

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



March 2020

WORSHIP SERVICES Services begin at 10am

March 1

Hate –Roshi Shokan Mui (Erich Moraine)

I hate your friends and they hate me. I hate myself and want to die. I hate Trump/Obama/Prius/brussel sprouts. Hate: such an intense word. Children are taught not to. As adults our media and politics encourages us to do so. Is it true there's a fine line between love and hate? In these times of ever greater tribalization and divisiveness let's unpack what might be beneath those four letters. Hate is the second of a 2 part series on Love and Hate. *Cash donations to New Berlin Food Pantry*

March 8

Somebody To Love –LCUUC High School Youth

A *Welcoming Congregation* seeks to nurture ongoing dialogue between people of different sexual orientations and gender identities, and to create deeper trust and sharing. A *Welcoming Congregation* also celebrates the lives of all people and their ways of expressing their love for each other. This will be a multimedia service during which our high school youth will focus on issues facing the youth of the LGBTQ+ community and to remind us all that love is love. *Cash donations to the Trevor Project*

March 15

The Gift of Fear –Elizabeth Lewis

“How can I get rid of it?” is often our first response to the discomfort of fear. But putting aside fear without first illuminating its message and meaning only serves to keep the source of our fear in place without healing it. Come explore how identifying, feeling and embracing your fears can help transform them into gifts of Spiritual light and love. *Cash donations to America's Black Holocaust Museum*

March 22

Do Be Do Be Do –Rev. Tony Larsen

Is it more important to BE a certain kind of person? (And then the right doing will follow?) Or is it more important to Do the right thing/ (And then the right being will follow?) Tony's sermon is based on the saying: "To do is to be." –Socrates "To be is to do." –Plato "Do be do be do." –Sinatra

March 29

Being a Supportive Ally in an Increasingly Diverse World –Kelly Pinter

Explore how to be an ally for groups such as LGBTQ people, people of color, people of various gender identities, survivors of crime and other intersections.



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

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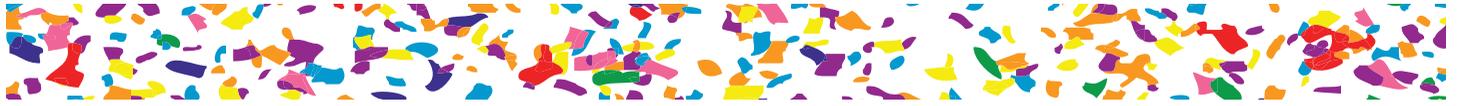
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Sunday, March 1, 2020 from Noon to 2pm

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



SURJ (Showing Up for Racial Justice) is a multi-racial group of people who are undertaking the work of challenging and dismantling racism by calling in white people to learn, organize and act against white supremacy and to work toward racial justice. SURJ Milwaukee is aligned with the national network.



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*



Stewardship Update

Here we are already approaching March, and by the time you read this we will have had all nine scheduled annual group meetings, with only a March 2 makeup meeting left.

Your stewardship team consists of John Kuhn, and Heidi Peterson, with help from Treasurer Tim Fuller.

Thank you to all who have pledged so far, and especially to those who have increased their pledge! Not all of the pledges are in yet, of course, and I wish I could tell you that the overall level of pledging is up, but unfortunately I cannot. It appears that we will be down for the year, possibly as much as \$10,000.

As I have said in every meeting, our pledge amount distribution is very skewed, and there will come a time when one of the top four (one fourth the budget), or one of the next highest eight (also one fourth of the budget) will be unable to continue the extremely generous level of support. This year a pledge in each of those groups is down significantly. It is totally understandable since life circumstances always change, and we are forever grateful for all past and future support.

You have probably also heard me say in every meeting that if the bottom 100 pledges could each increase by \$10/month, then that would be \$12,000 annually, showing the huge power of numbers. It's now really time to do this! If you've already submitted a pledge without an increase, or if your circumstances now permit greater generosity, please turn in a new card.

Think about how much our beloved community means to you, whether it is the Sunday service with music and thought provoking sermons, the RE program, the super active social justice programs, or any of the many other enjoyable things are community brings.

