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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



MAY 2020

Worship services

Our Virtual Services continue. Connect with us on Zoom each Sunday at 10am.

May 5

Isolation and the Solitary Life: Keeping Afloat as Best We Can –Claire Johnson

Being an extrovert in this time of quarantine is not as easy as it sounds. Like many of you, I miss the routine of everyday life. Some days I feel like I've gone belly-up, much like my goldfish with swim-bladder disorder (it is a thing - I will explain!) Other days I take control and get things done on that list of tasks. It's easy to get into a funk when all you have is your thoughts and no one else around. I will share what I learned about solitude and keeping afloat.

May 10

The Sun My Heart –Lynne Smith

The Buddhist monk, Thich Nhat Hanh, encourages our hearts to be like the sun, nurturing ourselves and others unconditionally. Let's explore how mindful self-compassion can help us thrive through this unprecedented pandemic, and how motherhood can inform this practice.

May 17

A Celebration of Religious Education –Chris Rollins

Today's service will be a celebration of the children & youth of LCUUC along with the volunteers that make that possible by helping the children/youth develop a workable faith, an interest in social action, and a better understanding of the world in which we live.

May 24

Like a Mother Her Only Child: Embracing the Particular in Buddhism –Pascale Engelmajer

Buddhist virtues, such as compassion and loving-kindness, are often described as “universal” and not “particular”. Practically, this is often translated as enjoining us to develop the aspiration to treat all beings without difference or preference. Yet, on a day-to-day basis, it is difficult to fathom treating a total stranger in the same way we treat our loved ones. How do we develop these qualities in ourselves and embody them in our daily life? Treat each being “like a mother her only child” the Buddha tells us in the Mettā Sutta. My research shows that those who act “like a mother” in the Pali Buddhist Canon can serve as role models to embrace the particular and live the universal virtues of compassion and loving-kindness in our daily interactions.

May 31

Sabbath a day of rest? –Rev. Shokan Roshi

Sabbath, the day of rest. For most of us this means Sunday, also known as: the day to mow the lawn, rake the leaves, wash the car, go to church, do the laundry, finish the powerpoint for Monday's meeting, write that book report for English class etc etc. Come join us as we explore the ancient Abrahamic wisdom of celebrating Shabbat.



ON BOARD

Here are the 2020-2021 nominees for Board and Leadership Development Team. At the annual meeting on June 7, 2020, members will vote to approve these nominees for positions at LCUUC.

The Leadership Development Committee is pleased to recommend the following for 2020-2021 LCUUC Board (3 year term):

Brynn Vukelich

Harry Nichols

Gail Ostler

In addition, these are the recommended nominees for the Leadership Development Committee:

Rob Suhr - chair

Joanne Nelson

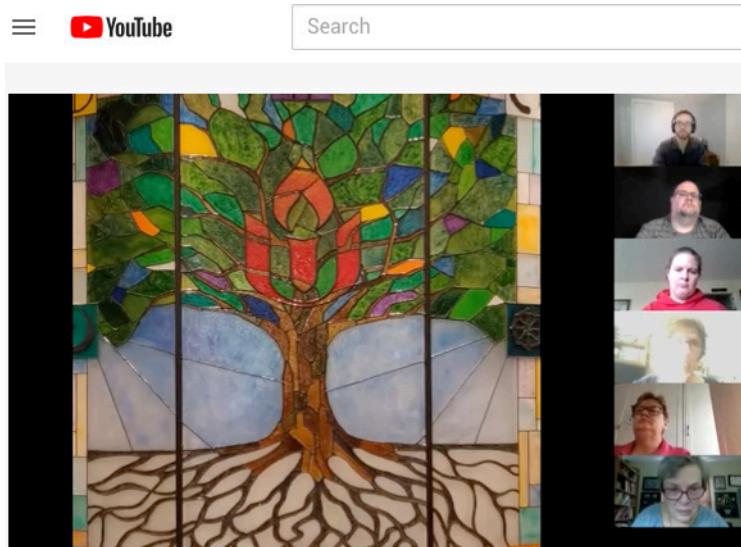
Patty Walker

Sue Lewis



GRACE NOTES

In Late March/early April we reluctantly made the transition to on-line services. Many of us, as with myself, had little to no experience with Zoom before the Pandemic hit. Our transition, while still evolving, went well. All of the folks involved in that process deserve our gratitude. This transition resulted in many new challenges for our music program. We made the call early on that live music performances on Zoom were probably not an option. So, we have done several Special Music pieces in my recording studio, practicing social distancing of course. A special thanks to Karen Haskell, Mare Edstrom-Fox, and Tracy Moraine for their trips to the studio, and amazing vocals. We also featured a Special Music piece in our March 5th service titled "Shelter in Place" done completely by Emailing tracks back and forth. A special thanks to our old friends Garrett Waite, and Liz DeYoe for their contributions. As it appears we will still be on-line in the weeks to come we will continue to find new and creative ways to keep the music flowing!



Watch church service from home

Church is every Sunday morning at 10am via a Zoom link sent to you via email. If watching and participating in the Lake Country Unitarian Universalist church service doesn't work out for you, you can still listen and watch the service on YouTube or Facebook. Find the link to services on the LCUUC website [HERE](#).



SOCIAL JUSTICE

Dear Members and Friends of LCUUC,

Many of us either have already received, or soon will receive a stimulus check. For some of us who have lost our jobs or had our wages cut, this money is urgently needed. For others of us, COVID-19 hasn't affected our income. Yes, perhaps our investments aren't worth what they used to be, but if our wages haven't been affected, we know how fortunate we are. Many people are struggling desperately now to just pay their rent and put food on their tables. The African American community and organizations in Milwaukee has been disproportionately affected by the virus and economically.

LCUUC's Social Justice Committee encourages all of us who can to consider donating some or all of our stimulus money to those in need. [HERE](#) is a short video link to perhaps inspire you.

Ways to donate:

- **LCUUC Minister's Discretionary Fund** Some people in our own congregation are struggling financially as the result of job loss.
- **COVID-19 Urgent Needs Fund**, created by the United Way of Greater Milwaukee/Waukesha County, helps many Milwaukee area organizations.
- **MKE Responds Fund** provides money to organizations in the greater Milwaukee area with communities disproportionately impacted by coronavirus including food, shelter, medical, mental health, and preschool-12 education.

Other organizations we recommend supporting:

- **Program the Parks MKE**, led by Vaun Mayes, spoke to the Black Lives Matters to WI UUs Reparations workshop last fall. Vaun is working to help families in the central city with food and supplies for kids. Contribute at PayPal.me/ProgramTheParksMKE or cash app \$ProgramTheParksMKE
- **SOPHIA (Stewards of Prophetic Hopeful Intentional Action)**, our partner, has set up a fund for immigrant families/ undocumented workers, who will not receive any stimulus money. To donate to their Immigration Support Initiative, mail a check to SOPHIA Immigration Support Initiative at 100 E. Broadway, Waukesha, WI 53186.

May Social Justice collection

The organization we are collecting for in May is **Family Promise**. We encourage you to support them either directly at familypromisewaukesha.org or via our website.



Youth Religious Education (RE)

Spring Greetings!

As we process the announcement recently of the extension of the Safer at Home Act here in Wisconsin until May 26, I am saddened to confirm that our children/youth Religious Education curriculums will be ending for this church year. Of course, my heart is breaking because of this... I always look forward to the end of each year with the kids/teens so we can look back at the year for highlights and lessons learned by all. There will be no end of year classroom celebrations this May. I am hoping all the children and teens can carry with them the lessons learned in their classes this past year.

In Spirit Play (ages 4-6) we upheld the basic Rainbow Promise lessons, as well as featuring the Earth Centered and Science/Reason lessons this year. I hope with the upcoming nice weather that our youngest friends will be outdoors exploring, learning, and wondering about the mysteries of nature.

