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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.



January 2019

WORSHIP SERVICES

Services begin at 10am

January 6

Sussex Food Pantry

How do we accept Grace in our lives when we may not be Christian?

-Lois Remeikis

An exploration of the Christian concept of Grace and how we accept this concept when we may not be Christian or have a Christian point of view.

January 13

Granting Grace and Revisiting Gender -Rev. Amy Shaw

Gender Identity is an often contentious topic in our country today. Come and explore the expanding ideas of what gender is and how it is lived in the world.

January 20

Voces de la Frontera

Beyond Selma -Rev. Amy Shaw

Black lives matter. Brown lives matter. All lives matter. How do we carry on the work of justice and center liberation in our lives and in our world?

January 27

Seeking Sanity and Grace

One in 10 Americans has a substance abuse problem. Come and explore faith as part of the journey out of addiction.



Lake Country Unitarian Universalist Church Orientation

An orientation class will be held for those interested in learning more about Unitarian Universalism and the path to becoming a member of LCUUC on Sunday, January 13th, 2019 from 11:30am-1:45pm. Lunch will be provided.

Sign up at the welcome table in the front lobby or contact Ric Sternkopf: (414) 581-0647 or ricsterny@gmail.com

We can arrange for childcare, if advanced notice is given. We look forward to seeing you!

The Membership Committee
Ric, Yvonne and Carol



Minister's MUUsings

The new year is here, with all the bustle and baggage and resolutions, and plans. The old year is gone, and it is time to quote "Frozen" and say "Let It Go."

Put down the mistakes—you have kicked yourself enough.

Put down the triumphs—you have celebrated enough.

Put down the things that keep you standing in one place, either dancing with joy or wracked with weeping. Weight is weight.

Let it go.

Take one step—your burden will still be there where you left it. You can even go back and visit it if you choose. But put it down.

Now that you are standing freely, where will you go this year? Who will you become when the weight of expectation and history is no longer clanking at your feet and pulling at your throat?

Who are you—right now, in this moment? Where will you go? What will you do, now that you are light, and unencumbered.

I cannot wait to hear the answers.

Warmly,
Rev. Amy



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SOCIAL JUSTICE

End Child Poverty

Thank you to all who wrote holiday cards to legislators after church in support of legislation to end child poverty in Wisconsin. We continue to support the “End Child Poverty” campaign. You can help by signing on to the petition to end child poverty at endchildpovertywi.org. We are halfway to the goal of getting 10,000 signatures in support of the goal of cutting Wisconsin’s child poverty rates in half in 10 years, while cutting racial disparities in child poverty rates in half as well. If everyone who has already endorsed the statement found one or two new persons to endorse the statement, we could reach and surpass the goal in no time!

Support/attend our film screening!

Please mark your calendars – LCUUC’s Social Justice Committee has obtained a grant to show the film *The Blood is at your Doorstep* at UWM–Waukesha on **Thursday, March 14th at 7pm**. This film documents the fatal shooting of an unarmed black man diagnosed with schizophrenia by a police officer in Milwaukee responding to a non-emergency call. In addition, it shows the aftermath for a mourning family as they struggle with their new role as activists and their frustration with systemic obstacles to justice. The film will be followed by a panel discussion including members of the victim’s family and a mental health advocate in the pursuit of building racial understanding and healing.

Designated Collection

Our Designated Collection on Jan. 19th will be for Voces de la Frontera. Voces de la Frontera is a membership-based community organization led by low-wage workers, immigrants and youth whose mission is to protect and expand civil rights and workers’ rights through leadership development, community organizing and empowerment. There are many ways to volunteer with Voces de la Frontera and more information can be found on their website at vdlf.org

Family Promise

Thanks to all who volunteered with our Family Promise host week in early December. We had some wonderful families with us and our volunteers did an amazing job, as usual. Thanks especially to our incredible leaders – Gina Magnus, Phil Smith and Bill Lizdas for all they do to allow us to support this important and meaningful program.



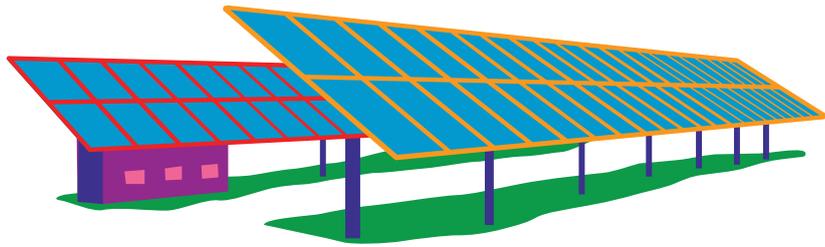
New Member Focus

Pam Morris, originally from Oconomowoc, left the Midwest for college in southern California and ended up staying there for her entire working career. She adopted two daughters from Slovakia, and in 2009 found her way back to Oconomowoc with her daughters and two cats to give them the experience of four seasons. (The daughters that is, not the cats.) She has been rediscovering the fun of sailing on Lac LaBelle, and this year started playing golf again after taking many years off while raising her girls. She recently joined Bel Canto Chorus in Milwaukee and is enjoying performing with them.