Although we are not paying for a minister this year, we still need to be able to show that we can budget for one, and regardless of our chosen direction going forward, we will have to increase our budget compared to this year to cover our costs. **Please take one of the pledge cards on the lockbox, and submit it with an increased pledge!** Your fellow LCUUC members will be forever grateful!

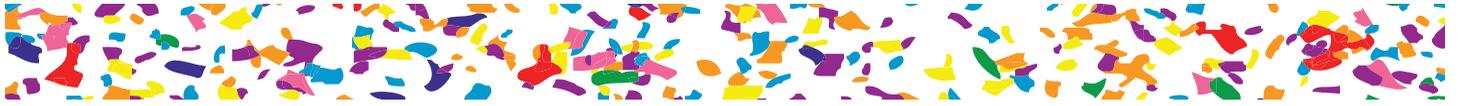
John Kuhn



UU Orientation Class Sunday, March 29, 2020 11:30am – 1:30pm

The Spring Orientation session will be held on March 29th 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. It is part of the Path to Membership at LCUUC.

The session will be from 11:30am to 1:30pm., 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.



SOCIAL JUSTICE

First Opportunity Sunday was “a wonderful day!” Great Job LCUUC!

Our first Opportunity Sunday was held on Sunday morning, February 16th. Instead of having a traditional worship service, we had an opportunity to put our faith into action. There were numerous opportunities for people to engage in work to benefit our community. It was a great morning, and people really enjoyed having a chance to work together. Thank you to everyone who was able to participate! Some of the opportunities/things we did included:

- A group went to the **Hope Center** and made breakfast for 40 people.
- Another group went to the Day Center of **Family Promise** and helped with numerous projects – cleaning and organizing.

Those who came to church had a number of opportunities and ways to engage in service and activism:

- We made over 200 sandwiches and bag lunches for **The Guest House** of Milwaukee.
- We wrote 57 letters encouraging individuals to vote in the November election in the critical swing states as part of our **Get Out the Vote** campaign.
- We learned about SOPHIA’s **Integrated Voter Engagement** campaign, in collaboration with “*UU The Vote*,” which offers us opportunities to help get out the vote in the critical collar counties of Milwaukee for the November election.
- Many of us signed a petition to “*Unlock the Vote*” to allow people who are out on parole to vote, as is allowed in many states but not Wisconsin. (More opportunities to sign the petition will be available in coming Sundays.)
- There was enthusiastic discussion on solutions to climate change followed by writing postcards and using the **Citizens Climate Lobby** website to write letters to our Congressional representatives encouraging action on climate solutions.
- We learned about **Reparations** and the 8th UU Principle being adopted by many congregations, and many other resources and ways to advocate for racial equity, and wrote letters to legislators in support of legislation related to reparations.

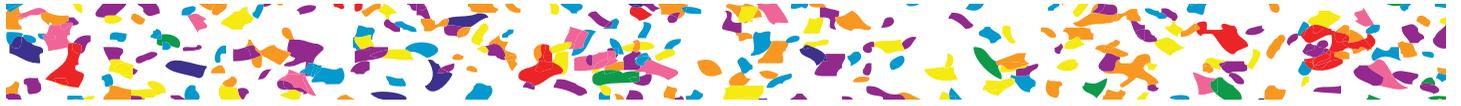


Thank you to everyone who pitched in to cover the costs of the food for the sandwiches for the **Guest House**. The money raised helped cover the cost of providing the breakfast for the **Hope Center** as well.

The sandwiches and bag lunches were delivered to the **Guest House**. We learned about their impressive organization, doing so much good work to try to help people get out of homelessness. We hope to continue to support this meaningful organization.

You showed you care enough to put your hands and hearts to work! Great teamwork, LCUUC!





Workshop: VISUAL JOURNALING: CREATING IMAGES OF PEACE DURING TIMES OF FEAR

On Sunday morning, March 15th, Elizabeth Lewis will be in the pulpit, delivering a sermon on *The Gift of Fear*. That afternoon, Sunday, March 15 from noon–2:30pm she will present this workshop that dovetails off the sermon.

