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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



October 2020

Worship services

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

Our services are streamed/broadcast live and may be posted publicly. If you do not want your picture or name to be seen, please turn off your video and change your screen name after you have been admitted to the meeting.

October 4

UU the Vote

Collection for Food Pantry of Mukwonago

In the midst of global pandemic, rising authoritarianism, and uprising, lives hang in the balance and the future of democracy is on the line. In response, Unitarian Universalists are answering the call of our faith, building powerful partnerships to mobilize our communities to #VoteLove and #DefeatHate in the 2020 elections. Join UUA President Susan Frederick-Gray, the UU the Vote team, and a lineup of powerful, prophetic UU voices as we explore the intersections of faith, justice, and democracy in this collective virtual service.

October 11

You Do You: Queer Theology in 2020 –Rev. Carin Bringelson, LCUUC Minister

In observation of National Coming Out Day, we will explore how Queer Theology calls us to embrace our own and each others' authenticity. Rooted in our Unitarian Universalist values, we celebrate people of all sexual orientations and gender identities/expressions. Come out, come out, whoever you are!

October 18

Wmpathy in Times of Uncertainty –Rev. Carin Bringelson

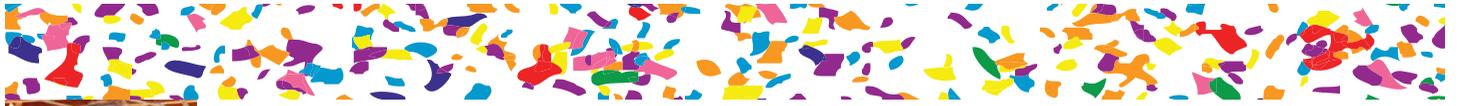
Collection for Get Out the Vote

With Emotional Intelligence as the theme for the month of October, it behooves us to look at how empathy impacts our social and emotional lives. Given COVID-19, racial violence, environmental disasters, and the election season — any one of which might arouse feelings of anxiety — how can we employ empathy to foster stronger connections?

October 25

As If –Rev. Tony Larsen

"As if." Two words, two syllables, four letters. Such a small phrase, yet it can sometimes help us navigate the ups and downs of our lives. Tony's sermon will explore the power of "as if" to change "what is"; its use in making new scientific discoveries (think Albert Einstein); and its spiritual implications (especially as if impacts our first UU principle of inherent worth and dignity).



Carin's Corner

Here we find ourselves solidly in the season of autumn. The RE program for children and youth has kicked off. Book discussions are happening. And the gorgeous colors are appearing on the trees. I sometimes wonder what I would dress up as if I were to dress for Halloween... A peacock in a snowstorm? An autumn leaf? How about you: what do you want to "be" for Halloween this year?

I'm pleased to have collaboratively convened, with approval from the Board of Trustees, a Committee on Shared Ministry (or COSM, for short). This committee, consisting of Chair Megan Fedders, Lois Remeikis, Greg Sanden, Ted Schuette, and Greg Valde will:

- Help me learn about the history and culture of LCUUC
- Serve as my confidential "sounding board" as I strive to address the spiritual needs of the church
- Evaluate how we -- together -- are meeting the mission of the church
- Support my professional development by providing an assessment for my fellowshipping process
- Help the congregation engage in open, honest, and just conflict management
- Report monthly to the Board of Trustees and annually to the Congregation

I look forward to working with COSM -- and everyone at LCUUC.

Thanks to everyone who has given Bev and I recommendations. If you haven't done so already, you have one more week to fill it out this Google Form entitled: Help Rev. Carin and Bev learn about the Hartland area

As I mentioned last month, feel free to contact me if you would like to talk. We are in this together.

In Growing Faith,

Rev. Carin



Meeting with the Minister

If you would like to meet one-on-one with Rev. Carin, please email her to set up a time: revcarin@lcuuc.org.

A note re: Rev. Carin's availability: Rev. Carin's ¾-time schedule includes a Sabbath on Mondays as well as one week off every four weeks. Her upcoming calendar includes the following:

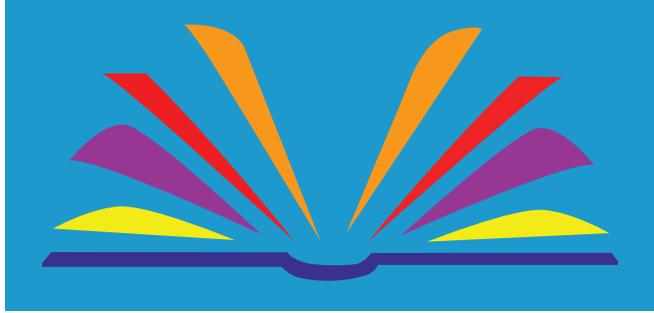
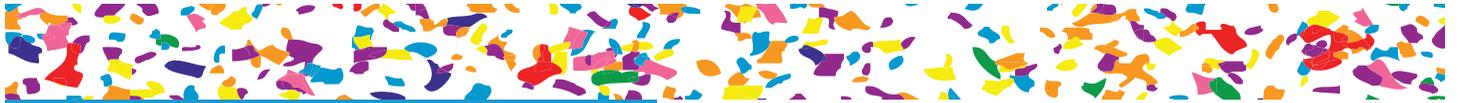
- Sept. 28 - Oct. 4, 2020: off
- Oct. 19 - 25, 2020: study-leave
- Oct. 26 - Nov. 1, 2020: off

