHIA is a 501(c)3 organization.



Youth Religious Education (RE)

Greetings!

We are in the winter season having snow on the ground finally! As we look forward to February, we are also getting ready to begin some new curriculums in our classrooms. The Spirit Play class will be starting units on Science & Reason, as well as Earth-Centered story baskets. This should be a wonderful adventure for our spirited class!

The 3rd-5th grade class will continue with Holidays & Holy days curriculum, as they focus on learning about holidays from around the world that happen in the early part of each year. This is a great opportunity for our children to learn how others celebrate in their cultures and why they hold celebrations for certain holidays.

The Middle School class has recently begun the Tapestry of Faith (UUA) curriculum *Heeding the Call*, which is social justice based and explores linked oppressions in our society, as well as encourages the youth towards personal growth which they can carry with them in their daily lives.

The High school class is busy preparing for the March 8 service they will be presenting on LGBTQ+ issues, as well as focusing in class on Climate Justice topics in preparation for their Spring trip to NYC! They will be traveling to the UU-UNO (United Nations Office) Spring 2020 seminar on Climate Justice. This annual seminar instills in UU youth and adults a commitment to global engagement and the skills to take action locally to address global issues. This is the inaugural trip to this annual event for our LCUUC HS youth and chaperones. It will be an exciting venue to meet other UU people from around the country and the seminar includes a morning spent at the United Nations!

In order to raise funds for their trip, the youth will be hosting a Valentine's Day dinner and dance on Saturday evening, Feb. 8th at 6pm. The \$25 ticket will get you a delicious 3-course meal, along with live entertainment by the high school youth, dancing, and a photo booth for memories. This evening will celebrate LOVE. Bring a date, come with friends, or 'fly' solo... but don't miss out on the magic of the evening. Tickets are being sold during social hour on Sundays until the event. Please contact me if you need to purchase remotely.

Finally, Social Justice Sunday on 2/16/20 is an excellent opportunity to engage in living our principles and to support doing volunteer work for various local organizations. This is an organized opportunity for ALL families to participate and to let your children begin to know the fulfillment of serving others. There will be opportunities to work remotely OR to work on a project at the church that morning (please see announcement from Social Justice Committee for specifics). Younger children are able to participate at the church project that morning, so please plan accordingly. Please take the time to plan for the morning and to have discussions with your family about how your work to serve others is part of our work as Unitarian Universalists. Some of the best experiences as a family are those with shared excitement for doing something together!

In Peace

Christine Rollins, Director of Religious Education



Grace Notes

Greetings and Happy New Year!

We ended the year with a bang with our first Winter Solstice Music Service. Thanks to our special Musical guests and all involved. It was a great success with lots of excellent performances. Garrett Waite once again graced us with his amazing vocal stylings on 1/12 with an epic version of the Grateful Dead's Franklin's Tower backed by the LCUUC choir....lots of fun was had by all.

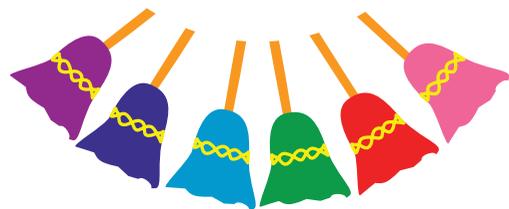
There is some great music planned for February and March as well. Feb 2nd Kenn Fox and Dave Karnes are back to play an instrumental from their newly released CD "String Theory". On that note Kenn and Dave will be performing a free CD release concert on Sat March 7th at LCUUC at 7:00. There will be refreshments and Hors d'oeuvres available in the Social hall at 6:00.

On Feb 9th we present "Stones in my Passway: Blues as Spiritual Practice." This will be an "all blues" service featuring musical performances by Kenn Fox, Mare Edstrom Fox, Greg Valde, and world famous harmonica virtuoso Looper. This service will also feature a sermon by Greg Valde.

A BIG shout out to our amazing accompanists Tracy and Beth Ann. We are SO lucky to have musicians of this caliber accompanying our services every week!

There will be other musical events on the calendar soon....stay tuned and stay warm.

Kenn Fox



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.

FEBRUARY

- February 2 Sternkopf / Wagner / Erin Johnston
- February 9 Dan Krill
- February 16 Claire Johnson / Ulicny
- February 23 Kirsten & Colin Johnson / Brewer



LCUUC Board Members

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The LCUUC CHURCH CALENDAR can be found HERE

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Church

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.