



# LCUUC NEWSLETTER

# February 2024

Lake Country Unitarian Universalist Church

Hartland, Wisconsin

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## Worship Services

Join us in the Lake Country Unitarian Universalist Church sanctuary for in-person worship. For an Order of Service (OOS), click [HERE](#). You can watch the service online here: [LIVE STREAM](#). Sunday services are at 10am. Email joys and sorrows that you want shared aloud during worship to [candles@lcuuc.org](mailto:candles@lcuuc.org) by 4:00pm on Friday. Masks are welcome but not required. Contributions in the Sunday collection baskets will be used to support LCUUC except for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month contributions which go to the designated charity/social justice program

## CALENDAR

### Every Wednesday

**12 Noon-1pm Midweek Meditation Moment**

**6:30pm Choir Rehearsal**

**Thursday, February 1 – 6-8pm Craft & Chat**

**Friday, Feb 2 to Friday, Feb 16 at 9pm**

**Time, Talent, and Treasure Online Auction**

**Sunday, February 4 – 10am**

**Worship Service: “An Honest Reckoning”**

We all claim to value human rights, dignity, and equality. What would it actually take for our actions to align with our values?

**Sunday, February 4 – 11:30am**

**UU Orientation Class** in LCUUC Room 1

**Sunday, February 11 – 10am**

**Service: “Reparations” with Rev. Marilyn Miller**

An invitation to reflect on the personal, communal, and institutional work that must continue in order to bring us closer to equity.

**Saturday, February 17 – 9am**

**Monthly Nature Meditation**

Merton Mill Pond Village Park

**Sunday, February 18 – 10am**

**Worship Service: “The Limitless Source”**

We have been called to “Be the change we want to see.” Where can we find the strength to actually make this so?

**Monday, February 19**

**Family Promise in Waukesha**

LCUUC serves a meal and delivers supplies to help keep their pantry stocked.

**Wednesday, February 21**

**Hope Center** – LCUUC serves dinner

**Sunday, February 25 – 10am**

**Worship Service: Erich Moraine**

## REVEREND MATT'S MUSINGS

*"When asked if I am pessimistic or optimistic about the future, my answer is always the same: If you look at the science about what is happening on earth and aren't pessimistic, you don't understand data. But if you meet the people who are working to restore this earth and the lives of the poor, and you aren't optimistic, you haven't got a pulse. What I see everywhere in the world are ordinary people willing to confront despair, power, and incalculable odds in order to restore some semblance of grace, justice, and beauty to this world."*

*-Paul Hawken, co-founder of Smith and Hawken*

I came across this quote while struggling to decide what to write about this month, and the sentiments shared above really summed up how I feel most days. The endless human-created challenges we face can be overwhelming, but over and over again I also see ordinary folks taking extraordinary measures to create solutions that once seemed unimaginable.

Religion used to be the place that folks turned to for certainty, but ours has never been a faith that provides easy answers to life's tougher questions. But our shared commitment to the responsible search for truth and meaning can lead us towards real-world, visible actions that can result in a kind of hope that is actually tangible.

In this coming month, we will be challenged to look at topics that can be difficult to wrestle with-Justice and Equity. As difficult as it can be, our responsible searches are beginning to force us to admit that in some cases it's our own actions, and the actions of those that came before us, that are actually the cause of many of the troubles we see today. And you can't fix a problem if you're not willing to look at ALL of the possible causes. Sometimes that can be really hard. But one thing I've learned about this community is that you're not afraid to do hard things.

I don't have all the answers. No one does. But I'm going to keep asking the questions. So far, it's the very answers that you've been giving me to the difficult questions that are being posed that keep giving me hope. And, as Suzanne Collins once wrote, hope is the only thing stronger than fear.

P.S. I'm glad you've read this far! I've been curious about how many folks are reading this newsletter all the way through. If you've read this far, I invite you to send me an email at [minister@lcuuc.org](mailto:minister@lcuuc.org) with the HOPES in subject line.

In addition to entering your name in a drawing for a fun prize, feel free to take an extra moment to tell me what's on your mind. Tell me your fears. Tell me what you want to learn more about. Tell me what you hope to see more of in this community.

And maybe, just maybe, in that exploration together we will find the path to the brighter tomorrows we all hope to see.