If there's a need to reach Rev. Carin with a pastoral care emergency while she is away, please contact Caring Circle Chair Yvonne Fort at: myfort2@wi.rr.com.



Ministerial Start Up Workshop

Join us for a Ministerial Start Up Workshop for Rev. Carin Bringelson! We will explore together and with Rev. Carin the Joys and Sorrows in the history of our congregation on Friday night November 13th. Saturday morning the 14th congregational leadership (current and future) will gather to explore the leadership roles and responsibilities, as well as how we understand who we are as a congregation. In the afternoon on Saturday the 14th, the Board will meet with Rev. Carin to intentionally explore their relationship together. We hope you will join us online for this weekend focused on beginning our ministerial relationship with Rev. Carin well! Our meetings will be facilitated by Rev. David Pyle, the Regional Lead for the MidAmerica Region of the UUA.



Big Ideas Book Group: Fall 2020

The Deficit Myth: Modern Monetary Theory and the Birth of the People's Economy by Stephanie Kelton.

A fascinating exploration of modern monetary theory (MMT) which dramatically changes our understanding of how we can best deal with crucial issues ranging from poverty and inequality to creating jobs, expanding health care coverage, climate change, and building resilient infrastructure.

Kelton busts through the myths that prevent us from taking action: that the federal government should budget like a household, that deficits will harm the next generation, crowd out private investment, and undermine long-term growth, and that entitlements are propelling us toward a grave fiscal crisis. MMT gives us the power to imagine a new politics and a new economy and move from a narrative of scarcity to one of opportunity.

- What:** Join us for a discussion of this interesting and important book
- When:** 6 Fridays from 7 – 8:30pm (10/9, 10/23, 11/6, 11/20, 12/4, 12/18)
- Where:** Zoom
- Facilitator:** Greg Valde

To sign up, please send an email to Greg (valdeg@uww.edu) or Leann (admin@lcuuc.org) asap but by October 5 at the latest. In order to facilitate discussion, participation will be limited to the first 15 to register. All participants should read the introduction and chapter one prior to our first meeting and come prepared to share a favorite idea or two from the reading.



Ministry for Earth Movie and Discussion Nov. 15 – 7:00 PM

The LCUUC Ministry for Earth Committee will be presenting the film **The Condor and the Eagle** on Sunday evening November 15 at 7 PM via Zoom, with discussion after the film. In this film, which was produced by the UU Ministry for Earth, indigenous environmental leaders embark on an extraordinary trans-continental adventure from the Boreal forest to deep into the heart of the Amazonian jungle to unite the peoples of North and South America and deepen the meaning of “Climate Justice.” **The Condor & the Eagle** documentary offers a glimpse into a developing spiritual renaissance as the film four protagonists learn from each other’s long legacy of resistance to colonialism and its extractive economy. Their path though the jungle takes them on an unexpectedly challenging and liberating journey, which will forever change their attachment to the Earth and one another.

You may learn more about this film from the UUMFE website **HERE**. Look for details about this Zoom event as the November 14 date approaches.

From the Earth Ministry Committee

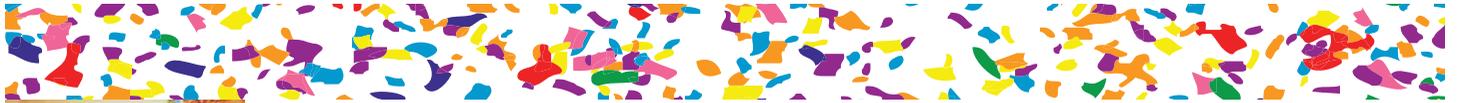


WATZ up?! Seeking more Sunday morning Zoom volunteers

The Worship Arts Committee currently depends on a group of volunteers to “run tech” on Zoom. (Rev. Carin affectionately calls these volunteers the Worship Arts Tech Zoom [WATZ] Team.) Each Sunday we need two WATZ volunteers:

- 1) The person who acts as “Tech One” ensures sound, video, visuals, and presenters are all showing up at the correct times.
- 2) The person who acts as “Tech Two” has the slightly easier task of ensuring that people are allowed into the worship service from the waiting room and that the service is recorded.