VISUAL JOURNALING: CREATING IMAGES OF PEACE DURING TIMES OF FEAR

Perception.

Significance.

Self talk.

In our increasingly drama-driven, chaotic world, it can be easy to forget that these three things ultimately determine how outer environmental events affect our inner environmental landscape.

Visual journaling is the art of self-discovery. First we draw to express our feelings, and then write to interpret those feelings in order to reveal an "aha!" and initiate understanding and transformation. In this workshop we will create four images – fear, acceptance, letting go and peace – that will serve as stepping stones toward renewable images of inner peace and hope. No art experience necessary! Crayons and paper are provided. (If you are staying after the worship service, you may want to bring a sack lunch.)

Cost \$30. Questions, email Kerry Duma – kerryduma@gmail.com

Elizabeth Lewis is a motivational speaker, personal development coach, grief support specialist and spiritual counselor whose areas of expertise include resilience-building, forgiveness facilitation, healing art and writing, and trauma healing. Recognizing that there is no "one-size-fits-all" path to wellness and a sense of wholeness, Elizabeth has pursued extensive training and certification in diverse approaches to resilience, healing, and growth. Elizabeth also draws on her personal resilience and experience in overcoming trauma to help her clients find their own best path to wellness.

To register:

- You can make a credit card payment online [HERE](#)
- Or, fill out a registration form in the Social Hall and pay with a check



NOW's the time to think about the elections!

As part of our involvement with the "UU The Vote" campaign, we are partnering with SOPHIA'S

INTEGRATED VOTER ENGAGEMENT (IVE) CAMPAIGN

There's opportunity for engagement by everyone!

Wisconsin is a critical state in the November elections, and the collar communities around Milwaukee are a key in this vote. We hope you can be involved in one or more of these Sundays. If you'd like to sign up or carpool from church, you can do so in the social hall, or let Kerry Duma know kerryduma@gmail.com

Sunday March 22 from 2:30pm – 4pm at UU Church West, 13100 West North Avenue, Brookfield

Canvas Day 1 Lit Drop

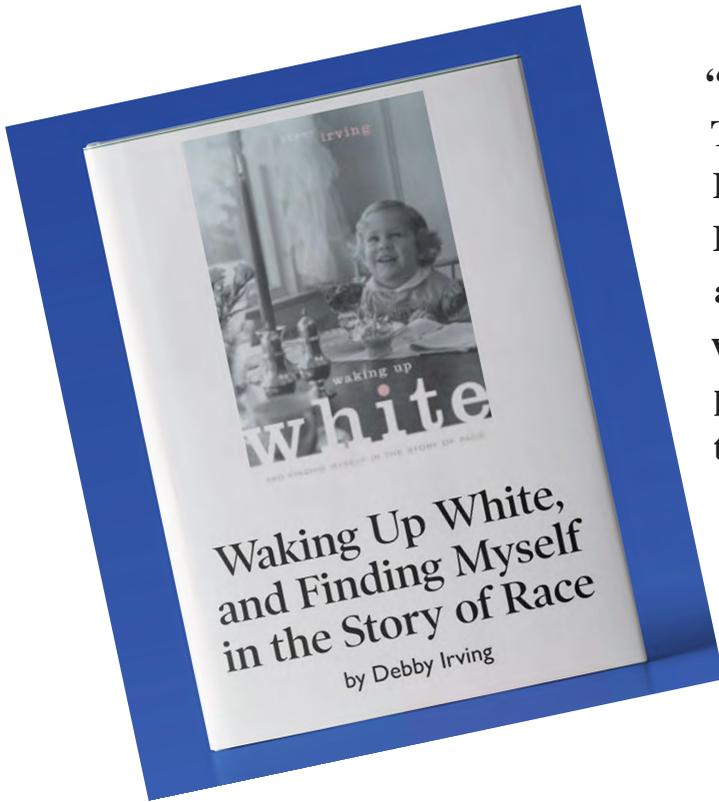
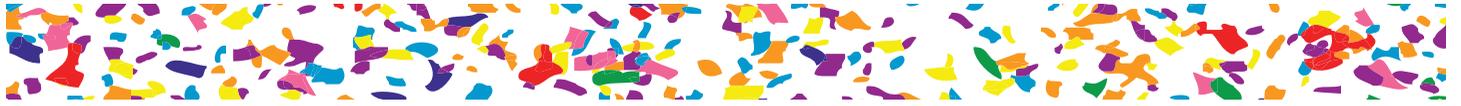
There's a job for everyone: walk door-to-door; drive the walkers; stay at the church and organize materials; or prepare refreshments.