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## MEETING WITH THE MINISTER

Want to meet with Rev. Matt? He would surely love to meet with you! Find a time that will work for you both by emailing him at [minister@lcuuc.org](mailto:minister@lcuuc.org).

Rev. Matt's schedule includes a Sabbath on Fridays. Please check the Master Calendar at <https://lcuuc.weebly.com/calendar.html> for his availability.

If you need to reach Rev. Matt with a pastoral care emergency while he is away, please contact the coordinator of the Caring Circle, Paula Hillmann at [paula.hillmann@gmail.com](mailto:paula.hillmann@gmail.com). Paula will get in touch with Rev. Matt if needed.





LCUUC is starting “Second Hour” – groups that will meet after the worship service on Sunday mornings to discuss the worship service and/or issues of interest. Grab a cup of coffee, say hello to a few people, and come in and join the conversation.

## **Our first “Second Hour” will be “The Tragedy of the Palestinians” on Sunday, January 28 after the worship service**

Our first program will be a conversation featuring Marilyn Raschka. If you are interested in hearing from someone who spent almost 30 years living in the Middle East, please join us. Marilyn experienced wars, incursions, kidnappings, and car bombs, but most of the time, she experienced the warmth and generosity of the Lebanese, Palestinians, Syrians, and Egyptians. Marilyn taught at the American University of Beirut, the American University of Cairo, and was a journalist for the Chicago Tribune and LA Times. This “Second Hour” is sponsored by the Social Justice Committee. If you have questions, please contact Kerry Duma at [kerryduma@gmail.com](mailto:kerryduma@gmail.com).

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## **OUR TURN TO SERVE MEAL AT HOPE CENTER – WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21**

LCUUC will be serving a meal at Hope Center on Wednesday February 21st. This is a fun and rewarding way to spend time with other people from LCUUC and give back to our wider community. If you haven’t done this, give it a try...you won’t be disappointed.

Please contact Beth and Chris Peske if you are interested @ [Bcpeske@gmail.com](mailto:Bcpeske@gmail.com). A signup genius will be available soon. **We are organizing this, but are not able to attend this time, so we really need your help. Please contact us ASAP.**

See the details below, and remember that they have moved to a new location:

**Hope Center  
101 W. Broadway  
Waukesha, Wisconsin**

The requirements and guidelines are as follows:

- Bring 8 gallons of milk (We have been serving approx. 50 to 60 people per meal);
- Bring dessert for 50-60 people (We have been serving approx. 50 to 60 people per meal);
- Bring 4-7 volunteers – children under age 10 can help as long as there is at least 1 adult for every child
- Arrive by 5:00 p.m.; Dinner is served at 5:30 p.m.;
- Help serve the meal, beverages and your desserts;
- Clean the dining room by washing tables, sweeping the floor and arranging chairs;
- Help with the dishes by clearing, washing with commercial dishwasher and putting them away;
- Assist with getting the garbage and recyclables to the dumpsters;
- Plan on being finished by 7:00 p.m.

## ON BOARD

The Board of Trustees met on January 16, 2024 for our monthly meeting. Here are a few highlights on our shared work together:

- We have rolled up our sleeves and begun the work on the first of our developmental goals: Financial Sustainability. As a reminder, we have a significant, but planned budget deficit of 47K. Co-president, Harry Nichols has laid out a framework for us to identify, implement and track measurable goals to work to close this gap. The goal is to increase income by an estimated 15K/year over the next 3 years.
- The developmental goals that we identified together as a congregation and hired Rev. Matt to help us achieve is now what we all get to co-create together. The Board of Trustees and Leadership Committee have been working together to plan how each committee (you!) can participate in this work. Liaisons have been formed between the Leadership Committee, Board, and each committee. A group recently met to begin brainstorming ideas of concrete steps that could be taken to close the budget gap. Board liaisons have begun conversations with committee chairs to identify specific goals each relevant committee can commit to working on.
- Attendance by both adults and children at Sunday Services has been steadily increasing each month of this church year. Many have commented how the change in energy is palpable and it has been wonderful to see both familiar and new faces.
- We have begun conversations on the second goal re: Family Ministry (FM). Even before starting this work our coordinator of FM, Juliet Rogers and the FM committee has been developing additional opportunities for middle schoolers and teens and Rev. Matt has been intentionally creating services that are engaging and interactive for families and youth.
- Rev. Matt continues to help us stay grounded to our “why” and we plan to dig into more work on our mission and the question of “who would miss us if we ceased to exist” which is the underpinning of all that we do. He has also been working with committees to create “safe containers” to have difficult conversations, which are inherent to congregational work.
- It is important that everyone in the congregation has a chance to participate and stay up to date on this shared work. In the near future we intend to have a visual “scorecard” posted at church for the congregation to be able to see the specific sub-goals and celebrate our progress. We have also discussed offering quarterly updates during our “Second Hour” sessions. Everyone is welcome to attend board meetings and/or reach out to a board member with questions or ideas.