Want to help out by being trained to serve on the WATZ Team? For more information, please contact Karl Timm at kwtimm@gmail.com. Once trained, volunteers participate in a 30-45 minute rehearsal prior to each worship service. We look forward to showing you how easy it is!



Youth Religious Education (RE)

Fall Greetings to everyone! We ended September with a wonderful RE family bonfire that brought us closer in community and allowed us to get excited about the coming zoom year of RE classes. New friendships were formed with the children/teens of UUUC in Waukesha and familiar faces had a chance to say Hello once again (in masks of course).

The October class schedule is:

- **4k-1st grade will meet at 11am on 10/4 & 10/18**
- **2nd-5th grade will meet at 11am on 10/11 & 10/25**
- **Middle School (6th-8th grade) will meet at 6:30pm on 10/4 & 10/18**
- **High School (9th-12th grade) will meet at 6:30pm on 10/11 & 10/25**

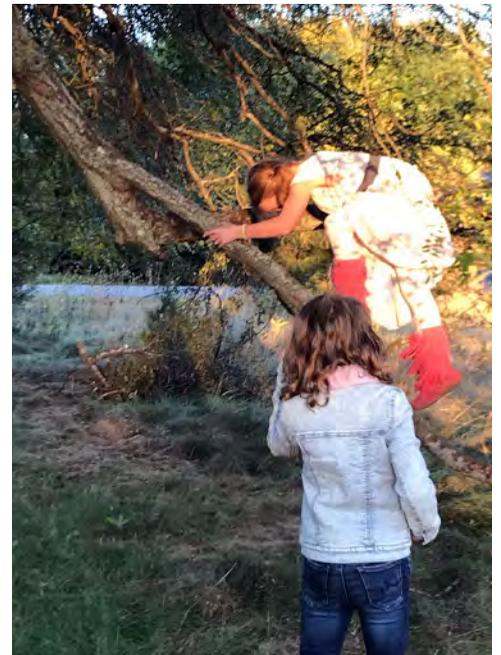
On Friday evening 10/13 we will be having our first RE Family Night from 6:30-7:30 on zoom. This informal zoom meet up will allow families to discuss a topic pertinent to our 7 principles and enjoy an activity together as a family while zoom “chatting” with others. Details will be sent via email from the director of RE in early October.

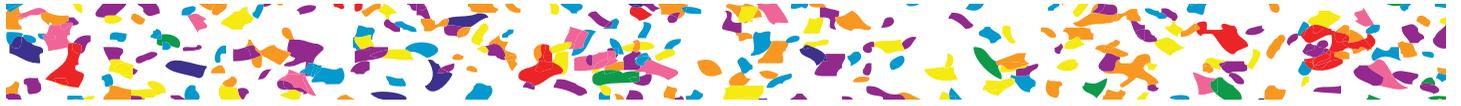
More information about Religious Education classes can be found [HERE](#).

Whether they are schooling virtually this year or attending via a hybrid or fully in person... I wish health and wellness to all our RE kids/teens this year! Remember to always ask, “And how are the Children?”

In Peace~

Chris Rollins, Director of Religious Education





SOCIAL JUSTICE

Get Out The Vote (GOTV)

Vote Forward Letter Writing Party – Sunday, October 4th after the Worship Service

Immediately following the UU **The Vote** worship service on October 4 we will be hosting a Vote Forward virtual letter writing (*actually it's just one sentence that you add to a printed letter*) party. **Prior to October 4 please visit the Vote Forward website vote fwd.org and register.** After a few days you will be approved and you can download (you can choose a state such as Wisconsin) and print 20 letters so you're ready to go for the post service party! **Alternatively contact Phil Smith** (our Vote Forward campaign director; psmithw318@gmail.com) and he will deliver 20 pre-printed letters to you prior to the service.

Vote Forward targets people that are traditionally under-represented registered voters, have not voted for several elections, and are located in critical swing states like Wisconsin. Does it really work? In a controlled study, 3.4% more of those receiving letters voted compared to the control group. That's 340,000 more voters in critical swing states like Wisconsin if Vote Forward meets their goal of 10 million letters (currently at 6 million). It does make a difference!

Black Lives Matter

Watch for the twice a month **Black Lives Matter Learn & Take Action** in your Lekoos email. This is something you can learn about and do to help the cause. Feedback is always welcome, just Reply to the email.

The Social Justice Committee is offering monthly Zoom discussions on highly recommended books and movies by African Americans that help us understand systemic racism in our society.