“I’m happy to have moved my daughters here where they’ve learned to love winter sports and summers playing on the lake. I’m still trying to teach my California brain that if the weather is good for whatever you want to do, you need to go do it because the weather won’t be the same tomorrow. I’m delighted to have found LCUUC.”

Thanks Barb!





EARTH MINISTRY

Zero Waste Waukesha program at LCUUC

Our LCUUC Ministry for Earth team, in cooperation with the Waukesha County Environmental Action League (WEAL), will be offering a program on WEAL's "Zero Waste Waukesha" initiative on **Saturday February 2 from 7 to 8:30 pm in the Social Hall**. This program will include a video "*Racing to Zero*" documenting San Francisco's program to eliminate all waste sent to the landfill by 2020 by treating garbage as a RESOURCE rather than just something to get rid of. The video will be followed by a discussion led by WEAL members Laurie Longtine and Charlene LeMoine.

Refreshments will be served in recyclable or washable containers and utensils, and NO STRAWS will be provided (see below).

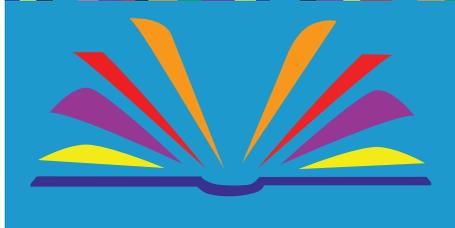
Laurie and Charlene will also be sharing details of the global "Skip the Straw" movement during the discussion following the video. Plastic straws may seem harmless but can contribute to the more than 150 metric tons of plastics in the world's oceans. Plastic straws are not collected for recycling and end up in landfills, incinerators, along roadsides, or in the oceans, rivers, lakes and streams. They do not biodegrade but photodegrade into microplastics, which can be ingested by fish, birds and other wildlife and ultimately enter the food chain. Plastic straw bans are being enacted around the globe, including a number of cities in the United States. The state of California recently enacted legislation requiring dine-in restaurants to only give straws when requested, and statewide bans are being considered in Hawaii, New Jersey, and New York.



What can you do?

Join us to find out the details of a community "Zero Waste" recycling program.

Ask yourself if you use a drinking straw for your beverages at home. If the answer is "no", why use a straw when you are away from home? So when ordering a beverage, just ask your server to "skip the straw" and just drink from a glass. If you really want or need to drink through a straw, consider straws made from paper or biodegradable plastic, or reusable straws. And do encourage the restaurants you frequent to "Skip the Straw".



Big Ideas Book Group

The Righteous Mind: Why Good People are Divided by Politics & Religion by Jonathan Haidt

In this "landmark contribution to humanity's understanding of itself" (The New York Times Book Review) social psychologist Jonathan Haidt challenges conventional thinking about morality, politics, and religion in a way that speaks to conservatives and liberals alike.

Drawing on his twenty five years of groundbreaking research on moral psychology, Haidt shows how moral judgments arise not from reason but from gut feelings. He shows why liberals, conservatives, and libertarians have such different intuitions about right and wrong. In this subtle yet accessible book, Haidt gives you the key to understanding the miracle of human cooperation, as well as the curse of our eternal divisions and conflicts. If you're ready to trade in anger for understanding, read *The Righteous Mind*.

- What:** Join us for a discussion of this provocative and important book
- When:** 6 Fridays from 7-8:30 pm (1/25, 2/8, 2/22, 3/15, 3/29, 4/12)
- Where:** LCUUC
- Facilitator:** Greg Valde



Grace Notes

*“Let us have music for Christmas... sound the trumpet of joy and rebirth; let each of us try, with joy in our hearts, to bring peace to men on earth.”
Mildred L. Jarrell*

The choir continued rehearsals every Wednesday from 6:30 – 8:00 and Sunday mornings at 9:00 prior to services, with a few extra rehearsals scattered in to fine tune special musician showcases and accompaniment. The choir is able to practice solo between rehearsals via audio files sent out by Doug Esty, which has been helpful. The addition of a few more people to the choir has bolstered the sound and increased the fun at practice.