### Reminder of our Developmental Goals

1. **Financial Sustainability:** Grow long-term funding to sustain daily operations, inclusive of full-time ministry, that does not rely on reduction of assets tied to planned projects.
2. **Family Ministry:** Establish/grow a Family Ministry Program that provides youth and families with engaging opportunities for religious education
3. **Mission and Outreach:** Increase local awareness of LCUUC as a welcoming community of progressive minded individuals open to new members and supporting just causes (AKA who are we and why it matters that we exist)

### Steps you can take now to help co-create our future together:

1. Join the Board of Trustees by increasing your pledge by \$10/month (or whatever challenge makes sense for you) and remember to send in what you pledge.
2. Bring your creativity, energy and voice to the work of co-creating our future by joining a committee or task force. If you aren't sure where you can be of most help or what might be a good fit for your passions and time availability, talk to someone on the Leadership Committee, Board or Rev. Matt. There are small ways to help even for busy folks.

3. Many of our recent visitors have come because they are friends of a member. Invite one of your friends to join in an upcoming service, Second Hour or other church activity and share and like events created by our marketing team on social media.
4. Intentionally welcome visitors and connect with new members to make it easier for them to feel a part of our beloved community sooner.
5. Participate in the upcoming Fundraising Online Auction. Connect, have fun and close the gap!
6. Sign up to volunteer in the nursery or classroom or on the Family Ministry committee. Many have shared that they love seeing more and more children return. Let's support our families!

Thanks,  
 Kristin Sanden  
 Member, Board of Trustees

### LCUUC Board Members

Harry Nichols & Brynn Vukelich,  
 Co-Presidents  
 Jon Hubbard, Vice President  
 Stephanie Tisoris, Secretary  
 Tim Fuller, Treasurer (ex-officio)  
 Rev. Matt Aspin, LCUUC Minister  
 (ex-officio)  
 Mike Campbell, Member  
 Claire Johnson, Member  
 Kristin Sanden, Member  
 Karl Timm, Member

## FINANCES

In June, our congregation approved a budget for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, with a \$47,000 deficit. While we have a considerable amount of cash currently, we will be out of cash in 3 years if we don't close this deficit gap.

### How Can You Help?

- 1.) Attend a Stewardship meeting
- 2.) Increase your pledge by a minimum of \$10 per month (\$20 if your pledge unit consists of 2 people).
- 3.) Turn in a pledge card on time
- 4.) Offer goods or services and events for the annual auction
- 5.) Bid on the annual auction which begins 2/2
- 6.) Throw a few extra dollars into the Sunday Basket Collection for LCUUC
- 7.) Invite friends to Sunday services and special events

The Finance Committee is currently developing a year-end projection to see how we are doing. This report will be available at the end of this month and discussed in the March newsletter.

The most current Treasurer's Report, which provides a snapshot of LCUUC Finances, is now posted in the Member Access of the LCUUC webpage so anyone interested can review our financial position. Finance Committee members are happy to answer any questions. Just email Gail Ostler, at [gailostler@live.com](mailto:gailostler@live.com).





LCUUC has joined up with Soul Matters - a network of Unitarian Universalist congregations who follow the same monthly themes. These themes will be woven through all aspects of LCUUC life, from weekly services & religious education, to small groups & individual learning opportunities. Explore what may be a good fit for you - organic growth into sharing and discussion is welcome and encouraged!

Please visit the LCUUC website for individual opportunities revolving around this month's theme. These include podcasts, movies, articles, books and weekly exercises to promote more in-depth thought and conversation with family and friends.