- On September 27th from 7–8pm, we will be offering a Zoom discussion on Michelle Alexander's book *The New Jim Crow*.
- On October 18th, we will lead a discussion on the film *13th*. It is available on YouTube and Netflix. We encourage you to watch it *before* 7pm on 10/18 and join the zoom discussion. This powerful, award-winning film explores the history of racial inequality in the United States, focusing on the prison industrial complex and the history of black lives in post- Jim Crow America

Designated Collections for October

For the month of October, we encourage donations to organizations working to **Get Out The Vote**. We all know how important this election is, and these donations are a way for us to get more voters to the polls! Donations will support "UU The Vote", which will be the focus of October 4th's worship service, and our congregation's work with **Vote Forward**. Through **Vote Forward**, our members have written thousands of letters to voters with a personal message of why it's important to vote. It has been shown to be a very effective way to increase voter turn-out! **Please give generously to this very important work, as we need an additional \$750 to help with the postage costs** for the letters that have been written by our members! Donate to LCUUC with the memo "GOTV".

Food Pantry Donations this month will go to the Mukwonago Food Pantry.

GET OUT THE VOTE!



ON BOARD

Greetings from the BOARD! No one was BORED at our meeting on Tuesday, September 15th that took place on a lovely fall evening. We all sipped hot cider as we recounted our favorite summer events whilst wearing plaid. Just kidding. Our President helps start our meetings off with excellent ‘check in’ questions. I learned that a board member now enjoys fires in her backyard. Another one is loving the connection that Zoom brings with friends around the world. It’s wonderful to hear tidbits of board members lives before the meeting starts!

Highlights of the meeting include:

- Grounds clean up occurred on Sunday September 13th, and the Garden for Good is being dismantled. Thank you to all who volunteered their time to help grow and maintain life’s necessities – healthy, clean food.
- Gerry Flakas, our deeply honored and cherished Facilities Chair and all around LCUUC Grounds Keeper Extraordinaire will be stepping down from the Chair position, but will remain on the committee.
- Attendance during Sunday Worship remains steady as we traverse Zoom and make changes to help facilitate connections with new, old, and transient folks. Our LCUUC heart beats strong.
- The Board supported Social Action installing a temporary sign that will sit above the main LCUUC sign facing the intersection of K and E. It will display our principles in the context of current issues.
- The Board approved 4 members (Chair confirmed last month – Megan Fedders) for the Committee on Shared Ministry: Lois Remeikis, Greg Sanden, Ted Schuette, and Greg Valde. The primary purpose of the Committee on Shared Ministry is to evaluate and elevate the effectiveness of the congregation’s ministry in fulfillment of its mission and to promote collaborative leadership in the congregation.
- Gerry Flakas and George Ehrhardt presented a new, comprehensive Emergency Preparedness Policy that covers a multitude of potentially hazardous situations. There will be a strong emphasis on training members, staff, and volunteers so that methods can be deployed to the best of everyone’s capabilities. This will become imperative when LCUUC decides it’s time to meet in person again to uphold safety and security measures upon re-gathering.

LCUUC Board Members

Paula Hillmann, President	George Ehrhardt
Dave Cicero, Vice President	Catherine Marrari
Amy Seay, Secretary	Harry Nichols
Tim Fuller, Treasurer (ex-officio)	Gail Ostler
Lisa Alvarado	Brynn Vukelich

Submitted by Brynn Vukelich



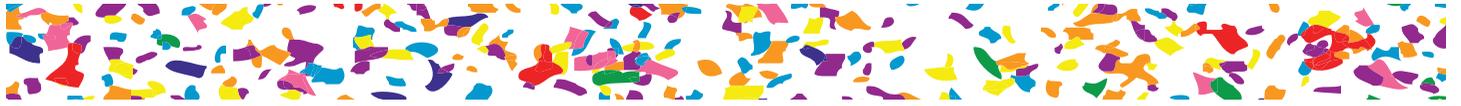
GRACE NOTES

On-line music in our LCUUC services continues to evolve. We have recently added back hymns, as well as offering music.

Our Water Communion on 9-13 featured some beautiful solo piano excerpts from the Handel Water Music suites played by Tracy Moraine. We also recorded Rock me on the Water for this service featuring vocals by Tracy Moraine, Karen Haskell, and Mare Edstrom-Fox.

We will also feature a piece sung in Hebrew by Terrie Silverman in our upcoming 9-27 service. Please be in touch with any ideas for music.

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BYO GATHERINGS

Due to the daylight quickly fading, the BYO events for October will be held EVERY Wednesday at noon under the locust trees. The Thursday evening events are cancelled, due to darkness. Please join us for connection and conversation.

The membership committee would also like to invite everyone to a BYO on Sunday, October 4th at noon (no Packer game) on the LCUUC church grounds. Please bring your meal, your chair and a mask. Dress appropriately for the weather. Rain/snow/bad weather date is October 11th, at noon.



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.