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The Newsletter of the

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Northfield

A Welcoming Congregation

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July 2018

Services begin at 10:00 am at the Fellowship Hall unless noted otherwise.

Sunday, July 1st • 11:00 a.m. • Pot luck picnic at Mairi Doerr's home
Pot luck picnic by the lake at the home of Mairi Doerr, 29555 23rd Avenue Way, Cannon Falls. Starting at 11:00 a.m. Bring food to share.

Sunday, July 8th • 10:00 a.m. • "Bloom Where You Are Planted" • Nita Wolf

What seeds have you planted lately in life that you would like to grow?" Nita Wolf has been planting seeds, literally and metaphorically, through many seasons to move from being a "survivor" to a "thrifer." She will share insights from a journey towards living life with more depth and breadth.

Sunday, July 15th • 10:00 a.m. • "Tragedy of the Environmental Commons" • Janet Scannell

In 1968, Garrett Hardin asserted that "freedom in a commons brings ruin to all." Fifty years later, we see the effect on our environment of individuals prioritizing their own needs. Are there lessons from those who have studied the Tragedy of the Commons in how we might stem the climate crisis?

Sunday, July 22nd • 10:00 a.m. • "I Changed My Mind" • Bill McGrath

Stories of famous and not so famous people who strongly pursued a course of action involving injustice or short-term greed, then changed their minds, inspire us to ask, "Why?" Often the change comes from new information, or a new openness to information that was there all along. People who "see the light" and take a new direction often are acting in the spirit of the UU's fourth principle: "A free and responsible search for truth and meaning."

Sunday, July 29th • 10:00 a.m. • "Help!" • Shelley Dugan

In reality, every season is "the season of giving," when so many pleas for donations and charity show up in our mailboxes and in our e-mail, it is easy to become overwhelmed. For those who give gifts, birthday, holiday, mother and father's day, and more, the pursuit of the perfect gift - at an affordable price - can become a great quest. All this giving and all this receiving is complicated. Today we will explore the dangers of giving poorly and not receiving well. Together we will examine what it means to be a good giver and a good receiver.

UUFN Social Group

Our Dining Out group usually meets for breakfast on the second Saturday of the month and for lunch or dinner on the third Tuesday. Breakfasts are from 8:00—9:30 or so and dinners are usually at 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 14th: Breakfast at the James Gang Coffee House.

Wednesday, July 25th: Dinner at the Red Barn Pizza Farm. *(Please note change of day.)* We need to bring our own table settings, side dishes and drinks. There should be tables available and there is a place to drive up for people who can't walk down the hill.

We could use suggestions for places to visit. Does anyone have ideas for out of town in August?

Any and all are welcome to join the "regulars". You can let Marcia (mjacob1939@gmail.com) or Brynda (mccoymbrynda@gmail.com) know if you plan to come, or you can just stop in! For some places it is good to know how many to plan for to make sure we have enough seating. You can contact Marcia or Brynda if you have any questions.

See you for good food and conversation!

Board Bits

This column is an ongoing feature regarding general business and actions taken by the UUFN Policy Board. Official minutes are filed by the secretary and are available upon inquiry.

At the May 20, 2018, annual meeting the following motions were made and passed:

- 1) Approval of agenda.
- 2) Approval of minutes of 2017 Annual Meeting.
- 3) Approval of use of funds for new chairs and a contribution toward carpet replacement by the Masons.
- 4) Revised bylaws to expand the board to allow for 5 - 9 members, making room for non-titled positions on the board.

Please watch for announcements from the New Home Committee/Board about upcoming informational sessions and meetings.

Karen Ratzlaff, Secretary

by Rev. Kristin Maier

Please watch for Kristin's Reach column next month. This month, the majority of Kristin's routine duties are on hiatus as her hours will be reduced for July. Kristin will still be available for pastoral care emergencies and to work on key strategic projects with the Policy Board. Routine planning, activities (and Kristin's Reach column) will resume in August.

Moving Out East Farewell Potluck Celebration for Bob & Suzannah CIERNIA

When: Saturday, July 7

Where: Lee and Bev Topp will host the party at their farm located at 26045 Ipava Ave, Lakeville, MN.