## FEBRUARY 2024 - WELCOME TO THE GIFT OF JUSTICE & EQUITY

*Here we go again. Another injustice.  
Even more inequity exposed. So much pain. So many issues, So little equality.  
And so, so many people with certainty. I wish I had it. Don't you?  
The crystal-clear clarity of who's right and who's wrong.  
Every aspect of their argument neatly lined up. Nothing at all left to doubt.  
But when I wake, so much ambivalence shares my bed.  
So weary am I of having to announce my position right away.  
So worried about my limited view.  
So concerned that my people will no longer consider me one of their own if I express my doubts.  
But answer I must. Isn't that true? What does justice look like in this case?  
What is the next right step? What is the correct point of view?  
Just put my mind to it. Reason will guide me and show me the way.  
But what if we've got the starting point all wrong?  
What if my mind - and yours - is not enough?  
What if the place to begin is not "How do I answer these questions?"  
But "Who do I need to help me think them through?"  
This is the plea of that lawyer serving those on death row. "Get proximate!" he pleads.  
To change the world, we must get close to those on the margins.  
We must hear what they have to say. We must see the world with their weary eyes.  
Amen, cry those Latin American priests who placed the word liberation in front of their theology.  
Blessed are the poor, they teach, not just because they will inherit the earth,  
but because they view our earthly woes most clearly.  
Their gift to me, to you, to us is to remember that the answers to injustice  
arise from relationship, as much as, if not more than, from reason.  
Who, not how. Who, not how. What if that is the place to begin?  
What if this is the way we change the world?*





## NEW HOSTING WORK GROUP LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

A new work group is being initiated under the Building and Grounds Council to update and streamline the process for us to host outside groups in our indoor and outdoor spaces.

We have had an increase in community organizations looking for spaces to hold meetings and events. Some of these recent groups include a Homeschooling group, Come Together Lake Country, Buy Nothing Project of Hartland, LGBTQ youth social group, Arrowhead High school. In the past we have hosted secular recovery groups, playgroups, Lifeways daycare, and more.

These partnerships allow us to...

- share our spaces when we aren't using them.
- bring in individuals with shared values (some of whom may be interested in learning more about our church).
- connect us to our wider community and expand our knowledge of local needs and social justice concerns.
- Increase opportunities for our members to join these activities
- in some cases, bring in extra revenue.
- align with our developmental goals of increasing our presence in our community (with the potential for growth and diversification of our congregation) and financial sustainability

If you are looking for a way to get involved, here are a few ways you can help based on time commitments and interest:

1. Short term, deeper commitment: Help us to review and update our policies and procedures on using our space. I anticipate that this will include a few discussions over the next few months.
2. Occasional, small (1-3 hrs.) commitment: Volunteer to be in a team of "hosts" for groups who use our space (open and close the building, be available for assistance). This could be a recurring commitment or be willing to be asked to help 1-2 times a year
3. Ongoing, occasional work: stay on the task force for vetting of future requests and as a point person for scheduling
4. Visionary: 1 or more individuals who are interested in exploring ways we can bring in rental income

Contact Kristin and Greg Sanden to learn more or share your ideas at 262-271-8697 or [kmsanden@gmail.com](mailto:kmsanden@gmail.com)

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## CRAFT & CHAT

### Thursday, February 1st 6-8pm

Chris Rollins is hosting CRAFT & CHAT at LCUUC from 6-8pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month. Bring your craft projects to work on, bring some topics to chat about, and bring yourself to CRAFT & CHAT! If you want to come to enjoy the space/time but don't have your own projects, there will be adult coloring books provided for anyone to use. There will also be some delicious tea provided. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Rollins at [crollinscareer@gmail.com](mailto:crollinscareer@gmail.com)



## FAMILY MINISTRY

Family Ministry came out of our very busy holiday season resolved to keep our momentum in 2024! In January, we enjoyed our 3<sup>rd</sup> largest attendance numbers, and reorganized our class structures to accommodate a second class when needed with more ease. Beginning in February, our Spirit Play will be for children aged 4-7, Middle Class for ages 8-12, and Nursery for our babies & toddlers up to about 3, or anyone not potty-trained. Our TYME (Trusted Youth Mentors & Educators) program is still in effect if a teenager wishes to leave Sunday service. These changes will be reflected in our Order of Service starting late January.



Another exciting consideration is the idea of a teenager youth group. With a group for teenager bonding, it will be easier to have teens stay in our Sunday services because they won't be missing time with their friends and peers. A survey has gone out asking guardians what day of the week would be preferable for a post dinner group. While the youth group will not be up and running right away, we will keep you posted as Rev. Matt continues its exploration and development.