December 2nd we enjoyed a **Taize style** (music meditation) service, followed two weeks later with a children’s service choir presentation of *Rise Up O Flame*.

If you were at church on the 15th, you enjoyed a multigenerational service of music and entertainment celebrating the holidays of



warmth and light from around the world. The choir sang *Sankta Lucia*, *Oh Hannukah*, and *Here Comes the Sun*, along with other music and hymns, accompanied by youth playing strings/horns and adults with guitar, drums and percussion. Treats were served up, dancing took place and the congregation learned about how different cultures around the world celebrate the darker/colder months of the year.

On December 21st, there will be a Christmas celebration in social hall with Chili and Mac n’ cheese dinner, followed by gingerbread house decorating, singing Christmas carols and a bonfire at the LCUUC firepit!

Christmas music will be provided at the service on the 23rd of the month and Christmas Eve will find the congregation singing traditional Christmas carols – Oh Come All Ye Faithful and “join the chorus!”

Harmoniously,
Nancy and Doug



Youth Religious Education (RE)

As we dive into 2019, I am happy to say that our rooms are going to be filled with activities! As always we are in need of volunteers who would like to help teach one Sunday a month in any of our wonderful classrooms! The commitment is a few hours a month—but the take away is going to fill your soul with hope for a lifetime! Please see me if you would like to add teaching to your list of experiences here at LCUUC!

We will be kicking off the 10th–12th grade Our Whole Lives (O.W.L.) program which will run January–March. Our collaboration with the students and teachers from UUUC in Waukesha was very successful this past fall and we are looking forward to doing it again with the older youth! Invites for the parent meeting on January 6th at noon in the social hall were emailed out to all parents of 10th–12th graders. Please check your inbox and let me know if you can attend

this mandatory meeting. We have another strong group of O.W.L. teachers who are ready to guide the youth through this inspiring curriculum. Please check the LCUUC calendar on our website for building closures during the months of January- March as O.W.L. classes are scheduled. We are pleased to announce that we had ten 7th–9th youth complete the classes this Fall and in recognition have earned their O.W.L. 7th–9th pins in conjuncture with the UUA course completion guidelines! Congrats to all!!

On Sunday, January 20th, our children/youth will be enjoying the January Joint RE class that will be presented by some of our Social Justice Committee members. In our Living Our Principles joint RE classes that are held one Sunday a month, we present lessons that allow the children a chance to live our UU Principles. Social Justice is a cornerstone of the UU faith and we are happy to have the youth share in a lesson that they can learn from.

Our younger children will continue in the classrooms in January with the ongoing curriculums this year. Our Middle School and High School youth will continue traveling the Religious World and learning about Neighboring Faiths and how they can build bridges to acceptance! Parents please watch your inbox for fieldtrip announcements beginning in January as they will be having 1–2 per month.

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

"There are far, far better things ahead than any we leave behind." ~C.S. Lewis

In Peace,
Chris Rollins, Director of Religious Education

Lake Country Circle Round play group

Lake Country Circle Round play group is happening Tuesdays from 8:30am to 10 am, however we will be closed for New Year's Day.



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

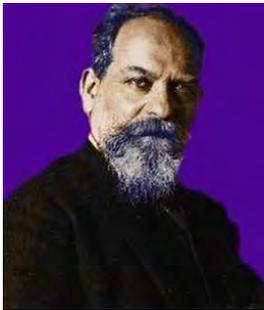
We meet at the Hartland Unitarian Universalist Church building located at
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20TH CENTURY PHILOSOPHY: PHENOMENOLOGY

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?

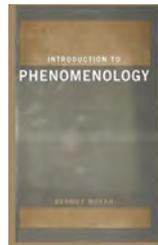
Do you think that philosophy just makes things up to explain what science cannot explain? Do you think that philosophy is disconnected from everyday life?

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 9th & 23rd, February 6th & 20th, March 6th & 20th, 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

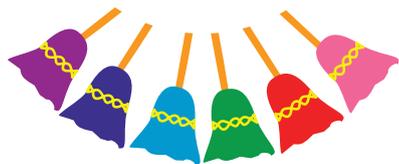
ISBN 10: [0415183731](#) ISBN 13: [9780415183734](#)

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. 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*.



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 6** Julie Krill, Dan Krill
- January 13** Claire Johnson, Ulicny
- January 20** Kirsten & Collin Johnson, Mahoney
- January 27** Eric Larson & Sue Lewis

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 1st 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 9th 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
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