Time: We will start at 4:00, have a short program at 5:00 and eat at 5:30.

Bring a dish to share; coffee, lemonade, dishes and silverware will be provided.

Come and wish the CIERNIA's a bright future in their new life adventure!

Help UUFN Grow by Welcoming Newcomers

UUFN is growing!! Greeters are a critical part of that growth We're grateful to those who greet every Sunday. Ideally, two people greet each Sunday so one can take visitors with children to the nursery or RE. To help visitors feel more welcome, be sure they get an adhesive name tag and complete a visitor card. If you're not sure if someone's new or hasn't attended lately, just say, "I don't think I know you. Are you new?" If they say, "I'm a member", just say you are glad to meet them, direct them to the name tag board or offer an adhesive name tag. If you want to serve this critical function, please contact Brynda at: bryndamcco@yaho.com or 507-301-3021 or look for the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall.

GREETERS FOR JULY:

July 1: Outdoor event with no greeters necessary

July 8: Jeff and Connie Wersal-LaVelle

July 15: Barbara and Paul Krause

July 22: Lois Burnes and Eloise Hayman

July 29: Janet Scannell and Allison Goodell

July 2018 Social Justice News

Share the Plate

This month, our Share the Plate recipient will be Honor the Earth. The mission of Honor the Earth is to create awareness and support for Native environmental issues and to develop needed financial and political resources for the survival of sustainable Native communities. Most recently, Honor the Earth has been working to resist fossil fuel infrastructure projects that threaten rivers, lakes, lands and wildlife. Half of all funds put in the collection baskets in the month of July (unless marked UUFN Pledge) will be donated to Honor the Earth. If you prefer to donate directly, you may do so here: <https://donorbox.org/honor-the-earth-donation> Thank you for giving as you are able!

Share the Plate Recipients Chosen through July 2019!

Approximately 25 UUFN members and friends gathered after the service on Sunday, June 10th to look ahead to the next congregational year. All present had an opportunity to nominate 501(c)3 non-profit organizations doing the work of our UU principles. The following organizations were selected by those present and will be assigned a month in the coming year that fits with the monthly themes and services.

Future Share the Plate Recipients:

- **Honor the Earth:** Their mission is to create awareness and support for Native environmental issues and to develop needed financial and political resources for the survival of sustainable Native communities.
- **DARE Women's Foundation:** The Dare Women's Foundation is an NGO working to empower Tanzanian women and girls, with a focus on rural areas, through poverty alleviation, social justice, economic empowerment, and gender equality.
- **MN 350:** A statewide organization working to return our climate to the safe level of 350ppm of CO₂ – or lower – in a way that best promotes a just and livable future.
- **Everytown for Gun Safety Support Fund:** Everytown for Gun Safety Support Fund seeks to improve our understanding of the causes of gun violence and the means to reduce it - by conducting groundbreaking original research, developing evidence-based policies, and communicating this knowledge in the courts and the court of public opinion.
- **Women Against Military Madness:** WAMM is a nonviolent, feminist organization that works in solidarity with others to create a system of social equality, self-determination and justice through education, action and the empowerment of women.
- **UUSC:** A Unitarian Universalist non-profit working for human rights and disaster relief in the US and abroad.
- **BLUU (UUA Promise and Practice Campaign):** Black Lives of UU provides information, resources and support for Black Unitarian Universalists and works to expand the role & visibility of Black UUs within our faith. Our contributions to the Promise and Practice campaign will be part of a UUA-wide support for Black Lives of UU.
- **MN UU Social Justice Alliance:** UU organization working on equality issues in the state, especially racial equality, transgender rights, economic justice, etc.
- **Community Action Center of Northfield:** Northfield community organization providing a range of services including a food shelf, monthly free community meal, emergency housing, etc.
- **Save the Boundary Waters:** A movement to protect the clean water, clean air and forest landscape of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness and its watershed from toxic pollution caused by mining copper, nickel and other metals from sulfide-bearing ore.
- **CAC Northfield Works:** Northfield program seeking to end poverty one job at a time. Facilitated by the Community Action Center of Northfield.
- **The Key:** Youth center and programming through Northfield Union of Youth