Something that is starting right away is our "Second Hour" concept on Sundays. Reverend Matt is starting a program after our Sunday services with different topics or speakers each week. We are excited to invite you to our first "Family Ministry Second Hour" program after service on February 18. Immediately after service (or about 11:30-12:30), join us for a parent/guardian group. This will be a great opportunity for parents to come and talk about RE & Family ministry with everyone! Childcare will be provided with some snacks, including chili graciously provided by Chris C & Helen B. Please mark your calendars.

The week before our "Second Hour" program, we will shower our RE kiddos with love at our V-day Sunday on February 11. Building on our "Liberating Love" lessons in our curriculum, kids will enjoy Valentine making as we think about all of the people, places, and things that we love in this life.

If you love our Family Ministry program, consider volunteering to teach RE! Our schedule is rather light for March onward, and our kids need your love and guidance! Please sign up at:

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1MEJgAR7Z7gEmTgheh\\_f8KC5BkXvmbUALvEqbpc36ciY/edit#gid=0](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1MEJgAR7Z7gEmTgheh_f8KC5BkXvmbUALvEqbpc36ciY/edit#gid=0)  
or contact Juliet at [cfm@lcuuc.org](mailto:cfm@lcuuc.org)

### Caring Circle



The Caring Circle supports church members who are experiencing personal difficulties.

If you find yourself in need of a helping hand, please contact Paula Hillmann at:

[paula.hillmann@gmail.com](mailto:paula.hillmann@gmail.com) or 262-366-5991 (cell)



## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

From the Membership Committee: Betsy Foss-Campbell, Mark Ubbesen, and Patty Walker, Chairperson

### John Drury



John Drury grew up in Oconomowoc and returned to Wisconsin from Florida two years ago at the encouragement of his family—two adult children and eight grandchildren—and now resides in Fort Atkinson. A UU for more than 30 years, he found his way to LCUUC to be his new church home.

Related to his former passion for sailboat racing, he is the retired owner of a major recreational equipment company. As an Air Force veteran, he now enjoys participating in social activities with veterans' groups. His other interests include reading and his hobby of woodturning, especially creating handmade wooden pens.

### Calvin Gander



Calvin Gander lives five miles north of Hartland and was a long-time member of UU Church West before coming to LCUUC over the past year. The son of a United Church of Christ minister, he became a UU when he met his wife. He is a retired dentist and was the president of the Greater Milwaukee Dental Association. Among other leadership roles in the community, he has served as president of UUCW's Board of Trustees. He enjoys spending time with his two grown children and five grandchildren and preserving the woods on his five acres of property. He is a strong supporter of combating climate change.

## WE ARE A WELCOMING COMMUNITY

For more than twenty years, the Welcoming Congregation Program sponsored by the UUA has helped Unitarian Universalist congregations to become more welcoming and inclusive of people of all sexual orientations and gender identities. The spiritual practice of welcome is a very important one to the LCUUC faith community, and the continuing commitment to bringing attention to and taking action in regards to social justice issues is our work.



## NEXT LCUUC ORIENTATION CLASS ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

More information on Page 11 of this newsletter.

## MONTHLY NATURE MEDITATION – SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17<sup>th</sup> 9am MERTON MILL POND VILLAGE PARK

You are invited! Come enjoy one of our local parks!

The February nature meditation will be at the Merton Mill Pond Village Park, February 17, 2023, 9:00am. The parking lot is on the East side of Main Street (County VV) in Merton next to the Mill Pond Dam.

Link to a map of the location: [43°08'54.3"N 88°18'26.6"W](https://www.google.com/maps/place/43°08'54.3)

**What to expect:** The meditation will happen snow or no, so dress for the weather (and the drifts). We will start with a short reading, then spend about twenty minutes quietly experiencing the environment by walking or finding a space to sit and observe the sounds, smells, sights and feel of the space. We'll gather again to share the experience and another short reading before returning to our individual routines. (No prior meditation experience is required.)

Since this is a meditative experience, we ask that you do not bring things that may be distracting to yourself or others (e.g. pets) and that you silence communication devices before the meditation starts.