In our 3-5th grade classroom, we were sharing in the Holidays & Holy Days curriculum this year. I am certain that the children will continue to learn more and experience the many wonderful traditions found around the world in celebration of culture and world religions. I encourage families to look at celebrations from other cultures and find a way to bring them into your own homes and lives.

The Middle School (grades 6-8th) will be carrying the skills they learned in our Fall curriculum of **In Our Hands**. The youth took a look at the world they live in currently and through many discussions/ exercises came up with views on what they see a Utopian society. To further expand their actions... they were also tackling the **Qualities of a Justice Maker** curriculum this Spring in which they were learning to become allies to those in need as well as becoming leaders for causes that they believe in.

The High School youth were learning about Climate Justice issues and actions they can take as teens to learn how they can make a change for their future world they live in. The youth are also part of the LCUUC efforts this year (2020) to make a commitment to renew our Welcoming Congregation pledge. The service that teens

presented on Sunday March 8th (*pictured here*) was so powerful and emotional for many who attended. They made me incredibly proud that morning –as they all proclaimed that everyone in our world deserves the same opportunities to find “Somebody to Love.” Sadly, the HS youth had to cancel their trip to NYC in April to attend the United Nations Office/ UNO at UUA spring seminar on Climate Justice. Instead the seminar was made available online for all to still participate in this urgent and important call to action. All the funds that were raised by the teens through fundraising efforts/ donation this past year are GREATLY appreciated and will be saved for their next trip.

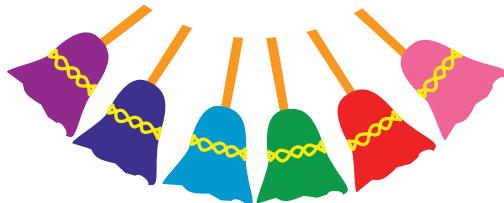
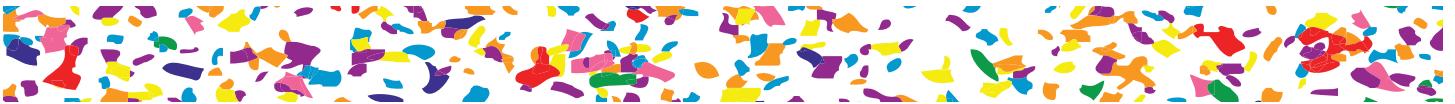
I am missing seeing everyone at church in person, but especially the smiling young faces of all the children and the “I’m so tired” faces of our teens. I am sure that just as we adults struggle to find a rhythm to our adjusted daily lives during this time in our world... the children/teens are struggling as well. I hope that all our young friends are happy, healthy, and just as curious and eager as ever to make changes in how we walk on this earth.

“We keep moving forward, opening new doors, and trying new things, because we are curious, and curiosity keeps leading us down new paths.”

–Walt Disney

In Peace,
Christine Rollins, Director of Religious Education





CHURCH CLEAN-UP SCHEDULE

All in-person worship services are suspended until further notice. In the case that we return to church, 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.

MAY:

- May 3 Amy & Kevin Seay
- May 10 Sarah & George Ehrhardt
- May 17 Santo / Rogers
- May 24 Campbell/Foss-Campbell / Valde
- May 31 Lynne & Phil Smith



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**The LCUUC CHURCH CALENDAR
can be found
[HERE](#)**

LCUUC Staff & Hours

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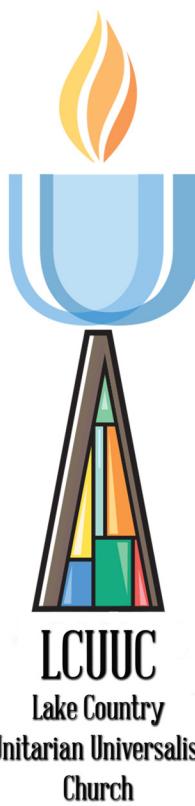
Call ahead if possible!

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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.