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Canvas Day 2 Lit Drop and petition for "UnLock the Vote" Campaign to allow people who are out on parole to vote, as is allowed in many states but not Wisconsin.

There's a job for everyone: walk door-to-door; drive the walkers; stay at the church and organize materials; or prepare refreshments.

For more information: Barbara Pfarr, bpfarr@ssndcp.org (414) 841-2762



“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

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(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.



Grace Notes

January was a great month of music at LCUUC. Garrett Waite was back to perform Franklin's Tower with the LCUUC choir. On 1-26 our own Karen Haskell gave an incredible vocal performance with an ever so relevant song "What's So Funny About Peace, Love and Understanding?"

February 9th was our first all blues service titled "Stones in my passway." There were many excellent and authentic performances, as well as a monumental sermon by Greg Valde. The LCUUC choir was in fine form with two acapella performances of traditional spirituals.

There is some great music planned for March. On 3-8 we have our student run service titled "Somebody to Love" featuring vocal performances by Mare Edstrom, and Gus Santo. Karen Haskell will be back on 3-15, and Vocalist Grace Buscher will be back on 3-22.

Please put March 7th on your calendar. Kenn Fox and Dave Karnes will be performing a free CD release concert for their new guitar instrumental album "String Theory." There will be hors d'oeuvres at 6pm and the concert starts at 7pm. Feel free to bring a dish to pass, and bring your own adult beverages.

As always, please be in touch with your ideas for music,
Kenn Fox



Youth Religious Education (RE)

Greetings!

On March 8, the High School class will be presenting a service on issues that LGBTQ+ youth and young adults face. This service is part of our annual Welcoming Congregation renewal pledge and we are all very excited that the youth will be bringing awareness to the social justice issues facing their LGBTQ+ peers. The music and the message will be about acceptance so please mark your calendars, as the youth of our congregation prepare to share the message that everyone deserves to find *Somebody To Love!*

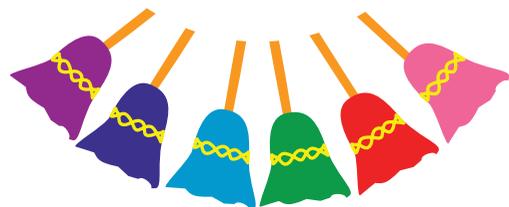
On Sunday March 22, Dan Krill will be leading our Living Our Principles joint RE class for age's 4k-8th grade. He will share his passion for teaching life lessons by leading the children in a very exciting morning of contemplation and wonder in respects to our March touchstone theme of Forgiveness.

Our High School youth held a Valentine's Fundraiser dinner in February and because of your generosity... raised enough funds to cover the remaining balance of registration/ lodging costs for their April 2020 trip to the UU UNO (United Nations Office) at which they will be focusing on the theme of Climate Justice this year with other UU folks from around the country/world. This is the inaugural trip to this annual UNO conference for our HS class and I am hoping that they will be able to continue to attend future conferences in the future and explore other possible opportunities to promote climate justice both nationally and locally within our community.

"Goodness is the only investment that never fails" ~Henry David Thoreau

In Peace,
Christine Rollins, Director of Religious Education





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.

March

- March 1 Larson / Lewis
- March 8 Scharff / Putra
- March 15 Alvarado / Adams
- March 22 Knox / Fackler - Hoel
- March 29 Begale / Fedders



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The LCUUC CHURCH CALENDAR can be found HERE

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Call ahead if possible!

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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.