Questions, or for more information, contact Tracy Moraine at [tracywren@yahoo.com](mailto:tracywren@yahoo.com)



## SANGHA MIDWEEK MEDITATION MOMENT ON WEDNESDAYS IN SANCTUARY

We'll sit together on Wednesdays from 12:00 noon to 1pm in the LCUUC sanctuary. This is a time to settle, collect your thoughts, and re-establish a sense of calm from everyday stresses and busy-ness. It is different from the Monday night sangha meetings in that this is no talking, all silent: two seated meditation periods and one walking period. No prior experience is necessary. Drop in a few minutes early to have time to take off your coat and shoes in the entryway. Please maintain silence as you enter the sanctuary and find a place to sit either on a cushion or in the front row of pews. The meditation bell will ring promptly at noon. When we are finished at 1pm, please maintain silence as you exit the sanctuary.

For any questions, please contact Erich Moraine directly at 414-418-4727 or [emoraine108@gmail.com](mailto:emoraine108@gmail.com)

## UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST ORIENTATION CLASS ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

As we embark on a new year, the Membership Committee is excited to extend a warm invitation to our upcoming Unitarian Universalist Orientation Class. A light lunch will be served.

**Date: February 4, 2024, Time: 11:30 AM Location: LCUUC Room 1**

If you're new to our community, this orientation class is designed to deepen your understanding of Unitarian Universalism and provide valuable insights into the rich tapestry of our diverse and inclusive faith.

### What to Expect

Introduction to Unitarian Universalism:

- Discover the core values and principles that unite us as a community.
- Explore the history and evolution of Unitarian Universalism.

Our Beloved Community:

- Learn about the vibrant and welcoming community that makes LCUUC special.
- Connect with fellow seekers and make new friends who share similar spiritual journeys.

Pathways for Engagement:

- Explore the various ways you can become involved in our community, from worship services to social justice initiatives.
- Find your niche and discover how your unique gifts can contribute to our collective well-being.

Q&A Session:

- Have your questions answered by seasoned members and leaders.
- Engage in thoughtful discussions about the Unitarian Universalist faith and its role in today's world.

### How to RSVP

To reserve your spot in this enlightening orientation class, please sign up at the Welcome Table or online at [LCUUC.org](http://LCUUC.org). Come join us on February 4th at 11:30 AM and take the first step toward discovering a welcoming community where you can be your authentic self. We look forward to sharing this enriching experience with you!

For more information, contact Patty Walker,  
Membership Chair at 262-966-3357 or  
[pattybennettwalker@gmail.com](mailto:pattybennettwalker@gmail.com)





## **LCUUC's Time, Talent & Treasure Online Auction 2024!**

It's almost time for our biggest fundraising event of the year, our beloved Time, Talent and Treasure Auction! This will be the only auction for this year, so dig deep! **Donations are due by January 31st.** Please see the attached list of suggestions for donations. Donated events can be held anytime through the end of 2024. If the donation is an event, indicate date, starting and ending time, maximum number of participants, and minimum bid. If you decide to offer an event but need to wait until later in the year to schedule it, we can set it up later as a "pop-up" event.

There is a new platform for our online auction and you will need to log in and set up an account on the new system.

Go to: <https://new.biddingowl.com/AuctionLanding?QueryAuctionId=985ff70c-debf-40d1-b84d-4ea13e7e3583>

Click on the drop-down arrow to the right of the Profile Icon in the upper right-hand corner. Fill out the form. Submit. You can then click on Categories>All on the left-hand side to see what is available.

A few things have been donated thus far. Donors: please check to be sure it all looks good. Let Chris Kunert know if anything needs to be adjusted. She is still working on importing photos and working out bugs. Same link as above. You can E-mail donations and questions to **Chris Kunert: ckunert2@gmail.com**

Thank you very much for helping to make this a fun and successful fundraiser for LCUUC!

Lynne Smith

**Donations accepted through January 31. Email to Chris Kunert at ckunert2@gmail.com**

**Bidding begins Friday, February 2nd and continues until Friday, February 16th at 9 pm**

# IDEAS FOR AUCTION DONATIONS

## EVENTS

COOKING-ethnic, on a budget, for/with kids or teens, pasta making, sourdough bread, kombucha  
FOOD RELATED- Bee keeping, maple syrup making, coffee roasting, keeping backyard chickens, gardening, making cocktails, growing microgreens, appreciating chocolate, tea, coffee, etc.  
TEACH ARTS and CRAFTS  
DANCE- tap, belly, modern, rap  
HEALTH and FITNESS- yoga, meditation, mindfulness, Reiki, acupressure, tapping, training for 5K, back care  
TEACH A SKILL- chess, vocal, guitar or other instrument, sign language, flower arranging, dog training, attracting birds, create a rain garden, writing  
TEACH A TECH SKILL- Using Excel, google drive, iPhone features, photo editing, garage band, sound mixing, website making, start a blog, Instagram tips, recommendations on apps  
SHARE YOUR HISTORY/EXPERIENCE- being at Woodstock, Peace Corps, grew up on farm, your career  
TEACH ANYTHING! -astrology, magic tricks, interior design, being thrifty, tutor a subject  
TRAVELOGUE- Share your travel experience with stories and photos  
CONCERT, MOVIE NIGHT, TRIVIA NIGHT, GAME NIGHT, BOOK CLUB  
OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES THAT CAN BE DONE WITH SOCIAL DISTANCING AS NEEDED  
MUSIC EVENTS -porch or backyard or church concert, drum circle  
SPORTS LESSONS- tennis stroke, basketball free throw, soccer foot skills, swim strokes, hula hooping, golf swing, how to throw a frisbee

## OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES THAT CAN BE DONE WITH SOCIAL DISTANCING AS NEEDED

ACTIVITIES- Kayak, paddleboard, labyrinth walk, yoga, walking meditation, geocaching, letterboxing, scavenger hunt, bike, birding, drawing in nature, campfire gathering, backyard fireworks, backyard projected movie, foraging, guided hike of native plants  
FOOD RELATED- backyard dinner, dessert and drinks on a beach or in a park

## SERVICES

Yardwork, outdoor handyman  
Grocery shopping or other shopping and delivery  
Small engine repair, blade sharpening  
Bike tune up  
Pet sitting or dog walking  
Create a backyard fountain  
Build a backyard fire ring

## RENTALS

Kayak, Paddleboard, boat, camper  
Vacation home

## TREASURES

Homemade foods (salsas, jams, pies, etc.)  
Arts and crafts- photography, pottery, etc.  
Garden produce, chicken eggs, firewood, maple syrup, honey  
Gift cards from restaurants that do carry out, curbside or outdoor seating





## PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING OUT ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19

This message is to thank all of you for your generous support for our commitment to Family Promise and the Emergency Overflow Shelter (EOS). LCUUC served a meal and delivered much needed supplies to the shelter on January 15. With your support, we were able to serve three families (three moms with six children ranging in age from six weeks to nine years) and fourteen single adults. The nightly census has shot up with the onset of the snow and cold.

I wish all of you could hear the thank yous and the comments from our guests first hand. They are all so very appreciative.

All of the donations in addition to the meal itself help to stock the pantry shelves, which is essential as many of the guests are at the shelter all day in addition to the overnights. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer or donate, please contact Gina Markson Magnus at [gmarksonmagnus@gmail.com](mailto:gmarksonmagnus@gmail.com) or 262-424-7640. You will also find helpful information and updates at [familypromisewaukeshawi.org](http://familypromisewaukeshawi.org). Follow the Partner Portal for info on the calendar and the census. **Our next host date is Monday February 19.**

Thank you for your support!  
Gina Markson Magnus  
LCUUC Volunteer Coordinator for Family Promise

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## AN EASY WAY TO CONTRIBUTE TO HELP WITH OUR DEFICIT:

# SCRIP FUNDRAISING PROGRAM

You can now support LCUUC when you make some of your every-day purchases through the SCRIP Fundraising Program. Please visit the homepage of our website at <http://lcuuc.org/Giving> for details.

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## Our Mission

LCUUC is a diverse religious community supporting one another in our spiritual searches 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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**Editor's Note:** I'm wondering if you or someone you know might prefer to receive a printed copy of the LCUUC newsletter in the mail. Although it's cheaper and faster to send the newsletter out online, I realize not everyone has online access, is comfortable reading a newsletter online, or is able to make it to church to pick up a printed copy from the lobby table. My goal is to make sure everyone who wants to know about what's happening at LCUUC can access the newsletter. Your feedback is welcome. Let me know what you think. Please email articles by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. Constructive criticism and suggestions are welcome!